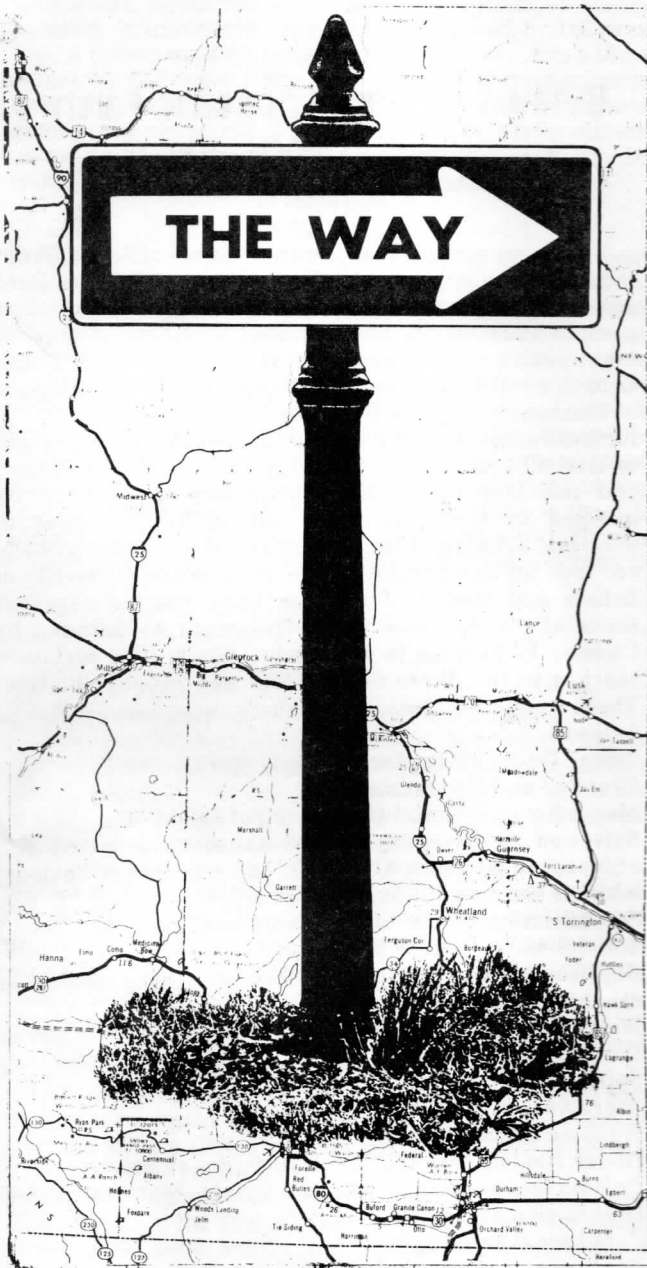


# The Apostolic Faith Report



As for God his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

II Samuel 22:31

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works.

Ps. 145:17

That the Lord thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing we may do.

Jeremiah 42:3

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Mt. 7:14

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

## God's Word

### A Devouring Flame,

Je. 5:14. Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts. Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

### A Crushing Hammer,

Je. 23:29. Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

### A Life-giving Force.

Eze. 37:7. So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. (Ac. 19-20).

### A Saving Power,

Ro. 1:16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

### A Defensive Weapon

Ep. 6:17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

### A Probing Instrument

He. 4:12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Four out of five unchurched families want their children to have some spiritual nature and education. Two-thirds pray, believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and believe in life after death.

Who will invite these unchurched? I will. Will you?

## 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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**GALLUP POLL....**A study by pollster George Gallup reports that the unchurched people are "a people of deep religious roots—roots that when watered with kindness and compassion, will once more grow."

Some specifics from Mr. Gallup's study:

50% of the unchurched see themselves becoming active members of a church in the near future.

# From the Superintendent's Desk



Greetings from A.F.B.C. We are well into the 1987 Spring Semester.

Our Valentine Banquet for the youth of the area went very well. There were in excess of 125 people with some of them traveling as far away as Midway, Oklahoma. It is always such a pleasure to see young men and women get together for Christian fellowship and we trust everyone was filled with God's love.

The deadline for reservations to the Alumni Banquet is April 15th. We will take your name after that date, but really need to know the majority of those coming by the deadline date to secure the catering order. The cost is \$12.00 per person and needs to be sent in with your name(s).

Thank you for all you do to make the ministry of the school possible.

Sincerely  
Lyndel Arnall

The spring semester is going very well. All of us in the boys dorm are seeing God move in our lives. We are becoming closer to each other as we all draw closer to God. We realize it is a real blessing to live in an environment of Christian love. We are trying to prepare ourselves for God's work that is ahead. We are quickly running out of time but with God's help we will be prepared and willing to meet any challenges that may face us.

Seldon Harris

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## "Go Ye"

Janae Harris plans to travel this summer with a group of AFBC students to minister as the Lord directs and opens doors. If you are interested in such a group to hold services, for concerts, or to help in any other endeavor, please contact Janae at 316-856-2738. An itinerary is already being planned, so please call at your earliest convenience.

## Women's Fellowship

The Trinity Apostolic Faith Church, 45th and Main St., Joplin, Mo. will be hosting an all day Ladies' Fellowship on April 25th, 1987 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will spend the day worshipping the Lord together with classes being offered on important needs of the age we live in, special speakers, prayer and fellowship. A nursery will be provided. For more information you may contact Karen Oakes Rt. 4 Box 90, Joplin, MO 64804 or Naomi Busch 1614 Washington, Baxter Springs, KS 66713. If you are able to attend please let us know by April 11, 1987.

## Hurry !! He's Coming

I had an opportunity to work in a bakery while going to high school. I remember one particular day when the telephone rang and one of the ladies went to answer it. She put down the phone like it was hot and yelled, "He's coming!" I wondered what in the world was going on? The ladies ran for their hair nets and men ran for clean aprons and clean caps. The boss told me to sweep the floor, and cover all the containers. There was a wild and excited look in his eyes. Everyone was running around like chickens with their heads cut off. I thought to myself, "Who is Coming?"

Suddenly through the front door entered a man in a suit with a case under his arm. As I observed him he began to walk around and check the bakery for any health hazards. I then realized that he was the state inspector for the Board of Health. After he left everyone breathed a sigh of relief and went back to work. One of the ladies told me that all the places of business always watched out for the other. The first one to see the inspector coming would then call the other business. They had a system of warning.

I couldn't help but think that in one way or another the Bible speaks of the return of Christ hundreds of times. When He returns He will be as a thief in the night, because no one will be expecting Him. He will come without warning. He will come literally as He went away. He will be visible in that every eye shall see Him. There won't be any telephone call to get us ready. The only warning we receive is through His word. We must be prepared to meet the Lord or be prepared to accept the penalty for slothfulness.

When Jesus comes again we won't have time to run around our homes and put away the literature and magazines and put the Bible in their place. There won't be time to hide our "skimpy" swim wear, our halter top dresses, our short shorts, our tight pants, our mini skirts and pull the plug on our TV.

When Jesus comes again there won't be time to prepare a speech on all the good things we have been involved in. There won't be time to tell Him how our neighbors and friends hindered us in His service. There will be judgment, "So then each one of us shall give an account of himself before God." God will not accept our excuses nor will He give us time to repent. Today is the time to prepare ourselves for His coming.

Remember, "He is coming!"

John A. Boor

A. F. Report

BACKSLIDING  
VERSUS  
ONE IN GRACE ALWAYS IN GRACE  
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What is doctrine? "Bible doctrine is a study of the Doctrines, or teachings of the Bible." 1 This is a true statement, but as we look on we see that Bible Doctrine reveals the character of the Godhead. "Doctrine knowledge is essential to the full development of Christian character." 2 Your Christ-likeness comes from the doctrine you believe. We wish to examine this subject to see if God's salvation is once and forever or God's salvation is an end result.

Because Baptists are the main denomination which teach the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" I will present their doctrine. "God's purpose of Grace is that all true believers in Christ endure until the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by his Spirit will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall be preserved to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and temporal judgments on themselves, yet they shall be kept by power of God through faith unto salvation."

The doctrine of the Apostolic Faith teaches that all things are conditional in God's plan for salvation. Though God loves us unconditionally, as a father does a child, "still we must meet requirements to have the privileges. There is no remission of sins without repentance. There is no conviction of sins without enlightenment. In the plan of salvation, there is God's part and man's part. Enlightenment and conviction come from God, but response is man's part. In conversion a man must repent and believe. The entire Christian life is progressive: there is no place to stop. Let us go on to perfection. Romans 8:17 'And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.'" 4 Man's requirement to be a Son of God is that we must suffer with him, pick up our cross and carry it to death without sin. All sins are pardonable before and after salvation except blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit leads me to believe that both of these doctrines contain truth. I differ with the Baptists at one point: that sin after salvation is acceptable unto God without repentance.

Will the grace of God cover unconfessed sin? unrepented Sin? The Baptists believe that once you are saved you never fall away from the state of grace. So if this is true, my life can be the same as a sinner's life after salvation and I will still enter heaven. Look at this for a moment: a man is saved and goes back into sin and commits the same sins of an unsaved person or else jointly commits sin with an unsaved person. In the day of judgment the man who committed sin with the saved man goes to hell and the other enters into heaven. Does God have a double standard? They committed the same sin and the saved man knew better.

"Saved once, saved forever gives three reasons for a Christian to not live a saved life: 1) a faith that fizzles at last was fault at first, 2) they are not backslidden and can expect God to correct them, Heb. 12:4-11, 3) I John 5:16 speaks of a

1. Regier, Jacob, Bible Doctrine, p. 17
2. Pearlman, Myer, Knowing Doctrine of the Bible IX
3. Southern Baptist Convention, The Baptist Faith and Message Statement, pg. 12.
4. Regier, Jacob, Bible Doctrine, pg. 47-48

sin unto death." 5 I John 5-16 speaks of a person who was truly saved, but fell into habitual sin that brings the Lord and His church into a bad light and he will not confess it. The Lord removes him permanently from the world. (I Cor. 5:1-5)

I must make comment concerning these three statements. The faith that fizzles was faulty at the start. Did not God give every man a measure of faith? If the measure of faith was not enough do you say it is man's fault, or God's? The backslider that God corrects I have no questions about, for God will bring a man through chastening to an altar of repentance. A man with sin in his life is punished only with a physical death even though he rejects God and denies Him. Sin separated man from God in the first place. Hebrews 13:8 says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever". Sin is sin and will never be acceptable by Christ. Baptists believe that grace abounds here and the man that sins goes to heaven. What is the definition of Grace? Grace is unmerited favor. What is God's grace toward us? Was that not the giving of His Son to make way for salvation?

The way of salvation is through His blood. Romans 5:9 "Much more then being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him." In the Greek, justified is to be just or to make innocent. To be innocent in the sense that Adam and Eve were innocent before they sinned. We are given back the same freedom of, or relationship communion that Adam and Eve had. If we sin, we fall just as they did. Even as it is said of Abraham in Hebrews 6:15 "And so, after he patiently endure he obtained the promise." We also must patiently endure to receive the promise, for our salvation is not completed until the redemption of our bodies. One thing that cannot be changed, Hebrews 9:22b... "without the shedding of blood is no remission." Christ said in Mathew 26:28 that his blood was for remission of sins and in Luke 24:27 that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all the nations beginning at Jerusalem. From what I see from the scripture, there has to be repentance of sins and remission by the covering of Jesus' blood.

To understand what is happening we need to define the terms "repentance" and "remission". Repentance in the Greek is "reversal, to thing differnetly". 6 From Webster's we find "an awareness of one's wrong doing and resolve to change".

7 The word remission in the Greek is "freedom, pardon, put away". 8 Webster defines it as "to release from guilt or penalty of sins, to restore to or co-sign to former status or condition". 9 If repentance is to be sorry for wrong doing and to change or reverse from it to walk after righteousness, then we receive remission of sins which is pardon, or freedom from sins and the penalty of them and it restores us to former position, as Adam. Remission or forgiveness is for sins past; the future sins must be brought under the blood of Christ also or there is a separation from God. God's love and grace gave us a way to Him, not as a free hand as His children to kill ourselves in sin.

Parables are the next part of this study. We are going to look at them closely because Christ taught the people by parables. Mark 4:34a "But without a parable spake he not unto them.." Why did Christ teach through parables? There are two main reasons. The first reason was that the Pharisees

5. Henery, Jim, Saved Once Saved Forever, Baptist Pamphlet.
6. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
7. Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dictionary, pg. 623
8. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.
9. Webster's 7th new Collegiate Dictionary.

couldn't twist them to their own benefit. The second reason was to give the people the sincere milk of the word because they were babes spiritually. These parables contained meat, but was only found after much thought and digestion and spiritual growth. Matthew 13:13 "Therefore spake I unto them in parables because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not neither do they understand." They were not able to bear the meat of the word, so parables gave them access to it and the requirements would be according to their knowledge. Luke 12:48 a says, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required..."

Now that we have a better understanding of parables and a knowledge that they hold many deep spiritual truths, we will ask the Spirit to give enlightenment on the hidden truths. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and deeper truths to be found in the Bible. Perhaps our beliefs differ from the Baptists for this reason. According to God's infinite wisdom, perhaps the Baptists are receiving the sincere milk of the word. They have not been given a deeper walk because they cannot bear it. Not to cut them down, for this is the truth that God has given unto them that they are the children of God and nothing shall separate them. With maturity we realize that there are requirements of us though we are given more liberty we also have a larger responsibility. I am a witness to this in truth for I was brought into the Lord's fold by the Baptists and I love them, but I wanted a closer walk with my Saviour. With the baptism of the Holy Spirit a whole new life in Christ opened up. II Cor. 3:6 "Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament not of the letter, but of the spirit for the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." May the Spirit open our eyes through these parables.

In Matthew 13 is recorded Christ's parable of the sower. By this parable we are shown four ways the word of God affects those who hear it. The first just happens to hear the word, but it is just a far away interest and the devil steals it away. The second receives it joyfully and after the seed springs forth into life (eternal) it dies because the deceitfulness of sin has hardened the heart and the root cannot pierce that stony surface. The third springs forth unto life (eternal) and grows, but lacks the commitment for we see the cares of the world choke it down to unfruitfulness and we know that Christ cursed the unfruitful fig tree. The fourth grew and brought forth fruit: 100, 60, and 30. These seeds are the word being born in them and Christ is the word. I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." In Matthew 9 in the parable of the new cloth and the new bottles we find that combining the new container and the old wine results in destruction as the fermenting busts them. When new wine is put in new skins both are preserved. If we want to be preserved we must change outwardly as well as inwardly. I Peter 2:11 says "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lust, which war against the soul not just their physical body." When the wine skins are destroyed, both the outside and the inside are wasted. If we combine the new life of God in our old sinful ways, we shall also be wasted. These parables have shown us small hidden secrets showing us that besides what the word of God comes right out and says, it also implies. Christ showed that man's interpretation of the word is never to the fullest extent. Matthew 5:27-28 "Ye have heard it was said of old time, thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." With this in mind does the Bible encourage us to stay saved or that we are always saved?

The Holiness of God now enters into the picture. Lev. 20:7 says, "Sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy for I am the Lord your God." Lev. 11:44 and I Peter 1:16 both declare,

"For I am the Lord your God; ye shall sanctify yourselves and be holy for I am holy and ye shall not defile yourselves with any manner of creeping things that creepeth upon the earth." Can a man live above sin?

In the book "Can a Man Live Above Sin?" 10 Joe E. Campbell addresses the issue of holiness. Repentance means to forsake sin and quit sin and turn to God and believe the Gospel if you would be saved. Repentance is not repentance unless we quit sin. We will be judged by the Bible according to our works (Rev. 20:12). How you answer the question "Can a man live above sin?" will determine your relationship to God not only here, but in eternity. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Galatians 6:7-8. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. For it is written, "Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Is it God's will for man to sin? Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see God." II Peter 3:14, "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace without spot and blameless.." In Galatians 1:4 we read the Lord Jesus Christ "gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver

us from this present evil world," In connection with this verse, please consider Luke 1:74-75, "That he would grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." What is being presented here is the Bible standard. When Christ the Lord returns, He will present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be Holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26) Not a sinning church. Some church men have lowered the standard of Christian living to sinning everyday and still claim to be children of God and on their way to heaven. The answer is in God's word...they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved, "and for this cause God shall send them a strong delusion that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." II Thess. 2:10-12. I John 3:6b..."whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither knoweth him." I John 2:4, "He that saith I know Him (religious professor) and keepeth not His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." I don't hesitate to say "This doctrine of sinning and claiming to be a Christian and keeping God's commandments is out of harmony with God's word.." It makes Christ an insufficient Saviour, makkes Christ a failure for his purpose"...he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21b.

Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, I John 1:8. The only thing that can keep you out of heaven is sin. If sin has broken your communion, be zealous therefore and repent. We must renounce sin and deal with it harshly just as we would a serpent. God loved the sinner, but hated sin. Likewise we must hate the sin with a Godly hatred and love sinners with Godly love.

Sin separates you, "...whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house forever, but the Son abideth ever." Notice it does not say servant of God, but servant of sin. So many people are claiming to serve God and yet in the next breath say, "I sin everyday in word,

10. Campbell, Joe E., Can Man Live Above Sin?

thought, and deed." "What? know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey his servants ye are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Romans 6:16

James says (James 1:22) "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Remember Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters..." (Matthew 6:24) You needn't try it; you can't do it for no man can serve two masters. So are we all either saints or sinners? We can't be both. If we live in sin we are a sinner. Sin makes you a sinner.

Citizens who allow themselves to become willful lawbreakers forfeit their right as a citizen and become criminals. All law has connected with it a penalty. Otherwise it is no law: it is worthless. God's law says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Eze. 18:4. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23b) "In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God..." (I John 3:10a) Notice the devil has children as well as God. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin..." (I John 3:9) This verse does not mean sin is an impossibility, but it does mean that we cannot live in sin and maintain our standing as a born again child of God. Lots of people who claim to be born again do commit sin and bring Christ to an open shame.

"...let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." "...we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world." (Titus 2:12b) So many people are waiting to get to heaven before they begin to live right. Death will not change your spiritual standing. "...Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2b)

#### SUMMARY

Doctrine is the way God is seen of man. To some, God hath given more and expects more. We have the baptism of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us in deeper truths and revelations of God through His word. Many of us came from their doctrine; perhaps this doctrine is the sincere milk of the word and when they grow strong enough God will reveal His requirements to them.

Unconfessed and unrepented sin is a stink in God's nostrils, because He has given His most beloved Son to take away all sin. Grace abounds to us through the blood of Jesus Christ. Where it doesn't cover, there is no grace.

Parables are God's way of showing us that besides what He has come right out and commanded us there are hidden things in His word that upon meditation, prayer, and enlightenment from the Holy Spirit, He requires even more.

This must be emphasized: that God's holiness has never been or never will be compromised. In no way will God condone sin, or make a way for those who do condone sin, to take part in His holiness in heaven.

It is my conclusion from this study that God wants to save anyone who will deny themselves and follow Christ. God reveals part of Himself to leaders of different churches and through this revelation, men set up doctrines, some more complete than others. But God knows who needs the milk and who needs the meat. Let us always remember that all that are saved are in the body and church of Christ and perform their tasks for God.

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## More Than Lip Service

A cowboy once gave this very sensible idea of what living the Christian faith is;

"Lots of folks that would really like to do right think that servin' the Lord means shoutin' themselves hoarse praisin' His name.

"Now I'll tell you how I look at that. I'm working here for Jim. Now, if I'd sit around the house here tellin' what a good fellow Jim is, and singin' songs to him, and gettin' up in the night to serenade him, I'd be doin' just what lots of Christians do; but I wouldn't suit Jim, and I'd get fired mighty quick.

"But when I buckle on my straps and hustle among he hills and see that Jim's herd is all right, and not sufferin' for water and feed, or bein' off the range and branded by cattle thieves, then I'm servin' Jim as he wants to be served."

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Psalm 119:7 - I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

Psalm 147:1 - Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

I Samuel 15:22-23 - And Samuel said...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of Witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

DEAR LORD, GIVE US BALANCE IN OUR LIVES  
Amen.

**Deadline!**

Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

The Bigness of Little Things  
(I Corinthians 1:26-29)

I In order to accomplish great deeds, God chose small things:

A. A rod and a stuttering prophet (Moses) to free two million Israelites.

B. A boy and five smooth stones to kill a giant.

C. A boy, five biscuits and two fish to feed 5,000.

D. A crude fisherman to preach a revival at Pentecost.

E. A tiny baby in Bethlehem to redeem a lost world.

II. Ways we hinder God's work

A. We are misled by society's stereotypes (John 1:46).

B. We believe in greatness (Matt. 13:57).

C. We neglect the importance of little things (Isa. 60:22).

D. We overemphasize the importance of crowds (Matt. 18:20).

E. We do not properly evaluate the training we get from small crises (Jer. 12:5).

The big things of life show who we are, but the little things of life show what we are. Are we involved in small deeds? Do we consider all things important? Life is made up of trifles but life itself is no trifle.

Adapted



**Union Chapel Church**

"Another empty place" were the words that ran through my mind as I was told of the passing of Sis. Laura Kidd. It had just been 20 days since the passing of her sister-in-law, Sis. Lola Kidd. Not just a empty place in our church, but in our hearts as well. Sis. Laura was another precious child of God, whose faith was steadfast in the Lord. Another example before us of one who had stayed true to the Lord thru many years. Her presence in our Church family will be sorely missed.

Bro. Arnall was called to Centerpoint, Texas to help with the funeral services of Bro. Brack Hoggett, so he was gone from our Sunday services, Feb. 8th. Bro. A.W. Ferguson came and ministered to us on that day. it was good to have him with us and we know it was appreciated by Bro. Arnall.

Once again we extend an invitation for anyone to visit with us anytime they can. Remember us in your prayers. God bless you.

Frank Arnall, pastor  
Beth Williams, reporter



**Laura Kidd**



**Lola Kidd**

**Obituary of Laura Kidd**

Laura Henritta Kidd was born March 24, 1903 at Rocky Comfort, MO. As a teen-ager she gave her heart to the Lord.

Laura had a brother, Arvel, and a sister, Inex, who have both gone home to be with the Lord. She raised her sister's infant son as her own. She considred Leon as her son, and his children her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laura was a precious Christian lady who took care of her ailing parents until they were called home. She was a good neighbor who always had time to help.

She worked in Kansas City several years and returned here in 1969. She was a faithful member of the Union Chapel Church, east of Anderson.

Laura went home to be with the Lord on January 21, 1987, at K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. after a short illness.

Laura is survived by one nephew, Leon Sluder, Quenemo, Kan; two nieces, Norma Sumler, Anderson, Mo; Dorothy Beaver, Kansas City, Mo; 5 great-nephews, one great-niece; 4 great-great-nephews, and 4 great-great-nieces.

**Available For Services**

Since August 3, 1986 I have worked as Youth Pastor and College Minister at Faith Community Church in Canyon, Texas. Through much prayer I feel the Lord is leading me into an evangelistic ministry. I will remain with Faith Community Church as my home church and headquarter in Canyon. As of February 22, 1987 I will be available for revivals, youth revivals, and weekend services. Your prayerful consideration will be sincerely appreciated.

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**Remember To Pray**

Sis. Mabel Hintergardt is in need of much prayer for healing. She is at the home of her daughter Mrs. Robert Trayler, Etter Rt. Box 22, Dumas, Texas 79029. Bro. and Sis. Hintergardt were always so faithful in their ministry in visiting and praying. Now she needs our prayers and words of encouragement. I know she would appreciate cards and letters from any of you and most of all your prayers.



Shawn Andrew Stroub was born on Dec. 16, 1986 at 4:51 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs. 10 oz. His parents are Bob and Terri (Seaver) Stroub of Killeen, Texas. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Andy Seaver, Austin, TX and Mr and Mrs A.W. Baker of Amarillo, TX. Great Grandparents are Mrs. Grace Baker of Clovis, New Mexico, Mr and Mr John Lee Seaver, Houston, Texas and Mr and Mrs Thomas Sipes of Amarillo, Texas...

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# Cults Are False Prophets

by Yvonne E. Whiteley

## Hinduism-based Movements

We will give a page of background information from which has spring most all of the religions influenced by Eastern mysticism. Following this will be a short listing of cults deriving from Hindu-based teachings.

The primary impact was probably made in the U.S. at the Parliament of World Religions in 1893. The news media expressed admiration for the brilliance of Swami Vivekananda, the representative of Hinduism. As a result many asked for seminars which he gave throughout the land. This resulted in establishments at several urban centers.

Bedanta (meaning the "end" or "ultimate" in knowledge) is expounded in the Hindu scriptures called the Bedas. The teaching emanates principally from the Upanishads (secret doctrine or that which dispels darkness or ignorance completely). The understanding is that those who attain Knowledge are emancipated from the bondage and darkness of ignorance. Having become one with the divine (Brahman) they will no longer be subjected to the pangs of reincarnation. They say man is ignorant of his own true nature. "Not mortal transgression but mental error is the root of human misery and evil."

In the Upanishads the repeated declaration is: That are thou. The ultimate and infinite Reality, and you, are one and the same! This is the teaching call monism...the great discovery of India's sages. It maintains that the superficial ego-personality which claims individual existence is unreal and transient. The fundamental principle is that man, in his real nature, is divine; and the purpose of human existence is the realization of this divinity within oneself. This is also called the perennial philosophy. It is claimed to be the eternal religion, the highest common factor of all religions. The goal then is God-realization which is self-realization.

A commonly accepted doctrine within the Hindu system is that the "teaching" (whatever its emphasis might be) has been transmitted through the ages by men who have "realized deity." Each of them is usually called "guru".

Upanishads preach that the best way of purifying the heart is through contemplation and meditation...and unbroken stream of thought focused on an object. The mantra is likewise central in the practice of meditation. Webster defines it as "a verbal spell, ritualistic incantation, mystical formula used devotionally in popular Hinduism or Buddhism."

Vedanta has 1 great peculiarity: it declares that there must be no attempt to force mankind to travel one path; but that we must allow infinite variation in religious thought, knowing that the goal is the same. Several movements cross this by saying they have the authentic technique or they are the only way.

There is no suggestion of stonement for sin. Sin is more the absence of good, and it is offset by one's own devotion to his chosen path to salvation. Good will be rewarded; non-good will be punished. Since Christ is generally hailed as one of the great divine gurus of the past, it is claimed that one may accept the present guru without rejecting Christ.

## Christian Science

Christian Science was founded by Mary Ann Morse Baker (married first to George Washington Glover, then to a dentist Daniel M. Patterson, and next a sewing machine sales, Asa Gilbert Eddy). The church has tried to suppress her biographies originally written as they reveal that her life and practices contradict the teachings she promoted.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures is presented by her as the only correct interpretation of the Bible. The Christian Science church claims to be the ONLY TRUE CHURCH., the modern restoration of primitive Christianity. Actually it repudiates every cardinal doctrine of the Bible.

Teachings are: the doctrine of the Trinity is heathenistic and polytheistic. For Mrs. Baker the triune God simply consists of Life, Truth, and Love. Their view of God is impersonal and pantheistic. God does NOT have a have a mind; He IS mind. God is Principle, Life, Intelligence, Spirit, Substance, Mother. God is NOT personal because Mary Baker Eddy could NOT conceive of an infinite being who has limitless personality. As for the Holy Spirit, it is nothing other than Christian Science itself. And angels are simply thoughts from God, winged with Truth and Love.

Mrs. Eddy's ignorance of biblical theology and terminology led her to say that Jesus was the Son of God but NOT God. She drew a false distinction between Jesus (the human) and Christ (the divine idea.) Jesus the man was personal but the Christ is impersonal. Her concept of the Virgin Birth was that Mary conceived a spiritual idea of God and gave to her ideal the name of Jesus. Jesus was the offspring of Mary's self-conscious communion with God.

Because the Christian Science system claims that such things as sin, disease, and death are illusions of mortal mind, it reinterprets Christ's miracles of healing. Christ healed by showing people that there is NO disease. He removed the illusion from their minds.

Mrs. Eddy also denies the doctrine of the vicarious atonement of Christ. She states that the material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree than when it was flowing in his veins as he went daily about his Father's business. Christ's crucifixion was efficacious only in the sense that it demonstrated true affection and goodness to mankind. Mrs. Eddy further adds that Jesus did NOT die as a result of the crucifixion, for death is illusory. The resurrection was NOT BODILY but spiritual.

Another teaching that is in opposition to the Bible is that man is incapable of sin, sickness, and death. All sin is insanity in different degrees. This, of course, includes a denial of the existence of evil creatures as Satan and demons.

The system of Christian Science is based on a number of logical fallacies. It is a form of absolute idealism which claims that matter as such does not exist. The basic syllogism used to arrive at this is: God is all, God is Mind, therefore Mind is all. Another: mind is all, matter is not mind, therefore matter does not exist. She's also guilty of logical fallacy of inversion: since God is good, good is God.

In spite of her attempts to think evil away, Mrs. Eddy had to come up with something that at least explained by the illusion of evil, sin, disease, and death is so prevalent. She concluded that "Mortal Mind" is the culprit. Mortal Mind is full of error because it is opposition to Divine Mind, the good. Mortal Mind exists because of "Malicious Animal Magnetism". This is the "devil" in Christian Science, the source of error and hostility. Yet this is inconsistent. If God is all...there is NO room for such things as Mortal Mind or Malicious Animal Magnetism. The only consistent way of Christian Science Philosophy to work is to stop clothing or feeding the body since the body itself is only an illusion of Mortal Mind.

## Theosophy

Theosophy is compounded from 2 Greek words and means "knowledge of God" or "God-knowledge" or "divine Wisdom." Admittedly derived from Hinduism it does NOT claim any new concepts but presumes to present truths



which are common to all religions. It was founded by Helena Oetrovna Blavatsky. She had made journeys to India, Tibet, Paris, London, Cuba, Mexico, and back to the U.S. During this time she cultivated her interest in mystical things and became a spiritualist medium. For a decade she was controlled by a spirit-guide, John King...and in her years of travel she lived with different men and had a child out of wedlock.

#### Doctrine of God

It is taught that God exists and that He is good. But it is the god of Hindu pantheism, or better, monism. Any thought of personality is taboo. They believe in a Universal Divine Principle, the root of ALL, from which all proceeds, and within which all shall be absorbed at the end of the great cycle of Being. Find Him (God) first in your own Self, and then you will see Him everywhere..This is the Divine Wisdom called Theosophy.

#### Doctrine of Christ

Theosophy teaches about the hierarchy of supernatural beings who come in descending scale from the Lord of the World. They are the ultimate in human evolution, perfected men who choose to be reincarnated for the good of humanity. The Lord of all these becomes incarnate from time to time as the Divine Teacher. He enters the body of one who is worthy. JESUS CHRIST was the 5th of these up to the present...and is the master to whom the Christian should turn. It is recognized that there are other divine teachers in other faiths, worthy of the same worship of their followers.

#### Doctrine of Man

Man is an exceedingly complex being and is called a "divine fragment" and his ultimate destiny is absorption in the impersonal god. Actually...man IS God and not a god. The true man is emanation from the Logos, a spark of the divine. Man is said to have 1 spirit, 3 souls, 1 life principle, and 2 bodies..the physical and the astral. Man is immortal. Death is merely the passage from one stage of being into another.

#### Doctrine of Salvation

Salvation is by the evolutionary passing of the soul into higher incarnations. Linked inseparably with this doctrine of reincarnation is the Hindu doctrine of Karma. The idea in mind is an ecstatic vision of the Ultimate, of Unknowable, in which the distinction between the individual self and the Primal Being is obliterated. This is Theosophy-Divine Wisdom. Each individual is slowly evolving through the various planes toward a union with the Absolute. This process requires innumerable cycles and reincarnations and so takes quantities of time. There is no concept of forgiveness of sins as each person MUST ACHIEVE his own salvation through the reincarnations.

#### Unity School of Christianity

Unity School developed in the late 19th century from the same roots as Christian Science and New Thought. All three of these religions grew out of the writings of P.P. Quimby, a mental healer from Maine. The central principle of the organization: "Unity of the soul with God, unity of all life, unity of all religions, unity of the spirit, soul, and body; unity of all men in the heart of truth." The only right to the inclusion of the words "of Christianity" is that Unity carries on its activity within the realm of nominal Christianity. It claims no membership and its adherents are members of churches throughout the country.

They maintain that Truth is not static, but ever increasing...and they strive to interpret the Bible, but do not claim infallibility or finality.

God is "Principle, law, being, mind, spirit, all good, omnipotent, omniscient, unchangeable, Creator, Father, cause and source of all that is. So...God is NOT a person, but a principle and each person has access to God because God is in each person.

They deny the deity of Jesus and claim that Jesus was NOT the Christ. He was only a man who possessed a spiritual identity known as the Christ. He was a perfected soul who attained creative power in a cosmic evolution previous to human history. Jesus and Christ were 2 separate entities who occupied the same body for a time. Jesus was a man like we are.

There is some ambiguity concerning evil, which at times seems to exist and at times is denied existence. At any rate sickness and disease are the result of inward conditions, conquerable by the ancient yogic method of concentration upon the fact that the individual soul is one with the Infinite.

Ultimate salvation is connected with the belief in reincarnation and is attained when the cycle of birth is broken and man comes to birth no more. Unity claims that all men have the Christ within them if they will only realize it. The difference between Jesus and other men is that Jesus realized and practiced His potential for perfection while others have not. Any man can attain the same perfection as Jesus if he will gain dominion over his thoughts and recognize that he has the Christ within. Each man is the song of God.

This means that men are NOT sinners for Jesus only died to demonstrate how atonement can be achieved between God and man. Atonement is the reconciliation produced by a reuniting of our consciousness with God-consciousness. Salvation occurs when one believes this doctrine and thereby removes himself from the illusion of sin and receives healing from error and infirmities.

#### I AM Movement

This group teaches that of the Ascended Masters who are the custodians of the "Eternal Inner Understanding" of the "I AM", the Great Creative Word. The Ascended Master, Saint Germain, is chief among thousands and is the one through whom this teaching came to its founders.

The conception of God is pantheistic. "Life in all its activities everywhere manifest, is God In Action, and it is only through lack of understanding of applied thought and feeling that mankind is constantly interrupting the pure flow of the Perfect Essence of Life, "I AM" is the Activity of "That Life." When you say and feel "I AM", you release the spring of Eternal Everlasting Life to flow on its natural flow..."I AM" is the Full Activity of God.

The student is admonished to look always and never forget it, to his own GOD SELF, which is the Creator of his individualization. Whether he speaks to the Godhead direct, to one of the Ascended Masters of Light or to his own God Self, in reality it makes no difference, for ALL ARE ONE.

Man is on the cosmic wheel of existence, and can only escape by the comprehension of the truth as given. Any one who dies without grasping the truth of the Law of Life must return in another body and try again to secure the victory.

#### Bahaism

Bahaism differs from all other cults listed in that its roots are in Islam. However, it is quite un-islamic in its lack of positive dogma and its eclecticism. Bahaism claims to be the fulfillment of past revelations of the world's major religions...upholds the unity of God, recognizes the unity of His Prophets, and inculcates the principle of the oneness and wholeness of the entire human race.

The Bab, founder, he was the long-expected educator and teacher of all peoples, the channel of a wondrous Grace that would transcend all previous outpourings, in which all previous forms of religion would be merged. He was to bring about the inauguration of the glorious age of peace on earth foretold by prophets of old.

This group taught: unity of mankind, religions, race, nations; equality of men and women; unification of languages, 1 international tribunal for judgment of all. Their concept of deity is at times Islamic, and at other times pantheism; no member of the human family is bad or evil. Sin is defined as the absence of good in the life of the faithful. Therefore atonement is unnecessary. Education will free men from all imperfections. Baha'u'llah is the voice of God for this age..culmination has been reached.

#### Swedenborgianism-The Church the New Jerusalem

Called "The New Church" by its members, takes its unique teachings from the religious writings of Emmanuel Swedenborg, a noted scientist and philosopher who devoted his last 30 years to a "comprehensive Re-Statement of the Christian message. He claims it is a Protestant church founded upon the Bible with its central teaching about the Lord God...teaching people to better understand the Christian theology. In fundamental doctrines they are utterly at odds with the orthodox Christianity.

The passion of the cross was not redemption..(this is a fundamental error of the church along with the belief in 3 Divine Persons in Eternity.

The "final judgment" took place in 1757 at which time the "dew dispensation" began. Since then the Lord has been engaged in performing a redemption which pertains to the subjugation of the hells and establishment of order in the heavens.

For the Trinity he taught that God exists in His 1 person in 3 ways: 1) God in the depths of His Being is the Father; 2) God knowable and known is the Son; 3) God actively and always engaged in imparting of Himself is the Holy Spirit.

Christ is believed to have inherited evil from his mother. He appeared to the spiritually alert senses of the disciples as the very same beloved Lord and Master whom they thought had 'died' on the cross.

The regeneration mentioned in John 3 is a spiritual matter and in that sense we are reborn every time a new affection posess us. At death the person enters a "world of spirits" which is a state between heaven and hell. The judgment seat is in our own hearts for we judge ourselves by the choices we make. Here the good man seeks more of what is good and true and the sinner finds many companions to his liking.

#### Rosicrucianism (The Rose Cross)

Its adherents see in the cross a symbol of "life currents vitalizing the bodies of plants, animals, and man. The founder, Chris Rosenkreuz, said his mission was to prepare a new phase of the Christian religion to keep pace with the normal progress in evolution...striving to lead to Christ those who cannot find Him by faith alone.

They teach that man started as a spark of the Divine Flame of God, and after aeons of preparation reaches his present state, and will finally attain the perfection of superman.

The group splitting from this is Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis. They are devoted to the investigation and study of the higher principles of life as found expressed in man and nature...strictly secret, spiritual, and free from dogma so all can belong.

#### Hinduism

Hinduism has great multitudes of gods and goddesses...it abounds in immoral practices, superstition, fear, and occultism; demon worship and possession by the gods.

The caste system is rigid, unjust, and cruel. There is no recognition of sin or moral guilt. Sin is an illusion; in an ultimate sense...man is God. Each person has many lives in which to achieve salvation (reincarnation). There is a slow, evolving process toward the highest..and rigidly deny Christ is the only way God.

#### Jainison

This is a religion from India...is egocentric rather than a God-centered religion with NO personal God...rejects the supernatural for uncreated, eternal, dualistic universe of matter and soul. There is NO mercy or grace...only works and a very severe system of legalism.

Jainism is ritualism with no relationship with God. Even love is denied because it produces attachments. It is characterized by pessimism and there is no place for weak, lame, or young. Only the strong can obtain salvation. They pray to 24 Thirnkankaras.

#### Sikhism

This also is mainly in India and is a reform movement of Hinduism. Their concept of God is monotheistic...and is so mystical and abstract that it almost borders on pantheism. Salvation is absorption of the soul into God. Hindu ideas of karma and transmigration are also taught. They claim to spurn idolatry but yet worship their sacred book. Sikhism claims all religions worship the same God.

#### Buddhism

Another removed group of Hinduism which is very diverse in teaching. There are over 200 different branches of thought in Japan alone. These will be either polytheistic, pantheistic, or atheistic.

Some have abandoned rationality (Zen Buddhism) while others have developed superficial similarities to Christianity. None confronts and overcomes the problem of sin. It is often a way of life more than religion. Buddhism is built upon 4 Noble Truths:

1) Life is full of pain and suffering; 2) Suffering is caused by tanha (the desire or thirst for pleasure, existence, and prosperity. 3) Suffering can be overcome by eliminating these cravings; 4) right conduct; 5) right livelihood (certain occupations must not be followed such as slave trader, tax collector, or butcher); 6) right effort; 7) right mindfulness (self-analysis); 8) right meditation (the techniques of Raja Yoga).

4 right conduct includes the 5 precepts (forbidding killing, stealing, lying, adultery, and drinking intoxicants. Also, do not eat at forbidden times; do not dance, listen to music or attend theatrical plays; do not indulge in personal adornment (cosmetics or jewelry); do not use a broad or high bed; do not receive gold or silver.

Each member of a Sangha must also have a shaven head, wear a yellow robe, practice meditation, and affirm the 3 Refuges; 1) I take refuge in the Buddha, 2) The Dharma (doctrine) 3) The Sangha (the order).

#### Zoroastrianism

Once widespread...now only a few adherents. This connects more closely with Christianity than any religion except Judaism. It's monotheistic. Their God is Ahura Mazda (God of light) and is NOT a personal God...yet they speak of a coming Savior, resurrection of body, judgment and eternal life. They believe there is a constant struggle between 2 primal spirits...1 good and 1 bad. The bad is Angra Mainyw (aryan means nature god)..and yet the good God will eventually conquer. They must work for their salvation...then if a person has a good moral credit balance, they have salvation. They need good thoughts, good deeds, good words.

They worship sacred fire and the white bull in their temple. Empty rituals, ceremonial forms and legalism dominate their beliefs.

#### Confucianism

This is a Chinese religion. Confucius served as important organizer, editing and refining the ethical and cultural heritage. Again this has become very much a part of their every-day life. They teach that man needs NO help beyond himself and a savior is not needed because people are NOT sinful

Yet they teach self respect and respect for others and use the "golden rule" (don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you). They are more concerned with earth than heaven and try to shift popular emphasis from heaven to earth without completely dropping heaven.

#### Taoism

Another Chinese religion founded by Lao Tzu...although they doubt if he ever really existed. There is no historical proof of anything about their beliefs. They have NO personal creator or God in any form in this group. They are involved with nature, mysticism, and an impersonal principle. Sin and morality is minimized...salvation is achieved by following Tao. A person must commit himself to the Tao...live a life of simplicity and quiet. They have a system of magical practices and incantations. The priests sell charms against demons and evil spirits of the dead. It is both polytheistic and animistic. There are many heavens and hells. Another belief is that all things ultimately come from impersonal.

#### Shinto

##### (Spirit Way)

This is the indigenous religion of Japan and is a combination of many things with a wide difference of thought and practice. They worship nature gods and people gods. Shinto teaches the supremacy and celestial origin of the Japanese race. They minimize the idea of sin and moral guilt. Since the Japanese have a divine origin, they are naturally good. Instead of a system of ethics, Shinto has developed a set of social rules and taboos. Shinto is based on nebulous stories devoid of any historical facts. Evil is banished by ceremonial washing and sweeping. They give worship offerings of food and rice wine (sake) to their gods. Salvation to them is deliverance from the troubles and evils of the world. There is no concept of sin or depravity. God made man...so man IS god.

#### Islam

(means surrender...or submission to will of Allah)

Mohammed is founder and combines elements of Judaism and Christianity. They accept Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus, etc. as prophets of Allah. Mohammed is last and greatest prophet. The Koran is their Bible and say our Bible is not accurate if it conflicts with the Koran.

Allah has done nothing for man...and there is NO provision for sin in their belief. Salvation is by works and complete surrender to Islam. They reject the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. He was just a sinless prophet. Islam has an elaborate system of angels and demons. But no personal relationship with God is held.

5 basic beliefs and practices of Islam:

- 1) Allah is the one true-God. Allah is omnipotent, omniscient, and so transcendent that he is practically unknowable.
- 2) Allah has sent many prophets to guide men. Old and New Testament contain 28 mentioned in the Koran. Jesus is claimed to be a sinless prophet and Mohammed is the last and great of the prophets.
- 3) Of the 4 inspired books, the Koran is the most important. The other 3 are the Tauret (Pentateuch) of Moses, the Zabur (Psalms) or David, and the Injil (Evangel) of Jesus. Koran is held to be as eternal as Allah.
- 4) There are many intermediary beings (angels). There are also fallen angels (djinn or demons) and a ruler of the Djinn known as Iblis or Shaitan (Satan).
- 5) There will be a day of judgment, a surrection, and a heaven and hell. Each man's deeds will be weighed on a pair of balances to determine his destiny. Heaven is a place of sensuous delight and gratification.

#### 5 Pillars of Islam:

1) Recitation of Islam's creed (Shahadah) or word (Kalima): There is NO God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." This creed must be said aloud, publicly, and with conviction in order for one to be a believer. It is said several times a day.

2) The practice of prayer (salat) 5 times a day (upon rising, at noon, in midafternoon, after sunset, and before retiring). The worshiper must recite the prescribed prayers while facing the Kaaba in Mecca.

3) The practice of almsgiving (zakat). This was once a voluntary practice, but it has become a tax-1/40 of once's income and holdings.

4) The month of fasting (month of Ramadan). During this month which occurs at different times of the year since the Muslims use a lunar calendar...Muslims are not allowed to eat or drink anything during the daylight hours. (Many arise and eat before dawn and as soon as it gets dark.)

5) The pilgrimage to Mecca (the Hajj) Muslims are required to make this pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime if at all possible. This trip which helps them attain salvation, is usually expensive and dangerous to the health if one is not strong. A complex and arduous set of ceremonies must be performed, many of which center around the Kaaba shrine.

Other practices are: circumcision, the veiling of women with a purdah, polygyny (a man is limited to 4 wives at a time) and abstention from alcohol, gambling, and certain foods (especially pork). There are also a number of festivals and feasts, depending on the sect or branch of Islam to which one belongs.

## Nobody

Someone tells the story about a dog which was being shipped by crate. Somehow it had managed to chew off the identification tag attached to its collar. The postmaster was bewildered about the dog. Not knowing what else to do, he sent it on to Washington with this note: "Here is nobody from nowhere going no place." This may be a good description of many people in our day.

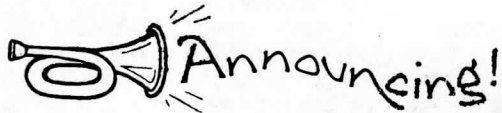
Rev. Walter B. Knight

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5. Are your children learning about the Bible in Sunday school?
6. Do you help your children prepare their Sunday school lessons...do you look at the papers they bring home from Sunday school?

Give yourself 10 points for every "Yes" answer and nothing for "No" answers. Sixty or 50 indicates your SQ is tops. Below 50 means you need to improve. If you want to raise your low SQ then begin today to give the Bible the most important place in your home and Sunday School.



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