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...He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. - John 15:5

God-incidences

By Judith Ryder

This summer I began volunteering as a receptionist for a few hours a week at CareNet, a Christian pro-life organization in Cranston, R.I. It was



A MIRACULOUS MEETING – Lung transplant recipient Robert Juneau, second from left, poses for a photo with the family of his donor just 20 minutes after meeting them. From left are Mary Juneau, Hannah Packhem (front), Paula Packhem, Tim Packhem and Cari Packhem.

on my very first day there that I couldn't help overhearing a story with some hauntingly familiar details. It was being told by

Celeste, a staff member, to a friend who had dropped by.

Later Celeste agreed to go over it with me to make sure I had heard what I thought I had. Sure enough, I had indeed recognized the characters. A story that had begun some sixteen months earlier had come around full circle. Celeste moved out of state soon thereafter. Had I not been in that very place at that very time, I probably never would have learned "the rest of the story."

I recently retired after four years of caregiving to a delightful elderly gentleman with Alzheimers when he needed to enter a nursing home. Over time his son, a faithful overseer of all of his father's daily care, became good friends with the small group of his father's 24/7 caregivers. One day in

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A Cry without a Voice

By Ralph Davis

"Seven children, four clinics, three states;" so goes the testimony of Joyce of Colorado as she speaks before groups about the trauma of abortion. When she was fifteen-years-old, and still in the cheer-leading uniform, her mother drove her to an abortion clinic telling her, "We'll never speak of this again." She had her last abortion, the seventh, in her late twenties and, remarkably, she has five living children. Rebecca Porter describes Joyce as "Poised and beautiful" as she calmly shares her story.



Rebecca Porter, FL

to as "Keeper of the Baby Shoes." *A Cry without a Voice* (ACWAV) is a project that allows women to commemorate their child's lives by attaching a card with a note with their aborted baby's name to a pair of baby shoes. Rebecca took over the project in 2005 and since then, with her own children's tagged shoes, has taken small displays all over the USA and the world. At the time of this writing, Rebecca is in Amsterdam. She brought with her 100 pair of baby shoes which represents the number of abortions

Rebecca, of Plant City, Florida lives with her husband Wally and two teenage sons. She describes herself as a "full-time Pro-life missionary" who leads the program, "*A Cry without a Voice*," and is often referred

in Holland every day.

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The Dark Side Of Halloween

By Pastor David L. Brown, Ph.D.

Excited children masquerading as witches, pirates, devils, ghosts, Dracula and other creatures bounding through the neighborhood, going from door to door shouting, "Trick or Treat" the party at school or a friend's house where they tell ghost stories, bob for apples or tell fortunes the visit to the community "haunted house" and homes decorated with witches, skeletons and eerie looking grinning Jack O Lanterns...IT MUST BE HALLOWEEN! Sounds like harmless fun, doesn't it? But there is THE DARK SIDE TO HALLOWEEN YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT, a side that I never liked because it was associated with evil, the devil, fear, death and violence. That side of Halloween always gave me "the creeps." And after a thorough study of Halloween I know why I felt that way because BENEATH HALLOWEEN'S CANDY COATING IS A HISTORY OF DIABOLICAL EVIL. In a moment I will share with you some of my findings



Trick or Treat?

relating to THE DARK SIDE OF HALLOWEEN. I will share with you briefly three things. 1) The History Of Halloween 2) The Heroes Of Halloween 3) The Harm Of Halloween.

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JESUS WOULDN'T YELL

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

"Just putting on your armor isn't enough. All it does is protect you from the enemy. Just like a football player's uniform, the full armor of God that we spoke about yesterday is designed to protect you in battle. It is not something just to be worn around your living room."

I had been asked to address the opening day assembly of a local Christian School. I came out of the chute fast as I usually do, especially with young people. In this youth-culture where everything is "extreme" I want to make sure that the audience knows that it is ok to be extreme for Jesus. I spent nearly thirty years dealing with kids and have learned that the best way to keep their attention is to be "alive" when making a presentation. This day I was working with an especially captivated audience.

"We spoke earlier about the full armor found in Ephesians 6 and the only offensive weapon that is part of the armor is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of

Christ driving the money changers from the temple, 1626. Rembrandt van Rijn



God. Here is what you need to realize. Your sword is only useful if you know how to wield it!"

The eyeballs were bugging out of the heads of these students as they experienced what for many of them was their

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Operation Outcry whose purpose is to end legal abortion by exposing the truth about its devastating impact on women, men and families. They believe that this will be accomplished through prayer and with the testimonies of women and men who have suffered harm from abortion. They are working to restore justice and to protect women, men, and children from the destruction that abortion causes. **Operation Outcry** (www.operationoutcry.org) exposes the two great lies surrounding legalized abortion: 1) abortion is good and safe for women; and, 2) it is not a baby being aborted.

A quick review: there are at least 3500 living, viable babies killed at the hands of abortionists **every day** in this country alone. Do the math; that equals almost three killed per minute. A staggering 50 MILLION have met this fate since the 1973 legalization of baby killing. The "Killing Centers" that provide the "Service" to women make a huge profit for their deeds. The largest of these centers, Planned Parenthood, strategically targets young female audiences to have an abortion; some of their centers even offer a free iPod to any girl who refers a friend! Those who Kill for profit do not increase their revenue by wasting time educating women or men about the emotional trauma that they will experience following their decision so it is not worth their time. In fact, they have no interest or compassion for the woman at all. Instead, they blatantly lie about all aspects of the deed: they say "It's not a baby, it is just a blob of tissue... it will not hurt, you'll be free to go on with your life..." just to sell their product.

Amid the violence of the deed and the blackened hearts of the executioners, our Lord Jesus Christ is always there, however. He is in the wings, ready to be sought, cried out to, and leaned on. He is near you now, as you read this. His love and His desire for a personal relationship with you will never cease. It is the nature of God that He loves and wants to be loved by the killing center personnel as well as the victims.

A *Cry without a Voice* project, according to Rebecca, represents "Three cries associated with Abortion." The first cry is the unborn child(ren) in the womb crying out for LIFE. Second, are the mothers who silently grieve year after year and have no voice due to the guilt and shame they carry. The third

cry represents the fathers who have no voice in whether their child will have a destiny thanks to 'a women's right' to choose."

A young man recently told me the story of a girl he knows who has had three abortions and laughs about it, saying they were "nothing." He gave me a peculiar look when I said that "She's laughing



Wally and Rebecca Porter

on the outside but is probably suffering on the inside," and seemed to shrug off my comment.

Despite the cavalier attitude of his, and ostensibly of hers, one only needs to be present at one of the larger displays of the baby shoes, such as the one at Washington, DC in mid-August of this year to get to the real heart of matters. Barbara Beute of Florida, ACWAV volunteer, related this to Rebecca "... I saw men sit and sob and cry unto the Lord and to their child. I saw women embrace other women



Cindy Williamson ministering to a man in Washington, DC.

who were crying out for the end of this death, this legal death. I saw others consoling and praying. I saw beautiful words of regret written to the missed babies, the very hearts of wailing women in words. The Lord showed me all these little shoes were literally just a blade of grass compared to the millions of little shoes that are alive and playing in the fields of heaven with Him. I heard women and men, of all ages, sharing what an impact seeing all the little shoes with the names and notes attached to them made in realizing these numbers are real little babies killed by abortion."

"I ministered to a woman who said that she never cried over

her abortion and wondered why she couldn't cry," wrote Karen Bodle of Pennsylvania. A musician at the gathering, ironically, received a phone call from his mother who told him that she aborted two babies' years before. "He fell sobbing into my arms," she said. He later chose two pair of shoes and wrote notes to both of his siblings.

These are just a small sampling of the emotional wrenching stories and the relief that is seen in some people each time the shoes are displayed. Here are a few examples of notes attached to shoes... "My precious baby I never knew. I wish I had known what I know now. It took me so long to forgive myself and today I ask you to forgive me;" and, "In loving memory of my older brother aborted 1979. Though I never knew you, I can't help but know that you would have been there for me I love you, Chandra (your little sister);" and "Dear Emmanuel, aborted 1973 in Washington DC. I'm sorry son. I love you and miss you, forever. You will not be forgotten. Mom;" and "In loving memory of Isiah Thomas: Daddy is so sorry for not being there when mommy gave you up for abortion. Love you always, Daddy." Finally, Rebecca Porter has some tagged shoes of her own; "In loving memory of my twins, Grace Leah and Kenny Dale aborted 1973 in Lakeland, FL- I didn't know. I screamed for them to stop but they wouldn't. I'm sooooo sorry! Please forgive me. All my love, Mom." Followed by, "the Lord used you both to bring me to salvation."

Rebecca said that she made the wrong choice to have an abortion at age 21 because she was told it would solve her problem and she could go on with her life. It did not solve anything. Instead she turned to drugs and alcohol to hide the pain and guilt she felt in choosing death for her baby. She also found that she was so hardened from the experience that she could not provide the nurturing love that her six-month-old baby desperately needed. Not long afterwards, she was pregnant again and really did not want another abortion but was coerced by her father to do so. While crying and crying in the cold, impersonal setting she found out, at the last minute, that she was bearing twins.

"I remember walking out of there like a zombie, wishing I were dead. I tried to commit suicide and overdosed several times because I hated myself for what I had done. I want women and men to know that you can never imagine the pain unless you've gone through it yourself. Abortion is not something that happens, and you just go on with your life. You go on as a very wounded individual. I don't want other women to experience the pain that I have had. I will speak out to let people know that the laws need to be changed, so that other women don't make the wrong "choice" like I did. Thus the tags for Rebecca's

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shoes. To read Rebecca's full testimony of her abortion, go to www.operationoutcry.org and click on "Personal stories."

A major undertaking by *Operation Outcry* is their strategy to help persuade the Supreme Court to reverse the legalized (1973 Roe v. Wade) abortion on demand ruling. Based on the sworn testimonies (declarations) The Supreme Court is beginning to listen. The court

has begun to recognize that "whether to have an abortion requires a difficult and painful moral decision" and is "fraught with emotional consequences." They ask that you join *Operation Outcry* now! They ask that you "Help us collect a million declarations so we can show the



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Supreme Court how many have been hurt by abortion. A declaration is your confidential story of how abortion has affected you. Your declaration about how abortion hurt you can be used as evidence to help end abortion."

Thousands of such declarations have been collected to date and some have already been used to win battles against the enemy. Case in point: On August 7th of this year, having viewed just one bound collection of declarations, the town council in Davie, Florida voted to shoot down a request by *Planned Parenthood*; they would

not be permitted to open a killing clinic there. Many believe that the presentation of the declarations was the turning point. You can obtain a form to make your declaration by calling *Operation Outcry* at 1-866-468-8279, or write to: The Justice Foundation, 8122 Datapoint, Suite 812, San Antonio TX 78229, or, the most efficient manner; complete one on-line at www.operationoutcry.org.

If I saw a person drowning I would, at the very least, throw a life preserver or even jump in to save them. I sense that many people, women and men, might be drowning right now, in pain and remorse, about your choice to abort a baby. Jesus Christ is your life preserver. He is near enough to you right now for you to cling too...cry out for Him, repent, accept His forgiveness and begin to establish your relationship. Then follow through with that call to the National Helpline for Abortion Recovery at 1-866-482-LIFE.

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early March 2007, he shared the news of a tragedy which had just befallen the family and friends of one of our fellow caregivers, Heather, a lovely Christian woman who would now be taking a leave of absence. Heather and her son were particularly devastated at a grievous turn of events in their lives, and would soon be entering healing therapy.

Apparently, Heather's son had loaned a skateboard to his friend, Tim Packhem, who subsequently died in a freak accident near or on Heather's property. Tim's mother, Paula Packhem, a devout Christian, was divorced from Tim's father, who had since remarried. Now a single mother, Paula was of course totally heartbroken at the tragic loss of her beloved son. He would have graduated from Warwick Vets High School in June.

Struggling with raw emotions, Paula recalled that when Tim had recently gotten his driver's license, he had indicated he would like to donate his organs should anything ever happen to him. So when the question arose at the hospital, Paula felt led to donate five of his organs to anonymous recipients.

It happens that Celeste (the

staff member at CareNet), was a fellow church member and friend of Paula's. As Celeste continued relating the compelling story to her friend, she told how Paula and a surviving daughter had been given some tickets by their after-care coordinator at the New England Organ Donor Bank, with whom they had stayed in close touch. The tickets were for the National Kidney Foundation U. S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh. These biennial games, typically attended by some 7,000 people, consist of competitions between recipients of organ transplants. Donors' families cheer on all the competitors without knowing the identities of the recipients of their loved one's organs, since that information is ordinarily not revealed. The attendees are a great encouragement to each other at the event, but as much as she loved being there, Paula's heart ached all the more because she was so often reminded of young Tim.

Also invited to attend the Transplant Games were: Paula's ex-husband, "big" Tim, his daughter Hannah, and his second wife Cari. Near midnight on the last night of the three-day event and following the closing ceremony, the Packhems were unable to find a shuttle to their hotel, so they rode a bus to the Double Tree instead, planning to take a cab to their hotel from there.

Enter Robert Juneau and his wife Mary, from Syracuse, NY, who had also just returned from the Games to the same hotel. Because Robert felt hungry, they had momentarily left their room to go out for a snack. Finding the stores closed, they went back to the hotel and

were waiting in the lobby for an elevator when Robert saw a man wearing a Red Sox cap and a t-shirt indicating he was a family member of a New England donor. The man they saw was "big" Tim Packhem. *Something about that cap...Red Sox...New England...New England Organ Donor Bank...*

Robert Juneau had been the fortunate recipient of two new lungs on March 13th, 2007. Having been in end-stage cystic fibrosis until receiving the transplants, Robert fully understood that the new lungs were his gateway to another chance at living a normal life. Aware that Robert's new lungs had come from a New England



Tim Packhem, died in March 2007, and Robert Juneau received his lungs. (Courtesy photos)

donor, his wife Mary wrote a heartfelt letter of thanksgiving to the anonymous donor's family using the auspices of the New England Organ Donor Bank. She described what it had meant to both Robert and her to receive such a precious gift. Containing only first names and with no references to where they lived, the forwarded letter had become a treasured keepsake to Paula, who found it comforted her to read it often.

The Juneaus and Packhems struck

up a friendly conversation standing there in the lobby, and it was not long before dates and other tidbits of information that each family knew about the other seemed to start adding up to a most remarkable happenstance. First Robert mentioned that he had received his new lungs on March 13th. This raised an immediate red flag for "big" Tim because his son had died on that very date and his lungs had been among the organs donated -- *but didn't he remember that Paula, who had made the arrangements at the hospital, told him the lungs went to a 51 year old man?* Now here was Robert, seemingly hale and hearty at age 38. *It couldn't be....*

Nevertheless, since Paula had shared Mary's letter of thanksgiving with "big" Tim and his wife, the Packhems could now recall actual sentences from it, the very words that Mary Juneau, its author, was now repeating back to them. But it was when Robert explained how he had been in end-stage cystic fibrosis at the time of receiving his call for the transplant that "big" Tim began to tremble. He now remembered that Paula had specifically told him the recipient of their son's lungs had suffered from cystic fibrosis. Together the incredulous couples went over the events and details of that sad and memorable day back on March 13 and began finishing each other's sentences, finally clinching their growing suspicions. They had determined beyond any reasonable doubt that the lungs of Robert Juneau had once belonged to young Tim Packhem.

Knowing what unspeakable joy a meeting with Robert Juneau

would bring to Paula, Cari immediately phoned Paula with the news, and soon the Packhems and the Juneaus were together crying, hugging, and laughing all at once over at the Double Tree hotel. With Paula on the scene, the age discrepancy matter was chalked up to "big" Tim's understandable mix-up of the details she had related all at once concerning the multiple recipients of their son's organs. The happy news began to spread throughout the hotel like wildfire, and despite the late hour, the lobby soon filled up with ecstatic celebrants and well-wishers.

At this point, the story might have ended but, it did not. Paula invited the Juneaus to come to RI, and this past July, Robert gave a beautiful testimony at Christian Hill Community Church in West Warwick, RI. After he sat down, Robert's wife Mary stood up and testified that although she had lost her faith through all that had happened before, now as a result of all of this, she had come back to the Lord.

This story is yet another poignant example that God is sovereign. He desperately loves and cares for His children, and what we call "coincidences" in our lives are often really "God-incidences." Deuteronomy 31:6 bids us, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them, for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Judith Ryder, married to Clarke for 45 years, mother of 5 and grandmother of 9, spent 25 years heading various pro-family organizations and as a volunteer lobbyist at the RI State House. She and her husband reside in Scituate, RI.

IF YOU DON'T DO IT

By Dan Burrell

Recently someone said something to me that really stuck in my mind. They said this: "If you don't do it, then you don't believe it."

Scripture reveals that God understands our inclination to be big talkers and poor appliers when He challenged us, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

Unfortunately, many churches are filled with so-called believers who say the right things, even listen attentively. They might even preach to others to adopt their faith, but when it comes right down to it, don't practice what they say they believe.

After 20 years of ministry, I have found that there are different "types" of faith when it comes to the disparity between hearing and doing.

There's a brand of faith that is almost "superstitious" in its orientation. I referred to it recently as "NASCAR Faith." I've become a bit of a closet stock car racing fan since moving to North Carolina, but I've noticed with no small amount of irritation, that many of the so-called Christian racers who pray before the flag is dropped and who point skyward while doing their victory lap often flip the bird, swear like troopers and leave their spouses when convenient. By the way, this is true of other athletes as well-I don't mean

to pick on the racing ones alone.

It's almost like they think that by invoking God into their endeavor, they are more likely to experience success. Sort of like throwing spilled salt over your shoulder wards off bad luck. Not much of a reason to be considered a Christian if you ask me.

There's also the "acquaintance" Christian. That's the person who wants to be categorized as a Christian person, a.k.a. "good" person, but who does not want that title to be an encumbrance. In other words, they'll attend church periodically and even drop a 10 spot into the offering plate as long as others can see them doing it, but don't ask for anything that involves more of

a commitment. And stay away from those nasty "S words" they often use in church. You know, Submit, Surrender and Sacrifice.

Then there's the "heritage" Christian. They feel entitled to the name "Christian" because they come from a long line of Christians. Maybe Grandpa was a preacher

So, what kind of faith do you have? Do you simply visit it, or do you live it?

or mom served on the Ladies Auxiliary committee or because they are seventh-generation members of such and such church, but in the end, it was like they were "born" into their faith and never experienced it personally.

Finally, there's the "business" Christian. They are part of a church because it's good for "business." From real estate agents, to auto salesmen, to politicians, to Amway representatives, going to church is like going to work. They're angling for contacts, leads and opportunities. They hand out more business cards around their Sunday school table on a single Sunday than they'll pass out tracts in an entire year. Attending church is like being part of the community, and it's nice to be able to drop that in during a sales pitch. Beyond that, church doesn't hold much

importance or relevance to them.

But there's another type of Christian. He or she is the one who understands that a relationship with Christ is personal. They love Him-not for what He has or can do-but for Who He is. Commitment doesn't frighten them; it challenges them. They want substance, not simply style. They are serious, not casual. This is not a hobby, but a way of life-

or better yet, a new life. It begins and ends with the Person of Jesus. It is rooted by faith. It is founded on truth-the Bible. It encompasses family, fellow believers. It transforms us-not through conformity, but through transformation. It isn't a fad; it's forever.

So, what kind of faith do you have? Do you simply visit it, or do you live it? Do you say you believe it, or do you practice it? Do you hide it, or do you share it?

Maybe it's time for you to ask yourself some tough questions and ask if your relationship with Christ is genuine or is it a façade? There's no better time for an honest spiritual evaluation than right now. Does your relationship with Christ affect your living? Remember, if you don't do it, then you probably don't believe it.

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The History Of Halloween

Halloween is a "religious day" but it is NOT a Christian day. Tom Sanguinet, former high priest in the Celtic tradition of Wicca (witchcraft) said "The modern holiday we call Halloween has its origins in the full moon closest to November 1, the witches' New Year. It was a time when the "spirits" (demons) were supposed to be at their peak power and revisiting the earth planet." He went on to say, "Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the Lord Jesus."

What is the man talking about, you might be asking yourself? Let me explain. The origin of Halloween is the Celtic Festival of Samhain, lord of death and evil spirits. Long before Christ (at least 2000 years), Druids in Britain, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and other Celtic countries observed the end of summer by making sacrifices to Samhain. The Celts considered November 1st as being the day of death because the leaves were falling, it was getting darker sooner and temperatures were dropping. They believed Muck Olla, their sun god was losing strength and Samhain, lord of death, was overpowering him. Further, they believed that on October 31st Samhain assembled the spirits of all who had died during the previous year. These spirits had been confined to inhabit animals' bodies for the past year, as punishment for their evil deeds. They were allowed to return to their former home to visit the living on the eve (Oct. 31) of the Feast of Samhain. Druid priests led the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, cats, black sheep, oxen, human beings and other offerings were rounded up, stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death. This was done to appease Samhain and keep spirits from harming them. It is clear to see that HALLOWEEN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CELEBRATION OF DEATH.

Which brings me to my next point. How were these sacrifices obtained? Druid priests and people would go from house to house asking for fatted calves, black sheep, and human beings. Those who gave were promised prosperity and those who refused to give were cursed and threatened. In addition, it was likely that all of the "wandering spirits" would get hungry. If you set out a treat for them, they would not trick or curse you. Hence we have THE ORIGIN OF TRICK OR TREAT. "Trick or Treat is a reenactment of the Druidic practices. The candy has replaced the human sacrifices of old, but it is still an appeasement of those deceptive evil spirits. The traditional response to those who do not treat is to have a trick played on them. When you give out Halloween candy, you are, in essence providing a sacrifice to false gods. You are participating in idolatry" says the former high priest of Wicca, Tom Sanguinet.

Did you know that even the Jack-O-Lantern has its origin with these pagan practices? In the book Occult Conceit the author says on

page 190, "The candlelit pumpkin or skull served as a signal to mark those farms and homes that were sympathetic to the Satanists and thus deserving of mercy when the terror ("trick or treat") of the night began." Further, an old edition of The World Book Encyclopedia says "The apparently harmless lighted pumpkin face of the Jack-O-Lantern is an ancient symbol of a damned soul."

What about COSTUMES? They originated with these terrible Druid death rites also. As people and animals were screeching in agony, while being burned to death, the observers would dress in costumes made of animal skins and heads. They would dance, chant and jump through the flames in hope of warding off the evil spirits.

It is obvious that Halloween is a pagan day rooted in the worst kind of pagan rituals and worship. The Bible urges Christians to "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5: 1). Though Halloween is diluted somewhat there is obviously nothing Christ honoring about the day. It is a pagan sacrifice day and the Bible warns Christians "the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that you should have fellowship with devils." (1 Corinthians 10:20). Halloween is the devil's day!

The Heros Of Halloween

You could not celebrate Halloween without the WITCH. The oldest known illustration of a witch dates back to the pre-Columbian era. He drawing shows the pagan goddess Tlazolteolf naked, wearing a pointed hat and riding a broomstick. Where you find witchcraft you will find nudity, divination, gross immorality and occultic practices just to name a few. According to the Old Testament of the Bible witchcraft and the whole spectrum of the occult were capital crimes, punishable by death. In the New Testament, in Galatians 5:20, witchcraft is listed among those things that are to be renounced by believers. In fact, Acts 19:18-19 records how that those who became Christians renounced all dealings with the occult and burned any occultic material they had. Popular west coast Bible teacher Dr. John MacArthur expresses it clearly enough when he says, "Dressing up like witches, ghosts, or goblins is incompatible with a Christian's testimony. Furthermore, many of the customs of Halloween are associated with the worst kind of pagan ceremonies; they are usually centered on the sinister things such as demons, witchcraft, and superstition."

The other heroes of Halloween aren't any better. Consider Dracula. Did you know he was a real person? He live from 1431 to 1476. During his six year reign this demented maniac massacred 100,000 men, women and children in the most hideous ways. He devised a plan to rid his country of the burden of beggars, handicapped, sick and aged. He invited them to a feast at one

of his palaces. He fed them well and got them drunk. Then he asked them, "Do you want to be without cares, lacking nothing in this world?" They yelled "YES!" Dracula then ordered the palace boarded up and set it on fire. No one escaped. This tragic event was the original House of Horror.

The overwhelming majority of Halloween Heroes are evil, demented or demonic. That should not surprise us. Halloween is the devil's day! But there is something else that concerns me even more

The Harm Of Halloween

Halloween is a dangerous day and here are the reasons why...

HALLOWEEN IS FOCUSED ON VIOLENCE

In January of 1988 I stopped at a restaurant to pick up a bite to eat before my next appointment. I picked up a paper on the way in. As I was eating I came across Ann



Landers' column entitled "Parents must tackle violence." The parent wrote "I heard something today that made my hair stand on end...Last October, the teacher of a fourth-grade class asked her students to write a short essay on what they would like to do most to celebrate Halloween. Eighty percent of her 9 year-olds expressed the wish to "kill somebody." Where do children get such ideas?" she asked.

The answer is a simple one. Halloween accentuates mutilation, murder, blood, guts and gore. It even glorifies it! I well remember seeing the large picture in the newspaper of a mutilated corpse in a blood stained bathtub. It was utterly repulsive. The accompanying article lauded a community organization's youth work using this "haunted house."

The truth is, millions of people, and likely your kids will be exposed to some of the almost endless string of TV programs, videos, community and church activities that GLORIFY MUTILATION, TORTURE, and BIZARRE MURDERS this Halloween. Now before you say "it won't hurt them, it's only fantasy," perhaps you should consider what a horrified mother discovered in her teenage son's diary. She read "Last year I stole a car at Halloween and ran over a kid and killed him for the Devil. I plan on doing it again this year." The boy is now incarcerated.

Don't you see the paradox? When we read of a violent murder any other time we gasp. But we laugh, tease, call it fun and glorify the same things when Halloween comes. Halloween's focus on

VIOLENCE breaks down the inhibitions of our children toward murder. They have difficulty separating between fantasy and fact. And that is taking its toll on our society. There is another reason Halloween is harmful...

HALLOWEEN'S EMPHASIS IS ON FEAR

I read an article in The Milwaukee Journal entitled "Haunted house fun: It could become nightmare for kids." It started out "IT'S JUST FOR FUN, you know that. But to a young child, a trip through a "haunted house" created for Halloween could be a nightmare." Fear is no joke. Fear is a powerful and often damaging emotion. The writer of the article quoted developmental psychologist Marvin Berkowitz of Marquette University. Berkowitz said "Some haunted houses can frighten an adult." Children must "go in with the right mental set. Make sure they know it's going to be a fun scare, not a real scare."

The article went on to say, "even the most careful parents can misjudge their child's reaction. If the child is horrified, if the kid's traumatized and shrieking, you hold him and comfort him. Give him physical security." The question is, why expose your child to such traumatizing influences? They serve no useful purpose. In fact long lasting emotional problems can develop as a result of the frightening experiences that are encountered

at Halloween activities, such as going through a "haunted house."

But there is another aspect I want to share with you relating to fear. Dr. Grace Katterman M.D. says in her book, You and Your Child's Problems: How to Understand and Solve Them "a tragic by-product of fear in the lives of children as early as pre-adolescence is the interest and involvement in supernatural occult phenomena." Which leads me to the next point.

HALLOWEEN IS FOCUSED ON THE OCCULT

The two most frequent ways children are introduced into the occult are through rock music and Halloween. I was introduced to the occult at a Halloween party. Tragically, more and more children are being introduced to the occult

by teachers in the public schools. And unfortunately, Halloween is one of the two Holidays that public schools celebrate. They choose Halloween (and Valentine's Day) because supposedly there is no "religious" significance. How wrong they are about Halloween. To be sure, there is no Christian significance to Halloween but it is obviously a religious day.

Our forefathers recognized Halloween's association with the occult. The Pilgrims banned celebrating Halloween in America. The ban lasted until 1845. At that time multiplied thousands of Irish emigrants flooded into New York because of the Irish Potato Famine of 1845-46. They brought Halloween with them and gradually it spread throughout the rest of the country.

Alternatives

An increasing number of people are seeing the dangers associated with celebrating Halloween. Christians, when exposed to the dark side of the day, are deciding that celebrating it is not pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ. Wise parents are replacing Halloween with family night activities. Others are having "Glory Gatherings" where all references to Halloween are removed and wholesome games are played, Christian songs are sung and Christian videos are shown. Others are using Halloween as a night to pass out Gospel literature. Whatever you do, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:21

I hope you will carefully consider the information I have related in this article and decide NOT to celebrate Halloween. But there is an even more important decision you should make first. That is deciding to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Here's what to do...

REALIZE that God loves you - John 3:16; Romans 5:8
RECOGNIZE that you cannot be saved from sin by your own good works - Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
ADMIT that you are a sinner separated from God - Romans 3:23
REPENT of your sins - Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19
CALL upon Christ in faith believing that He died for your sins and arose from the dead - Romans 10:13

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National News

Airlines Offer Unfiltered Internet Access — Including Porn

(EP News)--U.S. airlines are rolling out unfiltered, in-flight Internet service, with few regulations to monitor viewing of pornography. American Airlines is the first airline to offer the service. Delta, Alaska, Northwest and others are expected to follow suit. An American Airlines spokesman said flight attendants will be trained to handle the situation if a passenger is viewing porn. Daniel Weiss, senior analyst for media and sexuality at Focus on the Family Action, "Because this nation has not been serious about vigorously attacking pornography, some believe it is appropriate to view in public," he said. "Not only will the flight attendants be placed in a situation that could be considered sexual harassment, passengers who openly view porn where children can see it may be violating federal harmful-to-minor laws." JetBlue Airways and Continental Airlines plan to filter their Internet access.

Scalia: Judges Need to Focus on Interpreting Constitution

(EP News)--In recent years, U.S. judges have leaned toward "abstract moralizing" at the expense of their real job, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia told a crowd at Utah State University this week. "I'm questioning the sanity of having value-laden decisions being made by unelected judges," he said. "Nothing I learned at Harvard or in my practice of law qualifies me to decide whether there is a right to abortion or to assisted suicide." The cure, Scalia said, is for "Americans to view the Constitution as a 'static' document and hire jurists who confine their role to interpreting it."

Boltz shocks Christian community with homosexuality admission

By Jim Brown

(OneNewsNow) There is shock and sadness in the Christian community over word that famed Christian music singer Ray Boltz has publicly announced he's living a homosexual lifestyle.

"If this is the way God made me, then this is the way I'm going to live...I really feel closer to God because I no longer hate myself." Those were the words of Ray Boltz

in an interview with the *Washington Blade* about his decision to engage in homosexuality. Boltz, a father of four who was married for 33 years before officially divorcing his wife this year, is well-known for his widely acclaimed songs "Thank You" and "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb."

The disclosure by Boltz was stunning news to former homosexual Greg Quinlan who is now with the New Jersey Family Policy Council.

"I'm absolutely shocked. I've got some of his CDs and cassette tapes -- tells you how long it's been around. When he says he's born that way, we know now for a fact that that's false. In fact, just last year in March, the director of the Human Genome Project, Dr. Francis Collins, said this: homosexuality is not hardwired. There is no gay gene. We mapped the human genome. We now know there is no genetic cause for homosexuality."

When asked about Boltz's homosexuality, The Gospel Music Association -- the group which gives out the Dove Awards -- told the *Blade*, "We do not comment on the lifestyle choices of people in our community."

According to Quinlan, by making such a statement the GMA seems to be "enabling a behavior that is totally inconsistent, incongruent with the message of the gospel."

Science, Technology and Jesus: Gordon College Builds Ken Olsen Science Center

(EP News)--As religion and science increasingly dominate today's headlines, many wonder how, or if, the two can co-exist. Can a person of faith be a serious scientist? Is it irrational for a biologist to believe in God, or antithetical for a committed Christian to study chemistry or physics?

Gordon College, an evangelical liberal arts college on Boston's north shore, will make the discussion of these questions a part of the college's new Ken Olsen Science Center, to be dedicated Sept. 27.

Named after one of the twentieth century's pioneers in computer science and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), the Science Center marks the first time Olsen has agreed to have his name associated with a building. "It has been evident that Gordon strives

Abortion-Free States: Focused Objective of 40 Days for Life Fall Campaigns

Attleboro - "Despite the increasingly shrill rhetoric of the abortion industry, the simple truth is that business is off," said David Bereit, national campaign director of 40 Days for Life. "Abortion numbers have dropped so significantly that several states are now down to only one or two remaining abortion centers. This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign presents a great opportunity to finish the life-saving work in these states, creating abortion-free zones and encouraging other states to follow suit."

This fall, 40 Days for Life vigils will take place locally in Massachusetts and anyone interested in helping out can contact Stephen Marcotte at stephenmarcotte@yahoo.com. Stephen asks local believers to, "PRAY...for this campaign, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us all...and go to 40daysforlife.com/attleboro

and sign up on our local web page..to stay connected with all our updates/info. Also, please spread the word: tell friends, your pastor, how they can get involved in this incredible, prayerful campaign...invite them to go to 40daysforlife.com/attleboro and sign up as well.

In all, more than 170 cities in the United States and Canada will take part in 40 Days for Life from September 24 through November 2, making this initiative the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. Each campaign is a focused 40-day-long initiative made up of three components: prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, peaceful vigils outside local abortion facilities - round-the-clock vigils in many cities - and grassroots educational outreach to an entire community. The list of

participating cities is available online at: www.40daysforlife.com/location.cfm.

The last remaining abortion centers in North Dakota and Mississippi, states which each have only one remaining abortion facility, as well as the last two abortion facilities in Nebraska and the last two in Kentucky are close to eliminating abortion statewide.

Two other abortion centers that were the sites of previous 40 Days for Life vigils have gone out of business this year - one in Dallas, Texas and the other in Rockland County, New York. "It was the power of a peaceful, prayerful presence that helped make a difference in these communities," said Bereit. "With God's help, we look forward to seeing which will be the first abortion-free state in America."

'ViewTube' a home-schooling resource

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) A new networking and teaching tool for home schoolers by home schoolers has hit cyberspace. Computer specialist and home-school dad Ed Wells recently launched the website HomeSchoolViewTube.com. The site is "YouTube-ish" in design, and visitors can create free networking profiles and upload videos.

"[W]e were looking for a site [through which] home-school families could share ideas and...show each other how we teach math or how we teach English or how we teach history, science -- what have you," he explains.

Channels set up on the new website thus far include the typical education-related topics one

to graduate students who feel at ease with science, economics and the humanities while holding on to their faith," he said.

Dr. Francis Collins, former Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, will speak at the dedication. Collins led the successful effort to complete the Human Genome Project, a multidisciplinary enterprise directed at mapping and sequencing DNA, and determining aspects of its function. Collins will also speak at an invitation-only breakfast on the importance of studying science in a Christian college context.

"Scientific discoveries are unfolding at an unprecedented pace worldwide," said Gordon College President R. Judson Carlberg, Ph.D. "It is vital that Christians with strong moral and theological bearings continue to be involved in important research and decisions that preserve the hope and well-being of all creation. To have a state-of-the-art science center like this is a profoundly humbling and exciting opportunity to continue our mission."

In addition to Collins's lecture, a variety of artistic and academic events are scheduled throughout the dedication week to further explore the relationship between faith and science, including the-

would expect, such as history, math, literature, and science and technology. But it also includes subject areas one might associate only with Christian home schoolers -- creation science, Bible, comparative religion, marriage, and parenting, for example.

Wells says only appropriate content is allowed on HomeSchoolViewTube.com, and at this point he and his wife are monitoring all posted material. But he expects that situation to change.

"Eventually it's going to get to a

point where we are going to need have some help from some of the parents," he admits. "And we do have an option if [a] video gets by us that it can be flagged as inappropriate content and then I can go ahead and deal with it from there."

Apart from instructional videos, users can also post entertaining home videos and other such content. Wells explains that with the networking feature of the site, home-schooling families across the globe can connect and help strengthen the home-schooling movement.

A conservative alternative to liberal NEA

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) Many conservative teachers are upset that their National Educators Association membership fees are being used to support liberal candidates such as Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

The National Educators Association (NEA) has decided to endorse Obama and spend \$50 million to target battleground states -- a large sum that is coming from membership fees. Many conservative teachers who are upset about their money being used in such a way are now wondering if there are any alternative teacher associations to the liberal NEA.

Finn Laursen, executive director of Christian Educators Association International (CEAI), offers his organization. "We are a professional association...who really target, if you will, Christian educators who are working in our

public schools," he points out.

The organization, according to Laursen, offers teachers an alternative to the NEA at a fraction of the cost.

"We give them a million-dollar liability policy, so if they are sued in their professional duties, they are actually covered for legal expenses. And if they should lose, actually they are covered," Laursen explains. "So they are protected [with that] as well as [with] job action protection, so if they have some challenges with their district, they would actually carry a policy that would cover legal fees to defend them in any action that would happen within the district."

Laursen also notes that none of the CEAI membership fees are used to promote any candidate or political agenda. CEAI, based in Westlake, Ohio, was founded in 1953 and was formerly known as National Educators Fellowship.

atre, opera, exhibits, tours and panel discussions with scholars and scientists. Each event is "green" to reflect the environmental design of the Ken Olsen Science Center.

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World News

Haiti Hit Hard by Back-to-Back Hurricanes



CWN.org - The Caribbean nation of Haiti is no stranger to trouble. Extreme poverty and political turmoil have made it the poorest country in the western hemisphere. And the influence of voodoo keeps it people in spiritual bondage.

“Normally when something like this happens there’s just one area affected, like just the south or just the north, but with all of them at once there’s no area that’s left unscarred,” he said.

Now hundreds of thousands are trying to survive. Missionary Joe Trimble hosts a Christian TV-show in Port-au-Prince. “We have 600,000 homeless, half of those, over 300,000 are children,” Trimble said. “There’s no drinking water, there’s no food, there’s no clothing and most of them have lost their homes.”

Rising food prices had already made it difficult for many Haitians to buy enough food to survive. Now the storms have wiped out the few remaining resources some families had left.

“We already have high food prices, they were already protesting that before the storms hit, well now we have lots of gardens that have been destroyed and animals that have washed away in the flooding,” he said.

The world is responding to Haiti’s crisis. A U.S. Navy warship has already brought in more than 100 tons of aid. The UN, Christian relief groups, churches, and other non-government agencies are working together with churches to get the aid to hardest his areas.

In recent weeks nature has taken its toll. Four storms -- two of them major hurricanes -- brought devastating winds and flood waters. Today hundreds of thousands of people are in need of food, water, and shelter. Rain from hurricane Ike turned streets into rivers in towns in the north. A local church worker captured footage of believers crying out to God for rescue.

Pastor Robert Comb-pare says three bodies floated by his house during the storm. He and several children from his orphanage barely managed to escape the floods.

“In my church, the benches, the water washed them away, you know,” he said. “Even the school, I have no benches. Nothing, absolutely nothing, even the sound system - I lost everything. And also some members of my church, they have no houses. They have no food, they have no water.”

Ike was the latest in a line of devastating storms that blew through Haiti in recent weeks. Every inch of the island has taken a pounding from the high winds and saturating rains.

just going to be more difficult.” Mexico City legalized abortion in 2007, but 85 percent of gynecologists in the city’s public hospitals have refused to perform abortions over issues of conscience.

Evolutionist Resigns after Saying Creationism Should Be Taught in Schools

(EP News)--A leading scientist in the U.K. resigned from his position with the Royal Society after suggesting creationism should be taught in schools as an alternative worldview. The Rev. Michael Reiss was the education director for the Royal Society, which has claimed Charles Darwin among its members. Although Reiss strongly supports evolution, he said teachers should be open to discussing creationism. The Royal Society originally agreed with and supported Reiss’ comments but now claims his comments damaged

its reputation. Professor Lord Winston, a scientist in the U.K., told the Telegraph he fears the Royal Society may have only diminished itself. “This is not a good day for the reputation of science or scientists,” he said. “This individual was arguing that we should engage with and address public misconceptions about science — something that the Royal Society should applaud.”

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Christians Flee to Forests as Mob Violence Escalates in Indian State

(EP News)--Mob violence in India’s Orissa state continues to escalate, with Texas-based Gospel for Asia (GFA) saying that as many as 20 of its related churches have been destroyed and hundreds of Christian families have been burned out of their homes. At least a dozen members of GFA-related churches have been murdered, but no one knows the overall death toll.

other Indian state,” Yohannan noted. “So it is no surprise that opposition is increasing.”

The latest reports to come in to GFA’s Carrollton, Tex., office include a long list of specific attacks against pastors, missionaries and their followers -- including Christians being hacked to death. One believer’s body was cut into seven pieces.

“The Christians in Orissa have fled for their lives into the forests,” GFA President K.P. Yohannan said, “and some have been in hiding for three days without food or water. Several of our pastors are in the forest along with their church people, and one said that he could have escaped, but would rather die with his people than leave them.”

“They are raping Christian girls--and some gang rapes are taking place,” Dr. Yohannan said. “We are praying that the young women on our Bible college campus will remain safe. There are 250 students there, and 90 of them are girls. A handful of police officers are trying to protect them, and that is a blessing. But we have had people come on campus and attack students in the past, so I am asking for all Christians to pray for their protection.”

Yohannan called the situation “unprecedented in his 30 years of ministry in South Asia.”

The violence originated after the murder of Swami Laxmananand Saraswati, a top leader of the VHP (World Hindu Council) and an outspoken opponent of Christianity. He was killed in an attack by 20 men armed with guns and hand grenades. While the murderers are suspected of being Maoist rebels, the Hindu radicals seized on the killing as an excuse to incite violence against the Area’s Christian community.

“I have never seen persecution so bad in my life,” Yohannan said, “and I have seen a lot of opposition to the Gospel over the years.”

“What is most disturbing,” Yohannan said, “is that the radicals have

not only incited this violence, but they are also orchestrating it. And the latest reports are that they are bringing in militants from Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and other states to carry out their evil plans.”

Because the swami’s goal was to stop the spread of Christianity, especially among tribal and lower-caste Indians, an attack on him last December incited a similar wave of violence--again targeting Christians.

“Between December 24 and January 15, some 730 Christian homes and more than 100 churches were destroyed,” Yohannan recalled. “Several dozen Christian women were sexually assaulted and more than 40 shops owned by Christians were looted.”

“Most of the victims were Dalits, formerly known as Untouchables,” he noted. “Basically, what we are facing is genocide--ethnic cleansing--against Christians, and so far, few governments have spoken out against it.”

Yohannan asks that concerned people in the West call on their government officials--as well as those in India--to intervene in this disaster. “But most important is prayer,” Yohannan emphasized. “Please pray that God will intervene in this situation, that His peace will descend on the people of Orissa, and that His message of love will fill the hearts of all of India’s people.”

Pakistani Christians asked to choose between ‘conversion’ or ‘death’

By Sheraz Khurram Khan

SHANTINAGAR, PAKISTAN (ANS) -- At least nine Pakistani Christians of Shantinagar, a Christian village in Punjab province, have reportedly received letters threatening them to convert to Islam on September 3, 2008, the Minorities Concern of Pakistan (MCP) has reported. The letters threatened death or eviction from the area in case the recipients did not convert to Islam.

you. We are after you and we will teach you a lesson...,” the MCP report quoted the letters as saying.

In 1997 the Christian village of Shantinagar was burnt and destroyed by a mob of about 2000 after Christians were allegedly accused of desecrating the Quran, the Muslim holy book, it said. It added: “In the attack, about 2000 Bibles were also burnt.” “A judicial inquiry was held but still the findings of the inquiry are not made public. “Moreover, police arrested 97 persons in this connection but nobody was convicted,” it said.

Last year, some Christian residents of Charsadda, Mardan and Peshawar in the conservative North West Frontier Province of Pakistan received letters threatening them to convert to Islam in 10 days or face death. Some 10 villagers of Shantinagar received an identical message twice last year, the MCP’s report said. The fresh letters, it said, did not mention any deadline.

The report said that in many cases, Christian, Hindu and Sikh women have been kidnapped and forcibly married to Muslim men after conversion. Minority rights groups’ estimate that around 600 people a year are forcibly converted to Islam.

“Don’t think we have forgotten

Britain’s Largest Adoption Agency to OK Same-Sex Parents

(EP News)--The largest Catholic adoption agency in England and Wales has opted to allow same-sex couples to adopt. The decision, made by the Catholic Children’s Society of Arundel and Brighton, Portsmouth and Southwark, is in response to the U.K.’s Equality Act, which requires all goods, facilities and services -- including adoption services -- to be provided regardless of the sexual orientation of the recipient. The “equality law,” which goes into effect in January, has already forced the U.K.’s Catholic Children’s Rescue Service to close its doors.

Mexico Supreme Court Upholds Law Legalizing Abortion

(EP News)--The Mexico Supreme Court voted Aug. 28 to uphold a Mexico City law legalizing abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The court rejected arguments by life advocates that the nation’s Constitution offers legal protection for preborn babies. Jorge Serrano Limon, director of pro-life group Pro-Vida, said the ruling may influence legislation outside the city, where abortion is allowed only in cases of rape, when the mother’s life is in danger, or if the preborn baby has severe deformities. “Eight justices voted against life,” he told the Los Angeles Times. “The fact is that a person has no protection before 12 weeks of life. It’s going to spread across Mexico. “We’ll keep fighting. It’s

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Health News

Should I Vaccinate My Child?

By Shane Ellison M. Sc. *The People's Chemist*

Vaccine talk is riddled with shoddy science, emotional arguments, convoluted explanations and all out quackery. Very little common sense shines its way through the murky vaccine debate.

Rather than question the safety and efficacy of vaccines, most physicians and parents blindly "immunize" children. Rarely do they ask the lifesaving question of, "Will a vaccine protect my child?" As a pharmaceutical chemist and parent, I researched that question six years ago. The answer was an astounding no.

Vaccines are purported to work by triggering immunity. It is "thunk" by the experts that by exposing our immune system to weak or dead infectious agents, such as measles or a flu virus, that it creates the appropriate immune defense. This logic has been used to defend the use of every vaccine to date. Yet, each vaccine has proven that the theory is nothing more than mental masturbation for nerdy scientists; it sounds good and feels better, but it's not the real thing. At best, vaccines only temporarily boost our defenses, which hardly compensates for the myriad of potential side effects. Few people are aware of – or willing to accept – these cold, hard facts.

Polio is the most feared childhood illness. It has caused paralysis and death for much of human history. The world experienced a dramatic increase in polio cases beginning in 1910. Frequent epidemics became regular events. They were the impetus for a "Great Race" towards the development of a polio vaccine. It was developed in 1953 and an oral version soon after. Yet, unbeknownst to most, polio infection plummeted before the vaccines were introduced – thanks to better sanitation and nutrition. Good thing, because both forms were a total failure. In addition to causing the very same infection they were supposed to prevent – polio – they can also lead to sudden death and cancer.

The polio virus still exists today. But few of us suffer from it. Our protection resides in the same things that were responsible for its decline; a healthy immune system courtesy of proper sanitation and nutrition.

This same scenario was repeated in the case of the whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine. Between the years of 1900 and 1935, mor-

tality rates due to whooping cough dropped by 79% in the U.S. Yet, the vaccine wasn't introduced until 1940 (DTP and DTaP). Today, those most susceptible to whooping cough are the "immunized." In 2002, researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publicly stated that "The number of infants dying from whooping cough, once a major killer of children in the United States, is rising despite record high vaccination levels in the nation."

The measles vaccine is no different. In 1957, the MMR vaccine became widely used in an effort to eradicate measles, mumps and rubella. Rather than prevent measles, it elicited a widespread epidemic. Between 1983 and 1990, there was a 423% increase in measles cases among those vaccinated. Today, the World Health Organization (WHO) actually warns that vaccinated individuals are 14 times more likely to contract this disease compared to the unvaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control insisted that the MMR vaccine would also eliminate mumps in the US by the year 2010. Then, in 2006, the largest mumps outbreak in 20 years occurred. Among those who suffered from mumps, 63% were "immunized."

From its inception to now, the flu vaccine has proven just as worthless. In 2007, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that the flu vaccine had "no or low effectiveness" against influenza or influenza-like illness. The analysis of data showed that the vaccine protected from zero to fourteen percent of vaccine participants.

Considering the overt failure of vaccination, the idea of main lining an ineffective and dangerous vaccine into our vulnerable children is chilling. Regardless, Big Pharma is hell bent on pushing more. Be forewarned, each and every vaccine will follow the same ineffective trend simply because they work against our immune system, not with it.

Vaccines will never be the panacea they are marketed as. Fortunately, as long as a child has proper eating and sanitation, their immune system can ward off biological threats. And in the rare case it doesn't, emergency medicine can tackle the infection. This is health made simple. But, in a society hell-bent on trading health for wealth, it is often over looked; just like the logic that teaches, "Vaccines don't protect children."

Honey Is a Natural Alternative to Harmful Cough Medicines

by Jo Hartley (see all articles by this author)

(NaturalNews) With the current call for a ban of all cough medicines for children age 6 and under by an expert panel of the FDA, it's helpful to understand why these cough medicines are being reevaluated and to explore alternative remedies.

The cough medicines are being recalled because they don't work well and the incidences of drug overdose for the children who use them are too high.

The good news is that there are effective alternatives. One of the best home remedies for a variety of issues is honey. Honey has been shown to be a safe natural remedy.

Researchers at Penn State University conducted a study on honey's effectiveness for treating coughs in children. Children with cough symptoms were divided into three groups. One group was given nothing, the second group was given a cough suppressant containing dextromethorphan DM, and the third group was given a spoonful

of honey before bed. Honey was found to be significantly better for quieting coughs, compared to the DM or no treatment groups.

Honey is a rich source of antioxidants and anti-microbial compounds that are very beneficial for healing. Honey also soothes the throat by coating the area that is irritated. Honey has the added benefit of tasting good!

Dosage: Children ages 2 to 5 can have a half teaspoon; ages 6 to 12 can have a teaspoon; and ages 12 and over can have two teaspoons. It may be helpful to follow the honey with warm decaffeinated tea. Honey also contains strong natural antiseptics that can be both eaten and used topically on wounds. Many countries recognize the healing properties of honey, including England, France, Japan, Austria and New Zealand. Their practice is to keep honey available as one of the best home remedies.

You can spread it on scraped knees and administer it whenever a sore throat is felt to be coming on. It's used to control ulcers by preventing the buildup of H-pylori in the

Simply Raw – Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days

By Kevin Gianni

It's a bold title, but it's true...

When we went to the Newport Film Festival almost 2 months ago, we didn't bring any tissues. We didn't expect that we needed any. But we definitely did. Here's why...

I had spoken to a friend just a few weeks before the festival and he had told me that they were going to show the film "Simply Raw: Reversing Diabetes in 30 Days" formerly "Raw for 30 Days").

The film had been in production for more than 2 years, so I was thrilled to finally get a peek at the world premier. Between you and me, I had no idea what to expect. I knew that it was the first film they ever produced...And just knowing what I know, sometimes the first effort of anything can be a little clumsy. (Think Bambi's first time on ice.)

So in nervous anticipation, Ann and I drove to Newport (pronounced Nuwpawrt by the locals), RI to check it out. The theater was packed, which usually is a good thing...and after a brief introduction by the producers, the film began.

I can't really tell you what happened during the film, even though I'm the type that will spoil it without even knowing I'm

doing it! What I can tell you is this (for those of you who don't know anything about the film...)

The filmmakers gathered 6 people all suffering from Diabetes and brought them to the Tree of Life Rejuvenation Center in Patagonia, AZ. Once they got to the center, they were given a protocol to follow that could potentially reverse their Diabetes completely. A bold claim.

The movie is their individual stories as they go through the process of healing, change and exploring a new possibility. I won't tell you how it ends, but...I will tell you that when the final credits started to roll, Annmarie and I both had tears in our eyes. It's not often a film can make my eyes water, but this one struck me deeper than most.

stomach. It's used for acid reflux as an effective remedy. It's even been touted for its ability to heal leg ulcers in patients with diabetes.

New research is also revealing the unusual antibacterial activity unique to honey. This has led to a greater understanding of the capability of honey to kill certain bacteria through different mechanisms.

* Honey has even been effective against many different drug resistant bacteria, including E. coli.

* Honey has been observed attacking E. coli bacteria in ways that render the bacteria defenseless.

* Honey has been able to kill not only the E. coli bacteria, but other types of bacteria as well.

Immediately after the showing, I grabbed Mark Perlmutter (a co-creator) out of the crowd and asked him where I could send people to buy it. He told me it wouldn't be ready for a few weeks. I was crushed! I wanted to tell everyone about it then. (I've been known to break out a computer on the spot to make an important announcement before!)

So I've waited... somewhat impatiently... But the good news is that a few weeks have passed, and now I have the opportunity to tell you that I think you'll want to have this film on your shelf next to your favorites... It's moving, it's inspirational and it's a way to introduce natural health to others.



The film "Simply Raw" has the ability to influence a wide range of people outside of the natural health community, which is why I think it's one of the single most important tools to help spread the word of good food and great health.

Go ahead and view the trailer online now. Buy a copy...in fact buy two, one for you and one for a friend who may have an illness or a health challenge. It's one of the best ways to show them you care without forcing your ideas on them. Learn more about the movie at www.rawfor30days.com

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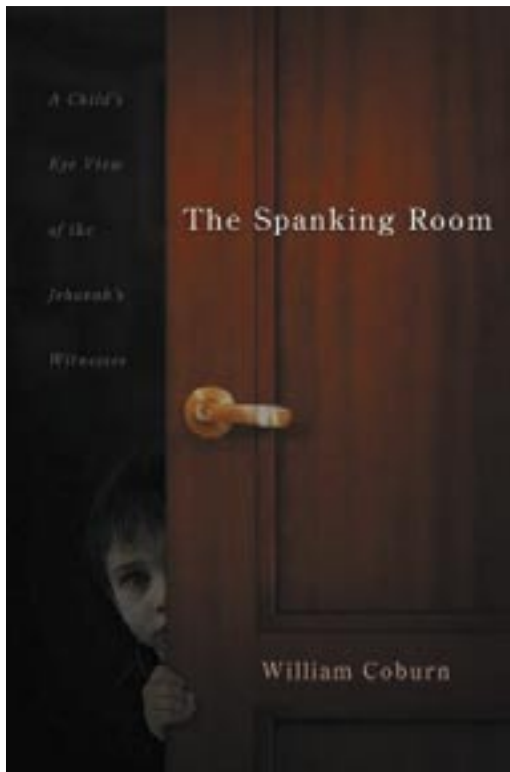
One of the strongest and most effective kinds of honey is manuka honey (made from the manuka flower). This honey has proven itself the most effective cure for acid reflux. Clover honey and other honeys are effective as well, but to a slightly lesser extent. Researchers have even discovered that manuka honey has been shown to prevent and fight some of the super bugs currently invading hospitals.

Not only does honey possess significant antibacterial qualities, it is also effective in promoting healing by directly stimulating cells necessary in immune response for disease fighting and wound healing.

Honey is the one sweetener that offers not only life-giving qualities that are unique, but also a sweetness that is absolutely natural.

Book Reviews

A Former Member Testifies to the Dangers and Dysfunctions of the Jehovah's Witnesses



even knocked me out on more than one occasion.”

“The Spanking Room - A Child's Eye View of the Jehovah's Witnesses” explores the inner-workings of the Kingdom Hall and chronicles a first-hand account of the physical, mental and emotional abuse among Jehovah's Witnesses. It explores how Watchtower doctrine encourages violence against its most helpless members-the children.

A former Jehovah's Witness, Coburn spent over thirteen years of his childhood and adolescence observing the consistency of dysfunction and abuse taught by the Watchtower Society.

Today, Coburn works as executive recruiter with a list of clients that includes the Pentagon. He is an accomplished public speaker and has given seminars, classes, and workshops on subjects ranging from drug awareness counseling to close-combat survival at West Point Military Academy. A Christian, husband, and father, Coburn credits his happiness and survival to God's mercy and grace.

ENUMCLAW, Washington - According to the Jehovah's Witness membership statistics, active Watchtower congregants number around 7,000,000. Every year, close to 300,000 new members are baptized into the faith, and over 101,000 organized congregations operate under the direction of a central governing administration located in New York.

Raised in one such congregation, author William Coburn remembers his childhood years and the impact the Jehovah's Witness made on his life.

“When our church building, Kingdom Hall, was renovated, a ‘Spanking Room’ was added as an extra convenience for mothers. My mother kicked me, punched me, threw a vacuum cleaner at me and

“I'm successful. I'm happy. I have love and faith and hope in my life . . . I turned out fine. But I did not turn out this way “because” of the Watchtower Society; I turned out this way in spite of it.”

“Live Free” series offers help for two million who self-injure

CINCINNATI – More than two million people in the United States who struggle with emotional issues purposely injure themselves, most commonly by cutting their bodies, or burning their skin with cigarettes. Many are teenage girls.

The story of one of these teens forms the compelling centerpiece for Jan Kern's book, *Scars That Heal*, released in 2007.



Standard Publishing is pleased to announce that *Scars that Wound: Scars that Heal* is one of five finalists for the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) 2008 *Christian Book Awards* in the Children and Youth category.

The ECPA awards, considered among the most prestigious of awards in the industry, are presented annually to the best books in Christian publishing. Books are judged on content, literary quality, design, significance of contribution, and sales achievement

The winner in each category will be announced at an industry event on Sunday, July 13 in Orlando, Fla. In addition, one title

will be selected from the finalists to receive the top honor: *Christian Book of the Year*.

The book is the first in Kern's “Live Free” series designed to help young adults overcome struggles

The new look Rays

By Paul Shirley

BRANDON, Fla. (BP)--The face of Major League Baseball in the Tampa Bay area has changed quite a bit since the end of last season.

No longer are we the home of the “Devil Rays.” Instead, we are now the home of the “Rays.” Along with the new name, the Rays are also sporting new uniforms. Gone are the short-lived hunter green uniforms. In their place the Rays unveiled a more traditional all-American blue color scheme.

But if you tune into a Rays' game this year, the name change and their new uniforms are not the biggest change that you will notice. The biggest change that the Rays have undergone since the end of last season is their record. In each of the last three seasons the Rays have finished in the cellar of the American League East, but this season the Rays have turned things around. As of Sept. 18, they led the Boston Red Sox by two games.

All of this change in the Rays organization has come at the hands of a new ownership group. In October 2005, Stuart Sternberg took over as the managing general partner of the Rays' organization.

Under this new leadership the Rays have focused on long-term goals for the organization. They have spent their time and energy building up a strong talent pool in the minor leagues. Along the way there were many temptations to throw money at free agents to appease the fan base, but the Rays did not succumb to the temptation. This year they are finally reaping the benefits.

It has not been easy for the Rays to get to this point, and there are no guarantees that the Rays will come out on top at the end of the year. However, from a fan's perspective, it is great to see an organization do things the right way.

At every step in the process the organization has emphasized team character. They have consistently talked about building a cohesive team with a good reputation within

and addictions. The second book in the series, *Seduced by Sex: Saved by Love* (spring 2008) is about sexual promiscuity. The third book, *Eyes Online: Eyes On Life*, about Internet addictions, will be published in fall 2008

For more than 25 years, Kern has served at a residential ministry for at risk youth. She has also worked on a church staff and with a variety of ministries where she has mentored and encouraged teens, young adults, and parents. Many of her writing and speaking topics give hope to teens and young adults, especially those who are deeply wounded and struggling.

The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) is an international non-profit trade organization that serves the Christian publishing industry. It is comprised of nearly 250 member companies worldwide, representing combined revenue of nearly \$2 billion.

the community. And they have been willing to put their money where their mouth is. The best example of this is seen in how the Rays have dealt with two of their most promising prospects.

Last year D e l m o n Young was one of the most consistent players on the Rays roster -- at least on the field. As a rookie he batted .288 and drove in 93 runs. This was good enough to earn him second place in the Rookie of the Year voting, but it was not good enough for the Rays to keep Young on the roster.

Despite his solid numbers Young continued to be a problem in the team clubhouse. On the last day of the season, Young had an altercation with team manager Joe Maddon that proved to be the last straw. Over the offseason the Rays moved Young to Minnesota in a six-player deal. The deal was not about Young's on-field talent, but rather his clubhouse attitude.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is how the Rays have dealt with Evan Longoria. For the last several years, Longoria has been touted as one of the top prospects in all of baseball. There was a great deal of anticipation surrounding Longoria's future, and this season Longoria has finally gotten his chance to prove himself at the big league level.

In less than 400 at bats, Longoria has already hit 22 home runs, driven in 71 runs, and he has shown Gold Glove abilities at third base. In light of this instant success it would be easy for a 22-year-old to lose touch with reality.

But not Longoria. Despite his success and nationally-recognized status, he has remained humble. He knows his place on the team. He realizes that he is just a rookie

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and that he has a lot to learn.

Longoria's character has endeared himself to Rays' fans, and he has been rewarded by the organization.



From the beginning, the Rays organization has recognized this young man's talent and his high character. In fact, Longoria's reputation for being a high-character presence in the clubhouse played a significant factor in his recent nine-year, \$44 million contract.

Longoria responded to his new contract by saying that it is “very humbling... I think it's definitely going to make me work a little harder, to get in that cage a little earlier.”

Additionally, Longoria has committed to donate up to \$725,000 over the span of his contract to the Rays' charitable foundation.

In dealing with these two prospects in two very different ways, the Rays demonstrated that character matters to them. It's nice to see an organization that understands the importance of character. Character is important for team chemistry, it is important to the community and it is important because it is the right thing to do.

As I think about all the changes that the Rays have made, it is a lot easier for me to be optimistic about the future of the organization. It just goes to show that when you do things the right way, there will be positive results.

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“Earnestly Contending” for the faith

By Ralph Davis

He calls himself a “CHRISTIAN,” what a loser! Greg ducked his head and averted his eyes as he walked quickly out of his college cafeteria. Once again he had been put on the spot by Brad; one who could quickly tear anyone to shreds with his loud, obnoxious mouth. As usual, after a few very feeble responses to Brad’s queries, he stammered, got red, and became tongue-tied.

This was the first public school for Greg; from K-12 he attended Christian Schools. His parents had dragged him along for Sunday morning, evening and mid-week services for as long as he can remember. He’d once calculated that he had attended over 2200 church services in his twenty years of life. His years in Sunday school earned him the right to fill in for the teacher occasionally and finally to help in teaching the younger grades.

If anyone had asked him, Greg would have said that he knew about all that there is to know about being a Christian. He’d been to plenty of Bible studies and had memorized some of the most common verses. Yet, larger-than-life Brad, with his bright red hair and beard, and loud voice and his “Bite-Me” T-shirt was able to reduce him to jelly with each challenge. “Go ahead,” said Brad, “Prove that the Bible is not just another book written by men.” A few days ago, Brad told him that he believed in the ‘Big Bang’ theory and that only an ‘idiot’ would believe that God created things.” Perhaps the most absurd thing that Brad had ever said was that Jesus Christ was an “invention” of New Testament writers. Brad’s bulk, his

smirking face and sarcastic tone was enough to unnerve anyone but in his heart, Greg realized what the real issue was, he is just not prepared to defend His Lord Jesus Christ or His faith.

Pastor Notaclue stood before his flock as he had for the past thirty-years. After the music leader led them through a few hymns, he went on to preach his message. It was a lesson in forgiveness, one he had preached multiple times. He noted the usual bland expressions, the yawns, even the snoozing. He loved the Lord, loved Him deeply, and understood that he was saved, he would spend the rest of his life in eternity with God in Heaven; why couldn’t he excite them?

Despite his love for our Lord and his extensive study of the bible, his heart was often heavy with the gnawing thoughts that he should be doing more, but what? Flipping aimlessly through his Bible one afternoon, his eyes came to rest on 1 Peter chapter 3. As he scanned it, his eyes landed on verse 15: “...But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone for the hope in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. With reading that, his eyes were suddenly opened, his heart pounded, he was excited, but anxiety quickly set in. How, he wondered, could he even start to teach his church how to defend

their faith if he did not feel proficient at doing it himself?

Fortunately for Greg and Pastor Notaclue, there is hope for them and all others who might have the desire, but lack the knowledge, to effectively defend their faith when challenged by others. Our region has been blessed, for the first time ever in New England, **Earnestly Contending**, an “Apologetics” conference will be held in Rhode Island. This very special event is being hosted by the New Life Worship Center in Smithfield, RI on November 20-22, 2008.



William Lane Craig

“Apologetics,” doesn’t that mean to say we are sorry? After all, when I apologize it is with remorse for something I have done or said. Should I feel contrite about my belief in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior? This is a common misunderstanding; apologetics is synonymous with *defending*. Apologists are authors, writers, editors of scientific logs or academic journals, and leaders known for taking on the points in arguments, conflicts or positions that are either placed under popular scrutinies or viewed under persecutory examinations. The term comes from the Greek word *apologia* (ἀπολογία), meaning a speaking in defense. Paul demonstrated *apologia* in his trial speech to Festus and Agrippa when he said “I make my defense” (Acts 26:2). A cognate term appears in Paul’s Letter to the Philippians as he is “defending the gospel.”

Pastor Steven Boyce of New Life Worship Center shared some of his thoughts about the need for teaching apologetics... “Church leaders today may not sense the need for solid apologetics in the pew. This reflects a slide over the last century in Christian thought. Since much of the secular society has accepted the “science” of Darwinism, and the academic elite in our universities have claimed the mantle of ‘intelligence,’ the church has, over time, gone along with it. We have given over the

high ground of thinking. We are told to stay in the arena of faith and religion, but stay out of the arena of complicated thought.”

“The problem,” said Pastor Boyce with accepting that premise, is when real answers are needed, the church is sidelined, even scoffed at, certainly not taken seriously, when in fact, the true answers to even the most complicated of societal ills are in the church, straight from the Word of God. We have allowed ourselves to be dumbed down. We’ll do the worshipping and let someone more qualified solve the world’s problems. Yet, there is no one more qualified to solve these issues apart from the Church.”

Pastor Boyce believes that “The Church should be known for its keen wisdom and brilliant minds. It should be well known for its voice of reason and grace. Lawmakers and people making decisions for society should seek the counsel of godly men and women, not just on moral issues, but on complicated issues that require a solid philosophical base. We should not give up the high ground of thinking. Who else is qualified to bring the greatest aspect of thinking, namely, the truth?”

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Pastor Steven Boyce of New Life Worship Center

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Bringing Hope to the Hopeless!

By Bill Blount

It's shocking! Though this was my 3rd trip with Compassion, this time to Brazil, I never get used to walking through sewer soaked streets and seeing dozens of kids play in conditions that would never be tolerated here in the United States. Yet, for thousands of children around the world, living and playing in disease filled homes and neighborhoods, with little food or clothing, is an every day experience.



Life Changing Radio's, Bill Blount and Tim Trask, visit with a group of "Compassion Kids" in Brazil.

To see and experience such destitution would be overwhelming except for the hope you see when children are brought under the wings of Compassion. It was on this recent trip I saw how the transforming power of Christ changes a hopeless situation into a place where a child can dream and grow.

The first project our broadcasters group visited in San Paulo, I met a 7-year-old little girl named Ingrid. One of her first questions to my translator and me was, "Do you have a mother and father?" We both answered, "Yes." She then said, "I don't. My mother and father are both dead. My older sister

takes care of me." How sad to look into this precious little girls eyes and see the longing in her heart to have someone who would love her like parents. Her heart was crying for a complete family! Ingrid was fortunate

that she had an older sister to care for her. At that same project, 40 children were orphans and had no living family member, so the project was both their home and family.

What I love about Compassion is their commitment to reaching out to destitute families through the local church. By partnering with Bible believing churches, Compassion presents the Gospel to each family, in addition to helping address economic, social, and physical poverty.

It was when I met 12 year old, Ruan, a little boy who had been abandoned by his mother

when he was 7 years old, that I realized the true impact that Compassion makes through people, like you, who for \$32 a month, sponsor a child. He told the story of how sad his life had been until a family sponsored him and enabled him to attend the Compassion project in Recife, Brazil. His life, which was headed for perhaps a tragic end, was now filled with dreams of success.

To us, \$32 a month doesn't sound like much. But to a child, who has nothing, through Compassion, they hear the Gospel, receive education, medicine, and most importantly, hope for the future. This was very clear to me as I walked through one of the project schools, filled with kids, who just outside the project, lived in shanty homes, many with no running water, one light bulb



Ingrid, 7, a girl who's parents have both passed away. She asked, "Do you have parents? I want parents too!" Maybe you can be a "parent" to a girl like, Ingrid!



Ruan, 12, was abandoned by his mother when he was 7. He thanked his sponsor for making it possible for him to attend the Compassion Project, where he says, "They are like parents to me!"

overhead, and one or two beds that the entire family slept in together. The hallway of the school was lined with drawings and pictures the kids had drawn as to what they dreamed they would like to be when they had grown up. . .doctors, electricians, computer operators, hairdressers, pilots and more.

Over the next month, Life Changing Radio is partnering with Compassion to help unite waiting and needy children with sponsors throughout our area. If you would like more information on Compassion, please visit our website: www.warv.net and click on the Compassion icon or call toll-free at: **877-723-5700..**

Jesus from Page 1

first-ever half-time, locker room speech from a Coach, except this was about fighting for Jesus.

"Let me ask you a question. After Jesus was led into the desert and tempted of the Devil, does anyone know how Jesus fought the enemy?"

My brown eyes panned the room looking at the questioning faces; hoping one would know the answer. Finally, in the back of the room a voice squeaked out, *"He used the Word."*

"That's right!!!" I blurted out as I jumped on the front pew. *"IT IS WRITTEN."* Jesus fought by using the Word of God and we must learn to do the same! My eyes flashing the passion that players expect out of their coach. Electricity filled the air.

"Well I bet Jesus wouldn't yell"

I quickly turned towards the sound of the voice. It had emanated from the mouth of a matronly teacher sitting in the third-row of this huge auditorium. She obviously did not appreciate my coaching style. I felt the hair stand-up on the back of my neck. But thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit I did not lash out at her obviously-rude behavior.

I ignored her and finished my presentation. As the kids filed out of the auditorium many came by and high-fived me and told me how much they appreciated what I had to say.

"Man, I wish I played for you," several of them said. *"You really fired us up."*

But I couldn't shake what the frumpy teacher had said....*"Jesus wouldn't yell."* It bothered me all afternoon. *"Lord, I don't want to miss-represent you. I don't want to ruin my witness. If you wouldn't yell, please let me know."*

Later that day I was at football practice and during a water break I was looking at the rocky hills surrounding our practice field and I suddenly thought of the Sermon on the Mount. Thousands came to hear our Lord as he sat at the top of a hill high over the city. Hmmm, I thought. Top of the hill, thousands of people, no public address system, I wonder how the multitudes heard Him? I had my answer.

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his voice a decibel or two? Read what he said to the Pharisees and Sadducees "a brood of vipers." Mathew 23:13-39

Do you think He did this with a soft, soothing voice? I think Jesus would yell.

I have always found Mathew 16 to be telling regarding the nature of Jesus. It flies in the face of what most Christians believe about The Christ. Modern-Christianity has turned Jesus into a wimp. I think He was a Warrior.

In the verse mentioned above Jesus has surrounded himself with his disciples after a day of ministering on the streets of Caesarea Phillipi, the Las Vegas of its day. As part of the debriefing following their day in "sin city" Jesus asks a piercing question. Allow me to paraphrase. *"Tell me boys, what are they saying about me on the streets of sin-city? Who do they think I am?"*

Their answer is startling. *"Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets."* After a day of listening to Jesus ministering on the streets in Caesarea Phillipi those who heard him thought He was John the Baptist. They didn't think he was Mother Theresa. How could they possibly confuse Him with John the Baptist if he was so loving and tolerant?

Jesus was a man. Jesus had emotions. He was in all ways tempted, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15 The Bible tells us to be angry and sin not. Ephesians 4:26 Jesus got angry. Jesus flipped over tables. Jesus challenged the sinful leadership. Yes, Ms. Milquetoast, Jesus also yelled.

Folks, men are leaving the church in droves. Pastors are trying all types of gimmicks to get them to come to church. Why won't they come? Because they don't want to be turned into women. Give them a cause to fight for...something bigger than themselves...and you won't have to use golf

courses and Super Bowl parties to keep their interest.

Can I blow my own horn a minute? For the most part, both men and women enjoy my "coaching/preaching" style. It moves their hearts. It spurs them on to greater effort. They love the enthusiasm of a coach...the fiery pep-talk.

But don't bring that enthusiasm to church. Church is for the dignified. There is no room for emotionalism and enthusiasm in church. Really? I looked up the word enthusiasm. As Rush likes to say, "words have meaning."

Enthusiasm. Look it up for yourself. The root word is "theous"...theous is a synonym for "God." "En" is a synonym meaning "within." Ism means "characteristic behavior. So...en-thus-iasm means **"the characteristic behavior of the God that is within you."**

Yes, Matilida, Jesus would yell. Jesus was enthusiastic. And we should be as well.

We are raising sissies in the church. We put them in Christian schools to be taught by Christian women who think it is un-Christian-like to get excited and yell. Meanwhile the enemies of the cross are plundering our nation.

No wonder men go to football games. It is a safe place to yell and scream and get excited about your favorite team. But don't do it in church. We're all supposed to sit around and sing hymns. Don't get excited about Jesus. Don't exhort Christians to be all that they can be.

That wouldn't be very Christian, now would it? *"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."*

Sissified Christianity makes me want to scream!

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Witnesses, understand why Christianity is unique, know God's will for their life, and to rediscover a passion for the lost. It includes many insightful interviews with experts such as the late Dr. D. James Kennedy, R. C. Sproul, Joni Eareckson Tada, Ravi Zacharias, and James White. It also looks closely at Hollywood and its powerful influence on the world, and why America is losing God's blessings.

The first goal is the help churches and ministries spiritually, and the second is to help them financially. Ministries will be able to sell the series before they purchase it, a very low price, with no shipping costs. This means that they can scoop a large profit with no initial financial outlay. Comfort says, "It's a win-win situation, in that it will help ministries generate much needed funds, and it will also help us to equip Christians we normally couldn't reach. If they are a ministry with a website, they qualify for the special low price."

The DVD series will be nearly twice the length of television episodes and will include out-takes and bloopers. The Way of the Master has won seven awards, is now on 31 networks, and is in 70 countries. Details of how to get the series for your church or youth group (or ministry) can be found at www.livingwaters.com.

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Due to current economic conditions, many Christian ministries are hurting financially, that's why the producers of an awarding-winning TV program are packaging their third season in a way to help ministries generate funds.

Actor, Kirk Cameron and best-selling author Ray Comfort, who co-host "The Way of the Master," believe that the first thing the Church must do is rediscover the reason for its existence--to reach the lost with the good news of the gospel. According to the late Bill Bright, "a bare 2 percent regularly share their faith in Christ." Comfort and Cameron have produced the third season of their television program because they want to change that statistic. They believe that every Christian should be horrified at the thought of friends and loved ones going to Hell, that they should want to reach them, and they want to assist them to do that.

The season was filmed in high definition, was two years in the making and incorporates special effects and sequences that range from sky-diving to bank robbery to jumping from a crashing plane. The hosts are blown up, have a dramatic shootout, are chased by police, and, among other things, report from a war zone. It is nothing like your average Christian television.

Cameron, who stars in the soon-to-be released movie *Fireproof* said, "All this makes for captivating television, and although it's certainly eye-catching and entertaining, its main purpose is to educate and equip. Our goal is to teach the Body of

'Somebody's Daughter: A Journey to Freedom from Pornography'

NASHVILLE, Tenn - "Somebody's Daughter: A Journey to Freedom from Pornography", a multimedia release featuring a television documentary detailing the lives of three men and one couple active in Christian ministry who struggle with and overcome addiction to pornography, is available in a

DVD- CD set starting Sept. 19.

Produced by Music for the Soul, the release also includes compelling and therapeutic songs, illustrative music videos and personal vignettes. Study guide curriculum for individuals, counselors and churches also is available.

According to recent surveys, nearly 60 percent of Christian men and 37 percent of pastors admit to struggling with pornography. No longer just a problem for men, 35 percent of women also admit to the addiction.

"Somebody's Daughter" was produced to shine the light on how the \$13.3 billion pornography industry is plaguing those who profess Christianity, and to promote healing and deliverance from the growing epidemic.

"The personal testimonies given...lower the barrier for men who are having a hard time overcoming the shame and guilt of pornography," said Dave Bogue, co-host and executive producer of Man2Man Express, a daily radio show for men. "Hearing that other men have experienced the same feelings makes it easier for them to be honest about what's going on in their lives."

The concept for the "Somebody's Daughter" project was born from a song of the same name written by Christian recording artist John Mandeville and Steve Siler, founder and director of Music for the Soul, after Mandeville revealed to Siler his struggles

with pornography.

After attending a meeting for sex addicts, the two men wrote the song to illustrate that women should be viewed as a creation of a Holy God, and as a starting point for Mandeville's healing. Since then, Music for the Soul has produced 18 music and spoken word tracks, four music videos and a television documentary, all compiled on the new release, "Somebody's Daughter."

A curriculum guide is also available to help churches and ministries implement the resources on the DVD and CD. Ten percent of sales of the project will be donated to Christian counseling centers to aid in counseling people with pornography addictions.

Music for the Soul is a not-for-profit Christian ministry committed to providing life-changing healing through music and song. The ministry provides multimedia resources for churches, pastors, counselors and lay leaders to promote the discussion and healing of life's most painful issues.

Projects produced by Music for the Soul follow a specific formula in order to reach target audiences. Each musical and video production states the problem, helps the audience see it in their own life, walks them through steps toward healing, and shows them there is hope and a future free from pain.

Other topics tackled by Music for the Soul productions include eating disorders, cancer survival, suicide, children with special needs and marital strife. The ministry also produced a CD for Katrina survivors and for emergency workers after the 9-1-1 tragedy.

"As a writer and producer, I've described our process to people this way: It's like taking a coat of pain off the rack and wearing it for several months," said Siler. "I may not have lived the issue, but I do know how to craft or recognize a great song. Once the project is done, I take off the coat. It's a painful and challenging process, but a deeply gratifying way to use the gift of communication God has given to me."

Siler is the writer of 400 recorded songs, nine #1 Contemporary Christian Music magazine (CCM) songs and 40 "Top 10" singles. He has been nominated for four Dove Awards, winning the Inspirational Song of the Year in 2000 with "I Will Follow Christ."

The premiere of "Somebody's Daughter" will take place Sept. 27 at Trinity Baptist Church in Apopka, Fla. (Orlando area). The event will include live performances by contemporary Christian recording artists Clay Crosse, Scott Krippayne and John Mandeville.

"Somebody's Daughter" is scheduled to air Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 on the ION Television Network (formerly PAX TV). The documentary also is slated to air on INSP, Faith TV and "It's Time for Herman & Sharron." The DVD-CD set will be available at www.somobodysdaughter.org and is being distributed to Christian retailers by Vision Video.

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What the Bible Code predicts

New York Terrorist Attack Disclosed in Bible Code 28 Months Before the Attack

Loveland, CO—According to the Bible Code researchers interviewed in the new documentary: *What the Bible Code Predicts*, the events of September eleventh, the bombing in Oklahoma City, the election of George W. Bush, the assassination of an Israeli prime minister, and many other key contemporary events were foretold 3000 years

ago in the Old Testament of the Bible.

"The idea that hidden messages were encoded in the Bible has been suspected for centuries," explains Charles E. Sellier, president of Grizzly Adams. "As we point out in the documentary, Sir Isaac Newton spent more time working on a suspected Bible Code than he did on mathematics or gravity."

In the 12th century AD one of the great Hebrew scholars told his students that all of history could be found in the *Book of Deuteronomy*, chapter two. Six centuries later, the Jewish sage, Elijah Solomon, stated that, "All that has been, is, and will be unto the end of time is included in the Torah" (the first five books of the Old Testament).

According to senior producer David Balsiger, "The implication is that there is information in the Bible that isn't apparent in the surface text. It wasn't until about twenty years ago, with the advent of the computer age, that real progress has been made in uncovering some of the predictions embedded in the stories and text of the Old Testament."

In 1994, the scholarly, peer-reviewed journal, *Statistical Science*, confirmed that the Book of Genesis contains

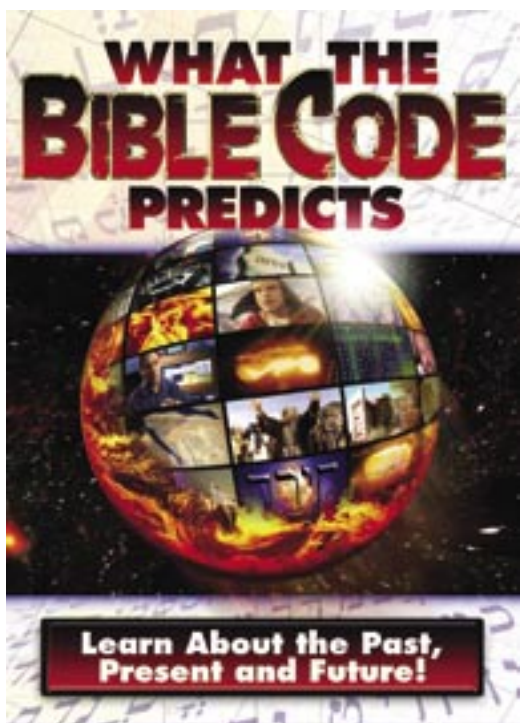
hidden names of Jewish sages who lived thousands of years after the book was written. Since that report was published, scientists, scholars, and theologians have scoured the Bible for indications of countless other people and events of historical significance.

"As we mention in the new documentary, Grizzly Adams produced an earlier Bible Code show that was first broadcast on PAX-TV 28 months before September 11," notes Balsiger. "In that program one of the experts we interviewed describes a pending terrorist attack on New York City. He was accurate but, unfortunately, his warnings were completely ignored."

In fact, Bible Code researchers subsequently uncovered the name "Osama bin Laden" and the word "Afghanistan" hidden in the text of the Bible long before federal investigators linked them to the event.

There continues to be debate within the academic community regarding the Bible Code." Balsiger adds, "It's easy to dismiss what we don't understand. But, if you can accept the idea that a Supreme Being created the universe, the fact that there is a grand plan embedded in the Bible in the form of a Bible Code shouldn't come as a surprise." The Bible Code also gives insight into Christ being the Messiah, the coming antichrist and end time prophecies.

For more information about GAP's family



Fisher Ames

American Minute by Bill Federer

Fisher Ames helped ratify the U.S. Constitution and authored the final House language of the First Amendment. At age 46, Fisher Ames was elected Harvard's president, but declined due to an illness which led to his death on July 4, 1808.

An orator, Fisher Ames stated no one could be eloquent "without being a constant reader of the Bible and an admirer of the purity and sublimity of its language."

In January 1788, Fisher Ames stated: "The known propensity of a democracy is to licentiousness which the...ignorant believe to be liberty."

In his Dangers of American Liberty, February 1805, Fisher Ames warned that democracy without morals would eventually reduce the nation to the basest of human passions, swallowing freedom: "A democracy is a volcano which conceals the fiery materials of its own destruction."

In Palladium Magazine, SEPTEMBER 20, 1789, Fisher Ames wrote: "We have a dangerous trend beginning to take place in our education. We're starting to put more textbooks into our schools...containing fables and moral lessons...We are spending less time in the classroom on the Bible, which should be the principal text in our schools." Fischer Ames concluded: "The Bible states these great moral lessons better than any other manmade book."

545 PEOPLE

By Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them. Have you ever wondered why, **if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, we have deficits? Have you ever wondered why, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, we have inflation and high taxes?**

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does. You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does. You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does. You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does. You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices - **545 human beings out of the 300 million** - are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. **In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.**

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound

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WE FALL SHORT

By Bill Evans

Romans 7:24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? (NLT)

Oh, that was me before I found Jesus Christ our Lord, you think. How often do we think that way? How often do we think that just because someone is a Christian they should be perfect in all they do?

I hear about a person seeking out Christian businesses to deal with because they assume they will be dealing with someone who is honest in all their dealings. But this is not always true. You see

we all still fall short and sin. We all live a life dominated by sin, as did Paul.

Let's face it, I know some non-believers I would trust before some of the believers I have run into. Because we have accepted Christ means we are saved, not perfected. We still have to walk out our salvation and as we do we become more and more Christ like.

Each day as we walk forth in Christ, we take on more of Him. We are transformed inch by inch. And as Paul says in the next verse, "In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." Do you know where you fell short today?

Another One Bites the Dust

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

(EP News) - Lehman Brothers, the giant Wall Street firm, declares bankruptcy. Merrill Lynch, the most famous stock brokerage company in the country, avoids the risk of eventually suffering a similar fate by being euthanized (i.e., bought and absorbed) by Bank of America. The Dow falls over 500 points. And how was your day?

It was only a couple of weeks ago that the government announced that it was taking over the two government-sponsored mortgage agencies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Wall Street responded with a rally that lasted all of one day, before sobriety returned and it dawned on investors that Uncle Sam and the American taxpayer aren't exactly in the proper financial shape to guarantee another \$5 trillion of debt and to act as the nation's largest de facto landlord and banker.

The Fannie/Freddie bailout did not cure what ails us, but simply postpones for a while the day of reckoning. The facts remain that reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common "con" regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations

housing prices continue to fall; mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures continue to rise; financial institutions' capital continues to be vaporized by imploding financial instruments (mortgage-backed securities, structured investment vehicles, collateralized debt obligations, etc.) with a face value of a couple hundred trillion dollars, dwarfing our \$14 trillion GNP.

I hope I'm wrong about this, but it seems to me that we are in the early stages of a major financial crack-up. The financial recklessness of major Wall Street firms; an irresponsible Federal Reserve that has generated both the stock market and real estate boom/bust cycles in the last decade; the excessive government, private, and corporate debt that we've incurred -- these factors now combine to paint us into a grim corner from which there is no painless way out.

To me, the scariest event of September 15 was when Hank Paulson publicly declared, "The banking system is safe and sound." The very fact that the secretary of the United States Treasury felt obliged to issue such a statement and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? She is the leader of the majority party. *She* and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, **it's because they want it unfair.** If the budget is in the red, **it's because they want it in the red.** If the Marines are in IRAQ, **it's because they want them in IRAQ.** If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, **it's because they**

Hello Editor,

I recently went through a horrific weekend with my dog of 12 years. To make a long story short, she ran away for the first time since I've owned her. I raised her from a pup of six weeks and had grown attached to her, so when she disappeared for three days, it was as if I had lost a part of me.

Well...I prayed and asked my inmate students at a local prison to pray and also everyone that I talked with that weekend. Jesus knew how I loved that animal, just as most of us feel about our own animals. Just as my hope was starting to fade about finding my dog, I picked up a scripture from my prayer box, and it said "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" Matthew 21:22.

indicates how precarious the situation has become. And the fact that our government officials so often have denied the existence of a problem shortly before the problem became obvious to everyone fills me with dread. There have already been more bank failures this year than in the previous three years combined (11 vs. 3) and the FDIC, which is supposed to insure bank deposits, has less than a nickel for every dollar of deposits. In normal times, that is a more-than-sufficient reserve. But today? I wonder.

Please don't shoot me—I'm only the messenger, and I'm not enjoying this any more than you are—but what economics teaches us is that financial distortions, such as those caused by spastic monetary policies and excessive use of leverage and debt, cannot continue indefinitely, but eventually collapse of their own dead, rotten weight. Economically, this can be seen as a cleansing process, washing away an old moribund financial mess, clearing the way for a new **want it that way. There are no insoluble government problems.**

DO NOT let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible. They and they alone, have the power. They and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses - provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper.

Well, I prayed and cried myself to sleep that night. The next morning I went to Sunday service and when I came home, I asked the Lord to put peace in my heart about my dog being gone. But the peace did not come, instead I went outside to pray and seek the Lord about the word that was spoken to me in that little prayer box scripture. As I said those words it was the Holy Spirit lifting me to go and look in a dog house which my dog hated and to my surprise there was my dog battered and bruised but ALIVE. She had to be seen by emergency people but came home from the hospital in two days. "Praise the Lord".

She is now getting stronger everyday...all because I stood on God's Word. For those who read this, All things are possible to those who ask in prayer and believe you shall receive.

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round of economic growth built on a sounder, more economically rational foundation. In real life, though, this process is wrenching and painful. Innocent people get hurt. And because the process of economic healing is wrenching and painful, politicians attempt to ride to the rescue and save us from the unfolding disaster. The irony, of course, is that government intervention can't put Humpty-Dumpty back together again, but instead exacerbates and prolongs the misery.

You can bet that the Bush administration, including the Federal Reserve, will do everything in its power to delay the spread of the financial storm until after the election. If it succeeds, the next president will be in a most unenviable position. If he takes the laissez-faire approach and allows the markets to make the necessary adjustments, he will be pilloried as uncaring, incompetent, and worse. If he intervenes, he will gain popularity but aggravate the problem. It's a no-win dilemma.

Let me close with the bright side (such as it is) of this unhappy situation: We will get through this financial storm. There is a difference between the real economy—buildings, machines, technology, infrastructure, human capital, etc.—and the more abstract financial economy. The real economy will remain intact even if numerous financial institutions fail and the dollar's purchasing power declines.

Unfortunately, the two economies are not sealed off from each other. When financial institutions can no longer make credit available, economic activity slows, businesses fail, incomes fall, and jobs are lost. When inflationary policies debase the currency, the savings of the people are ravaged. This is a time for everyone to find a safe harbor in which to weather the storm that is upon us. Best wishes and Godspeed to you all.

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Inspiration

Halloween And The Occult

A True Story

By David J. Meyer

Witchcraft is very real but greatly misunderstood. I know because witchcraft goes back on the paternal side of my family for over five generations to Chesterfield, Massachusetts in 1770.

My great grandmother became a well-known witch in Wisconsin in the early days of this century. Caroline was a blind witch and used her fingers to read palms and also became adept at putting "the hex" on people.

Many spooky things would happen in our family. Dishes would slide off from shelves, light bulbs would unscrew and fall to the floor, filmy apparitions would appear and vanish, and this sort of thing became a way of life.

In one instance, my father was riding with my grandfather in a horse-drawn wagon, when a filmy white apparition appeared in front of the horse, causing the horse to rear up on its hind legs. Surrounded by electrifying fear, my grandfather cracked the whip and the wagon lurched forward and on its way.

My father also watched in stunned amazement when, on another occasion, an unhitched wagon loaded with hay went up a steep hill by itself.

Halloween was a special time for me, as I was growing up in Clintonville, Wisconsin. I had given my heart and soul to that day called "Samhain" (pronounced

Sow-en). I had learned that the pagan Sabot of Samhain was a time when the barrier between the mundane and astral planes was very thin and departed spirits easily crossed over.

I also learned that the Roman Catholic Church copied and re-named all of the eight sabbots. Not only had Samhain become Halloween, but the Winter Solstice became Christmas, Imbolg became Candlemass, Beltaine became May Day, and Lughnasadh became Lammas.

The vernal equinox was celebrated as Easter, which is always the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

Halloween was my special time, when I felt drawn to become like my great grandmother. I wasn't interested in the silliness of the Catholic Halloween. I wanted real magic. The so-called "Christians" were cursing themselves and their children by copying the craft that their tenets forbade. I knew full well that so-called Christians were copying what my spiritual ancestors had done for many centuries.

The powerful witches, known as Grand Druids or men of the oaks, that lived in the ancient British Isles gathered at Stonehedge on October 31st. These ancient witches practiced human sacrifice, hollowed out pumpkins and turnips, carving faces in them,

and then used candles made from human tallow to illuminate them.

The druids played games such as bobbing for apples, as they floated in a tub of October ale. The druids also practiced ritual sex known as the "Great Rite", as the fires blazed forth in the darkness of the giant stone monoliths of Stonehenge near Salisbury, England.

The apple was thought to be sacred, because when cut in half crosswise, the core would reveal the Pentacle or five pointed star. The five points of this star represented Earth, Wind, Fire, Water and Spirit.

When I was 13 years old, I began to invite the spirits of my deceased great grandmother into myself. Soon I began to acquire powers and became an adept astrologer and palm reader. I also practiced numerology and was becoming a very powerful witch. Many people followed me — and the advice that I gave them. I had achieved a great measure of success.

By the time I was 19, I had reached my first goal. I was a powerful witch. Then, very suddenly, the realization hit me that I was making predictions without looking at my charts. I would blurt out predictions in minute detail, and they would come to pass. I became frightfully aware that I had become a sending station and was dispatching spirits to make my predictions come true. I predicted accidents and tragedies, and suddenly I became filled with overwhelming fear.

I did not know it at the time, but a dear old woman had been praying for me every day for a long time. She had known my grandparents,



MAGNETIC ART — *Ministry Tip*

By Rev. Doug Forbes

For Magnet Art you need: Bibles, Bible concordances, peel and stick magnetic sheets from a craft store, white poster board, scissors, rulers, markers, crayons, glitter glue and other items on hand that can be used for decorating.

Ask your students to use their Bibles and concordances to rediscover their favorite Bible stories. Allow time for each child to share his or her findings. Next, ask each young person to pick a story they would like to illustrate.

Help each child cut a piece of magnet to a size you have predetermined. (Possibly the size of a small bumper sticker.) Next, cut a piece of poster board to the same size, peel the paper off the sticky side of the magnet and attach the poster board.

Ask your young people to use markers, crayons, glitter glue,

etc. to illustrate the story they have chosen. You may choose to have the children write the Bible reference somewhere on their magnets.

For an alternate activity pick a Bible truth or truths to illustrate. For instance, you could read about the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23, discuss the meaning of each fruit and illustrate one or more each week using Magnet Art. I would suggest spending one week each on love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, and make a magnetic art project for each one. You could also have your students find Bible stories that illustrate each of these fruits of the Spirit.

After class, encourage your students to share their beautiful works of art to their parents, guardians or grandparents and explain the Bible story or truth they have illustrated.

and God used her to pray me out of darkness. I was completely disabled by fear, which God, in His mercy, allowed to come upon me.

A friend that I knew in high school persuaded me to come to church with him. It was a small apostolic church. I soon found myself on my knees repenting, as I had now found a power far greater than all witchcraft. One week later I was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ.

The next week I was baptized in the Holy Ghost.

I felt fifty pounds lighter, as many evil spirits fled from me as I yielded myself completely to my newfound

friend, the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now I have no fear and am a true minister of the Gospel.

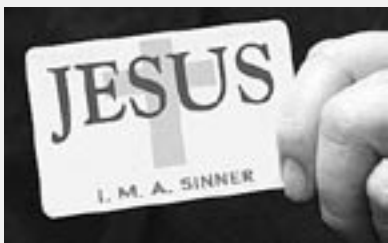
This story that you are reading has been prayed over. Now that you have read it, you will never be the same. You will not be able to get this out of your mind. Most so-called "Christian" churches are phony, but the Lord Jesus is real. Why live in fear and end up in damnation? There is help for you, I am praying!

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Good News, You're Pre-Approved!

By Sheri Del Core

Have you ever received a new credit card, stuck it in your wallet and later found it wasn't valid because you hadn't called the 800 number to activate it? Maybe you felt boldly secure thinking that if you came up short on cash you could always whip out that card. But until that puppy is activated it's just another useless piece of plastic.



Christ's death paid the penalty for our sin, but it doesn't become effective for our salvation unless we trust in Christ as Savior. T-R-U-S-T is your secret PIN to activate the righteousness that God is waiting to credit you.

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balance and paid your admission into His eternal kingdom.

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Activate your faith today! Then you too can enjoy all these benefits:

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Act now! You may lose the benefit of His glorious grace and redemption if you fail to respond to His offer before your time is up.

The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him (Abraham) alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness — for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Romans 4:23-25

We all need forgiveness of our personal debt and claiming financial bankruptcy isn't going to do it. True freedom from all of our personal debt can only come through a relationship with Jesus Christ. That's why God sent His Son Jesus, into the world. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 He understands your trouble

and your needs and says; 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. Romans 10:9 I know it sounds to simple to be true, but it is. Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer like this:

Jesus, please forgive me for my many mistakes. I know I haven't done everything that I should with my life and I regret it. I owe you much more than I can repay. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen

Congratulations, if you have prayed this prayer, and believed in your heart, the Bible says, "Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17)

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Brain teasers that will make you groan ...

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How

can this be?

3. There are two plastic jugs filled with water. How could you put all of this water into a barrel, without using the jugs or any dividers, and still tell which water came from which jug?

4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

6. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out.

Answers: 1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. 2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry. 3. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug. 4. The answer is Charcoal. 5. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow! 6. The letter "e," which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.

A cheerful heart is good medicine... Proverbs 17:22

The Cleaning Woman

There was a little old cleaning woman that went to the local church. When the invitation was given at the end of the service, she went forward wanting to become a member. The pastor listened as she told him how she had accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptized and become a member of the church. The pastor thought to himself, "oh my, she is so unkempt, even smells a little, and her fingernails are not clean. She picks up garbage, cleans toilets - what would the members think of her." He told her that she needed to go home and pray about it and then decide.

The following week, here she came again. She told the pastor that she had prayed about it and still wanted to be baptized. "I have passed this church for so long. It is so beautiful, and I truly want to become a member." Again the

pastor told her to go home and pray some more.

A few weeks later while out eating at the restaurant, the pastor saw the little old lady. He did not want her to think that he was ignoring her so he approached her and said, "I have not seen you for a while. Is everything all right?" "Oh, yes," she said. "I talked with Jesus, and he told me not to worry about becoming a member of your church." "He did?" said the pastor. "Oh, yes" she replied. "He said even He hasn't been able to get into your church yet, and He's been trying for years."

Cold Winter

It was autumn, and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was an Indian Chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets, so when he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the weather was going to be.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he replied to his tribe that

the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect wood to be prepared.

But also being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?'

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold indeed,' the Meteo-

Preaching

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

rologist at the weather service responded. So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared.

One week later he called the National Weather Service again. 'Is it going to be a very cold winter?' 'Yes,' the man at National Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect Every scrap of wood they could find. Two weeks later he called the National Weather Service again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' 'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's going to be one of the coldest winters ever.' 'How can you be so sure?' the Chief asked. The weatherman replied, 'The Indians are collecting wood like crazy!'



Soul Food

Autumn Humor

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning. Autumn -- time to drag out your winter clothes and see what kind of summer fun the moths had. This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising gas prices. We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in. The autumn leaves are a lot like raising kids. First they turn on you, and then they fly away. And next thing you know, you look out the window and they're back!

I got tired of looking at all those leaves in my yard, so I got up off the couch and went into action. I closed the curtains. I can hardly wait until all the leaves turn brown to match the grass. Now, today's lawn & garden tip. If you haven't found the hedge trimmer yet, forget it. It's almost time now to lose the leaf rake. Autumn is a great time of the year. Soon those ugly patches of dead grass in your lawn will be covered up -- with ugly patches of dead leaves.

High Holiday Services

On Rosh Hashanah morning, the Rabbi noticed little Adam was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the synagogue. It was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Rabbi walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning, Adam."

"Good morning, Rabbi," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Rabbi Resnick, what is this?" Adam asked.



"Well, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Adam's voice was barely audible when he asked: "Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur service?"

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1 Wednesday

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4 Saturday

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18 Saturday

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24 Friday

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25 Saturday

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