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Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

It's Not the Knowing in Part, but the Part You Know

1. In the same manner, therefore, as Christ did rise in the substance of flesh, and pointed out to His disciples the mark of the nails and the opening in His side (now these are the tokens of that flesh which rose from the dead), so "shall He also," it is said, "raise us up by His own power."

And again to the Romans he says, "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies." What, then, are mortal bodies? Can they be souls? Nay, for souls are incorporeal when put in comparison with mortal bodies; for God "breathed into the face of man the breath of life, and man became a living soul."

Now the breath of life is an incorporeal thing. And certainly they cannot maintain that the very breath of life is mortal. Therefore David says, "My soul also shall live to Him," just as if its substance were immortal. Neither, on the other hand, can they say that the spirit is the mortal body. What therefore is there left to which we may apply the term "mortal body," unless it be the thing that was moulded, that is, the flesh, of which it is also said that God will vivify it?

For this it is which dies and is decomposed, but not the soul or the spirit. For to die is to lose vital power, and to become henceforth breathless, inanimate, and devoid of motion, and to melt away into those [component parts] from which also it derived the commencement of [its] substance. But this event happens neither to the soul, for it is the breath of life; nor to the spirit, for the spirit is simple and not composite, so that it cannot be decomposed, and is itself the life of those who receive it.

We must therefore conclude that it is in reference to the flesh that death is mentioned; which [flesh], after the soul's departure, becomes breathless and inanimate, and is decomposed gradually into the earth from which it was taken. This, then, is what is mortal. And it is this of which he also says, "He shall

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A Note From the Editor

This morning over coffee, the conversation turned to indebtedness—feeling indebted to another person for a kindness. Right away, it got me to thinking about the unpayable debt I owe the Lord for His forgiveness of my sin and His death on the cross for my freedom from sin. This resulted in a feeling of profound gratitude for the favor the Lord afforded me when I was born again, for His forgiveness every day since, and the tremendous debt He paid for me.

My Presbyterian upbringing immediately brought to mind the Lord's Prayer ("forgive us our **debts** as we forgive our **debtors**"). For a long time, as a kid, I had no clue what that meant. My Catholic neighbors used another word—*trespasses*—and I neither understood the meaning of that word nor why they said the Lord's Prayer differently than I did. Now that I understand those words and that denominations choose their preferred translation, I'm beyond happy to provide my preferred translation, the HSSB translation, of the Lord's Prayer from Matthew and a few verses from Colossians 3:

⁹"Therefore, you must pray this way:

'Our Father, Who is in the heavens,

Let Your name be made holy.

¹⁰Let Your kingdom come;

Let Your will be done,

Even on Earth as in Heaven.

¹¹Give us today

Our bread for the coming day.

¹²And forgive us our obligations,

As we have also forgiven those who are obligated to us.

¹³And do not bring us in to testing,

But deliver us from the one who is nasty.'

¹⁴For when you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵But when you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."

(Matthew 6:9–15) —HSSB

¹²(2) Therefore, as the {living} God's holy and loved chosen ones, you must slip on:

(a) {the} affectionate feelings of compassion,

(b) benevolence,

(c) humility,

(d) gentleness,

(e) patience—

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¹³(i) putting up with one another and, if anyone has a cause for complaint* against anyone,
(ii) granting yourselves a favor (**just as His Majesty also granted you a favor, so also {should} you**).

(Colossians 3:12–13) —HSSB

Until the HSSB App is available, *theWord*® Bible software is my go-to. So, I went to my Verse Notes/Subject Notes in *theWord*® Bible software and started doing a search for things related to *debt*, *forgiveness*, and *gratitude*. Between Scripture passages and snippets in my personal notes from *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletters and *Updates*, and The Elijah Project books, there is a lot of searchable material. Here's the treasure I found (and there's much more where this came from).

More Regarding Debt

The Truth is, Satan's lies are a problem for True Believers only when they cause them to give up some essential Truth. That is why the Protestant Church has repeatedly identified eschatology as an area in which one's beliefs are not essential to salvation. I will readily admit that has been the case until now, but what has been is about to change. And I warn you, if you don't pay attention when attention is due, **you will pay the debt you owe God** with something you deem much more valuable later on.

(Wanna Hear a Whopper? Larry Dee Harper, p. 6)

The Jews not only protected the text of Scripture during the Intertestamental Period, they continued to protect it long after the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is something for which **True Believers living here at the End of the Age owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude**.

(The Voice of Elijah®, April 1996, p. 30)

Regarding Forgiveness

At that time, after Peter approached, he said to Him: "Your Majesty, how many times can my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Jesus tells him, "I am not telling you, 'Up to seven times'; but 'Up to seventy times* seven.'" (Matthew 18:21–22) —HSSB

Paul's point [in Galatians 3:13–14] is, the only thing you have to do to be born again is believe **the promise**. You can't be good enough to be forgiven. You can't do enough to be forgiven. Jesus Christ endured the full force of the wrath of God for you so that you could be forgiven simply on the basis of your belief in **the promise** of God.

(The Old Testament Gospel of Jesus Christ, Larry Dee Harper, p. 54)

Regarding Gratitude

(3) So:

(a) let the peace of the Anointed One preside* in your hearts—into which {peace} you also were invited in one body—and be thankful*.

(Colossians 3:15) —HSSB

Rather than reacting with an urge to sin when we are tested, **we should react with gratitude to God** that He has provided us the "gift" of an opportunity to prove our faith. We can do that only by doing what we believe is right. James goes on to say as much a few verses later: (James 1:21–25).

(The Voice of Elijah® Update, March 1993, p. 11)

When you wake up and find yourself right in the middle of a serious test, **you should be thankful you have been chosen to suffer for Christ**. Every test that comes your way is one more opportunity for you to prove yourself worthy of His Kingdom.

(The Voice of Elijah®, April 2021, p. 13)

Prayer Request

The new HSSB App will allow us an even more indepth search of Scripture, newsletters, *Updates*, Elijah Project books, Next Step materials (for participants), and personal notes for a topic or verse. We are working diligently to get the specs to developers for quotes. Please join us in prayer for this project.

In Him,

Marcia Harper

Is “Progress” Still Progress When You’re Headed Off a Cliff?

Over the past thirty-one years, I have explained a variety of things you need to know if you ever intend to withstand the “winds” that have already begun to “blow” at hurricane force here on Planet Earth. The information I have given you over that span of time should be enough to convince any rational person that those “winds” have, for a very long time, been doing the very same thing that Satan, the “Serpent,” did to Eve: Duping anyone and everyone who is dimwitted enough to believe the carefully crafted delusions they have foisted off on us through the “ministry” of those who think they know better than everyone else and want to show what they know by bandying it about here, there, and everywhere—to the eternal detriment of everyone who believes them.

In the things I have written, I have rather rabidly ridiculed and refuted some of the nonsensical notions the “winds” have inculcated into the mind-set of the majority today. It all started in 1990 when I began writing a book titled *Not All Israel Is Israel*, in which I explain a simple Truth on which the things God called me to teach are based. In that book, I explained how the Hebrew idiom “cut off from” provides crucial insight into the ministry of John the Baptist and the message he was preaching regarding the New Covenant and Jesus Christ as Corporate Israel, “The Remnant” of God’s People.

In this issue, I am going to cut through the chatter and *talk about* a few things you need to know before you can understand why the entire world appears to have suddenly turned things upside down and inside out. Believe it or not, the current situation is the result of several centuries of “progress” that some think is going to continue according to an already defined

plan. I want to begin by quoting the final few paragraphs from the article published in the April 2022 issue of this newsletter:

So why do you suppose some folks would think it is perfectly fine to lie, cheat, steal, and perhaps even kill for “the Cause.” To understand, you have to delve deep into the idealistic belief system of a devoted Communist. And if you dig long enough and deep enough, you will discover that Socialism/Communism is a religion.

Communism Is a Religious Cult

To understand the virulent idealism embodied in Communism, you have to start with Karl Marx. He was the dimlight who outlined his idealistic view of what it would be like if every other dimwitted knucklehead believed the same way he did. In other words, he thought he was more than up to the task of being another Moses. Numskulls will continue to vigorously debate whether or not Marx was an atheist, as if that really matters. It doesn’t. All you need to know is this: Any belief as to the existence or non-existence of a god is, by definition, a religious belief; and there are only three possible categories into which all beliefs about the existence of a god fall:

Theism: There is a god.

Atheism: There is not a god.

Agnosticism: There may or may not be a god.

Think about it: If there is a god, we certainly can’t see him. So if a god exists, he would just as certainly have to be the one to say so; otherwise, if he did not want to be known, we would have no way of knowing he was hanging around in the shadows. So anyone with half a brain

and one eye open who really wants to ascertain whether a god exists must logically consider whether the Bible is what it claims to be: Revelation provided by the Living God, the only God Who exists. Lacking that, the fools who discount the Bible out of hand are actually left with only one logical conclusion: There may or may not be a god. That is, they would have to settle for agnosticism. Why is that? Because it is impossible to prove non-existence. So much for all those "college-educated" (brainwashed) boneheads who have been indoctrinated in what the proponents claim is "Socialism." They are just as mindless and moronic as the fundamentalist Christians who believe the universe was created in seven literal days.

Unfortunately, agnosticism is not an option that indoctrinated Communists would ever consider. That's because the founder of their stupid religion chose to take a "leap of faith" and irrationally believe that God does not exist. That is, he claimed atheism is an integral part of Communism. Therefore, like so many penguins on an ice floe, the "Socialists" march in lockstep right along behind their leader and fall flat on their face whenever and wherever he does. Like it or not, they fail to comprehend that any belief regarding God is a religious belief. There is, after all, a very obvious reason why the term theism makes up the better part of the term atheism.

Since I have already explained what you need to know about Karl Marx and his dumbness [See "Wanna Hear ANOTHER Whopper the Liar Came Up With? (I'm Certain You Won't Believe It!)" **The Voice of Elijah®**, January 2019, pp. 1–28], I want to move on and talk about the dimwitted fellow who fancied himself up to the task of playing the part of Jesus Christ to Karl Marx's Moses. He was a pompous, pious, pin-headed penguin by the name of Vladimir Lenin who fancied himself to be some great philosopher. You may have heard of him, but you may not know how far out in the weeds he got. Listen to just a small bit of the idiocy the brainless fellow wrote when he discovered children here in the United States were actually learning things on their own by checking out books from the library rather than just "drinking the Kool-Aid®" of Communist propaganda:

There are quite a number of rotten prejudices current in the Western countries of which Holy Mother Russia is free. **They assume there, for instance, that huge public libraries containing hundreds of thousands and millions of volumes, should certainly not be reserved only for the handful of**

scholars or would-be scholars that uses them. Over there they have set themselves the strange, incomprehensible and barbaric aim of making these gigantic, boundless libraries available, not to a guild of scholars, professors and other such specialists, but to the masses, to the crowd, to the mob!

What a desecration of the libraries! What an absence of the "law and order" we are so justly proud of. **Instead of regulations, discussed and elaborated by a dozen committees of civil servants inventing hundreds of formalities and obstacles to the use of books, they see to it that even children can make use of the rich collections; that readers can read publicly-owned books at home; they regard as the pride and glory of a public library, not the number of rarities it contains, the number of sixteenth-century editions or tenth-century manuscripts, but the extent to which books are distributed among the people, the number of new readers enrolled, the speed with which the demand for any book is met, the number of books issued to be read at home, the number of children attracted to reading and to the use of the library.... These queer prejudices are widespread in the Western states, and we must be glad that those who keep watch and ward over us protect us with care and circumspection from the influence of these prejudices, protect our rich public libraries from the mob, from the *hoi polloi*!**

(*Lenin Collected Works*, Progress Publishers, 1977, Moscow, Volume 19, p. 277, Marxists Internet Archive)

Wow! The depth of that man's stupidity absolutely astounds me! His only concern seems to be that somebody might learn something they could use to show him how totally stupid he was! Now you know why the "Socialists" among us are trying to "cancel" any opposing viewpoints and are not interested in actually educating children; they are instead only interested in indoctrinating them into the ignorant, superstitious beliefs of some bygone era.

In the view of those in Lenin's carefully crafted religious cult of Communism, the books in libraries should not be there for broadening the insight and understanding of everyone; they should only be there for show or for the myopic puffery of dimwitted "scholars" like himself. What a moron! His only concern was to control access to the Truth so others would not disagree with him. Doesn't that sound a lot like what is happening today? Unfortunately,

the brainless buffoon had a whole lot to say about a whole wide range of issues, the ownership of guns being but one of them:

Disarmament is the ideal of socialism. There will be no wars in socialist society; consequently, disarmament will be achieved. But whoever expects that socialism will be achieved *without* a social revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat is not a socialist. Dictatorship is state power based directly on violence. And in the twentieth century—as in the age of civilisation generally—violence means neither a fist nor a club, but *troops*. **To put "disarmament" in the programme is tantamount to making the general declaration: We are opposed to the use of arms. There is as little Marxism in this as there would be if we were to say: We are opposed to violence! ...**

And in face of this fact, revolutionary Social-Democrats are urged to "demand" "disarmament"! That is tantamount to complete abandonment of the class-struggle point of view, to renunciation of all thought of revolution. **Our slogan must be: arming of the proletariat to defeat, expropriate and disarm the bourgeoisie.** These are the only tactics possible for a revolutionary class, tactics that follow logically from, and are dictated by, the whole *objective development* of capitalist militarism. **Only after the proletariat has disarmed the bourgeoisie will it be able, without betraying its world-historic mission, to consign all armaments to the scrap-heap.** And the proletariat will undoubtedly do this, but only when this condition has been fulfilled, certainly not before. ...

In working out a concrete and practically necessary answer on the question of a militia we should say: **We are not in favour of a bourgeois militia; we are in favour only of a proletarian militia.**

(*Lenin Collected Works*, Progress Publishers, 1964, Moscow, Volume 23, pp. 95 ff., Marxists Internet Archive)

Even if you did not know that the term bourgeoisie refers to the middle class and proletarian refers to the lowest class, you would have to be an idiot not to see Lenin put himself on the side of the lowest class—the class of people whose goal should be to disarm the middle class so they can subdue them. Don't be an idiot! The "Socialists" you hear all around you are still spouting the religious beliefs of their Jesus—Vladimir Lenin, the dimlight—the very same dimlight that Jim Jones admired and respected

so much that he killed more than nine hundred people, mainly African American women and children, for "the Cause."

That is the same Vladimir Lenin in whose thrall Joseph Stalin stood when he exterminated an estimated one hundred million, the same Vladimir Lenin in whose thrall Chairman Mao Zedong stood when he killed a measly forty-five million, the same Vladimir Lenin in whose thrall Vladimir Putin has shown no qualms about killing as many as disagree with his Communist ideals. That dimwitted doofus is willing to permanently "cancel" as many as it takes to create a Communist utopia here on Earth. And he will continue; it's part of the Marx and Lenin religion.

I could go on ridiculing the nonsensical beliefs of all the dimwitted dullards around the world who think some "greater good" will eventually come from lying, cheating, and being—all things considered—a low-life like their messianic leader Vladimir Lenin. My assessment of their mental abilities applies especially to Vladimir Putin of Russia and Chairman Xi of China. Nothing good is going to come from either of those two; but trust me on this one, God is already using them in ways they would never understand.

The only question that remains unanswered regarding the prevalence of the Communists among us here in the States is this: If Alger Hiss—an advisor and right-hand man of FDR in 1945—was later outed as a Communist spy, how many Communists do you suppose are in the same sort of position of power today? My guess is, a bunch; and I seriously doubt that I am wrong. A former head of the FBI recently admitted he "used to be a Communist," and a former head of the CIA admitted he "voted for the Communist candidate in 1976." Apparently, the stench of Lenin's Communistic stupidity goes right on up the chain to the top; so let me tell you where that stupidity is going to end.

The idiotic idealism of Vladimir Lenin is going to end in nuclear war—a nuclear war that will usher in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. You know, the One Who is going to come riding in those beautiful nuclear "clouds of glory." Vladimir Putin has already threatened to bring it on, and you had best believe he is stupid enough to do it. Joseph Stalin, Chairman Mao Zedong, Jim Jones, and now Chairman Xi and Vladimir Putin have clearly shown us the individual does not matter to a Communist idealist. That is, after all, why it is called "communism." Or should I say, "commune-ism." It's one of those "It takes a village to raise an idiot" sort of things. The commune-ity matters

more to a Communist than any one individual; therefore, any individual who disagrees with their stupid ideal is expendable.

You had best get used to the "Socialist" verbosity of the Communists who hide the Truth behind that moniker. Their lies and deception are going to get more and more idiotic as time goes on and the "winds" get desperate. That's just the way it is. The "winds" have been planning this for a long time, and they are not about to give up now. They still believe they can win. But they will eventually be forced to admit they didn't win the battle; they lost the war. Their admission of failure is described in the following passage:

¹(1) Then the fifth messenger sounded a trumpet, and

(a) I saw a star that had fallen to the Earth out of Heaven, and

(i) the key to the cistern of the abyss had been given to him. ²And
(ii) he opened the cistern of the abyss, and

(a) smoke like the smoke of a large furnace came up out of the cistern, and
(b) the sun—as well as the air—was darkened because of the smoke of the cistern. ³And

(b) locusts came out of the smoke into the Earth; and

(i) an authority was given to them, like the scorpions of the Earth have an authority.
⁴And
(ii) **they were told that they could not harm anything—**

(a) the grass of the Earth or
(b) anything green or
(c) any tree—**except the men who do not have the seal of the living God on their foreheads.**

(Revelation 9:1–4) —HSSB

That passage describes the appearance of Satan here on Earth, imprisoned in the mind of a little man who—

like Judas Iscariot before him—ignorantly turned himself over to the Liar. Here is another description of the same event that is described above:

⁷(4) Then there was war in Heaven— Michael and his messengers waging war with the sea serpent. And

(a) the sea serpent and his messengers waged war;
⁸and

(i) they did not have the ability to win;
(ii) neither was a place found for them in Heaven any longer.

⁹(b) So the sea serpent—

(i) the great one,
(ii) the snake,
(iii) the ancient one,
(iv) the one that is called

(a) "False Accuser" and
(b) "Satan,"

(v) the one who is going to lead the entire civilized world astray—was thrown down.

(c) He was thrown down to the Earth, and
(d) his messengers were thrown down with him.
(Revelation 12:7–9) —HSSB

How do you suppose we get there from here? We just sit back, watch the Communists keep pushing their stupid utopia-on-Earth beliefs, and prepare for the Coming of the Lord. You see, the belief that rankles God is the same one they had back when He scattered them around the world and left them Babel-ing:

¹[Now [The [whole] Earth] was] [one] [Language] [and [one] Vocabulary]. ²[And it happened], [while they were journeying] [out of Qedem], [that they found] [a Broad Valley] [in {the} Land] [{of} Shinar] [and dwelled] [there]. ³[Then [Each One] said] [to] [his Neighbor]: "[Come on!] [Let's make] [Bricks] [and burn {them} thoroughly] [by burning {them}].]" [So [The Brick] became] [Stone] [for them], [and The Tar] [became] [Clay]

[for them]. ⁴[Then they said]: "[Come on!] [Let's build] [a City] [and a Tower] [for ourselves]. [Its Top] {will be} [in {the} Sea of Waters]! [And let's make] [a Name] [for ourselves], [lest] [we be dispersed] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth]."

⁵[Then [His Majesty] came down] [to look at] [The City] [and] [The Tower] [that] [{the} Sons of] [The Adam] [had built]. ⁶[And [His Majesty] said]: "[Guess what!] [All of them have] [one] [People] [and] [one] Language]. [But [doing] this] [has polluted them], [and now] [nothing] [that] [they intend] [to do] [will be withheld] [from them]. ⁷[Come on!] [Let's go down] [there] [and mix up] [their Language] [so that] [Each One] [can [not] hear] [{the} Language of] [his Neighbor]." ⁸[So [His Majesty] dispersed] [them] [from there] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth], [and they quit] [building] [The City]. ⁹[Therefore], [its Name] [is called] "[Babylon]" [because] [His Majesty] [mixed up] [{the} Language of] [The [whole] Earth] [there], [and from there] [His Majesty] [dispersed them] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth]. (Genesis 11:1-9) —my interim translation

That passage is the source of the rubric "Babylon the Great" that is talked about in this passage:

⁹"Then the kings of the Earth, those who were sexually promiscuous and lived sensually with her, will weep and cut themselves because of her, when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰standing at a distance away from her because of their fear of her torment, saying: 'Woe, woe to the city—the great one—Babylon, the city that is mighty—because your sentence has come in one hour!' ¹¹Then the merchants of the Earth are going to weep and mourn over her, because nobody is going to buy their cargo any longer." (Revelation 18:9-11) —HSSB

Pay attention to what John said; the Capitalists ("Merchants") are going to be taken by surprise when they realize China has never had the same interest in Capitalism that they do. Make no mistake about it, the leaders of the Communist cult are interested in but one thing: A utopia that can only be achieved by force. They are what they are and always will be—idealists intent on building a socialist utopia here on Planet Earth.

The Capitalists should have read a bit more about Communism before they took the bait and allowed China to become an industrial behemoth. Too bad for them, it's too late now. The fires of Hell are being stoked for the demise of all who mistakenly assumed God is not Who He says He is, there ain't no backing out now. The Capitalists have turned their technological know-how over to a virulently Communist nation by building their factories there and training indigenous workers to do things that can't be done elsewhere. And the dimwits in charge of that Communist nation are about to try to use that leverage to their (assumed) advantage. Oops!

Make no bones about it, we are headed right into the full fury of God's wrath—just because Communists who cannot prove God does not exist firmly believe it, nonetheless. Nincompoops who are willing to die for "the Cause" have cleverly concealed themselves (or so they think) in democratic governments around the world. Are they stupid? You had better believe it—downright stupid; just as stupid as the fundamentalists who believe the universe was created in seven literal days. But the die has long since been cast: Following in the footsteps of the numskull Vladimir Lenin, they are firmly convinced they can create a socialist utopia here on Earth—if they just keep up their misinformation, disinformation, propaganda, and outright lies long enough. Abjectly stupid! How can anyone be so stupid as to believe something good will come from using lies and deception to control what people think and do?

To their great chagrin, the Communists are going to discover too late that they have not only herded their adherents into a "White Night" that will make Jonestown look like schoolkids skipping rope at recess, they have also left the rest of the world no other option. Do you think myopic and virulently idealistic "Socialists" will ever back down? Not a chance. They have been at it too long to stop now. Lenin laid out their marching orders a hundred years ago, way back in 1922. Trouble is, they have no idea what Satan has in store for them when he is forced to make his appearance in the form of that stupid little man who is going to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem and take his seat there, pretending to be Jesus Christ in the flesh.

Those of us who know what God has planned for the Redeemed will be able to sit back and watch in absolute awe as two religions go head to head, knowing full well that they are going to ring down the curtain on this civilization by trying to prove their side has somehow been ordained to usher in an era of peace and tranquility. The End of the Age is upon us, folks! It's going to get

messy, but it is what every True Believer has been waiting for:

²⁹"But then after the turmoil of those days, THE SUN WILL STRAIGHT OFF BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE *you* HER GLEAM, AND THE STARS WILL FALL out of the heavens, and the supernatural powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰And at that time, the sign of the Son of the man will appear in Heaven, and then all the tribes of the Earth will cut themselves, and they will see THE SON OF THE MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with supernatural power and a lot of glory. ³¹And He will send His messengers with A LOUD TRUMPET, and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His chosen ones out of the four winds—from *the tips of the heavens up to their tips.*" (Matthew 24:29–31) —HSSB

If you have been born again and honestly believe the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob engendered Jesus Christ in fulfillment of the promise He made to King David in 2 Samuel 7, you are about to witness the full power of the Living God as it comes to bear on this generation, all the while knowing full well what God is doing. But you had better do your best to prepare for it now, well before that stupid little man takes his seat in the rebuilt Temple, because it will be a bit too late for preparations then. Just sayin'.

*("Wanna Hear a Whopper You Undoubtedly Won't Believe?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2022, pp. 24–28)*

Now that I have given you that quote from the April 2022 issue of this newsletter as a prelude, I am going to explain a few things you need to know about those folks among us who are driven by the "winds" that advocate Communism. Many of those people, if not most, have no idea the things they believe are part of a Communist agenda that was unleashed on the world shortly before 1850 and first came to fruition after Vladimir Lenin engineered the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917. Maybe you will understand what is happening today if you know what Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin said back then.

I have already shown you the comments of Lenin that determine why the Communist agenda demands gun control and the disarmament of any and all who disagree with the utopian ideals of those infected by the Communist agenda. Now I am going to show you

why "Progressives" are touting several other "must haves." In many cases, those who make those demands are nothing more than parrots parroting things they have been taught in institutions of "higher learning" or have heard their friends, family, or acquaintances spouting as if they actually knew what they were *talk-ing about*. But the Truth is, most of the "progressive" ideas you hear bandied about today are part of a dimwitted master plan guided by an "intellectual" elite who are working to create a utopia here on this miserable planet so everyone can just sit back, relax, and enjoy the pleasures they are planning. It ain't gonna happen the way they have it planned, but they don't know that—yet.

People Talk, Parrots Squawk

As you have undoubtedly become well aware, the "Progressives" here in the United States have been, and still are, doing and saying some unbelievable things—things that have most likely made you scratch your head and wonder, "Are they really that stupid?" The answer is: In most cases, yes. The Truth is, they have been influenced by a Communist agenda that calls for the nonsense they firmly believe; so they act in accordance with that Communist agenda. It's a lot like the idiot Vladimir Putin; he doesn't care how many get killed in the war he started in Ukraine; the ends justify the means.

The beliefs that drive what the "Progressives" do and say can best be explained by me asking a question and then showing you the "winds" that have infected those who believe the nonsense that hardcore Communists are still hard at work disseminating among the unsuspecting. Therefore, in what follows, I am going to show you quotes that have been attributed to the Communists Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, and Vladimir Lenin by AZquotes.com (Wind and Fly LTD, 2022), and comment on the stupid "winds" these three wannabe "philosophers" unleashed on the world.

QUESTION: *Why do some "conservative" politicians say one thing and do another?*

If you have ever thought some politicians who claim to be "conservative" may actually be covert "Progressives," you are certainly not alone. It is more likely that they are ignorant of how the "Progressives"

are using them to achieve the agenda laid out for them by Marx and Lenin:

"People always have been and they always will be stupid victims of deceit and self-deception in politics."
—Vladimir Lenin

"There are no morals in politics; there is only expedience. A scoundrel may be of use to us just because he is a scoundrel."
—Vladimir Lenin

"Behind the October Revolution there are more influential personalities than the thinkers and executors of Marxism."
—Vladimir Lenin

"The best way to control the opposition is to lead it ourselves."
—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want gun control?*

The call for gun control has become the siren call of "Progressive" leaders today. They desperately beg and plead for it, never once giving credence to the fact that mental health is the motivating factor in nearly all mass killings. The Truth is, "Progressive" leaders don't care if the killing problem is solved, they just want to use it to eliminate a serious impediment to their overall agenda—which is the same as the Communist agenda set out for them by Vladimir Lenin:

"One man with a gun can control 100 without one."
—Vladimir Lenin

"One of the basic conditions for the victory of socialism is the arming of the workers Communist and the disarming of the bourgeoisie—the middle class."
—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why are "Progressives" working to control the media?*

Wealthy "Progressives" are currently buying up conservative media outlets in a desperate attempt to control the content that people hear and see. That is

because they are driven by the Communist agenda Vladimir Lenin *handed down* to them a century ago:

"Truth is the most precious thing. That's why we should ration it."
—Vladimir Lenin

"Why should freedom of speech and freedom of press be allowed? Why should a government which is doing what it believes to be right allow itself to be criticized? It would not allow opposition by lethal weapons. Ideas are much more fatal things than guns. Why should any man be allowed to buy a printing press and disseminate pernicious opinions calculated to embarrass the government?"
—Vladimir Lenin

"The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses."
—Vladimir Lenin

"When one makes a Revolution, one cannot mark time; one must always go forward—or go back. He who now talks about the 'freedom of the press' goes backward, and halts our headlong course towards Socialism."
—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want to control education?*

It has recently become more than obvious that "Progressives" want to change up the content being taught to elementary school children. If you, like me, stand in awe of the abject stupidity being touted by the "educated" folks in the field of education today, you need to know Karl Marx set the ball rolling when he called for government control of education in 1848, when he published *The Communist Manifesto*. His cultic idea for brainwashing children was put into practice after Vladimir Lenin came to power in Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution:

"Give me your four year olds, and in a generation I will build a socialist state."
—Vladimir Lenin

*"Give me four years to teach the children and the seed
I have sown will never be uprooted."*

—Vladimir Lenin

*"Give us the child for eight years and it will be a
Bolshevik forever."*

—Vladimir Lenin

*"Give me just one generation of youth, and I'll
transform the whole world."*

—Vladimir Lenin

"We are not shooting enough professors."

—Vladimir Lenin

**QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" want socialized
healthcare for everyone?**

If the elected "Progressives" in this country were honestly interested in helping people gain access to better healthcare, they would not still be pushing the healthcare legislation passed under the Obama Administration. That moronic fiasco more than tripled the cost of healthcare insurance for nearly everyone while leaving many who already had good healthcare coverage paying more for only "catastrophic" coverage. The reason for the failure of that desperate attempt is not all that difficult to ascertain. Consider the source:

"Medicine is the keystone of the arch of socialism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The goal of socialism is communism."

—Vladimir Lenin

**QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" think they are smarter
than everybody else?**

I am amazed by "college-educated" dimlights who condescendingly consider themselves to be the repository of all "correct thinking" just because they sat through a required philosophy class in which the professor's specific intent was to infect them with the Communist lunacy of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin. And it seems to me that those with the least logic and reasoning power (à la Jane Fonda and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez) exit the hallowed halls of an institution of "higher education" as a half-wit proudly holding a

megaphone into which they arrogantly speak the utter nonsense they heard spoken by a Communist lackey equally lacking in intelligence.

Just to let you know, the imperious attitude of such "small c" Communists can be traced directly to the "intellectual" sources of the pitiful patter they somehow came to firmly believe:

*"The charges against Communism made from a
religious, a philosophical, and, generally, from an
ideological standpoint, are not deserving of serious
examination."*

—Karl Marx (The Communist Manifesto)

*"Firstly, the farmers, the most stupid set of people in
existence, who, clinging to feudal prejudices, burst
forth in masses, ready to die rather than cease to obey
those whom they, their fathers and grandfathers, had
called their masters; and submitted to be trampled on
and horse-whipped by."*

—Friedrich Engels

*"If Socialism can only be realized when the
intellectual development of all the people permits it,
then we shall not see Socialism for at least five
hundred years."*

—Vladimir Lenin

**QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" hate those who
disagree with them?**

The hate-filled rhetoric that spews like vomit from the mouths of some who espouse "Progressive" ideology today is nothing new. It is, in fact, exactly in line with the Communist agenda laid out for them more than a century and a half ago by Karl Marx—an agenda more fully developed by Friedrich Engels and Vladimir Lenin:

*"We have no compassion and we ask no compassion
from you. When our turn comes, we shall not make
excuses for the terror."*

—Karl Marx

*"Don't forget any affront done to you and to all our
people, the time of revenge will come and must be put
to good use."*

—Friedrich Engels

"We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us."

—Vladimir Lenin

"It is, of course, much easier to shout, abuse, and howl than to attempt to relate, to explain."

—Vladimir Lenin

"No mercy for these enemies of the people, the enemies of socialism, the enemies of the working people! War to the death against the rich and their hangers-on, the bourgeois [middle-class] intellectuals; war on the rogues, the idlers and the rowdies!"

—Vladimir Lenin

"It is necessary—secretly and urgently—to prepare the terror."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want higher taxes?*

Before you can even begin to understand the "tax and spend" policies of the "Progressives" ensconced in the federal government today, you first need to know where those policies originated:

"A heavy or progressive or graduated income tax is necessary for the proper development of Communism."

—Karl Marx

"The way to crush the bourgeoisie [middle class] is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" hate the democratic ideal of freedom?*

In the "Progressive" mind-set, the freedom of any one individual always takes a backseat to whatever nonsense the leaders deem best for the "commune-ity." The problem with that mind-set should be obvious to anyone with a little better than average intelligence: The person or persons in charge always looks out for what is best for their own interests first. That fundamental Truth somehow eluded Marx and Lenin, the

two ivory-tower "geniuses" who were most responsible for the spread of Communism. Trust me, they know better now:

"There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, etc., that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience."

—Karl Marx (The Communist Manifesto)

"Freedom in capitalist society always remains about the same as it was in ancient Greek republics: Freedom for slave owners."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The political form of a society wherein the proletariat [working class] is victorious in overthrowing the bourgeoisie [middle class] will be a democratic republic."

—Vladimir Lenin

"But democracy is by no means a limit one may not overstep; it is only one of the stages in the course of development from feudalism to capitalism, and from capitalism to Communism."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want open borders?*

The "greater good"—that is, "the Cause"—for which every dedicated Communist is working (either openly or covertly) is the establishment of a one world government based on the Communist ideals espoused by the "geniuses" Marx and Lenin. Consequently, if they think open borders can create an environment that will help them achieve that goal, they are undoubtedly all for it:

"The working men have no country. We cannot take away from them what they have not got."

—Karl Marx (The Communist Manifesto)

"I don't care what becomes of Russia. To hell with it. All this is only the road to a World Revolution."

—Vladimir Lenin

"No Marxist can deny that the interests of socialism are higher than the interests of the right of nations to self-determination."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The aim of socialism is not only to abolish the present division of mankind into smaller states and all-national isolation, not only to bring the nations closer to each other, but also to merge them."

—Vladimir Lenin

"For the complete extinction of the state, complete Communism is necessary."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want social upheaval?*

If you think the "Defund the Police" movement and the whole host of district attorneys (elected with the help of George Soros, a billionaire who grew up as a Communist and evidently wants to go back) who will not uphold the law and/or always favor the criminal over the victim is pure idiocy, join the crowd. It is, but it is also an idiocy embodied in sinister "winds" that motivate "Progressives" to always work for the ends without regard for the means:

"The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communistic revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win."

—Karl Marx (The Communist Manifesto)

"Between capitalist and communist society there lies the period of the revolutionary transformation of the one into the other. Corresponding to this is also a political transition period in which the state can be nothing but the revolutionary dictatorship of the proletariat [working class]."

—Karl Marx

"The class struggle necessarily leads to the dictatorship of the proletariat [working class]."

—Karl Marx

"We must not depict socialism as if socialists will bring it to us on a plate all nicely dressed. That will never happen. Not a single problem of the class struggle has ever been solved in history except by violence. When violence is exercised by the working people, by the mass of exploited against the exploiters—then we are for it!"

—Vladimir Lenin

"We shall not achieve socialism without a struggle."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Does not the whole history of socialism, particularly of French socialism, which is so rich in revolutionary striving, show us that when the working people themselves take power in their hands the ruling classes resort to unheard-of crimes and shootings if it is a matter of protecting their money-bags."

—Vladimir Lenin

"No Bolshevik, no Communist, no intelligent socialist has ever entertained the idea of violence against the middle peasants. All socialists have always spoken of agreement with them and of their gradual and voluntary transition to socialism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Let the 'socialist' snivellers croak, let the bourgeoisie [middle class] rage and fume, but only people who shut their eyes so as not to see, and stuff their ears so as not to hear, can fail to notice that all over the world the birth pangs of the old, capitalist society, which is pregnant with socialism, have begun."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: *Why do "Progressives" want to rewrite history?*

Remember when "Progressives" set out to remove every statue of a Confederate officer who served in the Civil War? Little did you know at the time, but they were being driven by a "wind" that came right out of none other than the man himself:

"Keep people from their history, and they are easily controlled."

—Karl Marx

"Take away a nation's heritage and they are more easily persuaded."
—Karl Marx

QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" hate Capitalism?

The virulent Communist mind-set that drives "Progressives" today comes from a bygone era when the financial benefits of Capitalism were available to only the upper-crust of society—that is, those who already had money. That is certainly not the case today; anyone with a 401k can share in the success of a business funded by the pooling of capital. That reality does not matter at all to those enthralled by the stupid *religious* fanaticism of Communism. Think Amish, Mennonites, and Hasidic Jews. How would you respond if they were to force their *religious* views on everybody with the violence and bullying tactics that the "Progressives," either ignorantly or with full knowledge, use to advance the Communists' *religious* agenda?

"The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property."
—Karl Marx

"The last capitalist we hang shall be the one who sold us the rope."
—Karl Marx

"By bourgeoisie is meant the class of modern capitalists, owners of the means of social production and employers of wage labor. By proletariat, the class of modern wage laborers who, having no means of production of their own, are reduced to selling their labor power in order to live."
—Fredrich Engels

"In capitalist society we have a democracy that is curtailed, wretched, false, a democracy only for the rich, for the minority. The dictatorship of the proletariat, the period of transition to communism, will for the first time create democracy for the people, for the majority, along with the necessary suppression of the exploiters, of the minority."
—Vladimir Lenin

"Capitalism has triumphed all over the world, but this triumph is only the prelude to the triumph of labour

over capital."
—Vladimir Lenin

"You have read and heard that communist theory—the science of communism created in the main by Marx, this doctrine of Marxism—has ceased to be the work of a single socialist of the nineteenth century, even though he was a genius, and that it has become the doctrine of millions and tens of millions of proletarians all over the world, who are applying it in their struggle against capitalism."
—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" want to increase the national debt?

The "Progressives" are following an agenda regarding "tax and spend" that was laid out for them by the founders of their *religious* cult:

"Germany will militarize herself out of existence, England will expand herself out of existence, and America will spend herself out of existence."
—Vladimir Lenin

"The establishment of a central bank is 90% of communizing a nation."
—Vladimir Lenin

"The way to crush the bourgeoisie [middle class] is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation."
—Vladimir Lenin

"The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency."
—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: Why do "Progressives" hate anyone who believes there is a god?

The vacuous zealots who assiduously propound the "Progressive" agenda today proudly proclaim their atheistic nonsense as though it were proven fact. Truth is, anyone who believes anything regarding the existence or nonexistence of the jealous God of the Bible is a member of whatever *religious* belief system they have chosen to join. The belief system of the Communists is

no different. The "religious cult" moniker slips in when said system uses force and violence to impose an atheistic belief system on others. Who knew? Joseph Stalin killed a hundred million dissidents who had the audacity to disagree with his view of God. Add in Chairman Mao with his paltry forty-five million and you have something you can really be proud of:

"Religion is the opium of the masses."

—Karl Marx

"The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion."

—Karl Marx

"My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism."

—Karl Marx

"Communism begins where atheism begins."

—Karl Marx

"The democratic concept of man is false, because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that ... each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity."

—Karl Marx

"There can be nothing more abominable than religion."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Atheism is a natural and inseparable part of Marxism, of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Those who live by the labor of others are taught by religion to practice charity while on earth, thus offering them a very cheap way of justifying their entire existence as exploiters and selling them at a moderate price tickets to well-being in heaven. Religion is opium for the people. Religion is a sort of spiritual booze, in which the slaves of capital drown their human image, their demand for a life more or less worthy of man."

—Vladimir Lenin

QUESTION: What is the "Progressives'" ultimate objective?

The ultimate objective of the "Progressives" turns out to be based on the most abjectly stupid belief one could ever concoct or, for that matter, even conceive. They firmly believe they can overcome the stubbornness and stupidity of those who have *freely* chosen to reject God's offer of true peace by imposing their far-fetched fanatical fantasy on them. Good luck with that one. But they plainly state their intent is to impose their definition of "peace" on anyone who opposes them. It is true, a body does look rather peaceful lying in a morgue—should it be so lucky as to avoid hasty interment in a mass grave. Think about it: Joseph Stalin killed a hundred million during his thirty years in power. Thirty-three million every ten years doesn't leave much time for niceties when it comes to treatment of the dead, especially when it comes to those who resist the destiny that Communists believe is theirs. Based on what?

"The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism."

—Karl Marx

"As an ultimate objective, 'peace' simply means communist world control."

—Vladimir Lenin

"We want to achieve a new and better order of society: in this new and better society there must be neither rich nor poor; all will have to work. Not a handful of rich people, but all the working people must enjoy the fruits of their common labour. Machines and other improvements must serve to ease the work of all and not to enable a few to grow rich at the expense of millions and tens of millions of people. This new and better society is called socialist society."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The goal of socialism is communism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Under socialism all will govern in turn and will soon become accustomed to no one governing."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Unity must be won, and only the workers, the class-conscious workers themselves can win it—by stubborn and persistent effort."

—Vladimir Lenin

"Unity is a great thing and a great slogan. But what the workers' cause needs is the unity of Marxists, not unity between Marxists and opponents and distorters of Marxism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The Marxist doctrine is omnipotent because it is true. It is comprehensive and harmonious, and provides men with an integral world outlook irreconcilable with any form of superstition, reaction, or defense of bourgeois [middle-class] oppression. It is the legitimate successor to the best that man produced in the nineteenth century, as represented by German philosophy, English political economy and French socialism."

—Vladimir Lenin

"The status of women up to now has been compared to that of a slave; women have been tied to the home, and only socialism can save them from this. They will only be completely emancipated when we change from small-scale individual farming to collective farming and collective working of the land."

—Vladimir Lenin

Just Wait 'Til Fantasy Meets Reality

A very sad awakening lies in store for those who are enthralled by the vision of a Communist utopia here on Earth. There ain't no way in Hell it's gonna happen. The "winds" that drive those poor dupes "blew" their cover when they failed to control their acolytes here in the United States. They let the cat out of the bag a bit too early. Now those "winds" have to deal with the fact that secrecy is no longer an option. That is why I believe the Communist "winds" that have been "blowing" world domination are going to abandon that stupid plan and turn to "Plan B," if they haven't already. We shall certainly see. The next few years will prove me right or wrong, but I believe the "winds" are already working to align the "opinion" of the Communists with God's "opinion" regarding "The Harlot," Planet Earth:

¹(1) [Then] [One] [of] [The] [seven] [Messengers] [who] [have] [The] [seven] [Bowls] [came] [and] [spoke] [with] [me], [saying]: "[Come on]! [I will show] [You] [The] [Judgment] [of The] [Prostitute]—[The] [Great One], [the one who] [is sitting] [on] [many] [Waters]—²[with] [whom]

(a) [The] [Kings] [of The] [Earth] [were sexually promiscuous], [and]

(b) [those who] [dwell on] [The] [Earth] [became intoxicated] [by] [The] [Wine] [of] [her] [Sexual Promiscuity]."

³(2) [Then] [He carried] [me] away] [in] [{the} Spirit] [into] [a Desert]; [and]

(a) [I saw] [a Woman]

(i) [sitting] [on] [a [scarlet] Beast] [that has]

(a) [seven] [Heads] [and]

(b) [ten] [Horns]—

(c) [{ten} Names] [that are full] [of False Religious Claims]. ⁴[And] [The] [Woman] [was]

(ii) [wrapped in] [purple] [and] [scarlet], [and]
(iii) [gilded with]

(a) [Gold] [and]

(b) [valuable] [Stones] [and]

(c) [Pearls],

(iv) [holding] [a Cup] [made of gold] [in] [her] [Hand]—[one that is full] [of]

(a) [Abominations] [and]

(b) [The] [Unclean Things] [of] [her] [Sexual Promiscuity].

⁵(b) [And] {there was} [a Name]—[a Mystery]— [that had been written] [on] [her] [Forehead]:

"[BABYLON] [THE] [GREAT],
[THE] [MOTHER] [OF THE] [PROSTITUTES]
[AND] [ABOMINATIONS] [OF THE] [EARTH]."

⁶(c) [Then] [I saw] [The] [Woman]—[who was intoxicated]

- (i) [by] [The] [Blood] [of The] [Holy Ones] [and]
- (ii) [by] [The] [Blood] [of The] [Witnesses] [of Jesus]—[and]

(d) [I was amazed] [after seeing] [her]—
[a [tremendously] Amazing Sight].

⁷(3) [Then] [The] [Messenger] [said] [to me]: "[Why] [are you amazed]?"

(a) [I] [will tell] [You] [The] [Mystery] [of]

- (i) The] [Woman] [and]
- (ii) [The] [Beast],

- (a) [the one that] [is carrying] [her]—
- (b) [the one that] [has]

- (i) [The] [seven] [Heads] [and]
- (ii) [The] [ten] [Horns].

⁸(b) [The] [Beast] [that] [You saw]

- (i) [was] [and]
- (ii) [is] [not] [and]
- (iii) [is going] [to come up] [out] [of The] [Abyss] [and]
- (iv) [is going to go on] [to] [Eternal Damnation].

(c) [Yet] [those who] [dwell] [on] [The] [Earth]—
[those whose] [Name] [has not] been written] [on]
[The] [Scroll] [of] [Life] [from] [{the} Establishment
[of The World]—[will be amazed] [when {they} see
[that] [The] [Beast]

- (i) [was] [and]
- (ii) [is] [not] [and]
- (iii) [will be here].

⁹(d) [Here] {is} [The] [Mind] [that] [has] [Wisdom]:

- (i) [The] [seven] [Heads] [are] [seven]
[Mountains] [where]—[on] [which]—
[The] [Woman] [is sitting].
- ¹⁰(ii) [They are] [also] [seven] [Kings]:

- (a) [The] [Five] [have fallen],
- (b) [The] [One] [is],
- (c) [The] [Other] [has not yet] come]; [and]
[when] [he comes], [he] [has] [to continue on]
[just a little while].

¹¹(e) [And] [The] [Beast] [that]

- (i) [was] [and]
- (ii) [is] [not]
- (iii) [is] [himself] [also] [an Eighth], [yet]
- (iv) [is] [one] [of The] [Seven] [and]
- (v) [is going on] [to] [Eternal Damnation].

¹²(f) [And] [The] [ten] [Horns] [that] [You saw]
[are] [ten] [Kings] [who]

- (i) [have not yet] received] [a Kingdom], [but]
- (ii) [are going to receive] [an Authority] [as]
[Kings] [with] [The] [Beast] [for one] Hour].

¹³[These Individuals]

- (iii) [have] [one] [Opinion] [and]
- (iv) [are going to give] [their] [Supernatural
Power] [and] [Authority] [to The] [Beast].

¹⁴[These Individuals]

- (v) [will wage war] [with] [The] [Little Lamb].

(g) [And] [The] [Little Lamb] [will triumph over]
[them], [because]

(i) [He is]

- (a) [Master] [of Masters] [and]
- (b) [King] [of Kings]. [And]

(ii) [those who are] [with] [Him] {are}

- (a) [invited] [and]
- (b) [chosen] [and]
- (c) [trustworthy]."

¹⁵(4) [Then] [he tells] [me]:

(a) "[The] [Waters] [that] [You saw]—[where] [The]
[Prostitute] [is sitting]—[are]

- (i) [Peoples] [and]
- (ii) [Crowds] [and]

- (iii) [Nations] [and]
 (iv) [Tongues]. ¹⁶[And]

(b) [The] [ten] [Horns] [and] [The] [Beast] [that]
 [You saw]?

- (i) [These Individuals] [will hate] [The]
 [Prostitute]; [so]
 (ii) [they will make] [her]

- (a) [deserted] [and]
 (b) [naked], [and]

(iii) [they will]

- (a) eat] [her] [Flesh] [and]
 (b) [burn [her] up] [in] [a Fire].

¹⁷(c) [For] [The] [{Living} God] [has put {it}] [in]
 [their] [Hearts]

- (i) [to act in accordance with] [His]
 [Opinion]—[even]
 (ii) [to act in accordance with] [one]
 [Opinion]—[and]
 (iii) [to give] [their] [Kingdom] [to The] [Beast]
 [up to the time when] [The] [Words] [of The]
 [Living God] [are completed].

¹⁸(d) [And] [The] [Woman] [that] [You saw] [is]
 [The] [City]—[The] [Great One]—[that] [has] [a]
 Kingdom] [over] [The] [Kings] [of The] [Earth]."
 (Revelation 17:1–18) —HSSB

Here's a little insight into the mind-set of what the angry, jealous God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses has planned for Planet Earth (as opposed to the fantasy regarding the fictitious, namby-pamby god of unconditional love that pulpit parrots preach today):

¹[Now [The [whole] Earth] was] [one] [Language]
 [and [one] Vocabulary]. ²[And it happened], [while they
 were journeying] [out of Qedem], [that they found] [a
 Broad Valley] [in {the} Land] [{of} Shinar] [and dwelled]
 [there]. ³[Then [Each One] said] [to] [his Neighbor]: "[Come
 on!] [Let's make] [Bricks] [and burn {them} thoroughly]
 [by burning {them}]."⁴ [So [The Brick] became] [Stone] [for
 them], [and The Tar] [became] [Clay] [for them].

⁴[Then they said]: "[Come on!] [Let's build] [a
 City] [and a Tower] [for ourselves]. [Its Top] {will be} [in
 {the} Sea of Waters]! [And let's make] [a Name] [for our-
 selves], [lest] [we be dispersed] [over] [{the} Surface of]
 [The [whole] Earth]."⁵[Then [His Majesty] came down]
 [to look at] [The City] [and] [The Tower] [that] [{the}
 Sons of] [The Adam] [had built]. ⁶[And [His Majesty]
 said]: "[Guess what!] [All of them have] [one] [People]
 [and [one] Language]. [But [doing] this] [has polluted
 them], [and now] [nothing] [that] [they intend] [to do]
 [will be withheld] [from them]. ⁷[Come on!] [Let's go
 down] [there] [and mix up] [their Language] [so that]
 [Each One] [can [not] hear] [{the} Language of] [his
 Neighbor]."

⁸[So [His Majesty] dispersed] [them] [from
 there] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The [whole] Earth],
 [and they quit] [building] [The City]. ⁹[Therefore], [its
 Name] [is called] "[Babylon]" [because] [His
 Majesty] [mixed up] [{the} Language of] [The
 [whole] Earth] [there], [and from there] [His Majesty]
 [dispersed them] [over] [{the} Surface of] [The
 [whole] Earth].

(Genesis 11:1–9) —my interim translation

Have you ever really stopped to consider the implications of what the Lord did at the Tower of Babel? I doubt it. The fantasy with which the Church today is mesmerized would never allow the simple Truth of that account to show through, so let me spell it out for you in plain English.

First of all, if all those folks were "one people" and all spoke the same language, there was no war until God divided them up and sent them packin'. Let that small bit of Truth sink in for a while and maybe it will open your mind to a much larger Truth: The angry, jealous God of the Old Testament introduced those circumstances to ensure the Earth would never again have the unity that existed prior to that time. That is the plainly stated reason for what God did at that time, which means the Communists are out of luck. The Living God knew the division He introduced would lead to exactly what it did—WAR! So it seems to me He must have felt very strongly about what He did. Maybe you think otherwise. But if you think the stupid Communist fantasy in which they dream of dominating a utopian world will ever become a reality, keep on thinking. It ain't gonna happen. But there will be a WAR that ends all WARS—just because those religious fanatics tried. ■



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Editor: One of our Monthly Contributors would like an explanation of forgiveness. She asks:

"What exactly is Forgiveness?? Like what is it? Feelings? Mindset? A Choice? Mystical? Logical? Forgive AND Forget? Can you forgive but still, say, learn from it and choose to not be around the person (or persons) that was forgiven, especially when they don't believe they are doing or saying anything wrong, or continue to do or say it?? Condemnation says that's not really forgiveness if you choose to both physically and mentally 'opt out' of the situations. Or maybe it is conviction and I'm not really being forgiving if I 'don't want to' be around the person."

Elijah: Forgiveness is the opposite of taking vengeance for a perceived wrong. But vengeance comes in various shapes and sizes. It often takes the form of nothing more than imagining what one would do to the person who wronged them, if they had the chance. But the default in most cases is gossiping about the person so everyone knows just how bad they are. Forgiveness is the opposite: The person who forgives, gets the nasty thoughts out of their mind immediately and forgets all about it. The perfect example of forgiveness can be found in what Jesus did in the following passage:

²³But those who were requesting that He be crucified were pressing in on {him} with loud voices, and their

voices began to prevail over {him}. ²⁴So Pilate pronounced sentence*, so that what they requested would be done. ²⁵And then he released the one that they were requesting—the one who had been thrown into a guard house because of a dispute and a murder—but he handed Jesus over to their will. ²⁶And as they led Him away, after taking hold of someone—Simon, a Cyrenian who was coming in from a field—they placed the cross on him to carry {it} behind Jesus. ²⁷And then a huge multitude of people followed Him—even women who were cutting themselves and lamenting Him.

²⁸But after turning around to them, Jesus said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me; but weep for yourselves and for your children, ²⁹because guess what! Days are going to come in which they will say, 'Those who are barren, and the bellies that have not engendered, and {the} breasts that have not provided food are fortunate.' ³⁰At that time, they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US!' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US!' ³¹Because if they are doing these things in the succulent* tree, what might occur in the one that is shriveled up?"

³²Now two other criminals were also being led away to be put away along with Him; ³³and when they came over to the place that is called "a skull," they crucified Him and the criminals there, one at the right hand, the other at the left. ³⁴But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they are not aware of what they are doing." And then those who were dividing up His overgarments cast lots {for them}.

(Luke 23:23–34) —HSSB

The first step in forgiveness is doing exactly what the Lord did: He immediately thought about the fact that those who do nasty things to others have no hope. That is, at some point God is going to bestow His judgment on everyone, up to and including them. That judgment is far worse than anything you or I could ever do to those who are involved in such things. So the Truth is just as Paul states in the following passage:

⁹(4) The love without hypocrisy {is}:

(a) loathing* what is nasty;

(b) attaching yourselves to what is good;

¹⁰(c) lovingly devoted* to one another with brotherly love;

(d) esteeming one another more highly* with honor;

¹¹(e) not hesitating in your concern for others;
(f) bubbling up in the spirit;

(g) being a slave to His Majesty;

¹²(h) rejoicing in our hope;

(i) continuing on under harsh circumstances
in our turmoil;

(j) being dedicated to prayer;

¹³(k) having commonality with the needs
of the holy ones;

(l) pursuing kindness to strangers—¹⁴you must bless
those who persecute you; bless and not curse, ¹⁵so that
{you} rejoice with those who are rejoicing, weep with
those who are weeping—

¹⁶(m) having your minds set on the same thing
for one another;

(n) not having your minds set on the thoughts that
are impressive, but only on associating with those who
are humble. (You must not be “sensible” {only} for
yourselves.)

¹⁷(o) Not in any way paying back something awful in
exchange for something awful;

(p) having regard for things that are exceptionally
good in the sight of all men;

¹⁸(q) living peacefully with all men, if possible, on your
part;

¹⁹(r) not taking your own vengeance, beloved
brothers. But

(i) you must give a place for His anger; for it
has been written, “I {have} AN ACT OF
VENGEANCE; I WILL PAY {them} BACK,” says His
Majesty. ²⁰“BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY,
PROVIDE FOOD FOR HIM. IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM
A DRINK. FOR, BY DOING THIS, YOU WILL HEAP UP
BURNING COALS* OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD.”

²¹(ii) You must not be triumphed over by the
{spirit} that is awful, but

(iii) you must triumph over the {spirit} that is
awful by the {spirit} that is good.

(Romans 12:9–21) —HSSB

When Paul says “the {spirit} that is awful,” he is
talking about our responsibility as True Believers to keep
the stupid “winds” out of our mind. If you don’t already
know how to do that, you obviously haven’t under-
stood the things I have written in that regard. The Truth
is, it is extremely easy to triumph over the “winds” that
“blow” vengeance if one keeps in mind the Truth of *the*

promise of God that Moses stated clearly in his conclu-
sion to “The Song of Moses”:

³⁹“[See] [now] [that] [I]—[I]!—{am} [He],
[And there is not any] [God] [with Me]!
[I] [put to death], [and I keep alive];
[I strike with a perfect blow], [and I] [heal],
[And there is not anyone] [who can snatch {anyone}]
[out of My Hand].

⁴⁰[Because] [I will raise up] [My Hand]
[to] [{the} Sea of Waters]

[And I will say]: ‘[I swear on [My] life]
[for a Burning Eternity]!’

⁴¹[If] [I sharpen] [{the} Lightning Flashes]
[of My Sword],

[And [My Hand] takes hold of]

[a Decision Based on the Truth],

[I will pay back] [Vengeance] [to My Adversaries];

[And [I will settle up by paying a vow]
against those who hate Me].

⁴²[I will get [My Arrows] drunk] [on {their} Blood]—
[And My Sword] [will consume] [{their} Flesh]—

(1) [On The Blood]

[of {One} pierced] [and a Captive],

(2) [On {the} Poison]

[of an Enemy’s] [Representatives].

⁴³[Shout joyfully], [Gentiles]—[His People]—
[Because] [He will avenge] [{the} Blood]
[of His Slaves];

[And [He will pay back] Vengeance]
[to His Adversaries],

[But He will atone for] [His Ground]—[His People].”

(Deuteronomy 32:39–43) —my interim translation

Anyone who claims to be a True Believer but
holds a grudge and refuses to forgive is seriously delud-
ed. I find it impossible to believe anyone could actually
“see” the opportunity God has *promised* us and give it
up for some petty, pointless desire for revenge. That
sounds a whole lot like the numbskull Jesus *talks about*
in this parable:

²¹[At that time], [after [Peter] approached], [he said]
[to Him]: “[Your Majesty], [how many times] [can [my]
[Brother] sin] [against] [me] [and] [I forgive] [him]? [Up
to] [seven times]?”

²²[Jesus] [tells] [him], “[I am [not] telling] [You], [‘up to] [seven times*]; [but] [‘up to] [seventy times*] [Seven].’

²³[For] [This Reason] [The] [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens] [is like] [a Man]—[a King]—[Who] [wanted] [to settle up] [Accounts] [with] [His] [Slaves]. ²⁴[But] [when] [He] began] [to settle up], [One] [obligated for] [ten thousand*] [Talents] [was brought and presented] [to Him]. ²⁵[But] [since] [he] did [not] have {anything}} [to pay [his] [Master] back], [he gave an order that] [he] [and] [his] [Woman] [and] [his] [Children] [and] [everything], [as much as] [he had], [be sold] [and] [{he} be paid back]. ²⁶[Therefore], [after falling down], [The] [Slave] [paid homage] [to him], [saying], [‘Be patient] [with] [me], [and] [I will pay [everything] back] [to You].’ ²⁷[So], [after [The] [Master] [of] [That] [Slave] felt sympathy for {him}], [he released] [him] [and] [forgave] [The] [Loan*] [for him].

²⁸[But] [after [That] [Slave] left], [he found] [One] [of] [his] [Fellow Slaves] [who] [owed] [him] [one hundred] [64-Cent Pieces]. [And] [after grabbing hold of] [him], [he was choking {him}], [saying], [‘If] [You owe {me}] [anything], [pay {it} back].’

²⁹[Therefore], [after falling down], [his] [Fellow Slave] [was appealing to] [him], [saying], [‘Be patient] [with] [me] [and] [I will pay [You] back],’ ³⁰[yet] [he] [was] [not] willing]. [But] [after going away], [he had [him] thrown] [into] [a Guard House] [until] [he could pay back] [what] [was owed].

³¹[Therefore], [when] [his] [Fellow Slaves] saw] [the things that] [had occurred], [they were in [extreme] anguish]; [and] [after coming back] [to] [their] [Master], [they explained in detail] [everything] [that] [had occurred]. ³²[At that time], [after [his] [Master] summoned] [him], [he tells] [him]: ‘{You} [nasty] [Slave]! [I forgave] [You] [all] [That]—[What [You] Owed]—[since] [You appealed to] [Me]. ³³[Should] [You] [not] [also] have] [had mercy on] [Your] [Fellow Slave], [as] [I also] [had mercy on] [You]?’ ³⁴[And] [after [his] [Master] became angry], [he handed [him] over] [to The] [Tormenters*] [until] [he could pay back] [All] [that] [was owed]. ³⁵[My] [heavenly] [Father] [will] [also] do {something}} [like this] [to you] [if] [each of] [you do [not] forgive] [his] [Brother] [from] [your] [Hearts].”

(Matthew 18:21–35) —HSSB

Editor: We have a question from a Monthly Contributor concerning finances. She asks:

“What are first fruits in regards to now a days? Old teaching was the first week paycheck of a new job or first week pay of a new year in honor of God. Also, double portions? I don’t remember the scriptural connections (ha, that’s terrible I know, but my fault) but is there any Truth there? Full truth, no half truths. I believe it is all the Lord’s anyway and I know that’s true based on VOE. But right now I am just sifting through anything I heard and believed before VOE. So. The one flesh relationship and income. How does that work? Since I am his, that would mean all or part of my income is his? (And yes everything we have is the Lord’s is what we say we believe; it’s just how we use it that we may disagree on.)

I’m not a kept woman or anything, I just want to know for logistical reasons in the eyes of the Lord how that works. I also don’t want to get beat up by the winds saying I’m not being what God wants me to be and trying to skirt around either my position or responsibility, even if what I do with ‘my’ money is for ‘good’ reasons yet if he disagrees or I have to persuade (just a conversation) him, I just get beat up that I’m being contentious and not accepting his thinking and decisions. Or, if I do do that, just accept what he says, it feels like a cop out and an excuse to not ‘fight’ for what I think is right and then get beat up that I’m just hiding behind him. Good times. So what’s the Truth?”

Elijah: The Truth is, you are being tested. How you respond will determine whether you pass or fail the test. Therefore, I can’t tell you what you should or should not do; otherwise, I would be the one responsible for your response. That’s why I do my best not to give advice.

As far as Old Covenant legislation is concerned, Jesus Christ eliminated all those things when He—that is, “The Remnant” of Corporate Israel—died on the cross under the terms of the Old Covenant. The rules and regulations other than the Ten Commandments were only *parabolic* rituals to begin with, and their specific purpose was to remind the sons of Israel of things found in *The Teaching of Moses*. If you know what those rules and regulations depict by way of *symbolic ritual*, you are way ahead of most who claim to be “Christian” today. They don’t even know what Paul *means* when he says this:

²⁴(1) Are you not aware that all who run in a 200-meter race do, in fact, run; but only one **receives** the prize?

(a) You must run so that you grasp {the prize}!
²⁵(b) But anyone who fights has self-control in everything. Therefore,

(i) on the one hand, those individuals {do it} so that they might **receive** a perishable crown; but
 (ii) on the other hand, we {do it to **receive**} an imperishable {one}. ²⁶So now

(a) I run in this way: not like {one who is running} aimlessly*;
 (b) I box* in this way: not like one who is punching {the} air; ²⁷but
 (c) I give my body a black eye; and I enslave {it}* , for fear that somehow, after preaching to others, I myself might be rejected.

¹(2) For I do not want you to not understand, brothers, that

(a) all our fathers were under the cloud, and
 (b) all passed through the sea; ²and
 (c) all were baptized into Moses

(i) in the cloud and
 (ii) in the sea. ³And

(d) all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴and
 (e) all drank the same spiritual beverage, for they were drinking from a spiritual Rock that followed {them}. Yet the Rock was the Anointed One. ⁵But the {living} God was not delighted with the majority of them, for
 (f) they were strewn about* in the desert.

⁶(3) So these things {are} our patterns. They occurred so that we would not be those who desire* awful things just as those individuals also desired {awful things}.

⁷(a) You must not be idolaters {either}, just as some of them {were}; indeed, just as it has been written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND GOT UP TO PLAY*."

⁸(b) We should not be sexually promiscuous {either}, just as some of them were sexually promiscuous; and twenty-three thousand fell on one day.

⁹(c) We should not put the Anointed One to the test {either}, just as some of them tested {Him} and were done away with by the snakes.

¹⁰(d) You must not grumble, even as some of them grumbled and were done away with by the destroyer*.

¹¹(4) But these things happened to those individuals as a pattern* {for us}, and then it was written down for our admonition, those on whom the consummation of the past ages has come down.

¹²(a) So then the one who assumes that {he} stands must watch out, so that he does not fall.

¹³(b) No test has overtaken you except a human {one}. But

(i) the {living} God—Who will not allow you to be tested more than what you can {stand}—
 {is} trustworthy. On the contrary,
 (ii) along with the test He will also act in accordance with the {desired} result, so that
 {you} can bear up under {the test}.

(1 Corinthians 9:24–10:13) —HSSB

If True Believers do not know that they are being tested, and will continue to be tested, they remain at a serious disadvantage. That's why Satan dearly loves his "once-saved, always-saved" nonsense. Anyone who hangs his hat on that lie has a sad awakening awaiting him on Judgment Day. That person could benefit from reading Matthew 7, provided they are willing to consider Jesus might be describing them:

¹⁵"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but are avaricious wolves on the inside.

¹⁶You can recognize them by their fruits. They do not, by any means, cull bunches of grapes from thorns or figs from thistles! ¹⁷So also, every good tree produces exceptionally good fruit; but the rotten tree produces nasty fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot produce nasty fruit; neither does a rotten tree produce exceptionally good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that is not producing exceptionally good fruit is going to be cut off and thrown into a fire. ²⁰So then you can, indeed, recognize them by their fruits.

²¹Not everyone who says, 'Your Majesty! Your Majesty!' to Me will come into the kingdom of the heavens, but only the one who acts in accordance with the will of My Father, Who is in the heavens. ²²Many will say to Me on that day, 'Your Majesty! Your Majesty! Did we not prophesy in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and do a lot of supernaturally

powerful things in Your name?’²³ And then I will acknowledge the truth about them, that ‘I never knew you! YOU WHO ARE COMMITTING THE LAWLESS DEED, DEPART FROM ME!’”
(Matthew 7:15–23) —HSSB

The sole purpose of the Gospel accounts of Jesus being tested is to point out and emphasize “The Way” every True Believer should respond when the “winds” come calling:

¹At that time, Jesus was brought up into the desert by the Spirit to be tested by the false accuser. ²And later, after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³And when the one who tests {us} approached, he said to Him, “If You are {the} Son of the {living} God, speak so that these stones become loaves of bread.”

⁴But in response, He said: “It has been written, ‘THE MAN WILL NOT LIVE ON THE BASIS OF BREAD ALONE, BUT ON THE BASIS OF EVERY STATEMENT THAT COMES OUT OF GOD’S MOUTH.’”

⁵At that time, the false accuser takes Him with him into the holy city and made Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. ⁶Then he tells Him, “If You are {the} Son of the {living} God, throw Yourself down; for it has been written that:

‘HE WILL GIVE A COMMANDMENT TO
HIS MESSENGERS WITH REGARD TO YOU,’ and
‘THEY WILL PICK YOU UP WITH {their} HANDS,
LEST PERHAPS YOU MIGHT STUB YOUR FOOT
AGAINST A STONE.’”

⁷Jesus declared to him, “Again, it has been written: ‘YOU WILL NOT PUT HIS MAJESTY, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.’”

⁸Again, the false accuser takes Him with him onto a very lofty mountain and shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he told Him, “I will give You all these things if, after falling down, You pay homage to me.”

¹⁰At that time, Jesus tells him: “Get! Satan! For it has been written, ‘YOU WILL WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY, YOUR GOD, AND SERVE AS PRIEST FOR HIM ALONE.’” ¹¹At that time, the false accuser leaves Him, and guess what! Messengers approached and were serving Him.
(Matthew 4:1–11) —HSSB

Luke provides much the same account:

¹And then Jesus returned from the Jordan, completely full of a Holy Spirit; and He was led by the Spirit in the desert ²for forty days, being tested by the false accuser. And He did not eat anything at all during those days; so when they were completed, He was hungry. ³So then the false accuser told Him, “If You are a Son of the {living} God, speak to this stone so that it becomes a loaf of bread.”

⁴And Jesus responded to him, “It has been written that ‘THE MAN WILL NOT LIVE ON THE BASIS OF BREAD ALONE.’”

⁵Then, after bringing Him up, he showed Him all the kingdoms of the civilized world at {one} point* in {the} span of time. ⁶And the false accuser told Him: “I will give You all this authority and their glory, because it has been handed over to me; and I {can} give it to whomever it may be that I want to. ⁷Therefore, if You pay homage in my presence, everything will be Yours.”

⁸And in response, Jesus told him, “It has been written, ‘YOU WILL WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY, YOUR GOD, AND SERVE AS PRIEST FOR HIM ALONE.’”

⁹So then he led Him into Jerusalem and made {Him} stand on the pinnacle of the temple. And he told Him, “If You are {the} Son of the {living} God, throw Yourself down from here; ¹⁰for it has been written that:

‘HE WILL GIVE A COMMANDMENT TO HIS MESSENGERS
WITH REGARD TO YOU—TO CAREFULLY GUARD*
YOU’—

¹¹and that

‘THEY WILL PICK YOU UP WITH {their} HANDS,
LEST PERHAPS YOU MIGHT STUB YOUR FOOT
AGAINST A STONE.’”

¹²So, in response, Jesus told him that “it has been said, ‘YOU WILL NOT PUT HIS MAJESTY, YOUR GOD, TO THE TEST.’” ¹³Then after completing every test, the false accuser withdrew from Him for a time.
(Luke 4:1–13) —HSSB

The point is, if you do not know the true meaning and significance of the Scriptures, you have no defense at all against the “winds.” And the first indication those killers have somehow locked you in is this: You want something—most often something you can’t have.

Editor: A Contributor asks, "If we all came from Adam and Eve, where did all the diverse races come from/does it matter? (I ask because of everything going on.) I have heard the evolutionary/anthropological explanations, but what's the truth?"

Elijah: The Truth can be found in the following three passages. Moses starts it off with a description of the circumstances that existed before the Flood:

¹[So it was] [that] [The Descendants of Adam] [began] [to increase] [on] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground], [and Daughters] [were engendered] [for them]. ²[And [{the} Sons of] [The {Living} God] saw] [{the} Daughters of] [The Descendants of Adam]—[that] [they] {were} [good]—[so they took] [Women] [for themselves] [from all] [that] [they chose]. ³[So [His Majesty] said]: "[My Spirit] [will [not] adjudicate the case of] [The Descendants of Adam] [for a Burning Eternity]. [When they were intoxicated], [he] {became} [Flesh]; [so [his Days] will be] [a hundred] [and twenty] [Years]." ⁴[The Nephilim] [were] [on {the} Earth] [in [those] Days] [and even] [after that]. [When] [the Sons of] [{the} {Living} God] [entered] [{the} Daughters of] [The Descendants of Adam], [they engendered {sons}] [for them]. [These] {were} [The Gibbors] [who] {were} [from a Burning Eternity]—[Men of] [The Name].

(Genesis 6:1–4) —my interim translation

Jude says the following with regard to that event:

³(1) Beloved brothers, while acting in accordance with all concern for {you} to write to you about our common salvation,

(a) I had a pressing need to write to you imploring {you} to seriously fight for* the belief in God's **promise** that was at one time handed over to the holy ones. ⁴For some men have slipped in alongside {you}*—those who have long since been written down earlier for this judgment, depraved {individuals} who are taking the favor of our God back into licentiousness and denying our only Slave Owner and Master, Jesus, the Anointed One. ⁵(b) But I am determined to remind you—you who were aware of all {these} things at one time—that:

(i) after His Majesty saved a people out of {the} land of Egypt, the second time He did away with

those who did not believe God's **promise**.

⁶(ii) And even messengers who did not keep watch over their area of rule themselves, but left their own housing, He has kept in everlasting bonds under nether gloom for sentencing on {that} most important day.

(Jude 1:3–6) —HSSB

And finally, the Apostle Peter is clearly referring to the same event when he says much the same thing as Jude:

¹(1) But there were also false prophets among the people, as also there will be false teachers* among you, who will

(a) surreptitiously introduce* sects of eternal damnation and

(b) deny the Slave Owner Who bought them, bringing upon themselves an imminent eternal damnation.

²(2) And many will take off after {them} in their licentiousness, because of whom the way of the truth will have false religious claims made about it.

³(3) And in selfishness they will trade on you with fabricated* words, for whom the judgment from long ago is not idle*, and their eternal damnation is not nodding off.

⁴(4) For if:

(a) the {living} God did not spare messengers who sinned, but after imprisoning {them} in Tartarus* with cords* of nether gloom,

(b) He handed those who are being kept over for sentencing; ⁵and

(c) He did not spare the ancient world; but

(d) He kept an eighth, Noah, a preacher of a declaration of not guilty, after bringing a flood upon the world of {the} depraved; ⁶and

(e) He condemned {the} cities of Sodom and Gomorrah when {He} burned {them} to ashes* in an overthrowing that was put down as a perfect example of those who are going to be depraved; ⁷and

(f) He delivered blameless Lot, who was being harassed by the behavior of those who were morally corrupted by licentiousness—⁸for the one who was blameless, by seeing* and hearing {them} while dwelling* among them day after day, was tormenting {his} blameless soul by {their} lawless works—⁹His Majesty knows how to

(i) deliver a godly {person} from testing, yet
 (ii) keep watch over those who are unjust—
 those who are being detained for {the} day of
 sentencing; ¹⁰yet in particular,

(a) those who go after flesh with a selfish desire
 for defiling {themselves}* and
 (b) those who despise lordship.

(2 Peter 2:1–10a) —HSSB

If you believe your Bible—provided you even have one—you may already know there was a bit of hanky panky going on between some sort of supernatural saps and mortal women at the time of the Flood. But maybe you didn't know Moses says something rather interesting with regard to the offspring of "the Sons of {the} {Living} God" and "{the} Daughters of The Descendants of Adam" at that time. He first says this:

⁴*[The Nephilim] [were] [on {the} Earth] [in [those] Days] [and even] [after that]. [When] [the Sons of] [{the} {Living} God] [entered] [{the} Daughters of] [The Descendants of Adam], [they engendered {sons}] [for them]. [These] {were} [The Gibbors] [who] {were} [from a Burning Eternity]—[Men of] [The Name].*
 (Genesis 6:4) —my interim translation

The key to what Moses would have us understand by what he tells us in that verse lies in this phrase: "*and even after that.*" That off-hand comment is not some nebulous, oblique statement with obscure meaning; it is crystal-clear. That is, it cannot mean anything other than what it says: The *Nephilim* were not part of Noah's family, yet they were somehow still on the scene *long after* God destroyed everyone but Noah's family in the Flood. Moses plainly states that to be true in a parenthetical aside found in his account of the report the spies brought back after they reconnoitered the Promised Land:

"[And [we saw] [The Nephilim] there] ([{the} Sons of] [Anak] {are} [part of] [The Nephilim]); [and we were] [like Grasshoppers] [in our own Eyes], [and [we were] the same] [in their Eyes]."
 (Numbers 13:33) —my interim translation

The question is, if the *Nephilim* were engendered by "the Sons of {the} {Living} God" the first time

around, logic alone would indicate the same holds true over all the years since. So it would seem some women may have been, and more than likely still are, providing the favor of more than "food and lodging to messengers" without even knowing it:

*Do not forget kindness to strangers, for it has escaped their notice that **some have provided food and lodging to messengers by this {act of kindness}.***
 (Hebrews 13:2) —HSSB

Editor: We received a question concerning Colossians 1:24 where Paul states:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

The question is:

"Is that any suffering we do down here? Or is it just the suffering caused because of our belief in the Truth? Just curious, and then along those same lines, what about our sin and mistakes that lead us into suffering?"

Elijah: Before I respond to the question, let me point out the fact that the verse in question is the introduction to a much longer passage in which Paul is describing the nature of his calling:

²⁴(1) *Now I rejoice in my suffering for your sake; and in my flesh I am completely filling up the full measure of* what is lacking in the things that caused the Anointed One turmoil for the sake of His body, which is the summoned assembly, ²⁵of which I was made a server in accordance with the responsibility for the management of the {living} God's business, which was given to me to fully complete:*

(a) the word of the {living} God for you—
²⁶(b) the mystery that:

(i) had been tucked away from the past ages and from the generations; but
 (ii) has now become well-known

(a) to His holy ones,

²⁷(b) to those whom the {living} God wanted to make known what is the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles;
(c) which {mystery} is the Anointed One in you {is} the hope of His glory;
²⁸(d) which {mystery} we are

(i) proclaiming,
(ii) warning every man and
(iii) teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in the Anointed One;

²⁹(e) for which {mystery} I also labor, fighting in accordance with the energy He has, the {energy} that is working in me with supernatural power.

¹(2) For I want you to know how great a contest for the prize I have

(a) for your sake, and
(b) for {the sake of} those who are in Laodicea, and as many as have not seen my face in {the} flesh, ²so that their hearts—after being all put together

(i) by love, and
(ii) with all {the} wealth of the absolute certainty of their insight—would be encouraged, resulting in full knowledge of the truth concerning the mystery of the {living} God—the Anointed One, ³in which {mystery} all the treasures of

(a) his wisdom and
(b) a knowledge of the truth are tucked away.

⁴(3) I am saying this so that no one can dupe you with persuasive speech*. ⁵For even if

(a) I am absent in the flesh (but together with you in the spirit)
(b) I am

(i) rejoicing and
(ii) seeing

(a) your order and

(b) the constancy* of your belief in God's **promise** about the Anointed One.
(Colossians 1:24–2:5) —HSSB

The suffering Paul had in mind when he wrote that is clearly the suffering he endured at the hands of those who did not care to hear what he was preaching. That is clear from what Luke tells us about one occasion:

¹⁹But then Jews came over from Antioch and Iconium, and after persuading the crowds and stoning Paul, they hauled {him} out of the city, presuming that he had died. ²⁰But after getting up while the disciples encircled him, he came into the city; and on the next day, he left for Derbe along with Barnabas.
(Acts 14:19–20) —HSSB

Paul lists the things he endured so that you and I could have at least a fighting chance to hear the Truth and attain *what was promised*:

¹⁷(2) I am not going to say what I am going to say in agreement with His Majesty, but only as if it were in {the} foolishness of my boasting with this certitude.

¹⁸(a) Since many are boasting about {their} flesh, I also will boast.

¹⁹(i) For you who are sensible are gladly putting up with those who are foolish.

²⁰(ii) For you put up with {it}:

(a) if anyone reduces you to slavery,
(b) if anyone devours {you},
(c) if anyone takes {you} in,
(d) if anyone lifts himself up,
(e) if anyone punches you in {the} face.

²¹(b) I am stating {this} with respect to {my} dishonor, as if it were that we have been weak.

(3) But whatever it might be that anyone would dare {to boast} about—I am speaking in foolishness—I also dare {to boast about}.

²²(a) Are they Hebrews? So {am} I.

(b) Are they Israelites? So {am} I.

(c) Are they Abraham's seed? So {am} I.

²³(d) Are they servants of the Anointed One?
(I am speaking as one who is insane*!) I {am}
more {of a servant} than {they are}.

- (i) In trouble? Especially.
- (ii) In guard houses? Especially.
- (iii) In lashes? Extraordinarily*.
- (iv) In {danger of} death? Often.

²⁴(a) Five times* I received forty {lashes},
besides one, by Jews.

²⁵(b) I was beaten with a staff three times;

(c) I was stoned one time;

(d) I was shipwrecked three times (I have spent
a night and a day* in the deep*).

²⁶(v) On overland journeys {I have} often {been}:

- (a) in dangers of rivers,
- (b) in dangers of robbers,
- (c) in dangers from kindred,
- (d) in dangers from Gentiles,
- (e) in dangers in a city,
- (f) in dangers in a deserted place,
- (g) in dangers in a sea,
- (h) in dangers among false brothers,
- ²⁷(i) in labor and hardship (often with a lack of
sleep),
- (j) in famines and thirst* (often while fasting),
- (k) in cold weather and nakedness.

(2 Corinthians 11:17–27) —HSSB

I, for one, am more than grateful the Lord found a man who was willing to not only believe the Truth of *the promise* but also do his utmost to make sure others had a chance to hear *what was promised*. The fierce tenacity of that man is an example that all True Believers will follow here at the End. But those who do will heed his admonition:

⁶(4) So then we instruct you, brothers, in {the} name of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, that you should keep yourselves away from every brother who walks haphazardly and not in agreement with the oral tradition that you **received** from us.

⁷(a) For you yourselves know how {you} should imitate us, because

- (i) we were not undisciplined* among you,
- ⁸(ii) neither did we eat bread as a bequest from anyone,
- (iii) but {we were} **working night and day with labor and hardship in order to not impose a burden on any of you—**

⁹(a) not because we did not have {the} authority {to do so},
(b) but

(i) so that we would give ourselves to you as a pattern

(ii) so that {you} would imitate us.

(2 Thessalonians 3:6–9) —HSSB

In another passage, Paul indicates those who are not willing to endure the same sort of suffering that he endured will find they are not worthy of the Kingdom:

³(1) We have an obligation to always give thanks to the {living} God for you, brothers, just as He is worthy, because

- (a) your belief in God's **promise** is growing greater*; and
- (b) the love of each one—of all—of you for one another is more than enough, ⁴with the result that, in the summoned assembly of the {living} God, we boast*

- (i) about you ourselves,
- (ii) about your perseverance and belief in God's **promise** during

- (a) all the persecutions you have as well as
- (b) the things that cause turmoil that you put up with—⁵{which is} an exemplar* of the right sentence of the {living} God—**so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of the {living} God, for which you are also suffering.**

⁶(2) If indeed {you are considered worthy, it is} right for God

(a) to pay back

- (i) turmoil to those who are constricting you ⁷and
- (ii) relief to you who are being constricted along with us, at the revelation of His Majesty, Jesus,

- (a) from Heaven
- (b) with messengers of His supernatural power
- ⁸(c) in {the} fire of a flame,

(b) while granting an act of vengeance:

- (i) to those who do not know God; and
- (ii) to those who do not attentively listen to the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** of our Master, Jesus, and comply with its demands—
- ⁹(iii) {to} those who will pay* a penalty, an eternal devastation:

- (a) away from {the} presence of His Majesty, and
- (b) away from the glory of His might,

¹⁰(c) when He comes on that day:

- (i) to be glorified by His holy ones and
- (ii) to be amazed by all who have believed God's **promise**—because our testimony to you has been believed.

(2 Thessalonians 1:3–10) —HSSB

Editor: One of our Monthly Contributors has sent in two questions asking how to deal with people, some of whom are Pretenders, and others who have no understanding of the Truth. She explains her concerns by saying:

"You talk about letting a Pretender know that you believe they are a Pretender and to let you know if we had some concerns. Also, for others to be aware of them so that they don't cause them to stumble. And so that they have motivation to change. And then, maintain the mental distinction. I have done the first part in the past with this person and then a few months later, they 'change' and things are fine and then it was made very clear to me a few months ago that I needed to make a distinction again.

That's where I'm at now but instead of verbally saying it this time, I am just backing away the best I can. I am learning some very important things. But it feels like no matter what I say or do with this person, if I don't agree with them, it's immediate hostility and contention and I believe the Lord hates that. So I feel a bit stuck. Not saying it outright causes other battles because of the things this person says so and so says and did, etc.

I am learning to let that go, but I would prefer not to even hear it. And I also don't want this person to be a

Pretender. So if they are 'doing' well I think, maybe I was wrong! But then I am proven otherwise. There was also a caution somewhere about not calling anyone a 'fool' because they might see the Light later on. How does that fit in with pointing to specific people as a Pretender? Is it because they 'say they see'?"

Elijah: The person you are describing appears to be someone who will not allow themselves to feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Some do that by questioning whether the Truth they have heard is actually true; others do the same thing by working up a sorrow based on how badly they have been treated in this life. Both of those two are desperately seeking to hold on to this life while, at the same time, believing they are "born again." The Apostle Paul talks about the person who wants to feel sorry for themselves when he says this:

⁹(1) I am rejoicing now,

- (a) not because you were in anguish,
- (b) but only **because you were in anguish to {the point of} an apology;**

(i) for **you were in anguish in agreement with God**, so that you would not in any way suffer loss because of us.

¹⁰(ii) For

- (a) **the anguish in agreement with God works with an apology for an unchanging salvation, but**
- (b) **the anguish of the world brings about death.**

¹¹(iii) For guess what! How much concern for doing the right thing did this very thing—**your being in anguish in agreement with God**—bring about in you:

- (a) but a defense;
- (b) but an indignation*;
- (c) but a fear;
- (d) but a yearning;
- (e) but a zeal;
- (f) but an act of vengeance?

(2 Corinthians 7:9–11a) —HSSB

I have already shown you part of a passage in which Paul *talks about* how True Believers should deal with people they can identify as Pretenders but have somehow come to believe they are okay just by dealing with True Believers rather than with God:

³(1) So then His Majesty, the One Who will

- (a) make you resolute and
- (b) guard {you} against the one who is nasty, is trustworthy.

⁴(2) So then, because of His Majesty, we have confidence in you, that you

- (a) are doing, and also
- (b) will do, what we instruct.

⁵(3) So then, may His Majesty steer your hearts right straight

- (a) into the love of the {living} God and
- (b) into the perseverance of the Anointed One.

⁶(4) So then we instruct you, brothers, in {the} name of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, that you should keep yourselves away from every brother who walks haphazardly and not in agreement with the oral tradition that you received from us.

(2 Thessalonians 3:3–6) —HSSB

The key word in that last verse is *brother*. If one wants to go on believing they have born again (a “brother”) when you can see they haven’t, what Paul says applies.

Editor: *There is a new reader who has joined us and has questions about several things. This is what she says:*

“I’ve been reading your material and it is awesome. I have been enlightened. I want to thank you all for your hard work. Thank you for your material. Can you help with a few things I have been wondering about? Since I am fairly new to reading your material, it may be that you have discussed it before and that I haven’t gotten to reading it yet.

1. Who are the 144,000 Revelation 7 talks about? In verse 3, they get sealed prior to the four angels harming

the earth, the sea, and the trees, so that they are protected. These seem to survive the tribulation and are protected from the wrath of God. I have always wondered who they are.

2. Can you explain who those were that were resurrected right after Christ was resurrected; those who came up out of their tombs in Matt. 27:52–53? The scriptures don’t seem to go much into detail of what happened to them after that, except that they entered the holy city and appeared to many. I have always wondered about that passage. Are these the Old Testament saints who believed in Jesus Christ? Is this a resurrection that occurred? And then there will be another resurrection, called the first resurrection, at His 2nd coming and then there will be yet another at the great white throne judgment following the millennium where the devil, death and Hades are to be thrown into the lake of fire? Then, the new Heaven and earth ... an eighth day? Is this what you get, that one happened at His death and resurrection, another will at his 2nd coming, and then there will be another at the great white throne judgment?

3. When I read Zechariah 8, I keep getting that God finds favor with the Jews again, but it is when they finally call out to Him right before His 2nd coming, so that a remnant of Jews also is saved through faith in Him and not based on the Mosaic law whereby the others were cut off. It is because He hears their call when they are surrounded on the mountain that Jesus returns so that not all the Jews will be totally wiped out. These seem to be in addition to the Gentiles who are grafted in and already know and believe in Him. I was hoping you could confirm this? I’ve provided some scriptures so you see what I mean:

¹¹“But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,” declares the LORD of hosts. ¹²For {there will be} peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these {things}. ¹³And it will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong.’ ¹⁴For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Just as I purposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and I have not relented,’ ¹⁵so I have again

purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear!"
(Zechariah 8:11-15) —NASB

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'"
(Zechariah 8:23) —NASB

"And I shall strengthen the house of Judah,
And I shall save the house of Joseph,
And I shall bring them back,
Because I have had compassion on them;
And they will be as though
I had not rejected them,
For I am the LORD their God,
and I will answer them."
(Zechariah 10:6) —NASB

What about the following:

"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born."
(Zechariah 12:10) —NASB

"In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity."
(Zechariah 13:1) —NASB

"And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds between your arms?' Then he will say, '{Those} with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'"
(Zechariah 13:6) —NASB

"They will call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say, 'They are My people,'
And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"
(Zechariah 13:9b) —NASB

"From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept {them}. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'"
(Malachi 3:7) —NASB

²³And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural {branches} be grafted into their own olive tree?
²⁵For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in; ²⁶and thus all Israel will be saved.
(Romans 11:23-26a) —NASB

¹⁸Then the LORD will be zealous for His land,
And will have pity on His people.

¹⁹And the LORD will answer
and say to His people,
"Behold, I am going to send you grain,
new wine, and oil,
And you will be satisfied {in full} with them;
And I will never again make you a reproach
among the nations."
(Joel 2:18-19) —NASB

Do you see why I am inquiring about this? I provided the scriptures to show you what I mean. I clearly see how the Gentiles who believe have been grafted in. Gentiles who believe don't need to see his scars like it talks about in Zechariah Chapters 12 and 13. The Jews would. So, is it possible that a group of Jews will also be saved because of their new belief in Jesus Christ too, which will occur as a result of the tribulation at the time of His 2nd coming?

4. The scriptures discuss that in the end time, people will dream dreams and will prophesy especially in the last days. With the great apostasy, even in the church's loss of the truth, how will one be able to be permitted to prophesy? What I mean is, do you need it imparted with the laying on of hands to pass on the gift from one who has the authority to pass it on and if there are no prophets today (except Enoch and Elijah), how will this be accomplished especially if the churches have lost the teaching as

well? The scripture I am referring to about the prophesying is Joel 2:28–29.

I agree that the church has lost the teaching and I question their authority because of the loss of the teaching. The reason I am asking is this: If God is going to have people prophesy in the manner it says in Joel, is there a requirement that a person has to join a church to obtain a covering under a pastor for God to accomplish this, especially prior to the Day of the Lord as it approaches? Does the Lord need someone to join a church to have a covering? I make a good example. I am single. I am unmarried. I have no husband for my covering. I do not belong to any particular church. I am being told to join a church to obtain a covering. I would so much appreciate your input on this.

5. Now I have a serious issue to ask of you. I do not like it when someone misrepresents someone, because of a lack of understanding or a lack of insight on their part. I need your help in this. If I have misunderstood, please help me to understand. I too am desperately seeking the truth and there is no intention to criticize. No disrespect is intended here, but to clear up a matter. Here we go. I was told you teach that God instituted polygamy. As I am new to your material, I do not think you teach that in the way this person implied it. I think it is a misunderstanding on their part of not understanding what you teach. I said God gave Adam one wife from his one rib, Eve, not many wives. This was before the fall. Everything after the fall is a result of sin, and mankind is outside of the will of God in what he does. Then, the next day or so, I happened to run across a story in [The] Ante Nicene Fathers from Justin the Martyr who blatantly spoke against polygamy. He indicated that the story of Jacob and Leah and Rachel was being misunderstood as it was being used to endorse polygamy. Jacob wanted to marry Rachel, but was tricked into marrying Leah by Laban, her father. He wasn't after two wives. He was after only one. It is parabolic in nature. That was what it was meant for. Jacob represents Israel who represents Jesus Christ. Leah, the first, who can't see (is blind) represents the Jews. Rachel, the second born, represents the Gentiles. Jacob does not want the one who is blind and can't see. There is more, but I am keeping it simple. I don't think that story was meant to endorse that men, or any men, could now marry as many wives as they wanted because of what happened to Jacob (especially if their current spouse has the ability to have children). I told him about Justin the Martyr and the story I had found. To back up his statement, this person indicated that I should read

the VOE **Updates**, that they question the accuracy of Justin the Martyr's writings. ... I, unfortunately, do not have your VOE **Updates** and hope I can get them soon so I can read them for myself to see what it was he was trying to say. ... I very much am looking forward to your reply."

Will you answer some or all of her questions?

Elijah: I will answer the questions as best I can:

Question 1: The Scriptures do not say, so I have no idea.

Question 2: The Scriptures do not say, so I have no idea.

Question 3: Most of what this person believes regarding a "remnant" of the Jews being saved at the End of the Age is based on the Dispensational understanding of the identity of "The House" of Judah and "The House" of Israel. Since I have explained those things at various times over the past three decades and there is not enough space to do the same thing here, I demur to answer the question. Suffice it to say, the Jews continued to be members of "The House" of Judah until everyone but Jesus Christ was "cut off from" Corporate Israel and became Gentiles in the same way that the members of "The House" of Israel became Gentile in 722 B.C. That bit of information makes a huge difference in how you understand the passage the reader quoted from Romans 11, provided you can accept it.

Question 4: The teaching that an unmarried woman needs to join a local church to be "covered" is sheer nonsense. The sole purpose of that lie is to induce unmarried women to sit under the teaching of a pulpit parrot who has no insight at all into the Truth of the Scriptures. Where prophesying is concerned, I'll leave that up to the Lord to say.

Question 5: As far as polygamy is concerned, I have never believed God instituted the practice. As far as I can tell, polygamy is a lot like the practice of slavery: God accepted it because it was not His primary concern. In that same vein, however, I have taught that polygamy defines the term translated "adultery" in the Ten Commandments because adultery at that time was determined by the "one-flesh" status of the woman rather than that of the man. But yes, those who do not understand what I teach will always misconstrue it. ■

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also quicken your mortal bodies.” And therefore in reference to it he says, in the first [Epistle] to the Corinthians: “So also is the resurrection of the dead: it is sown in corruption, it rises in incorruption.” For he declares, “That which thou sowest cannot be quickened, unless first it die.”

2. But what is that which, like a grain of wheat, is sown in the earth and decays, unless it be the bodies which are laid in the earth, into which seeds are also cast? And for this reason he said, “It is sown in dishonour, it rises in glory.” For what is more ignoble than dead flesh? Or, on the other hand, what is more glorious than the same when it arises and partakes of incorruption?

“It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power:” in its own weakness certainly, because since it is earth it goes to earth; but [it is quickened] by the power of God, who raises it from the dead.

“It is sown an animal body, it rises a spiritual body.” He has taught, beyond all doubt, that such language was not used by him, either with reference to the soul or to the spirit, but to bodies that have become corpses. For these are animal bodies, that is, [bodies] which partake of life, which when they have lost, they succumb to death; then, rising through the Spirit’s instrumentality, they become spiritual bodies, so that by the Spirit they possess a perpetual life.

“For now,” he says, “we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but then face to face.” And this it is which has been said also by Peter: “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom now also, not seeing, ye believe; and believing, ye shall rejoice with joy unspeakable.” For our face shall see the face of the Lord, and shall rejoice with joy unspeakable,—that is to say, when it shall behold its own Delight.

Irenæus, “Against Heresies,” in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1867), Vol. 1, pp. 532–533.

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