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## THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Ro. 5:12

*But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matthew 9:12, 13*

*The wages of sin is death. Ro. 6:23*

A tragic fact of the sin epidemic is that we are not sensitive to it. In our natural state we are not aware of the seriousness of it, nor are we alarmed at the prognosis.

## SIN INFECTED

Christ came to call upon humanity as a physician would his patient. Jesus considered sin an infirmity that required His services. Adam fell into sin in the Garden of Eden and, as head of the race, passed his sin nature down through his children who did the same through their offspring. Every generation is born in sin. Every human being is a sinner.

*There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.*

*Pr.30:12*

We all know people who will not admit to themselves that they have a serious illness. They minimize its symptoms and delay treatment as long as possible. They live in denial rather than face the issue. Likewise, our eyes are closed to our own sinful condition, and we are not exercised about it. If sin was like the historic European plague we could not ignore it. During that awful period horse-drawn hearses and wagons traveled daily over the streets to haul away its victims, and the stench of death was everywhere. Every individual who lived through it was impacted by its obvious horror. Yet the plague of sin takes down to the grave every soul of every generation, but people don't want to talk about it. Sin populates hell with its victims, and we live in the midst of this carnage yet go about our daily lives

*For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. Ecc. 7:20*

The infection of sin in our lives, if allowed to run its course, is always fatal. There are no exceptions. We are all infected from head to toe with wickedness. The diagnosis of God in His Word is always the same.

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

as if it was not so.

*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. 9:17*

### **REMEDY PREPARED**

Jesus Christ, as the Great Physician, came to earth to prepare a remedy for sin. His atoning death upon the cross in which He suffered for our sins (1Jn 2:2; 1Jn 4:10), and His bodily resurrection from the dead provide the key for our cure.

*Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Ro. 4:25*

This is the balm of Gilead spoken of in Jeremiah 8:22. This is the remedy for sin-sick mankind. How serious must this disease be for God to give His only begotten Son to the horrors of sin's wages for us!?

*We did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted Is. 53:5*

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Is. 53:5*

*The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Is. 53:6*

*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin. Is. 53: 10*

This salvation from sin through Jesus

Christ is one hundred percent effective to all who apply it. Through the Savior ALL sin is forgiven (Co.2:13,14), and we are justified from the guilt of all things (Ac. 13:3 9). The benefits of being saved are eternal because the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. Our Great Physician Himself said of those who come for salvation...

*They shall never perish. Jn 10:28*

The antidote is given absolutely free of charge to those who in repentance and faith come to Jesus Christ for aid. Many times in God's Word salvation is said to be a free gift.

*The free gift is of many offences unto justification. Ro. 5:16*

Jesus paid the entire cost of our deliverance upon the cross. There is nothing left to pay for, it is simply a gift to those who will receive it. Many believe that living a clean life in trying to obey God's commandments aids in our salvation, but, as exercise will not cure the terminally ill, our religious exercises can not heal us from the affliction of sin. All who believe this works-for-salvation doctrine are doomed. We are saved by the grace (unmerited favor) of God, and grace is by nature free to the recipient.

*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. Ep 2:8, 9*

This remedy is certainly a great salvation! To apply it means certain success. To neglect it results in our

inevitable demise.

*How shall we escape, If we neglect  
so great salvation. He. 2:3*

### **APPLICATION URGED**

For any remedy to be effective in curing disease it must be brought to bear upon the body of the afflicted. The great salvation of Christ saves no one from sin unless it is applied, but there is a problem...

The disease of sin places a lethargy upon its victims. They must be awakened to their plight. The gospel must be impressed upon them. Christ came to call sinners to repentance because sinners would not go to Him otherwise.

*No man can come to me, except the  
Father which hath sent me draw  
him. Jn. 6:44*

The Bible actually indicates that the unsaved are practically asleep concerning the reality of their condition.

*Awake thou that sleepest. Ep. 5:14*

The guilt and danger of sin must be brought before the mind of the unsaved. Before repentance will be sought there must first be a conviction of sin.

*And when he is come, he will  
reprove the world of sin, and of  
righteousness, and of judgment.  
Jn. 16:8*

The Holy Spirit mentioned in this verse speaks plainly to the sinner to bring guilt and condemnation before his mind so that he might flee to Christ for

salvation. Preachers also need to talk plainly and clearly to this world so that people will know unmistakably of their hellbound condition and loathe it. We must not soft-soap the truth. Ambiguous terms will not do. The world is perishing, and we know of the answer. Tell it fully and in earnest if you care for souls. As the good doctor does not trifle with a terminal patient when reviewing his condition in conference, we must take seriously the salvation of those perishing in sin and give them a full and clear consult. Their eternal destiny depends upon it.

### **INVITATION GIVEN**

If you find yourself at this moment to be a sinner, I have good news. There is a balm in Gilead. Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient Savior. All other avenues fail. He is the only way.

*That if thou shalt confess with thy  
mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt  
believe in thine heart that God hath  
raised him from the dead, thou  
shalt be saved, Ro. 10: 9*

Full and complete salvation from all sin (past, present, future) is the gift of God to all who place their faith in Jesus Christ. If you desire to trust Him right now, do so through the prayer below.

*"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that  
I am a sinner. I believe that you  
died for my sins upon the cross and  
that you rose again from the dead.  
I am placing my faith in You alone  
at this moment as my Savior.  
Please forgive me of my sins, come  
into my heart, and save me forever.  
Amen."*

If you have accepted the Lord as your Savior through this article, I would like to send to you some material that will help you grow in your new life in Christ. Please write or call . May God bless you as you live for Him.

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### **Girl Scouts: Sweet and Innocent or Liberal and Immoral?**

By Christy Fox

Have you ever bought Girl Scout cookies? I know I have. Have you ever stopped, though, to consider what you are supporting by doing so? Growing up, I never wanted to be in the Girl Scouts, but even if I had wanted to, my parents would never have allowed it. You see, my mom always said that the Girl Scouts were a feminist group and that they were into Women's Lib. Not long ago, I was thinking about my mom saying this, so I decided to research it for myself. You might be surprised at what I found and let me say it goes way beyond feminism. First off, when joining the Girl Scouts, each girl must recite the Girl Scout Promise. The Promise states:

*On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law*

You might say, "What's wrong with that, they're promising to serve God?" The problem is, that in 1993 at the Girl

Scouts national convention they made the decision to allow atheists and agnostics the right to use "words they deem more appropriate" in place of the word "God." On the Girl Scouts website, ([www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)), there is an asterisk next to the word God. When you scroll down to see what the asterisk is for, it says:

*The word "god" can be interpreted in a number of ways, depending on ones spiritual beliefs. When reciting the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay to replace the word "God" with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate.*

That seems pretty open-ended to me. You could say Mohammad, Mother Earth or even Satan and it would be okay. On the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County web page, ([www.girlscoutsofsc.org](http://www.girlscoutsofsc.org)), it says:

*The Girl Scout organization does not endorse or promote any particular philosophy or religious belief. Our movement is secular and is founded on American democratic principles, one of which is freedom of religion.*

Notice the word secular. When I looked this word up in the Oxford Desk Thesaurus, the first word listed as a replacement was "worldly." Funny, that's the exact definition of what I don't want my children involved in. On the Girl Scouts USA web site, there is a section entitled "Girl Scout Beliefs and Values." One of the statements in this section is:

*"Even if your troop is all of one*

*faith, the Girl Scout meeting is not an appropriate place for prayers and hymns. Girl Scouts is not a religious organization."*

This means they are not even allowed to say a prayer before they eat anymore. These examples alone are enough to convince me not to contribute to the Girl Scouts, but they are just the tip of the iceberg.

I found a great deal of information on what they are exposing these girls to and I must say I was appalled. The first thing I found is that my mom was right. The Girl Scouts have been entrenched in the feminist movement since the 1970's. In an article by Hans Zeiger entitled "Pro-Abortion Feminist Scouts" it mentions Betty Friedan who was on the board of the Girl Scouts of America. Zeiger says,

*"In 1972, at the urging of Friedan and other feminist leaders, the Girl Scouts dropped "loyalty" from its oath because the feminized America was one where neither men nor women were expected to commit to each other in marriage."*

Along with the feminist movement, the Girl Scouts organization is educating the girls in abortion and gay rights. The web page for the Nevada Frontier Council was advertising a "feminist conference" which featured Gloria Feldt, the president of Planned Parenthood. It also advertised a workshop on "lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered issues." In 2001, the Mountain Meadow Girl Scout Camp in New Jersey advertised a "feminist camping experience [for] children of

lesbian, gay, transgender...and other progressive families."

In Waco, Texas, the Bluebonnet Council of the Girl Scouts of America even presented Pam Smallwood, chief executive of Planned Parenthood, a "woman of distinction award." One article said they gave her the title of "Woman of the Year."

In an article written by Joy Downey, a former Girl Scout, it says,

*"The Girl Scout leadership manual recommends visits to Planned Parenthood abortion clinics for Brownie troops. The Brownies program is for girls 6 to 8 years old."*

Downey also said,

*"Be Prepared" is a motto I know well. It is the Girl Scout motto... For us it meant be prepared for whatever life had to offer. For the national organization--Girl Scouts USA (GSUSA)-- it seems to mean be prepared to become political activists, be prepared for premarital sex, be prepared to promote a highly selective multiculturalism."*

Many of the articles I read said premarital sex is definitely promoted. One badge the girls can earn is called the "Decisions for Your Life" badge. Girls earn this badge by participating in activities related to teen pregnancy. One such activity is to carry around and care for a raw egg for a certain amount of time.

The Girl Scouts organization uses Planned Parenthood sex-education programs and from what I have read,

they are pretty graphic. In her article, Downey said,

*“Planned Parenthood’s sex-education programs tend to be highly explicit and go beyond merely explaining the mechanics of pills and other devices. They encourage girls to believe they have the right to engage in premarital sex if they so choose—a teaching that contradicts the advice of responsible parents.”*

One article I read compared the handbook given to the girls by Planned Parenthood to soft-core porn. It contained chapters on homosexuality and masturbation along with illustrations of such things as couples engaging in sex and a boy putting on a condom. One mother was quoted as saying she was embarrassed to look at it with her own husband.

Apparently, not only are gay rights taught to the girls, but lesbianism seems to be rampant in the organization. One book, entitled *On My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on their Scouting Experience*, estimates that as many as one in every three paid employees of the Girl Scouts is a lesbian. The Girl Scouts welcome both gay Scout leaders and gay girls into their organization. One article entitled “The Cookie Crumbles—GSA Grooms Feminist Shock Troops” said,

*“Girl Scout policy forbids sex on Girl Scouts time. But the book On My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on their Scouting Experience, published in 1997, is filled with coming-of-age stories sparked by gay encounters in the Girl Scouts. Along with an essay entitled “All I*

*Really Need to Know About Being a Lesbian I Learned at Girl Scout Camp,” and various stories of “butch” counselors who “wore men’s clothes and had slicked back short hair,” is testimony to the prevalence of lesbians in Girl Scouting. One writer remembers: “By the time I was a junior counselor, Mic was an assistant camp director and her gruff, deep voiced directives no longer scared me. I didn’t know that most of the counselors were lesbians.” Others remember how sleepovers and camping trips were opportunities for same-sex sexual experimentation.”*

An article printed in the St. Paul Pioneer Press described one Scout this way,

*“For those of us who remember the Girl Scouts as quiet girls in class who wore their green uniforms on Wednesdays, encountering Katze Ludeke can be quite an eye-opener. She seldom wears her sash for St. Croix Valley Troop 1256... Rather than stitching doilies and tea cozies, the talented seamstress has created her own costume company specializing in “fetish-wear.” Instead of going for the Gold Award—the Girl Scout’s highest honor—by reading to senior citizens, Ludeke pushed to start her own support group for at-risk teens called Queer Youth Exist. For her Gold Award application...Ludeke is submitting her work with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender teens, with the support of her troop.”*

I don't know about you, but I for one was shocked by what I read about the Girl Scouts. Due to the length of this article, I was not even able to touch on the ceremonies that are preformed by the Troops. I will have to write a separate article solely on the ceremonies for the next issue of The Faith Baptist Watch. One thing I can tell you about the ceremonies at this time is, some of them border on the occult.

I know I will no longer be buying Girl Scout Cookies and I hope you will remember this article the next time you are approached to buy them. I would like to leave you with a quote I found in the article "The Cookie Crumbles—GSA Grooms Feminist Shock Troops,"

**There are currently 2.7 million Girl Scouts in the U.S. That's a lot of liberal feminists to look forward to.**

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### Missions Fruit

Jon and Emilie Rettig have been missionaries in the Czech Republic for many years. They spent years learning the language and the customs of the Czech people. During those early days there was no sound church in Prague to attend, no other Christians there to fellowship with and no converts won to Christ. Now, many years later, God has established a church in Prague through the efforts of the Rettig's, and has used that ministry to bring saving grace to many.

Pastor Rettig uses a verse-by-verse Bible study through the book of Romans to win people to Christ. He begins with Romans 1:1 and travels through the epistle over many sessions and many hours offering invitations to receive

Christ periodically along the way. We in the States prayed as Monika was in the study. We heard the glad news that she had been saved and her boyfriend had begun the Romans study. After forty-five hours in Romans he too accepted Christ. Then word came that Monika's brother was receiving a witness. That which follows is his testimony in his own broken English which we received by email on Thursday, September 22. It speaks for itself. After all this we wonder, "Who will be saved next?"

Pastor Stan Gustafson

Dear all in Christ,

My name is Pavel Stetina, and I am 23 years old. I come from catholic family, but never had a truly relationship with God. Few years ago my elder sister went to UK for few months as an au pair. I do not know exactly when and at what circumstances, but she started studying Bible. At that moment, it has been something strange for me, I never studied bible although I attended church every Sunday. I have to say, that I was really worry about her. When she returned from UK, I could see how strong she is; even though she had really big problems, she was always happy. I remember her saying: "God will arrange it." I said, "How can you be so sure about that?" "'cause I KNOW' she answered. This has been something incredible for me. My sister left back for UK, but before that she found the church in Prague. Few weeks after, my elder sister Monika was saved. I met pastor Jon Rettig, and we had several bible studies; I heard of salvation and the Way, but I always thought that I am saved already. One evening I had to accept I was not

saved. I was terrible evening for me but here began my way to Christ. Quite soon I understood I must be saved. The way was however complicated; I knew it was good, but there was a fear to do it. I remember me sitting at Jon's place one evening, very close to salvation. When I came to his place I remember I was decided to become God's child. In spite of this, I was not able to pray for my salvation at the end of the bible study. Jon asked me I he can pray for me to find the right way to Lord. When he finished, I knew I wanted to do it. That evening, Monday, September 19, 11:33 PM received Jesus into my hearth. Right after, Emilie Rettig said to me, that there is a significant group of people in America, that prayed for my salvation. In this respect, I would like to thank you for praying for me. It has been quite long, complicated way, but at the end we all have Victory in Jesus.

God bless you,  
Pavel

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### **Joel Osteen Obsession**

Internet Article Submitted by  
Cilicia Phillips

What is Local 2 NBC's news obsession with Joel Osteen? Tonight's news broadcast showed him from Atlanta, GA where he has been ALL WEEK. He said he collected \$250K from the people who came to his "concerts." It's very nice of him to collect ' funds from other people, but what has HE personally done for the evacuees? My reverend has spent hours and hours doing manual labor, pastoring the evacuees, and helping them find food and shelter. He's laughed with the

evacuees as well as cried with the evacuees. What has Mr. Osteen done for the evacuees while he stayed at the Ritz Carlton in Atlanta? Wouldn't you expect the "pastor" of Houston's largest church to be spearheading a campaign to help these evacuees? I'm certain a significant number from his congregation have loved ones and family members affected by Katrina. He should have cleared his schedule this week in order to be in Houston to help his congregation and to help his city. Alas, Osteen felt the proper thing to do was to remain in Atlanta and help his wallet. I'm certain the people who purchased tickets to his Atlanta "concert" would have understood his need to return to Houston. I'm not surprised by Osteen's lack of action. In the August 2005 issue of Texas Monthly, he openly admitted he doesn't perform weddings, doesn't perform funerals, doesn't visit members of his congregation in the hospital, and doesn't offer counseling services to his congregation. Osteen isn't a pastor. He is a pop-psychologist. He's never attended one theology class. I suppose that is why he is notably absent during this crisis. I'm sure Osteen has been inspirational to many. It's time for him to acknowledge his role as an opportunistic, motivational speaker who lives in a \$1 million plus home in Tanglewood. He's not a theologian.

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### **A Conversion Testimony**

Author Unknown

Considering the fact that the Scriptures refer often to the practical effects of receiving salvation from Christ, (all things are become new), it should not surprise us to hear over and

over of people who have had their lives changed. Testimonies of such transformation do thrill believers because they testify of the goodness and power of God. The following true account is one such testimony. God be praised!

There are those in the world who profess to doubt the existence of God, but this man took pride in his being an atheist. His appearance was that of a decrepit, disconsolate old man. In the course of conversation he was often heard to unhesitatingly express his unbelief. He also often spoke of his suspicion of the motives of those who professed Christianity. He had ceased in some measure interacting with other people, referring to them as a family of sharks, preying upon each other. He thought it his duty to wrest from the grasp of others as much as he could. He used profane language and looked with the deepest hatred upon ministers of the gospel. His social affections seemed to be withered, and his body, sympathizing, was distorted and diseased with rheumatic pains.

This old man had for years been the subject of special prayer on the part of his pious daughter and his son-in-law. Finally, he was persuaded by them to attend a season of worship services in the church of which they were members. During these services which lasted several days he came to a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The change seemed to surprise everyone and himself as much as any other. He became the most simple and implicit believer. He seemed like an individual who had awakened in another world. The effects produced by his conversion were as follows:

One of the first things he did after

his conversion was to love in a practical manner even his worst enemy. There was one man in his village who, he supposed, had dealt treacherously with him in some financial transactions. When converted he sought his old enemy, asked his forgiveness and brought him under the sound of the gospel.

Feelings of benevolence were awakened. His first offering was twenty-five cents. He now gives very liberally, in proportion to his means, to advance the gospel of Christ. During the last year he has given more than he had done in his whole lifetime before.

Since his conversion he has led several individuals to repentance and faith in Christ. He has been known to go to several families on the same day, pray with them and invite them to attend church that week with him. When they would state some difficulty as a hindrance to attending, he has assisted them to buy shoes and granted other kindnesses that they might be induced to attend worship. He made a list of all of his old associates living within reach of his influence. He determined to labor and pray daily for their conversion. one hundred and sixteen names of drunkards, skeptics and others most considered unlikely to be reached by the gospel. Within two years, one hundred of these had made a profession.

Witness the effect upon his happiness. In a social meeting of the church he once expressed, I have rejoiced but once since I trusted in Christ, that has been all the time." His sullen and cynical attitude seemed to have given way to enduring joy. The change was astonishing. One day, while repairing his fence, an individual passing addressed him, "You are at work all

alone." "Not alone," said the old man, "God is with me." He said that his work seemed easy to him, and his peace of mind continued with scarcely an interruption.

As soon as his moral nature had undergone a change, his body in sympathy felt the benign influence. His countenance assumed a milder and more intelligent aspect. He became more tidy in his apparel, and his 'thousand pains' in good measure left him. A physician who was familiar with the old man's history, having known him for years, was effected by the startling change produced in him by the strength of his relationship with Jesus Christ. Having been a proponent of rational religion, the doctor was influenced by the old man's transformation along with other witnesses in his life and professed his faith in orthodox Christianity.

What a wonderful change is wrought in the lives of those who receive Christ as Lord and Savior! Many other accounts could be furnished as evidence of the mighty power of God working in His people, but perhaps this example will edify those believers who read it.

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### **Senior Trip**

By Sara Shipp

There are many things that I could have written on during this edition of The Watch, but the more I thought about it the more I wanted to write on our trip to Chicago. There was so much to be thankful for. First of all, I would like to say thank you to Pastor and Bro. Crawford for their willingness to take a group like us all the way to Chicago. Second of all, I would like to say thank

you to the students involved in the trip. Thirdly, I would like to thank the church for the generous support in helping make the trip happen. It all started on Friday morning at 10:00am. The pictures before we even left were great. Then, it was off in the van. We were laughing and sleeping. You just should have been there. When we got to Chicago, we found a place to park, got our motel rooms, and hit the streets. It was great. (pictures are coming) I'll skip to the night in the room, Poor Barb, got stuck with myself, Christy, and Rubie. We kept her up until 3:30 in the morning and then got up at 6:30. We laughed and carried on until she just couldn't take it anymore. We had a great devotion and wonderful fellowship. So I just wanted to say thank you to Christy, Rubie, and Barb for a great evening. So many things were said on this trip that I just could not help but list the top 25 sayings of the senior trip 2005. So without further delay, let's begin.

25. I want ice cream!
24. All I want is a candy bar
23. There goes our testimony
22. Where's Matt?
21. Fruit?
20. The Claw
19. Stop it you zealot
18. Well, that's just wrong
17. Amen!
16. He knew how to take an offering
15. We have to turn around Rubie lost her mind
14. Barb: Are we bothering you?
13. Ella: She really misses Ben
12. You could have put 20 people between them
11. Oh, look! A FREE trolley
10. You're fine

## 9. PREACH

8. I'll remember you're not Ben, if you remember I'm not Matt.

7. Let this fool go.

6. You girls know you have to get up in less than 3 hrs.

5. And I don't want anyone cranky

4. What are you girls talkin about

3. Schlep deprivation

2. Sara, you are the reason Rick is the way he is

And the number one saying of Senior Trip 2005 is .....

1. I AM SO WE TODD DID!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope that this will be a memorable moment for many more years to come. Once again, a great big that THANK YOU to EVERYONE, that contributed to our trip.

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## In The News

### Dutch Talk-Show Host to Take Heroin on Air

The host of a new Dutch talk show plans to take heroin and other illegal drugs on the air in a program intended to reach young audiences, according to a 9/21/05 Associated Press article. The show, scheduled to premier on late-night television Oct. 10, is called "Spuiten & Slikken," or the "Shoot Up and Swallow" show. The Netherlands is well known for its "toleration" and legalization of everything from drugs to euthanasia. And, Oh, how America wants to be so European. Wake up America! *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."* Ps 9:17

## You Can Use The F-Word In Class

A secondary school in the UK has established an astonishing policy of allowing students to swear at teachers – but only 5 times a day! Assistant headmaster Richard White said the policy was aimed at 15 and 16-year-olds in two classes which are considered troublesome. "Within each lesson the teacher will initially tolerate (although not condone) the use of the f-word (or derivatives) five times and these will be tallied on the board so all students can see the running score." (Daily Mail 8/29/05) Public education strikes again.

## Global Tax?

Freedom Alliance reports that French President Jacques Chirac has told the French government to begin taxing airline tickets in 2006. Money raised from the levy would be earmarked to fight poverty in the developing world. France will be joined by Germany, Spain, Algeria, Brazil and Chile two weeks from now at the United Nations in calling on the world body to implement the proposal across the globe. "If we don't fight this proposal, what is today the idea of a crazy French socialist will tomorrow be a United Nations global tax." The world is one step closer to a one-world government which will ultimately be ruled by the antichrist.

## One Worldism

International religion is rapidly being accepted. A one world church is in the making. Closely related to this is a one world government. All this fulfilling Bible prophecy. Look for subtle legislation from liberal law makers that will forfeit our national freedom. As national freedom goes, so goes the freedom to worship the true God. An

equalization of wealth, an international regulation of personal accumulation of capital, are trademarks of communism. Not only is this possible, it is altogether believable under a multinational court system with power to enforce penalties for non-compliance. The kings of the earth are ready to drink of the same cup. All this under the guise of worshipping a common god. Our God is not 'common,' but is mighty to the "pulling down of strong holds." (1 Cor. 10:4) Pray!!! — W.W. Mosley

### **'100-Minute Bible'**

The Reverend Michael Hinton, a Church of England vicar, unveiled his self-styled "100-Minute Bible", an ultra-condensed edition which claims to summarize everything from the Creation to the Revelation. Publishers say the book has been written for those who do not have the time to read the original in full. (Agence France Presse 9/21/05) "Am 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD."

### **Who Wrote The Bible?**

"Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible, for it condemns them and their works. Good men or angels could not have written it, for in saying it was from God when it was but their own invention, they would have been guilty of falsehood, and thus could not have been good. The only remaining being who could have written it, is God – its real author." - Gospel Standard, 11/04

### **Good Recommendation**

"I believe in saints. I've met the comics;

I've met the promoters; I've met the founder who puts his name on the front of the building so people will know he founded it. I've met converted cowboys not too well converted. I have met all kinds of weird Christians throughout the United States and Canada, but my heart is looking for saints. I want to meet the people who are like the Lord Jesus Christ....Actually, what we want and ought to have is the beauty of the Lord our God in human breasts. A winsome, magnetic saint is worth 500 promoters and gadgeteers and religious engineers."

A.W. Tozer

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### **Peter Ruckman, UFOs, And Daffy Duck.**

Peter Ruckman of Pensacola, Florida, has done more harm to the cause of the King James Bible than some of its enemies. That is due to his cultic beliefs and his strange, ungodly spirit. According to one of his books, "Black Is Beautiful" (1996), UFOs are real, and if you doubt it you are an unbeliever. If Ruckman says two plus two equals five, and if you don't agree, you are an unbelieving "jack leg" and a "bloated egotist." He believes the CIA has implanted brain transmitters in children, old people, blacks, and prisoners (p. 243) and operates underground alien breeding facilities (p. 256). He believes in blue aliens with blue blood (pp. 85, 86), black aliens with green blood (p. 244), and grey aliens with clear blood (pp. 310-11). He believes that Adam originally had water in his veins instead of blood (p. 185). He believes that the CIA flies around in space ships

developed from technology gained when the government made a deal with aliens to allow them to kidnap children and use their organs as food and to experiment on U.S. citizens (pp. 291, 295-297). Ruckman does not use facts he abuses them, and he often builds his case upon thin air, fables, and half-truths. Consider one example of his reasoning. An old Bolivian legend tells of a non-human race that had webbed feet. Old comic books about Daffy Duck and Donald Duck depict creatures with webbed feet (p. 85). Voila! The legend must be true and Donald Duck must be a secret depiction of aliens!!!! For 32 years, since I was converted, my sole authority has been the King James Bible, and the bottom line here is that the Bible says nothing about UFOs and therefore it is not something I need to concern myself with (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The verses that Ruckman cites in support of UFOS are taken out of context and grossly misused, not remotely supporting such nonsense (e.g., Gen. 6:1-5; 2 Sam. 5:24; 2 Ki. 2:11; Isa. 14:29; Ezek. 1:4; Zech. 5:1-3). Ruckman believes that the aliens are demons who are preparing to take control during the Tribulation and he cites Revelation 9:2-3, but this does not describe UFOs and it has nothing to do with events in our day. Revelation 9 describes demons who are currently imprisoned rather than appearing on earth. The Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles did not teach God's people to worry about UFOs or to rage against the government. They taught us to honor those in authority and submit to them (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-25), to live obedient and holy lives and to dedicate our lives to preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth until Christ returns (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). You don't

see Paul ranting against the Roman Empire and mocking its emperor. Dear friends in Christ, beware of the cultic element in the independent Baptist movement.

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### **Say A Little Prayer**

Submitted by Sara Shipp

Squirrels had overrun three churches in town. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will, they reasoned. Soon the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church, deciding that they could not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the pests away. The elders baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

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### **A Pagan Mourns The Loss of New Orleans**

By David Cloud

Someone recently sent me an article from a web site called The Witch's Voice that bemoaned the loss of New Orleans because of its irreplaceable "pagan spirituality." The article is entitled "The

Pagan Loss of New Orleans” and following is an excerpt:

“The loss of New Orleans is incalculable to the Pagan community. ... New Orleans is unlike any other city in the United States. Prayers, saints, candles are a prerequisite in ambiance. Occult practitioners, Voodoo priestesses, tarot readers, shoppes full of stones, candles, cards, dolls, incenses, are all numerous and part of the normality of it all. ...

“The sultry seductiveness of the city blends in perfect accord with legendary tales of vampires and ghosts. ... The Goddess is alive and powerful in New Orleans, her presence and beauty undeniable through the streets, and shoppes. ...

“Perhaps one day New Orleans will rise again — however, the ancient fecundity of her Paganness can never be replaced. For that also I weep.”

[Concluding note:] I attended the Mardi Gras twice before I was saved, and I can testify that the chief god of New Orleans is “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4). I wonder why “the Goddess” couldn’t protect her own property? It is, of course, because “the god of this world” has no power when confronted with the true and living God.

When President Bush worshipped in the ultra liberal National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 16, and vowed to spend kazillions of taxpayer dollars (that the nation doesn’t have) to rebuild New Orleans at any cost, he said, “There is no way to imagine America without New Orleans, and this great city will rise again.”

Once upon a time the type of pagan wickedness that New Orleans stands for was isolated to a few places in America, but that is no longer true. The United

States is one big New Orleans to one degree or another, and she is waiting for the Antichrist like the rest of the world. The pagan weeps over the loss of New Orleans to the storm, but I weep over the loss of America to the pagans.

I conclude with the following comments by a friend: “Here’s a verse that we came across this week which caused us to think about all this: ‘Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience’ (Col. 3:5-6).

“I’m very sick of Bush talking about what a ‘great city’ New Orleans is. The word ‘repentance’ has not once been mentioned. Not one person on the national level has dared to talk about the cesspool of sexual immorality, drunkenness, thefts, murders, homosexuality and heathenism that make up that foul place. This complete lack of repentance reminds me of Rev. 9:21, ‘Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.’ When these things take place in Revelation, they will undoubtedly deny that God is behind it, just as they are trying to do here. ‘It’s just an act of nature,’ they’ll say.”

*Alvin J. Schmidt, a U.S. sociologist and theologian, in a new book, describes Islam as “the most violent religion the world has ever known.”*

## Spurgeon's Letter to an Unsaved Boy

"Knowing, in some humble measure, at least, the value of religion, let me also bring it before your attention. If you give yourself time to think, you will soon remember that you must die; and if you meditate one more moment, you will recollect that you have a soul, and that soul will never die, but will live for ever; and if you die in your present state, it must live in endless torment.

"You are an accountable being; God, who made you, demands perfect obedience. But you must own that you have sinned; say not, 'I am not a great sinner,' for one sin only would be sufficient to sink your soul for ever in the pit of perdition. The sentence of death stands against you, and mercy alone stays its execution. Seeing now that you are in such danger, how do you think to escape? Surely you will not be content to die as you are, for you will one day find it no light matter to endure the hot displeasure of an angry God. Do you imagine that, if you live better for the future, God will forgive your past offences? That is a mistake; see if you can find it in the Bible.

"Perhaps you intend to think about religion after you have enjoyed sin a little longer; or possibly you think that you are too young to die. But who knows whether that future time will be afforded, and who said that you can turn to Christ just when you please? Your heart is deceitful above all things, and your natural depravity so great that you will not turn to God. Trust not, then, to resolutions made in your own strength, they are but wind; nor I to yourself, who are but a broken reed; nor to your own heart, or you are a fool. There is no way

of salvation but Christ; you cannot save yourself having no power even to think one good thought; neither can your parents' love and prayers save you; none but Jesus can, He is the Saviour of the helpless, and I tell you that He died for all such as feel their vileness and come to Him for cleansing.

"You do not deserve salvation; well, there is not a jot of merit on the sinner's part mentioned in the covenant. You have nothing; you are nothing; but Christ is all, and He must be everything to you, or you will never be saved. None reach Heaven but by free-grace, and through free-grace alone. Even a faint desire after any good thing came from God, from whom you must get more, for He giveth liberally, and no poor sinner, begging at His door, was ever yet sent empty away.

"Look the blessedness of real religion, no one is truly happy but a child of God. The believer is safe, for God has promised to preserve him; and if once you have the pearl of great price, it cannot be taken from you. The way to Heaven is faith, 'looking unto Jesus;' this faith is the gift of God, and none but those who have it know its value. "Oh, may you possess it!" is the earnest prayer of:

Yours faithfully,  
Charles H. Spurgeon

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**Many A Good Man Has  
Failed Because He Had  
His Wishbone Where  
His Backbone Should  
Have Been - Joshua 1:9**

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*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:  
it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9*