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Report



In Memory Of
**Mabel
Hintergardt**
1902 - 1991

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

We the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College met on August 1, 1991, during Camp Meeting. We came away from that meeting with a vision for the future of our school. We have a greater resolve than ever that the Bible School not only survive, but flourish in the years to come. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that we needed to so much more than just take care of business at hand, but that we seek God for direction and become more actively involved in the future growth and expansion of our school. We have realized that whatever set backs that may have occurred in the past have always been overcome by the determination of the Apostolic Faith people to keep the Bible School open. That type of determination has great potential if we can only find the will of the Lord.

We feel as a Board, that we should as a Movement have a constant agenda on which to be working toward. This is not the time to become relaxed and satisfied with things as they are. We do not know how long it may be before the Lord returns, but we do know that we should work as though His return is in the distant future, and live as though He will return tomorrow.

Here is the agenda that we have established:

- 1.) A decision needs to be made concerning the residence and property north of the chapel which was recently acquired; as to its future use.

- 2.) We would like some discussion concerning the feasibility of building a facility for recreational use as well as other uses.

We want interested parties to feel free to discuss these and any other issues concerning the Bible School with we the members of the Board of Trustees.

- 3.) We realize there is a need for continued improvement of existing campus facilities, especially the Chapel basement.
- 4.) We need to give serious thought as to how we can increase the attendance as well as the financial support of the School.

Paul Clanton
Edwin Waterbury
Lyndel Arnall
Dennie Oakes
Bill Hollis
Neil Ragan
Bill Watson

Apostolic Faith Bible College

Christian Hope



I suppose HOPE is one of the greatest essentials of our Christian life. In every phase of our Christian life, there has to be hope. In Romans 8:21, God talks about being delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the Children of God. The pure hope we have in God brings us into that liberty, and allows us to be really established in the doctrine of Christ. The Hope of a close walk with God, and to understand His word, is a tremendous part of a Christian Life.

This scripture touches my heart: Romans 8:25-- "But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." In the work here in our Bible College, we hold this scripture in our heart. We believe God has some wonderful things in store for the school. We have a vision of God working with our people here, and filling their lives with His glory, and power that they can work in His vineyard.

It's easy to give lip service to God; But it takes a person who is living the gospel to be able to witness to this world of Christ. One must have the experience of God in their heart, and this HOPE, to be an effective witness to the power of this gospel.

Let me tell you a little about our hopes for the Bible College this year. First, our desire is for the spiritual growth of these 30 students God has brought to this school. We want to see them come to know the truth: to know of a real sanctification, That the scripture teaches an experience where you can live a life of holiness, separated from the world; to realize the Holy Spirit is more than just speaking in tongues, but it's the power to be a great witness to the world. This power should be manifest in each Spirit filled Christian; and all the rest of the doctrine of Christ we can teach and preach. It is such a burden upon my heart to do our best for these people.

Not only do we have hope for the spiritual part of our school, but the physical part also. We have the hope that each year all of our people will be interested in the attendance growing. We would like to see each church encourage their young people to attend. The more people we can see reached for God, the better it will be.

We also are greatly concerned about the building, and all the repairs that are needed. A great many of these things have been done, but it seems there is no end to the things that still need to be done. We desire that God will help us to do those things which are needed the most.

So we live in HOPE. We look at the harvest and pray for workers.

Now to all of our Apostolic Faith Movement and other friends: Thank you for caring, and supporting this school, which is a part of God's work. It's a pleasure to be here and work with each of you. We love all of you, and thank you for caring for this gospel.

M. D. Methvin
Superintendent

Dorm Report

I would first like to thank all the people who made it possible for this year, but God must get the credit for touching your hearts. He keeps us going every day. This year I feel that the dorm's theme is trusting God, which brings peace. A few of the young women, I feel, are going to learn to trust God in full.

This is where we need your prayers. I know God will bless your lives in a wonderful way!

God Bless You,
Donna Haines,
Dean of Women

I have great expectations for this Term of school. We have 7 guys who are hungry to learn God's word. Some have had a lot of Christian Teachings, other have had very little. As Dean of Men and Maintenance for the school, I look at this term of school as a great challenge and a wonderful opportunity. I thank God for the privilege to work here. I want to thank you (the people of the Apostolic Faith movement) for making this school possible. I wish you could be here and see the changes in these guys lives. God Bless You All!

Nicholas Gift
Dean of Men

AFBC Student Body - Fall 1991

Scott Allen - San Diego, California
Vanessa Allen - San Diego, California
Johnna Arnall - Granby, Missouri
David Ashworth - Alex-City, Alabama
Tamera Bozarth - Beaver, Oklahoma
Patty DeBusk - Riverton, Kansas
Virginia Coquillet - Baxter Springs, Kansas
Kevin Doty - Katy, Texas
Mechele Doty - Katy, Texas
Amador Elias - Sunray, Texas
Donna Frazier - Bentonville, Arkansas
Carol Gift - Balko, Oklahoma
Nick Gift - Balko, Oklahoma
Teresa Hackney - Perryton, Texas
Sherri Hill - Laverne, Oklahoma
Christine Kelly - San Diego, California
John Mudd - Onalaska, Texas
Margaret Myers - Baxter Springs, Kansas
Glen Oakes - Hutchinson, Kansas
Donna Peters - Columbus, Texas
Stacey Probert - Joplin, Missouri
Scotty Rodgers - Baxter Springs, Kansas
Ragina Shannon - Leakey, Texas
Sheri Smith - Modesto, California
Charles Tankersley - Alex-City, Alabama
Cassie Wheeler - Prosperity, Missouri
Kelly Whitlock - Joplin, Missouri
Bryan Parhurst - Ethete, Wyoming

—:— OBITUARIES —:—

Belle Hoggett 1891 — 1991

Belle (Tyler) Hoggett lived to be 100 year, 4 months, and 15 days old.

She gave up this life Feb. 24, 1991. She was born Oct. 9, 1891 near Seguin, Texas.

She married Brack Hoggett Dec. 17, 1916. Four children were born to this union.

Brack preceded her in death Feb. 4, 1987, also a daughter, Sibyl Chapman, July 16, 1977. Survivors are two daughters and one son: Lurline Davenport, of Bandera, Texas, Esther Clark, of Jacket, Mo., and L. B. Hoggett of Jacket, Mo.; five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren, and some nieces and nephews.

Most of her younger life was lived near Seguin and the Sand Hill area. In the late twenties they moved to the Hill Country near Center Point and Bandera, and later made Center Point their home. It was there that she received the fullness of the gospel through the preaching of Bro. Ben Barker and through the fellowship of Sister Hattie Jones and Sister Lucy Reese.

She said she had been a Christian all her life, but when she heard Bro. Barker preach and heard the people testify in the church, she knew they had something that she didn't and she wanted it. She found out that it was the Holy Ghost. She began to search the scriptures and study Bible continuously. She and Sister Hattie and Lucy prayed and read the word together many times. In due time she was filled with the Holy Spirit and immediately called to spread the gospel, going to her relatives first, then to her neighbors and friends, and then having her own services in country schools and homes that were opened to her for regular services.

Bro. Stockwell and Howard Guest held a revival for her in Stockdale, Texas, also some street services in the nearby towns.

There was a time in Bandera, Texas when services were held under a big oak tree with a gasoline lantern hanging in it. When winter time came, Mr. Amasa Clark built a special room just for church. She preached there for several years until they moved away and later moved to California for a few years and then back to Center Point where they made their permanent home.

Wherever she lived she worked for the Lord, teaching Sunday School, preaching (filling in when needed), singing, praying for the sick, and always a weekly Bible study in her home. She wrote many songs and poems and played the violin. Her last days were spent in Jacket, Mo. She loved the Union Chapel Church at Bethpage.

Burial was at Seguin, Texas with Bro. Frank Arnall and Bro. Donald Dibbins in charge.

It was back in 1978 when I became acquainted with a sister of the church in Center Point, Texas that started a relationship of love that very day. When meeting this individual, one of her first words I remember of her is this statement she made

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"I know you must be a man of God because of how skinny you are. You must fast all the time." I learned right quickly she was a woman of wit and very willing to walk with the Lord. Sis Hoggett became a very close friend and spiritual help for years to come.

Sis Hoggett was in her eighties when I went to pastor at Center Point, Texas and was still able and very willing to teach the adult Sunday School class. Service after service we found that God had impressed upon both of us the same message for that day. It was as if we had gotten together and decided what the church needed. But, isn't that what God expects of us is to lend an ear to his spirit so harmony can be in the church rather than each individual doing his own thing. In such a small congregation, we found a big God.

Every year a special day was set for this special Lady. A birthday party was set in October in the San Antonio area for many of her family to be together. The joy of each year was Sis. Hoggett sharing the gospel to her family.

My friend had lived a life of victory. She hadn't known all the ways that many of us had tried. In sickness it wasn't running to the doctor, but it was turning to God the great physician for help. And let me say, with a hand raised, and one of her shouts, you knew victory came. What can I say? A lifetime of trusting God paid off and victory was seen every day of her life.

I left Center Point in 1980, but in 1986, Sis. Hoggett became a part of my congregation once again. I know she was just a woman, I know her body had decayed and in her last years she was just flesh upon some decaying bones. But Jesus Christ was so evident in every breath she took. Praise God for a willing vessel that will go even unto death that the name of Jesus can live on.

Did you ever meet her? Had you ever heard of one of those songs God gave in the night? Do you recall the spirit speaking in an unknown tongue because of His love? It's real, it's what serving the Lord is all about. I always knew that she was praying for me and I believe her intercession had kept me from many things.

When Elijah had passed by Elisha, it was nothing for Elisha to get things together to follow the man of God. We know that true spirit and we seek him. We receive exactly what we desire. As the Chariot of Fire has passed by and caught up my friend, the glow from the power shall live until eternity.

I shall miss her, but I shall see her once again.

Frank Arnall

I have had the privilege to know two ladies that lived 100 year or more. Mrs. E.A. Greever of Spearman, Texas and Mrs. Belle Hoggett of Center Point, Texas. My mother, Mrs. Jessie Dibbins lived 92 years. These three ladies fall into a special group. Of course, my mother was high in estimation and Sister Hoggett and Sister Greever are placed right along with her.

These three were very deep spiritual ladies. Their lives spoke for Jesus everywhere they went. They all wrote songs and sang songs in another language as the Spirit gave utterance. I have their songs and sing them. This has been a real inspiration.

I say all of this to make this comment: There are people who live simple lives in an extraordinary manner. Sister Belle Hoggett was one of these people.

I pastored the Apostolic Faith Church in Center Point, Texas for 10 years. Bro. and Sis. Hoggett were in the congregation. I could always count on Sister Belle Hoggett to assure me, "I am praying for you and this service," I appreciated her spiritual backing and literal backing. I was always welcome in their home and I always left like we added to each other lives.

I don't remember when I first met the Hoggetts. It seems I have known them most of my life. Sister Belle Hoggett was a spiritual inspiration to me. In later years, when her eye sight began to fail, I would go visit her in the Jack and Lurline Davenport home. I'd read the Bible to her and sing for her. Then we'd have a good heart to heart visit about the Bible and be spiritually uplifted. You didn't talk to Sister Belle long until the conversation was about Jesus, whom she loved, and His wonderful words.

God is a wonderful Father. He allows us the acquaintance of spiritual people; not widely acclaimed people, but folks that inspire hearts. These people may be resting, awaiting the resurrection morning, but their memory lives on.

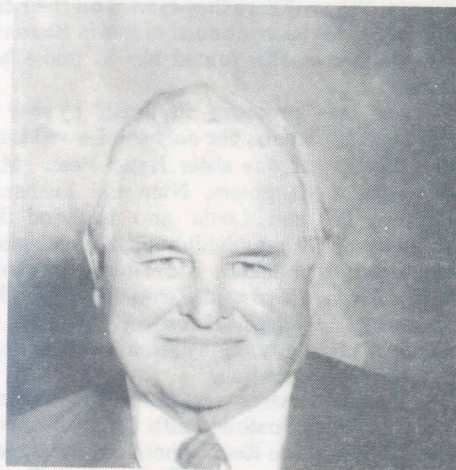
Brother Slim Wofford, an old friend of Sister Belle Hoggett made this comment to me and I repeated it at the funeral service. I am aware we are not the judge but it fits so well, "If Sister Belle Hoggett don't make it, there's no chance for us."

Rev. Donald D. Dibbens

John Kitch

1917

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1991



John H. Kitch was born April 16, 1917 at Galena, Kansas. He passed from this life August 12, 1991. John was a lifelong resident of Galena, and attended the Original Apostolic Faith Church of Joplin. He retired from Satterlee Plumbing Co. after approximately 20 years of service. He was united in marriage March 5, 1938 to Rema Starchman, who preceded him in death.

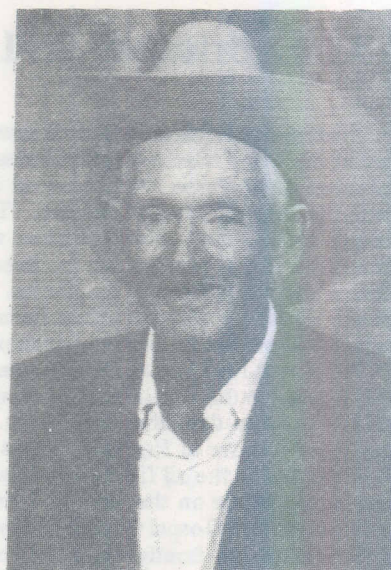
He is survived by one daughter, Joyce Worcester, one son John R. Kitch, both of Galena, Kansas. One sister, Stella Spears also of Galena, Kansas. Two grandchildren: Micheal Starchman and Gina Starchman. Several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

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Howard Shifflett

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Howard Shifflett was born May 30, 1903 and passed away on April 17, 1991 at the Snyder Nursing Center, Snyder, Texas, following a lengthy illness. He was married to Sadie Dunlop on Aug. 26, 1923 and was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Snyder, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a son Horace Shifflett and a grandson Ernie Shifflett.

Survivors include his wife, Sadie of the home; three daughters, Margie Barnes and Vera Stansell, both of Hermleigh, Texas, and Edith Witte of Snyder; two sons, Ernest E. Shifflett of Snyder and Earl Shifflett of Shepherdsville, Ky.; one brother, Amos Shifflett of Plains, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held on April 20, 1991 with burial in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

HOWARD SHIFFLETT THE FARMER

We planted our Dad's body in the Spring Time.
For Lord we know the promise of Thine
That Someday he will Spring
forth as a person with a Glorified Being.

Oh how our Dad labored and toiled,
And how he tried to keep the soil from being foiled.
When he planted many seeds.
and they would burst forth with many needs.

Of Daily care and Tender Love.
Our Dad would take his tools and glove,
And with his Tender Loving Care.
The Beautiful Plants would Mature

As our Dad cared for the Plants.
God Cares for us Little Ants.
But some day Yonder,
Lifes trails we will never have to ponder.
For God will wipe away all tears,
For every One that of the Word Hears.

Ref. Mathew 13:3-9.
Written by Maggie Barnes

G.E. Briscoe 1912 — 1991

Gustephen Edelpes Briscoe known as G. E. Briscoe 79 died at his home after a lengthy illness April 23, 1991. G. E. was born at Coalgate, Oklahoma on April 4, 1912 where he spent the first six years of his life. The Roy Briscoe family moved to Bellview, New Mexico where he received his education. As a young man, he lived at Ft. Summer, New Mexico and worked out of Las Vegas, New Mexico as a truck driver. It was during this time he met Lucille Taylor who became his wife at Stillwater, Oklahoma on October 26, 1941.

G. E. and Lucille made their home in Salem, Illinois where G.E. worked in the oil fields. They moved to Pryor, Oklahoma in 1942 and two daughters were born. In the spring of 1944 they made a move to Perryton, Texas where they farmed and G. E. worked in the oil field as a welder. Two more daughters were born. While on the farm in Perryton the Briscoe family attended the Full Gospel Church of Perryton. In the early 1952 G.E. moved his family to a ranch East of Walsenburg, Colorado which he operated for a time. He moved his family back to Perryton in 1954 and with the birth of a son the family was complete. In 1958 they moved to Amarillo, Texas lived there until 1962 when they moved to Canyon City, Colorado. They came to La Veta, Colorado in 1965 and have lived there ever since. G.E. attended the Walsenburg Mennonite Church.

The following was found in his wallet after his death. The card was worn and tattered and had been there many years;

TAKE TIME

Take time to think
It is the source of power
Take time to play
it is the secret of perpetual youth
Take time to read
it is the fountain of wisdom
Take time to Pray
it is the greatest power on earth
Take time to love and be loved
it is a god-given privilege
Take time to be friendly
it is the road to happiness
Take time to laugh
it is the music of the soul
Take time to give
it is to short a day to be selfish
Take time to work
it is the price of success
Take time to do charity
it is the key to heaven
Author Unknown

This was the way he lived his life. G.E. will be missed not only by his family and close friends, but by the people that travel on the highways that he traveled in the Panhandle of Texas, the Plains of Eastern New Mexico and Southern Colorado. He was always a help to anyone who needed help.

He is survived by his wife of nearly fifty years, Lucille Briscoe, La Veta, Colorado four daughters, Majorie Breeding, Liverpool, Texas; Ruby Ervin, Irving, Texas; Marietta Heisch and Loveta Briscoe, La Veta, Colorado; a son Michael Briscoe, Ridgeway, Colorado; a sister Ophelia Childress, Bakerfield, California; a very special friend, Tom Vail, La Veta, Colorado, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandson, nieces and nephews.

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Funeral services were April 23, 1991 at Boies Almont Memorial Chapel, Walsenburg, Colorado. Rev. Eugene Schulz officiating. Burial was at La Veta Cemetery, La Veta, Colorado.

The family prefers contributions to Caring Unlimited Hospice, La Veta, Colorado.

Mabel Hintergardt 1902 — 1991

Mabel Bell Hintergardt was born on August 13, 1902 near Carmen, OK, to Arthur and Ida Long, and went to be with her Lord on August 21, 1991, at the home of her daughter Leola Buschman in Stinnett, TX, after a lengthy illness of 4½ years, at the age of 89 years and 8 days.

When she was 9 years old her family moved to New Mexico where they homesteaded. They had made the month long trip in a covered wagon.

Mabel was 16 years old when she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, under the ministry of the Johnson Sisters.

On November 18, 1922 Mabel and George Hintergardt were united in marriage, and to this union three children were born, Lowell Laverne, Nina Jane and Leola Pearl.

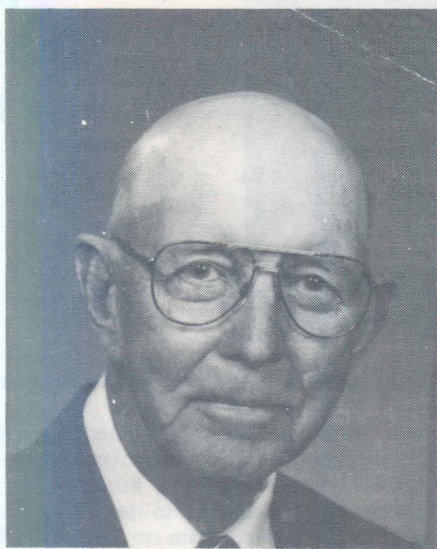
In 1933, George was called to preach and Mabel was a faithful companion and helper in her husband's ministry. She was always ready to go wherever the Lord called. Mabel was very dedicated to the Lord's work and especially devoted to visiting and praying for the sick.

Although Mabel and George maintained a home in Baxter Springs, KS from 1949 until George died on January 22, 1983, they pastored many churches in Missouri and Mississippi. They also took care of the South Texas Apostolic Camp in Warda, Texas. There they carried on their calling and ministry to people. Mabel continued to live in Baxter Springs until 1986 when failing health forced her to make her home near her family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband George; her parents; her only son Lowell Laverne; one brother Paul Long; and one sister Hazel Peet. Mabel leaves as her survivors, 2 daughters, Nina and husband Robert Trayler, Dumas, TX and Leola and husband Benny Buschman, Stinnett, TX; 9 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; 4 brothers, Lawson Long, Clayton, N.M., Elwin, Loyd and Kenneth Long, all of Gate OK, and one sister Mildred Housden, Brewster, WA; numerous relatives and many, many friends. This precious lady is gone but she is not forgotten.

Funeral services were Saturday, August 24, 1991, at 2:00 P. M. in the Apostolic Faith Church, Laverne, with the Rev. Paul Clanton, the Rev. Elmer Christenson and the Rev. Jacob Regier officiating. Kathryn Cornell was organist and accompanied a quartet, the Rev. Ted and Deanna Barker and the Rev. Jack Cornell and herself as they sang "What A Day That Will Be" and "Some Golden Daybreak", and a duet, Billie Ragan and Cathy Arnall as the sang "Until Then". Pallbearers were grandsons, Ray Fulk, George Hintergardt, Duane Trayler, Alfred Trayler, Alvin Buschman, and David Bushman. Interment was in the Gate Cemetery, Gate, OK, under the direction of Seeger Funeral Home, Laverne Memorials may be made to Hospice of Dumas, TX, The Apostolic Bible College, Baxter Springs, KS, or to your favorite charity, c/o Seeger Funeral Home, Box 909, Laverne, OK 73848.

Roy Custer 1910 — 1991



Roy Alen Custer, son of Roscoe and Emma Custer was born near Elmwood, Ok on March 3, 1910. He passed from this life on July 8, 1991 at the Newman Memorial Hospital, Shattuck, OK at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 5 days.

Roy grew up in the Elmwood Community where he attended the Lone Star Grade School. His first year of High School he stayed with his uncle and aunt at Quay, OK. The next year Balko started a high school and Roy attended school there until he graduated. He attended Panhandle A. & M. and received a teachers certificate. He taught at Valley View, Sand Creek, Elmwood, Overstreet and Locust Grove, all in Beaver County.

Roy became a Christian as a young man and served the Lord in many areas. He became an active member of the Midway Church where he served as Sunday School Supt. and Church Sec. for many years. He lived his life as a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, J. W. Custer

He is survived by his wife, Zeffa, of the home; three children Lamona Ward and her husband Royburn of Vici, OK, their children, LaShanna Ward of Hoxie, KS and Wesley Ward of Oklahoma City; Merl Custer and his wife Sondra of Logan, their children Mervin Custer of Logan, OK and Shari Custer of Stillwater; Bonita File and husband Tom of Perryton, TX and their children Gregory and Timothy of the home.

Four sisters, Blanche Stewart of Ahaheim, California, Isabel Barnett of Perryton, Texas, Ruth Albin and husband Robert of Follett and Bernita Brower and husband Gayle of Balko; four brothers and their wives: Lee and Allee Custer of Oklahoma City, Charles and Georgia Custer of Logan, Desley and Carol Custer of Booker, TX, and Leslie and Mary Custer of Balko. A sister-in-law, Hattie Custer of Logan and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, many friends and former students.

Funeral services were held at the Midway Country Church with Rev. Neil Ragan and Rev. Marcus Adair officiating. Bro. Marcus read the Poem, "If You Go First and I Remain to Walk this Road Alone." Bro. Bob and Sister Hazel Taylor sang "Because He Lives" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Burial was in the Kiowa Cemetery at Logan, Oklahoma.

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GOD'S IN CONTROL

BY Rev. Claude L Chilton

*This world's full of turmoil
From the North to South Pole
But, remember, God's Sovereign
It's in His control.*

*So don't be too downcast,
Discouraged soul;
Believe now His Word—
God's in control.*

*Behold: Christ your Savior
Who left heaven's fold
On the right hand of the Father
All's in His control.*

*From guilt and from sin
He wants you to be whole:
Just trust now in Him
For He's in control.*

*He knows all your hopes.
Your dreams and your goal:
So just rest in Him
Under His control.*

*When life's heavy burdens
On you take their toll
Oh, lean hard on Him,
Your Lord's in control.*

*Reigning on High
See Him unfold His scroll,
Which assures that this world's
Within His control.*

*As time marches on
And your body grows old:
Keep looking to Jesus.
God's Son's in control.*

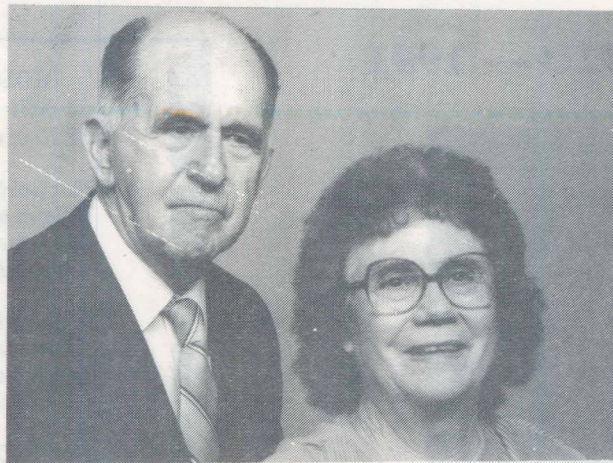
*When you face death's dark river
And hear Jordan roll:
He'll take you clear through
For God's in control.*

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

I Peter 5:6-7

Claude and Anna Pruitt



65 Memorable Years

This spring, Claude and Anna Pruitt quietly celebrated 65 years of marriage and Christian ministry at their home in Katy Texas. In reminiscing with their children and friends, a rich history of Christian service and ministry was revealed.

Rev. Pruitt was converted in 1923 in a revival held in an old store building between Rockdale and Milano, Texas. His aunt had told all the family that a "holy roller" meeting was in progress, and everyone decided to go see what was happening. Much to everyone's surprise, the evangelist, Rev. Hernamm Coulter was preaching straight from the Bible. Teaching that a Christian should live a sanctified life, and that only through Jesus Christ could a person receive eternal life. Bro. Coulter, who was married to the former Betty Ditto, had been converted under the ministries of the Reverends Charles Parham and Fred Campbell.

The next year, in 1923, at a water baptismal service, Claude first saw the young lady who was to become his bride. Anna Iona Eiland had received Christ and experienced a miraculous physical healing several years earlier. This testimony stirred the community, and as different ministers came to preach, many in the community, including her father, Joe Eiland, received Christ. Anna's mother realized the necessity for regular Bible teaching, and using the money she received from selling chickens, purchased Sunday School literature to begin the first Sunday school in the Gay Hill community. Later this was expanded to church services as well.

Claude and Anna were married on April 19, 1926 in Rockdale, Texas. Claude became ordained as a gospel worker, and they were soon very active in church services in the area, helping with the music and singing. In 1927, the young couple assisted Rev. and Mrs. Clulter in a revival near San Antonio, Texas which lasted six weeks. Later that same year, the Pruitts moved to Gay Hill, Texas to help with the church started there.

It was in Gay Hill that the Pruitts first met Rev. Charles Parham, when he came for a weekend revival. His dynamic personality and sense of humor were quickly evident when the rather short Bro. Parham walked up to the very tall Claude and exclaimed, "Mutt and Jeff"!

Several years later, the Pruitts moved to Hamilton Chapel, four miles from Rockdale, and began assisting in services held in the school building. Over the next several years, many outstanding evangelists held revival services, including the Homer Coberly family, Floyd Durham, the Elliotts, Gail Schultz, Marian Carl, the Tucker family, Mrs Charles Parham, Claude and Lula Parham, and Robert and Pauline Parham. Since the Pruitts had a rather large house, they were able to keep many of these ministers in their home. The memories of

the wonderful services and shared experiences are still real today.

As Rev. Pruitt's ministry continued, he began to feel embarrassed because his hands were covered with seed warts. One day he went into the woods, knelt by the creek, and prayed, "Lord, if you want me to work for you and be a minister, remove these warts from my hands". Within three days they were gone. Claude's ministry began to expand. As he witnessed, preached, taught and prayed for the people in the Rockdale area, Many miracles were performed and many people were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

In 1934, ministers from the Apostolic Faith decided to have a camp meeting at the Fair Park Pavilion in Rockdale, Bro. Albert Durham was in charge, and together they hauled benches from nearby churches to help prepare the Pavilion. Large crowds attended, with out of town people renting little tents for overnight accommodations. A common table of food was provided for everyone. Many of the well known evangelists of the day were there to minister.

About a year later, Robert and Pauline Parham came to Rockdale for a tent revival. Robert's suggestion to build a church was accepted enthusiastically, and a building program was begun. Claude and Iona Pruitt became the church's first pastor, and a parsonage for them was built adjoining the church. In 1937, the Parham's returned to hold a camp meeting in the new church building. Calvin Cook and his parents, who happened to be having a street meeting in downtown Rockdale, were invited to come sing and play their instruments for the camp meeting. What a wonderful time for all who attended! The Lord met every need, both spiritually and financially.

Several years later, the Rockdale church took a school bus load of people to a camp meeting in Laverne, Oklahoma. While there, Rev. Pruitt felt led to ask Paul Bailey to come pastor the Rockdale Church, as he was planning to resign and begin evangelizing.

The Pruitt's eventually moved to Alief, Texas to pastor the Apostolic Faith Church.

They built a home in Alief, which remained their "home base" for many years while evangelizing and/or pastoring in many different locales.

Several years ago, Claude and Iona purchased a home in Katy, Texas, where they currently live and attend the Katy Apostolic Faith Church.

The Pruitts have four children: Lois Terrell, Bokchito, Oklahoma; Rev Earl Pruitt, Wichita, Kansas; Jeanell Walker, Richardson, Texas; and Lynda Pruitt, Katy Texas.

CREATION & FORMATION

Among the teachings of Bro. Coulter and other evangelists of the day which had a profound influence on Rev. Pruitt was the teaching of Creation and Formation. With the current teachings regarding the theories of evolution, he feels it is extremely important that the Biblical truth regarding the formation of man be stressed.

After God created the earth, there was not a man to till the soil, so He formed a man, Adam, from the dust of the earth. He also formed animals from the dust. All creatures alive on earth today are descendants from these that were formed from the dust.

All beings who had been created prior to Adam were destroyed in the flood.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Gen. 1:27-28; Gen 6:7-8; Gen 2:7-8; Deut. 32:18; Prov. 26:10; Psalm 90:2; Job 32:6; Job 34:14-15; Eccl. 12:7;

Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Ecclesiastes 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."



Jerry and Sandra White of Alvin are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Jeffrey L. White to Jennifer Sullivan. Jeff and Jennifer were married July 6, at The Apostolic Church in Alvin, Texas.

Pastor James E. Wallis performed the ceremony.



It was so wonderful to attend some of the camp meeting services this year; to hear the Word given in song and preaching, and to see dear friends. The meals were delicious too! James 4:89 As we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us that II Tim. 2:21b we would be prepared unto every good work. What a privilege to used by God in any capacity He chooses! Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. May we each one be an outreach for Jesus.

Nyla Myers
Seneca, MO



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A.F. Report

New Age vs. Christianity

By Yvonna Whiteley

The New Age roots can be traced back to ancient Babylon...to Semiramis and her son Nimrod (found in our Bible) and their rituals...now New Age doctrines: evolution, human divinity, spirit worship, reincarnation, and sexual license. Also the belief in an Unholy Trinity or Godhead of 3 divinities: Father, Mother, Son. The symbol of the triangle was used by this group to mock the true Biblical Godhead...God, Jesus, Holy Spirit. This is used today by Satan Worshipers and is often prominently displayed on satanic rock albums, New Age books, magazines, and jewelry.

Children and youth of today are being saturated with these symbols and "in things" to do. It's in vogue (popular) to use color therapy, heavy metal music, unisex dress, sorcery, hypnotism, New Age Mood music, palmistry, rebellion, astral travel, ESP, astrology, *nature worship* (Earth Day), visualization, feminism, necromancy, dragons, pyramids, chanting, *yoga*, (gives you lots of extra energy), fortune tellings, self-love, fire walking, body tattoos, mental imagery, unicorn, pegasus, and other magical beasts, and the satanic symbols of the pentagram, triangle, circle, etc.

Bubble gum cards now carry New Age propaganda...day care centers often have New Age teachings...TV programs are used greatly to influence children to accept the "magical beasts", magical happenings (beam us up), and then the theory we have "power in us" to do things.

Marilyn Ferguson states in her New Age Bible, *THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY* that the transformation of society into New Age kingdom will only come about when the 4th and final lever (level of conspiracy) occurs. This is when New Age disciples begin to reason, "Why can't minds join to heal and transform society?"

New Age names to be aware of what they advocate are: Prince Phillip, Ted Turner (CNN), Wily Brandt, John Fetzer, Robert Muller (former Asst. Secretary - General of UN), US Senator Claiborne Pell, Dr. Jonas Salk, Edgar Mitchell (NASA), Norman Vincent Peale (advocates communication with the dead), George Lucas (Star Wars), Laurence Rockefeller, Catholic Priest Matthew Fox.

Some Hollywood stars: Tina Turner, Cher, Phylicia Rashad (Bill Cosby Show), Sharon Gless, Ally Sheedy, Willie Nelson, Richard Gere, John Denver, Gilda Radner, Michael Jackson, Sigourney Weaver, Linda Evans, and of course, Shirley MacLaine. The list could go on for lines and lines. And these are heroes to our children. They should be informed by us not to idolize these stars and WHY.

A sad and tragic fact is that many do not even know they are members of believers of the New Age. They have been led to believe that they are simply promoting world and inner peace and love.

If we wish to protect our children we must be faithful to God and "contend for the faith" (Jude 1:3).

"It is the aim of the New Age leadership to totally immerse our kids into the boiling cauldron of New Age lies and poisons from the moment they are conceived until the day they die. From the selection of the baby's name to Sunday School lessons for kids and clothing and jewelry for teens, we now find disturbing New Age influences hostile to the eternal Truths of God's Word". Parents are even encouraged to dedicate their

babies to the "Goddess"...even while in the womb. Some use the old Indian rituals as the nature blessing event...cleaning energy in a sacred manner. Few understand they are actually dedicating their baby to Satan.

THE NEW AGE BABY NAME BOOK by Sue Browder encourages couples to use names as Kistna, Hanuman, Siva, Rama, Naria for boys. Girls are to be given names as Devi, Sakti and Fati. These bring them luck and salvation according to Browder. Some adults are even changing their names.

Sunday School Curriculum

A very high priority for the New Age Plan is to subvert and sabotage our Sunday School Materials for children. One is the Association for Research and Enlightenment (A. R. E.) in Virginia. They propagate the teachings of the late psychic/seer Edgar Cayce. These S.S. texts are packed with scripture references. Two authors of such (Shirley Clement and Virginia Field) propose to educate the youth on the "spiritual laws of life". Their series "Beginning the Search" gives instructions on the Positive Meanings of the occult symbols. It includes charts, games, puzzles and other such activities to help with retention of the material. They further teach: how thoughts can affect our bodies. In the center is "energy force or serpent fire" (Kundalini). When we meditate we can arouse the Kundalini or a strong, creative energy. Our thoughts have power to create. They use meditation aids as 1. chanting, 2. listening to beautiful soothing music, or 3. burn incense or a scented candle.

Then they follow this with teachings as there is no antichrist, satan, or devil; reincarnation is required to undo problems created in past lives and thus balance one's karma (selfish thoughts and desires triggered negative karma, creating problems; The Christ-Soul Jesus is really the spirit "Amilius" who was reincarnated and become or is expressed as the Master Jesus; We are all God, the Universe is God, God is a force.

A couple attending a fundamental Baptist Church discovered in their child's literature occultic symbols and numerous references to visualization and mental imagery. They were asked to imagine a walk in the forest, stepping on a poisonous snake...the startled feeling of this suggests how the Holy Spirit works in their life. So...even fundamental literature must be examined carefully. We can't just take it for granted that it is safe. Not anymore.

Reda Lucy has a new "Lord's Prayer" to be taught to children: "Heaven is the home of God and heaven is our home, petting your dog, riding your tricycle or bike, and playing games...God is many things to many people...God is everything, everywhere. This means you, too, are God...Your thought and your speaking is a form of energy, and this, too, is God."

According to A.R.E. each of the 7 portions of the Lord's Prayer relates to the body's energy points or spiritual centers (called Chakras by other New Age teachers). When you recite (their) Lord's Prayer, you activate these energy points and connect with "God...the force or universal mind."

Other New Age Items

Bazooka Joe Comics inside Bubble Gum wrappers advocate practicing meditation; "Mother's Cookies" packages will include a card talking of New Age spirit guides and that inside each person is a hidden entity or "Prince", Topps chewing gum cards feature Garbage Pail Kids that often suggest suicide, occult, horrible violence all in a funny context; Freddie and the Unseen World (The Door to the Secret City) encourages kids to invite demons into their lives by showing Daniel opening the door for young Freddie to visit the unseen world of nonphysical teachers desiring to be in contact with human beings; Sears Catalog (July '88) featured girls wearing a number of T-shirts with Satanic and New Age symbols (squiggled Aquarius water bearer lines, upside down 6's, sun signs, triangles, etc.), one with Princess on the front and a triangle mark on her cheek and her face separated into dark and light halves, and occultic eagle, the sun sign, crescent moon of the witchcraft, etc.; another has a Satanic upside down cross inside a circle with its bars twisted downward (signifies Satan is victorious over Christ).

Futuristic clothing for teens found at Macy's stores are in black and white with labels reading "Confusion, Chaos, Darkness, Dire, then Destiny's mergence with much desire a Grande Horizon and expanded New Border...New Order.

Crystals for Children

Children are being taught that crystals are magical tools for self-empowerment. Some are even in our schools being used to teach math. One teacher told her students that the crystals would bring great powers from the universe into their minds and therefore help them to learn faster and better.

Youth are told that crystals bring positive energy forces, enhance learning, heal diseases, increase sexual enjoyment, and create financial prosperity.

New Age and Drugs

The modern plague of drugs began in earnest in the 60's as the Hindu gurus and Eastern mysticism came to America as the mystical rock stars like the Beatles, Cher, Bob Dylan, and the Grateful Dead brought them. Youth are taught that drugs are pathways to trance-like meditative states to recognize their own power and they can become gods.

Parents are told to stop telling their kids to "say NO to drugs" and instead improve their kids' self-esteem by ignoring their faults and their bad behavior.

Satanic symbols are often found on drug literature. Canada's Commission on Drug Dependency has on their brochures, "Keep Your Dreams Alive" and the cover has 3 "6" shaped whirling constellations of stars: 666. In the middle of these 3 "6" was one blazing star with streamers.

New Age people are on a never-ending search for just the right drug that can bring them enlightenment and happiness... transformational drugs. Ecstasy is a new, powerful mind-warping chemical. NEWSWEEK states ecstasy is the drug of choice of those who identify with the global consciousness and romantic ecology of the New Age Movement.

Disney and New Age

A new 18 minute, 3-D feature at Disneyworld and

Disneyland is Captain EO (Mickael Jackson and the New Age fantasy epic). The Magic Eye Theatre show the film which tells how the "Magic Eye" or Third Eye is the energy point in the forehead which is supposedly opened once the person is initiated by His Master. Captian EO also has a logo in the form of a triangle (occult symbol for unholy trinity). It also stars such characters an a little monkey-like creature with 2 wings, 2 robots, and a green elephant. The entire plot is New Age religion...blatantly so.

At Epcot Center you find "Journey into Imagination," a pavillion constructed with New Age symbolism of mind-imposing triangles of glass and 2 towering pyramids. Other New Age symbols and idols as unicorns, wizards, crystals, rainbow (this is the New Age symbol) are found throughout the shops and exhibits. "It's A Small World" show teaches one-worldism. The New Age leaders proclaim loudly that Disney's "Fantasia" production is a must...a superb marriage between the visual and musical arts. Most of the sequences...are what New Age cinema was intended to be."

In another adventure tale it has Unico the unicorn visiting the magical island and making friends with the devil. And last we draw your attention to Micky Mouse in the role of The Sorcerer's Apprentice."

Boy and Girl Scouts

These organizations too, are being changed by pressures of New Age believers. New Age practices, beliefs, and symbols have in recent years been adopted and defended by these organizations. Around 1987 a lawsuit brought by the parents of a 15-year atheist removed from the Boy Scout literature language that defines God as a Supreme Being.

Another New Age practice, now a Boy Scout "sport" is yoga. This is NOT the sport but rather a religious belief. Boy Scouts defined it as a set of ancient poses and exercises that stretch the muscles, strengthen the body, and discipline the mind. "Once yoga becomes your sport, you will find it a good tool for dealing with whatever challenges - mental or physical - come along.

Yoga is NOT a sport but a worship ritual of the Hindu and New Age people. Yoga (to become yoked with) is a method of linking one's mind, spirit and body with the gods. The mantra given to recite is really the name of a spirit god of the Hindus. The one being initiated is not told this until it is all over. A person practicing this contorts the body into a number of Satanic shapes and images including a cobra snake. The New Agers believe that through yoga perfection is reached to reveal a person's Supreme Self.

Yoga is commonly required at a number of elementary, junior high and high schools in America. It's also offered at YWCA centers and American service personnel to are often required to practice yoga.

Most evident in the Girl Scouts are the uniform patches and badges with occultic symbols. An example is the Visual ArtsPatch which has the all-seeing eye of Horus the Egyptian Sun God inside a circle with 6 colorful rainbow rays radiating outward from the eye. In New Age the rainbow symbolized the "rainbow bridge" man's bridge, or pathway to becoming his own god.

Tune in to Well Being is another patch with a santanic symbol. A child, arms lifted, atop, a triangle while inside the torso of the child is yet another triangle (unholy trinity symbol of Egyptian and babylonian gods and goddesses and the trinity of man... mind, body, spirit.

Other patches or badges to check are: Dabble, American Indian Lore, Managing stress (This patch is received after learning relaxation methods). The scout is to listen to mood music. One instruction states direction for deep, rhythmic breathing exercises and chanting techniques designed to send a person into a trance-like, vegetative state of nothingness which at this time demons can enter and take charge of the person without their knowledge. My World in My Community is another badge that is very New Age, First Aid and Personal Health also are New Age.

"Think Globally, Act Locally" is a cherished New Age slogan which is now being used by Girl Scouts. Donald Key is the person behind this slogan and its marketing. This slogan is also now on the Girl Scouts new series of projects called "Global Understanding."

Other Organizations

Some of the other national organizations now being used to advance New Age material are YWCA where yoga, meditation, etc. are taught regularly. Also, you'll find classes on mysticism, Taoism, dream therapy, self-esteem, divination system of I Ching, etc.

There are many indicators that NASA's highest level managers are deeply involved in the New Age religion. Werner Erhard (New Age guru) trained many top level people. New Age occultic symbols are used by NASA on official patches sold to children to wear.

Church Material

One church in Boulder, Colorado had youth group that offered courses in Kundalini Yoga (see earlier for Kundalini meaning), visualization, Tai Chi Chuan, Tarot Cards, astrology, basic metaphysics, spirit channeling, and a survey of New Age Thought. Another church allowed the high school youth to present a program to the entire church introducing them to the occultic fantasy game, Dungeons and Dragons.

In Orlando, Florida a Baptist pastor refused to put the traditional Jesus in a manger scene on the church lawn. Yet he displayed a light, life-size, blue plastic "The Smurfs" scene. At a Catholic youth retreat the nuns and priests taught the children Zen Buddhism . . . creation-centered spirituality, yoga, Jungian meditations, and self-love.

The World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches are extremely pro New Age. One article answered the question, "Is Jesus the Only Way?" by stating the Jesus makes no claims to divinity or to oneness with God. He does not suggest himself to be a mediator, much less the only mediator between God and men.

By all this we can readily see that many people in our country are being deceived by men (or women) Parading as Christians yet expounding New Age doctrine and theory.

Destroy Faith in Jesus

Let's repeat the quote we gave in our first article: "Take just one generation of children, carefully mix a brew of unholy and intellectual poison, feed their young, impressionable minds the spiritual lie that Jesus is not Lord and Savior and that the Bible is not the true and complete Word of God and — presto! You have the dawning of a New Age". With Jesus in their Hearts, the Evil Master of the New Age cannot touch even a

hair of our precious children's heads. But take away Jesus and they are without hope and vulnerable, defenseless and lost.

Children believe what they are taught with very little doubt. They trust the adults in authority over them until they reach an older age (Junior High on). Therefore, this is where the New Age group is concentrating their teachings. Feed a steady diet of New Age philosophy, children grow to become hard against the truth. Satan knows that all he needs to do is to separate a person from the powerful and merciful love of Jesus to steal their souls for eternity.

Let's quickly list some of what we've mentioned that you as a parent need to be alert and against: reincarnation, fantasy books, games (Dungeons and Dragons, Nintendo's Wizards and Warriors), white magic, black magic, sorcery, shamanism, polytheism (multiple gods and goddesses), occult symbols (swastika, pentagram, circle, triangle, unicorn), holistic medicine (polarity therapy, acupuncture, reflexology, rebirthing), physical tests and sports (Ninja, martial arts, yoga, etc., occult objects and idols (occult figurines, crystals, pyramids), psychology (visualization, meditation, healing of memories), UFO and extraterrestrials, witchcraft, satan worship, astrology horoscope, tarot card reading, ouija boards, palm readings, fire-walking, seances, mediums, spirit channeling.

In our first article I believe we mentioned the Jenny Sent Sunday School series where all New Age doctrines are taught: "The Spiritual Teaching for Children Series". This series actually holds Buddha, Krishna, and other such Hindu Gods over Jesus. They are given materials to make a "Krishna Happy Mask" (he happy . . . Jesus is sad and solemn).

They are taught visualization by being told to concentrate and picture an open lotus flower with a shining jewel in the center. They are to concentrate on the jewel as they breathe slower in a gentle rhythm . . . to feel drawn closer and closer to the jewel . . . more in harmony with God's will. The innocent child has just taken into the mind an image of ritual sexual intercourse. Hinduism is a religion that worship sex and the sexual union of male and female . . . that human divinity can be attained through sexual ecstasy.

Plan to Remove Children from Parents

Christian parents are ignorant, unsuitable, anti-social. They teach kids to fear God and to have an Armageddon, war-like mentality. Christians teach their children to believe that Jesus is the only way and they should only believe the Bible. New Age leaders call this separatist, disharmony, and religious begotry. Kids should be removed from such homes.

Alice Bailey explains that for the New Age to succeed, children must be provided a new environment. The Traditional family structure must be raised by rigid, insensitive parents.

New Age leaders state that Christians are making their children into "sick misfits" and that Christians are horrible people. Therefore, it is not evil to rid the world of these people. Catholic Priest Matthew Fox, to New Age Theologian, goes to great lengths to turn people away from Jesus of the bible and to the "Cosmic Christ" and the "Mother" religion. He has nothing but venom for fundamentalist Christians. These are evil people because they oppose World Unity.

Alice Bailey contended that child-care facilities *outside the home* are needed so that children will not become tainted by their parents. State, national, and global agencies should be

in the forefront of the movement towards providing child care facilities. This is so their plan to raise a generation of children wholly indoctrinated in the New Age can be realized.

UN Asst. Secretary Robert Muller states that children in the New Age are to be taught a religion in which many gods and religions are acceptable, NOT just one. The spiritual needs of the children can only be met by the Community . . . not by their parents. This "Community" is in reality the body of Satan, the New Age people.

Watch the laws being passed. More and more they call for

early child care outside the home . . . and this to devoid of Christian instruction. Government-funded daycare facilities will be run by Satanist, homosexuals, lesbians, and others hating Christianity. Laws are now being tested that will make traditional Judeo-Christian lifestyles illegal . . . increasing the rights of the government over children and others increasing the rights of the child.

Many youth enter a cult not realizing it is a cult. By the personal magnetism and charisma of the cult or group leader they are sucked into its activities until they are unable to leave.

Christian Duties

A Christian is a person professing belief in Jesus as the Christ or in the religion based on the teachings of Jesus. They are suppose to exemplify the life of Jesus; showing forth, by their daily living, the characteristics of Jesus.

Christianity is not a lip service or putting on a show; it is showing the character and practices of Jesus Christ: not just on the first day of the week but every day of the week.

When judgment day comes, it will not be a judgment of our better days but will include our worst days: not just Sunday but every day of the week.

Included in this judgment will be deeds, intents, and thoughts. Our heavenly Father wants our deeds to satisfy Him. That is no more than what is expected. Our heavenly Father expects our intent to come to His standard. Our heavenly Father will help us to a better pinnacle of thinking.

I am dealing with Christian duties and will not be able to cover them all in this writing. Therefore I have chosen a chapter of 21 verses that identifies numerous duties: Christian duties. Romans 12:1-12 The verse 1 will be my text and the ultimate goal of every Christian professor.

Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, Which is your reasonable service. It is a great accomplishment to die for Jesus. It is very important that we live for Jesus. This is a reasonable service. He does not expect us to be a Whitfield, Luther, Wesley, or Graham. He does expect a living reasonable service, He is the potter — we are the clay. We haven't done a very good job. Jesus can help us live a better life and He will if we are willing.

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind. It does make a difference how we think. Jesus can help us in this process so that we can find and prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God. This is a personal challenge. God's will is going to be had throughout the world in His time. I am concerned about knowing what His good, and acceptable, and perfect will is for me as the days unfold in my years of living. Not only do I want to know, I want Him to help me to be in His will.

Here again is the thinking process. It is very important. To every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think: But soberly according as God given to every man the measure of faith. If Humans could be bought for what they are worth and sold for what they thought they were worth, it would be a most profitable business.

The body of Christ is compared to the human body. It consists of many members working in harmony. Each member

must work in harmony with other members or the body becomes disoriented: not able to function or perform simple tasks. So we, being many, are one body, and all members one of another. Having gifts differing according to grace that is given us; let us find our place under the direction of the Holy Ghost. There are too many misfits so the professed body of Christ is disoriented. I use this in a general manner.

Prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.

Ministry, let us wait on our ministry.

Teaching, let us learn to teach.

Exhortation, let us work on exhorting.

Ruling, let us rule diligently.

Showing mercy, let us do it cheerfully.

Let love be without dissimulation. That means, let it be real: not put on or watered down.

Abhor that which is evil. It is very difficult to love Jesus unless you hate evil. There are some things a Christian can hate.

Cleave to that which is good.

Be kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love. In honour preferring one another.

Not slothful in business. A Christian is a good business man and attends to business. His word is his bond. He is just as good as his word. This applies to all.

Fervent in spirit: serving the Lord.

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in prayer.

Distributing to the necessity of saints: given to hospitality.

Bless them which persecute you.

Rejoice with them who rejoice.

Weep with them that weep.

Condescend to men of low estate.

Be not wise in your own conceits.

Recompense no man evil for evil.

Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

As much as possible, live peaceably with all men.

Avenge not yourself. Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord.

If thy enemy hunger, feed him. If he thirst, give him drink.

These duties properly performed, by God's help, will bring us to the closing verse.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. The overcomer shall inherit all things. Some Christian Duties.

by Donald D. Dibbens

My Spirit Shall Not Always Strive With Man

by Rev. Bob G. Taylor

This scripture (Gen. 6:3) is often used to urge sinners to give their hearts to the Lord but there is a deeper meaning. It is true sinners have a very short time to be saved before Christ returns as "a thief in the night" Rev. 16:15; II Thess. 5:2; II Peter 3:10). We do urge all unsaved persons to consider the consequences of rejecting Christ as their personal Savior. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). If you are born only once, you will die twice, but if you are born twice, you will only die once.

There is also a burden on my heart concerning professing Christians. We, of this age, rebel against ministers of the gospel urging us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We may not be conscious of this fact, but we are a rebellious people. There is an opinion that those, who have made a public profession of their faith and or joined the church, are prepared to face God. I plead with you to consider the scriptures that gives us a definite sense of urgency to gain all we can, while there is time.

Amos 8:11-13 . . . Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wonder from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

Without question every individual needs to diligently seek the Lord for a closer walk with Him. There will be a time in which we, who take God and His word so lightly, as an ordinary every-day event, will wish we had been more serious about our daily walk with the Lord. There will be a repeat of I Sam. 3:1 . . . "The word of the Lord was precious in these days; there was no open vision.

Paul reminds us, in Romans 11, what happened to the nation of Israel. In verse 8, "God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not use, and ears that they should not hear unto this day". Verse 20 states... "because of unbelief they were broken off" . . . Verse 21 . . . "For if God spared not the natural branches (Israel), take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Gentile people).

Paul writes in II Timothy 3 . . . "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come". Please note: Paul lists nineteen various marks of the last days and not all of these things are found in the unsaved individuals. Many of these are the characteristics found in the nominal church members of all denominations. Paul urges us to turn away from such individuals and in verses 6-8 he gives the reason. Verse 6 . . . they have an evil and lustful influence . . . Verse 7, they are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Verse 8, the type of people that resist the truth, men of corrupt (morally unsound, perverted, evil) minds. reprobate vicious, rejected by God, abandoned by God as beyond saving) concerning the faith".

It is a very serious situation to reject the call of God as the Holy Spirit deals with us. Not only will God's spirit not always strive with sinners, but his Holy Spirit will also stop dealing with professing Christians about their needs in God.

When the minister preaches on Romans 12:1, there is a rebellious spirit that reveals it's self. As the Holy Spirit deals with Christians about presenting their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, they immediately rebel against the idea of *wholly* following the Lord as Caleb and Joshua did

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(Numbers 32:12). It is hard to persuade Christians to make a commitment and covenant with God as Josiah and his subjects did (II Kings 23:3). They, "made a covenant to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their hearts and all their souls, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book". Where are the Christians who are earnestly praying "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psa. 40:8). Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness" Psa. 143:10). Instead the professing Christians desire to see how close they can live to the world and still be in the graces of God. How dangerous to try to live a Christian life with this attitude.

This Holy Spirit deals with Christians about the powerlessness of the church, such was the case of the disciples (Matt. 17:14-21). Yet Christians do not want to pay the price for the power the Holy Spirit. Oh yes, there are those who glory in the demonstration of some type of spirit, yet are not willing to pay the price for the power to serve the Lord by serving their needy fellowman.

Oh church, let us not be caught up in the spirit of the age (Rev. 3:14-18). The spirit of feeling we don't need anything from the Lord; a self-deception that brings on self-righteousness. Spiritual pride, spiritual blindness, spiritual destitution are all marks of self-righteousness. If this is the case, then we were once justified before God, now we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. Instead of having overcoming victory in our lives, we are now ashamed, without hope. Remember, backsliders are individuals who have rejected the call of the Holy Spirit for a closer walk with God. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God (Eph. 4:30) Grieve: to afflict with deep, acute sorrow and distress).

Quench not the Spirit (I Thess. 5:19)..(quench means to extinguish; to put out). Friends, do not allow sin, whether a sinner or a professing Christian, to deceive you and by it slay you (Rom. 7:11). If there is sin in your life, either committed sin or the sin of omission, let sin appear to be sin (Rom. 7:13). Confess any sins that may be in your life because unconfessed sins will not be forgiven. Conviction is one of the greatest blessings any individual can receive.

A man once stood in two revival meetings each night the blindest expression on his face. We ask him about giving his heart to the Lord and he replied, "I'd give everything I own, if God's spirit would just deal with me one more time." God was merciful some time later and gave him that chance to be saved and thank God I can report that he said yes to the Holy Spirit's dealings and he served the Lord well until he drew his final breath. Not every report ends like this one, Please consider . . . God's spirit will not always deal with you! Today is the day of salvation. Seek Him while He may be found; call upon Him while he is near!

He who clothes the fairest lily---He who sees the sparrow's fall, Doeth He not care more for His children? He will hear the faintest call.

Going through the fiery furnace, with thankful heart in faith abide.

No alarm, no hurt befall thee, Another walk close by your side.

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Several months ago I told you of the need to update our address files. Many of you have responded, some have not. I want to remind you that if you wish to continue to receive the Apostolic Faith Report you need to send your correct name and address. This will be the last issue mailed under the old address file.

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Karen Oakes - Editor

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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.
- Water 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.

If the path were always easy, we would never learn or grow.
Mountain peaks may take us higher but rich valleys lie below.
So our Father sends the blessings, but for our good He sends the rain.
Climbing, stumbling up the hillside, into sunshine once again!

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