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Thanksgiving to God

"Wise people in every generation have been concerned with giving proper thanks to God.

They have recognized that the blessings of life and the benefits they have received have come from God, so from grateful hearts they have wanted to give Him thanks for all His gracious provisions.

The Scriptures are full of expressions of thanksgiving to God, setting a pattern that each of us should delight to follow. Many hymns beautifully express thanks to God. Poets seem to compete with one another in giving Him praise. Even the man who does not consider God in his daily life will be heard saying, 'Thank God,' when some tragedy has been averted or some special kindness has been rendered.

We feel, of course, that, ought to give God first place in all of his life. but we are glad to hear him render thanks to God even occasionally. It is dangerous to have a thankless heart. If we are not thankful towards our fellow man, we are considered 'snobbish'. If we are not thankful toward God, we are controlled by selfishness. Taking things for granted may be one of the great sins of our age. The Apostle Paul said, 'In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be ... unthankful.' (II Tim 3:1,2).

We are in grave danger of being overcome with pride if we forget that we owe our very existence to the grace of God. We must keep a watchful eye on our innermost beings to see that they are constantly being lifted up in Thanksgiving to God!"

- Ord L. Morrow

False Expectations about False Doctrines

"... I do protest against the careless spirit of slumber which seems to seal the eyes of many in the church, and to blind them to the enormous perils in which we are placed by the rise and progress of false doctrine these days. I ask you to pay special attention to this point.

Such is the simplicity and innocence of many ... that they actually expect false doctrine to look false, and will not understand that, as a rule, the very essence of its ability to do harm is its resemblance to God's truth."

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Sleepy Christians

"Sleepy Christian let me shout in thine ears. Thou are sleeping while souls are being lost, sleeping while men are being damned, sleeping while hell is being peopled, sleeping while Christ is being dishonored, sleeping while the devil is grinning at thy sleepy face, sleeping while demons are dancing around thy slumbering carcass, and telling it in hell that a Christian is asleep."

- C.H. Spurgeon

Benjamin Franklin & Turkeys

"Benjamin Franklin was so fond of turkeys that he recommended they become our national bird. But turkeys have a dark side. Turkeys follow a strict pecking order and are known to attack birds and even people they deem subordinate. People who have suffered turkey attacks recommend not looking the birds in the eye."



"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

- Psalm 107:8, 15, 21, 31,

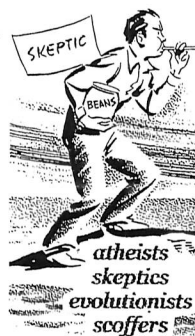
Shooting Beans at Gibraltar

*"For who is God save the LORD?
or who is a rock, save our God?
It is God that girdeth me
with strength,
and maketh my way perfect."*

- Psalm 18:31-32

*"But the LORD is my defense;
and my God is the rock
of my refuge."*

- Psalm 94:22



"the word of our God shall stand for ever."

- Isaiah 40:8

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."

- Psalm 50:23

Faith & Feeling

"In 'religion' (Christianity) faith does not spring out of feeling, but feeling out of faith. The less we feel the more we should trust. We cannot feel right till we have believed."

Heroes

"We are losing Christianity because Christianity is a creed for heroes while we are mainly harmless, good-natured people who want everybody to have a good time."

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Formula for a Dictatorship

"... to believe that the government cannot run unless one puts the President above everything else is a formula for a dictatorship, and not for a republic."

- Daniel Ellsberg

"The first thing dictators do is finish (get rid of) free press, to establish censorship.

There is no doubt that a free press is the first enemy of dictatorship."

- Fidel Castro

To Disprove the Bible

"One of the many reasons why I believe the Bible is what it claims to be - the divinely inspired Word of God- is that its teachings are true to life according to my own observation. To dis-prove the Bible would be simple. If men were good, the Bible would be dis-proven. If the world were a gentle, peaceful place filled with compassionate people who got along with one another, this would dis-prove the Bible's teaching that men are sinners."

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*"Thy word is truth", John 17:17
"the scripture cannot be broken.",
John 10:35 b*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"Yesterday's blessings will not help me today."

"Rowing harder doesn't help if the boat is headed in the wrong direction."

"Virtue is not the absence of temptation."

"LIGHTHOUSES don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining."

"True FAITH commits to obedience."

"Presence endears absence."

"Patience is dangerous and deadly when standing in quicksand!"

"Said in a certain church ...

"We need a healing line for ungratefulness!"

"Character is always lost when a high ideal, or conviction, is sacrificed on the altar of conformity and popularity."

"I have reached the age where it takes twice as long to do half as much."

Thankful for Freedom Thankful for our Country

"Then we should be thankful for our country. There is real danger that the doings of cheap politicians should sour us against our own land. Charges and countercharges are being hurled back and forth till the air is blue with them. We must guard against becoming cynical and losing faith in America.

Without approving everything we see, there is still sound reason to thank God for our country and all it stands for. Among the treasures enjoyed by all of us is freedom. Though greatly maligned by its foes and deeply wounded in the house of its friends, it is yet he sweetest thing under the sun next to the Christian religion.

Only those who have lost it can fully appreciate it. We are so used to being free that we are in danger of taking our freedom for granted. Let us never do so.

We are free at the cost of blood. Many thousands of brave men, who loved life as dearly as we, lie sleeping row on row on a hundred battlefields. They secured for us the right to walk in the sun and to breathe the sweet air of heaven.

We should never think of them without bowing our heads in respect to them and in gratitude to God."

- A. W. Tozer

GENUINE FAITH ... "There is nothing which so certifies the genuineness of a person's faith as their patience and their patient endurance; their keeping on steadily in spite of everything. There is nothing that is so wonderful in the life of the greatest saints as just that, the way in which they stood like rocks when others fell away round about them ... They had trials, but they just stood on what they knew to be God's truth without regard to consequences ... The thing that shows the difference between the spurious and the real is the capacity to stand the test." - D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

California Governor

"California Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order ... that bans the sale of new gasoline vehicles in the state in 2035." - copied

Fall of Empires

"One of the common characteristics of the fall of past empires and superpowers is massive national debt."

- Cal Thomas

Herschel Walker & BLM

"In a now viral video, former NFL star Herschel Walker blasted the 'Black Lives Matter' movement as 'anti-government, 'anti-American, anti-Christian and anti-everything.'" - copied

Ten Commandments

"Eight of the Ten Commandments are directed to you ('thou') personally."

Give Thanks!

"Kings of the earth and all people ... Let them praise the name of the LORD." **"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."** "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." **"... which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."** "At midnight I will arise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments." **"Neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient, but rather giving of thanks."** "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness." **"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."**

OBFUSCATION

(i.e., "to obscure; to darken; hence to confuse; stupefy; bewilder; to confuse on purpose")

"If you want to *appear* very profound and convince people to take you seriously, but have nothing of value to say, there is a tried and tested method.

First, take some extremely obvious platitude or truism.

Make sure it actually does contain some insight, though it can be rather vague. Something like

"if you're too conciliatory, you will sometimes get taken advantage of" or *"many moral values are similar across human societies."* Then, try to restate your platitude using as many words as possible, as unintelligibly as possible, while never repeating yourself exactly. Use highly technical language drawn from many different academic disciplines, so that no one person will ever have adequate training to fully evaluate your work. Construct elaborate theories with many parts. Draw diagrams. Use *italics* liberally to indicate that you are using words in a highly specific and idiosyncratic sense. Never say anything too specific, and if you do, qualify it heavily so that you can always insist you meant the opposite.

Then evangelize: speak as confidently as possible, as if you are sharing God's own truth. Accept no criticisms: insist that any skeptic has either misinterpreted you or has actually already admitted that you are correct.

Talk as much as possible and listen as little as possible.

Follow these steps, and your success (in obfuscation) will be assured." - *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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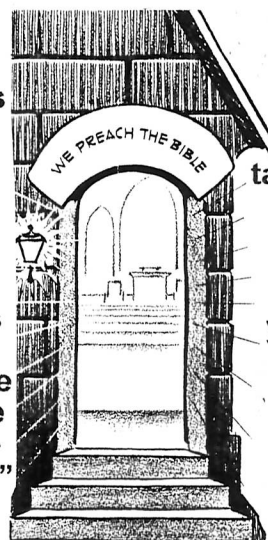
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MUSIC & ANARCHY

"The fact that our society has embraced anarchistic music in the form of rock, rap, and hip-hop to such a degree suggests that our society could rapidly move toward political anarchy. Marshall McLuhan, the great Canadian historian/ sociologist, once said that the 'arts' are the 'radar' of civilization, and generally telegraph social trends anywhere from 25 to 50 years ahead of time. *Disrespect for all forms of authority or rules in the 1960's revealed a society sliding toward anarchy.*" - Jack Wheaton, *'The Amazing Power of Music'*

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." - Psalm 122:1



"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the LORD." - Psalm 84:1,2