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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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Our People Stressed To The Limit. Why?

The western industrialized countries are in the midst of what nearly all of their respective governments, along with their "chosen" economists, call the era of prosperity. Almost everyone who wants to work has a job. Most of these jobs are adequate to meet their family's physical needs. Many families purchase new automobiles every two or three years.

Recreation is at an all-time high. Recreational vehicles, mobile homes, boats, and jet skis are selling as fast as they can be built. Most every town of any size has at least one golf course. Now, the current rage is day trading on the internet using family retirement money to buy hi-tech stock. This is done with a frenzy as though there is no tomorrow. All of this is the glitter which the entire media portrays in unison. "We never had it so good," they say.

With these "good times" the Freudian charade called psychiatry is treating ever increasing patients with anti-depressant drugs such as Prozac. Depression has become so common that there has been a 350% increase in the use of anti-depressants since the 1970's. That number is increasing by 6 percent a year. Studies show that most people now realize that they have lost their sense of personal standards. A lower standard of morality is being forced upon them. From the *Philosophically Speaking* newsletter (POB 1000, Selma, OR, 97538) we find this passage regarding this rampant depression. "Something has stolen our peace of mind and from dark political shadows has caused a slow, steady psychosis we all feel but cannot identify."

The purpose of this issue of the *Intelligence Newsletter* is to "identify" that "something." In the process we will be giving quite a bit of history. It has been said many times that if we don't learn from history we will surely repeat it.

"Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing." (1 Thess. 4:11-12).

Western man, the people of the Bible, in the past have always believed those verses and have tried to act accordingly. The single most important reason for our depression is that we do not genuinely have anything to show for our efforts. We can not go to bed at night knowing in our hearts that we have worked hard and diligently all day producing something tangible with our own mind, heart and hands.

God, in all of His infinite goodness, mercy and omnipotence also gave to Western man a creative mind. Unless those creative minds can have their hands busy along with that creative mind, depression can be the result. Many of our creative minds are forced to remain in their office doing their work, just to have the machine, or whatever it is they designed, turned over to another department and the end result is a "Rube-Goldberg." The

decision of what that otherwise great design finally looks like was made in the corporate board-room.

Another factor which we must consider is this: *"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn."* ([Deut. 24:14](#)). *"Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God."* ([Lev. 25:43](#)).

Making merchandise out of labor is sinful. We will give an example of this principle. If a contractor hires a worker for ten dollars per hour, then charges fourteen dollars per hour to the job, then adds ten or twenty percent of the labor wages to the final charges for the job, that is making merchandise out of that labor. An honest profit above all costs, materials and labor, is Biblical but one should not merchandise labor itself.

Historically, in all of the countries of western man there have existed two basic concepts of lifestyle and the associated economics. One is the self sufficient family and community where each individual is responsible for his own actions, takes pride in those actions and personal morals are of the utmost importance (we will call that System Number One). The individual and community violently counters any intrusion on that peaceful system.

The second concept (we will call it System Number Two) is the exploitation of another man's efforts. The ends justifies the means and it is normal and right to commit usury and exploit another person for gain. It is perfectly acceptable in such a system to replace one worker with another if more gain or profit is to be realized. The examples of this method of merchandising labor abounds. An employee today does not know whether he will have his job next week or not. Employees work for 28-29 years for a corporation, only to be relieved of their jobs a short two years from retirement age. The examples are endless.

During the early years of our country, called the "golden years," farmers and other businesses would pay the ship passage for young men and women to come to work on their farm or in their shop, etc. That was not merchandising labor. It was a form of apprenticeship. These young people became a part of the family. They were clothed and fed, along with being schooled. Whenever any method other than that was observed, the perpetrators were corrected. The Biblical principle is found in [Proverbs 29:21](#), *"He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length."* That happened in the late 1600's and early 1700's in the family of this writer. Those young indentured servants became successful in their own right when their agreements were completed. The concept of "indentured servants" came from Central Europe (Germany, Holland, France, etc.). Again, this system did not make merchandise of labor. They were not slaves.

After the epochs of William the Conqueror and Oliver Cromwell, England was entirely different than it was before. Prior to these two men, old Saxon England resembled System Number One. England became an entirely different nation and resembled System Number Two following those two men. It became the world's example of the system of exploitation of labor.

The Kings of England captured over 25,000 indigent "misfits" or the refuse of English society and sent them to the American colonies. They became slave labor for the Boston Brahmin class in this country. They were the children of poor families (which always exist under the system of labor exploitation), religious non-conformists, and highlanders from Scotland whose lands the English nobility wanted.

Those two systems have always existed and have been in constant conflict with each other for thousands of years. It will be the purpose of this issue to describe the history and

the Biblical Principles involved. This conflict of the ages, so to speak, began in the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve and has been relentless ever since.

What does all of this mean? For us to understand the era, or period of time in which we are now living, we must first understand the philosophy of thought now predominant in our society. The social life of our current society is forced to think in terms solely of the economics of our collective lives. Every situation of our life is relegated to materialism. Karl Marx taught materialism. To Marx everything must be thought of in terms of economics, revealed in both class and self-interest. We are forced to think in terms of the Spanish phrase, *Viva-Yo*, transliterated as meaning, "Hurrah for me-me first!"

So now, the United States has degenerated from the greatness of those "golden years" to System Two where we exploit labor and live with *viva-yo*.. We are now considered "collectivists." What is good for one is good for all. We are all peas in a pod and we are all to look, dress, and act alike. The current rage is the "Team Concept" which comes to us from Japan. Most all corporations now use this system. It was started in this country by Robert Strange McNamara when he was Secretary of Defense during the Vietnam era.

Prior to McNamara, this country had the "Project Manager" concept. Whenever a problem existed in the development of any system, the Project Manager convened the proper men and the problem was promptly solved. The development then proceeded from that point. But with the advent of the Team Concept, which McNamara called the "Critical Point Review Team," a problem resulted in a Critical Point Review meeting. Such meetings would cause the entire project to return to the starting point. It was a terrible waste of money and time. For example, it took only **four** years to develop, produce and field the Nike Hercules system. That system was the finest air defense system in the entire world. The next development of air defense systems was the Patriot system. It took **eighteen** years to develop the Patriot system with the "Team Concept."

The mental depression caused by this "collectivist" concept was unbearable to the western mind. The engineering teams working under these conditions became known as "Heart Attack Alley!" Simply stated, the western mind must have the freedoms of creativity, expression and effort. He must be able to see, hear and touch the finished product of his efforts.

Western man is so easily led astray! The smooth talk of the great deceivers can make us believe anything with their lies. In [II Peter 2: 1-3](#), we read this: *"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. **And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**"*

When we have a good, comfortable home, adequately furnished, a beautiful family being trained in the way of the Lord, teaching them a good and honest work ethic, we are happy. But, no, we are told that we can have more!

Nearly all of us can remember the 1960's. Those were the years of open defiance to any and all authority. Those were the "free-love" years, the beginning of the sexually oriented music, the Humanist Manifesto, etc. Constantly blaring on the radios and the then "new-fangled" TV were heard the deceiving suggestions that the wife and mother of the family could work, "just two afternoons each week" and be able to buy that new living room sofa or a new carpet. *"And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way*

of truth shall be evil spoken of." Any family who resisted was made out to be strange and backward.

Surely as morning follows the night, they deceived us into the concept where the wife and mother works, first, two afternoons a week and then, finally, five whole days each week. "Just put the children in day-care facilities, conveniently operated under the watchful eye of the government." *"And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you."* Now, we are slaves to the system, each one of us at all of his neighbor's throats, just trying to put food on the table. *"whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."* Yes, we are captured, just like the poor people of England were following Oliver Cromwell.

The Bible is the story of that conflict between the two systems. It started in the story of the Garden of Eden. It was *"through covetousness... and feigned words make merchandise of you"* that the serpent (a person, not a snake!) beguiled Eve, along with Adam who was with her, into slandering and making mockery of the Laws of God.

An explanation of this is in order. The passage of [Genesis 3:1-6](#) is from an Akkadian idiom and must be understood as such. The Akkadian language is from the Akkad Dynasty of Mesopotamia (ca. 2350-2150 B.C.). The tree in the middle of the garden is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That represents the Laws of God. The word "eat" in the Akkadian means to **slander** and **mock** those Laws! Ancient Hebrew was derived from the Akkadian and Ugaritic languages.

Before they "ate" of that tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adamic man was as little children, "naked" to the evils which were to befall him. After the fall, we became "clothed" and have had to constantly protect ourselves from those who teach "pernicious ways" (physical, spiritual or eternal ruin or loss).

Yes, it began with Adam and Eve. To further show the antiquity of this battle we are living with today, we need to discuss the life of Abraham. The story of this man's origins and why he was chosen by God gives us the relationship between economic forces, social life and history as we understand it.

It has long been known that the area between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers is called the "cradle of civilization." It extended from the Eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea (at Ugarit) to the mouth of the rivers as they emptied into the Persian Gulf. It was in that area where all of our economic, social and political problems developed.

After the **regional** flood of Noah's time (which is a lesson in itself and will not be covered here), the Mesopotamian area was again populated. [Genesis, Chapter Ten](#) tells us about this. The word *earth* in this passage is clearly defined in the word study books as a regional term. And the people once again returned to their old ways.

[Chapter Eleven](#), of course, is the story of the Tower of Babel. This is most significant to our modern problems and God keeps telling us over and over that He doesn't approve. Well, just what is it that is the major problem? If we could just solve that, the rest should quickly follow.

The entire area of Mesopotamia developed a commercial code which made merchandise of people and enslaved them. The following information comes from Professor Cyrus H. Gordon's book *The Common Background of Greek and Hebrew Civilizations*, Norton & Co., New York, 1965, ISBN 0 393 00293 4.

Hammurapi was the sixth king in the old Babylonian dynasty. His empire reached out into the Aegean, Asia Minor, Crete and Egypt. His conquests did not take the form of military conquests but rather of commercial expansionism. That, sad to say, is exactly what is happening today.

"In addition to the trading colonies, there were mobile traders who went abroad on itinerant or short-term missions. Hammurapi's Code (#103) regulated relationships between the business entrepreneur (*tamkarum*) and his travelling agent (*samallum*). The *tamkarum* himself conducted business personally in a foreign territory, where, in addition to looking after his own business, he had to attend to wider Babylonian interests as the occasion might demand. Thus, for example, he had to redeem Babylonians in exile so that they could be repatriated. Law #32 required the *tamkarum* to advance the ransom for repatriating captive Babylonian soldiers.

"The *tamkarum* also spread business methods. The seeds of the capitalist system were produced in Mesopotamia and sown throughout the ancient world by the *tamkarum* and their successors. The most fundamental part of a capitalistic economy is the encouragement of capital investment by the payment of interest...

"The Hittites followed the Assyro-Babylonian precedent of sending merchants abroad...The Hittite kings sponsored merchants plying their trade in Canaan. Documents of Hattusili III have been found at Ugarit, regulating the activities of his merchants there. Complaints had been lodged against the merchants for their undue exploitation of Ugarit. Accordingly, Hattusili forbade his merchants to acquire Ugaritic real-estate..."

Abraham was born in the middle of this system. It is almost certain that he was born in the Haran/Urfa area of the Ur of the Chaldees. He was classified as a merchant/prince and conducted business in the Chaldees during the Hittite reign. Because of the "diplomatic pouches" containing huge sums of money which these *tamkarums* were required to carry, they each had their own private army. Those were the circumstances when Abraham rescued Lot from the kidnappers.

Melchizedek, King of Salem, blessed Abraham, not only for carrying out the judgment against the kings of Sodom and Gemorrah for kidnapping Lot and his family but for something else. Abraham was an honest merchant and would not make merchandise of another person. He refused the gifts Melchizedek offered him. Those two acts set Abraham apart from both the Babylonians and the Hittites. The lesson there is for us to follow.

We cannot underestimate the importance of picking this one man, Abraham, from the multitudes around him. The entire world, people and nations known and unknown at the time, would be for evermore changed because God picked out this one man for a purpose.

The question before the world at the time was: "Who was the One true Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Everlasting God of the universe?" This question, from the historical perspective, is much more complicated than we can imagine. "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" But that question still reverberates around the world and it is not "*all fulfilled*" yet. We do have another god all around us, called the Baal system, and it is so easy to be "seduced." Can one possibly think that the followers of other gods would go down without a fight?

There in Mesopotamia, the Near East and Asia Minor, many different gods sprang up depending on the whims of the kings in power at the time. The divine worship of kings and queens was prevalent. Objects, or idols, were worshipped along with the royalty. But it was in the region of Akkad, Ugarit and Babylon where the omnipotence of two systems, and their gods, remains the primary question for all the people on earth.

Those two systems, represented by their economics, law, politics and military prowess are, (1) Baal and (2) our God of the Holy Bible. That is the great question which is gnawing within the hearts of our people that has caused this huge feeling of depression so prominent in today's society. We feel forced to work, live and even sometimes worship in a Baal system. We know that it is not right. The history of our forefathers proves to us that what we have today is not right. We feel trapped, just like a lion or tiger in a cage in some zoo. They feed **them** drugs, too, to keep them quiet!

The Pagan gods, Murdok and Baal, have been with us from the earliest of times since Babylonia was founded. It is believed by some that "dualism" comes from the East. It has been anthropologically proven that dualism comes from ancient Babylon. It represents the battle between good and evil and their respective gods.

Once upon a time, before Abraham, Israel and Jesus, Baal represented the "all-powerful good" god. Of course, there were many gods but they were all under Baal. The point to be considered at this juncture is that it was the system of economics, law, politics and military prowess.

The economics of Baal is capitalism as we now know it. The law in the Baal system is dualistic and everything is a shade of grey (Talmudism). Politics in the Baal system is money driven and has nothing to do with the republicanism of the Bible. The military prowess in the Baal system is raw power and death to anyone who refuses to obey Baal.

Evil changes to good and good changes to evil, depending on which god you worship. One of the most revealing finds in scientific (as compared to politically correct) anthropology is what Professor Cyrus H. Gordon reports. He writes this: "Culture cannot be transmitted through abstract processes without human agency. Only people can carry culture; and cultural fission results from the mingling of different groups of people." That takes time. That is the reason for what Paul said in [II Cor. 6:14-18.](#), *"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."*

Notice that Paul referred to dualism when he said *"light versus darkness"* and *"what concord hath Christ with Belial."* The major theme of the Bible is that fight with Baal. Since we are to be the *"sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty"* we, too, must fight the Baal system. The Baal system uses money as the yardstick to success. We must not let that be our guide because *"The love of money is the root of all evil."* Think about it. Do you know of a person who has huge sums of money who is not depressed? They all are..

What is the logical sequence to a person who has consumed his life seeking a huge fortune? The ultimate success for them is power--raw, brutal power over other people. That is how mercenary armies are formed and we can say unequivocally that every army of the Western nations is bought and paid for by those with indefinable sums of money.

That is the reason why, at this very time in the United States, men who are entering into the military are asked the question, "Would you shoot your own parents if commanded to do so?" Those who answer in the affirmative remain in this country to defend that moneyed class. Those who answer in the negative, are sent overseas where they would be more willing to shoot the parents of others.

The Akkad Dynasty of King Sargon I was under the system of Baal. Money, again in huge quantities, was used for Sargon to conquer everything in his path. It has been named in history as the epic of the "King of Battle." Military planners down through history have used it as a guide.

When the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were captured by King Nebuchadnezzar and taken to Babylon they came into direct contact with the teachings and power of the Baal system. The Baal system had remained intact down through the centuries. It remained a fabulously wealthy city, the Capital of "The Cradle of Civilization." All of the glitter of the system of economics and law was too much for Judah and Benjamin. They accepted that system, just as so many otherwise good Christian people accept it today. When that limited number returned to Jerusalem, they were totally trained and dedicated to the Baal system. Christianity and Baal cannot exist side by side.

Anyone who follows and teaches the Baal system of economics and law, cannot understand the Christian system. The term Judeo-Christianity is a crutch in an attempt to bridge that vast gap between Christ and Baal. The Biblical principle is found in [1 Kings 18:21](#). *"And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."* Governments today still have their Ahabs and Jezebels and we still have our Baal system of economics and government.

The battle still rages, perhaps stronger today than ever before because of technology. But Christ is still here and He will still be here when the dust settles. History has also shown that the moneyed class, with all of its seemingly omnipotent Baal power, has been successfully overthrown repeatedly by the simple teachings of Jesus Christ.

We will give a cursory overview of historical events which have occurred which shows the faith of Christianity and the desire of Christians to live a Godly life, to be left alone in peace and to be removed from the Baal system.

The first example in history happened shortly after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea, the uncle and God-father of Jesus, took a small band of the followers of Christ to the area of Glastonbury in England. Joseph knew this area very well because he owned tin mines there from which he sold tin to the Roman Empire. The area around Glastonbury was developed into a Christian community and expanded into the entire Southwestern part of England and Wales. This is well documented and the best source of information on this history is from Covenant Media Productions, POB 1497, Thousand Oaks, CA 91358, Tel. # (805) 491-0936.

The Roman Empire was expanding into England. They came upon these men from Southwestern England and simply could not subdue them. This is what Julius Caesar wrote in his book *Gallic War*, "They make the immortality of the soul the basis of all their teaching, holding it to be the principal incentive and reason for a virtuous life. Believing in the immortality of the soul they were careless of death." Other Roman writers taught that that part of England "was inaccessible to the Roman where Christ is taught."

The Angles and Saxons of Germany entered into England and mixed with the established Kelts. That blend has become known as English. Their system of government, economics, law and belief in Christianity is also well documented.

We have written about the period before William the Conqueror in 1066 in past issues of the *Intelligence Newsletter*.

Theirs was a simple system. They had the government of Captains of Tens, Captains of Fifties and Captains of Hundreds. From that system they elected their king. He did not have kingship by right of birth. He was elected to lead his people.

They lived in communities of approximately 14-15 families. Each *tun*, or town, was arranged in a wagon wheel layout, with the meeting place in the center. The preacher would chair each meeting of town folks which would occur every two weeks. Each man would present himself with his weapons, which were the bow and spear. At these *ecclesia*, or called-out meetings, they would discuss the Word of God, along with essentials of community life. If there was a conflict anywhere in their region, that would be discussed and acted upon if required. Illness and injuries in the group would also be discussed and appropriate care would be given. In other words, they acted as the Body of Christ. They owned their lands in *alloidial* title which means they owned it outright with no taxes to anybody. They had the work ethic and they did not make merchandise of labor.

That fight with the antichrists continued unabated. The followers of the Baal system wanted to add England to their vast empire. It is not the ownership that is important in the Baal system. It is control. Amshel Meyer Rothschild said, "Give me the power to print the money and I care not who runs the government."

William the Conqueror captured England in 1092 A.D. and he brought the Baal system with him. The power behind William were his advisors and his money lenders. These advisors and money lenders created the world's premiere Babylonish financial center in London. It's still there and Baal power is spitting out its poison every day to the entire world.

We must understand this phenomenon. William the Conqueror, and his government, were ostensibly Christian, just like Judeo-Christianity is today in this country. Baal doesn't care what you call your country or what you think your prominent religion is. Call it Judeo-Christianity if you want. Just don't call it Baal! That was the way it was in England.

The Christian community fought back and for the most part, they used Christian Principles doing it. It ended with the [Magna Carta](#) in 1215. "A brilliant document," everyone says. But nothing happened! The Kings at the time did just like what is done in Washington today. They made "end runs" around the will of the people. Baal was still there. Finally, the Christian community had enough of it. They ordered King Edward to expel the Baal money lenders in 1290 A.D.

But that still didn't destroy the Baal system in England. **The governments of England have never rescinded that 1290 expulsion order** but Oliver Cromwell simply brought them back in! The Christian people of England finally realized what Cromwell had done but not until after his death. They dug up his skeleton and hung his bones on a scaffold, just to show their resentment and disgust at that Baal system!

But Baal still retained its power. Because they were being oppressed for their beliefs, just like they are today, Christians fled to the colonies now known as the United States to escape the system. But King George III sent the system over here, along with his governors and troops to enforce it. If you read the Declaration of Independence carefully you will see the resentment and resistance to the Baal system.

The American Revolution was to be the end of Baal, as far as we were concerned! We won our freedom and we started a system which was very similar to the Saxon England before William the Conqueror. It has been said that not just minimum government, but no government except God's Laws, is the only way that Christians can live in "The Way" which

Christ taught. That is about the way it was during that short period in this newly founded country.

Our people lived in the rural areas, mainly because there were very few cities of any size. They surrounded their little towns which had a store, a mercantile, a blacksmith shop, a doctor and a hardware store. Some of these little communities didn't have a minister. Circuit rider preachers would make their rounds, marrying, baptizing and conducting services when possible. Each home provided for their own worship and Bible lessons. They worked on the labor sharing plan where the farmers would help each other with mainly the harvesting. Each family was able to accomplish the rest of the farm duties.

School was provided with the famous little one-room schoolhouse. One teacher provided the lessons for all of the grades and the older children helped teach the younger ones. It became a world famous system with some of America's best minds coming from just such a system. The famous McGuffey Readers were common to all of these small schools, along with Noah Webster's dictionary.

Law, as such, was practically non-existent. God's Laws were the rule of law and His Judgments were carried out with precision. There was the sheriff but he didn't have much to do except to muster help in times of fires, tornados and floods. The majority of Americans never knew of murders, rapes or thefts. There were no street gangs marauding around looking for loot.

The Baal system followed. That system brought to these peaceful towns their "Philadelphia lawyers" who brought with them their bag of Baal, Talmudic laws. Most people would just pack up and move farther West!

We will use the Medieval period in Europe as the last example of fighting the Baal system. It was the most powerful example of what happens when Christians exert themselves in support of Christ's values.

We are taking this information from the July-August, 2000 issue of *The Barnes Review*. We will be taking excerpts from the article "Rescuing Medievalism" by Dr. Rafael Johnson to make our final point in our argument against the Baal system.

Modern education, including court historians, consider the medieval period in Europe as something to shun, a period between ancient antiquity and the Renaissance. Dr. Johnson wrote:

"The medieval world was one not 'dark,' as the propagandists would have it, not an ill-defined 'middle age' of history, but a vibrant, moral and progressive era with a strong contribution to make to the modern and contemporary world. It was a era of extraordinary moral idealism. It was an age of political decentralization, a strong separation and balance of power and contained an objective and rational morality based on natural law--all of which was lost with the dawn of modernity and the rise of subjectivism."

Subjectivism as Dr. Johnson is using it means the ethical doctrine that the supreme good comes from some form of subjective feeling, usually pleasure. That subjective feeling relates to what the individual mind comprehends rather than reality such as the Laws of God. The best example of this for the purpose at hand, is the "shades of grey" of Talmudic thought. Only after a person reads the Talmud does one understand how subjectivism in the minds of men, using emotion, changes the Laws of God. Continuing with Dr. Johnson's article:

"Ideology is something that can always be called upon to justify the finances, political power and social prestige of various ruling classes in any given time period, the materialist contends. Scholasticism and the medieval moral system, however, cannot be said to offer such a legitimation. If anything, the moral system of the medieval period did precisely the opposite, continually challenging the ruling class.

"One of the greatest contributions of the medieval mind was the scholastic methodology of philosophy and of knowledge in general. It was a huge undertaking that, taking only one very small question at a time, attempted to synthesize all knowledge through theology to metaphysics to the natural sciences, to a philosophy of man, to ethics and politics, all based on a handful of first principles. God was not something that was taken for granted, but, through a certain philosophy of nature (the chain of causality), God was shown to exist. And if He exists, objective truth necessarily follows from it and so on. The existence of natural laws, ethics and knowledge was built on such a method. This was a method based upon the primacy of reason, its purpose and function of knowing truth and the reliability of the human senses. It posited a strong connection of man to the world, in that man was an integral part of the world, capable of understanding it in its totality (to the extent reason would allow) and to live a life in tune with it. In an age of sociopathic alienation, such ideas deserve a second look."

Notice that Dr. Johnson showed that the medieval system was based on the primacy of reason and its purpose and function was to know truth. There was a system of objective reality and objective truth as compared to the subjective and emotional thinking of our modern system. How many modern preachers do you know who base their sermons on such a chain of thought? Even if one were brave enough to do it, he (or now, she!) would be fired because the congregation couldn't receive an emotional, subjective buzz out of it! Continuing with Dr. Johnson:

"Oddly, for such a 'superstitious' society, the medieval feats in the realm of architecture are nothing less than extraordinary. In Rheims, London, Paris and elsewhere, these magnificent edifices defined the cultural apogee of the high middle ages. The Gothic cathedrals, massive in size and sheer marvels of ingenuity, show, not the backward society of the sectarians, but a society dedicated to the glorification, not merely of God, but of the human spirit as well.

"The cathedrals, rightly famous even in this decadent age, still fascinate students of art and architecture. Interestingly, these massive structures were built without the 'assistance' of debt money and usury allegedly so necessary for a vibrant and 'progressive' society. Furthermore, they were built without cranes or derricks, steel or modern technology of any kind. It was the sheer cultural willpower of the day, and these remain the most visited and most thought-provoking structures of Europe even today."

When Dr. Johnson made the statement, "It was the sheer cultural willpower of the day," he reiterated the points to be made as to why we, in our society today are so depressed. We have no culture suitable for Western man today. Nor do we have the willpower to have a society "dedicated to the glorification, not merely of God, but of the human spirit as well."

We are not advocating going back to the Middle Ages, nor are we advocating returning to those Golden Years of the time in England before William the Conqueror. We must learn to adopt their philosophies, their moral system and their scholasticism to the modern world with its modern technology.

We can't seem to glorify anything but self and that through pleasure, money and things! How then can we find enough time to create with our minds, hearts and hands without it being in the name of multi-national corporations and government? Does one really expect

anything but depression-- depression of our minds, our hearts and the work of our own hands.

What is to be done? First and foremost, trust in the Word of God being true and what God says will happen, will happen! Let's read excerpts from [Revelation, chapter 18](#) and we will see that there is something we can do besides complain!

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

"Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more...." We can stop there because of space but we have enough to make the points needed.

First, realize that the term *Babylon* here is the system of Baal discussed in this issue. It is obvious that the Baal system was strong and even then was seductive just like it is today. Notice that *"all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."* This describes perfectly the [United Nations](#), [GATT](#), [WTO](#), [NAFTA](#), the Multi-National Corporations and every government on the face of the earth.

What can we do? John the Revelator reported what the angel (messenger) said, *"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore."* Is that the "keystone?" What if everyone went on a boycott of everything and anything made by anyone other than the countries of Western man? And suppose everyone went one step further. What if we didn't buy anything using any component made in any country except the West! The trick they play now, just to assuage our conscience, is to make the components in the Orient and then assemble them here in the U.S.

Remember the grape boycott which was instigated by Caesar Chavez several years ago? That was done to support the best interests of Mexicans who had come to the U.S. (many, if not most, illegally) to work on American farms. What would happen if Americans quit

buying anything grown using cheap, foreign labor. Well, we would have to go to work, wouldn't we? Remember, the family operation is by far the most efficient. Isn't that what our people did, not only in this country in its early years, but in Medieval Europe when they had "the sheer cultural willpower" which Dr. Johnson discussed. God is telling us, for sure, what is to happen. Why do we fight Him?