



Diakrisis

A Ministry of Teaching

*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age...to discern (diakrisis) both good and evil (Heb. 5:14)
Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine?... (Is.28:9)*

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(Guest) Editors comments by Mike Claydon

(This guest editorial was written to give our editor, Terry Arnold, a well earned break in which to 'get away from it all'. Hopefully he returns next issue. Please pray for him at this time. Please also note we have a new Fax No. for TA Ministries and *Diakrisis*. We apologise for recent problems with the old fax line.)

'Gathering Storm Clouds'

It is simply staggering to see and hear of the lack of discernment, study, and therefore, knowledge amongst Christian leaders across the Protestant church in this country. In spite of the glaring fact that Biblical prophetic events depicting the days prior to the return of the Messiah are here, many are willingly aiding and abetting the process of the unification of religion!

Organisations and people who speak well of ecumenism, Roman Catholicism and the bringing down of barriers between darkness and light, are lauded, whilst ministries that exhort and warn Christians believers of current apostasy within the church are vilified!

There are many 'sacred cows' in Christendom today and it is a bold person who dares to discuss the fact that any Christian leader or organisation is speaking heresy or advocating closer ties with false religious systems...

...The Baptist churches co-advertise the risen Christ in national newspapers with Roman Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist organisations; once solid Bible believing churches now print advertising in their weekly bulletins for the ecumenical 'March for Jesus' and urge their congregations to participate; Assemblies of God (AOG) leaders write to their members endorsing the ministries of world renowned heretics and even invite one of the most blatant heretical ecumenists to speak at their National Conference next month; Robert Schuller submits his building plans to the Pope for his approval and is later quoted approvingly in the AOG Australian *Evangel* magazine. The Bible Society in Australia portrays in their literature the Pope as a 'Christian Leader', and openly enters into partnership with Mother Theresa for the purpose of scripture distribution in India. Promise keepers, an ecumenical organisation that is inoffensive to Catholicism, Mormonism and Seventh Day Adventism, attract increasing numbers of Christian men to meetings with the endorsement of many of their pastors. 'Inter-faith' memorial services are now commonplace and are usually held in Anglican or Catholic Cathedrals and televised nationally. In these gatherings Christians join in prayer and worship to 'god' with Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs, Coptics, Orthodox Jews, Buddhists, Animists and Bahai's. And on and on it goes. Space does not permit mentioning the full litany of errors now being taught and accepted freely within the family of believers.

Is it not right to speak of these matters? Surely to know the truth and not contend for it, fight for it, die for it if necessary, is contrary to what God expects from His true people.

The church is rapidly approaching the condition of Israel at the time of Elijah's confrontation with the priests of Baal. Surely God is asking the same of us as He did of the Israelites: '**How long halt ye between two opinions?...**' (1Kings 18:21).

That the Lord is testing the faithfulness of his saints worldwide at this present time is obvious to many - and our fervent prayer is that all will discern this and that ministries such as *Diakrisis* will no longer be needed! Until that hour arrives however, we will fearlessly and lovingly contend for the doctrine once delivered. Mike Claydon

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**If something is true, it can stand being questioned,
but if it is not true, then it needs to be questioned!**

'Community Notice Sheet' - Please Note

How can Christians help in combating the constant threat from the cult of the Jehovah's Witnesses? One approach which can be taken and proving very effective is one aimed at **preventing** people from being involved in the *Watchtower* Organisation. Enclosed in this newsletter is a '*Community Notice Sheet*' and a '*Street Record Sheet*'. The '*Community Notice*' sheet is designed to be photocopied and placed in the letter boxes of streets where it has been observed that the Witnesses have been going from door to door. It is suggested that the churches take up the challenge and after advising congregations how to use it, have those interested letterbox-drop the streets affected. Churches may like to stamp their church details on the back of the notice. It is also advisable that the church keep a record of streets (see second sheet) which have been letter box dropped to avoid duplication. If any church would like masters of the sheets, contact Free in Christ Ministries. These community notices are to be given to the public and not directly to Jehovah Witnesses. We have other suitable tracts to be given to the Witnesses personally.

Free in Christ is a Christian Ministry devoted to those trapped in the Watchtower and is run in reliance to the strength of the Lord to supply. TA Ministries supports this ministry. We believe this particular exercise of the '*Community Notice*' is an excellent idea that we have for some time wanted to see in operation. We urge any who wish to help financially with this exercise, which has been totally funded by Ray, to send donations to Ray Beharrell, 'Free in Christ Ministries', PO Box 308, Kingswood, 2747.

On Faith

(The following quotes are from '*Suffering & Death: The Saints Highest calling*' by Henry R. Pike. Henry Pike is a missionary Pastor of more than 40 years, having led countless lives to Christ. He is completely paralysed in both legs and has only one kidney. His testimony is included in the above book - available from TA Ministries)

'The greatest of faith will not move God to give what he has not willed for His child to have, (2Cor. 12:7-10). Faith is not 'hitting the jackpot', that's gambling! Paul said it is seeing the unseen (Heb. 11:1) and receiving it, when God wills it so (Eph. 5:17; Acts 21:14; Heb. 6:3 and 1Jn. 5:14,15)...Contrary wise, the sufferings of this life, our trials and storms serve to give faith its true meaning.

Faith is not a blank cheque filled in for whatever we want from God. It is not a shotgun that we brandish in God's face and demand of Him our human fancies...To preach that it is not God that heals but our faith is to preach appalling untruth. It is to transfer God's right and choice into the hands of a non-person. Faith in faith is a doctrine alien to Holy scripture...The promises of the big noise Faith movements about life's 'smooth sailing' are nothing short of cunning untruths couched in foul-exegeted passages excerpted from Holy Scripture. Faith does not sit on the throne of God, has never performed a single miracle, sign or wonder. Nor will it ever...Paul found himself (upon entering Asia) so pressed out of measure that he '...despaired even of life' (2Cor. 1:8-10)...At no time did God rebuke Paul for such 'mood swings' in His missionary experiences. He was only being normal...Speaking in a courteous but satirical manner, one is prone to think, that it would seem to be nothing short of disaster for the cause of Christ that the greatest missionary in human history did not know the 'doctrine of claiming your health by faith', or that Paul did not utter the spoken word of authority ('rhema') and consequently live in the prosperity that such miracles supposedly provide. ...'For even here unto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps' (1Pet. 2:21). No believer who follows 'His steps' can avoid suffering, sorrow, sickness, pain and finally death...Not one prosperity saint' (in terms of the absurd standards of today's groups), can be found among that triumphant army of saints in Hebrews 11.

Others in scripture who were sick, but of whose healing no mention is made, were Jacob (Gen. 48:1), the 'poor man' (Ps. 41:1,3), Daniel (Dan. 8:27) and Paul's missionary companion, Epaphroditus, who was critically ill through overwork (Phil. 2:25-30). Most conspicuous, Paul himself suffered from a mysterious physical infirmity that kept him weak and humble (2Cor. 10:10; Gal. 4:12-15; 2Cor. 11:17 and 12:7-10). If sickness is a sin and always proof of disobedience then how could the Lord Jesus Christ say (even in figurative language) that He was 'sick' in Matthew 25:34-40?...Sickness like perspiration is one of the common lots of our shared humanity. It is part of our calling as we pass through this world, dwelling in physical houses of clay cursed by sin.

In 1966, while conducting meetings in Houston, Texas, a 'no doctor, no medicine, no-get-sick' Charismatic preacher harangued me with this question: 'If you believe God lets you get sick and suffer, then why do you go to the doctor?' I quietly replied to obvious chicanery: 'God lets darkness cover the earth at sundown, but I turn my electric lights on anyhow. According to your reasoning, I am to sit in darkness, because God caused it.' Later as this man was leaving the church office, I bade him farewell with this challenge: 'Remember, don't ever turn your lights on when its dark and I'll never go to the doctor when I'm sick. Is it a deal?'... 'Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.' (Pr. 26:5)...Years later, while again on furlough, I learned that this minister died a 'horrible death of suffering' as a result of terminal cancer. Incidentally, he did go to the doctor and hospital. It is curious how God makes us eat our famous words...James writes: 'Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience' (James 1:3). Suffering endured for Christ's sake carries millennial benefit: 'If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him...' (2Tim. 2:12)... 'He worketh all things after the counsel of his own will', (Eph. 1:11).

Does Your Bible Have These Scriptures?

Check to see if your Bible has the following scriptures, (ie. those underlined, in (brackets) and **bold italics**). They are in the copies of the original Greek majority of manuscripts.

'(Then one said unto him behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee)' (Matt. 12:47)

'(Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting)' (Matt. 17:21)

'(For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost)' (Matt. 18:11)

'(Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows houses and for a pretence make long prayer; therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation)' (Matt. 23:14)

'Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour (wherein the son of man cometh)' (Matt. 25:13)

'...until she gave birth to (her first-born) son...' (Matt. 1:25); '...Come (take up the cross and) follow me' (Mk. 10:21)

'...I come not to call the righteous but sinners (to repentance)' (Mk. 2:17)

'(And Philip said, if thy believest with all thine heart thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God)' (Acts 8:37)

'In whom we have redemption (through His blood) even the forgiveness of sins' (Col. 1:14)

'As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk (of the Word), that you may grow thereby' (1Pet. 2:2)

(Only a few examples are shown here. There are up to 180 more that could be cited that are *missing* in most modern Bible versions.)

Youth Alive - Riot?

(The following extract is taken from the newsletter 'Fair Dinkum' and written by Andrew Craig.)

*'...My son and daughter recently attended a Christian rock concert...My 14-year old son came back from this concert with an aching neck. He told me how he learned 'headbanging' at this concert...I have always encouraged our children to steer clear of worldliness, and to follow Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This 'Christian' concert was actually corrupting our youth!...The name of the event was 'Riot'. * Maybe 'rot' would have been a better name. It supposedly stood for 'righteous invasion of truth'. The world book dictionary defined 'riot' as: 'confusion, disorder; wild, violent public disturbance of the peace...' I also found that the Bible uses the word to describe ungodly behaviour, such as the sinful life of the prodigal son. The word translated as 'riot' actually means 'unsavedness'. Why on earth was this event called 'riot', given the obvious evil connotations of this word...Just how Christian can a rock concert be? The loud thrashing rock, heavy beat, idolising fans, flashing lights, and worldly imitation, clearly presents a compromised message. That is if you can even manage to hear the words above the noise.*

The fact is that today's youth are on a helter-skelter road to Hell. And the church has watered and sugar-coated its vital message far too much. Where is the genuine article? Where are the 'fairdinkum' Christians? Are there any out there? Or are they all in 'fantasy land', attending the latest 'seminar', or ecumenical 'convention'?...

Does our message really lead youth to be 'righteous'? Do the gimmicks and fads add to, or detract from the real Gospel? Are we drawing young people to a closeness with the Lord Jesus Christ - or are these worldly methods actually attracting them away from him? Why should we stoop to adopt the values and standards of the world - the styles and fashions of the secular scene? Why does today's church mimic the plastic presentations of secular pop and television entertainers? Who's influencing who?

Does the thrashing, drum-dominated music soothe the spirit, and lead troubled hearts to find peace in Christ? Does the shallow veneer of righteousness make this hollow package sound? The false, compromised, glitzy, glamorised Gospel simply does not present the loving, crucified Saviour, and his rugged blood-stained cross. The imported American Hype and tripe 'health and wealth' gospel certainly doesn't call people to a surrendered crucified life. True Godliness and discipleship is not promoted - or popular. The focus is on the latest rap or rock band, led by long haired, effeminate men, for a taste sick society. No commitment to Christ here - success for these New Age evangelists is how many CD's they sell at the meetings end.

Maybe I'm being cynical. Or am I just being realistic?...Australia's youth are rebellious, self-centred and hate authority. Rock music reflects and fosters this rebellion...You could say that I am angry. I'm angry at the devil - angry at a weak, lukewarm, lily-livered church. Angry at the way Satan is robbing our young people of the living hope of eternal life. Angry at false religions and the New Age movement which is misleading many. In fact the fastest growing religion in Australia is now Buddhism. The reality is that God's peace for the troubled lives is only found by Jesus Christ the Lord and Saviour of your life...

The fact is that we are being invaded. Australia and the whole world lies in the power of the wicked one. Our nation has been overtaken by an alien power...Are we of the world or of God? It's black and white. Are we prepared to cross the line, or do we just sit on the fence? The Bible says that a 'friend of the world' is actually an 'enemy of God'...

*I urge the Christians of Australia to unite on the firm foundation of God's Holy Word...Lets defend our youth from the attacks of compromised Christianity, and...the encroaching tentacles of the world. I challenge Australian youth to rise up against the tide, to go against the flow. Leave off their fashions, the trends, the rotten, rebellious music of this lost world., and humbly receive new life at the cross. Surrender your life to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace, and the Lord of Lords. He is the answer - your only hope. He calls you: 'Take up your cross and follow Me'. Will you obey? Andrew Craig *'Youth alive', Festival Hall, 13/7/96.*

The Two Crosses - (Sermon Notes)

- The meaning of the cross is a *place* - a place of sacrifice and death: '**If one died for all, all were dead**', (2Cor.5:14). It is a place of submission and humiliation, for there is *no pride* at Calvary. We must be *crucified*, for at the cross '**I am crucified with Christ**...(Gal.2:20).

- The cross is a place where one bore my sins. It is a place of reconciliation, for even '**...When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son...**', (Rom.5:10). This reconciliation is not only with God but with the law and the death sentence thereof. The cross takes the sting out of death, judgement, sin and the law, (like a bee with no sting).

- Today there is *another* cross - a glossy, pretty and worldly one. Yet the true cross has nothing to do with the glitter of the world. The Israelites were cut off from Egypt, (a type of the world). This new cross is slanted to fit new worldly fashions, Rap or Christian Rock music, and 'easy believism'. We are not 'PR officers' to bring goodwill between Christ and the world - to make the gospel acceptable to business, education press, the world. The old cross is rather an ultimatum - *turn of burn*. You cannot make terms with God! The cross is the end of Adam's journey in the flesh. We leave the old life at the cross and take up the cross of Christ. The true cross is an abrupt and violent end to Adam's flesh, an end to self pity and an end to the 'I' in sin!

- Only *Grace* can enable us do all this. '**...The old man is crucified with Him**', (Rom.6:6). The word *crucified* here means we have *nothing to do* with the 'old man' again. God does not improve the old life! God does not improve our soulish desires. We do not replace drink, illicit sex, movies, rock music, etc. with *soulish* things in the church, such as ecstatic worship, Christian rock and manifestations - these only serve to titillate the flesh. '**They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and the lusts. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit**,' (Gal.5:24,25). He says: '**Take up the cross**...(Matt.16:24). It was a common sight to see Roman soldiers driving a prisoner with his cross to his own crucifixion.

- There is no neutral ground at the cross. We cannot keep anything - not even our self respect! It is a place of *separation*. The conditions are *repentance* and *belief*. Finally, the cross leads to the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit leads back to the cross! Terry Arnold

Brokenness

(The following extract is taken from '*Sidetracked in the Wilderness*' by Michael Wells, p.69. We highly recommend this book as a book about brokenness and recovery to the victorious life.)

'Sometimes just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted, He will drive us into a wilderness to have our faith tested. Imagine walking into a room when the Lord Himself steps in behind you, turns out the lights, closes the door and locks it, and then completely removes from you the awareness of his nearness, emotional responses to Him, and the consciousness that He hears you! You are to work as hard as you can to regain these; there is however, one major perplexity. As long as you work to experience His presence, you extend your time in the darkened room, because its purpose is to teach you to walk by faith, not by sight or feeling.'

Your Comments and Questions

(Views expressed here are not necessarily those of the editor or the advisory panel)

Dear Mr. Arnold,...thought I would write to you to ask to be put on your mailing list. I have for years been used by our Lord in helping Christians and others, to realise that there is much false teaching in our churches of today, just as God's Word has warned us there would be. I am sure your resource material will be very helpful. Thank you, Yours in Him, (Mrs. E.M. Gypmie, Qld.)

Dear Terry, Keep up the good work, and many thanks for the February issue of 'Diakrisis'. Thanks especially for the article 'Separation or Sectarianism'. This article confirmed a few hassles we have had with fellowship (within the family).

Needless to say we are not very popular - Praise the Lord that the Bible says this would happen. We still minister to them (not with them)...Take care and God bless, Please use the enclosed donation for whatever is urgent. God bless, 'Maranatha'. (Name withheld at editors discretion)

Dear Terry, We have enjoyed your newsletter this year. Thankyou for facilitating this great need to have the 'decade of Harvest' so called prophecy exposed...The pastor at COC has just come back from Pensacola. Rumour has it that he wants to be among the '200 super-empowered men to evangelise the world'...

We do feel that the 'Pensacola Blessing' will be more believable in the churches up here, (and no doubt everywhere else!), because of the tears and 'much trevailing in the spirit' that it is bringing. Most pastors would be longing to see their congregations in tears!...Thankyou. God bless you and your team for your work for our Lord, (B.&L.S. Cairns, Qld.)

Dear Terry, Just a bit of support to let you know that my children and I have come out of the Pentecostal movement and we are mushrooming in our walk.

There is so much available with ministries shooting up everywhere and I'm really pleased that you have a newsletter going. Could I ask for a few copies each for three people...I hope the Lord truly blesses you in your work unto the lord. Looking forward to hearing from you, Terry. (D. L. Sunshine, Vict.)

Pope and Mary's Role in Salvation

In the July 3rd general audience given by Pope John Paul II, he stated: 'The close relationship between faith and salvation, highlighted by Jesus in His public life helps us to understand also the fundamental role that Mary's faith played and continues to play as regards the salvation of the human race.' (The Christian News, 15/7/96)

**Jesus died in your place to provide -
a way of escape and a place of safety.**

Praise Points

- Praise God for someone who is allowing us to use their Fax facilities. Please take note of the new Fax number: (071)245580

Prayer Points

- Please pray for Terry and the ministry at this time. Pray for guidance, health, strength and endurance in adversity.

- Pray for the mail out (see last newsletters) now completed.

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I enclose \$----- as a donation for costs and postage

Dear Terry, I have just been given a copy of your editorial 'Diakrisis'. I would very much like to be put on your mailing list.

I attend a church of 2000 members and all but a few are into the Toronto curse. I desperately need somewhere to go, but without transport of my own, it is nigh impossible but for the blessing of the Holy Spirit. I am trusting our wonderful Lord Jesus to fit me into where he wants me to be.

My son agrees with this cursed thing, but will listen to anything I have to say on the matter.

The Lord Jesus came to bring division between the church and the world, not between Christians and Christians.

I just praise my Lord for giving me a love for His wonderful Word, for without a knowledge of His Word we are nothing but limp marionettes in the hands of any perverse puppeteer.

God bless you, your family and staff. Yours in His wonderful name, (P.H. Nunawading, Vict.)

Att. Terry: (regarding P.4 'Can anyone help'). Thanking you for your most welcome newsletter - keep up the good work. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you in this area - we would like to help in the area of finance as the Lord has laid it on our hearts to do this...praise the Lord for this, Yours faithfully, (M.C. Stratton, WA.)

Gay Church Float for Mardi Gras?

Homosexual members of the Uniting Church hope to put a float in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras as part of their fight for greater acceptance within the church. (Daily Telegraph, 11/6/96)

Signs & Times

'The proliferation of cults and sects in the western world is partly due to the low standard of Bible teaching and evangelistic effort of the churches. It has been said with Justification that the cults/sects are the unpaid bills of the church.' (K.M. Smith, author of 'Baptism in the Spirit'.)

Jesus Sinless and the Only Way?

'...according to the Barna research group, 42 percent of Americans think Jesus committed sins. And even 25% of professing Christians say He was not sinless. Beyond that, 61% of Americans think there are other ways to salvation besides faith in Christ'. ('Our Daily Bread', March/May, 1992)

Editors Note: What does God's Word say?: 'For He has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him', (2Cor.5:21). 'Neither is there salvation in any other: for their is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved', (Acts 4:12).

**We cannot control the winds,
but we can adjust our sails.**

Terry's Itinerary

May 4th. 10am. & 6.30pm. Hervey Bay Church of Christ (071)289375 (2nd & 3rd parts of 3 part series on 'holiness')

May 18th. 6.30pm. Fraser Coast Baptist

May 25th. 9.45am. Howard Baptist (071)294292

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