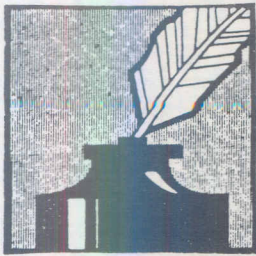


If the Son therefore
shall make you free
ye shall be free indeed.
John 8:36

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He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: in Him will I trust.
Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation:
There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh the dwelling.
For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
Because he hath set His love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him, and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91



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Several years ago as a new Christian I found myself battling a spirit of fear. I didn't really know what I was afraid of but I had fear in my heart. One day I was reading my Bible and I read the 91st Psalm. From that day until this, it has been one of my favorite passages of scripture. If we take each verse and study them carefully we find that there is no place for fear when we submit all to God. When I think about dwelling in the secret place of the most high and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty, it makes my heart to rejoice and praise His Holy name for the opportunity and privilege to be a child of the King. We all need a refuge and a fortress in the days we are living in. I wouldn't want to live without the protection that he gives unto his children. We think about the 4th verse and it brings to our minds of how he keeps us covered completely and gives us his truth as our weapons. God provides all of our needs as we keep our trust in Him.

We realize that there is much darkness around us and Satan would desire to cause us to fall, but again God has promised that if we have made the Lord our habitation, or our dwelling place, that no evil shall befall us and he will give his angels charge over us to keep us. My heart rejoices when I think of all that my heavenly Father has done for me when I have done so little for Him. I am so glad for the day that God dealt with me and gave me the chance to serve Him. How I pray that I will never take this wonderful calling from God lightly or irreverently. He has been more to me than I ever could have known.

The 15th verse tells us that when we call on Him, He will answer, deliver and honor. He will bless with long life and shew us his Salvation. So you see it will be worth it all when we see Christ. Our problems, trials, tears, fears are all taken care of if we but place everything at the feet of the Master. Let us stay close to our "dwelling place" and He shall give us victory over every foe and life eternal throughout the ages.

Thank you Lord, for being all to me..

Karen

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Apostolic Faith Bible College Closing

The closing exercises of the Apostolic Faith Bible College were held May 8, 9 and 10, 1991.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 the Choir of the Apostolic Faith Bible College presented their final concert of this term.

Thursday, May 9, the Ordination -Dedication service and Graduation Service were held. The Rev. Doyle Wiles and Rev. Jerome Crowhurst were speakers for the service.

Those who were ordained were Rev. Joel Dorris and his wife Tammy.

Those who came for dedication were: David and Tracy Ashworth and their son Justin, Amador Elias, Trubert Flowers, Donna Frazier, Crystal Gravener, Teresa Hackney, John Mudd, Donna Peters, Stacy Probert, Beverly Radford, Regina Shannon, Sharlynda Sutton, Jill Watson, Cassie Wheeler, Kelly Whitlock, Cynthia Harris, Louis and Kim Keeling, Paul Morrison, Margaret Myers, Justin Rose, Jacob Urick, Fred Huff, Carol Gift and Nick Gift.

James and Lyn Brown also dedicated their new Daughter, Ashley to the Lord.

Thursday afternoon at the general business meeting it was announced that the 2 new board members elected are Bill Hollis of Baxter Springs and Rev. Lyndel Arnall, Neosho, MO. We certainly appreciate the many years that Rev. Doyle Wiles and Rev. Jim Arnall served on our board of trustees.

May 10 an Alumni & friends picnic was held at the park in Baxter Springs, KS and that evening the Alumni & Friends Banquet was held in Joplin, MO with approximately 235 in attendance.

We thank God for another term of Bible School. Those who were ordained & dedicated are ready to work in the harvest of souls. May we pray for them, support them and open our doors to them.

From the Superintendent

We want to thank the Apostolic Faith people and friends for all you did for the Bible College this past year. You were wonderful to the school and we pray God will bless each one of you.

The closing services were wonderful, beginning with the choir concert on Wednesday night. Thursday morning Bro. Doyle Wiles preached at the dedication and ordination service. Twenty-four students and one faculty member dedicated their lives to God's service. Then Thursday night Bro. Jerome Crowhurst preached an inspired commencement service. We praise God for being with us in this year's school.

We look forward to another year of work in God's harvest field here at the Bible College. Keep us in your prayers.

My desire for each of you is that you let God give you a vision to work in His vineyard. We pray the Lord will give us a renewed vision to see His will accomplished here at the school--If we have the vision of Gods work, the school will prosper, and so will our churches.

So let us pray together that we might all be in His will, and have a vision to work in his harvest.

M. D. Methvin
Superintendent

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Creation and Formation
Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.

Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.

Wafer Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9.

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

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Spare

Tire

While attending a special youth rally a few years ago, at the close of the service the minister made an appeal for all those young people who wanted to commit their lives to the service of the Lord to make their way forward and stand at the front of the auditorium for a prayer of dedication.

As I saw a great number of young people respond, I was made to remember how in the year 1940 on the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks at a vesper service "down on the Point" how I had gone forward to make that same commitment.

As I thought of that special occasion, I began to ask God why He had never called me into active service for Him. Immediately the presence of the Holy Spirit was upon me and in a still small voice I heard Him say, "Son, I did call you. You are my spare tire."

As I pondered this unusual thought, the Holy Spirit reminded me that down through the years I had filled the vacancy of almost every position needed in my local church. I had cleaned the building when there was no janitor, made needed repairs, taught Sunday school classes, served as superintendent, youth leader, song leader, played music, designed and supervised the construction of both the new church building and parsonage, served as deacon and secretary-treasurer and on occasion filled the pulpit when the various pastors were out of town.

As I allowed the Holy Spirit to work in my heart, I was overwhelmed with gratitude because God loved me and allowed me to work in His kingdom and guided my life down through many years. With tears in my eyes I had to say, "Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to be one of your spare tires."

I write this after having just retired from the office of secretary-treasurer of my local church and after having served in that office for more than 30 years.

Even though I have retired from active duty in that capacity, I still teach a class and will continue to witness and tell of God's goodness until He says "Come up higher," after which I will praise Him forever.

There may be those who feel their position in the service of the Lord is unimportant. I submit this article without signature giving all the glory to God for whatever He may have accomplished through me and hoping someone may be encouraged to keep on working for Him even though his position may not be a glamorous one.

I believe a good spiritual definition for a spare-tire Christian would be one who is available, prepared, and willing to be used in His service whenever and wherever needed.

Anonymous

Fits, Misfits and Counterfits

Eph. 4:14-16 "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The first part of verse 16 is our central thought "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth." The important need, of the body of Christ, is to be fitly joined together. There are three factions in the world: ethnic; political; and religious. Within these three factions there are bickering, fighting, backbiting, and hatred. Very little love and consideration. Understanding went out the window a long time ago. There is no policy to cure these ills and bring these to a united effort. So I want to bring this down to an individual level. Smile, you are on Candid Camera. I am going to take your picture.

Recently I heard this question presented to a live audience of some 200 people. "Are you satisfied with what you see when you look into a mirror?" Four hands were raised. They were talking about dieting, face lifting surgery and physical improvement surgery. By the way, there is a great amount of this surgery going on today. I want you to forget about looks: ugly, pretty, fat, skinny, tall, short, etc. I want you to look into the mirror spiritually -- "Are you satisfied with what you see?" Smile, you are on Candid Camera.

We fit into one of three classes: fits, misfits, or counterfits.

A counterfeit is worthless and hypocritical. No good and trying to be something they ain't. I am aware that is not good english but it best expresses the fact.

A misfit is a disturbance. They have trouble and cause others to have trouble. They are always out of place. Solomon, the wise man, wrote a good explanation of a misfit. Prob. 29:19, "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint."

Paul wrote to the Corinthians about misfits in I Cori. 3:3, "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and wald as men."

Fits are beautiful, They are most welcome. They bring forth their fruit in season. They are dependable. They are faithful.

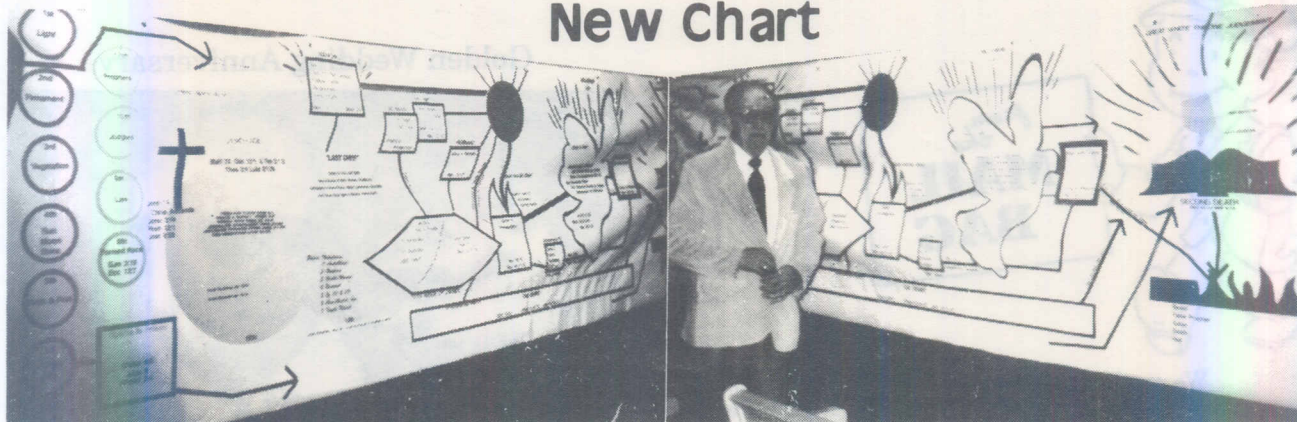
We need to be pliable clay in the potter's hand. Molded and fitted into our proper place as God sees best.

God need fits. Not for individuals to have a fit, but for individuals fitly joined together, and compacted by that every joint supplieth and according to the effectual working in the measure of every part. We need to do our little part. Then all our little efforts will multiply in strength and increase the edifying of the body of Christ, the Church. Jesus is the head.

If you are not satisfied with what you see in the mirror - spiritually, God, through Jesus and the Holy Ghost, can help you. They can change your character: not for the worse, but for the better. They can do, for you, what no man can do. They can lift the habits - bad habits - from your live. They can make fits out of misfits. They can make fits out of counterfits. They need you to be a fit.

Donald D. Dibbens

New Chart



We haven't written to the report in some time. But we always enjoy getting the paper, and we do appreciate the work and effort in sending it out.

I want to say, we seem to be busy most of the time "filling in" at the churches in this area, and also revivals.

We have a new Chart, kind of "modernizing" the old one, with some up-to-date "signs of the times." Should some of the churches want something of this nature, we are available. I'm sending some pictures of the Chart.

May God Bless You,
Olen Bachler

Hebron Bible College Ladies Session - Class of 1991



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We greet you from Hebron Bible College at Kumbanad, Kerala, India.

We praise God for all our dear friends who pray for our Bible College and support us and write encouraging letters to us.

New batch of students along with the Second and Third year students arrived on May 6th. We have students from the various States of India, like Karnataka, Tamilnad, Andhra, Assam, Nagaland and also from our State of Kerala. Now 165 have been enrolled and classes are in full swing with 16 teachers.

Our evangelists from the fields inform about the work they are doing and how they are winning souls for Christ. During the last three weeks, from the reports received, there were

50 souls saved and baptised in water. In four places newly built churches have been dedicated for worship. These evangelists need financial support to carry on the work, like building the churches, parsonages, etc., as well as meeting their own needs.

In the Bible College also, as more students are enrolled the needs are more. You can help us by sponsoring one student at the Bible College or support one evangelist or help build a church and so on. The Lord will really bless and reward you. We are thankful to you for all your financial help and prayers.

With Christian love and prayers,
Yours in His Service,
Rev. & Mrs. T. S. Abraham



Golden Wedding Anniversary



We are happy to report that the Lord is blessing us here in Columbus. He is so faithful – still providing our needs, physically and financially, and being that friend that sticks closer than a brother.

In February, we enjoyed the Winter Camp Meeting in Rock Island, Texas. We always enjoy the fellowship and the ministering of the ward there.

We were privileged to have "Evergreen" with us on the 28th of February. We really appreciate Janae, Russell, and Wendell for coming to sing to us, and for being willing to go wherever the Lord leads them. They are such a blessing to us.

We also enjoyed a few special services with Bro. Leroy Surface in February.

In March, Bro. George Bollinger from Dallas was with us for some revival services. We are thankful for those who will come and minister to us and we pray that God will bless them abundantly for their efforts.

We also enjoyed having the Bible College Choir with us on March 14. We're thankful for the bible College. Several in our church either attended the Bible School and we're glad for the opportunity we had to go.

We would love to have any of you come visit us here in Columbus. Our church is small in number but we really love the Lord, we teach the truth, and our goal is to see souls won to the Lord. We value His coming soon and there are people in Columbus who desperately need the Gospel. We're striving to do our part to give it to them.

God Bless You All.
Vanessa Harris, reporter

ANNOUNCING

A new hand in ours.

Name: Tyler Louis Keeling
 Birthdate: March 25, 1991
 Weight: 9 pounds, 14 ounces
 Length: 21 1/4 inches
 Joined our family: March 30, 1991
 Adoptive family: Kenny, Pam, and Tracy

May - June - July 1991

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hollis of Baxter Springs, Kansas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 30th, at the Community Center, 11th & East Ave., Baxter Springs.

They will reaffirm their vows at 2pm and there will be a reception following from 2:30 to 4pm, which will be hosted by family members.

Bill and Irene were married July 1, 1941 at Joplin, MO. They have a foster son, Alvin Hollis, who resides in Balko, OK, with his wife, the former Eva Neff and their two children, Van Al and Kandi.

The couple requests that gifts be omitted.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

This is to thank all who prayed for me. My heart is slowly returning to a normal rate and my strength is returning also.

I am so thankful for God's love and mercy to his children. I know he can completely heal his children today as in days of old. I am still asking God for a complete recovery.

Again, thank you all.

Love and prayers,
 Dorothy Burrescia
 PO Box 95
 Cottonwood, ID 83522

My maiden name was Dorothy Oyler, Joplin, MO.

To those traveling in the darknight, He is the bright and morning star.

To those in the lonesome valley, He is the Lily of the Valley, Rose of Sharon, Honey in the rach, and the staff of life.

He is the Pearl of Great Price.

He is the rock in a weary land.

He is the Counselor.

He is the Everlasting Father and the government of our life is upon His shoulders.



RUBY PEARL SELLARS

Feb. 19, 1905 - Dec. 6, 1990

Ruby Pearl Sellars, age 85, passed away December 6, 1990, in the home of her daughter with whom she lived since the passing on of her husband, Walter Thomas Sellars in 1981. Survivors include their children, Mrs. Doris Scrivner of Houston, Jack Sellars of Midland, Billy Ray Sellars of Shreveport, La., Mrs. Jerlyn Richey of Elverta, California, 18 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, several great-great-grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Willie Ford of Polar, two brothers, Burl Clanton of Ransom Canyon and Lee Clanton of Dieball, and many loving nieces and and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted in Snyder at 2:00pm on December 9, 1990, in the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, with burial in Memorial Gardens of Snyder with Bell-Seale Funeral Home in attendance. the Reverend Paul Clanton, cousin of Mrs. Sellars, was in charge of the services, assisted by Ray Poe, Jr., of Decatur, Alabama. The pastor of the church and his family presented the special music, "How Great Thou Art," "One Day at a Time," and "The Old Rugged Cross," as selected by Mrs. Sellars.

Pallbearers were Wayne Scrivner of Houston, Billy Jack Sellars of Midland, Dubby Scrivener of Montgomery, Donald Mack Sellars of Midland, grandsons, Guy Larsen, and Eddy Scrivner, great-grandsons, both of Houston.

Ruby Pearl Sellars was born February 19, 1905, in Arkansas to the parents of Will and Laura Clanton. She married Walter Thomas Sellars May 16, 1920, in Polar, Texas. Mrs. Sellars was a retired employee of the school system in Snyder, Texas, and was a long-time member of the Apostolic Faith Church.

Mrs. Sellars exemplified the devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend; a truly virtuous woman clothed in the armor of God and on the front lines. She will be missed greatly.

Her Loving Family



JOHN ELMER MARTIN

Pampa - John Elmer Martin died October 21, 1990. Services at 2:30 in the Whatley Chapel, with Edwin Waterbury, pastor of Apostolic Faith in Alvin, and Howard Whiteley, pastor of Apostolic Faith Church in Pampa.

Mr. Martin was born in Greenfield, MO. He moved to Montana in 1917 from Oregon. After his move to Montana he began a series of trips across the country, which included visits to the Texas Panhandle .

He married Maude Necessary in 1927. She died in 1971.

In 1975, he married Joe B. Girovard at Pampa. He was very devoted to his family. John was a wonderful Christian.

He would go to church when he was so weak he could hardly sit up.

He worked in the oil fields for 60 years and retired in 1982. From 1951 to 1982, he worked for Triplehorn Oil Co.

Survivors include his wife, Joe of the home; three step children, Robert Wayne Girovard of San Andrews, California, Donna Berry of Pampa, Texas, Pat Boren of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Harry Martin of Sacramento, California and Jim Martin of Marietta, Oklahoma; one sister, Gertrude Austin of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one grandchild, 25 step grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Rev. 14:13

The Times In Which We Live

In the summer of 1990, I was loaned a book which had a plan for reading through the Bible in one year. One or more books were to be read each week, with the sermon being taken from those book(s), and preached the next Sunday. (This may sound formalistic, but please continue.) As I thought about doing this, I kept thinking "We don't do things this way. We've never done this before." Sometimes this way of thinking is our undoing. It's been my observation that the Infinite Wisdom often works differently than we expect Him to-all to show us He knows best.

At Campmeeting 1990, I was sitting in the tabernacle at Laverne waiting for the evening service to start.

A Brother walked up and said "What you need is a one year reading plan for your church." "Yes Lord", I responded inwardly, "We do need this." Now another question I had was when to begin. I thought I would wait till January and go from there. Then I realized the first Sunday after Campmeeting, July 29, would give me opportunity to explain the plan and for us to begin reading Genesis, from the 30th - Aug. 4, with the first sermon (that would begin the one year Plan) being preached on Aug. 5th. August 5th 1987, I preached my first sermon as pastor in Amarillo, Texas. August 5th of 1990 was the beginning of my fourth year! The church people have read from Genesis to Esther (at the time of this writing) and have just completed the New Testament (to be read twice). Pray for us that God will be allowed to work through His word.

Now consider: THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE. This article is a written account of the January 13, 1991 sermon at Amarillo. Until the last minutes on Tuesday midnight, Jan. 15th, I listened with thoughts of 'maybe, just maybe' Saddam Hussien would withdraw as instructed. On this Sunday, I did not really expect that 3 days later, the United States of America would be at war (something I thought I would never see in my lifetime). Was it by chance, a coincidence, that the Sunday before war became a reality, the message in my heart was II Chronicles 6,7 (please read these 2 chapters).

Solomon, upon completion of the Temple (3:5-the greater house than the sanctuary of curtain and skin), said (chapter 6: 1-11) "I have chosen

Jerusalem that my name might be there." Starting with v.12, Solomon stands on platform $7\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ ft in the presence of the Lord and the people. He kneels, spreads his hands toward heaven" and said (v. 14-) Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less the house that I have built! Have respect therefore to the Prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication. O Lord my God, to Harken unto thy cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee; that Thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof Thou wouldest put Thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer toward this place...(v.21) Harken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, "which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from Thy dwelling place even from heaven; when Thou hearest, forgive..." These are important verses: Please read them again. Pressing onward, the rest of the chapter is dedicated to this idea and the Calling on God not only to hear but to act. The prayer is for National, individual, natural (16:26-28- no rain, locusts, pestilence) tragedies, heartaches, and calamities to give way to DELIVERANCE! Twice (v. 35, 39) is the desired affect, "Then hear thou from heaven...maintain their cause... maintain their cause."

Now (Chapter 7) when Solomon had made an end of praying The fire came down and the glory of the Lord filled the houses. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because...All have sinned and come short of the glory (holiness) of God. Rom. 3:23) God's reply to Cain as to why his offering was not acceptable-Sin lieth at the door. Won't it go well with every child of God if they do well and live right? Sin will hinder our going into the place of worship and it will hinder going out of the past into a new way of fellowship. We should pray that His Glory would be first sought for as we conduct the actions of our lives. Is there a lack of the manifestation of His presence, His Power today within the sanctuary? Do we enter in the church with little or no thought of what God would really like to be allowed to do? I enjoy rather am thrilled when I walk into a church and know God is there; where He has first place His name is exalted above all others. Lord, give us

churches with burdens to see things happen! Solomon had finished praying. Praise Him for He is Good.

Now, anyone that seeks the Lord seeks not in vain. The God of Isreal had been petitioned asking Him to hear and forgive. After Solomon had offered a vast amount of sacrifice (so much, the altar couldn't hold it II Chr. 7:7), v. 12 states the Lord said unto Solomon, "I have heard...v.13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Lately, much has been said and heard of prayer. Due to the Gulf War, people are naturally concerned with peace and safety of the men and women. (Many people of Television and in the paper have made reference to prayer and to God). I question not the power of prayer, but I am concerned with the motive-the hearts of the prayer-ers. Not meaning to be misunderstood, I'm not in anyway ridiculing the sincerity of families and friends having special ones in the war. The prevailing question in my heart is, "Will America stop praying when the war is over and will people forget God and return to ungodly ways?"

God said there would be healing to the land upon four conditions being met: Humility, prayer to seek His face, a turning from wicked ways. Much could be said on each of these areas but for now it's not necessary to go into great detail. Let no man glory (boast) in his wisdom, strength, etc, rather glory in the Lord for He exalts those that humbles themselves. Do we seek His face when we pray, or our ways? Do we really want what He wants? I'm afraid that we are better at praying that turning from our wicked ways. Does America expect to not allow prayer in the schools and then expect God to answer prayer just during their time of crisis? God, help us to pray without ceasing, in the good and bad times.

He will hear from heaven (His dwelling place) and will forgive their sin. What was the sin (The transgression) of the Jewish Nations? Was it not the forsaking of the God of Israel, the

one that brought them out of Egypt? And this laying hold on other gods; powerless because they were false. (7:21,22) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" is the rule. Yet people past and present have broken that commandment, causing an illness to come upon the land that their science, education, and psychology can't heal. All of the different sexual perversion of today, all of the immorality. The downplaying of honesty and virtue are actually symptoms, not the problem source. Only when the works of the devil and the devil himself is completely destroyed, then will complete healing

occur! Until then, don't be content with just trying to deal with the physical, the surface, of the problems rather pray, humbly seeking God's face to bring inner, spiritual healing. God forgave us for forsaking Him and following man-made gods: other men, money, power, etc. 'In God we trust' still on the coins.. for now. Do we trust God always, or just in a time of personal selfishness?

I realize the Lord was speaking in the Old Testament of His people, the Israelites. With the coming of Christ came the opening for whosoever will come. (Rom. 8:14, 10:13, John 1:12)

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power (right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Christians are called by Him to be Holy and pure, but dragging us down are the weights which easily beset us. Solomon asked God, 'When you hear, forgive.'

"Now we lift our hands unto the Heavenly Father. Send forth rain upon this dry, this thirsty land. All our sins please forgive. Give us life that we may start to live. Let us feel the touch of your mighty Anointed hand."-"Sweet Anointing".

Ron Noble

New Age vs. Christianity By Yvonna Whiteley

Before you begin reading this article I would like for you to take time to read the scriptures which we placed at the beginning of the first article...Matt. 7:15; 1 Tim. 4:1; Matt. 24:24. These are not articles to scare you but to inform you that you might be aware of what is very, very prevalent in America. This article is going to discuss only the HIGHLIGHTS of what the New Age Group plans for children.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Psa. 127:3

"...what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, (13) to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?" Deut. 10:12, 13. (Matt. 22:37; Luke 10:2;7)

"and ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 11:19

So, we are not only to be aware but to also make our children aware of the vices, strategies, stumbling blocks, and pitfalls that Satan lays in our pathway. One more scripture of encouragement before we begin the serious warnings to us.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5, 6

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psa. 37:5

The New Age leaders believe that they guard their occult activities and beliefs very carefully. In fact, they feel that Satan guards their secrets and plans. However, "greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4. Therefore, it is God's Plan that His children shall know and not be deceived. Now we

must guard our lives, stay under the blood of Christ that we be not deceived. (Rom. 8:35, 37-39)

"When you put on your Skeletor helmet and armored belt you become transformed into an agent of evil. Use your power sword and shield to combat good. With your mystical ram's head scepter you will be able to call forth the denizens of darkness to help conquer the forces of good." This is taken from the instructions for "Skeletor" toy Masters of the Universe, Mattel Toys. Children are saturated with commercials on TV to want such toys and we as parents must guard them from such evils.

A word of caution to us. If we just say "NO" then the child may be rebellious. But if we sit and explain (Deut. 11:19)...teach them why not...then ask God to keep their hearts, they will respond to that love. We must become guardians of their lives...what they see...what they hear...what they read...and plead the blood of Christ daily over their lives to keep Satan at bay.

The New Age Plan calls for World domination by the year 2000 and one way they plan to fulfill the plan is to keep the children of the world from having faith in God and knowing the Truth of the Word. They feel one generation of unregenerated youth is all it will take to conquer the world.

Through TV programs, comics, games, etc. they are teaching children of today to "Believe in their own power, spirit guides are there to HELP them, to accept the symbols used by Satan as the IN thing to do, accept the NEW AGE music, the books, stories, etc." Some public school teachers, administrators, etc. are using the NEW AGE plan without being aware of it's intent.

New Age Professionals in health care are using such things as guided imagery, visualization, meditation, biofeedback, spirit channeling, rebirthing, etc. which poisons a child's faith in just ONE God. Many of our teenagers are suffering from oppression of demons and some have been swept into Satan worship not

knowing at first what they are being led into until Satan has them in his grip.

"Over forty years ago Satan began his latest and most damaging assault, directing one of his chief demon-aides, Djwahl Khul, called 'The Tibetan,' to make contact with those humans in the New Age movement who serve his hellish master." Such leaders as Alice Bailey, head of the New Age's Lucis Trust (formerly Lucifer Publ. Co.); Robert Muller, Anton LaVey (high priest in Church of Satan); David Spangler; Dr. Frank Alper; Jenny Dent; Donald Key; Joshua Halpern; Vera Alder; Benjamin Creme, Marilyn Ferguson, Donald Keys, Buckminster Fuller, plus many more.

The New Age Plan to take from our children their faith in the True God and to destroy any hope of their real salvation is found in EDUCATION IN THE NEW AGE by Alice Bailey. It reveals these 13 steps to be used in building a new humanity with Our Children as his sacrificial lambs.

1. The children of the future will serve a One World (Planetary) Government and live in a One World Culture. (Sound familiar...Pres. Bush and his One World or New World Order).

2. Patriotism to one's country must be abolished and all national barriers destroyed in order to build a New One World Order. "World Citizenship...should be the goal of the enlightened everywhere and the hallmark of the spiritual man."

3. Children will accept that Eastern Mystical religion is to be married to the Christianity of the West to forge a new, unified social and religious order of "Universal Truths."

4. Teenagers and youth will rebel and revolt against their parents and against authority to help usher in the New World Order.

5. Youth and all of humanity must accept that the time will inevitably come when grown-ups who refuse to become part of the New Age will have to be killed. They are to be considered as lowly germs, an infection, or blot on humanity that must be stamped out and eradicated:

"Death is not a disaster to be feared; the Work of the destroyer is not really cruel or undesirable...Therefore, there is much destruction permitted by the Custodians of the Plan and much evil turned into good."

6. The traditional family unit is not desirable for the Aquarian, or New Age. Children belong to the government, to the world and the community: the human group...not to their parents. A new kind of family unit must inevitably come into existence.

"In the coming world state, the individual...will subordinate his personality to the good of the whole."

"Family pride is overemphasized, leading to the different barriers which today separate man from man, family from group...However, under the coming world order educators will prepare the young people...for participation in...a harmonious world."

7. Young people must be taught to believe in reincarnation and karma (law of rebirth) rather than the resurrection and judgment teachings of the Bible. This belief must guide behavior, especially the sexual conduct.

8. Absurd and immature notions of "sin" and "guilt" must NOT be imparted to children by parents, teachers, pastors and other adults. A more permissive and worldly attitude must be adopted.

"It is the older generation who foster in a child an early and most unnecessary sense of guilt, of sinfulness, and wrong doing. The many small and petty sins, imposed upon children by the constant reiteration of 'No' by the use of the word 'naughty', and based largely on parental failure...are of no real moment."

9. Children are to be taught that all religions...Christianity, Witchcraft, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Paganism, etc...are equally worthwhile and that it doesn't matter in which god one believes.

"The children of the different nations will be taught truth, without bias or prejudice...gradually our quarrels and differences will be offset and the idea of the One Humanity will take their place."

10. The new generation of youth must recognize that Jesus did not come to save or convert anyone; because no one is lost.

11. Christian doctrines, such as that of heaven, hell, and judgment, must be discarded and the theology of the Old testament must be repudiated.

"No one of any true reasoning power or with any true belief in a God of love accepts the heaven of the churchmen or has any desire to go there. Still less do they accept the "lake that burneth with fire and brimstone."

12. A New Age World Religion must be established without Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Christian Church is dead and must be replaced.

13. The coming New Age World Religion will emphasize the unity of all religions while rejecting Jesus Christ's profound Biblical statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

"The great theme of the new world religion will be the recognition of the MANY divine approaches...The platform of the new world religion will be built by many groups, working under the inspiration of the (New Age) Christ."

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