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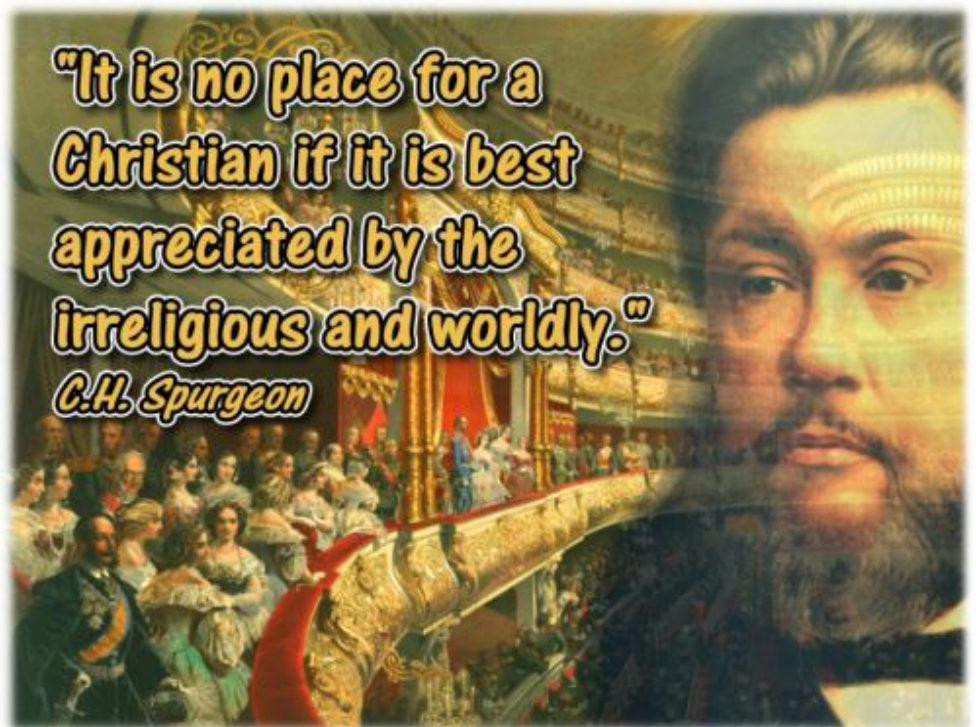
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FEATURE ARTICLE - SPURGEON AND PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT



We have great reason to bless God for the rich mercies we have enjoyed as a church and people for many years, in the unity of the brotherhood, the zeal of the workers, the number of conversions, the success of all our enterprises, and the growth of the whole body.

It is on my heart to say a word upon another subject—a subject which presses heavily upon my heart. I beseech you, by the mercies of God, and by the love of Christ Jesus your Lord, that as members of this church you do nothing which would grieve the Spirit of God, and cause Him to depart from among us.

Remember how Israel suffered defeat because of Achan. One man only, and one family only, had broken the Divine rule, but that sufficed to trouble the whole camp. Achan had taken of the accursed thing and hidden it in his tent, and so all Israel had to suffer defeat. Churches, too, will suffer if sin becomes general among them and is allowed to go unrebuked. At this time many a church is suffering grievously from the sin of its own members—sin in its ranks.

As I look abroad, I am grieved and have great heaviness of spirit at what I see among professing Christians. A very serious matter concerns the amusements

engaged in by professing Christians. I see it publicly stated, by some who call themselves Christians, that it is good for Christians to attend the theatre, so that the tone and character of the productions may be improved. The suggestion is about as sensible as if we were bidden to pour a bottle of lavender water into the main sewer to improve its aroma.

"TOUCH NOT...!"

If the church is now supposed to raise the tone of the world by imitating it, things have strangely altered since the day when our Lord said, "Come out from among them...and touch not the unclean thing." Is Heaven to descend to the infernal lake to raise its tone? Such has been the moral condition of the theatre for many a year that it has become too bad for mending. And even if it were mended it would soon become corrupt again. Pass by it with averted gaze, for the house of the strange woman is there.

It has not been my lot ever to enter a theatre during the performance of a play, but I have seen enough when I have come home from journeys at night, while riding past the theatres, to make me pray that our sons and daughters may never go within their doors. It must be a strange school for virtue which attracts the harlot and the debauchee. It is no place for a Christian if it is best appreciated by the irreligious and worldly.

A STEP TO DEGENERATION

If our church members fall into the habit of frequenting the theatre, we shall soon have them going much further in the direction of vice, and they will lose all relish for the ways of God. If theatre-going became general among professing Christians, it would be the death of piety. Yet one finds the taste for such things increasing on every hand.

We cannot even enter places once dedicated to science and art without finding ourselves in the presence of something like a theatrical performance. Such gimmickry, though in itself harmless enough, has helped foster the taste which leads ultimately to the theatre and its surroundings.

Who can suppose amusements surrounded with the seductions of vice to be fit recreation for a pure mind? Who could draw near to God after sitting to admire the performances of the debauched (and I am told that some who have dazzled London society are such)?

When behaviour is growing every day more lax and licentious, shall believers lower the standard of their

lives? If they do so their spiritual power will depart, and their reason for existence will be over. If there ever could be a time when Christians might relax their rigidity, it surely is not now when the very air is tainted with pollution, and when our streets ring with the newsboys' cries vending filthy papers.

It is profoundly saddening to hear how people talk about acts of sin nowadays; how young men and women without blushing talk of deeds which deprave and destroy, as though they were trifles, or themes for joking. It is a great pity that the ends of justice should require the publishing of unsavoury details. As for those who not only commit lewdness, but who take pleasure in those who do it—"O my soul, come not thou into their secret." My heart often cries, "Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."

It will certainly be disastrous for the church of God if her members should become impure. In these days we must be doubly strict, lest any looseness of conduct should come in among us. Actual sin must be repressed with a strong hand, but even the appearance of evil must be avoided.

My dear brethren and sisters, whatever your deficiencies, be pure in heart and lip and life. Never indulge an evil imagination, or speak about things which are unclean. Let them not once be named among you, as becometh saints. A lascivious glance, a doubtful word, a questionable act must be strenuously avoided. Anything and everything that verges upon the unchaste must be rejected.

Only the pure in heart shall see God. We are all subject to human passions, and this wretched flesh of ours is too easily fascinated by those who would pander to its indulgences. In seconds the soul may be led into captivity. Watch unto prayer, especially in these evil days. Cry, "Lead us not into temptation," and if the prayer is sincere, you will also keep far from doubtful places. Make a covenant with your eyes that you will not look upon that which pollutes, and stop your ears from hearing about it. Watch your lips lest they spread corruption when speaking of sin. I am not afraid that you will step directly into gross sin, but that you may take a very small step on the road that leads to it. Then it will only be a matter of time.

SEDUCED

Augustine tells a story of a young friend of his who had the greatest horror of everything connected with the Roman amphitheatre. A heathen friend tried to persuade him to enter the Colosseum, and as he was very hard pressed and was under some obligation to that friend, he

agreed to go just once, but determined to keep his eyes and ears closed all the time. It would seem to be a very small risk to sit there as one who was blind and deaf, but in the middle of the sports the people so loudly applauded a certain gladiator who had pleased them that he opened his eyes and ears to discover what it was all about. From that moment he was spellbound; he looked on, and enjoyed the sight, and though before he could not bear the very mention of it, he came at last to be a regular frequenter of the cruel sports, and a defender of them, and after a short time he abandoned his profession of Christianity.

Beware of the leaven of worldly pleasure, for its working is silent but sure, and a little of it will leaven the whole lump. Keep up the distinction between a Christian and an unbeliever and make it clearer every day.

Have you heard of the minister who complained to the devil for running off with one of his church members? The fiend replied, "I found him on my premises, and therefore I claimed him." I, also, may say, "Stop!" to the arch-deceiver, but it will be of no use if he finds you on his territory. Every fowler claims the bird which he finds in his own net. This is the argument: "I caught him in my net, and therefore he is mine." We shall in vain try to dispute this right of property with the arch-enemy, for possession is nine points of the law.

TOO RIGID?

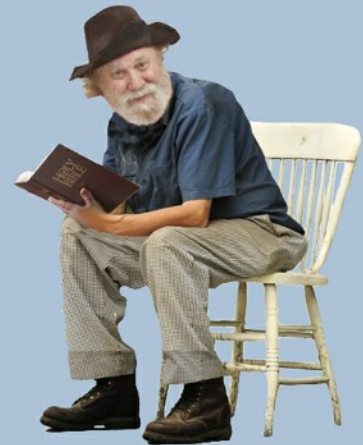
Avoid the appearance of evil. "But we must not be too rigid," says one. There is no fear of that in these days. You will never go too far in holiness, nor become too like your Lord Jesus. If anybody accuses you of being too strict and precise, do not grieve but try to deserve the charge. I cannot suppose that at the last great day our Lord Jesus Christ will say to anyone, "You were not worldly enough. You were too jealous over your conduct, and did not sufficiently conform to the world." No, my brethren, such a wrong is impossible. He Who said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," has set before you a standard beyond which you can never go.

"Well, but," says one, "are we to have no enjoyments?" My dear friend, the enjoyments which are prepared for Christians are many and great, but they never include sin and folly. Do you call vice and folly amusements?

When I go down into the country, I see farmers carrying out great pails of hogwash for the swine, and I never grudge them their dainty meal. I do not protest against their having a full trough twice over. But do I partake with them? Certainly not! I have no taste for that. Do I therefore deny myself? Certainly not! It never struck me that there was anything desirable in their rich mixture. I have no doubt that it has a fine flavour to the creatures for whom it is prepared. It certainly seems to be appreciated.

If worldlings enjoy the pleasures of the world and sin, let them have them, poor souls. They have nothing else to enjoy. They have no

DEACON TRUE SEZ -



Barefooted Christians are mostly a thing of the past, don't you reckon? Well not around here.

Till recently, most of the kids in the district didn't wear shoes to school till the year before high school. So just natcher'ly they didn't wear them to church either. We've had children's choir specials at our little church where some of 'em forgot to bring their shoes. Didn't seem to make any difference to their singin', though.

One of our men, (fact is, it was the songleader) let his wife paint his toenails (don't ask me, ask him). No problem as long as he kept his socks and shoes on, but one Wednesday night he wore them sandally, flip floppy, Chinese safety boots to church, which was ok till he looked down and saw his rainbow coloured toenails. He tried tucking 'em under the pew and asked somebody else to lead singing. Of course, some of his pals spotted the paint job and give him heaps.

An old farmer friend lives on t'other side of the river. Him and Ma always wade across and carry their shoes till they get to church and then put 'em on.

Poor old feller, he forgot his Bible, and had to wade back across the river and walked across the pasture to the house and back again. It wasn't till he was in the car that he realized he'd left his shoes at the house. But then it was too late to make another trip, so he went to church barefooted.

And it was his turn to preach that day.

Sounds to me like a good time to preach on holy ground.

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paradise for the everlasting future. They have no Christ and Saviour to lean their heads upon. Let them have that which makes them happy while they can be happy. But when I am talking to the children of God I adopt another tone, since for you these things have no charms if you have truly tasted the high delights of fellowship with God.

"But," you say, "I would greatly enjoy a little of the pleasures of sin." Judge yourselves, then, to be falsely called children of God. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin," by which is not meant that he does not fall into sin through weakness, but that it is not his desire or plan or delight to commit sin. It is not his way, because he is a new creature, and he finds his joy and pleasure in living as near to God as possible.

"How far may we go in conformity to the world?" is a question that is frequently asked. Have you never heard the story of a lady who wanted a coachman? Two or three called to see her about the post, and, in answer to her enquiries, the first applicant said, "Yes, madam, you could not have a better coachman than myself." She replied, "How near do you think you could drive to danger without an accident?" "Madam, I could go within a yard of it, and yet you would be perfectly safe." "Very well," she said, "you will not suit me."

CARE OR CONFIDENCE?

The second applicant had heard the question upon which the other had been rejected, and therefore he was ready with his answer, "Danger! Madam, why I could drive within a hair's breadth, and yet be perfectly safe." "Then you will not suit me at all." When number three came in,

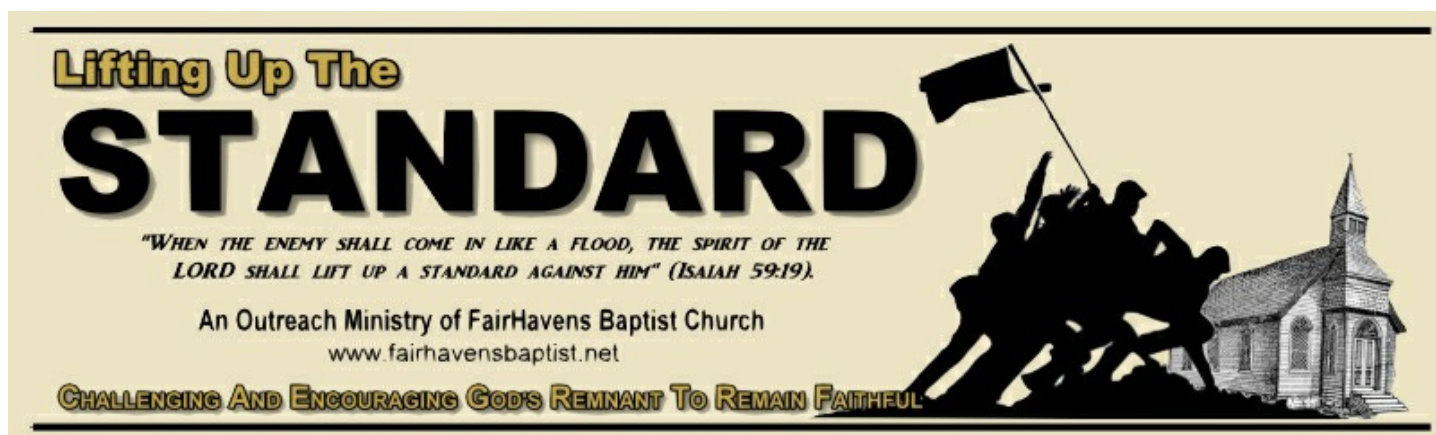
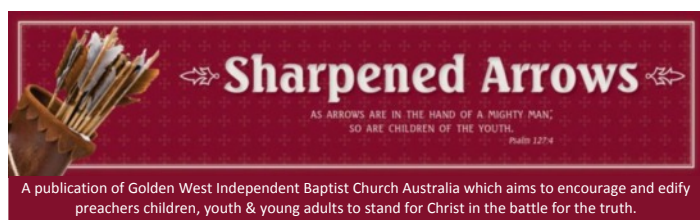
he was asked, "Are you a good driver?" "Well," he replied, "I am careful and have never met with an accident." "But how near do you think you could drive to danger?" "Madam," he said, "that is a thing I never tried; I always drive as far away from danger as ever I can." The lady at once replied, "You are the kind of coachman I want, and I will engage you at once."

Get such a coachman as that yourself to guide your own heart and lead your own character. Do not see how near you can go to sin, but see how far you can keep away from it. If you do not take that advice, and if the Spirit of God does not produce in you purity of life, by and by the church will have to hold up its hands and say, "Who would have thought it? These were the nice young people of whom so much was expected; these were the good people who used to say, 'You must not be too strict,' and where are they now?" To avoid the worst keep clear of the bad.

As for your Lord's work, be bound to the altar of Christ and be united for ever to Him, and I am sure you will not find that you are losers by giving up worldly pleasures. The Lord's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all His paths are peace. There is a safe and sweet pleasantness in holy living, and the pleasantness lies very much in the fact that an abounding peace springs from it. God grant us grace to keep in these peaceful paths, even though others should call us Puritans and ridicule our holy fear of sin.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

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THE WORDS GOD CHOSE TO USE

By Pastor Tom Hill

It is in Galatians 6:1 that Paul says, *“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”* We often use this verse when a church member which we’ve had to discipline, comes back with a repentant heart before the church. The key word is the word **RESTORE**. The word “restore” is the word **KATARTIZO**. **KATARTIZO** is a compound word made up of the little preposition, **KATA**, which means “according to or down from,” and the word **ARTIOS**, which means, “fitted, complete or perfect.”

KATARTIZO has several meanings. It can mean “to adjust something or to put into order, to restore.” A city could be put back into order if it had been divided by factions. A bone could be set that had been broken or a joint that had been dislocated. It was used of two friends that had a break in fellowship between one another and then being reconciled. It spoke of the restoring a person to his right mind. Another meaning of **KATARTIZO** is “to equip” something like a ship or to fit out an army so that it is efficient in its ability to sail, fight, or defend.

The word is used thirteen times in the New Testament. In Matthew 4:21, it is used of the disciples mending their fishing nets. In Luke 6:40, (The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master) it is the word translated as “perfect.” The one that is “perfect” or equipped, is not better equipped than his teacher.

In 1 Corinthians 1:10, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”* **KATARTIZO** is translated as “perfectly joined together.” Obviously, Paul was speaking of remedying the schisms in the church, and setting the bones that were broken and the joints which were out of place.

When the Scriptures use this term in light of church discipline, it gives us an even deeper and fuller truth

concerning the restoring of that brother or sister. Church discipline is rarely practiced in churches for a lot of reasons, none of which are Biblical in scope. Some have the false idea that church discipline is vengeance. Others refer to it as “kicking someone out of church.”

When we understand **KATARTIZO**, we understand that the whole purpose of the discipline is for restoration. It is meant to “mend” a person and “repair” them. We are reconciling with our brother or sister. Discipline is also for the purpose of helping equip the believer to deal with the temptation which will surely come again before them.

The joint that was out of place, and the bone that was broken is reset to a correct position so as to produce the peaceable fruit of righteousness in their life. To restore our brethren says that church discipline truly is an act of love, and not retribution or sadistic conduct. If we do not love the church members, we will not practice church discipline with the goal of restoration. We will just ignore them and their sin. At the same time if we reject the practice of church discipline, we chose to ignore the Scriptures, which is saying we are not loving the Lord as we should.

The way that Paul uses the verb **KATARTIZO** in Galatians 6:1 is technically what is known as a present imperative. That would give the meaning as “keep on restoring, keep on mending.” This is done in the spirit of meekness, and not judgmental criticism. Yes, we are to be firm, but at the same time, we are to be tender and showing compassion for our sinning brother or sister, as we are all capable of committing the same sin – “considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

May we always be ready and willing to restore our brethren when their hearts are broken by the Holy Spirit, they repent toward the Lord and they seek to be restored to the church that had to discipline them.

May we always be a spiritual people.

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Gold From Ophir

More Precious Than Gold

By Jerry Wilhite



Gold is mentioned 363 times in our Bibles. The Book of Job lists 12 of those times, and who hasn't been blessed by the oft quoted verse in Job 23:10 which reads, *"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."*

What a good, good verse to memorize and apply! In Chapter 19, verse 8 this Old Testament saint stated, *"God hath fenced up my way."* The man Job struggled to understand God's way, but he did know that God knew his way and that eventually he would be found as valuable as gold.

The Scriptures reveal that there are seven things more precious than gold...

1. Saints of God (Job 23:10)
2. Scriptures from God (Ps 19:10)
3. Salvation in God (1Pe 1:7)
4. Sacrifice of God (1Pe 1:18-19)
5. Sagacity of God (Pro 3:14)
6. Souls needing God (Isa 13:12)
7. Strength from God (Ac 3:6)

Africa has gold. Wikipedia reports that "almost 50% of the world's gold reserves are found in South Africa." Though it is declining, in 1993 this country was responsible for 30% of the world's output of gold. Two of the deepest gold mines in the world are located here each being around 12,000 feet deep.

In 2005 South Africa's gold exports were valued at \$3.8 billion! It is sad that immigrants have flocked and wars have been fought over gold in Africa which is far less valuable than the items listed above.

Jacobus (not his real name) from here in town has listened when I have witnessed to him, but up to this point he has rejected the God about which we tell him and the God his mother claims to know.

Some time back Jacobus was arrested during the holiday season for armed robbery and consequently imprisoned. He loathed God and longed for gold. Job, in longing for God, has his name written in the living Book for saints to be encouraged in their walk. On the other hand, Jacobus, in longing for gold, has his name written in a legal book for sinners to be discouraged in their wickedness.

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THERAPY FOR THE FUNNY BONE -

Out bicycling one day with my eight-year-old Granddaughter, Carolyn, I got a little wistful. 'In ten years,' I said, 'you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now.'

Carolyn shrugged. 'In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway.' ~ anon.

Working as a pediatric nurse, I had the difficult assignment of giving immunization shots to children.


One day, I entered the examining room to give four-year-old Lizzie her needle. 'No, no, no!' she screamed. 'Lizzie,' scolded her mother, 'that's not polite behaviour.' With that, the girl yelled even louder, 'No, thank you! No, thank you!' ~ anon.

If you've never seen the spaghetti harvest in Italy, you need to watch this:

SPAGHETTI HARVEST -

<http://bayourenaissanceman.blogspot.com.au/2014/04/a-new-favorite-april-fool-gag.html>

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I'M NOT
ADDICTED TO

READING
I can quit as soon as I
finish one more chapter.

PROVIDENCE COMES IN MANY SHAPES –

In Elmer Bendiner's book, *"The Fall of Fortresses"* he tells the story of a World War II bombing run over Kassel, Germany, and the unexpected result of a direct hit on their gas tanks.

"Our B-17, the Tondelayo, was barraged by flak from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit. Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple. 'On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but 11 had been found in the gas tanks.'

11 unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had been parted for us. A near-miracle, I thought. Even after 35 years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn. 'He was told that the shells had been sent to the armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that Intelligence had picked them up.' They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer. Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless. Empty? Not all of them! One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling.

Translated, the note read: "This is all we can do for you now..."

How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these. ~ George Washington Carver 1864-1943)

"Lord, please help me to have valleys while on the mountaintops and mountaintops while in the valleys so that I may stay close to you!"

"Let us love and look for the God of the blessings and not the blessings of God!"

"Sin is the most costly thing in the universe! To understand this we would need to explore three fathomless oceans:

- (1) Human suffering since the Fall;
- (2) divine suffering of the Saviour on the Cross;
- (3) eternal sufferings of the lost in Gehenna and the lake of fire"

(Ernest Wilson, Blood Sacrifices Of The Old Testament).

- "God can do anything, but it is NOT always His will to do/give everything/all things."
- "God will let you have your own way, but He will win and you will lose."
- "Trust in God and leave your burdens to Him so that you may be a blessing to others."
- "There is special joy in knowing you have shared your blessings with people in need."
- "Before we pray 'Thy kingdom come' we need to say 'my kingdom go!'"
- "When we die to self we gain heavenly rewards."
- "Jealousy that is sinful is jealousy OF someone. Jealousy that is godly is FOR someone."

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You don't see faith healers working in hospitals for the same reason you don't see psychics winning the lottery.





(Below you will read excerpts of articles that appear on the internet. If you are one of Issachar's tribe and believe that we need to "have understanding of the times" you will want to look over them and possibly investigate further by following up the links and doing your own research. If not, then I would suggest you just roll over and go back to sleep. - Ed)



KRAUTHAMMER REJECTS SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT OVER CLIMATE CHANGE: 'I'M NOT IMPRESSED BY CONSENSUS'
Brendan Bordelon

Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer dismissed the argument often deployed by global warming activists that skeptics should submit to the overwhelming agreement of climate change scientists, claiming he's "not impressed by consensus."

Krauthammer appeared on Fox News' "Special Report" Tuesday to discuss the White House's alarmist new report on climate change. Host Bret Baier played a clip from Obama administration spokesman Jay Carney Tuesday afternoon, where he extolled the "97 percent of scientists who study this issue, who agree that climate change is real and it is the result of human activity."

The conservative columnist was unimpressed: "99 percent of physicists were convinced that space and time were fixed, until Einstein — working in a patent office — wrote a paper showing they were not," he noted. "I'm not impressed by numbers. I'm not impressed by consensus."

The former psychiatrist noted that he participated in consensus conferences in the past. "These are things that people negotiate the way you would negotiate a bill, because the science is unstable," Krauthammer explained. "Because in the case of climate, the models are changeable." "And because climate is so complicated," he continued.

"The idea that we, who have trouble forecasting what's going to happen on Saturday in the climate, could pretend to be predicting what's going to happen in 30, 40 years, is absurd.

And you always see that no matter what happens, whether it's a flood or it's a drought, whether it's warming or cooling, it's always a result of — what is ultimately what we're talking about here, is human sin with pollution of carbon."

"This is quite superstitious," Krauthammer added, "and I'm waiting on science which doesn't declare itself definitive, but is otherwise convincing."

To read more or see the video go to:
<http://dailycaller.com/2014/05/06/krauthammer-rejects-scientific-agreement-over-climate-change-im-not-impressed-by-consensus/>



ALCOHOL KILLS ONE PERSON EVERY 10 SECONDS WORLDWIDE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION
Nina Larson

Alcohol causes one in 20 deaths globally every year, according to the World Health Organisation.

Alcohol kills 3.3 million people worldwide each year, more than AIDS, tuberculosis and violence combined, the World Health Organisation said on Monday, warning that booze consumption was on the rise.

Including drink driving, alcohol-induced violence and abuse, and a multitude of diseases and disorders, alcohol causes one in 20 deaths globally every year, the UN health agency said.

"This actually translates into one death every 10 seconds," Shekhar Saxena, who heads the WHO's Mental Health and Substance Abuse department, told reporters in Geneva.

Alcohol caused some 3.3 million deaths in 2012, WHO said, equivalent to 5.9 per cent of global deaths (7.6 per cent for men and 4.0 per cent for women).

In comparison, HIV/AIDS is responsible for 2.8 per cent, tuberculosis causes 1.7 per cent of deaths and violence is responsible for just 0.9 per cent, the study showed.

More people in countries where alcohol consumption has traditionally been low, like China and India, are also increasingly taking up the habit as their wealth increases, it said.

"More needs to be done to protect populations from the negative health consequences of alcohol consumption," Oleg Chestnov of the WHO's Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health unit said in a statement launching a massive report on global alcohol consumption and its impact on public health.

Drinking is linked to more than 200 health conditions, including liver cirrhosis and some cancers.

Alcohol abuse also makes people more susceptible to infectious diseases like tuberculosis, HIV and pneumonia, the report found.

Most deaths attributed to alcohol, around a third, are caused by associated cardiovascular diseases and diabetes.

Alcohol-related accidents, such as car crashes, were the second-highest killer, accounting for around 17.1 per cent of all alcohol-related deaths.

CHINA, INDIA DRINKING MORE

Binge drinking is especially damaging to health, the WHO pointed out, estimating that 16 per cent of the world's drinkers abuse alcohol to excess.



While people in the world's wealthiest nations, in Europe and the Americas especially, are boozier than people in poorer countries, rising wealth in emerging economies is also driving up alcohol consumption.

Drinking in populous China and India is rising particularly fast as people earn more money, the WHO said, warning that the average annual intake in China was likely to swell by 1.5 litres of pure alcohol by 2025.

Still, Eastern Europe and Russia are home to the world's biggest drinkers.

Russian men who drink consumed an average of 32 litres of pure alcohol a year, according to 2010 statistics, followed by other Western countries including Europe, Canada, the United States, Australia and South Africa.

On average, every person above the age of 15 worldwide drinks 6.2 litres of pure alcohol in a year, according to the report.

Counting only those who drink though, that rises to 17 litres of pure alcohol each year.

But far from everyone indulges. Nearly half of all adults worldwide have never touched alcohol, and nearly 62 per cent say they have not touched a drink in the past year, the report showed.

Abstinence especially among women, is most common in low-income countries, while religious belief and social norms mean many Muslim countries are virtually alcohol free.

Read more:

<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/diet-and-fitness/alcohol-kills-one-person-every-10-seconds-worldwide-world-health-organisation-20140513-zrapl.html#ixzz31XgqCv8x>

WORLD'S HEAVIEST DRINKING COUNTRIES REVEALED -

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/worlds-heaviest-drinking-countries-revealed--and-the-uk-doesnt-even-make-the-top-10-9357860.html>



RICK WARREN PROMOTES ROMAN CATHOLICISM -

Don't know if you have heard about this about Rick Warren, but Brannon Howse has culled clips out of Warren's recent interview on EWTN where he's giving a good plug for Roman Catholicism. Pretty near on par for the Kenneth Copeland fiasco. The apostate church has been given over to delusion and the stampede towards Rome and the formation of the One World Harlot Church is now visibly under way. ~ *Hughie Seaborn*

Guest: Mike Gendron.

Topic: Hear new audio of Rick Warren on the Catholic television network EWTN as he openly embraces Roman Catholicism and talks about his love of Catholic mystics.

Topic: Rick Warren names the Catholic authors he likes.

Topic: Rick Warren refers to Catholics as Christians and declares the Pope has it right and is humble and then refers to Pope Francis as our new Pope."

Topic: Rick Warren says the spiritual director at his church was trained by a Catholic. Topic: Rick Warren declares that he supports the campaign by the Church of Rome to re-evangelize lapse Catholics.

PS I've given a couple of links in case there is trouble connecting. If you right click the top link you may be able to save the MP3 file to your computer.

<http://www.worldviewweekend.com/radio>

<http://media.worldviewweekend.com/sites/default/files/www.com/audio/wwwradio-04-16-14fixed.mp3>

11 HOURS A DAY PHONE USE?

(A recent survey indicates that some parents are on their phones 11 hours a day. Their children's misbehaviour worsens as they try to get their parents' attention. - Ed)

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2014/04/21/put-down-the-phone-parents-it-could-be-affecting-your-kids/>



WORD FAITH MOVEMENT -

(A brother recently sent me this link showing the doctrines of the Word Faith preachers. Sadly, many people watch Joyce Meyer without realizing she is guilty of preaching heresy. Urgently needed for every Christian to see this. - Ed)

<http://justinpeters.org/a-call-for-discernment/watch-an-overview/>



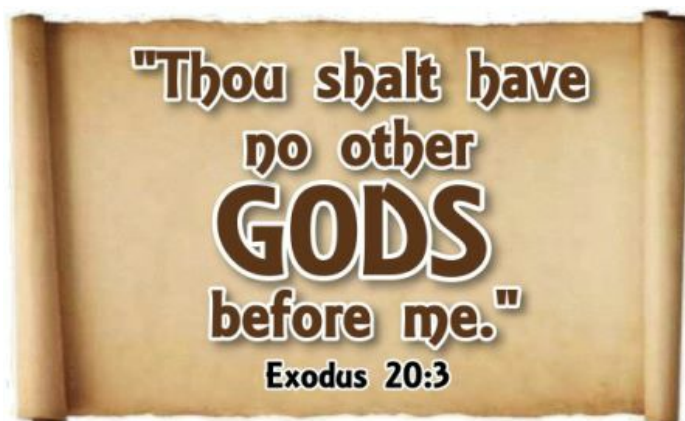
IDOL WORSHIP! -



(Terrific parody on American idolatry - Ed.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPil9Br-5IE>

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MARTYN LLOYD-JONES ON FINNEY ON REVIVALS -

Finney was a man who taught quite definitely that, if one applied a given technique, one could have a revival at any time.

This is the essence of Finney's teaching in his books on revivals. But history has surely proved that Finney was quite wrong. Many have tried to plan revivals by using his technique and have done so honestly, sincerely, and thoroughly, but the desired revival has not come.

One of Finney's cardinal errors was to confuse an "evangelistic campaign" and a revival, and to forget that the latter is always given in the sovereignty of God. It never results from the adoption of certain techniques, methods, or organization. Indeed, in copies of the Oberlin Evangelist containing articles by Finney (after his period as an evangelist and when he had become a professor of theology), there are indications that the writer himself had become somewhat suspicious of his own techniques.

There are statements written by Finney such as the following:

"If I had my time over again I would preach nothing but holiness. The converts of my revivals are a disgrace to Christianity!"

"If I had the strength to go through the churches again, instead of preaching to convert sinners, I would preach to bring the churches to the spiritual standard of holy living."

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WORTHWHILE FAMILY VIDEOCLIPS -

The Unseen World -

<http://www.dump.com/unseenworld/>

"Cwazy" Animals for the kids -

<http://www.flixy.com/funny-animals-from-around-the-world.htm>

New Invention - Unpickable Bike Lock -

<http://www.dump.com/bikelock/>

Look Up! -

<http://elitedaily.com/news/world/this-is-one-of-the-most-vital-messages-gen-y-needs-to-hear-video/>

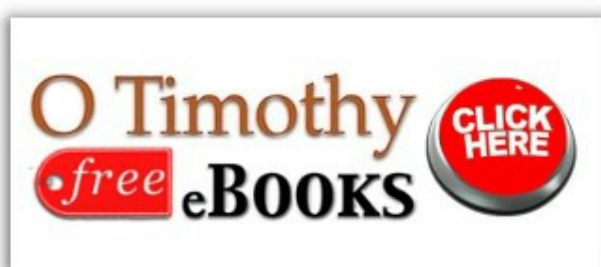
Neat Science Experiments -

<http://www.flixy.com/science-experiments-on-the-tonight-show.htm>

Graphene -

<http://www.dump.com/technologicalrevolution/>

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SEEK NOT GREAT THINGS FOR

~~MY
THYSELF~~

By Pastor Buddy Smith

THE EPISTLE WE NEVER READ -

There is a little epistle buried in the book of Jeremiah. It is almost unknown, certainly untouched and unpreached, at least in our day. It is only five verses long. You can read it if you turn to chapter 45. Better yet, read it here,

"The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." (Jeremiah 45:1-5)

It is a personal epistle from Jeremiah to his scribe, Baruch. Baruch held a special place in Jeremiah's life, not only as his secretary, but as his friend. So great was the apostasy in Jeremiah's lifetime that we can count his friends on the fingers of one hand. At least those are the friends whose names are recorded in Holy Scripture. I suspect there were others, like Daniel's family and the families of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But his friends were few and Baruch was one, possibly the best friend he had.

So Jeremiah wrote a letter to his secretary. The little (red haired, freckle faced, impish) boy in me keeps jumping up and asking, "Did Baruch write it himself as Jeremiah spoke it from God?"

I don't know, but God has been known to do things like that.

THE SORROWS OF OBEDIENT SERVICE -

Baruch had his own Lamentations. Hear the Word of the Lord to Baruch, *"Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the*

LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest." (Jeremiah 45:3)

God tells us the secret woes of Baruch's heart. With Jeremiah's tears over the destruction of Jerusalem were mingled the tears of Baruch. There is a "fellowship of sufferings" in every generation of godly men. "Woe! Sorrow! Grief! Fainting! Sighing! No Rest!" This is the refrain, the lamentation of faithful men in the time of apostasy! The LORD speaks to Baruch, *"Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted will I pluck up, even this whole land."*

Judgment was even then falling upon Judah and Jerusalem as God set His hand against them for their idolatry. He had pruned the vine of Isaiah chapter 5, all to no avail, and finally he tore down the wall and let the wild beasts in to root up the vine and carry it away to Babylon.

Would God do this to His people, His faithful people? His Jeremiahs, His Baruchs, His Daniels?

Baruch weeps as God affirms that He brings judgment upon His people. Judgment must begin at the house of God (I Peter 4:17), and Baruch wept to see it.

There are sorrows only the saints know. Sorrows in obedient service to God.

THE ASPIRATIONS OF A WEeping SAINT -

And then the LORD addresses a secret of Baruch's heart. *"And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest."* (Jeremiah 45:5)

God knew that Baruch aspired to greatness. "Great things for himself? Seek them not!!!!!"

Gehazi coveted Naaman's treasures. Balaam longed for the honours offered by Balak, Judas extorted the widows mites, Ananias and Saphira craved the recognition given to Barnabas. Saul of Tarsus coveted (we know not what),

until the commandment slew him, *"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died."* (Romans 7:7-9)

BUT THIS IS NOT A LOST MAN, NOT AN APOSTATE! THIS IS BARUCH, THE SCRIBE OF JEREMIAH!

(Surely the faithful servant of the weeping prophet would not seek self gratification? He would never fall into the idolatry of covetousness! Perish the thought!)

One of the great errors of this moment in history is this, that is, **supposing that some people are immune from temptation**. If there is any deception that is universal among Christians, it is this! If there is any lie of the Devil that brings joyful glee to all his demons, if there is any delusion that lays a snare for the saints, it is this! Not Adam, not Noah, not Abraham, not Moses, not David, not Elijah, not Peter or Paul nor Carey, nor Moody, nor Billy Graham. Not me, not you. Nobody is exempt from the temptation to sin grievously against God. God knows our frame, that we are but dust. He has diagnosed perfectly the nature of man and printed it in black and white.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21)

Oh, what a proud generation we have become, to think that we, or our children, or our church (!), or our denomination (!) are immune from the Serpent's venom.

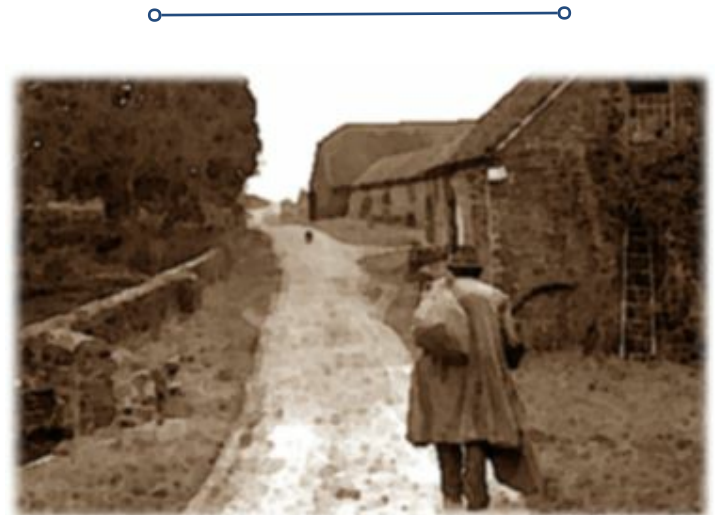
I received a letter from a dear saint of God some time ago with a few details of their conversion. It reminded me that others had been blest when they heard them tell it. So I asked if I might publish their testimony. And they politely declined. Not out of the fear of man. Not because they were ashamed of Christ. But because they feared the harm that publicity often brings. They showed that godly restraint from "seeking (great) things for themselves."

(Admittedly, the circulation of Heads Up is very small, and it is unlikely anyone could ever become a religious celebrity by giving their testimony in these e-pages.) But

they had learned the modesty, the meekness, the holy restraint that comes with maturity in Christ.

So when they declined my invitation, I replied, *"I have no doubt your testimony would be a blessing to the readers, but does God want you to share it in this way? That is the question."*

We must never try to make celebrities out of saints or use them to increase the circulation of a very minor e-publication. It is good to remember that we are all a lot smaller than we think we are."



He was just a little man, really thin, very hungry, looking for work. When he hitched his way through Carrizo Springs his ride ended at the city limit, so he tramped through town to the other side, in hope of a ride. It was on that short walk that he changed some people's lives. They would never be the same after his visit.

Why do I say that? Well, it happened this way. You see, there was a crowd of locals gathered in the back yard of a little house, and they were pretty upset about something or other.

He stopped out near the road, not knowing whether to ask or not. Finally he walked over to the edge of the crowd and tugged at the sleeve of a stranger, "What's wrong? What happened?"

In ten seconds he knew the story. A tiny baby girl had fallen head first down a hand dug well. She was still alive, but the well was too narrow for anyone to get down to her. Grown men wept in frustration. Mothers were hysterical. How, how could they rescue this precious little one?

That's when the stranger pushed through the crowd and looked down the well. He scratched his chin and then spoke to the father.

Moments later, the little man was sitting on the ground tying a rope around his feet, strong men lifted him up and lowered him headfirst down the well, his arms reaching down, down, down toward the baby's feet.

He pulled in his shoulders and wiggled his way down farther and farther, until the men heard him call, "Got her! Pull me up!!!"

Half a minute later, mother and baby laughed and cried, and everybody crowded around to see and yell and cry and cheer.

All except the stranger. He sat on the edge of the well and

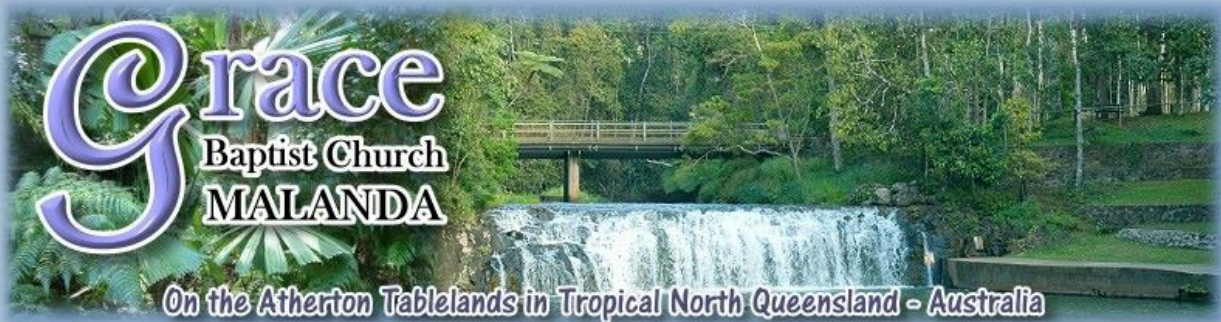
untied the rope off his legs. Then he stood up and walked away, out of town, down the road.

He could have owned that little town that day. They would have given him the keys to the city, fed him, maybe even named a park after him.

But he wasn't seeking great things for himself. He just wanted to serve.

They still talk about the Stranger of Carrizo Springs.

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