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"In the beginning ...

"When God said, 'Let us make man', He added, 'in our image, after our likeness'

Man was created to be as much like God as a creature could be. God endowed man with intellect, emotions, and will; He gave him a body so that he could see, smell, taste, hear, and feel. Man's physical life was to be under the control of his mental, emotional, and volitional powers. Then God gave him something that set him apart from the animal creation: He gave him a spirit. Man's body made him world-conscious and enabled him to live in a physical environment. His soul made him self-conscious - aware that he was a distinct individual with attributes, nature, personality, potential responsibilities, and accountability. His spirit made him God-conscious - aware that he existed to worship and serve his Creator." (John Phillips' commentary, Philippians 2)

WHERE IS HAPPINESS?

Not in unbelief—

Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

Not in pleasure—

Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure, if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone."

Not in money—

Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

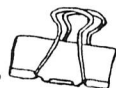
Not in position and fame—

Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood, a struggle; old age, a regret."

Not in military glory—

Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept, because, he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where, then, is happiness found? The answer is simple: In Christ alone. He said, "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."



"The WORLD'S
definition
of Peace
excludes GOD."

"The United Nations

is a hotbed of anti-Christian, New Age mysticism. With its one-world ambitions, humanistic philosophy, syncretistic agenda, and anti-Semitism, it is unwittingly making preparations for the coming of the Antichrist. The United Nations is an end-time Tower of Babel which seeks to unite mankind in rebellion to the Creator God and His Holy Word. Many have criticized the United Nations and documented its failures, but typically they fail to see the underlying spiritual issues. Conservative Americans have long warned about the United Nations."

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God's Creation of 'Man'

... God Created"

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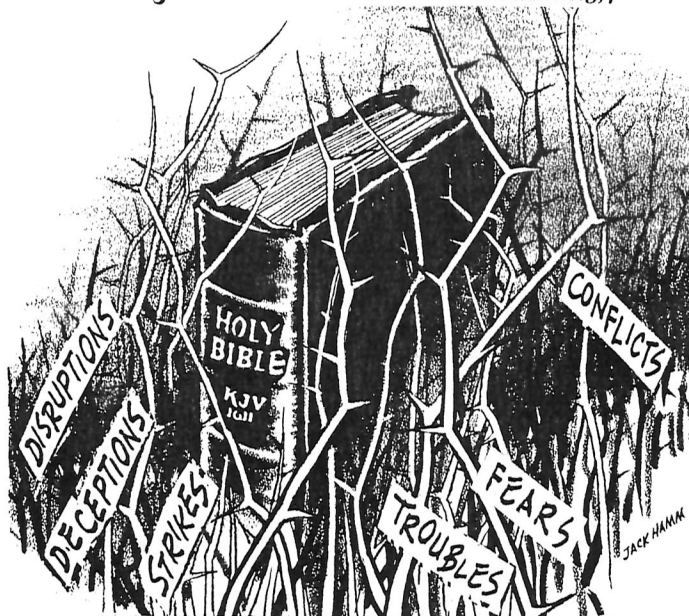
"I ask this question, When was the last time you trembled at the Word of God? Too often we think that because we are fundamental Bible believers, God will have no one left if He loses us. We listen to some of the greatest preachers that America has ever produced, but we sit in judgment on the Word of God instead of allowing God's Word to sit in judgment on us. When a preacher is preaching, instead of listening to him to hear what God has to say, we're sitting there trying to decide whether or not we like his style or if he uses good catch words that put him in a certain camp! I ask you again, When was the last time you trembled at the Word of God?"

Oh, I know there is that lovey-dovey thing going on where a man preaches about everything positive. There was a church in our area that put up billboards all over the city that said, 'God is not mad at you for any reason.' My Bible says that 'God is angry with the wicked every day.' Psalm 7:11. When was the last time you trembled at the Word of God?"

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"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind
is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the LORD forever ... " Isaiah 26:3,4



These Grow Around a Neglected Bible

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"Life is like riding a bicycle - to keep
your balance, you must keep moving."

"TOLERANCE is an assumption of superiority."

"**GAMBLING** is trying to get
another person's money."

ABORTION - if it isn't a baby,
you're not pregnant."

"... Contemporary Christian Music is like
an abscessed tooth. It will kill a church
if it is not pulled from the music program."

"The 'Gospel' is not a way to get people to
heaven; it is a way to get people to Christ."

"All errors will die in due time."

"God will give you something
to give to someone else."

"GOD made only Truth; who made the lies?"

"You're not obeying the Lord
if you're not obeying the Bible."

"Consider how precious man's soul must be -
when both God and the devil are after it."

"Christian forgiveness should not
be confused with indifference to sin."

What he Owed to Duty

"... tells a story that emphasizes the danger of getting the order of things reversed ... a Lighthouse man, instead of caring for his Lighthouse, gave to the poor in the cabins around him the oil from the mighty lantern that served to illumine the sea.

When the darkness fell on the stormy reef, and the cries of drowning sailors were heard above the tempest, men did not bless him that he had spent on charity what he owed to duty."

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"The Longer Error is Condoned, the easier it becomes to compromise the truth! Somehow a conditioning process goes on. An unhealthy toleration of false doctrine usually leads to accommodation to it to one degree or another.

When that which is false is left unchecked, unexposed, or unopposed, it gradually appears to be less and less objectionable to more and more people. It loses its true character and looks more and more like merely a weak and watered down form, a less desirable option than the truth to be sure, but not the falsehood it really is and was once thought to be."

- copied, Robert Lightner

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting King:
at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able
to abide his indignation." - Jeremiah 10:10

OBEDIENCE

"OBEY is the most important single word in the Bible. Being obedient is the key to receiving *all* of God's blessings.

To be saved from sin and hell, a person must obey God's command ... Acts 16:31. There are a multitude of other material and spiritual blessings for those who obey God.

This current age is characterized by rebellion. Rebellion and disobedience come directly from man's sinful nature (*II Timothy 3:2; Romans 5:19 a*).

We see rebellion in the home, rebellion in society, rebellion in our churches - all stemming from a basic rebellious attitude toward God.

'Obedience is doing what those in authority request or want. It is the opposite of *'doing your own thing.'* True obedience involves doing what an authority wants immediately, respectfully, joyfully, and completely.

Obedience requires the submission of the will of the individual to those in charge.

True obedience ultimately stems from submission to God." - copied

HETERODOX/HETERODOXY

("opposed to orthodox; inclining toward heresy; opposed to established doctrine")

"Long before the 'canon' of Scripture was completed, heterodoxy, or false doctrine, was evident.

The fact is, as soon as God's truth was given, it was distorted and opposed by some. Wherever on earth there has been truth, there has also been error.

It is the mixture of the two that causes the greatest problem ... The longer error is condoned, the easier it becomes to compromise the truth!

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THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

Palestinians

"There never was a Palestinian people, nation, language, culture, or homeland.

They are Arabs who immigrated into the land of Israel." - *The Berean Call*

Canadian Pastor out of Jail

"Pastor Timothy Stephens of Fairview Baptist Church was released from the Calgary Remand Centre ... church properties have been unchained and released from government seizure and will be returned to their congregations." - copied

Single-Parent Homes

"A new study showing the United States has the world's highest rate of children living in single-parent households is being called a 'national tragedy' by one sociologist." - copied

"Christian"

The word 'Christian' is mentioned only three times in the Bible/NT. The word 'disciple' is mentioned about two hundred eighty times.

Sandemanianism

"If ten years ago, you would have told me that I would live to see literate evangelicals ... arguing for the reality of an eternal salvation, divinely guaranteed, that may have in it no repentance, no discipleship, no behavioral change, no practical acknowledgement of Christ as Lord of one's life, and no perseverance in faith, then I would have told you that you were out of your mind ... the view that one may own Jesus as Saviour and not own Him as Lord has gained wide currency..."

Basically, the debate may be framed by the following questions: Must Jesus be Lord of one's life in order to be Saviour of one's life? Are receiving Christ as Saviour and receiving Christ as Lord two separate experiences?

The issue is an important one.

Nothing less than the Gospel is at stake.

The Sandemanian Heresy; "Sandemanianism" - teaches that the faith which saved, is nothing other than *the bare beliefs of the bare truth.*

Andrew Fuller argued against this false 'Sandemanianism' gospel ... from the scriptures that saving faith involves more than the assent of the mind to the facts of the gospel.

Since 'faith' is duty, it must necessarily involve the 'will'. Since it is a 'grace' (*imparted by the Holy spirit*), it cannot be restricted to the intellect. It must be the result of the Spirit's operation in the heart.

It must involve the whole man, or it is *not* saving faith. Saving faith, according to these 'Sandemanians', consists of *merely believing facts*. Neither does it concern the 'will'. So it is improper to expect all those who become 'believers' to live holy lives. Some may pursue holiness; others may live lawlessly. (Where such teaching prevails, it is not surprising to find churches whose memberships are comprised of large numbers of unholy 'believers' ...).

Romans 6:1-3, 6, 15, 18, 22, Titus 2:11-12, I John 2:29 - copied

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"Blessed" "... the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21b; "Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud ..." Psalm 40:4; "Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance." Psalm 89:15; "Praise ye the LORD, Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments." Psalm 112:1

"Ye are the blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth." Psalm 115:15; "Blessed is the man ... whose hope the LORD is." Jeremiah 17:7;

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." - Psalm 1:1-3

"Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for him."

- Psalm 37:7