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Report



Psalms 119:89 For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven



WHAT IS A FATHER?

1. A father is a good provider. Not only does he bring home the bacon (and the eggs to go with it) but he also provides emotional security. If he has doubts or fears he keeps them to himself. He pours oil on troubled waters. When he comes home at night his unruffled spirit turns a hectic household into calm.

2. A father is a good disciplinarian. Man is not a flower that can develop by itself. If animals need discipline, so do children. Every kind of animal disciplines its youth, and the father who loves his children will chasten them when necessary.

3. A father is a good adviser. The lessons he has learned in life he shares with his children. They will look to him for guidance as long as he lives.

4. A father is a good confessor. A child needs someone in whom he can confide. It helps people if they can pour out their hearts and talk out their minds to someone who will listen to their troubles and resentments, as well as their hopes and wishes. (Sometimes it is well for a parent to confess to the child, too.)

5. A father is a good protector. He is guardian of the family's morals and of their spiritual as well as physical health.

6. A father is a good example. He knows the children will remember what he does much longer than what he says.

7. A father is a good leader, one who not only wields the gavel as head of the household but also motivates and directs by wise counsel and loving concern.

He spends enough time with his family for them to be well acquainted with him, and he with them. He takes the lead in spiritual as well as other matters.

Such a father is a rock of Gibraltar to his family. His loved ones depend on him and are not disappointed. He draws strength from God and shares it with his family. Because the Lord is his Helper, he can say to his children, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

**Don't "Send Them" ...
TAKE THEM to Church**



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. These 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.

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

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Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints

Ps. 116:15



Gene Hibbs

Gene Hibbs, 62, died March 14, 1986, at Southwest Medical Center, Liberal. Born Jan. 26, 1924, at Elmwood, Okla., he married Virginia L. Perkins May 7, 1949, at Elmwood, Okla. He established the Groendyke Transport Terminal in 1952 and the Liberal Truck Service in 1960. In 1976 he bought and operated Panhandler Sales and was a resident of Liberal since 1952.

He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church, Liberal, was a Gideon, a former Liberal city mayor, and a former member of the Kansas State Energy Board. In 1969 he was invited by Gov. Docking to travel with the Kansas Agricultural Delegation to South America.

Survivors; wife, of the home; son, Doug, Liberal; daughter, Mrs. JoNell Waybright, Liberal; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Apostolic Faith Church, Liberal, the Revs. Jimmy Wallis, John McClendon and Marcus Adair officiating. Burial was in the Pioneer Cemetery, Beaver, Okla.

Jessie Mayme Keller

Jessie Mayme Keller was born June 29, 1895 in Bethpage, Missouri and entered into rest May 5, 1986 in Neosho, Missouri at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 6 days.

She was a lifelong resident of the area.

She married William Frank Keller who preceded her in death on January 31, 1963.

She is survived by three (3) daughters; Vera Romine, Rogers, Arkansas; Oral Laughlin, Stella, Missouri; Virginia Garren, Joplin, Missouri; one (1) sister: Gladys Hinton, Fr. Smith, Arkansas; one (1) Granddaughter: Barbara Center, Springdale, Arkansas; four (4) great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Services were held on May 8, 1986 at the Union Church, McDonald County, Mo. with the Rev. Otto Busch and Rev. A.W. Ferguson officiating.

Ella Buschman

Ella Buschman, 92, died Sunday March 23 in Alex, Ark.

Services were held on March 26 in the Apostolic Faith Church. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, at Spearman, Texas.

Mrs. Buschman was born near Rapid City, S.D. and moved to Hansford County in 1910. She was married to John W. Buschman in 1926 in Spearman. She was in the first graduating class at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., in 1915. She taught school in Colorado and was a member of Apostolic Faith Church.

Survivors include three sons, Harold of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Benny of Stinnett and George of Canadian; three daughters, Grace Gift of Balko, Okla., Sarah Nealy of Perryton and Nell Gift of Alex; 26 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Mollie Lewis

Funeral Services for Mollie Lewis, 75, of Bayard, who died Thursday, Sept. 26 at her home, were Monday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 A.M. at the Hope Congregational Church at Bayard with the Reverends Michael Brening and Amos Harris officiating. Interment was in the Bayard Cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Apostolic Church.



Mollie was born Dec. 28, 1909 at Norka, Russia. She came to the United States as a young child. Mollie married Walter Lewis, July 31, 1932 at Bridgeport. She has lived the majority of her life in the Bayard community.

Mollie was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church and the Sunshine Bible Class.

Mollie is survived by daughters Esther Barker of Katy, Texas and Mona Christy of Omaha; sons Walter, Jr., of Las Cruces, N.M., and Robert Lee of Mira Loma Calif.; sisters, Sarah Huck of Bayard and Cozbi Brown of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother, Conrad Wilhelm of Fresno, Calif.; eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Walter, Aug 8., 1967, a son, a sister and five brothers.

Casket bearers were Gary, Harry Lee and Mike Wilhelm, Bob Brening, Bill and Nathan Kramer.



SEEING GOD THROUGH DAD

By HOWARD C. OSGOOD

The greatest honor ever bestowed on earthly fathers came when Jesus Christ explained man's relationship to God. He said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father..." (Matthew 6:9). What a high place He gave to every father on earth!

To the child there are only two persons who can present a clear picture of what God is like: the Lord Jesus and the child's father. The likeness which he sees in Christ, of course, is the better, for He declared, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). In Jesus the child can see the Heavenly Father's care, His sinlessness, His mercy, and His love. And Christ is perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect.

Yet even in this marvelous portrait (if we may dare to say it) there may be two slight drawbacks as far as the child's comprehension is concerned. The first is that, to the child, it is a portrait; it is not flesh and blood. The second is that the Lord Jesus is not the Father but the Son. Though He portrayed God so perfectly, He is forever the Son of God.

This makes it of utmost importance for children to see a likeness of the Heavenly Father in their own fathers. Dads are imperfect, to be sure; Jesus even called them evil. Yet He compared all fathers with God when He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good gifts to them that ask him?" (Matthew 7:11). And dads are on the scene where children can look at them and learn from them.

There are many ways in which earthly fathers portray the Heavenly Father to their children. They want only what is good for them, and they work hard to get it for their children. The child needs food, clothing, and shelter-and the father provides it. The child needs an education, and most fathers are willing to "spend and be spent" to secure this for their children.

When I was but a small boy, my father often reminded me, "Son, you will need to go to college if you expect to amount to

anything when you are a man." I believed him and accepted the goal my father had set for me.

But dads are like God in more ways than just being good providers. Like God, they are request-hearers. Every day they hear petitions such as, "Dad, can I use the car tonight?" "Dad, will you show me how to work this math problem?" Yes, dads hear requests and often supply the answers. And their answers, like God's, are sometimes yes and sometimes no.

Like the Father in heaven, the earthly dad provides guidance for his child. When a father sees his son trying to make a boat or a kite he loves to help him by making suggestions and guiding the small fingers toward greater skill.

I still treasure the letters of advice my father sent me while I was away at college. How I needed those words of wisdom from one who loved me and desired only the best for me!

What a privilege Joseph had in being the foster-father of the lad Jesus! He must have been a good foster-father, for his Son surely learned from him and (may we say it reverently) came to understand from Joseph's teaching and example what His true Father was like.

Another important thing that dads do is defend their children from danger. This may mean putting up a gate so the little one can't fall down the stairs, or making certain the children are vaccinated against diseases, or cautioning them when they go swimming.

Dads set limits as to place, time, and choice of company for their children. Dads discipline their children by correcting, punishing, and rewarding them. And when children get into trouble, they call on dad to get them out of it. He may tell them where they were wrong but he will also comfort them-again like the Heavenly Father.

Every line of the prayer our Lord taught us seems to reflect homelife with a good father. I will mention but three.

"Hallowed be thy name." For the child there is one name

which means almost everything to him. Whether it be Johnson, Brown, Smith, or Osgood, his family name fills each child with pride and confidence. It means he is a part of the clan, and it is to the clan that he feels the closest tie. The child who has been properly taught will think twice before he does anything that might bring shame on his family name.

Pride in a family name makes it easier for one to say to the Heavenly Father, "Hallowed be thy name." For we are a part of His family now and we want to hold the family Name in reverence.

"Thy kingdom come." Sooner or later the child will come to understand the purposes his family believes in and the goals toward which they strive.

My father was a minister and he made the ministry seem a wonderful thing to me. What could be more blessed than to help men find God? That was my father's business, and as I grew older I wanted his business to succeed. How well I remember the revival meetings we held together! I helped him draw charts for his sermons. I led the singing, played the organ, or helped him ring the church bell. In the final meeting we held together, I was the evangelist and my father stood by my side with joy and in much prayer. With his help

the revival became a great success.

Our Heavenly Father is in business too, and as His children we want it to succeed. So we pray, "Thy kingdom come."

"Thy will be done." Not every son has learned to say, "Dad, there's nothing I'd rather do than to obey you, to work with you, to try to please you." But happy is the boy who has a father he can admire and safely follow.

Happy too is the father who has the confidence of a manly, obedient son. As he sees his son grow in skill and understanding and feels his loyalty, he finally does what the Heavenly Father did: he places the family business into his son's hands with full confidence. "The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand" (John 3:35).

No earthly father can ever be perfect, but every dad has the privilege of living in such a way as to draw for his children a rough portrait of the Father in heaven.

Remember, Dad, how the Lord Jesus saw in one like you a picture that reminded Him of God. May your sons and daughters be able to see God in you. May that picture become more clear each day so that when your children pray, they may confidently say, "Our Father which art in heaven!"



SWING REAL HIGH

*Look, Daddy, I'm going to swing real high.
Just like you showed me.*

*That's right, Daddy. Just like you showed
her.*

*Her life will be like that. Very much like you
showed her.*

*If she swings real high, it
will be largely because you
gave her the desire; because
you inspired her to find the
highest peak of her potential;
because you showed her how.*

*Her life is likely to be
much like you showed her.*

*A little shocking, isn't it?
And unsettling. Until you re-
member Jesus Christ — the
One who gave Himself to
you, to show you how to
reach your highest for Him.*

Vacation Bible School



What is vacation Bible school? It is a series of guided experiences to meet the needs of boys and girls.

Our boys and girls are the most important factor in vacation Bible school. It is for them that we plan and work. Our ultimate goal is that they shall know Christ as Saviour and develop attitudes and ideals to guide them in Christian living.

Vacation Bible school is a series of experiences. We know that boys and girls learn by hearing and seeing, but more quickly by feeling and doing. All of these avenues of learning are utilized in the V.B.S. program.

Bible Study

"We have periods for Bible study. Very young children need to develop right ideas of God, of Jesus, of the Church, and of God's Word. Older children and young people need to study to have their ideas clarified or enlarged. Right attitudes and relationships need to be formed.

Worship

"Every person needs to learn to commune with God. Vacation Bible school provides opportunity for every child to worship on his own age level."



Service

"Every person needs some opportunity for service to Christ and His Church. Children and youth need the wholesome excitement that comes through co-operative helpfulness—the joy of doing for others."

---What is it?

The experiences must be guided by loving and well-trained teachers. Guidance is given so that the experiences will achieve our Christian purposes.

Finally, we plan to meet the needs of boys and girls. Shown below are the six basic needs of boys and girls; the pictures show how a well rounded V.B.S. program can meet these needs.

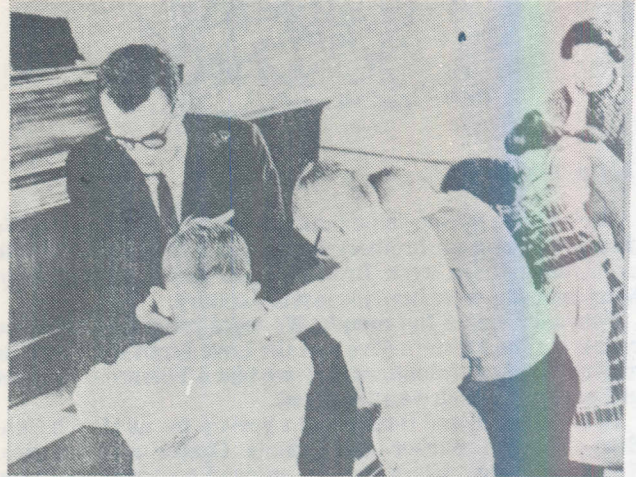


Creative Work

"Everyone needs a sense of achievement. Children and youth, especially, need to succeed in making things, which they themselves create or help to plan and make."

Fellowship

"Every person needs the feeling of security which comes through a sense of belonging. One of the greatest values of V.B.S. is the atmosphere of joy created through fellowship with friends.



Evangelism

"Children need to know Christ as a personal Saviour. When they are ready, definite opportunity should be given to seek a vital experience of salvation."



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Alvin, Texas

We've been having some family reunions here in Alvin. We do enjoy having our brothers and sisters in the Lord visit with us. Among those were Bro. and Sis. Frank Anhalt from Maryland who were here the last of January.

February was a fun month. We were presented with two concerts. The Masters Five and the Love Light were with us on Feb. 7 & 8th. Valentines Day we had a Valentine banquet and program which we all enjoyed.

Bro. & Sis. Roland Busch held a revival for us March 29th. Bros. Winston Barker and Ronnie Coates assisted Bro. Ragan with this. Afterwards we enjoyed a wonderful dinner in our fellowship hall. It is a wonderful season as we praise our Saviour-for He is risen!

April 27th the Apostolic Faith Bible College were in concert during the evening service. Several visitors were present and God blessed as the gospel went forth in song.

In May we had Sunday School elections and church Board elections. We must not forget to pray for those that carry these burdens and responsibilities.

Neil Ragan-Pastor
Corrie Coates-Reporter

Galena, KS.

It is just like Jesus to roll the clouds away! He has blessed in our recent project of a new ceiling and new wiring in our church. God has supplied all of our needs by supplying from a new direction. Don't you love surprises from God's bountiful hand? Praise his Holy name.

We were happy to have the Royal Heirs with us on Sunday March 16th in the morning service. We enjoyed their ministry very much. Sunday night March 16th we began revival services with Bro. & Sis. Amos Harris, Bayard, Nebraska. Their daughter Janae, Baxter Springs blessed us with her talents also.

Easter morning we had a sunrise service and breakfast. We had a young man saved and we thank the Lord for him.

We are glad for the recoveries of May Rowland and Mary Weaver who both underwent surgery. God is still the healer.

Bro. E.K. Cornell was with us in service on May 4th. We are also happy to have Lachelle Whitley home from college, and congratulate her on her recent graduation.

We enjoyed another year of help and visitation from the Bible College students, and will look forward to them coming back in the fall.

Howard Whiteley-Pastor
May Rowland-Reporter

Amarillo, Texas

"Let us gather together to worship in His name..."

A group of Amarillans got together and joined the Dumas Church for revival recently. Rev. Tony Jacobs and Rev. Kevin Cornell were students at Apostolic Faith Bible College together. Now they enjoy getting together with their wives and children to praise the Lord.

Teri (Seaver) Stroub (whose grandparents are Tom and Artie Sipes) and Bob Stroub renewed their wedding vows in the Amarillo Church Sunday, April 20th. They had been married by a Justice of the Peace a year ago and wanted to be married by Rev. Kevin Cornell in the Church. All members were invited to attend and Sister Tena Cornell planned a surprise reception for them, making a beautiful, memorable afternoon for Teri and Bob. Teri also attended the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Brother Carl Hudson took pictures for the bride and groom.

Our church enjoyed a covered-dish dinner together Easter Sunday in the Fellowship Hall and the children had an Easter egg hunt afterwards. There was lots of good food and fellowship.

Tena's sisters Angela and Alicia Keith are getting married May 25 and June 14, respectively. Her parents will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary June 3. The summer promises a busy, happy time for all of Tena's family.

Brother Harland Clark sends a beautiful poem, written by his sister-in-law, Alice Powell (1965), for this "garden time" of the year. Thank you, Brother Harland for sharing it with us.

Pastor: Kevin Cornell
Reporter: Carol Heath

ON YOUR KNEES

God brings you to your knees in the garden
In many more ways than one.

As you spray and trim your roses
You feel the deep warmth of the sun.

As you watch that rosebud's petals gently begin to unfold
You watch, and you almost feel the loving hand of God.
The regal Easter Lily, so white, so tall and straight
Recalls the Resurrection, and the path the Son has trod.

Snaptdragons, zinnias, marigold, periwinkle, lardspur,
Their colors so varied, so bright, and all aglow.

You say they come up volunteer - They really didn't,
For God planted them, you know.

As you kneel to weed the pansies and look into their sassy
faces

You can't keep from being humble, nor deny God's loving
grace.

Since my backyard holds such beauty
They can't tell me that God is dead.

Each blade of grass and flower
Denies every word they said.

Birds bring me a concert and the busy little bees
Pollinate and feed each flower -

And even my heart is on its knees.

...Alice Powell (1965)

Amarillo, Texas

Childrens Mission Class

The childrens mission class of Amarillo has now resumed. The class had been cancelled for the past several months. Sis. George White, teacher, had been sick and underwent surgery to have a pacemaker put in. She is feeling better but still needs prayer. Sis. Tena Cornell is now working with the class. We have an attendance of five each week, but know with God's help we will grow and see needs met.

These children are eager to work for the Lord in any way possible. Recently they handed out flyers to children inviting them to church. We encourage other churches to have a childrens mission class also, and find out just how excited children are to see God's Word go forth to others.

Kevin Cornell-Pastor

Midway, Oklahoma

March 18th Bro. Bob Taylor entered Enid Memorial Hospital for tests, on his back. He returned home the 21st, and was home until Tuesday 25th, he was sent to Tulsa, Okla. for more tests, but he got to come home with a good report, he can resume his duties, just at a little easier pace.

March 23rd Bro. and Sister Jake Regier had the Services for Bro. Bob. Thanks to Bro. and Sister Regier, we enjoyed having you. Bro. and Sister Gene Cornell visited the Midway Church on the night of the 23rd. Glad to have you any time you can come and be with our Church Family.

Wednesday 26th the Bro. Lowell Long had our midweek services, thanks to you also. May God richly bless you for coming.

The young people of our Church had an aaster program on Sunday morning. Wish you could have been with us, as Sister Kathy Arnall and Sister Joyce Bensch do a tremendous job putting on a play of any kind. If you missed the program, you missed a blessing.

Our Church Family sends their deepest sympathy to the Gene Hibbs Family, in the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather. Please remember these folks in your prayers daily. We love you all.

Sister Rita Black is recuperating from surgery, she has gone to the home of her son in Clarmore, Okla. while recuperating, so please remember her when you pray. We miss you Sister Rita, but hope you can soon be back in Services at Midway.

We miss Sister Georgia Bridges also, as she has been in Bartlesville Okla. helping to care for her mother, Gertrude Beck, which is 90 plus years. We love you Sister Georgia, and God bless you much. Sister Georgia is the one who takes care of the Rest Home Services in Beaver, Okla. twice a month, for the Midway Church.

Bob Taylor,
Pastor

Deadline!

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Follett, Texas

Greeting from the Follett Chapel. We've had such good church services that we want to share them with you. God blessed us so much in our special services during the Easter season.

March 16, we began working to bring our attendance up, which we did. It was laymen's Sunday. The men of the church held the morning worship services and the women were in charge of the evening services. We had a double blessing that day!

On Palm Sunday, Bro. Doc and Sister Juanita presented each person present with a palm leaf and Bro. Doc reminded us of the great honor the people gave to Christ as they proclaimed him King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The special music of Cecil and Beth Williams and Chad of Union Chapel, MO., added another of God's blessings.

Easter morning, God came down and visited us. Through Bro. Doc's sermon taken from I Cor. 15, two souls were saved, a mother and her 17 year old son. They were an answer to much prayer.

As many of you know, Bro. Doc's brother, Percy, died during the Easter season and Sis. Juanita's brother, Alvin Mears, is very ill. The laymen of our church have worked together in leading some Wednesday prayer meetings when the Methvins have had to be gone. We praise the Lord for His abundant love, compassion, and saving grace. Praise His holy name.

M.D. Methvin, pastor
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Cults are False Prophets

Cult Characteristics Continued
Doctrinal Ambiguity

by Yvonna Whiteley

There are increasing multitudes of people living in our generation to whom "uncertain sounds" seem beautiful music. To them uncertainty is a form of certainty and ambiguity satisfies the mind more than anything specific. These types, then, are attracted to the ambiguous doctrines of cult religions. Doctrinal ambiguity is a mark of a cult. Their doctrines are being continually altered in order to adapt themselves to new situations, arguments, or the whims of their leaders. Changing doctrine is a cunning device used by those who prey upon the unwary.

A good example is the yearly update of Mary Baker Eddy's book CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FOUNDER...done so the contradictions and doctrines could be corrected. "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures."

When Guru Maharaj was asked what part saying "mantra" plays in meditation his answer was "nothing"...it just makes your tongue in gear...that's all. "Chanting is an external thing."

To a rational mind there is no sense in these expressions or activities. Yet for the cults the word "doctrine" has no meaning for doctrine means a systematic presentation and understanding of faith.

By contrast what passes for doctrine in the cult is really a subrational set of disconnected thoughts and practices that only serve to confuse the mind and the emotion as well. EMOTIONS were NEVER intended to be an end in themselves and are totally untrustworthy as the custodians of truth. Any religion, therefore, that deliberately bypasses rational doctrinal understanding and seeks to build upon the emotions will inevitably deceive rather than enlighten.

The use of CHANTS, RAISING OF HANDS along with the CLANGING OF CYMBALS, the sing-song REPETITION of simply musical structures, the repeated, staccato ARTICULATION OF ANY WORD...all these are subrational and simply calculated to play on the limited strings of the emotional structure-creating what passes as a religious experience but is nothing more than a mindless emotional trauma. Christ told us NOT to use vain repetitions-that we are NOT heard because of our much speaking.

The Krishnas are big on chanting. To chant "Hare Krsna" is to deliver the mind from all unwanted thoughts. They explain that their leader "has mercifully given the chanting of Hare Krsna to the world so that everyone may regain his original joyful consciousness and live in peace and happiness. By chanting these holy names, we reestablish our lost link with the Supreme and enjoy our real life."

The CULT PROMOTORS are NOT truly appealing to the mind but rather are ATTEMPTING TO SET THE MIND ASIDE and to APPEAL TO A SET OF RELIGIOUS EMOTIONS. Devotees say, "Forget what he is saying, can't you FEEL the vibrations?" Converts are NOT urged to understand, rather it's recommended that they FEEL. Their favorite terms are "self-realization, love, peace, joy."

Christ warned us to be careful of the proper use of words for by them we will be justified or condemned. Matt. 12:37. The Word of God is therefore, very careful to avoid ambiguity. Scripture is very clear with details to make sure there is NO ambiguity-lists cities, villages, rivers, dates, times, kings, and exact quotes. Therefore, the Bible is a book of CAREFUL HISTORIC DETAIL AND DATA. Written clearly, the Bible leaves NO doubt. II Tim. 3:10.

Clarity of belief is then one of the characteristics of true Christianity. John 8:12. The Christian who studies the Word of God becomes spiritually mature, a defender of the faith, and able even to teach others.

Those WHO FOLLOW CULTS often have NOT wanted the sound doctrine of Christ. II Tim. 4:3,4. Cults raise questions but never answer them, and if you listen carefully, you can't be sure what they are trying to say. They plan it so. Being confused themselves, they are able only to throw dust in the air so that it gets in the eyes of others.

You can't understand what a Jehovah's Witness believes about God, biblical inspiration, eternity, and many other subjects.

ARMSTRONG'S attempt to define the nature of the Godhead is a study in obfuscation.

The UNITY PEOPLE suggest that since God sees and understands perfectly and sees NO evil because there is no evil, we shall see clearly the unreality and futility of appearances of evil to which, through a misunderstanding, man now attributes substance and reality.

Cults tend TO MOVE AWAY FROM SCRIPTURAL TRUTH and to HIDE BEHIND philosophic discussion. To them the process of discussion is itself truth.

Christ cut out meaningless word play with the Samaritan woman, Nicodemus, and others. Christ wants the gospel GIVEN IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER...NOT in tantalizing sentences that never quite get to the point. AMBIGUITY IS THE DEVIL'S GOSPEL...whereas CLARITY IS DIVINE.

Claim of Special Discoveries

The most fascinating person is one who claims to have INSIDE INFORMATION on a given subject. Everyone loves to hear a good story-teller tell of personal experience of a dive, sea trip, etc. But to fall at his feet is something else. Yet this is what cult converts do. Religious fantasies that are presented as special spiritual discoveries are dangerous.

We have "con-artists" in every walk of life that cheat people and that includes the religious world. They claim to have special information. The careful teacher of sound doctrine is rarely as electrifying as the mysterious religious promotor. We're tempted to forget that the best things in life are NOT ONLY FREE but usually obvious.

There can be NO GREATER PROMISE than that we are blest "with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 1:3. So, it's amazing to see people follow one who reports some vision, presence, revelation or special discovery when God freely gives such a promise. Yet it would be impossible to have a cult without some mysterious, inside information.

There is NO discovery greater than knowing God personally and to know the abundance of things He has given us...now and in eternity. Yet the cults continue to deceive many with false claims of SPECIAL DISCOVERIES.

Foolish Americans and Englishmen-some famous-travel to India to learn the special discoveries of some seedy guru about the secrets of life. Yet for free they could discover the real secret-Christ.

Scientologists-75,000 in Los Angeles alone-discovered that man has occupied a number of different bodies during his many incarnations in the world and say they can carry an individual back along a "time track" to his earlier lifetimes.

This claim of special discoveries and "repeatable-on-demand revelations from God is the point where cults move into the occult. Witchcraft, spiritism, and Satan worship are nothing more than religions which claim to be able to call for the incursion of the metaphysical in the real of the physical.

Almost universally each cult leader claims divine authority for a private, unauthenticated religious event—a vision, an angel's visit, hear a voice, etc. Any such claim should be subjected to the biblical rules of evidence. Any doctrine is to be built on more than 1 voice or writer...line upon line, precept upon precept. (Isa. 28:9,10). The fundamental

characteristics of the faith of Christ is that it is based on historical fact. True Christianity doesn't depend on some private knowledge or secrets of one person.

But the Bible teaches about false teachers coming. II Peter 2:1-3.

Heresies brought in by false teachers are secret and destructive. Christ didn't even claim such. "If I bear witness of myself, My witness is NOT true." John 5:31.

Peter states "we have not followed cunningly devised fables. II Peter 1:16 God gave instructions to Prophets to write the vision He gave (Habakkuk and John the Revelator, Daniel)...each supports the other.

Cults attack Christ as deity-Son of God. Any message that denies the Virgin Birth of Christ, holding Him to be merely the natural Son of Joseph and Mary, is a cult. Close behind will be the denial of the trinity of the Godhead.

When a group develops a theological or doctrinal interpretation that touches only minimally on the proper biblical emphasis and lives for the most part outside of that circle, it becomes a cult. As such, it has moved away from the teaching of the Word of God so that its central emphasis

has become a set of human philosophies, ideas, or revelations that can no longer be justified by the teaching of the Word of God. They isolate a segment of scripture to build or substantiate their idea.

Christianity is a belief on ALL scripture. II Tim. 3:16,17. God presented His Truth in an orderly fashion and we build from single truths to the meat of the word.

The biblical interpreter must ask.

1. What does this verse mean?
2. In what setting is it given to us?
3. How does it relate to the whole bible?

A major deficiency of the present day cults is that they neglected to base their faith on the Bible as a whole. Example:

A. One group denies immortality of the soul because of a statement about death in Ecc. 9:5.

B. The Way denies the Trinity because of an undue emphasis on the personality of Jesus.

C. The Transcendental Meditation people read verses in the Bible which tell us to think and meditate...the rest they get from a guru.

Retreat

It is with great joy that we are pleased to announce to you an Apostolic Faith Ladies Retreat. Because several ladies of our movement have expressed an interest in such a time of fellowship, plans are being made to really make it happen!

The Retreat is scheduled for July 18th and 19th with dismissal early on Sunday morning the 20th. Circle these dates on your calendar and start praying and planning to attend. We are looking for a complete refreshing from the Springs of Heaven.

There will be a registration fee of \$20.00 to cover expenses, supplies and travel expense for the speaker. The meeting place will be the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Registration will be held 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday the 18th, followed by a salad supper. The evening will be filled with fun, fellowship and inspiration. Saturday will have a full agenda that we feel sure you will enjoy with the dismissal being given early on Sunday the 20th allowing area ladies to return to their home churches for service and those who drive from a distance invited to attend any church in the area or to feel free to begin your travel home.

You will need to bring bedding, towels, washcloths and personal toiletries (soap, etc.). You may also want to bring snack foods for the dorm. Ages for registration are college age and up.

On the registration form you will notice two different dorms listed. The Early Bird dorm will be for those who wish lights out and bed time to be 10:30-11:00 p.m. Night Owl dorm will house those who wish to stay up late to share or fellowship as long as you like. The schedule will require you to be ready for special activities and prayer early the next morning. Check the space to indicate your dorm preference. Registration must be returned by July 1st so that we will know how many to plan for. Checks for the registration fee should be made payable to Thelma Ross. Her mailing address to return your form is Rt. 2, Box 83, Granby, MO 64844. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (417)472-3504.

Bring a friend and come expecting much and you will not go away without receiving!



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CHURCH _____

PHONE _____

Dorm Preference: Early Bird Night Owl I will be arriving _____ (date) at approximately _____ (time). I will plan to stay for the entire retreat or I will only be able to attend _____ (state the days-nights you will be here if you will only be here for a portion of the retreat).

CAMP MEETING 1986
Laverne, Oklahoma
July 28-Aug. 3

Chairman: M.D. Methvin
Box 278
Follett, Texas
PH. 806-653-2801



Deadline _____

Panhandle Youth Camp
Laverne, Okla. Teen-June 9-14
Junior-June 16-21

Chairman: Tony Jacobs
901 Zauk
Dumas, Tex. 79029

Lost Pines Youth Camp
Warda, Texas June 8-13
Chairman: Larry Welsh
764 Concordia
Bellville, TX 77413

4-State Youth Camp
Baxter Springs, KS June 15-20
Chairman: Alvin Buschman
P.O. Box 286
Cave Springs, AR 72718

Miss.-Ala. Youth Camp
Quitman, MS
Chairman:
June 22-28
Richard Morris
P.O. Box 248
Pine Hill, Ala, 36769

Congratulations
to our
GRADUATES

The Lord blessed and was certainly present in the closing exercises of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. The last Choir concert on Wednesday night was a real inspiration and we all Praised the Lord together as the young people led the service of music. During the ordination service on Thursday morning, 11 came forward to indicate a special dedication to the Lord for either the preaching ministry, or the Gospel work. We appreciate so much these young people and their commitment to God. One young couple from Wyoming left their job, sold their house, and came to go out to work for God. The teachers in Bible College particularly praised their efforts as they searched the Word so diligently. The message and the music was anointed of God in this service and also in the closing evening service on Thursday night.

During the afternoon on Thursday there was a Fellowship as Alumni met to talk, laugh, and share in their experiences when they had attended Bible School.

On Wednesday morning a meeting was held of the Advisory Board, made up of representatives of several churches of the movement. Also, the General Business meeting was held in the afternoon on Wednesday. Many expressed the need for us to grow and to expand as a movement of people. Ordination of Ministers and Gospel Workers was discussed, ballots were counted for a new board member. Brother Johnny Arnall was elected to this position. Brother Ward Stanberry was presented a plaque for his many years of service to the Bible College.

The resignation of Superintendent Jack Cornell was reluctantly accepted because of health reasons. He was thanked for his work in the Bible School and prayer was made for his recovery. Many tearful good-byes were made as the Apostolic Faith Bible College came to an end for this year.

