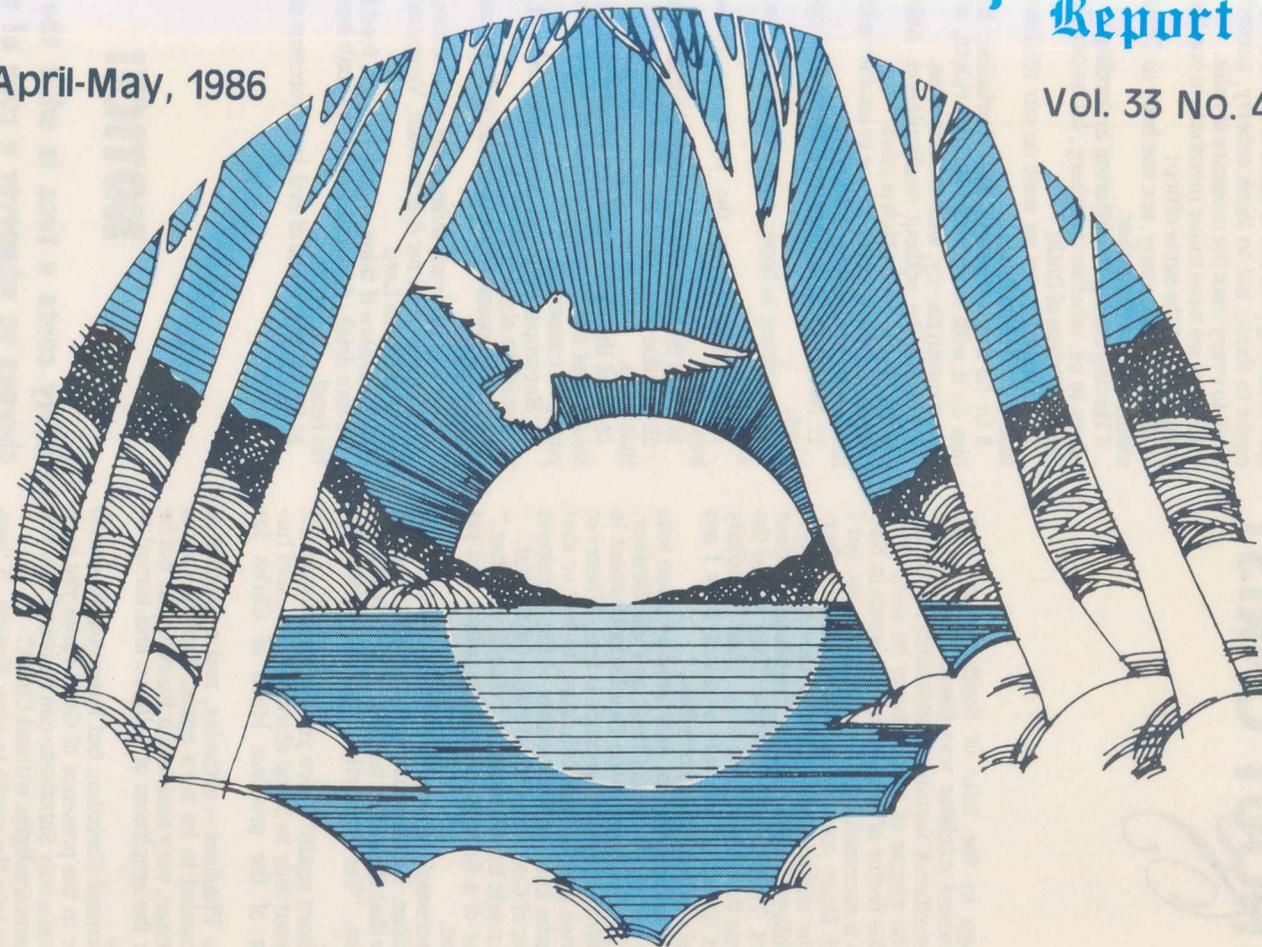


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But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise
with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:2

... WITHOUT CHRIST

Religion

Several years ago in the hills of Southwestern Pennsylvania a well-trained minister was found doing simple gospel work in a scattered farming community, with apparent results. In the course of conversation he said, "For many years I was the rector of a fashionable church in New Jersey. I was quite a successful preacher, as they go, but I myself was unsaved. Many young people came into the church, but they were the children of those who were members, and they simply followed along in the footsteps of their fathers and mothers. They were not saved. They joined the church because it was the proper thing to do. Then I suddenly woke up to the fact that I myself was unsaved. Now I am preaching the gospel as simply as I know how."

Today the world is full of religion, professed by those who really do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Someone has said that "religion is the Devil's instrument to blind men's eyes." We fear that the remark is true. Wherever you go, you meet men and women belonging to this or that system of religion who know nothing either of the sinfulness of their own hearts or of God's way of salvation for the lost.

Perhaps one who reads these lines is a "church member," or even the minister of a fashionable congregation, and yet he himself is unsaved.

There must be a personal experience of the soul with God if one is to be a Christian. Nicodemus came to the Lord Jesus and said, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God." Jesus answered him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee...Ye must be born again."

Reader, are you born again? Have you ever seen yourself as a lost sinner on your way to being eternally lost, and turned to the shelter of the precious blood of Christ for salvation?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee - orthodox, and a teacher of religion - but he needed to be born again. Saul of Tarsus likewise was a Pharisee, very zealous for his religion; but he was brought to see the emptiness of religion and turned to Christ for salvation.

You may be a nominal Christian, but have you ever seen yourself as a sinner in the presence of God? Have you seen yourself as lost unless a holy Substitute can be found who will die for you? Or is yours a religion without Christ?

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If "sinner" is your title, there is a Saviour for you - a Saviour whose precious blood is sufficient for the chiefest of sinners. If you are only religious, you may be very respectable in the eyes of your fellowmen but you are on your way to hell; and unless your eyes are opened before you die, you will be eternally lost. May God save you from a "religion without Christ," that you may find your only refuge and hope in Him who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Romans 12

1 Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest unto the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Freedom is not Free

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace, but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! Our brothers are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Go forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

These words are from the mouth of Patrick Henry in a speech delivered at the House of Burgesses, March 23, 1775. The speech urged people that only by armed resistance could they withstand English oppression. In view of the situation, he stated, "I consider it as nothing less than a question of freedom or slavery." He realized that freedom was not to come without a struggle. It is vain for people to cry for peace without being willing to do anything to obtain it. Life without liberty is no better than death. Thomas Paine wrote in 1776, 'The Crisis,' "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as 'Freedom' should not be highly rated." "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Let us guard against the thought that living in America is as living in any other country, not think that freedom was earned easily. Sacrifices were made to secure this land; the sacrifice of many souls of men, women and children. Thousands have been killed needlessly and unmercifully. Many books contain pictures of various wars of the past-scenes showing the wounded, the dead, the emotional anguish on the faces. Even pictures cannot fully relate the experiences. The furthest stretch of the imagination cannot generate the sounds of war or feel the affect of those that have actually seen the blood and death of people that were not the same again, and couldn't forget. But why the need for war? Why the insane killing? Is it only for the basic greed of man for more land, more wealth or more power? Is it just for the lust for killing? It seems that killing stimulates excitement for more killing. Greed takes control and nothing will stand in the way of trying to obtain that desire. But the greatest desire of people under dominion of a corrupt power is to be at liberty.

People have paid dearly for 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' From the signing of the Declaration of Independence, America has been in many wars concerning various things, but is it not feasible to assume that always the underlying motive is individual freedom? Paine wrote that freedom must be worth much more than we times consider it. People that have not had to struggle for their liberty, mean as much as to those who have. Must freedom be taken away before we realize the importance of it? Can we not understand what has happened to secure this land from foreign powers. Thomas Jefferson wrote, "And for the Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." The words about pledging their lives were indeed just what they meant. Fifty-six men, all with knowledge that they were committing treason, signed the Declaration July 4, 1776. John Hancock and his assistant were the first to sign, followed by educated men consisting of lawyers, merchants, plantation owners. There were men that aren't as well known as others, but still each one signed with that 'sacred honor' to uphold their beliefs in 'certain unalienable rights.' All was not well as some may think. It is probable to think that all the signers suffered for standing for their convictions, by verbal abuse if not physically. Five of the signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked

and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary War, another had 2 sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds and hardships of the war. The attempt to arrest the patriot leaders, Sam Adams and Hancock was the event that involved 'the shot heard around the world.'

Freedom - has it been worth the price? America is a great nation, but although we may be free from any physical foreign power, the society without God is held in bondage by another foreign power, not seen with eyes. This is not a power of flesh and blood; this is a power that will harm the soul if allowed. The ruler of this empire also seeks for the death of people. Is it true that 'freedom is slavery'? Some people will do anything for cause of liberty-the liberty to do as they please. Whether the world realizes it, satan has it held captive with foolish pleasures and lusts. Just because people aren't involved in war doesn't mean peace. Absence from conflict is not peace. Malice among mankind exists because there is no peace in the heart; a result of not having peace with God.

Patrick Henry, in a speech, stated, "Is this a part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty?" "Are we desposed to be of the number of those, who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?" As we advanced as man has become, is the only alternative that can be thought of physical war? Is America too rebellious to acknowledge the very power that established it? To ignore the peacemaker can only result in disaster; leading to destruction. Sadly enough, a disillusioned people struggle only for security here on earth. They shut their eyes against the painful truth - the conviction of sin of satan that has so engrossed the world with. People should listen to the words, 'Suffer not yourselves to be betrayed with a kiss.' The world looks good. Enjoy satan's devices and reap the consequences. The pain and sorrow must be it there is to be true repentance; the truth is that life has to change from ungodly to a Christ-like behavior.

Most people believe in God, however, too few accept Him. More than a mere belief in God is required to go to Heaven. For people to neglect and shun the only true Liberator is sometimes beyond the Christians understanding. Living here, enjoying worldly pleasures, is only for a short while and falls so short of the eternal life that has been offered. People often hear what the Lord says, but don't really listen. They are always looking for everything, yet fail to see that which is most evident.

Physical freedom - is this the first priority in life? Nothing is more important than a spiritual need. You may be bound by a sinful life, but Christ desires to grant His creations true freedom and peace. He has promised peace that surpasses all understanding. Peace is calmness within the heart, not just avoiding life's troubles. It is a result of knowing that sin no longer is the corrupt controller of your life and the bondage has been broken. "Liberated from sin we have been, freedom now I see by the blood He shed for me; For the soul held in bondage, liberated it can be." Jn. 8:32; "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Effort and sacrifice is involved in a Christians life, but "It will be worth it all when we see Christ." Labouring for things in life is vanity, if not for the Lord. Only by knowing the truth is opened eternal life. II Cor. 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Praise be to God!

American freedom makes this the greatest nation in which to live, but God has a Heavenly Kingdom that will be even greater; so much more. Christ stands for His people, the flag stands for the nation of America; so ought Christians stand for His testimony among mankind.

'Just as the statue liberates the citizens, so as the cross liberates the soul!'

Ron Noble

Cults Are False Prophets

Cult Characteristics II A False Basis of Salvation

by Mrs Yvonna Whiteley

Man is born with a space in his being that can only be filled by God. A person will express it as "an emptiness in my life"... "I'm restless...nothing satisfies"...or "I'm looking for something that's real."

This longing for reality gives growth to the cults. Without exception the cults obscure the truth and offer salvation on some other basis than the biblical way of repentance and faith in Jesus. (Rom. 3:23-25; Eph.2:8,9).

All other forms of salvation based on human efforts are cursed by God. (Gal. 3:10,11). Salvation is a free gift from God...imputed righteousness which is righteousness that is placed to his account in heaven. Cults viciously attack the message of the grace of God...that God gave His Son freely...that Jesus died freely...and by this grace individuals are saved.

CULTS MUST DESTROY THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD in order to introduce their system of works for salvation. Every cult in the world teaches "another gospel" and is therefore cursed of God. Usually their alternative way is salvation by membership in their group. Failure to keep this membership intact incurs the damnation of the soul. A good example is Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God.

Krishna devotees are offered "sublime association" which is associating with saintly persons and by simply hearing from great souls (mahatmas) or just hearing the words and saying them "Hare Krsna" will save them. Salvation by works-what a person does is most important...whether weeks or years of service, giving money, doing incantations, or reciting of chants. The more you do, the better CHANCE for salvation. They never give a person the assurance he has achieved salvation.

Jehovah's Witnesses say the basis for the judgment at the end of 1000 years will be solely the works they did individually during the millennium.

Christian Scientists are told salvation consists of being saved from the illusion and delusions of mortal sense (sense of being sick or dying).

Early Mormonism taught the women their salvation depended on polygamy.

Unitarians believe in salvation by character-developing moral values and spiritual insights.

Theosophy teaches a man is saved by working out his own "karma" or law works.

What he is now is the result of previous works...what he becomes is the result of present works done while alive this time.

But all they need is Acts 16:31..."Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." We need and must share this message with the lost and the ones trapped by cults.

III-Uncertain Hope

Cult leaders must never offer a final cure. Rather they must always teach that certain or sure salvation is in an unreachable or future plane in order to keep followers in their group continually striving for it.

So...most all cults teach NO ONE can ever be sure of eternal life while in this world. Followers then live in constant fear they have NOT done enough...given enough...worked enough...prayed or worshipped enough to be sure of salvation. This is the method used for cult leaders to extract every kind of sacrifice and devotion of followers. The followers support the leader here which the leader says provides salvation LATER.

Cult leaders are only interested in fulfilling their lust for power and money and do so by extracting from devotees a response TODAY in return for a promise to be fulfilled only in the TOMORROWS. Their salvation then is uncertain.

Christ offers a free salvation by grace with the assurance it is ours. (I Peter 1:3-6) His spirit communes with our spirit so we know we have salvation (Rom. 8:16; John 10:27-29).

But the cults are interested only in producing perpetual obligation...not spiritual freedom. They keep followers in the hopeless bondage of an insecure relationship with God or cult leader.

Krishna believers can never be sure of where he or she stand at any given moment. They promise that if you live a life of Krishna consciousness then, when you leave your body, IF you think of him you will achieve bliss.

A thoughtful person who examines the preaching and writing of the cults carefully is almost certain to sense a frustrating indefiniteness. He is being strung along, beguiled up a primrose path to NO-WHERE.

We may be very sure that the promoter of a false religion who is interested in producing dependence upon himself as against freedom that comes through faith in Christ would never pass on to his followers the words of Christ: (John 10:27-29)...My sheep know me, follow me, they have eternal life, etc.

A person who is anxious is also exploitable. To make a person fearful is designed into cultic theology as they use fear to create dependence upon their particular religious views.

IV Presumptuous Messianic Leadership

Only Christ deserves disciples. Christ is the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:2) John the Baptist refused any honor. (John 1:15,19-23; John 3:27-30).

Cult leaders imply they have some divine capability.

Mr. Moon says he's the Lord of the 2nd Advent. He and his 2nd wife are the new Adam and Eve. Their followers are the first children of a new and perfect world.

Judge Rutherford (Jehovah Witness) claims to be God's chosen vessel and the Watchtower organization as the final dispenser of truth.

Joseph Smith (Mormons) claimed John the Baptist gave him the priesthood of Aaron. Later he claimed he received the higher priesthood of Melchizedek from Peter, James, and John.

L. Ron Hubbard of Scientology states himself as a higher authority than Christ or the Bible.

Guru Maharai, Jr, claims himself as the "perfect master" and "Lord of the universe."

Meher Baba (Bahai cult) says he is God personified-"I am the Christ. I assert unequivocally that I AM infinite consciousness; I make this assertion because I AM infinite consciousness. I am everything and I am beyond everything. Before me was Krishna, Rama, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammed. My present avataric form is the last incarnation of the cycle of time, hence my manifestation will be the greatest."

One of the marks of a cult is that it elevates the person and the words of a human leader to a messianic level. A predictable cult characteristic is that followers quote their leader as a final authority. Many - too many - religiously inclined people are either not intellectually responsible enough to think for themselves or they would rather someone speak to them with authority. Cult leaders are like Lucifer in heaven...PROUD...they want to be exalted while outwardly they promote the image of eternal humility.

Another form of presumptuous messianic leadership is the claim of the cult leader that they are a special intercessor with God. "Believe in my prayers"... "give me the op-

portunity to pray for you." But scripture tells us ALL BELIEVERS HAVE POWER WITH GOD if we ONLY but use it. (John 14:13). No one has an inside track with God except Christ. (I Tim. 2:15; Hev.4:14-16; Heb. 10:19-22).

Paul also tells us of our access to God thru Christ. (Eph. 1:15-19; 3:18,19; Phil. 4:6). He taught us not to follow humans but directly deal with God through Christ.

Cult leaders labor to produce idolatrous dependence upon themselves. He makes himself imperative to lives of his followers. Christ warns against this in Luke 4:8.

Cult leaders give themselves the position of being the ONLY repository of Divine Truth..."my message, my revelation, my leadership, my people." He claims some private revelation from God. (II Peter 1:20) Paul always lifted up Christ. (I Cor. 3:20,23).

All churches needs to teach Christians to mature so he or she can study the Bible and be led and directed by the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL PRIDE

One of the deadliest of sins is spiritual pride which says, "I am rich...and have need of nothing" (Rev. 3:17).

Shakespeare remonstrated, "But man, proud man, drest in a little brief authority,...plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven as make the angels weep."

God's Word warns, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

Beward of Peter's boastful words,
Nor confidently say,
"I never will deny Thee, Lord,"
But, "Grant I never may."

"USING WRONG WEAPONS TO MAKE THE WORLDOVER"

Clarence Hall, a World War II correspondent, said, "I can never think of the boons and benefits that the Bible invariably brings without thinking of Shimmabuke, a tiny village I came upon as a war correspondent in Okinawa.

"Thirty-five years before, an American missionary en route to Japan had stopped there, just long enough to make two converts - Shosei Kina and his brother Mojon. He left a Bible with them and passed on. For thirty years they had no contact with any other Christian missionary, but they made the Bible come alive. They taught the other villagers until every man, woman, and child in Shimmabuke became Christians.

"Shosei Kina became the headman of the village, and Mojon the chief teacher. In his school the Bible was read daily. The precepts of the Bible were law in the village. In those thirty years there developed a Christian democracy in its purest form.

"When the American army came across the island, an advance patrol came to the village compound with guns leveled. The two old men stepped forth, bowed low and began to speak. An interpreter explained that the old men were welcoming Americans as fellow Christians. The GIs were flabbergasted. They sent for their chaplain. He came with officers of the Intelligence Service. They toured the village. They were astounded at the spotlessly clean homes and streets, and the gentility of the inhabitants. The other Okinawan villages they had seen were filthy, and the people were ignorant and poverty-stricken.

"Later I strolled through Shimmabuke with a tough army sergeant. He said, "I can't figure it out - this kind of people coming from a Bible and a couple of old guys who wanted to live like Jesus Christ. Maybe we have been using the wrong kind of weapons to make the world over"

A Mother's Reward

It was an Egyptian princess who said it, but the words sound like an echo of the voice of God speaking to every mother with a newborn babe: "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Exodus 2:9).

This text relates to one of the big events of history. It is doubtful if all the decisive battles of the world taken together were of greater importance to mankind than this event that took place on the banks of the Nile.

Yet it is a simple story. Pharaoh's daughter and her attendants have come to the riverside to bathe, and have found a crudely built ark in the bulrushes. Their curiosity aroused, the little boat is brought to shore. To the amazement of the princess, there is a baby boy in the ark.

Picture the scene - the baby waving his dimpled hands, kicking his chubby feet, with tears on his cheeks; and the princess drawing him to her, speaking soft words of comfort, trying to quell his fears.

There was a young girl watching, and as she saw the princess fondle the little bundle, a glad and daring thought crossed her mind. Running from her hiding place, she said, "Shall I go call a nurse?" Surely the Lord was working in the heart of that princess, because she accepted her offer without question.

The decision that the child should live was indeed important. But something equally important took place when the princess decided who should care for the child. Suppose, for instance, she had determined to train him herself - she would have made him a heathen. Moses was destined to be an emancipator and a genius, but wrongly trained his genius might have been as destructive as the lightning's flash, though just as brilliant.

Unwittingly, the woman chose to have the child nursed by his own mother who loved and believed God. What emotions must have gone through Jochebed's heart as her son was handed to her. The princess spoke proudly, haughtily, as became her rank: "Take this child away, and nurse it for me." But the Israelitish slave heard this as the voice of God.

When God wants to train a leader, He gives him a good mother. Moses' mother was not working for the princess, but for God. She was a woman of faith, for in Hebrews 1 we read that Moses was hidden by faith. Notice she was eager for her task. She knew hardship was in store for her but she accepted gladly and willingly the task God gave her. Unfortunately, there are some today that look upon the responsibilities of motherhood as a kind of prison.

Home is of utmost importance. Today's civilization is what the homes of yesterday made it. Without Christian homes, we cannot have a Christian civilization. So when God raised up this man Moses to remake the world, He put him in a pious home.

What was Jochebed's task? She was not to govern the world, nor was she to lecture before great crowds, but in training her child for God she had the highest and holiest of all tasks.

Observe that this woman was to be paid for her services. But she received much more than the wages the princess sent down each week. First, she was given the privilege of loving this child. Second, she had the privilege of serving - the blessing of giving rather than receiving. Then, in the third place, there was the joy of seeing the effect of her training on the character of her son.

Oh, it is a blessed reward, the reward of success in the high enterprise of motherhood. The privilege to love, to give, and to bless - there can be no richer reward. Mothers, you can have the same joys as this old-time mother. While your children are about you, listen for the voice of God saying, "Take this child away, and (train) it for me, and I will give thee thy wages"

AFBC NEWS

GIRLS DORM REPORT

Girls...

Sugar and spice and everything nice...

Pretty and fixy...

Sensitive and teary...

Reluctant and leary...

Add Jesus Christ and His word to the above and you get:

Love overflowing...

Joy and unspeakable...

Laughter from the heart...

Tears and prayers of concern for others...

Hours of prayer and study...

A life in which God has been given every part.

I love my girls, and they all love the Lord. It is my prayer that the growth they have found in Him through being at A.F.B.C. this past year will only get bigger and that you wonderful people of the Apostolic Faith will be able to see Christ in them. A big thanks to all of you from all the ladies at A.F.B.C. for making this opportunity available to us.

Dorm "Mama"
Shari Cook

BOYS DORM REPORT

Greeting from the boy's dorm! More than ever before we realize the blessings of the Lord are reality. Each new day He manifests Himself in so many different ways, and assures us of His love. We have had revival services just recently with Bro. Amos Harris and truly have received the needs of our hearts. I speak for each of the young men here in the dorm that the Lord has been good. As we humble ourselves before God and begin to pray, the scripture promises us that He will heal whatever need we face. Things are winding down very fast here at college. Our pace has quickened, and plans are already being made for the summer. Please pray for each of the students as they begin individual ministries wherever they go. They need the Lord's guidance and your prayers. It's been good to have each and every one of these students here throughout the year. God bless each of them!

Dean of Men
Danny M. Robinson

Advisory Board Meeting

May 7, 1986 9:00 A.M.

General Business Meeting

May 7, 1986 1:00 P.M.

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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.

A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

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

Why Attend Apostolic Faith Bible College?



Every person in the world is faced with making decision. We ask ourselves daily – “What am I going to do today? What shall I wear? Should I buy this or that? Shall I eat pizza or hamburger?” But, some decisions are so important that they affect our lives forever. As I think about decisions, I remember one of the most important decisions I ever made – to come to Bible College. It has changed my life.

I suppose I was like every other senior in High School. I wanted success. I wanted a career. I wanted to be like everyone else and go to college. I wanted to get the best scholarships I could get. I wanted to do something with my life. The guidance counsellors knew, and they tried their best to get me some good deals. And I was caught up in that for a while. But, I had been raised in a Christian home. All my sisters had gone to Bible College at AFBC. And everyone expected me to go also. Everyone would automatically say, “I guess you’ll be going to Bible College after you graduate.” In my mind I was rebelling. Why I didn’t want to go to Bible College. I would be bored. It would be a waste. I wanted to go to a secular college and be like everyone else. As my senior year came to a close, the Lord worked on me. He showed me that I was supposed to go to AFBC and there was a reason for it. No longer did I rebel, but I really wanted to attend Bible College. I am now completing two years here at AFBC, and I wouldn’t trade my training here for the world. There is no limit to what I have learned here and the things I have gained from the Lord. Two years ago, I thought I knew all there was to know about God’s word. Today, I know about God’s word. Today, I know more than I knew then, but the more I know, the more I realize that there is so much I don’t know. I am so thankful for this place and for what God has done for me here. You may be asking me just why a person should choose Bible College. I’ll try to show just a few reasons that seem important to me. First of all, it is a wonderful place to fellowship with other Christians. I could find no better friends in the world than the ones I have made here. We really have fun, and uplift, encourage, and love one another! And the friendships, I know, will last a lifetime.

Secondly, as a young person, sometimes it is hard to decide exactly what to do with your life. Bible College is a great place to make those decisions, with the right foundation to build upon.

Thirdly, learning from the word of God and gaining knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ helps one stand strong for

him. It is interesting and exciting learning more about Jesus Christ.

Fourth, everyone it seems, is interested in finding that special someone to share the rest of their lives with. This is a great place to enjoy dating Christians and perhaps even, to discover the perfect person God has intended you to marry. What better place is there to find a mate than at Bible College?

The last reason I’d like to share with you is, in my eyes, the most important. The fellowship, the fun, the finding of a mate, and the learning more from the word is wonderful. But, oh, nothing can be compared to having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and growing in him daily. Before I came to Bible College, I knew about the Lord, I was a Christian. I read my Bible, I prayed. I attended church every time the doors were open. I went to youth service. I went to youth camps, Camp Meeting, and VBS. But, I never really experienced the fullness of having Jesus Christ as my Lord, my Saviour, my friend. You see, there is a whole lot more to Christianity than being a good person. And there is more to Christianity than repentance and forgiveness. Yes, that is important but there must be growth. Next comes sanctification and really living a holy life. Then there is the sweet Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Last year here at Bible College I was filled with the precious Holy Spirit. And then there is the daily living for the Lord, the sweet communion with him and the abiding in Christ. This Bible College is the place where I’ve really learned what it means to serve Jesus. I learned what a really life changing experience it is to really know God. And yet every day I learn more. I know this is only the beginning of a wonderful life in the Lord. My life has changed. Yes, I may still have a career of some sort or go to college only the Lord knows. But I do know this with Jesus as my personal Lord with God in control where can I go wrong? Yes, I know satan has a battle against us but with God on our side there is victory.

So I encourage you, if you are faced with the decision what now? Bible College is a great place to be. I asked several of the students why they would encourage someone to attend Bible College. One reply was, “I found myself and I found the Lord in a real way. And I found true happiness. How could anyone afford to pass up a chance like that?”

Valerie Oakes

Obituary — Flora Stimson

Flora Geraldine Stimson, Beagle, daughter of William Frank Stimson and Bertha Delcia Rogers Stimson, was born September 2, 1924 at Gans, Oklahoma and passed from this life on February 8, 1986 in Presbyterian Hospital, Oklahoma City, at the age of sixty-one years.

Gerri, as she was lovingly called, moved with her parents to Seneca, Missouri then to Booker, Texas, attending school in these cities. Her father, who was a minister, was then transferred to Arnett where he had accepted the pastorate of The Apostolic Church, and this became Gerry's home.

On April 9, 1947, Flora Geraldine Stimson was united in marriage to Quinten Howard Beagle by Minister Jake Pletcher at Vici, Oklahoma. They established their home in the Eddie Community, southeast of Arnett. Three daughters were born to this union, Quineta Geraldine, Nyla Berylene, and Daryn Una. She was a homemaker, wife, and mother, whose love for her family was evident in all that she did. She gave her children and grandchildren a firm foundation for building Christ-centered lives and made them realize the need for an experience in Christ and Christian living. God was always her source of strength. She taught her daughters to never limit themselves in achieving their goals in life.

Mrs. Beagle longed to further her education, so she returned to Northwestern State University where she received her B.A. Degree in 1983, and on May 4, 1984 at the age of fifty-nine years she finished requirements for her Masters of Behavioral Science. Throughout these years she maintained high grade averages despite an illness from which she was suffering and from which she failed to recover.

Mrs. Beagle was a member of The Apostolic Faith Church where she served as Sunday School Teacher, pianist, and organist, and sang with her family group and with various choirs. She was also a past president of the Cowbelles Extension Homemakers Club, State Committee Chairman for Extension Homemakers, and was chosen 4-H leader of the year.

She was a loving wife and mother, a cherished grandmother, and a caring friend and neighbor.

Mrs. Beagle was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stimson, and one sister, Virginia Fern. She is survived by her husband, Quinten H. Beagle of the home, three daughters; Quineta Geraldine Wylie and husband Allan of Cashion, Oklahoma, Nyla Berylene Steed and husband, Raleigh of Garrett, Texas, and Daryn Una Ficklin and husband, Jim of Woodward; four grandchildren, Raleigh Hudson and Cassandra Berylene Steed and Trevor McLain and Allan Stimson Wylie; two brothers, Roger F. Stimson of Oklahoma City, and Frank Stimson of Cherokee, Alabama; four aunts; four uncles; three nieces; two nephews, other loved ones, and many friends.

Services were held Feb. 12, 1986 with Rev. Richard Morris and Rev. Jerry Hodges officiating. Interment was in Eddie Cemetery, Ellis County, Oklahoma.

WHAT DECISION HAVE YOU MADE?

Many years ago an old man died on Staten Island, homeless and friendless. He had once been one of America's most brilliant lawyers and the vice-president of the United States. In his youthful years, he decided against Christ, although he had been convicted of sin and of his need of the Saviour.

In the wake of that tragic decision, there followed a life of crime and treasonable acts, culminating in the murder of Alexander Hamilton.

You ask for his name? It was Aaron Burr.

What decision have you made in reference to the destiny determining question, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ" (Matt. 27:22)?

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WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

I sat at a lunch counter in a bus depot next to two men. I wasn't particularly interested in their conversation until one mentioned that a friend of his had just passed away.

"Too bad," replied the other. "But I guess it was just one of those things."

They sat looking into their coffee cups in silence for a few minutes.

"I guess there was no hope for him," replied the first. "Were you with him at the end?"

The bereaved man nodded.

"Yes, he wanted a cigarette, so I lit one and put it between his lips. That is all I could do."

That incident impressed me deeply. A cigarette is not much to offer a dying man facing eternity.

What have we Christians to offer those around us who are dying in sin? I wonder if the message of salvation isn't very often replaced by pleasantries of the day?

Souls around us are speeding toward eternity. They are reaching out for help. What are we offering them?

Owen C. Salway

Deadline!

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Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

THE MEANEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had Cokes and candy for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess, our dinner was different from other kids too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were, at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for one hour or less.

We are ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to "break" the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake nights thinking of mean things to do to us.

She always insisted on us telling the truth - the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser and our life became even rougher.

None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us.

Oh, I forgot to mention: while our friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, our old-fashioned mother refused to let us date until we were 15 and 16.

Our mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested. And who do we have to blame for this terrible way we turned out? You're right! Our mean mother!

Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one things our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Maybe that's what's wrong with the world. There just aren't enough mean mothers these days.

Anonymous



WHAT IS A MOTHER?

"What is a mother?" Betsy asked me.

"What is a mother?" I echoed.

"It's on my vocabulary list for school tomorrow," she stated, "and I can't seem to think of the right words to tell just what a mother is."

"Why, a mother is—er—" I started confidently, then floundered. "Go, look it up in the dictionary!"

Actually, I couldn't answer the question as I felt it should be answered.

Following my own advice to Betsy, I looked in the dictionary. Biologically speaking, the word is easy to define. Thorndike-Barnhart says, "Mother: female parent, progenitress."

I wasn't satisfied, however. Neither these nor any other dictionary terms could really tell what a mother is. Then I

decided that the meaning would vary according to the age of the person questioned.

For example, if an infant could talk, he would tell us that to him mother means tender loving care, gentle hands, soft arms, a quiet voice, a familiar smile, ready response to every need, and supplier of every creature comfort.

But to the preschool children, mother is playmate, wiper of noses, supplier of pastimes on rainy days, zipper closer on fine days, the one who can answer any question, arbiter of quarrels, giver of spanks when occasion demands or hugs when pleased, applier of bandages, the one who kisses hurts to make them well.

Through early school years mother is the one waiting when you come home from school, best cooky baker in town, patient nurse through measles or mumps, helper with arithmetic problems, giver of birthday parties, one who makes pretty dresses, taxi driver to music lessons, Brownie meetings and the like.

But how the meaning of mother changes in a few years! To the teenager, she is laundress, cook, housekeeper, the one to blame when things can't be found, martinet as to curfews. She is unreasonable in demands and requests, not as lenient as Jane's (or Billy's) mother, old-fashioned in ideas, passe in clothes and hair styles, ignorant on most subjects, out of touch with modern youth ("Mother, you just don't understand!"), and an old woman, or one fast becoming such.

Five years more makes a lot of difference in attitude! To the young married adult, mother is a magic word. It means one whose advice is surprisingly wise, the supplier of easy recipes, one to sympathize when the going is rough, someone to laugh with over typical mistakes of newlyweds, babysitter, one available at 2 a.m. when baby has the croup, the tactful giver of extras just when they are needed. The age gap narrows, and mother is a person with whom it is easy to talk.

Time goes on, and our meaning of mother gains new definitions. To the older adult, mother means memories. In retrospect, we see willing service given, usually unappreciated; love given freely, though received unthankfully; patient toil, often through years of financial trials; encouragement as we struggled to attain an education and a purpose in life; belief in us when we have doubted ourselves; and always the unfaltering faith that even though we stumbled, we would accomplish great things in the world.

To those of us most blessed, our impressions of mother include the trust and reliance on God which helped her bring us up.

What is a mother? After giving the question some thought, I told my daughter, "I gave you the wrong advice, Betsy. The dictionary can't tell you. Just look around at the mothers you know, the actions speak louder than words."

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Obedience — Disobedience

When we look back through the Bible it seems like one of the problems of so many was to completely obey the Lord, Kings, Prophets and people seem to be prone to many times to disobey God, even back to the days of Adam and Eve.

They were of course the first transgressors, in first Kings ch. 13 there was a prophet that disobeyed God and was destroyed for it. Jeroboam was not a good king and he was an idolatious king. Please read the whole 13th chapter to get the whole story. V.1. And behold there came a Man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Bethel and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. V.2. And He cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord: behold a child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall He offer the Priests of the high places that burn incense upon, thee, and bones shall be burnt upon thee.

As we said Jeroboam was a wicked king who burned incense to strange Gods, but as you read this chapter please notice that the context of what we are trying to convey to you is that the prophet also disobeyed God: The 8th and 9th verses tell us of the prophets determination to do as the Lord had told him to do. But he made the mistake of listening to another prophet who said that he had been given a message by an angel, and he lost his life by not obeying the Lord. Let us turn to a new testament scripture, Gal. 1-8&9. But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed, evidently the old prophet that listened to the other prophet listened to the wrong advice, for the scriptures said in 1 Kings 13-18 that the prophet lied.

Disobedience has always brought punishment of some kind. Jonah was commanded to deliver a message to Ninevah, but refused until the Lord caused him to change his mind, Jonah 1-1 through 3, Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord but God stopped him by preparing a great fish that swallowed him, until he became willing to obey the Lord. God told man a long time ago that it was better to obey God than to offer sacrifice, 1 Sam. 15-22-23, And Samuel said, hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of Rams. V 23. For rebellion is as the sin of witch craft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry, because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being King. Samuel the Prophet had instructed Saul to go and utterly destroy the Amalekites and all the cattle, (everything but he did not as he was told to do, only partly, the tried to blame it on the people) We cannot get by with only partly obeying the Lord. Heb.2-1 through 3, therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. V.2. for if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward. V.3. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation which first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard Him. We cannot and must not neglect our Salvation. Disobedience brings the judgement of God, but obedience brings His blessings. I think we all believe that the time is at hand that Jesus spoke about when He said, in Luke 21-28, And when ye begin to see these things come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh.

Rev. Ted Jackson
Galena, Kansas

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THE MISSIONARY TOMBSTONE

A missionary tells this story of how he came to serve God in a foreign land.

"When I was a little child I used to walk through a certain church yard."

"One of the gravestones had this inscription on it, to the memory of an eight-year-old boy."

"Mother when I grow to be a man, I want to be a missionary; but if I die while I am still a little boy, will you please put it on my tomb, so that someone passing by may read it, and go as a missionary instead of me?"

The missionary continued to tell the story by saying that he read this inscription each time he passed, and soon told the Lord, "I must go in the place of that little boy." And he did!

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