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Feature Article - Why Most Christian never Witness for Christ

Ye Shall Be Witnesses

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The First Word In The Great Commission Is “Go!”

Matthew 28:19,20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

William Carey accepted God's command as found in the Scripture above. He wanted to go to the Polynesian Islands, but God instead directed him to India. It was another man by the name of Henry Nott, that God wanted to send to these far away islands. He was a brick mason, who surrendered his life to Christ's will and when God burdened him, he followed God's call and arrived in Tahiti after a six month voyage in 1797. It was a barbarous place of worst of the vilest of sins.



Tahiti was ruled by an evil King name Pomare. He was estimated to have killed 2000 people and sacrificed them to his idols. His wife was a member of a class of people called the "areois." They blackened their bodies with charcoal and painted their faces red. Their only occupation was dancing, wrestling, boxing, and acts of behavior that were ridiculous but amusing to onlookers. Many murdered their children as soon as they were born. Pomares' wife killed three of their children.



Henry Nott



Pomare

The island was in a constant state of war. They burned their defeated enemies homes and killed all in the village. Hundreds were sacrificed on pagan altars to ensure victory in battle.

Children were sacrificed by throwing them alive to the sharks in the sea or into the fiery craters of volcanoes. Old people and those with handicaps would be taken to the seashore under the pretense of being given a bath. They would be thrown alive into a hole in the sand, covered with stones and sand then tramped down with their feet. They would then go away and divide up their personal belongings.

These were the people to whom God sent Henry Nott. Two of Knott's fellow missionaries were murdered, causing others to abandon their missions work leaving Henry Nott alone.



Pomare II

It would be twenty two years before he would see the first person saved.

Pomare's son became king and after many years, finally received Christ as his Savior. On May 19, 1819, Nott baptized Pomare II. In a short time laws were passed that forbid all the cruel murders. The islands were at peace.

Adoniram Judson (1788-1850) sweated out Burma's heat for eighteen years without a furlough and six years without a convert. Enduring torture and imprisonment, he admitted that he never saw a ship sail without wanting to jump on board and go home. When his wife's health broke and he put her on a homebound vessel with the knowledge he would not see her for two full years he wrote in his diary, "Life is short. Millions of Burmese are perishing. I am almost the only person on earth who has attained their language to communicate salvation."



Adoniram Judson

The Great Commission or The Great Omission?

An omission is "...the action of excluding or leaving out something." In Acts 1:8 we read the final command of our Lord. He said, "...ye shall be witnesses."

We Talk About The Things We Really Believe

Paul said, "I believed, and therefore have I spoken." (Second Corinthians 4:13). When we believe something strongly enough we talk to others about it. We could talk all day about our personal interests, vacation trips, fishing stories, etc. etc.

Why Don't We Witness About Our Saviour?

It has been estimated that ninety-five percent of all Christians never win anyone to Christ in their entire lifetime. If that is true, why is it true? What is our problem when it comes to witnessing?

Who Is In Control?

In Acts 1:8 Jesus promised that we would, "...receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." If we are not witnessing for Him it is obvious that the Holy Spirit is not in charge.

The Problem of Fear

Our fearfulness also stems from the fact concerning whom is in control. Consider the following verses...

- Second Timothy 1:7 - "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
- Ephesians 3:16 - "...be strengthened with might by his Spirit..."
- Romans 15:13 - "...that ye may abound...through the power of the Holy Ghost."
- Romans 15:19 - "...by the power of the Spirit of God."
- First Corinthians 2:4 - "And my speech and my preaching...in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."
- First Corinthians 2:5 - "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."
- Second Corinthians 2:5 - "...that...the power may be of God, and not of us."
- Second Corinthians 13:10 - "...according to the power which the Lord hath given me."
- Let's be honest, if we are using the excuse of fear we have, "...a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof..." (Second Timothy 3:5).

A Lack of Love For Christ

- John 14:21 - Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me."
- John 14:23 - Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words."

If we truly love someone, we want to do all we can to please them. It is the goal of all who genuinely love the Lord, "...that he may please him..." (Second Timothy 2:4). Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit..." (John 15:8). The purpose in winning the lost is to glorify God. The Bible says, "And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2:11). First Corinthians 10:31 says, "...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Refusing To Follow Christ

Matthew 4:19 "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

The promise is for all of us, if we follow we will fish. These unlearned Galilean fishermen followed and were transformed into some of the greatest "...fishers of men" that ever lived! Christ wants to take us, just like we are with all our faults, failures and rough edges and He wants to transform us into fishers of men.

No Choice But To Choose

- Matthew 4:19 - "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Matthew 8:22 - "Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead."
- Matthew 9:9 - "Follow me...and he...followed him."
- Matthew 16:24 - "...take up his cross, and follow me."
- Matthew 19:21 - "...come and follow me."

- Mark 2:14 - "Follow me...he arose and followed him."
- Mark 8:34 - "...come after me...deny himself...and follow me."
- Mark 10:21 - "...come, take up the cross, and follow me."
- Luke 5:27 - "...he said unto him, Follow me."
- Luke 9:23 - "...come after me...deny himself... follow me."
- Luke 9:59 - "And he said unto another, Follow me."
- Luke 18:22 - "...come, follow me."
- John 1:43 - "Philip... Follow me."
- John 10:27 - "My sheep hear my voice...they follow me."
- John 12:26 - "If any man serve me, let him follow me."
- John 13:36 - Peter...thou shalt follow me..."
- John 21:19 - "He saith unto him, Follow me."

The word follow in these verses means to follow the example of someone. First Peter 2:21 says, "For even hereunto were ye called...that ye should follow his steps." Over thirty times we read in the Gospels, "...they followed Him."

Jesus witnessed to everyone. He witnessed to the Samaritan woman at the well and the people of Samaria. (John 4) He witnessed to lepers, (Mark 1) the demon possessed, (Mark 5) and immoral people. (John 8). If we are going to follow the example of our Saviour, we are going to witness to everyone. If these disciples had followed most of us around, would they have learned that we need to witness to people?

- Second Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
- Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
- Mark 2:17 - "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
- Mark 16:15 - "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
- Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Jesus said... "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Refusing To Abide In Christ

John 15:4,5 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Fruit Bearing Is A Natural Process

John 15:5 - Jesus said, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." Final words are important words. If we are going to leave our children home alone for a period of time, we will give them some very important pertinent instructions. Jesus was about to leave them and return to His heavenly Father. He left His instructions for us.

We are the branches and our purpose is to bear fruit. The command is to abide in Christ and then bearing fruit will be a natural process. We are to maintain a close fellowship with Him. This can only be realized through prayer, studying the Word, denying self and drawing nigh to God. As a result we will become more like Christ.

- Philippians 1:11 - "Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."
- Colossians 1:10 - "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."
- Romans 6:22 - "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

A loss of fellowship leads to a withered branch that bears no fruit.

Ashamed of Christ

To be ashamed of Christ is to be embarrassed or humiliated to be associated with Him.

- Mark 8:38 - Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
- Second Timothy 1:8 - "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God."
- Romans 1:14 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

"Give Them Warning From Me"

Ezekiel 3:17,18 "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

A watchman was a trained person with a responsibility to watch the city and protect it from enemy attack. He had a trained eye for danger and he had a trained ear capable of hearing things that suggested danger was imminent. He was to do two basic things. He was to watch and he was to warn people of danger.

- James 5:20 - "...he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."
- Second Timothy 4:2 - "...be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Luke 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Matthew 28:19,20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

By Pastor Bob Kirkland

http://web.mac.com/lcm7/Site/Articles_New_files/Booklet%20Ye%20Shall%20Be%20Witnesses%20pdf%20file%20copy.pdf

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Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

- "The great vice of democracy," (*Sir Robert Menzies* once told listeners) "is that for a generation we have been busy getting ourselves on to the list of beneficiaries and removing ourselves from the list of contributors, as if somewhere there was somebody else's wealth and somebody else's effort on which we could thrive."

(Ed. - I just read last week that only 85 million of the 318,418,116 million people in the USA actually pay taxes. That's less than a third that are supporting themselves and the other two thirds!)

- "We talk so much about leaving a better planet to our kids, but say almost nothing about leaving better kids to our planet. We need to say "NO" to them once in a while!" - *anon*
- The last time I made a book I trod on some people's corns and bunions, and they wrote me angry letters, asking, "Did you mean me?" This time, to save them the expense of a halfpenny card, I will begin my book by saying

*Whether I please or whether I tease,
I'll give you my honest mind;
If the cap should fit, pray wear it a bit,
If not, you can leave it behind.*

No offense is meant; but if anything in these pages should come home to a man, let him not send it next door, but get a coop for his own chickens. What is the use of reading or hearing for other people? We do not eat and drink for them: why should we lend them our ears and not our mouths? Please then, good friend, if you find a hoe on these premises, weed your own garden with it. From the introduction to JOHN PLOUGHMAN'S PICTURES. *by C.H. Spurgeon*

- Pastors who would be little Baptist dictators would do well to read Winston Churchill's saying, "Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry."

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Blinded Minds - Homophobic or Homonauseous, Which?



(Someone commented recently that they were not homophobic [fearful of homosexuals], but that they were homonauseous [sick of hearing about their disgusting perversion of God's design for man and woman.] - Ed)

Homophobia - According to the Merriam-Webster online Dictionary – Homophobia is defined as an "irrational fear of, aversion to, or discrimination against homosexuality or homosexuals".

The same source said the first use of the word was in 1969. It is an all too frequent occurrence that in this present day one cannot say they disagree with sodomy (homosexuality) or they are labelled homophobic or worse.

While watching one of the national (Australian) news Bob Katter's Australian Party (<http://www.ausparty.org.au/>) was castigated for its position regarding same-sex marriage. The (Australian) ABC's Q&A (March 12, 2012) is typical of the anti-conservative side of major issues facing society today, <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/qanda/txt/s3446198.htm> .

The sad part of all this is; supposedly conservatives are surrendering to the ridiculous; <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2115677/Dont-use-words-husband-wife-Coalitions-sex-wedding-reforms-axe-terms-official-documents.html>.

In the Mail Online 16 March 2012, "DON'T USE THE WORDS HUSBAND AND WIFE! COALITION'S SAME-SEX WEDDING REFORMS WOULD AXE TERMS FROM OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS 'BRIDE' AND 'BRIDEGROOM' COULD EVEN BE REMOVED FROM MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES."

These silly reforms to marriage, by supposedly conservatives, "...will see the words husband and wife removed from official forms, it was revealed last night. Tax and benefits guidance and immigration documents must be rewritten so they no longer assume a married couple is a man and a woman. And private companies will be told to overhaul paperwork and computer databases containing the words." Just imagine how much this will cost companies financially!

In the 29 March, 2012 Telegraph <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/sport/london-olympics/big-serve-from-olympic-gold-medallist-natalie-cook-for-those-who-oppose-gay-marriages/story-fn9dirj0-1226312904474>

BIG SERVE FROM OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST NATALIE COOK FOR THOSE WHO OPPOSE GAY MARRIAGES -

"THEY have a name in beach volleyball for a scorching serve that goes between two players. 'It's the 'Husband and Wife' serve,' explains Olympian Natalie Cook. 'You leave the ball and you look at each other wondering, 'Whose was that?'. According to Cook "In the beach volleyball game of life...it is time we also had the Wife and Wife. Or Husband and Husband."

Of course Cook says this because she is a lesbian. She and another woman "were 'unofficially married' in New Zealand three years ago." The article is so politically correct it would probably leave some believing same-sex marriage is a right due sodomites rather than an institution given by the Creator to a man and woman in the Garden of Eden!

In the end it really comes down to what God's Word says and that is "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet" Romans 1:26, 27.

Contributed by pastor David Bennett

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Isaiah 59:14

"...for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter"

Therapy For the Funny Bone -

A Muslim man found his seat on a crowded flight and immediately complained to the flight attendant. His seat was next to an elderly Christian who was reading her Bible.

The Muslim said "I cannot sit next to this infidel."

The flight attendant replied "Let me see if I can find another seat."

After checking, she returned and stated "There are no more seats in economy, but I will check with the captain and see if there we can do something in first class."

About 10 minutes went by and the flight attendant returned and stated "The steward has confirmed that there is one in first class. It is not our company policy to move a person from economy to first class, but since it would be offensive to force a person to sit next to an UNPLEASANT person, the captain agreed to permit a switch to first class."

Before the irate Muslim man could say anything, the attendant gestured to the elderly woman and said, "Ma'am, if you would be so kind as to retrieve your personal items, we will move you to the comfort of the first class section so you don't have to sit next to this unpleasant person."

Headlines From The Year 2062:

- Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in Mexifornia
- Spotted Owl plague threatens crops and livestock.
- Postal Service raises price of stamps to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.
- Average weight of Americans drops to 350 lbs.
- Gasoline price tops 4532 Pesos per gallon - stations now open on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- New federal law requires that all nail clippers, screwdrivers, fly swatters and rolled-up newspapers must be registered by January 2060.
- IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.

A lady inserted an ad in the classifieds:

"Husband Wanted".

Next day she received more than a hundred letters. They all said the same thing:

"You can have mine."

A little boy asked his father,

"Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?"

Father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying."

A Woman's Prayer:

Dear Lord, I pray for wisdom to understand a man, for Love to forgive him, and for Patience, to put up with his moods. Because Lord, if I pray for Strength I'll just beat him to death"

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My Father's Fingerprints -

(It is a mystery how God created all things by His word, and we accept it by faith. As we learn more and more about creation we find amazing details in the fossil record, like the dog sized mammal with a baby dinosaur inside it (<http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/dinosaurs/mammal.php>) Recently I read about these giant fleas that infested the hides of dinosaurs. Who would have ever guessed? - Ed)

Dinosaurs Had Fleas Too - Giant Ones, Fossils Show



By Seth Borenstein
AP Science Writer

AP Photo/D. Huang

WASHINGTON (AP) -- In the Jurassic era, even the flea was a beast, compared to its minuscule modern descendants. These pesky bloodsuckers were nearly an inch long.

New fossils found in China are evidence of the oldest fleas - from 125 million to 165 million years ago, said Dying Huang of the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology. Their disproportionately long proboscis, or straw-like mouth, had sharp weapon-like serrated edges that helped them bite and feed from their super-sized hosts, he and other researchers reported Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

Scientists figure about eight or more of today's fleas would fit on the burly back of their ancient ancestor.

"That's a beast," said study co-author Michael Engel, entomology curator at the Natural History Museum at the University of Kansas. "It was a big critter. I can't even imagine coming home and finding my miniature schnauzer with one or more of these things crawling around on it."

The ancient female fleas were close to twice the size of the males, researchers found, which fits with modern fleas.

But Engel said it's not just the size that was impressive about the nine flea fossils. It was their fearsome beak capable of sticking into and sucking blood from the hides of certain dinosaurs, probably those that had feathers.

These flea beaks "had almost like a saw running down the side," Engel said. "This thing was packing a weapon. They were equipped to dig into something."

While the ancient fleas were big, they had one disadvantage compared to modern ones: Their legs weren't too developed. Evolving over time, fleas went from crawling to jumping, Huang said.

"Luckily for the land animals of the Mesozoic, these big flat fleas lacked the tremendous jumping capacity that our common fleas have," said Joe Hannibal of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He wasn't involved in the study, but praised it as useful and interesting.

Just finding the fleas was a stroke of luck, Huang said. He first found one in a Chinese fossil market and mentioned it to someone at his hotel. The other guest showed him a photo of another fossilized flea, telling

him it was from Daohugou in northeastern China, where there's a famous fossil bed from about 165 million years ago. Huang went there and found fleas preserved in a brownish film of volcanic ash. The grains of rock were so fine you could see antennae and other details of the fleas, he said.

Modern fleas get engorged after they feast on blood, but these didn't seem engorged, Engel said.

It shouldn't seem too surprising that there were large fleas more than 100 million years ago. If you go back even farther in time, ancestors of dragonflies and damselflies had 3-foot wingspans, Engel said.

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_SCI_GIANT_FLEAS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME

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Is Dancing a Sin? -

Answer: In order for sin to exist, there must be law (Rom. 5: 13). Sin is lawlessness or the breaking of God's law (I Jn. 3: 4). Is dancing, then, in conflict with the law of Christ, the perfect law of liberty (Gal. 6: 2, Jas. 1: 25)?

There are two kinds of dance recognized in the Bible. One type of dance recorded in the Bible was a dance that involved the expression of joy in worship to God (Ps. 150: 4). David "danced before the Lord" (2 Sam. 6: 14). This is the same type dance that was performed when the prodigal son returned (Lk. 15: 25). It is important to notice that the dance here mentioned was male and female segregated. One work states, "Women seem generally to have danced by themselves, one often leading the rest" (ISBE, Vol. 2, pg. 1170). The New Testament does not teach dance as an act of worship today, I might add. The other dance is that kind of dance that was designed to stimulate the lust of the flesh (Ex. 32). This dance seemed to involve both men and women together and was performed in a spiritually opposed climate (Ibid.). Herodias' daughter also performed a sensual dance that was probably more of Roman origin and influence (Matt. 14: 6).



The Modern Dance

The modern dance, as a rule, is certainly not performed out of joy and worship. The drinking of alcohol, petting, and adultery are often the companions of the secular dance. Lasciviousness (*aselgeia*) is a biblical word used to describe and condemn wantonness and unbridled lusts (I Pet. 4: 3). The secular dance usually involves the male and female in improper physical contact. Consider Henry Thayer's comments on lasciviousness: "...indecent bodily movement, unchaste handling of males and females" (Greek-English Lexicon, pg. 79, 80). Hence, lasciviousness vividly describes the secular dance.

In short, the modern dance is a prelude to fornication and adultery. The dance comes under the heading of "the works of the flesh" (Gal. 5: 19, cp. I Jn. 2: 15-17).

Contributed by Peter Neufeld

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Poems That Preach - Death Meets His Match

*Father Time met pale King Death
Sittin' by a tomb.
"Hello, old friend, I guess you're here
To seal somebody's doom."*

*"You might say that," sly Death replied.
A smile slid up his face.
"Inside reposes that Jesus man
Who said He'd save the race."*

*"And you, Time, why you stoppin' here?
Don't you have things to do?"
"I come each day to draw the veil
And let the mornin' through."*

*"Say, why you watchin' jus' one grave,
With all your vast domain?
Looks like you'd be out ramblin' round
And smitin' folks with pain."*

*"Well, this one's somethin' special.
He challenged me, they say.
Said He'd rest here just three days
Then stir and walk away."*

*"Now I'm the conqueror you know,
They don't talk up to me.
When I steps in to cut 'em down
It's for eternity."*

*"I sure can testify to that,"
Responded Father Time.
"I ain't seen one shake off the dust
Since you been in your prime."*

*"Well, I got other things to do,
I must be on my way.
I'll see you when I come back by
To make another day."*

*So whiskered Time went up the hill
To bid the sun to rise.
He left Death standin' by the tomb
Lookin' strong an wise.*

*Next day, Time ambled by again,
"And how are things?" he queried.
"Kinda quiet," Death replied.
"I'm startin' to be wearied."*

*"I won't be here when you come by
About this time tomorrow.
I'm anxious to be on my way,
An' spread some grief and sorrow."*

*Now Father Time was quite surprised
When he came back to see
Death a quiverin' on the ground
In frightful agony!*

*His eyes were set, his throat was marked,
His clothes in disarray.
It wasn't difficult to see
That Death had had his day.*

*"What happened Death?" asked Father Time,
"What makes you look so bad?"
"I've never see you shake this way
Or seem so scared and sad."*

*Death pulled himself up on a rock
A-lookin' sick an humble.
Hung his head an' wrung his hands
And Time could hear him mumble.*

*"Was sittin' here before the dawn
About to take my stroll,
When all at once this whole wide world
Began to reel and roll."*

*"That rollin' stone jumped off the door
An' skipped on down the hill.
Then everything grew dark and quiet,
Seemed like the earth stood still."*

*"I saw Him standin' in the door,
He didn't move or speak,
Just looked at me an' all at once,
I felt so tired and weak."*

*"He came and got a hold on me,
And threw me to the ground,
Put His foot here on my neck
Then took my keys an' crown."*

*"Two angels came to talk with Him,
They glistened like the sun.
He said, 'The plans all finished now,
Redemption's work is done'."*

*As they passed the garden gate
I heard Him say, just then,
"He's settin' free my captives
And givin' gifts to men."*

*Time and Death met once again
Off yonder by the gate.
"It's good to see you," said Old Time.
"I've wondered bout your fate."*

*"I'm just a lowly servant now,
There's little time to roam,
I just push open this old gate
And help the saints get home!"*

by Elwood McQuaid

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Is There a Link Between Tattoos, Piercings, and Alcohol Consumption?

Scientists get under skin of tattooed tipplers

From: AFP

April 17, 2012 11:40AM

FRENCH scientists have found evidence proving the stereotype that people who sport tattoos and piercings are heavier drinkers.

Alcohol tests performed on nearly 2,000 young men and women frequenting bars in the west of France showed a strong correlation between body art and boozing, they said. "Pierced and/or tattooed individuals had consumed more alcohol in bars on a Saturday night than patrons in the same bars who were non-pierced and non-tattooed," said a study for the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

Previous research had shown that people with tattoos and piercings were more likely to engage in unsafe sex, fighting and heavy drinking, but this was the first such project to measure more alcohol per litre of exhaled breath.

The subjects were tested as they left 21 bars in four cities on four different Saturday nights on the Atlantic Coast of Brittany, an area with high alcohol consumption, said the researchers.

The men and women were asked whether they had tattoos or piercings and then asked to take a breathalyser test.

Tattoos and piercings are relatively new phenomena in France, and under-18s need permission from their parents.

The men tested were on average 20.6 years old and the women 20.2 years.

Of 1,081 men interviewed, 903 had no body art and an average measure of 0.18 milligrams of alcohol per litre of exhaled air, lower than France's 0.25 drink driving limit.

The figure increased to 0.19 in the 98 men with tattoos, 0.23 per cent for the 53 men with piercings, and 0.26 for the 27 men with both.

Of the 884 women, 537 had no body art and an average alcohol measure of 0.12, which rose to 0.14 for the 124 with tattoos, 0.20 for the 138 with piercings, and 0.24 for the 85 women with both tattoos and piercings.

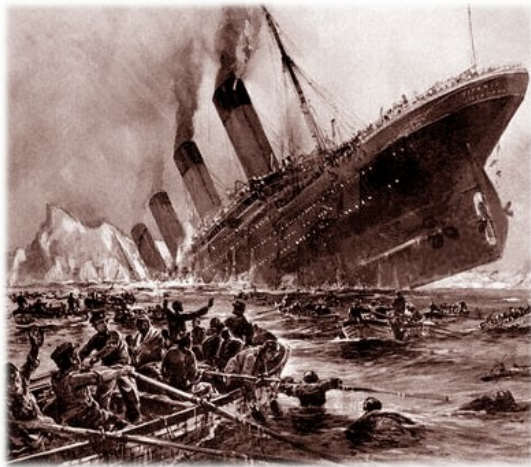
Researcher Nicolas Gueguen of France's Universite de Bretagne-Sud, said the findings showed that teachers, parents and doctors should consider tattoos and piercings as potential "markers" for alcohol abuse.

But fellow scientist Myrna Armstrong from Texas Tech University, who reviewed the paper, cautioned against a "tendency to see a tattoo or piercing and automatically profile or stereotype that individual as a 'high-risk person'."

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Did You Know That The Titanic Passengers All Died? -



On the centennial observance, a Florida man relates the heroic acts of one of the RMS Titanic victims to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Lowell Lytle normally basks in the Florida sunshine, but during the busy tourist season he heads to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, to play the role of Captain Edward John Smith at a Titanic museum attraction in the Great Smoky Mountains. There is an identical museum in Branson, Missouri.

Lytle says while playing the role of Capt. Smith, he relates a true story that does not appear in the popular Titanic movie -- the story of Baptist preacher John Harper, which is chronicled in the book *The Titanic's Last Hero* by Moody Adams. "That Baptist minister actually ran around the deck

shouting 'Women and children and unsaved people, get aboard the lifeboats,'" says Lytle. "He even took off his life vest and gave it to a man who was not a believer in Jesus Christ. He said: 'Here, take this. I don't need it. I'm not going down -- I'm going up!'"

According to Lytle, Harper did not stop evangelizing to a non-believer he encountered while enduring the frigid waters of the Atlantic. "And Harper's last words were 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' A few weeks later in Hamilton, Ontario, that same man said I listened to Reverend Harper's last message and became a believer in Jesus Christ with two miles of water beneath me."

The liner went down on April 15, 1912, carrying 2,223 passengers. The sinking caused the death of 1,514 of them.

You are a sinking soul. Someday you will die like those on the Titanic. Actually all 2,223 passengers died-- some that night, some years later. There is not one surviving passenger of the Titanic alive today. Are you saved?

Bro. Jerry Wilhite

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Where Dynamic Equivalency in Bible Translation Leads -

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/new-english-translation-of-bible-omits-jesus-christ-apostle-73325/>

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New English Translation of Bible Omits 'Jesus Christ,' 'Angel'

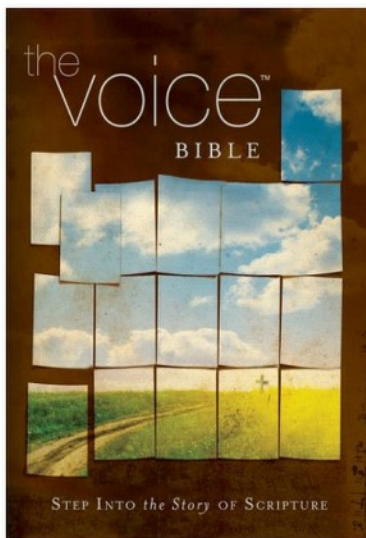
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A new translation of the Bible into English does not contain the name "Jesus Christ" nor the word "angel." It also prefers the word "emissary" over "apostle."

The Voice, a Bible that replaces "Jesus Christ" with terms like "Jesus the Anointed One," had its complete edition released by Thomas Nelson Publishing last month. Frank Couch, Thomas Nelson's lead editor on the project, told The Christian Post that the purpose of The Voice was to make the Gospel message easier to understand for modern audiences.

"The Voice has not claimed to be more accurate than any other translation, rather it is more easily understood than any other translation," said Couch.

"When translators are limiting themselves to conveying the complete essence of a word from the Hebrew or the Greek with one English word they have difficulty bringing in the nuances held in the original language."



Because other translations have more literal renderings, Couch believed they are "why it has been necessary for commentators and preachers to spend so much time explaining what the words in the original language mean before the lay reader can understand fully a text of Scripture."

"Because we have a more expansive translating technique we can more fully develop the English translation and thus bring out the more difficult nuances found in the original language," he explained.

The scholars and authors who collaborated on the translation say their intention was to help readers "hear God speaking."

"One of the byproducts of the information age in the church has been its focus on biblical knowledge. Many Bibles reflect this, packed with informative notes, charts, and graphs. While there's nothing wrong with having a deep knowledge; a personal connection and deep relationship are far better," according to hearthevoice.com. "The Voice is focused on

helping readers find (or rediscover) this connection with Him. Scripture is presented not as an academic document, but as an engaging story."

The idea for The Voice came in January 2004, when Thomas Nelson Publishing met with the Ecclesia Bible Society, whose leadership includes pastor Chris Seay of the Ecclesia Church in Houston, Texas. The project came in portions, with the complete New Testament according to The Voice being released in 2009.

The name comes from the Bible translation's rendering of the Greek Word *logos* in John 1:1. Although the typical English Bible translates *logos* to "Word," in this translation it is rendered "Voice." The first verse of John, which in the NIV reads "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" becomes "Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God."

A new video posted on the translation's Facebook further highlights that "The Voice offers an opportunity to hear afresh by telling the stories that have always been in the Bible in a beautiful and poetic way." It is written in screenplay format "so it's easy to follow or act out in a group."

Despite the approval of a major publisher like Thomas Nelson, which also sells other more established translations of the Bible, The Voice is not without its opponents, including many critical online reviews.

On the website "Life More Abundant," poster "Coralie" commented that the format of The Voice, which includes commentary in the body of the text, was a concern. "The ... effect of the inclusion of midstream commentary is the blurring of the line between inspired word and human opinion," wrote Coralie.

"My fear in our postmodern world is not that a new reader would take the commentary as the very word of God, but that he would read the words of God with the casual ease of another form of commentary."

The blog "Extreme Theology," an apologetics website, declared that The Voice was a "distorted version of the Bible."

"Unfortunately, not since the release of the Jehovah's Witnesses' New World Translation of the Greek Scriptures in 1950 has there been a bible published that so blatantly mangles and distorts God's Word in order to support a peculiar and aberrant theological agenda," reads a review on ET's site.

Michael Gryboski

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Deacon True Sez -

In my old age I may not be able to smite the Lord's enemies hip and thigh with a great slaughter, but I can still bite them pretty badly around the ankles.

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Eddy-Torial - Eugenics in the Churches -

An Innocent Question

It was an innocent question, with no spin at all.

We were hosting two Bible college students on their summer missions trip. One day I asked them the following question, "How do you go about reaching unsaved teens where you live?"

They fell silent for several minutes. Finally, one of them replied, "We tried it once and it didn't work, so we gave it up."

I told them I hadn't intended to embarrass them, "I am just looking for ways to reach teens, and thought you might know something I don't know."

The other lad then ventured a reply, "I don't really know any unsaved young people."

"Don't you do any sports with kids that are lost, like maybe kick a football around or play basketball after school or anything? Aren't there any neighbourhood kids you hang out with?"

They both shook their heads. And then they told me that the only teens they knew were from Christian families, the ones they went to Sunday School with, the ones at the Christian school, at their church youth group, and the ones they met at Bible college.

Over the next few days we talked more about their isolation from the lost. When I asked them how this "greenhouse concept" of keeping saved people away from lost people related to the great commission, they opened up for me a real tin of worms. They said that all the evangelistic work done in their churches, such as preaching the gospel, witnessing, and doing missionary work were only done by people who had graduated from Bible college, and are ordained to the ministry and hold an office in the church.

So I asked them, "How much preaching have you done? You have come out to Australia on a summer missions team and pastors here are permitting you to speak in their pulpits. Has your pastor back home ever invited you to preach a sermon? Do you preach to the youth group at home?"

Both of them shook their heads. In fact one of them told me in all seriousness that, in his church, you need a degree to pass the offering plate. Of course, that IS in the town where the university is (!!!!!!!) So, having been shot at quite a few times, and having learned that after a while some of the bullets go in the same holes and don't hurt much, I bearded the lion in his den. I wrote to all the pastors of all the lads we had that year and begged them to give them some experience before they come out here.

How many replies did I receive? You don't really want to know. Well, okay, it was zero, zilch, nada. Not even one.

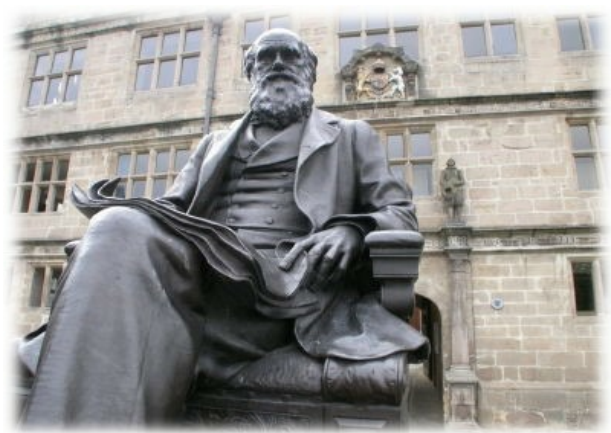
And that set me thinking. For me, that is a long slow process. Like maybe 10 years until I finally figured out what it all means.

It means we now have Eugenics In The Churches.

You may have never heard of eugenics. (It comes from the Greek word "eugenes", which means "well-born, of good stock, of noble race," from eu- "good" + genos "birth". It is a good Bible word, found in three verses in the New Testament, Luke 19:12, Acts 17:11, and I Cor.1:26, and is translated "nobleman, and noble." Well worth a word study!)

The Origins of Eugenics - An embarrassment to evolutionists!

So where did the Eugenics movement come from? Charles Darwin promoted the concept that the human race should be improved (that is, that man's evolution should be accelerated) by selective breeding. After all, he reasoned, if man is nothing more than an animal, and we use selective breeding to improve many animal species, why not legislate the selective breeding of man? It simply means that intelligent, beautiful, and skillful people should be allowed to reproduce themselves and ignorant, clumsy, ill-mannered, criminally inclined people should not be allowed to reproduce.



Darwin's novel idea caught on quickly with his family. His own children and his cousin, Francis Galton, founded the eugenics movement after reading *On the Origin of Species*. Galton invented the word "eugenics." Darwin's son, Leonard was the president of the First International Congress of Eugenics.

The idea caught on quickly and spawned groups all over the world. Many well known people embraced the idea. Ernst Haeckel, George Bernard Shaw, Alexander Graham Bell, John Kellogg (whose brother, Will, invented Kellogg cornflakes), H. G. Wells, Winston Churchill (who attended the First International Congress on Eugenics), Henry Osborn (head of the American Museum of Natural History and president of the Second International Congress of Eugenics), and Theodore Roosevelt supported the movement. Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood said, "More children from the fit; less from the unfit--that is the chief issue of birth control."

Many believers in evolution formed groups like The Station for Experimental Evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, New York, funded by the Carnegie Foundation to the tune of millions of dollars.

There was also The Eugenics Records Office which said, "Its first mission was to identify the most defective and undesirable Americans, estimated to be at least 10 percent of the population." Ultimately, the eugenics program in America forced the sterilization of 60,000 "inferior" people. Abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia all find their roots in the eugenics of Charles Darwin.

(I would encourage every Christian to read the following article on eugenics by Bro. David Cloud, at: http://www.wayoflife.org/index_files/918bce97df0b8c1d4106e50de72ad798-987.html)

Christian Eugenics, Is There such a Thing? -

The basic premise of Darwinian Eugenics is "to advance the human race through selective breeding." The basic premise of Christian Eugenics is "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.

Is there such a movement? Consider the following facts:

There Is A True Nobility - Every saved person is born of God!

We recognise only the true nobility of the New Birth. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God!!!!!!" (1 John 3:2) Every born again person has this nobility since God is his father. The maniac of Gadara, Saul, the former persecutor of the churches, the woman taken in adultery, the thief on the cross, and millions more are the true noblemen and women of God through Christ. Simply through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, we are born into God's family. That is the true nobility!

There Is A Man Made, False Nobility -

Again and again in church history we read of pastors, of seminary professors, and of presidents of denominations who decided that the new birth was not enough to qualify a Christian to reproduce himself by winning others to Christ. Before they can preach the gospel or witness to their neighbour a certain Baptism must be added, a second blessing, a higher level of education, a particular denominational tag, a style of clothing or hairstyle, or an ordination by the approved doctors of religion. What they do not tell their hearers is that this is the old elitism of the Nicolaitans, whose deeds and doctrines the Lord said he hates!

Have you observed it anywhere?

Two of my preacher friends here in Australia attended a Leadership Conference some years ago. They were both bush preachers, brought to Christ in little churches far from the Big Smoke. Neither one of them owned a suit. So they wore the best they had to the conference, RM Williams boots, moleskins (dress jeans), open collared shirts, and Akubra hats. Would you like to guess what kind of reception they received from the 3 piece suit reverends? Elitism is alive and well in IB circles.

How Did Eugenics Ever Sneak Into Our Churches? -

As little store front churches grew into large churches, and poor churches became wealthy churches, and simple little Bible colleges became liberal arts universities, as their professors got their state accreditation, and the seminaries' alumni became celebrities, and success began to be measured by size, it became politically correct to manage the gene pool of the churches.

No longer was it acceptable for the Lord Jesus Christ to tell the maniac of Gadara to "go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Instead, he was told by the elitists to pack his bags and head off to the seminary at Jerusalem and get himself a briefcase full of diplomas, a three piece suit, a laurel wreath in elocution, and the pulpit mannerism of gently waving his hand in the air.

Then, and only then would he be permitted to evangelise Decapolis.

That is called Christian Eugenics.

True Nobility Doesn't Wait To Have Its IQ Tested -

I am finding example after example in the New Testament of new converts who immediately began evangelising the lost. As soon as Andrew came to Christ, before he even went home with Him, he FIRST went to find his brother Simon and told him he had found the Messiah! (What is wrong with you Andrew? Don't you know you aren't yet qualified to win souls?) No sooner was Saul of Tarsus converted than he preached Christ in the synagogues in Damascus! (Didn't Ananias KNOW that Saul needed to be ordained first?)

It could be that we have forgotten the clear teachings of Scripture, such as 1 Corinthians 1:17-31...

"For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

I had the privilege forty five years ago of pastoring a little church in the Ozark mountains in Missouri. Most of the preachers I met there had never seen the inside of a Bible college. They would be called "Rednecks" today. But God had done a work in their hearts, and they could preach! And they could win souls! And they could plant churches in the rocky soil of Stone County!

And they'd never hear of Eugenics!

Theirs was the True Nobility of the New Birth!

That'll do me!

Bro. Buddy Smith

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