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Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine?... (Is.28:9)

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Editors Comments

The responses and support received from the newsletters are encouraging. We urge readers to distribute the newsletter articles where they feel led to. We need to inform as many people as we can. Donations to the ministry have blessed us greatly and your prayers are treasured above all, as this is armoury against the attacks of the enemy.

We are also receiving calls and letters by people who have been disturbed and grieved by things that are happening in many churches today. Many are being broken. Others are having difficulties in finding a church that will teach the Bible without the 'wildfire'. The fallout rate from the 'Toronto Blessing' has accelerated with many leading Charismatics now seriously concerned about the direction that the Pentecostal and Charismatic churches have gone in recent years. Hardly a mainline denomination has not also been affected. We cannot do more than warn and exhort people everywhere to be informed of the real fruit that is beginning to surface from these excesses, which now seem to be accepted as normal in many churches. We praise the Lord that He is separating many in these days from error. It is my belief that as in the days of Noah and Lot the Lord will look for a remnant that is faithful to His Word and His ways. These people may often be called bigots, narrow-minded, intellectuals, pharisees, judgemental, critical or people who have 'missed out on blessing'.

I was recently talking to a Pentecostal Pastor in charge of many churches in his area. He stated that when the 'revival' comes that it will only come to the Charismatic spirit-filled churches who are open to this 'move of the spirit'. This is very similar to cultish ideas by which many cult groups keep and deceive their people. However, John 12:48 should bring us all to caution: ***He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my Words, hath one that judgeth him: The Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*** We will be judged by the Word, not by any blessing or 'move' of the spirit, especially if it is not scriptural. The 'Toronto Blessing' and other past 'waves' of the spirit have not been scriptural! The false prophecies associated with these things should bring people to repentance, but sadly an increasing number of people like sheep continue to be sucked into one error after another, year after year.

I feel it is time for many to get out of a ship that is sinking because it is rotting with false teaching and additions to the Word of God. It is time for people to be simply satisfied with what the Bible says and abide within it. Let us wait upon the Lord even if it be in dry times. Let the winds of false doctrine and the 'waves' of the spirits and the so-called 'blessings' blow around you. Take only that which you see clearly in the Word of God. Our reward is not of this earth but waits for us as a crown in Heaven. Seek His holiness and righteousness which come from Heaven above and we will not be ashamed when we see Him face to face in all his glory. In these perilous days let us look forward with joy to the unspeakable shock of the beauty of the kingdom of Heaven! **Terry Arnold**

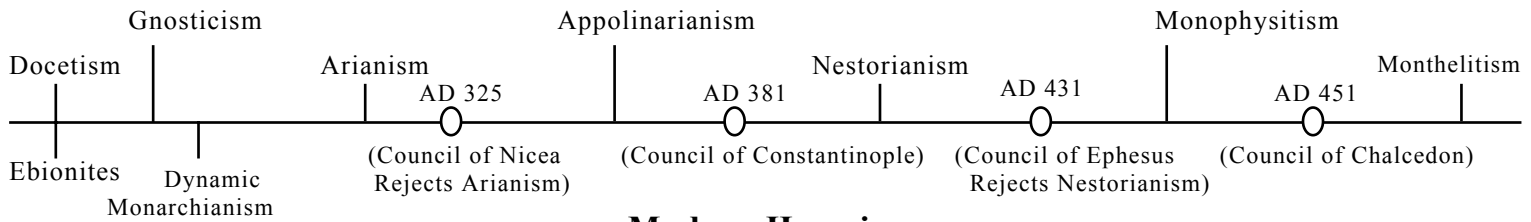
About The Bible

Its impossible unity: Over forty authors wrote 66 books in different lands over a period of 1800 years. There are no contradictions. Compare this with any other 40 authors on any one subject!

Its influence on Mankind: Where it has been used it has produced a higher civilisation.
Its infallibility and reliability: No person has ever been able to improve or disprove it. Many who have tried to disprove it have been converted. It is scientifically and historically correct. Even secular authors quote it as reliable and as the Word of God.
Its preservation through the ages: Nations and religions have tried to destroy it. It has proven to be indestructible. It is still the best selling book in history.

Fulfilled prophecies: Over 3,300 verses of prophecy have been fulfilled. Some of these were first made over a thousand years before. Not one detail has failed yet!

Heresies of the Early Church Affecting the Deity or the Humanity of Christ



Modern Heresies

Modern Group	Teaching	Ancient Heresy
Branhamism (Oneness Pentecostalism)	Oneness theology; God one person manifested in different modes and dispensations; No trinity of three persons.	Monarchianism Sabellianism
Christadelphianism	Deny Deity of Christ; Jesus atoned only for His sins.	Nestorianism; Arianism
Jehovah Witnesses	Jesus was created; Had a beginning as Son of God.	Arianism
Mormonism	Jesus deity same as that of man	Mixture of Ebionism, Arianism, Monarchianism

Dictionary of Terms:

Monarchianism (or Adoptionism):- Anti-trinity; introduced 2nd & 3rd. Century; Taught that Christ was made and adopted by God and was a perfect being. **Dynamic Monarchianism**:- Denied Deity; believed only the power of God rested on Jesus; Was first taught by Artemon, Paul of Samosata and Theodotus. **Docetism**:- Believed Christ was not human; that he only 'seemed' human. **Gnosticism**:- Held to 'secret knowledge'; introduced by pagan philosophies; Was also a mixture of astrology and some Christian ideas. Was infecting Christianity as early as the time of Iranaeus (AD130-200). **Ebionites**:- A sect of Jewish Christians in 2nd Century; practised strict asceticism and being poor; Were the first to rejected deity of Christ; Many also disbelieved virgin birth. **Arianism**:- Founded by Arius (AD250-336); Denied 'eternity' of Jesus; Believed Jesus was created by the Father out of nothing; Was opposed by St. Athanasius AD296-373 and

condemned at Council of Nicea AD325. **Appollinarianism**:- Introduced by Appollinarius AD310-390; He opposed Arianism and taught that Christ was all divine and not human. This was condemned at Constantinople AD381. To reject the humanity of Christ is to reject the incarnation - that God clothed himself in flesh to redeem humanity. **Nestorianism**:- From Nestorius AD451; Taught that human and divine natures were separate... that Jesus was two persons. Was rejected at Council of Ephesus AD431. **Monophysitism** (or Eutychianism):- Taught that Jesus was divine and had only one nature, not two; Was condemned at Chalcedon AD451. **Monothelitism**:- Similar to Monophysitism and was fought out in the 7th Century. Taught that Jesus had one single divine will and energy only. At Constantinople AD680 it was settled that Christ had two wills. (Information adapted from 'Dictionary of Cults, Sects, Religions and the Occult' by A. Mather & A. Nichols.)

'Toronto Blessing' News

- In New Zealand, the impact of the T.B. is continuing. 'Rick Jenkins, organiser of last year's Moriel tour by Jacob Prash and Philip Powell, was ex-communicated from his Upper Hutt Baptist Church on account of his stand against T.B. This unreasonable act was carried out after Mr. Jenkins, on his request, met with the elders of the church who are reported to have been unwilling to consider his view point.' (C.W.M. vol. 2, No.1).

- In both islands of New Zealand significant numbers of Christians have withdrawn from churches, particularly AOG, and joined other churches. One observer states that there is an increased 'hunger and thirst in a lot of Christians who are now earnestly seeking correct doctrine and teaching from pastors rather than exciting experiences and hype'..

- A former student of a leading AOG Bible college writes, 'I am a recent graduate of Southern Cross Bible College, the training centre for AOG in Australia. At the November 25, 1995 graduation ceremony Wally Odin 'preached' and openly attacked those who would be against this 'move' of the spirit. College president, David Cartledge said the college was 'radical' - a Holy Spirit college. During the year Mr. Cartledge's preaching has been purely 'Toronto' ie. dialogue on his personal experiences that he can't explain either logically or from scripture, and re-hashed airport vineyard 'revelations'. Because of this emphasis on 'Toronto', hostility towards those who would dare to discern, and cronyism within the AOG Australia, I don't feel I can in all honesty remain associated with them. I am tempted to 'go independent' but would prefer to be answerable to and receive support from an organised group of ministers...' (C.W.M. vol.2, No.1)

- Cases of mental problems and manic behaviour, directly attributed to transference of spirits from Toronto type meetings, are increasing. Cheryl Thomson, managing Director of 'Strangers and Pilgrims Christian Evangelism Fellowship' in Toronto, with her husband, was formerly heavily involved with the Vineyard movement. She writes: '...two people in Toronto who have experience in deliverance ministry ... are starting to see cases of severe problems in people who have been attending the Toronto Airport Vineyard... Personally, I'm afraid that the body of Christ has opened a Pandora's box. In that ancient Greek myth, Pandora opened a box, and a horde of evil things escaped from it.. Spiritual counterfeits is a subject which was given expert, comprehensive treatment in the book 'War on the Saints' by Jesse Penn-Lewis with Evan Roberts. It was written in the early 1900's, following first hand experiences of the supernatural in the famous Welsh Revival. [Yet] Rick Joiner [Kansas City Fellowship] has written: 'Jesse Penn-Lewis may be one of the classic historic examples of how heresy hunters are used by the enemy to derail true works of the Holy Spirit'. **...I believe that a great 'falling away' (2Thess.2:3) has already begun... Those who do not love the truth will believe a lie, for God Himself will send them a strong delusion (2Thess.2:11)... Demonic powers, I believe, have gained control over the Vineyard Movement and the Kansas City Fellowship 'Prophetic Movement,' as well... I believe 'The Vineyard Movement' is playing an important role in preparing the way for this terrible End-Time Delusion'.*** *Rick Joiner (associated with Paul Cain, Francis Frangipane and other 'Prophets' from Kansas City. ** 'Morning Star Journal'*** 'Not Just a Memoir of 'The Vineyard': 1986-1994' by Cheryl Thomson.

WYAM & 'Reconciliation Walk'

Lyn Green, the European director of WYAM (Youth With a Mission), is proposing a 'reconciliation walk' in which thousands of Christians will retrace the old routes taken by the crusaders. The aim is to come face to face with Muslims and Jews to repent of the acts and the sins of the crusaders. Lyn calls the crusaders 'Christians' yet goes on to speak of the slaughter of tens of thousands of Muslims and Jews, including women and children, during the crusades.

It is a sad fact that this history has been so well re-written or twisted that people like Lyn Green perhaps have only half the truth! The truth is that the Crusaders were essentially *Catholic*, not Christian! They were sent by the Popes to make peoples subservient to the rule of the Pope. They did in fact slaughter not just Muslims and Jews but *Christians*, ('Protestants'), who refused to submit to the church or the pope.

The first wave of crusaders were a mob of untrained peasants who were dominated by religious superstitions. The first and second waves murdered, raped and plundered their way towards Jerusalem. In 1099 the more professional crusaders reached Jerusalem and on the 15th July they broke into the city and slaughtered men, women and children throughout the day and into the night. This included burning 6000 Jews in a synagogue. Some fled to a mosque where the crusaders there slaughtered an estimated 30,000 Muslims.

However, what about the 10,000 Waldenses slaughtered in the mountains of Piedmont; 20,000 defenceless men, women and children in the city of Bezieses, and the 70,000 Protestants during the week now termed the 'Bartholomew's Massacre'? It has been estimated that the thirty years between 1540 and 1570 saw 900,000 Protestants killed!

The Bartholomew's massacre in France was ordered by Catherine De Medici with the backing and support of the Catholic Church. On August 24, 1572, 70,000 Huguenots were massacred. The Pope and cardinals rejoiced and sang thanksgiving songs. A medal was made in honour of the day and congratulations were sent to the king and queen's mother.

Some of the crusades sent by Popes make shocking reading. At Lavaur in 1211, the governor was 'hanged on a gibbet and his wife thrown into a well and crushed with stones. Four hundred people in this town were burned alive. The crusaders attended a Catholic high mass in the morning, then proceeded to take other towns in the area. In this siege it is estimated that 100,000 Albengues (Protestants) fell in one day. Their bodies were heaped together and burned.'* In the massacre of Orange in 1562, (approved by Pope Pius IV), men were 'commanded to slay men, women and children. The command was carried out with terrible cruelty, the people being exposed to shame and torture of every description.'*

Yes, repentance and reconciliation should be made to the Muslims and Jews slaughtered by the crusaders. However, this needs to be made with an understanding of the truth about these events. They were not done in the name of true Christianity but in the name of *Catholicism* and 'infallible' *Popery*. It was not only Muslims and Jews who were slaughtered but also a multitude of Christians! Let us be well *informed* of the history of false religion. Those who refuse to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. **Terry Arnold** * 'To Catholics Whom I Love' by Terry Arnold, Ch.8.

The Story of Thomas Watts - Lest We Forget

Thomas Watts lived in the harsh days of 16th century England at Billericay, Essex. He worked as a linen draper in a shop.

In those days the queen was Mary Tudor, a Roman Catholic. The compulsory state religion was Roman Catholicism.

Like many before and after him Thomas Watts refused to accept the Catholic 'Mass' because it was unbiblical. Roman Catholicism states that the Mass '*offers anew to God the victim of Calvary** *In the Mass Jesus really offers His life.*'* He knew that the Bible clearly stated that Jesus was not to be offered again, (Heb.6:6), that he was offered '*once for all*', (Heb.10:10, see also 9:25,26).

Thomas knew he would be in trouble for his stance so he sold his business, put his affairs in order and made provision for his wife and family. The rest he gave to the poor and needy.

On 26th of April 1555 he was arrested and charged with non-attendance at church. He appeared before Bishop Bonner and agreed with the law of the land, but refused to deny his Biblical beliefs and submit to the Church of Rome. He was examined several times but his interrogators gave up and sentenced him to die. He spent time in Newgate prison and was brought back to Chelmsford for execution. He spent his last night at Scot's house, a riverside inn, with others who shared the same fate.

On the day of his death he had such peace that two of his children offered to die with him. On June 10th, 1555, he was secured to a wooden stake at the market place, (near the present shire hall). Before he was burned, he gave a final challenge to Lord Rich - to repent of the evil he had done. He was then lit and burned to death.

Thomas Watts was ready to die and forsake all the world had to offer. He was ready to face God. This was not because of what he had done but because of who Christ is and what *He* had done. Jesus is the only one true Lord and saviour and He died a cruel death to take our place in sin, and pay the ultimate *once* and for all price. (Adapted from an Essex Protestant Council tract.)

* See our booklist for 'To Catholics Whom I Love'.

Telstra and Gay & Lesbians

Did you know that Telstra Australia are sponsors of the Gay and Lesbians of Australia and in their Mardi Gras? They advertise the Gay and lesbian cause on such things as phone cards. When we contacted the promotions officer he pleaded 'equal rights' and stated that their business was a 'valuable market' for Telstra. One wonders if enough Christians complained or withdrew from Telstra, would Telstra be forced to re-think their decision? A former worker in Telstra, (now a Pastor), told us that Telecom in the past years would not have normally supported an immoral group such as the Gay and

Lesbian societies Pope Welcomed to USA by Evangelicals

'Having been welcomed to America by Billy Graham, the Pope continued his recent tour of the States by meeting with a group of top US evangelicals. Twenty five leaders, including Pat Robertson, Charles Colson and J. Packer were invited to meet with the Pope in New York. Pat Robertson handed the Pontiff a three page letter in which he pledged to work for unity between Catholics and evangelicals'. ('Evangelicals now', Jan. 1996). **Editors comment: Why did we have a Reformation? Can we now accept 'a different Gospel' (Gal.1:8,9), that we once rejected? What would Luther & the reformers say?**

4 Forbidden practices

Astrology and star gazing - divination by stars - (Is.47:13; Jer.10:2; Dan.1:20; 2:2,10; 4:7; 5:7-15).

Enchantments, Magical arts: Ex.7:20,22; 8:7,18 Lev.19:26; Dt.18:10; 2Chr.33:6; 2Kngs.17:17;; 21:6; Is.47:9,12; Jer.27:9; Dan.1:20.

Fortune Telling (Divination, Mystic Insight) - Num.22:7; 23:23; Dt.18:10-14; 2Kngs.17:17; 1Sam.6:2; Jer.14:14; 27:9; 29:8; Ezek.12:24; 13:6,7,23; 21:22-29; 22:28; Mic.3:7; Zech.10:2; Acts16:16.

Contact with the dead (Necromancy) - divination by contact or pretended contact with the dead, (This is anyone outside of God, including spirits, Mary or the 'saints') - Dt.18:11; Is.8:19; 1Sam.28; 1Chr.10:13.

Your Comments and Questions

Comfort My People!

In many churches I have visited in the last decade in countries such as Australia, New Zealand and England, not once have I heard a prayer from the pulpit for national Israel.

This, in the light of God's prophetic word, is a travesty.

That current events in the Middle East are rapidly fulfilling ancient last days prophecies is undeniable and the final stages of the battle for Jerusalem have surely been entered.

Pope John Paul II is currently negotiating for the Vatican to oversee Jerusalem as a centre for all the faiths that lay claim to her. Yasser Arafat now openly demands that the capital of his Palestinian state will be centred there and Shimon Peres and before him Yitzhak Rabin, declared the city to be the eternal and invisible capital of the Jewish people.

Bill Clinton and European heads of state see the solution to the dilemma in negotiation and the division of the land to which surely, God disagrees.

The current events will culminate in terrible trouble for Israel and the ushering in of God's kingdom on earth is clearly outlined in both the old and new Testaments of the Bible.

This being so, should not the church be in desperate prayer for Israel, her leaders, citizens, army and the Messianic fellowships feverishly preaching the Gospel in conditions of great opposition?

The Jewish roots of our faith seem to be lost on the church today. Yet, we have them to thank for the opportunity given to the gentiles to be saved by the Jewish Messiah. This gratitude must be shown by our prayerful and practical support of God's chosen people in the hour of their greatest need - that is now!

Many denominations now crave spiritual power and the manifest presence of God among them - but be assured that while they continue to ignore Israel or believe that they have replaced her in the affections of God - they will never experience these things. The Church has largely turned her back to Israel, and has done so to her great loss and peril!

God continually commands us to comfort His people and to

pray for the peace of Jerusalem - the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob still stand incomplete and we would do well to pray within the purposes and will of God for their descendants - therein lies the key to blessing and revival.

Michael Claydon, Parramatta, NSW.

Did You Know?

But Thou oh Daniel, shut up the Words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro and Knowledge shall be increased (Daniel 12:4)

Did you know that all the knowledge acquired from the beginning of human history to AD1750, doubled by 1900, ie. in 150 years? It doubled again in the next 50 years (to 1950). It doubled again in 15 years from 1950 to 1965. The next doubling was in 10 years to 1975, then again in 5 years to 1980. It is now doubling in less than 18 months!

Saving Souls For Dollars

In Brazil the fastest growing Pentecostal church has made news in the Time Magazine. The Brazil-based Universal church of the Kingdom of God is one of the fastest growing churches in the world with 3.5 million attending 2,200 'temples' in 34 countries. Its leader is self-ordained Bishop Edir Macedo Bezerra. A former pastor has written a book called 'In the Corridors of the Kingdom', and charges that many of the ministers are charlatans who live in luxury on the 2% to 10% of the weekly collection plate they take for themselves.

The church has an annual cash flow at between \$750 million to \$1 billion. Macedo has built up a secular Brazilian empire that includes a major TV network, 26 radio stations, 2 newspapers, a bank and a recording studio. Macedo, who conducts church business from a mansion in Purchase, New York, denies any bad dealings. However, Police in several countries are investigating charges of fraud, Tax-evasion and links to drugs.

Time Magazine says, 'The Pentecostal formula - energetic singing, theatrical exorcisms and dramatic testimonies of miracles cures - has strong appeal for the Brazilian underclass. Moreover, like the other Protestant sects sweeping Latin America, the church promises riches in this world in return for faith and hard work'. (Time Magazine, March, 1996)

Terry's Itinerary

28/4/96 AM & PM. Gateway Baptist Church, Caloundra, Qld. (PM session on Discernment & 'Toronto Blessing') Contact: Pastor Gene McCraw (074) 928157 or 019619588

July 1996 - Half-day (Saturday) Seminar on Evangelism, at Hervey Bay, Qld. BBQ tea following. Billets available for those wishing to stay overnight. Date & Venue to be decided. See next newsletter for more information.

New

50 Pages of undeniable proof that Ellen G. White (founder of Adventism) stole her work from other authors.

This is a must for 7th Day Adventists to see - that Mrs. White's writings were not inspired, but taken in many instances, word for word and without references, from different authors. Written by and with permission of an American ex-Adventist author, who is a leading world researcher and authority on the plagiarism of E. G. White. Price \$3.90 - Order now.

Praise Points

- Last month we asked for \$60 to send out free tapes and books to inform key people around Australia on the 'Toronto Blessing'. We have to date received well over \$100. For this we thank and praise the Lord! We thank our donors and assure them that the money will be put to use in sending out this literature.

Prayer points

- We need a fast copy machine to copy audio cassettes, and a second video machine to copy videos.

- Each month TA Ministries sends out approximately \$50 of free literature to the unsaved, to those in deception, or to those we feel are uninformed on various issues. In the past this has proven to be a vital and fruitful ministry. Because we have no set income or support, we feel it would be greatly helpful to us if people could contribute a set amount per month specifically to this cause. This would help us to budget. Anyone interested in pledging an amount and supporting this work please contact Terry.

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