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A Courtroom Scene

"Imagine a Courtroom Scene. You are one of the Jurymen.

The BIBLE is being tried! On one side are the witnesses who speak *against* it.

On the other side arises Christ, the Incomparable, unique in His Person, sinless in character, matchless in wisdom. He witnesses *for* the BIBLE. The value of testimony in court depends on three things: the witness' character

(is he honest? can his testimony be depended upon?), his intelligence, and his knowledge of the facts in the particular case before the court. Put on the stand the best representative of atheism the world has to offer.

Who knows best whether the BIBLE is God's Word, Christ or the atheist? Who would you rather believe?.

Christ, His sinless life, His miraculous power, His resurrection from the dead, prove Him to be what He claimed to be - the Second Person of the Trinity. Men are finite and earthy; Christ is the Eternal One who came down from heaven. He knows whether the BIBLE is a God-given Book. And Christ emphatically, repeatedly, unequivocally testified that the BIBLE is God's Word. He said, "... *my words shall not pass away*", (Mark 13:31).

And there are scores of other utterances from the Son of God, revealing clearly that the BIBLE is an infallible, inspired Book from God. **Reader, who will you believe?**

Fulfilled Bible Prophecy

"There is no way to explain the Bible's ability to predict the future unless we see God as its Author.

For example, the Old Testament contains *more than three hundred* references to the Messiah of Israel that were precisely fulfilled by Jesus Christ." - copied

A 'Defeated' Christian Life?

"... we must *beware* of concluding that the 'defeated' life is the normal ('Christian') life. Someone has well said, that if '*sinless perfection*' is an unscriptural doctrine, so also is '*sinful imperfection*'.

The Scriptures so far from condoning sin in the life of a believer, definitely prohibit it and demand that we live an overcoming life ... he rebukes those who hold that they must go on sinning ... complete and final sanctification ... entire conformity to Christ will only then be realized when 'that which is perfect is come.'

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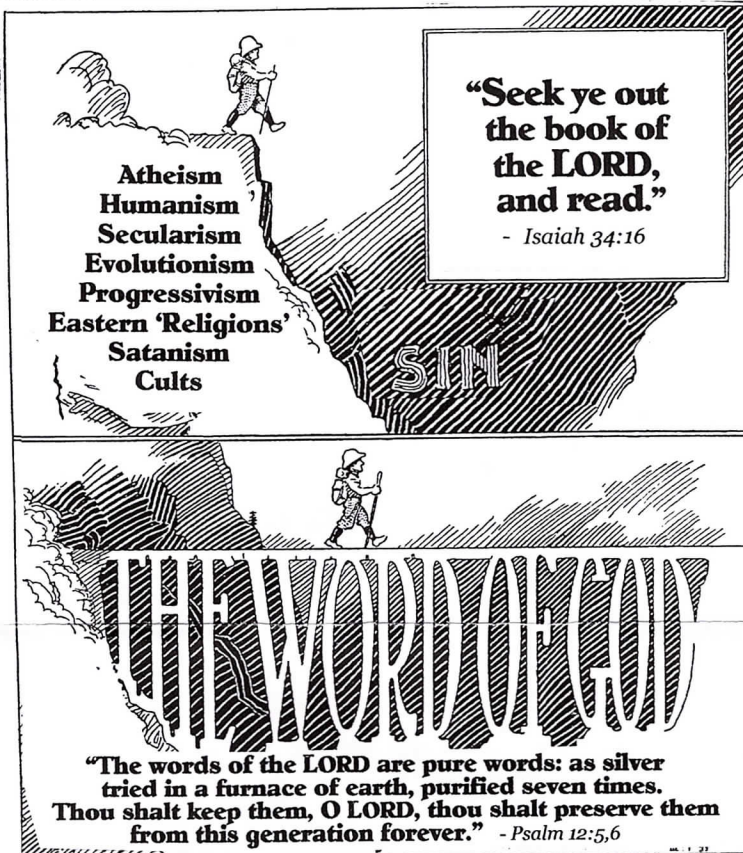
Proof of Faith

"The sick man's faith in his physician is shown not simply by trusting him, but by obeying him. Doing what the doctor says is the very proof of trust. No physician will long care for a patient who refuses to obey his orders. Faith is self-surrender to the great Physician and the leaving of our case in His hands. But it is also the taking of His prescriptions, and the active following of His directions." - Emery H. Bancroft
"Christian Theology", p 232



California Earthquake

"California recently experienced an earthquake of such magnitude that it shook Los Angeles so much that it destroyed all the exhibits at the 'Etch-A-Sketch' museum."



CHURCH CALENDAR



Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm
Friday Night Church - 1st and 3rd Friday of each Month - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"God's grace does not mean that holiness is optional."

"We need a healthy fear of ourselves."

"TRUTH is more important than sincerity."

"A shepherd who loves wolves more than the sheep, is a confused and dangerous shepherd."

"GOSSIP is sin enjoyed vicariously."

"Nothing is more dangerous than sincere ignorance."

"Love your neighbor, but don't cut down the hedges."

"If you don't make up your mind, your unmade mind will unmake you."

"Don't judge a church by its worst member."

"By trying very hard to improve things I am often able to make them much worse."

- Ashley Brilliant

"HEAVEN and HELL are in opposite directions; and no man can go both ways at the same time."

"The Christian does not consider death to be the end of their life, but the end of their troubles."

Refiner's FIRE

"But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap."

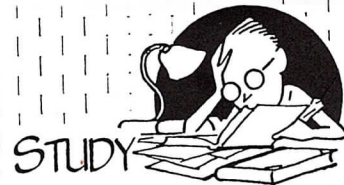
- Malachi 3:2

"FIRE does *not* merely go around the metal, but it penetrates, and passes right through into it.

The metal is hot; it is melted; it flows; the fire has dissolved the mass. We say in the hymn, "Refining fire, go through my heart;" and that is the nearest approximation of language: but fire does something *more* than go through the metal. It seems to get into the very essence and nature and character of the metal, and fuse it all, making it all feel its supreme force. The Lord's purification of his people in order to make them fit to be with Him in heaven is a fire process, mysterious, inward, penetrating, consuming, transforming." - copied

The Most Beautiful

"It, (the King James Bible) is the most beautiful of all the translations of the Bible; indeed, it is probably the most beautiful piece of writing in all the literature of the world... Many learned but misguided men have sought to produce translations that should be mathematically accurate, and in the plain speech of everyday. But the Authorised Version has never yielded to any of them, for it is palpably and overwhelmingly better than they are... Its English is extraordinarily simple, pure, eloquent, and lovely. It is a mine of lordly and incomparable poetry, at once the most stirring and the most touching ever heard of." —H.L. Mencken



to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." - II Timothy 2:15

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" - II Timothy 3:16

SELF-ESTEEM MADNESS
CREATING A GENERATION
OF EGOTISTS

"An obsession with children's self esteem is breeding narcissism, says Dr. Carol Craig, chief executive of the centre for confidence and well-being in Glasgow ... School staff and parents feel they cannot criticize their children for fear of upsetting them, according to Dr. Craig, leaving them with an "all about me" mentality. Mothers and fathers now often tell teachers that it is 'bad for his self-esteem' if their son fails a spelling test, or that their daughter is left 'unhappy' by missing out on a part in the school pantomime, she claimed. Dr. Craig called the self-esteem agenda, which has been imported from the United States, a 'fashionable idea' that has gone too far and urged schools to reclaim their role as educators, not psychologists. She said an obsession with children's self esteem was breeding narcissism ("self-love; excessive interest in one's own appearance, comfort, importance, abilities, etc.") Speaking at the Association of School and College Leaders conference in Birmingham, Dr. Craig said: 'Narcissists make terrible relationship partners, parents and employees.' It's not a positive characteristic. We are in danger of encouraging this ...' The conference heard how a math teacher in one school corrected a pupil who had placed a zero in the wrong place. The pupil replied, 'Thank you, but I prefer it my way.'"

- London Telegraph, March 15, 2009
"Praising Obsession Creates Generation of Egotistical Students"



THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Abortion Centers
Closing

"49 Abortion Centers closed in 2023; over 130 Abortion Clinics have closed since 2022. 14 States are now Abortion free!" - copied

Violence against
Churches - 2023

"There were 436 acts of hostility recorded against churches in the U.S.A. in 2023." - copied

Muslim Nations

"There are 52 Muslim nations in the world." - copied

Oldest Book

The BIBLE is the oldest Book ever written." (heard on radio)

Atheism

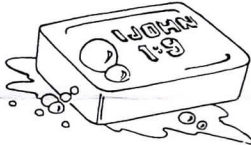
"ATHEISM is based on no scientific evidence whatever."

Almighty

"God is called 'Almighty' 57 times in Scripture."

Most Mentioned

"The most mentioned man in the Bible is D _ _ _ _ _ d mentioned 1118 times."



The 'Poison' of America's 'Great' Poets

What is happening in America today is shocking, but it is the product of 250 years of the leavening work of Satanic poison. The 19th century witnessed an explosion of end-time apostasy.

Even most professing Christians have been unwittingly influenced by it or at least by the society it has helped create. The poison has been promulgated in the public school system ... Consider just four examples ...

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862),

author of *On Walden Pond*, was a Unitarian. He denied man's fall, the necessity of the new birth, and Christ's sacrificial atonement. He rejected God's Word and exalted human thinking. He sought for "truth" through communion with nature, study of eclectic philosophies, and reflection. He was his own god. In *Walden*, Thoreau said, "No man ever followed his genius till it misled him."

Like Emerson, Thoreau loved Hindu doctrine. He wrote, "In the morning I bathe my intellect in the stupendous and cosmogonical philosophy of the *Bhagavad Gita* ..." (*On Walden Pond*).

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

I was introduced to Hinduism as a child by his aunt Moody Emerson. Though he was for a while the pastor of Second Baptist Church in Boston, he held Hindu concepts of pantheism and the divinity of man. He wrote, "... the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or particle of God" (Emerson, *Nature*), and, "... there is no bar or wall in the soul where man, the effect, ceases, and God, the cause, begins" (Emerson, *The Over-Soul*, 1841). Emerson taught that man is his own ultimate authority ... Emerson exhorted scholars to free themselves of tradition (such as the Bible) and to maintain a "self-trust." He taught that man should follow his own heart. "To believe your own thoughts, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men,--that is genius" (Emerson, *Self-Reliance*).

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

was a Unitarian. He was a professor of modern languages at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, which was a hotbed of Unitarianism and abolitionist thinking fueled by the liberal social gospel. Influential Unitarian Hezekiah Packard was a trustee of Bowdoin in the 1830s and 1840s. Packard's son Alpheus was a professor of Latin and Greek at Bowdoin from 1824-65. Henry Ward Beecher was the liberal pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. During Beecher's career there, he opened his pulpit to Unitarians such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Horace Greeley and even to agnostics such as Mark Twain.

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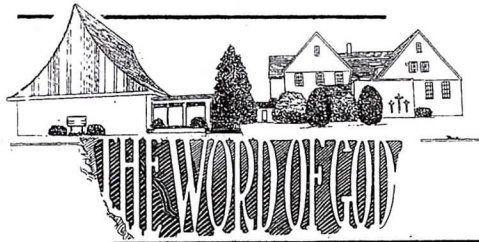
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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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"The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee" - Obadiah 1:3
"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." - Prov 12:15
"He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool" - Prov 28:26
"Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him." - Proverbs 26:12
"Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth." - 1 Sam 2:3

Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

was perhaps America's most influential and acclaimed poet. He has been called a prophet, and his work *Leaves of Grass*, "a new American bible." Whitman was a transcendentalist, a pantheist, a universalist, a New Ager who believed in the divinity of man. He worshipped himself and encouraged others to do the same. "Divine am I inside and out, and I make holy whatever I touch ... The scent of these arm-pits aroma finer than prayer, This head more than churches, bibles, and all the creeds. ... I celebrate myself, and sing myself. ... I breathe the fragrance myself and know it and like it ... And nothing, not God, is greater to one than one's self is. ... And I say to humankind, Be not curious about God, For I who am curious about each am not curious about God. ... I hear and behold God in every object, yet understand God not in the least, Nor do I understand who there can be more wonderful than myself" ("*Song of Myself*," *Leaves of Grass*).

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