

WHO ARE WE?

Group Name: We have no official name--nor do we want one--however we provide the following: INTERDEPENDENT-INTERACTIVE, CHURCH OF GOD, SABBATH SERVICES, BIBLE STUDIES, AND OPEN FELLOWSHIP.

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Leadership Body: Christ the Head of God's Church, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 5:23, and I Corinthians 11:3. Local contact persons are Darwin or Laura Lee.

Purpose: To provide Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services and Bible Studies to all of God's People, including those who are not welcome to visit or attend other groups due to having been suspended or disfellowshipped, as well as those who want a place to attend weekly, those who are just visiting our area, and anyone else who is interested in God's way of living. We also have open fellowship here, meaning that you are welcome to come visit with us during our open fellowship times even if you are not interested in attending our Sabbath Services or Bible Studies.

History: We held our first Bible Study here on June 30, 2000 and our first Sabbath Service was held on December 16, 2000.

Affiliation/Membership: Our Affiliation is with God our Father and His Son Jesus the Christ. Our membership includes *all* of God's people, no matter where they are.

Distinctive Doctrines: John 13:34-35

Use Sacred Names?: Since salvation is between God and each individual (Philippians 2:12), so the use of sacred names would be between each individual person and God.

Observe Holy Days?: We believe that God commands us to keep the Weekly Sabbath as well as Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day, however, we also believe there is much controversy out there in understanding if certain ones should or shouldn't be kept, how to keep them and when to keep them. So with this in mind, we will try to the best of our ability to accommodate these differences, believing and having faith that someday through God's Holy Spirit, we will all be brought into the same understanding on this subject. Until then let's follow John 13:34-35.

Evangelistic Efforts: We provide a service to God's People no matter where they are to the best of our ability. This service includes Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services, Bible Studies and Open Fellowship. We also welcome live speakers for interactive, and special music, on a volunteer only basis.

Periodicals: We have a newsletter, which we publish every 2 months.

Literature: We distribute some literature besides the distribution of newsletters to the best of our ability.

Parent Group: The greater Church of God--The Ekklesia. Language: English

Other Language: None Country: USA

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Directions To Meeting: 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota, located at the corner of Rosser Avenue and Griffin Street, with plenty of side street parking.

Time of Meeting: Usually 1:00 PM, but may vary.

SABBATH SERVICES--Every Saturday unless stated other wise on page 2. We generally do a phone hookup, video tape, or cassette tape, service with various speakers. If you have a video or audio tape you think we should hear, please send it.

We also welcome live speakers, and special music, by others on a volunteer basis. Please ask us about hosting.

Sabbath Schedule is as follows:

12:00 Noon--Open Fellowship
(Door Open, Come In)
1:00 PM----Sabbath Services
3:00 PM----Open Fellowship

BIBLE STUDIES--We have Bible Studies approximately every 6 weeks. We have a Pot Luck Meal before we start our Bible Studies, so please bring food if you would like to participate in the fellowship, which goes with a meal.

Bible Study Schedule is as follows:

6:30 PM----Open Fellowship
(Door Open, Come In)
7:00 PM----Pot Luck Meal
(Bring Food)
8:00 PM----Bible Study
9:00 PM----Open Fellowship

Bible Study Dates are as follows:

Friday, March 18, 2005
Friday, April 29, 2005
Friday, June 10, 2005

GUEST ROOM--If you are from out of town and are here to attend Sabbath Services or one of our Bible Studies, we do have a guest room. Please call ahead so we know when you will be arriving. (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

LOCATION--Sabbath Services and Bible Studies are held at the home of Darwin & Laura Lee, located at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota. Please use the upper back door by the garage. Phone Number (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE--The deadline for submitting articles and letters for possible inclusion in our May/June 2005 Newsletter is April 15, 2005. Thank You. Laura Lee (Editor)

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NOTICE: We do not necessarily agree with everything printed in this newsletter. If you do not agree with items printed within this newsletter, we expect to hear from you. Remember iron sharpens iron. Darwin & Laura Lee

SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

- February 19, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #63--The Identity of the True Church (Part 37) Ezek. 48-recap of 12 tribes' land division; Obadiah-destruction of Edom/Babylon, redemption of Jacob; Micah 2-Israel's remnant regathered; Micah 4-God/Israel teach nations God's Torah.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #64--The Identity of the True Church (Part 38) Micah 5-Israel's Redeemer returns to His church, restoration of God's Kingdom; Micah 7-Israel's moral corruption, punishment, repentance, deliverance; Nahum 1:15-Gospel (good tidings) to Israel; Hab. 2:14-all nations know God's Law; Zeph. 3-Jerusalem's sins, redemption, pure language, return of King.
- February 26, 2005---DVD Kent Hovind--Dangers of Evolution
- March 5, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #65--The Identity of the True Church (Part 39) Haggai 2:6-9-Last shake up of nations. New Temple; Zech. 1-Israel's King returns; Zech. 4:8-9-Christ/YHVH sent by God; Zech. 6:12-15-"Branch" will build His church. He is King/Priest; Zech. 8-restoration of Jerusalem/Israel, Gentiles come to Zion; Zech. 9-Israel's King comes twice.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #66--The Identity of the True Church (Part 40) Zech. 11:14-17-Messiah returns to Zion; Zech. 10:1-2-deliverance of Judah/Joseph-Israel; Zech. 12:1-end-deliverance of Judah, Jerusalem accepts Christ; Zech. 13-false spiritual shepherds exposed, Christ smitten, final refining of Israel and deliverance.
- March 12, 2005---DVD Kent Hovind--Hovind's Theory
- March 19, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #67--The Identity of the True Church (Part 41) Zech. 14-final captivity of Judah, God returns to Zion, final destruction of "Babylon"/Beast armies, all nations obey God's law; Jer. 50-reunion of Judah/Israel in captivity, journey of all the house of Israel back to old homeland.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #68--The Identity of the True Church (Part 42) Mal. 1-God's attitude toward Israel/Edom; Mal. 3-God sends His Son-Messenger of Covenant, purification of Levi; Mal. 4-Lake of Fire, reward of righteous, return to Moses' Law; Mat. 2-King of the Jews born, Shepherd of Israel; Mat. 3-John's baptism of repentance; Mat. 4:12-Jesus' ministry.
- March 26, 2005---DVD Kent Hovind--Q & A
- April 2, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #69--The Identity of the True Church (Part 43) Mat. 4:17-Jesus' ministry in Galilee to His own; Mat. 5-7-Sermon on the Mount magnifies Sinai's teaching; Mat. 8-Centurion's faith exceeds that of Israel; Mat. 10, 12-apostle's/church's commission to Israel.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #70-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 44) Mat. 10-two millenniums commission to Israel; Mat. 12:15-21-The Father exalts His Son; Mat. 13-temporary blindness of Israel and consequences; Mat. 15-unacceptable worship; Mat. 16:21-28-Christ comes for lost sheep of Israel; Mat. 16:18-doctrine of binding/loosing.
- April 9, 2005---Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- April 16, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #70-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 44) Mat. 10-two millenniums commission to Israel; Mat. 12:15-21 - The Father exalts His Son; Mat. 13-temporary blindness of Israel and consequences; Mat. 15-unacceptable worship; Mat. 16:21-28 - Christ comes for lost sheep of Israel; Mat. 16:18 - doctrine of binding/loosing.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #71-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 45) Mat. 16:18-binding/loosing authority; Mat. 16:27-28 - coming of Kingdom of Israel; Mat. 17:1-transfiguration/deity of Christ; Mat. 18:10-13 - Christ came for lost sheep of Israel; Mat. 19:16-30 - obedience to Law as condition for Kingdom, 12 disciples to rule Israel.
- April 23, 2005---Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- April 24, 2005---Passover (Night Before at the Lee's)/First Day of Unleavened Bread (Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up)
- April 30, 2005---Last Day of Unleavened Bread---Video Presentation "The Exodus Revealed"
- May 7, 2005---Teaching the Law--Lesson #72-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 46) Mat. 21:33-45 - Parable of vineyard (Isa. 5); Mat. 24-Future of Israel since Christ to His return, punishment and deliverance; Mark 1 - Tidings of God's Church, Israel; Mark 2:1-22 - Message of Kingdom to bride, Israel.
Teaching the Law--Lesson #73-- The Identity of the True Church (Part 47) The Oral Law; Mark 12:18-34 - Nature of those to be resurrected, Nature of two great commandments and Godhood; Mark 13:5-6/Ezek. 20:33-38 - False Prophets' fate.
- May 14, 2005---Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: April 15, 2005. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

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archeology-exchange-darwin-laura@earthlink.net For the exchange of Archeological Information.

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSER:

We do not charge for the services that we provide to the brethren. We also do not take any wages from the gift donations we are sent. The services we provide do however cost us money. From 2001 to 2003 our total balance left owing for expenses for services provided was **-\$5434.36**.

Donations for 2004 total **+\$1775.00**. Expenses for 2004 are as follows: Postage **-\$943.62**, Telephone **-\$124.99**, Internet Services **-\$293.60**, Printing Charges **-\$349.64**, Local Services **-\$156.65** and Research Materials **-\$146.42**. Total balance for 2004 is: **-\$239.92**.

Donations for 2005 total **+\$195.00**. Expenses for 2005 are as follows: Postage **-\$218.76**, Telephone **-\$8.55**, Internet Services **-\$15.92**, Printing Charges **-\$71.16**, Local Services **-\$7.93** and Research Materials **-\$0.00**. Total balance for 2005 is: **-\$127.32**.

If you need a year end receipt, please request one. We truly appreciate the help we receive in helping others. Please make all checks out to Darwin and/or Laura Lee. Thank you Darwin & Laura Lee.

PASSOVER & DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

We will observe Passover here at 320 N. Griffin St., on the evening of Saturday April 23, 2005, at Sunset. We will serve a meal. Because we are serving a meal, we do need to know ahead of time whether you are coming or not, because we will need for anyone who attends to also supply some of the food which is served and we need to know so we can have enough tables and chairs set up for those in attendance. Please bring your own tub and towel if you plan to participate in the foot washing observance. The next day, Sunday April 24, 2005, on the First Day of Unleavened Bread, we will have services at 1:00PM. The door will be open at 12:00 noon for fellowship. At 5:00PM for anyone who would like to join us, we will meet for a meal and fellowship at the "Perkins Family Restaurant (Expressway Ave.)" in Bismarck. On Saturday, April 30, 2005, the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, we will have services at 1:00PM. The door will be open at 12:00 noon for fellowship. At 5:00PM for anyone who would like to join us, we will meet for a meal and fellowship at the "Bonanza Family Restaurant" in Mandan. We realize that not all people will be observing Passover or the Days of Unleavened Bread on the same days, so with this in mind, if you need a place to observe these days differently than we do, please contact us and if we can help you in anyway, we certainly will try.

Celebration of Dance

March 4th and 5th, 2005

Are you searching for another meaningful way to praise our Creator?

We are planning a fun and educational weekend of Hebrew Folk Dancing. Learn to celebrate in joyous dancing.

Learn also how dancing can be an emotional expression of worship, completing our connection to God.

Find out what the Bible has to say about dance:

Have you ever wondered about the dancing that Miriam led the women of Israel in after God led them safely through the Red Sea?

Consider David, ancient King of Israel.

He danced before God when the Ark of the Covenant was returned to Jerusalem.

We can dance today too and greatly enhance our worship of God.

Find out more information at: www.thinkgod.org

AD --- Go to: <http://darwinlauralee.150m.com> under "Links" to find Don & Peggy Wales Web Site. This **AD** is posted as a courtesy and does not necessarily mean that we are in agreement with the views of Don & Peggy Wales. Darwin & Laura Lee

INFORMATION SECTION

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STANDING OVATION!

by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

I still have goose bumps after talking to Washington Times columnist John McCaslin! I just got off the phone with him and he informed me that I received a **standing ovation** yesterday after he read before the **Israel Project Conference** in the Capitol Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C. my lead website article: "*Never Again!*"

The conference included director Jennifer Laszlo-Mizrachi and 150 top Jewish leaders, besides journalists like Clarence Paige and others! Mr. McCaslin said many nations were represented there and many asked about my website and book and that he plans on putting a plug in for it in his column tomorrow that appears in The Washington Times and The Chicago Tribune.

God will continue to open many other doors to make sure *Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall* becomes a national debate and an international controversy, because Germany is preparing for **WAR!** We've got to get the Word out! And I'm doing all I can to help!

Columnist John McCaslin deserves a **standing ovation** for his efforts to bless Israel!

THE END

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BANNED AT CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA SCHOOL

by Jeffrey Caldwell
Cupertino, California

This story is unfolding in my town. Hard to say from it what sort of agenda either party in the lawsuit may have. I can say that as early as forty years ago elements in the schools in this area were already opposed to the very mention of God in the classroom.

"History is written by the victors" - the elements of secularism, increasingly "taking over" our society, are re-writing it all to suit their ends -- whether the distorted Hollywood versions of the Scopes trial, distorted views of the "acceptance" by

geologists in the 19th century that the earth is very ancient, or an incredible distortion of early American history, as if Christianity played no part, when, in fact, it was paramount.

We've come a long way since, several decades ago, the New Testament was commonly used as an elementary school book!

THE END

PHASED DESTRUCTION

Sent by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

American author **David Ben-Ariel** tells this column that he will soon release "*Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall*," describing the book as "staunchly pro-Israel/American."

As a result, he predicts, the book's subject matter "will become a national debate and an international controversy."

Not surprising. Mr. Ben-Ariel of late has referred to the "mindless mantra that mesmerizes fools for peace at any price and rings hollow because the Jews are going again, slowly but surely, through the lying peace process of phased destruction."

"The only ones (thank God for the precious few) who are making any fuss about it, dragging their heels rather than go like sheep to the slaughter, are roundly condemned by their own leaders and American administrations and worthless world opinion as 'enemies of peace,' 'obstacles to peace,' and other name brands because they don't want to 'rest in peace' but live and prosper."

Inside the Beltway

By John McCaslin

<http://www.washtimes.com/national/inbeltway.htm>

THE END

TEMPLE MOUNT WORK

by Jeffrey Caldwell
Cupertino, California

Western Wall Hill - Out; Temple Period Finds - In -- from Inside Israel

Jerusalem city engineers will take down the hill jutting out from the Western Wall, replacing it with a bridge.

Archaeologists expect to find treasures, such as a tall gate from the Second Temple.

The Jerusalem Municipality has decided to take down the hill that leads up from the Western Wall (Kotel) entrance to the Temple Mount, for fear that it might otherwise collapse. The walkway up the hill leads to the Mughrabim Gate, which is currently the only entrance for Jews to the Temple Mount. The city plans to replace the hill with a bridge that will lead into the Mughrabim Gate.

The plans are a bonanza for students of Jerusalem history, as the removal of the hill will uncover an eight-meter high gate leading into the Temple Mount. The gate, dating from the period of the Second Temple, is known as Barclay's Gate, after the 19th-century American consul who first identified it.

In addition, archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar told Arutz-7 today, "it's not every day that we get to excavate so close to the Western Wall. We expect to find, as we did in other excavations nearby, the Roman street alongside the Temple Mount structure, and many other treasures." She said that Barclay's Gate descends several meters below the current street level of the Western Wall plaza. "Today, only the top of its lintel can be seen [from the women's section]. It is very beautiful, and when it is uncovered it will be one of the most beautiful scenes in the Old City."

The hill in question, located to the right of the women's section when facing the Wall, is an ancient one, comprising several layers of old buildings. Dr. Mazar said that some of them may be as old as the Mamluke Period, some 700 years ago, but under them are remnants from the Second Temple Period, 2,000 years ago. "I assume that they will study these structures, and document whatever needs to be learned, but in the end, the real find lies behind them. I assume, therefore, that the authorities will remove whatever now forms the hill, so that the full glory of the Wall and the Gate can be seen... It should be a matter of months."

The entire area that is currently the Western Wall plaza was filled with low buildings from when Israel liberated the area during the Six Day War of June 1967, and was later cleared away -- except for the area on which lies the walkway-hill leading to the Mughrabim Gate.

City engineers fear that the collapse of the hill that began last winter could continue this year, leading to a total collapse. Part of

the women's section of the Western Wall plaza is already closed off for fear that worshipers below may be injured by falling rocks and earth, or by a major cave-in. The collapse began last year following a week of heavy rains, a snowstorm and an earthquake.

The Western Wall Heritage Foundation launched a new website last night, providing historical information on the Western Wall and real-time photos thereof. The site's English version is scheduled to be ready on January 20. It provides historical background, Jewish sources, historic photos, Bar/Bat Mitzvah options, a virtual "tour" of the entire length of the Western Wall – only a small portion of which is familiar to the public at large – and educational programs, all using impressive and attractive technology.

The site also features three different real-time video views [clickable on the right side of the screen] of the goings-on at the Kotel. One camera is a wide-angle view of the entire plaza, while another one zeroes in on the prayer area. A third camera shows the Wilson's Arch area, to the left of the men's section.

THE END**

PROJECT ISRAEL
by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

Everybody in God's Church is *waiting* for the Two Witnesses to appear. The *anticipation* builds! We all know those two men will **ROAR FROM JERUSALEM!** (Joel 2:1, Amos 1:2, 3:8, Zech. 12:8). Yet Jerusalem is so *foreign* to too many today! Our hearts and minds are too far removed from the Holy Land, set apart for a special purpose no other land or city can honestly claim, separated by time and space.

However, we ought to *deeply feel* for our Promised Land and love it, and know the love relationship God, Torah, Israel and the Land are to *share!* (Ps. 102:13-14). We should not be so estranged from the Promised Land and distant from our Jewish brethren. We should learn to think like God on this holy subject, like we should on everything else. Which of the prophets or righteous kings weren't strongly patriotic? Weren't ethnocentric? They were all religious nationalists!

I find it most interesting that **GOD** has blessed me to write *Beyond Babylon*, is getting it published, and publicized, without one cent from "the Church" - and I'm "dirt poor." Too many groups and organizations have squandered what God has given them to do their own thing, their own Work that's

already been done! And, appropriately, God has started out *THIS* Work of warning with a Big Bang, a *new* creation, a *Mideast commission*, ANNOUNCED at the **ISRAEL PROJECT** conference in Washington, D.C. *before* the Jewish leaders! (Acts 7:25, 35). They gave it a **standing ovation!** That ought to say plenty in itself! I doubt they realized the *significance* of what was taking place, but *they'll know* before it's all over. It's our responsibility to see to that!

John McCaslin, of the Washington Times, broke the ice, led the way, in bringing *Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall* to folks across America by his syndicated column! He was confirming what began at the **ISRAEL PROJECT**. This is so thrilling, and *bittersweet*, because it means we're that much *closer* to the Time of Jacob's Trouble! (Ezek. 3:3, 33:30).

This is something that has *never* been done since the early Church, and something Mr. Armstrong left *undone*, but *saw* it needed to be done and wrote about it in his autobiography: reach the "**CITIES OF JUDAH!**" (Isa. 40:9). Do you share *his* God-given VISION? It hasn't been fulfilled yet! But it's *time* for some to **RISE AND SHINE** to this occasion! (Ps. 102:13).

When we warn Judah, *all* Israel will hear, and the whole world will listen. We have God's written guarantee!

Hosanna in the Highest (Ps. 118:25).

THE END**

LEGAL FILING IN WILLIAMS VS. VIDMAR ET AL
by Jeffrey Caldwell
Cupertino, California

Below is a link to the actual filing paper for the case of the fifth grade teacher in Cupertino suing because he feels his rights are being infringed by the school authorities. I found reading it more informative than reading opinions about the case emanating from this very liberal community. He claims that even "excerpts from the Declaration of Independence" were disallowed. Having been a student in this district over forty years ago, that would not surprise me -- my impression then was that the ruling against school prayer found a very welcome home here.

The secular humanists who hold sway over education in this country hate Christianity and would rather that children not learn the truth about the beliefs of the founding fathers that led to our unique form of government, especially *their* beliefs about human rights, which are very different from those of humanist persuasion.

I happened to discover a Web site that posts legal papers for cases that make the news; a legally-oriented friend of mine sent me the URL for the papers for the latest case against the Governor. I found reading the legal documents more informative than opinions expressed about the case.

<http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/1124041declar1.html>

THE END**

BUILD THE TEMPLE!
by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio

The Jews have prayed for 2,000 years to see *again* the Temple upon the *Temple* Mount. It's past time for prayers alone: **ACTION** is necessary to put faith into practice!

Let the Muslims submit to the Word and Will of God concerning the *Temple* Mount. It's sole purpose is to House the Temple of the God of Jacob-Israel, that all nations may come to know, love and obey **the God of Abraham**. May they agree the Rock of Abraham has been preserved by the "Dome of the Rock," and that it was created for the Jews to continue their worship upon the site of Israel's Temple. It has served its purpose and now it's past time to **restore spiritual sovereignty to the Jews upon the Temple Mount** that they may build the House of Prayer for all peoples to come and worship. May the Jewish leaders repent of their woeful neglect of the Temple Mount and end Jerusalem's abomination of desolation - a Temple Mount *without* a Temple!

May the Pope encourage Judah to obey God and build His Royal House, His Heavenly Embassy, in the noble spirit of King Cyrus, and **restore the Temple treasures to Jerusalem**. May the Vatican *release the silver, release the gold*, that Rome stole from Jerusalem! May they immediately return the Menorah to stand again where it belongs: upon the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, within the Temple! The Vatican chambers will have served their purpose of protecting and preserving such consecrated items for *this* time.

Let construction begin and may all nations and men seek and find the Great Creator God of the Bible, the God of Israel, and learn of His Word and ways and be blessed!

THE END**

**PELEG -- "IN HIS TIME THE
EARTH WAS DIVIDED" --
GENESIS 10:25**

**by Jeffrey Caldwell
Cupertino, California**

I'm excited by the "Viewpoint" article in the latest issue of *Technical Journal* -- Volume 18, No. 3, 2004.

"Post-glacial flooding of coastal margins within the biblical timeframe of Peleg" by Andrew Sibley, pp. 96-103. Sibley is a weather forecaster and environmental scientist in the UK.

Geological and meteorological knowledge is increasing. The Ice Age was a logical perturbation of Earth's climate after the Deluge as explained by Michael Oard's **An Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood**, 1990 -- which cogently and plausibly accounts for geologic evidence as it confirms the Biblical account. In 2004 Oard authored **Frozen in Time: The Woolly Mammoth, the Ice Age, and the Bible**, again brilliantly interpreting the evidence -- including much Russian research -- for the death and preservation of a myriad of mammoths and other difficult Ice Age mysteries in the light of the Biblical record. There's also a DVD/video presentation: **"The Mammoth and the Ice Age"**. Meteorologist Larry Vardiman draws the Deluge--Ice Age connection in another DVD: **"Wild, Wild Weather: The Genesis Flood & the Ice Age"**. These items are available from the [Answers-in-Genesis Web site](#).

The current article about Peleg's time represents a new advance. Geology is recently clueing in to evidence that the ice age ended abruptly. Geologic evidence -- "from studies of the English Channel, North Sea, Persian Gulf, South-east Asia and Australian coastal regions" -- shows that during the Ice Age so much water was tied up in massive glaciers on land that sea level fell far *below* today's sea level -- an estimated 60 to 115 meters (about 200 to 375 feet). Thus for a period of time after the Deluge all continents, except Australia, were connected by "land bridges" which are now shallow areas of the seas. These "land bridges" helped animal life disperse from Noah's Ark.

However the Ice Age abruptly ended in Peleg's lifetime. The glaciers suddenly began to melt at a rapid rate causing super floods and sea level "rose rapidly as the ice layers collapsed suddenly, even temporarily ... [to about 9 to 12 feet *above* today's sea level]". Sea level rose worldwide "perhaps

by tens of meters in a matter of weeks or months"! Besides shallow sea basins, many presently low lying valleys and coast lands were inundated. This secondary *Pelegic* flooding is reflected in the archaeological evidence of a gigantic [but not nearly *Deluge*-level] flood that covered ancient Ur with 9 to 12 feet of sediment. This extensive *Pelegic* flooding undoubtedly spurred peoples to "move on" to higher ground. It separated formerly contiguous land areas which are now shallow seas or low lying coast lands and valleys. The Biblical narrative indicates Peleg was born 101 years after the Deluge and died 340 years after the Deluge. This watery division of the Earth in Peleg's lifetime may or may not have coincided with the "confusion of languages" dispersion from Babel, but certainly made for a more "divided" world, ever after.

The name Peleg, signifies "division, water course", as discussed in the article.

Biologists employ the term *pelagic* to life in open waters, especially the ocean.

Editor's Note:

19. These are the generations of Shem; Shem begat Arpachshad and Arpachshad begat Shelach, and Shelach begat Eber and to Eber were born two children, the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the sons of men were divided, and in the latter days, the earth was divided. Book of Jasher 7:19

1. And Peleg the son of Eber died in those days, in the forty-eighth year of the life of Abram son of Terah, and all the days of Peleg were two hundred and thirty-nine years.
2. And when the Lord had scattered the sons of men on account of their sin at the tower, behold they spread forth into many divisions, and all the sons of men were dispersed into the four corners of the earth.
3. And all the families became each according to its language, its land, or its city. Book of Jasher 10:1-3

THE END**

**DETAINED & DEPORTED FROM
ISRAEL**

**by David Ben-Ariel
Toledo, Ohio**

Nobody arrested me. I was DETAINED when I faithfully reported to the police office at 9 a.m. Monday morning, January 9, 1996 (day before my birthday) the day after The Jerusalem Post published on their front page an article shedding light on what they

were doing in the dark. After my initial interrogation of six and one half hours, the Thursday before, I reported, as demanded, to the police station Friday morning, Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and then Monday morning the fellow who had actually been nice to me, he said his name was Moshe, was ordered to serve me a deportation order. He expected me to sign it and, APPALLED, I purposely dropped the accursed paper from my hands and let it fall to the floor where it belonged! I refused to sign it.

They put me in that dungeon called the Russian Compound, built hundreds of years ago by the Turks, and which has since been toured by Israeli parliament members saying it should be torn down! I was in a cell made for 10 and at one time we had 21 people in it, with mats lying all over the floor and bed bugs crushed on the walls and everyone but me (by the grace of God) had welts on them from their bites!

We had one "bathroom" for all of us in that cell: it was a literal hole in the floor, and the shower pipe (no showerhead) was just over that hole, and a filthy sink, and everyone had to practically beg for toilet paper. I was there for over two weeks before being deported, after being brought before the Jerusalem magistrate (who refused to release me, being represented by famous Israeli lawyer Naftali Warzberger), and later before Israel's High Court who agreed there was no reason I shouldn't have been set free, that there was no risk of flight, but now they were just going to deport me since my citizenship request was denied.

The Temple Mount Faithful paid for all my legal expenses, recognizing the whole ordeal was politico-religious persecution against all of us, yet the Leftists targeted little ol' me!

Is it a crime to have an abiding love for Israel? To believe what's written in the Law and the Prophets concerning the Temple and our responsibility to construct it? To mourn that it hasn't been done yet? As the Jerusalem Talmud states: "every generation in which the Temple has not been built is as if the Temple were destroyed in it..." Isn't Israel's state emblem a gold menorah in between two gold olive branches?

Must I remain in exile, banished from the Land I love, because my hope, prayer, and dream is for Israel to fulfill what that symbol represents: the Temple and Israel's destiny to become a Light to all nations?

THE END**

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QUESTIONS SECTION

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QUESTION #28

Please explain speaking in tongues?

In Acts 2:1-3, we see, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

In his audiotape "Pentecost," Ron Dart of Christian Educational Ministries in 1992 described the environment. He said this was like, "the sound of a tornado in the room, with shimmering stuff like a fire descending on everyone in the room." While I don't know exactly what "cloven tongues like as of fire" looked like, what followed makes it pretty clear that what was HEARD next was something intelligent, and definitely not incoherent muttering, (especially when you refer to I Corinthians 14:33) "...For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace."

15 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

In Acts 2:4, we are told: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Another meaning for the word "tongue" is language. Devout men of every nation were there, we are told, and heard the "sermon" in their own IDENTIFIABLE legitimate language. From Acts 2:9-11, I counted at least 15 different languages being spoken! "Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God."

And it's a pretty good possibility there were other languages that aren't mentioned.

It may have been that the speakers alternated between the languages. If so, this must have gone on all day long. Or maybe the hearing of each person's language took place inside each individual. It would be like having French, Russian, Chinese and Americans and 12 other nationalities in one room, and yet each

person would be able to understand the speakers who knew none of these foreign languages on his own.

However, it occurred, they didn't need a translator: "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man HEARD THEM SPEAK IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how HEAR WE EVERY MAN IN OUR OWN TONGUE, wherein we were born?" (Acts 2:6-8.) And Acts 2:11 repeats that. "...We do HEAR THEM SPEAK IN OUR TONGUES the wonderful works of God."

And that was the point! Conveying "the wonderful works of God," but that can't be done unless people understand the speaker. Speaking in tongues was speaking in languages, at least 15 of them. The "speaking in tongues" practiced in some churches today really trivializes the totally sensible yet astounding miracle that occurred on that first Pentecost in Jerusalem. I wholly recommend this tape from Christian Educational Ministries for a better understanding of "speaking in tongues."

Answered by:
Sandy Kile
Palisade, Minnesota

THE END**

QUESTION #29

Cain killed Abel before the Law of Moses existed. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah before the 10 commandments. But how could God judge people before they know the law?

This is a case of thinking of the reflection of the substance (the reality) as the substance itself. The ten commandments was (and is) a reflection of the way of God. The substance is the way of God itself. The way of God did not start with Moses and the outline of the way (the commandments) was simply a code showing clearly when rebellion stops being the way of God and becomes the way of man. By the same token the way of man did not start with Moses. That way, for the most part, has always been obvious. And the

corruption of that way has, for the most part, always been obvious (Genesis 6:12). The way of God and the way of man started at least as early as the creation of Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis chapter 2 and 3). The King James "knowledge" is from the Hebrew "daath", which also means "discernment" and "perception". The type of discernment imparted by the tree was the implied prerogative of what is correct. Adam and Eve took to themselves the God prerogative of selecting the correct way. This is the way of man. Indirectly this would eventually result in a curse on their son, Cain. Cain took the God prerogative when he presented the wrong sacrifice to God (Genesis 4:3-5). Cain was angry because he thought he had a right to choose what sacrifice to present to God. All of God's way has always been obvious except for the keeping of the Sabbath. And for that reason, the Sabbath was set aside from the beginning (at the creation of Adam and Eve) so there would be no doubt (Genesis 2:2-3). The presenting of the Ten Commandments was not the beginning of the way of God. If was a way of getting the Children of Israel to do by the numbers what should have been intuitive (second nature) to begin with.

Answered by:
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THE END**

QUESTION #30

Is it always a sin to tell a lie or is there ever an example in the Holy Bible that it is not a sin to lie (i.e. bear false witness)?

While the Bible condemns "bearing false witness" and the Bible forbids lying and deceit, there is an example in the Bible where the telling of a "white lie" was approved by God. That example is in Joshua 2 and it involves the harlot Rahab. She hid the two Israelite spies who had come to Jericho to scout the city's defenses. Jericho's authorities learned of their presence and came to Rahab with questions about them. Rahab told the authorities that the spies had already left the city (verse 5) and urged the authorities

to chase after them. She lied to them because the spies were actually being hidden by Rahab on the roof of her dwelling. Rahab did not tell the city rulers the truth and she knew she had not told the truth. Yet Rahab's "white lie" to save the lives of the Israelite spies is cited in Hebrews 11:31 as an act of faith! So the answer to the question is that on rare occasions, it is not only acceptable but necessary to use a "white lie." Let's try to apply some biblical principles to this case to determine why this lie of Rahab was an acceptable act of faith.

The 9th commandment in Exodus 20 states "thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." In its most literal application, it means a person should not speak falsely as a witness against another person in some kind of judicial proceeding. Being a "witness" against someone was a serious matter, and Deuteronomy 19 gives more detail on the application of this commandment. Deut. 19:15 commands that the testimony of one witness was insufficient to establish guilt in any matter. This makes sense as witnesses could be mistaken or even have a false motive to "frame" someone with false testimony. Two or three witnesses were necessary to establish guilt. Verses 16-20 included instructions that a false witness in an investigated matter was to receive the exact penalty that he/she tried to give to the innocent person who was being "framed." In modern English, the 9th commandment could be understood as "You shall not commit perjury" in its strictest application.

However, the Bible commends truthfulness in many places and we are to conduct our affairs with honesty and fairness in all our actions and deeds. What was the justification for Rahab's lie being commended as an act of faith? The short answer is that her action protected the lives of the innocent from the malicious intent of Jericho's rulers. If she "had told the truth," the Israelite spies would likely have been tortured and/or killed. This example confirms that it is acceptable to lie to evil people to protect the well-being of the innocent. Consider a modern parallel. Let us assume that you are part of a family during World War 2 which hid a family of Jews in a barn to conceal them from the Nazis who wanted to round them up to send them to their deaths at Auschwitz. If the Nazis came to your door and asked about the fleeing Jews' whereabouts, would it be righteous to say (A) the truth (i.e. "They are hiding in the barn") or (B) a lie (i.e. "We have seen no Jews here and have no idea where they are"). While (A) would be the literal "truth," it would be tantamount to murder to tell the truth under those circumstances. To tell the truth under those

circumstances would make you a "partaker in other men's sins" (1 Timothy 5:22). It would make you an accomplice to murder! That was the situation faced by Rahab the harlot. She lied to save the innocent from the guilty! The Bible labels this as an act of faith. Those who lied to the Nazis to save Jews in World War 2 also acted the same way that Rahab did.

However, keep in mind this is an exception. Any attempt to deceive or trick someone else out of their property or money is a lie which violates the laws of God. Any effort utilizing guile to tell a lie or a half-truth to deceive or trick someone is a violation of the law. Certainly any lie told to protect the guilty from the innocent is also a sin! The authorities of Jericho were murderous and wicked sinners who God was about to destroy.

It is not a righteous act to lie to protect malefactors (drug dealers, criminals, thieves, etc.) from the lawful authorities who are trying to protect society. In any society, one should always cooperate with authorities to apprehend evil doers by telling the truth if you have information which could locate or convict those who are harming or preying on society.

Just as the Sabbath commandment has exceptions (i.e. "the ox in the ditch" situations), so does the normal commandment about telling the truth. The biblical episode involving Rahab was an exception to the rule. One can discern an exception by determining whether "telling the truth" would assist evildoers against the innocent. If the answer is in the affirmative, you are facing an exception to the rule. Rahab made the right choice and Hebrews 11:31 praised her for the "white lie" in the situation she faced.

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QUESTION #31
Is God a "trinity" or is He one?

There is one GOD.
"Remember the former things of old: for I [am] GOD, and [there is] none else; [I am] GOD, and [there is] none like me,

declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executes my counsel from a far country: yes, I have spoken [it], I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed [it], I will also do it" (Isaiah 46:9-11).

There is no GOD like the Most High GOD, the individual who possesses heaven and earth (Genesis 14:22). As stated in Isaiah 46, "...there is none like me..."

There is the plant kingdom, there is the animal kingdom, there is the human kingdom, and there is the kingdom of angels. However, the kingdom about which we, as humans, know the least is the God Kingdom (called the Kingdom of God in the New Testament).

There are two individuals in the God kingdom: the Most High GOD who spoke the words of Isaiah 46 - and - Christ.

Christ is God. He is not co-equal with the Most High GOD. The Most High GOD (the Father) is greater than Christ (John 14:28). We have a reconciliation to GOD by the death of his Son and we are saved by his life (Romans 5:10).

The Holy Spirit can co-exist with the spirit in man (Job 32:8) which is a neutral functioning spirit.

The Holy Spirit can work with us or be in us (John 14:17). Generally the Holy Spirit is in a Christian after receiving the laying on of hands (Acts 19:6). This takes place after baptism (verse 5).

The Holy Spirit is not a person. It is the presence (Psalms 51:11, Psalms 139:7) and power (Romans 15:19, Micah 3:8) of GOD, which establishes a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). The Holy Spirit seals us for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30). Although the Holy Spirit is a motivating (moving) force (2 Peter 1:21), it does not push. It leads (Romans 8:14).

Symbolically, the Holy Spirit is living water. And each of us who are disciples of Christ should be conduits of that living water (John 7:38).

Although the Father is greater than Christ, Christ said that if you have seen him, you have, in essence, seen the Father (John 14:8-9).

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

So in answer to the question: Is God a trinity? No. The only scripture that would explicitly indicate such a thing is 1 John 5:7, which is a spurious scripture inserted into the Latin Bible centuries after the New Testament canon was complete. Using reverse engineering, it was put into a late
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LETTERS SECTION

**Letter Received:
June 15, 2004**

**Subject: IN REGARD TO: WHAT
IS THE CONDITION OF YOUR
MARRIAGE?**

**by Phillip Frankford
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**This letter is in regard to the article
titled "What is the Condition of Your
Marriage?" by Laura Lee, which
appeared in Issue #21 on page 18. This
letter is continued from Issue #25**

Phillip writes:

Jesus said: NRSV MATTHEW 5:17-48,
"THE LAW"

17. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
18. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.
19. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
20. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
21. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.'
22. But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire.
23. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,
24. leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.
25. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

26. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.
27. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'
28. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
29. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell
30. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.
31. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'
32. But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
33. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.'
34. But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,
35. or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
36. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.
37. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.
38. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
39. But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also;
40. and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well;
41. and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.
42. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.
43. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
44. But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
45. so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.
46. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the

tax collectors do the same?

47. And if you greet only your brothers and sisters what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?
48. Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Laura writes:

31. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:
32. But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, **saving for the cause of fornication**, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Matthew 5:31-32

A bill of divorcement could be given for the cause of fornication. Fornication as described by the Bible is a lifestyle of sin which is against God.

Many Bible versions have changed the word fornication to sexual sin only, however when one does a study of the word fornication one will find it covers a lot more than just sexual sin. In Issues #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, you will find a thorough study of fornication as defined by the Bible.

If a person has been divorced due to a lifestyle of sin such as alcoholism or wife beating and you know this, you would be committing adultery (idolatry or unfaithfulness to God) by marrying that person. The same principle also applies to those who have never been married.

14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Phillip writes:

NRSV MATTHEW 19:1-12, DIVORCE, REMARRIAGE, AND CELIBACY

1. When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
2. Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.
3. Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?"
4. He answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'
5. and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?
6. So they are no longer two, but one

flesh. **Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.**"

7. They said to him, "Why then did Moses command us to give a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her?"
8. He said to them, "**It was because you were so hard-hearted that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.**"
9. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for **unchastity**, and marries another commits adultery."
10. His disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."
11. But he said to them, "Not everyone can accept this teaching, but only those to whom it is given."
12. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can."

Laura writes:

In verse 6, God only joins people together by His law. God does not join people together when one is beating the other one or is out drinking every night in a bar or even getting drunk every night at home. A person who is partaking in a lifestyle of sin purposely is an unbeliever.

Divorce was allowed and written into the law of God, Deut. 24:1-4. It was allowed for the hardness of peoples hearts. If someone has a hard heart they are an unrepentant person, in short, they are an unbeliever.

In verse 9, the word unchastity is actually "fornication", which again is defined by scripture as a lifestyle of sin.

In verse 12, it is important to know that God didn't command anyone to be a eunuch. In Strong's #2135, a couple of the definitions of a eunuch are an impotent or unmarried man. Castration is not the only definition of a eunuch.

12. For there are **some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb:** and there are **some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men:** and **there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake.** He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. Matthew 19:12

Verse 12 states that some eunuchs were born this way. This could be due to a birth defect or some sort of illness either of the baby or the mother. It could even be caused from medication the mother took during pregnancy.

The next one states that some men

and women are made eunuchs by men. This would be an act of men and not of God as it states it that way. Men may castrate a man literally. The man may be rendered impotent by any number of man made environmental factors or a man or woman may be forbidden to marry and have sex as the Catholic Church does in the case of Priests and Nuns.

The third one is that a man or a woman makes themselves a eunuch for religious purposes. In other words they do not marry so they can better study and follow their religion, what ever that may be.

Again, there is no command from God in verse 12, for anyone to remain unmarried for any purpose and none of what is listed in verse 12 has anything to do with not being able to remarry after a divorce.

Phillip writes:

NRSV MARK 10:1-12, THE PERMANENCE OF MARRIAGE

1. He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.
2. Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"
3. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?"
4. They said, "**Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.**"
5. But Jesus said to them, "**Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.**"
6. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'
7. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife
8. and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh.
9. Therefore **what God has joined together, let no one separate.**"
10. Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.
11. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;
12. and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Laura writes:

I already answered this one, see the answer earlier in this letter.

Phillip writes:

Paul said: NRSV 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-14 DIRECTIONS CONCERNING MARRIAGE

10. To the married I give this command--not I but the Lord--that the wife should not

separate [leave or divorce] from her husband

11. (but if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife.
12. To the rest I say--I and not the Lord--that if any believer has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her.
13. And if any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.
14. For the unbelieving husband is made holy through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy through her husband. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

Laura writes:

Two believers should not get a divorce, for if they did it would be a sin. If they need to separate for a time, they can but they should stay married and hopefully reconcile at some point.

Paul is saying that if a believer is married to an unbeliever and this marriage is one of peace and they love each other, that they should remain married and I agree.

Again, where the problem comes in, is if one party in the marriage has a lifestyle of sin that they live every day, such as alcoholism, beating women, beating children, or any number of other things which cause total rifts in the relationship, the party living the sinful lifestyle does not wish to live in peace and is clearly breaking the marriage contract as is stated in God's law. The believer may divorce the unbeliever in these cases.

Phillip writes:

NRSV ROMANS 7:1-3 LAW REGARDING MARRIAGE

1. Do you not know, brothers and sisters -- for I am speaking to those who know the law--that **the law is binding on a person only during that person's lifetime?**
2. Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband.
3. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

Laura writes:

A person who is dead sleeps, so they

are unaware of anything. God's law is binding on all people while they are alive, but not all people keep God's law. A believer keeps God's law and an unbeliever does not keep God's law.

14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Phillip writes:

I do not understand how you can write such a teaching in the light of the plain teachings to contradict it. Moses', the prophets, Christ, and Paul are all clearly teaching that marriage is for life -- even when people fail.

Laura writes:

People will make mistakes in marriage, but those who are willfully sinning by their lifestyle have no business being married to a believer and a believer does not have to enable anyone to continue in their sin and if they do they are partaking of the other persons sin.

Phillip writes:

It is clear from all of these sources that your creation of a loophole for divorce is in clear error -- even when the man does not love his wife.

Laura writes:

Divorce is written into the law of God, see Deut. 24:1-4 and a man is clearly commanded by God to love his wife: Ephesians 5:25.

25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

If a man does not love his wife, he is clearly in violation of God's law.

Phillip writes:

Marriage is for LIFE. It is that plain and that simple. The Bible does not teach that there are loopholes and wiggle room for divorce or annulment.

Laura writes:

God meant for marriage to be for life and this is what we should all strive for, however sin entered the world and for the hardness of the heart, divorce was written into the law of God. Deut. 24:1-4.

Phillip writes:

Your writing perverts what YHWH says is his intent. It contradicts the clear teaching of our only real Rabbi. It allows for what people want, something easy and contrary to the way of Life. It is clearly anti Torah and anti-NT.

Laura writes:

You probably don't like what the Bible teaches in regard to marriage and divorce and remarriage, because you want to continue to be the boss in your house and tell or beat people into submission to you and that is not what marriage is all about.

Men have the responsibility to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. This means that you as a husband have a responsibility to your family to keep it void of any kind of violence (sin).

Many men cannot walk as Christ did, or perhaps don't want to. It is easier to use control and slam your fist on the table and say this is how it's going to be, because I am the boss. When men choose to control their families in violence they are moving 100% away from God.

Phillip writes:

Divorce is the opposite of what the Bible teaches. Many husbands and wives look for twisted little loopholes to wiggle through when things get tough and times get uncomfortable. We are given no such loopholes in the Bible.

Laura writes:

Many men look for loopholes to keep from taking any kind of responsibility within a marriage to do it as God's law tells them to do it. Men want to do marriage as they see right in their own eyes and leave God or what he wants right out of the picture.

Phillip writes:

The command is simple and the calling direct. It is too bad for those that want to wiggle out of the sacrament of marriage -- they need to grow-up and start seeking to give to the other party and stop seeking their own way and will.

Laura writes:

My prayer is that you soon grow up and stop seeking your own, but that you instead seek the will of God. Your entire letter shows how much you want to control your own family rather than to love them as God commands. You are protecting your right to control others when you write those things which you have written in this letter.

Phillip writes:

Husbands and wives BOTH need to have their hearts broken before the Almighty. They BOTH need to learn to humble themselves as is their godly duty in service to one another.

Laura writes:

All people should be humble before God. Marriage is according to God's law, all about love and not about breaking some

ones heart. If one of the parties in your marriage has a broken heart due to the marriage it is most likely due to the mistreatment of the broken hearted person by the other party. Broken hearts were never meant to be any part of the marriage contract.

Phillip writes:

Your teaching may likely destroy marriages that can be saved because one or the other spouse feels that they don't GET what is coming to them. One or the other FEELS that they deserve more out of the relationship -- they aren't GETTING their SHARE -- or the OTHER party isn't doing what they are expected to do.

Laura writes:

Treat your wife as Christ treats the Church and you won't ever have to worry about divorce.

Phillip writes:

This is a GET mentality and conceptually in error from the start. This mindset is the "all about me" mindset. It reeks of coveting. Thou shall not covet (see your own way first) -- is one of the Ten Commandments.

Laura writes:

Treat your wife as Christ treats the Church and you won't ever have to worry about divorce.

Phillip writes:

The way out of this dilemma is for the suffering party to start serving the other more so that the mate in error can be won with HOLY CONDUCT without a word.

Laura writes:

There is much evidence and documentation available from abusive relationships which shows that women who are abused do all kinds of things differently to serve the abuser in hopes that he will stop abusing her. Evidence is stacked in favor of the abused that there is nothing good that they can do to please an abuser. The abuser just keeps on finding fault with even the good things in order to give himself an excuse to continue to abuse.

Abused women are always looking at themselves as being at fault for the abuse and bend over backwards to please the abuser. These women generally won't leave the relationship, even when the beatings take them to near death, until the light bulb comes on and they finally realize that there is absolutely nothing they can do to make things better and stop the abuser from abusing.

I advise anyone who is being abused to

get out of the relationship and seek professional help.

Phillip writes:

NRSV 1 PETER 3:1-7 WIVES AND HUSBANDS

1. Wives, in the same way, accept the authority of your husbands, so that, even if some of them do not obey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct,
2. when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.
3. Do not adorn yourselves outwardly by braiding your hair, and by wearing gold ornaments or fine clothing;
4. rather, let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight.
5. It was in this way long ago that the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves by accepting the authority of their husbands.
6. Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham and called him lord. You have become her daughters as long as you do what is good and never let fears alarm you.
7. Husbands, in the same way, show consideration for your wives in your life together, paying honor to the woman as the weaker sex, since they too are also heirs of the gracious gift of life--so that nothing may hinder your prayers.

Laura writes:

There is a cooperative order of things which has nothing to do with controlling others to the point of abuse.

God, Christ, Husband and Wife and again if you rule your family with the same authority as Christ rules the church, then your wife will obey you out of love just as the church obeys Christ out of love.

Phillip writes:

As for your teaching, I would hope that you repent of such a teaching that is so devoid of the Holy Spirit. Start teaching what the Bible really says and stop trying to sell some pseudo-intellectual feminism. To continue to support such a concept would be to disregard the plain directives of the Bible.

I have been blunt and very terse in this writing. I only hope that you are a wise person as the Proverbs speak.

- Proverbs 13:1 A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- Proverbs 25:12 Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise rebuke to a listening ear.
- Eccl 7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.

Laura writes:

Treat your wife as Christ treats the Church and you won't ever have to worry about divorce.

Phillip writes:

Be blessed
Phil Frankford

THE END**

Letter Received:
June 14, 2004

Subject: SEND LITURATURE

by Peter Kibicho
Kenya

Dear Darwin Lee,

Again it is me Peter greeting you. Also accept greetings from my wife and other two friends.

Here we are fine pushing forward spiritually. We continue to study the Bible together, this includes relatives and friends. Thank you very much for all that you have done for us. That is by sending us Bibles and newsletters.

I would like to inform you that we like Bible Guides or lessons, and booklets. So please send us christian materials for study.

Thanks again for your good service.

Yours forever,
Peter

Editor's Note:

Anyone wanting to send materials to Peter in Kenya, please contact us and we will give you the address to send the materials to. Thank you. Laura Lee

THE END**

Letter Received:
July 24, 2004

Subject: PASSOVER

by Marisha Hileman
Toledo, Ohio

Marisha writes:

Dear Darwin & Laura Lee,

Thank you for sending me your newsletter.

Its amazing how so many people have a one track mind as in the subject of the Passover, but the Word can declare His Truth 7000 times and still they can not see it - like the trees for the forest!

The 15th is the 1st day of Passover for 7 (seven) days until the 21st ending. The 15th begins with the evening beginning and the 7th day ends at evening. There are two evenings, the beginning and the ending of the day.

There are only 7 days in the Passover week - not 8! There are only 7 days of unleavened bread - not 8. If you count the 14th to the 21st ending - then there would be 8 days which is unscriptural.

One point of translation causing confusion is the word "after" and "from" Strongs #310.

The King James translation did in some cases translate according to their own limited understanding. Ex. 12:18

May His Name and Word Go Forth and Not Return Void.

Marisha Hileman

Laura writes:

18. In the first month, **on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day** of the month at even.

Exodus 12:18

If you start at the beginning of the 14th and count until the end of the 21st you will be keeping 8 days of unleavened bread.

If you start at the end of the 14th and count until the end of the 21st you will be keeping 7 days of unleavened bread as is commanded.

For those who want to say this shows you eat unleavened bread at the beginning of the 14th when you keep the Passover, one runs into another problem because they generally eat leavened bread the day after Passover and then unleavened bread again at even on the 15th. Exodus 12:18 shows an unending eating of unleavened bread from the 14th at even until the 21st at even and verse 19 shows that you eat unleavened bread for only 7 days and not 8 days.

19. **Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses:** for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Exodus 12:19

Worldwide Church of God used to teach that in New Testament times people became confused and interchanged Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread, however the interchange of terms can also be found in the Old Testament. See Ezekiel 45:21

21. In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days;

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PERSECUTION ARTICLES

(This is the 4th in a series of articles in regard to the subject of persecution. If you have an article in regard to persecution, please send it for our consideration to print.)

BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU

by Jeffrey Caldwell
Cupertino, California

The concluding words of Peter's sermon at the Gate Beautiful help us to understand what God considers to be a blessing for those who are running afoul of Him: "When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you *to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.*" (Acts 3:26).

So when Christ says "bless those who curse you" (Luke 6:28) it is truly **not** an onerous command. In such a case "May God bless you" is a prayer -- a prayer that God commands -- for the persecutor to "see the Light" and change his or her ways. Anyone "cursing" you -- perhaps by hurling false accusations -- *hates* you [at least at that moment and in that instance] and is *not interested* in receiving anything good at your hand, nor *believing* that anything good could come from you. Often such hatred towards a Christian comes from one who supposes he or she "is doing God a favor." If a person has any conscience, there may be an internal struggle over refusing or considering contemptible the message "God bless you" -- it "makes people think" and *nothing*, in such a case, is *more helpful* that they might see the Light. I've seen good results, so I commend our Master's command to all: "bless those who curse you"! Refusing God's blessing from you, which God *commanded* you to give them, is ever more an "in your face" attitude towards the rightful Ruler and Judge, who is freer to deal with the rebel who has the temerity to be contemptuous to His face, as it were (Matthew 25:40).

As for myself, it is natural for me to truly desire that one cursing me should come to "see the Light" and *repent* -- easier yet to imagine that is what our Father wants, and all heaven with Him. To "bless

those who curse you" is actually, rightly understood, a "light yoke" and even a pleasant duty. In my experience "it makes people think" in a constructive way. And if they refuse to think, then the "heavy burden" they intended to lay on you in cursing you is laid on them ...in some cases such haters get much more upset... often leaving, and "giving up" their overt attacks, concluding, I suppose, that the one "blessing" them is too perverse to possibly be reached! Again, God's Way gives relief, if not as gratifying as repentance.

So, it is right and fair and constructive to "bless those who curse you" and thereby one sees that "he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones" (Proverbs 2:8). Carefully keeping this command brings about fulfillment of the promise: "I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you." (Exodus 23:22). This "light yoke" perfectly illustrates the principle: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5).

Another good thing about this command is, if misapplied, little harm is done. If the one who seems to be cursing you is really working for God, the blessing is hardly wasted!

THE END**

PERSECUTION ARTICLES

Present Day Persecution:
Port Austin, Michigan
Sabbatarian Community in
Crisis

SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT PORT AUSTIN

From:

<http://conclusionkizerfrankford.4t.com/consum4.html>

December 20, 2004

The briefest description of what happened with the Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community Sacred Purpose Trust, from the point of view of Norman Scott Edwards (herein "Edwards") is as follows:

✓1. Edwards first learned about the Port Austin Bible Center on the former Port Austin Air Force Base property in early 2000. He arranged for a Feast of Tabernacles meeting there in the Fall of 2000, and maintained an occasional contact with its owners, Eternal Life Bible

Institute (herein "ELBI"), and their representative, Warwick Potts.

✓2. Edwards began to write articles on forming a Sabbatarian Educational Environment somewhere in 2003 and publish them in Servants' News. Terry Monte Williams (herein "Williams") was also interested and wanted to work together to include a Sabbatarian Elder Adult Living (SEAL) program and a farm. Edwards published one of Williams' articles as well. They began looking for a place to implement this program and Edwards contacted Potts, but received no significant response. Edwards and Williams made a presentation to the Spring Vale Academy Board of Directors, proposing to implement such a program at their campus. The board rejected the proposal.

✓3. In late 2003, Warwick Potts contacted Edwards and offered to make the facilities available for Edwards' purposes if a suitable contract could be negotiated. ELBI was having financial difficulties at the time.

✓4. Edwards wrote additional articles intended for Servants' News, but e-mailed them to hundreds of people and wrote articles for other Sabbatarian publications. Phillip Daniel Frankford ("Frankford") and Paul Douglas Drieman ("Drieman") responded to one such article and asked to join Edwards in the project.

✓5. Drieman, Frankford, Williams and Edwards made a general agreement to work together to make all of the decisions necessary for the project.

✓6. In the SEE plan published January 2004, Edwards wrote: The SEE government will be selected after D-day [earlier defined in the document as "Do-it Day" at the time when those interested would actually move to the property]. It should be governed by those who are providing the facilities and doing the work. If that is primarily one person or a small group of people, then it will be a small group. If it is many, then, many will govern. The government will be firmly bound to implement the plan for SEE as laid out in this and future documents. SEE will maintain its independent status and it will not become tied to a particular church organization, but serve Sabbatarian believers from a variety of congregations. There was never any joint written plan for the project other than Edwards' articles and Williams' one article on SEAL (heavily edited by Edwards). Later plans called for responsibilities to be divided in

the following manner:

- a. Drieman: manage the facilities
 - b. Frankford: develop industry and help financially
 - c. Williams: develop SEAL program and farm, and help financially
 - d. Edwards develop SEE program, publications and write contracts and other documents necessary for the purchase of the property and for the organization of the project
- ✓7. The fundamental issue that has caused the rift between Drieman, Frankford, Williams and Edwards is which of the above two points are most important. Was this project to be whatever four men decided it would be? Or, was it to implement the specific plans outlined in Edwards' and Williams' writings?
- ✓8. The question of commitment to the project has often been raised. Early in the planning, all four men talked about selling their houses and moving their resources to do the project. Here is what has happened:
- a. Drieman did not plan to sell his house, but did speak of moving his substantial collection of tools and parts to the property for its use. He only moved half a truckload of belongings, most of his tools still being in Missouri.
 - b. Frankford initially spoke of selling his house or collecting a large insurance settlement on damages to it and using it to help the project. Neither has been done.
 - c. Williams did move from his Ann Arbor apartment, but did not put his Illinois house up for sale as was once planned, but did come through with a nearly equivalent amount of money.
 - d. Edwards did sell his house, used the proceeds for the project and moved everything he owned to the property.
- In short, the others all have a home to "go back to"; Edwards does not.
- ✓9. It is also significant to note that the four could not agree on how to make the initial payment, so Edwards made it himself, because he was determined to see the project through, not to simply be one of four men talking about it.
- ✓10. In early April of 2004, all four men had a conversation with the preparer and creator of the Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community Sacred Purpose Trust (herein "the Trust"). They agreed that the property would be purchased by the Trust. Edwards prepared a contract for the Trust and ELBI, which all signed on the 28th of that month. This was a preliminary contract, as it was known that the property descriptions, the provisions for the Trust, and other points may not

- have been completely finalized. Point 19 of this contract indicated that there would be a need for changes and required either party to cooperate to do this within a certain period of time.
- ✓11. During the summer of 2004, Edwards pursued his rather extensive responsibilities, including the selling of his house and moving five truckloads of possessions, many of which are in use by the project at this time. Among many other things, he conducted a two-week music camp, and reviewed hundreds of documents in the purchase and set-up of the property, writing dozens himself. In contrast, Drieman did not complete his promised status report of the condition of the various buildings and completed relatively few repairs. Frankford produced many dozens of project ideas for industry, but failed to follow through on any one of them. Williams greatly helped financially, but did not develop the SEAL program beyond his own mother or develop the farm beyond the poultry yards.
- ✓12. Edwards did not attempt to interfere in the others areas, but helped each of them when requested. Edwards has records of such for any who would like to see them.
- ✓13. During July and August, it became clear to Edwards that false accusations and general opposition to his planned part of the project were intended to either relegate him to a subservient position or to drive him out. Explaining all of the incidents would require many pages. This opposition became obvious when Frankford and Williams attempted to make Drieman the "director" of the project. This is a clear departure from their continual statement of "four men with equal authority". They clearly had no objection to unequal authority, as long as it was in their favor.
- ✓14. During this same time, Frankford, Drieman and Williams all expressed either uncertainty or opposition to the Sacred Purpose Trust. Yet, they did not provide for any way to deal with the existing contract between ELBI and the Trust or provide any alternative form of organization. It became increasingly clear to Edwards and the Trust creator that they would not be suitable trustees for the existing agreements.
- ✓15. In Late August and early September, Homer Kizer (herein "Kizer") began to make offensive Internet documents and posts, which further divided the efforts of the project. Both ELBI and some of the projects supporters were extremely offended by them, and even consulted attorneys. Frankford at first agreed with the writings, then denied that he did. ELBI strongly urged the removal of Frankford from any management position related to

the project. Drieman and Williams refused to take any observable action against Frankford.

- ✓16. With all of the above things happening, the Trust documents still had not been finalized and the required corrections to the contract between the Trust and ELBI still had not been made. The time period had expired, and ELBI's cooperation was required to make these corrections. Frankford and Williams rarely had any direct communication with ELBI, and Drieman stopped answering the requests of ELBI.
- ✓17. Edwards met with Drieman for over an hour attempting to show him why Frankford should not have any leadership position in any aspect of the project. Drieman disagreed and defended Frankford.
- ✓18. On September 12, 2004, Edwards then met with Williams, explaining that Frankford was not suitable to be a trustee and that Drieman was not willing to help solve the problem. Edwards recommended that the Trust be formed with only two trustees, Edwards and Williams, until the problems could be resolved. Williams agreed that Frankford was a problem, but wanted to wait for whatever solution Paul might agree to.
- ✓19. In the following days, Edwards found the situation nearly unworkable and even made calls to find a new ministry wherein he might work. However, both the Trust creator and ELBI independently volunteered that one trustee could do the job until the problems could be resolved.
- ✓20. After much prayer and counsel, Edwards agreed to become the single trustee. The Trust Indenture was completed and the Certificate of Trust and a corrected contract with ELBI were recorded on September 17, 2004, the day after the Feast of Trumpets.
- ✓21. Due to multiple extended trips on the part of Drieman and Williams, and the urgent repairing of the meeting hall for the Feast (the ceiling was literally falling down), there was virtually no time for all four men to meet together. Edwards arranged for a meeting on October 29 to present the financial records he had produced thus far and to explain why the Trust was created like it was. About 20 minutes into the presentation, Drieman asked about the Trust, so Edwards explained that he was the only trustee at that time. In less than one minute, Drieman, Williams and Frankford left the room, not willing to hear any of the other prepared information or means whereby issues could be resolved.
- ✓22. That same day, Edwards wrote a letter to Williams offering to make him whole for his efforts and to continue to

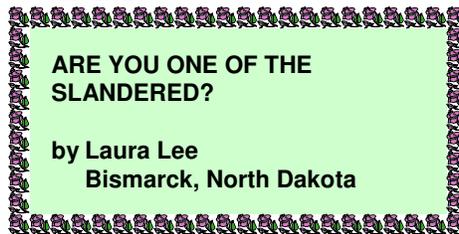
work with him. He also met with Williams that evening to discuss the issues. On October 31, Edwards wrote another letter to Williams and Drieman offering to continue to work together in some way. On November 3, 2004, Edwards sent an eviction notice to Frankford for a number of reasons. This was the only eviction letter Edwards sent. Edwards later sent certified letters to Frankford, Drieman and Williams, but only Drieman accepted his letter; the others let them return after 15 days unclaimed. No written response to any of these letters has been received, though some of the displaced property mentioned in them was returned a few days later. The three have not tried to initiate communications in any other way. There have been no face-to-face conversations between Edwards and the other three since October 29, 2004

- ✓23. On December 7, 2004, Frankford and Drieman moved off the Trust property.
- ✓24. On December 8, 2004, Edwards found on the Internet "it was never sent to him" an affidavit stating that Frankford, Drieman and Williams were ending the Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community, the Port Austin Sabbatarian Community Church, SEE, SEAL and all of the related programs of these ministries. After verifying with the signing notary that the document was indeed genuine, and realizing that these three men were a majority of the members of these entities, Edwards agreed to comply with this demand and stop using the names of these now defunct entities. In accordance with the provisions of the Trust, a new Beneficial Certificate Holder was named for the Trust, the Port Austin Bible Campus, formed by William A. Buckman, Anna Emily DeLong and Norman Scott Edwards. The goals of this ministry are compatible with the Trust and are largely similar to the concepts expressed in the Servants' News articles of 2003. This information was recorded in an affidavit on this day, and mailed to Frankford, Drieman and Williams on December 20, 2004, along with this explanation.
- ✓25. Edwards acknowledges that he did not fast, pray and seek the will of God sufficiently in agreeing to work with the other men on the project. Nor did any of the men involved take sufficient time to write down the responsibilities and authority of each person involved. Edwards prays that the mistake will not be repeated in the future.
- ✓26. Edwards is aware, from Internet sites and third parties, that Frankford, Drieman, Williams and Kizer plan to organize a church, ministries, a school and businesses. Edwards plans to expand the present nucleus of people on the Trust

property to a Christian community teaching young people via an educational approach similar to the disciples in the New Testament or Elijah/Elisha's "School of the Prophets". Edwards believes that this can be done with the help of over 100 others who have previously expressed interest in helping with the project from his previous writings, and through others who will yet hear about it. Edwards is glad to accept the November 30, 2004 affidavit of Frankford, Drieman and Williams disavowing any "financial dealings, covenants or other affiliations" between the two groups (but has reserved the right to repay Williams for his expenses). Edwards hopes that each group can now concentrate on their respective ministries, attempting to excel each other in the service of Jesus Christ.

Norman Scott Edwards

THE END**



In regard to the Port Austin Crisis: A web page went up on 2-15-05 on Homer Kizer's web site at:

<http://homerkizer.org/02-14-05C.html>

Homer Kizer is now slandering us as well as Norman Edwards, Royce Mitchell and the Church of God.

In the article by Homer Kizer, titled "Commentary--From the Margins, Judging Rightly, More Edwards on Edwards"

Homer writes:

"Here at Port Austin, both the leaders and the brethren of the Sabbatarian fellowship voted to commit Norman Scott Edwards to Satan, but that didn't stop the Lees from supporting Edwards in their on-line newsletter. When Edwards was initially being shunned, he appealed for support to the Like Minds chat group, and the Lees were among the first to support Edwards without hearing the matter except as presented by Edwards himself. With their rush to judgment, the Lees demonstrated that they are today unable to discern right from wrong."

Laura writes:

It is our understanding that on October 29, 2004, that Norman Edwards called a meeting inviting Phillip Frankford, Paul Drieman, and Terry Williams. It is also my understanding that all 3 men walked out of this meeting angry and without hearing the entire matter. Two days later on October

31, 2004 out of the same anger they disfellowshipped Norman and Marleen Edwards.

The above quote from Homer's article makes it look like we first heard Norman Edwards present his case on the "Like Minds" forum and just believed him over Homer. To set the record straight, Darwin and I are not, nor have we ever been on the "Like Minds" forum and the only way we would get posts from that forum is when someone sends them directly to us.

We initially contacted Norman Edwards in regard to a problem on our "Archeology Exchange" list which involved Phillip Frankford whom we found, by Phil's own words to be a liar and an unrepentant one at that. Our entire exchange with Phillip Frankford was in writing, so if anyone would like to see that evidence for themselves we would be happy to send it to them via email. We are unable to send the file snail mail at this time. We contacted Norman to let him know that there was a problem with Phil since we knew he was connected with Norman Edwards and felt Norm should know. It was not until a later date that we were informed that Phillip Frankford was also causing problems for Norman and Marleen Edwards. As a little more time went on we got to know Homer Kizer's thoughts through his own web site and a letter he wrote to Royce Mitchell.

Contrary to what Homer would like many to believe, we did not jump to support Norman and Marleen Edwards without hearing both sides of the matter. We had personal one on one contact with Norman and Marleen Edwards. We also contacted Homer Kizer to ask him for his input before we printed two open letters. All we received in response to that e-mail is that they had turned Norman and Marleen Edwards over to Satan. We on a later date asked Homer for evidence for the slander he was spewing from his mouth. We were directed at that point to join his e-mail group in order to access that evidence. We did join his e-mail group on 12-10-04 in order to access the evidence that was available at that point. So the bottom line is that we have been looking at both sides of this matter.

In the same article by Homer Kizer, he makes several false statements and judgments in regard to a D&R situation we had with the United Church of God over 5 years ago. Homer Kizer has not heard that entire matter either and technically has no right to judge the matter without first reading the material which has been published far and wide over the last 5 years. We were disfellowshipped from the UCGAIA over D&R and what was sent out to judge the matter on was a 111 page document which is still available from us on request. We can now send this document

via e-mail also on request. To this day Homer Kizer has never asked us for that document, so unless someone else gave him a copy of it to read, then he has not read it as yet and therefore is unqualified to make judgments in regard to it.

Darwin answered what Norman Edwards printed in regard to this matter in an article which we printed in Issue #2 of our newsletter and you may access that at: http://darwinlauralee.150m.com/animate/articles_005.htm or by postal mail request newsletter Issue #2. The article is titled "Just Judgment for Local Congregations"

Homer writes:

"When a disciple voluntarily places him or herself in an organization of men, the disciple can voluntarily leave when that organization does those things that the disciple cannot support. Leaving should be done without fanfare, without trumpeting perceived problems to all who will listen, without commotion. When disciples make themselves judges of those over them, they act presumptuously. They are not learning to judge a matter rightly; they are learning to rebel in the same fashion as Satan rebelled against God."

Laura writes:

Apparently Homer can give others the above advice, but he himself does not seem to feel the same advice applies to himself. My understanding is that Homer arrived in Port Austin on approximately July 29, 2004 and a few days later when he found himself not in agreement with Norman Edwards, rather than going quietly and without fan fare, he instead started publicly posting slanderous articles to his web site at: <http://homerkizer.org/> within 30 days of his arrival in Port Austin.

Homer writes:

"And those disciples whose inclination is not to submit to any human organization will also refuse to submit to God when He asks the disciple to figuratively sacrifice his or her son of promise--"

Laura writes:

I don't believe too many people would agree with your statement, especially those who have had contact with one or more corporation churches. Most people who read their Bibles know that we should be in submission to God and not human organizations.

Homer writes:

"Edwards titles his explication of the Lees' September 16, 2000, letter to Church of God Brethren, "Just Judgment Important

for Local Congregations" (SN 26). But the Lees were not seeking judgment by their local congregation. They were seeking to overturn the judgment of their local fellowship, for they felt that the local fellowship had not properly judged the matter. They were appealing to an alleged higher court, because Steve Nutzman, rightly or wrongly, wasn't doing their bidding, They were not willing to wait for God to correct Nutzman, Nor did they wait to be released from UCG-IA fellowship."

Laura writes:

The major problem in this matter was with Paul Luecke in Bismarck. Paul Luecke and the local congregation did not ask for our side of anything in this matter. They made judgments based on what they made up in their own minds and not based on any information gotten from us in regard to the matter. The D&R decision was being decided by the home office in Ohio. The matter was to be confidential however Paul Luecke is the one that told Darwin that the D&R decision had been made. I didn't find out until Darwin called me. UCGAIA decided I was free to remarry based on fraud. The marriage counseling was only recommended according to the written letter sent to me by Richard Pinelli. Please get your information straight before you slander others.

Paul Luecke is currently reeking havoc in Pennsylvania. Check with Dixon Cartwright of the Journal, I'm sure he can point you to the article he published in regard to Paul Luecke and the Pennsylvania UCGAIA congregation(s).

Homer writes:

"They deserved it--is this judging another man's servant? They might well have deserved it, but where is the evidence upon which a reader could make this decision? And for the reader to make such a decision is going down the wrong road."

Laura writes:

Our D&R was well documented in writing and on tape. There is plenty there with which a person can make a righteous judgment in the matter. -- John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. -- God wants us all to judge righteous judgment and for you to teach against that as you are is anti God.

Homer writes:

"But their wisdom and judgments become suspect when they make a confidential matter part of a public record."

Laura writes:

This is but another of your statements

made within this article which clearly shows you have two sets of rules, one for yourself and one for others. The very thing here that you claim makes our wisdom and judgments suspect should also apply to you, yet you have been posting numerous slanderous articles on your public web site since August of 2004. What is this double standard you have? Why are you making a private matter so public?

Homer writes:

"The greatest problem of the so-called independent Church of God is physical mindedness. With very few exceptions, disciples in the so-called independent Church are unprofitable servants who have buried their talents, for they have proved that they don't have to tithe and they do not work themselves in discipling newly born-from-above sons of God. They are lukewarm, fit for nothing, and proud of their independence. And it is to this body of believers that the Lees appealed for righteous judgment."

Laura writes:

This is what Homer has said about the greater Church of God, the scattered brethren, the same people he expects to read his own web site and side with him against Norman Edwards and anyone else he wishes to slander on any certain day of the week. After making such a statement about the brethren, why should anyone believe those things which proceed from Homer's mouth?

There is a pattern which is emerging from the behaviors of Homer Kizer. Remember the start of this article. Norman called a meeting on October 29, 2004, 3 men walked out of that meeting in anger without hearing the entire matter. Two days later three men who were not trustees of anything again out of anger disfellowshipped Norman and Marleen Edwards. A few days later Royce Mitchell sees the slanderous open letter to Dixon Cartwright on Homer Kizer's web site. Royce asked Homer for evidence of what he said as being true. Phillip Frankford stuck himself in the middle of the matter and none of the evidence which Homer and Phil sent to Royce or directed us to, proved any wrong doing on the part of Norman and Marleen Edwards. Royce Mitchell posted his conclusions based on the evidence that was sent to him and we printed those conclusions in Issue #25. After Royce posted his conclusions, Homer Kizer began to slander Royce Mitchell and call Royce Mitchell names in various articles posted on Homer's web site. Homer and company are now angry at Royce Mitchell because he did not agree with Homer and company.

We are the Lee's Darwin and Laura and we printed Royce Mitchell's conclusions in support of Norman and Marleen Edwards. Remember we also looked over the evidence that Homer directed us to. We came to the same conclusions as Royce Mitchell. Now Homer Kizer is slandering us on his web site because we are printing in support of Norman and Marleen Edwards.

Does anyone yet see a pattern here in Homer and company's behaviors? It gets even worse, Homer's web site also slanders others within the Church of God and even goes so far as to tell the people of God that they do not have the right to judge matters of right and wrong (righteous judgment) and that they are fit for nothing.

Our support of Norman and Marleen Edwards is based on the information we have received or sought out on our own. Norman and Marleen Edwards are not posting slanderous web pages in regard to Homer Kizer. Royce Mitchell is not posting slanderous web pages in regard to Homer Kizer and we are not posting slanderous web pages in regard to Homer Kizer. Homer is lashing out at anyone who disagrees with him and is posting it publicly on his web site. So be warned that those who support Norman and Marleen Edwards through this slanderous ordeal will be publicly slandered on Homer's web site. So you could be next.

Christ himself said: John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. **If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you;** if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Homer Writes:

"And the many spiritual judges to whom the Lee's appealed, and to whom Edwards appealed will not die natural deaths if they persist in their presumptuousness. And they will persist, for they have become green-broke horses with their bits between their teeth. They will not be reined in by anyone. They have the scent of freedom in their nostrils, and their eyeballs rolled back in their heads. And they run with wild abandonment where angels fear to tread."

Laura Writes:

Sorry, but a man who wishes God's people to die unnatural deaths is seeming to be going down the wrong path. If Homer has some solid proof or something written by a sound mind to send to us to look at in this matter, we are perfectly willing to look at it with an open and sound mind, but if Homer is going to continue to slander people and wish them to die unnaturally, we can in no way give Homer any of our support in this matter.

As far as the slander about us which Homer has posted on his web site and that which he will probably post against us in the future, please be aware that you Homer are not the first person to slander us and you will not be the last person to slander us as long as we continue to print a newsletter.

And to all of those who are reading this, make no mistake here, Homer is the leader and Phillip Frankford, Paul Drieman, Terry Williams and anyone else supporting Homer Kizer and what he says on his web site is of the same mind as Homer Kizer or else they haven't taken the time to read his destructive materials which by no means target only Norman and Marleen Edwards. Be carefull least you get caught on Homer's bad side on a bad day.

Homer seems to be spending his time going over all or most of Norman Edwards back issues of Servants' News for the sole purpose of finding things Norm said in there to twist it for the destruction of Norman Edwards. When Homer finds something he can use for the destruction of Norman Edwards he puts up a new web page slandering Norman and who ever else gets in the way. If no one interrupts Homer's search and destroy mission he will just keep on going like the Eveready bunny on TV. He is so filled with hatred towards God's people. Homer when you are finished going over Norman's back newsletters, read ours next, we have 25 posted at this time and this one will make 26.

We received our latest copy of "The Sabbath Sentinel" January-February 2005 and here is what it said on page number 3: "Notice Regarding S.E.E. In the September-October 2004 edition of The Sabbath Sentinel we published an article about the Sabbatarian Educational Environment (S.E.E.) written by Norman Edwards, one of the trustees of S.E.E. Since the publication of that article we have been contacted by two other trustees of S.E.E, Homer Kizer and Phil Frankford, disputing the claims made by Mr. Edwards about services currently being offered at S.E.E. We strongly recommend that you make no decisions regarding your participation in S.E.E. until this current dispute among the trustees is resolved. We at the Sabbath Sentinel and the BSA will keep you informed of any change in our position."

How did the writers of the Sabbath Sentinel get the idea that Homer and Phil were trustees of S.E.E. when they are not?

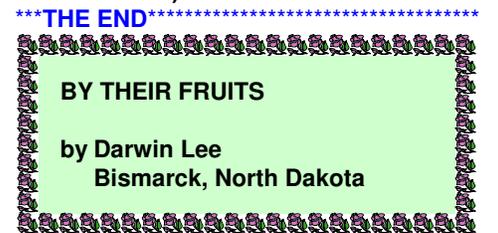
We are not going to chase down your evidence. If you want us to believe your statements then you need to send us the evidence of what you say. We have first hand knowledge at this point that you slander people, because you have now slandered us. Thank you for giving us the best proof we could ever have not to

believe one word that proceeds from your mouth at this point in time.

For those who are not getting what the problem is here, Homer is a liar and he's really good at it. He seems to have a number of people coned by his persuasive teachings and his many credentials. This man is not qualified to teach the people of God and for those who feel he is remember this verse: -- Matthew 15:14 Let them alone: they be **blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.** -- I cannot emphasize more to people to know what your Bibles really say so that you do not get lead astray by false teachers. Lying in regard to other people whether they be true people of God or not, is a sin and we are not to condone such a practice in any way shape or form.

This is a public out cry for Homer to repent of his sin of lying. As God's elect we should be taking some time to try to guide Homer back to the path leading to God rather than to let him continue down the destructive path of Satan.

Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. **(Slander--Lying is not a fruit of God.)**



This is being written in response to Homer Kizers web page at: <http://homerkizer.org/> and his "evil speaking" as he puts it and justifies himself by using the Bible for his gain and authority to do so. Satan has his ministers who appear as angels of light. Yet God says there is no light in them.

As I read much of your so called justifiable "evil speaking", I see that you have no boundaries. That should be of no surprise to any one, for we are forewarned in the Holy Scriptures that men would arise speaking evil of those who walk the way of God. I just didn't think it would so readily come from within the church of those who profess to know God. Yes, there are plenty of scriptures that I have read that warn us of that. Yet, wanting to believe the best about people, it seems, for that reason many get caught off guard.

You bring our past D&R situation into the mix, so I will use that to show that your fruits are not of God.

While you preach that our situation or any other for that matter should remain in and be judged by the local congregation

because only they know all of the details, and therefore we should not have appealed to a greater independent Church of God audience; you did that very thing by printing every thing imaginable about Norman Edwards on a web site. Mind you, appealing to these same, worthless physical mindless (as you put it) independent Church of God people, who in your own words, "They are lukewarm, fit for nothing...". Yes, appealing and poisoning their minds with your snake venom against a brother of ours.

Be it known to you and all, that the local congregation knew absolutely nothing of our D&R case, for the hierarchy of that church keeps every thing silent. They couldn't judge anything hidden from them. We appealed to the greater church, not to get back into their "stew", but that all could be warned and scales be removed from as many eyes as possible of the rottenness of false teachings and doctrines that are perpetuated in the name of Jesus Christ. The very same reason I am appealing to all who will listen to me about your stench you are spewing out about a brother so all may hear and fear not to walk down your path. Because you will continue to walk down that path until a Higher Power stops you, by the prayers of the righteous.

You say Norman and Marleen are not your brethren, for you have committed them to Satan. WHAT? They are our brethren. Why do you speak evil against the Congregation of God? They are holy (set apart for the work of God) as all those God has called to do His work. Your work will be known to all those that He has called whether they be of men or whether they be of God.

Stop your Satan inspired attack on our brother. Had you kept those differences off the Internet, it would be a local thing (as you preach it should remain local) and your venom of a brother of ours would not be all over the Internet for the whole world to see. I have a brother three years my elder, if he were being attacked in any way, I would stand in the gap in whatever way I could and keep him from being devoured by wolves of any sort. Why should it be so hard for you to grasp that concept? The answer to that question lies in the body of this letter.

Jesus said that the world would know us by our love for one another, not for our contempt of one another. While you preach Godliness you devour spiritual houses. You are not of a right spirit. **Be careful** least God commit you to Satan. Like the Pharisees, hypocrites of Jesus time, you preach one thing, but do all together some thing else. He called them a brood of vipers.

I admonish all of those of the greater

independent-interdependent Church of God and all God fearing people to mark (take note of) this man Homer Kizer. For I perceive he is in the bond of bitterness and iniquity and has not any concern at all for the servants of God.

Homer, you don't have any love for the Edwards'. You only have contempt for them and your tale bearing reeks of it! I therefore urge you in meekness and prayer, therefore to lay aside your hate for the Edwards', that peradventure, that God will grant you repentance and bless you.

I appeal to all reading this letter that we all pray for this man Homer and this situation. It may be then with our spiritual house in order, our preaching of the Gospel will have a positive effect on others whom we seek to desire to know God. As it is now, the Homer Kizers and others like him of this world, give the Church of God a bad name. When these people preach one thing but do not as they preach, they take the name of God in vain. God will not hold one guiltless if we take his name in vain.

There are enough principles set forth in scripture by our High Priest how we are to treat our brethren and **all** people. I see the fruit of this Anti-Christ conduct and it is not good.

Let us all have the courage to see this man, Homer, for what he is, not what he professes. "By their fruits, ye shall know them". -- Mat. 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? vs.20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

THE END**

COMING IN ISSUE

#27: The Persecution of William Rogers -- by Wily Elder

#28: Seventh Day Men of England -- by Doyle Carter

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#30: Persecution -- by Ray Kaping

LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES:

by Laura Lee
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This article is continued from Issue

#25.

Scriptures Which Men Use to Claim They have Control Over Women

Following are some of the scriptures which men use to claim that they (men) have authority over women where they can tell them (women) that they (women) are not to "speak in the church" because it usurps authority over men. (1 Timothy 2:11-12)

11. Let the woman learn in silence (Strong's #2271 quietness) with all subjection.

12. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence (Strong's #2271).

The city of the Ephesians was a worshipper of the great goddess Diana (Acts Chapter 19). Among the doctrines of the goddess Diana was the doctrine of women having superiority over men. See information below in regard to Diana goddess of the Amazons.

The goddess Diana

Diana at Ephesus? Goddess of the Amazons. Ancient worship focused on the nature goddesses Isis - Ishtar - Inanna and called Her Queen of Heaven. By Roman times she is called Diana; yet at Ephesus in Anatolia Her worship was most profound under the names Mother of Animals, Many-Breasted Artemis. Columnar, wearing a unique ritual garment adorned with animals, her crown and staring gaze incorporate Astarte, while Her moon disc and horned beasts evoke Diana. Her temple built by Amazons (undoubtedly matrilineal priestesses), was one of the wonders of the ancient world, a goal of devout pilgrimage. In AD 380 her shrine was rededicated to Mary, whose old age and death Church legend placed at Ephesus. Note the similarity of posture, palms bestowing blessing, with countless images of Mary. From:

<http://www.teenwitch.com/DEITY/ROMAN/DIANA.HTM>

The myth about the Amazons takes an exceptional position in this respect. Stories about women who were able to exist without men, and furthermore could resist men in wars and even more could defeat them, something like that could - in today's academic opinion - never be true. So this story was put in the realm of fantasy, though most of the ancient writers did not show any doubts that they considered it as true history.

As our modern imagination is unable to fancy that once a people of warlike women had existed, modern historians either neglect the very numerous ancient traditions about Amazons or lay particular

stress on those aspects which are completely unrealistic. From: <http://www.net4you.co.at/users/poellauer/Amazons/aim.html>

Archaeological Finds from Dbdartepe

In Dbdartepe, near the sea coast some kilometers east of the town Samsun, there were found the remains of an approximately 4000 till 5000 years old settlement. The most interesting fact of this excavation was that the finds there are quite different to the contemporary finds outside this area. Furthermore the finds allow the conjecture that in this culture women had a preeminent position! From: <http://www.net4you.co.at/users/poellauer/Amazons/terme.html>

If you look at the below scriptures one will see that Paul is telling the Ephesus church not to give heed to fables and endless genealogies. Since the temple of Diana was at Ephesus, we can see this type of worship was what Paul was speaking against to the Ephesian Church. Women were more than likely taught from little on up that they were superior to men and Paul was trying to teach them not to give heed to "fables (of Diana) and endless genealogies (of being descendants of the Amazons)" In 1 Timothy 1:7 Paul is saying that these who were turned aside to vain jangling (talk) were desiring to be teachers of the law, but didn't understand the law. One cannot teach the law of God if one does not understand the law of God.

3. As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
4. Neither give heed to **fables and endless genealogies**, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.
5. From which some having swerved **have turned aside unto vain jangling;**
6. **Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.**
7. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; (1 Timothy 1:3-8)

35. And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? (Acts 19:35)

Take a close look at 1 Timothy 2:9-10.

9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; **not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;**

10. But (which becometh **women professing** godliness) with good works.

When one is declaring to be godly because they think they are, most times they are not. Paul is simply saying in these verses that those women professing to be godly do not even understand the law of God so therefore are not fit to teach it. It is obvious from what is stated in verse 12 that these particular woman who did not understand the law of God because of their background of Diana worship which taught them they were superior to men, were not to be allowed to teach but need to peacefully learn the law of God first.

Since Paul has clearly shown in many other scriptures his deep respect to women in the church as leaders within the church, I do not believe that one can take these scriptures to prove that women cannot teach, preach and prophesy within the church.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Here's another one that men use to keep women from using the gifts that God freely gave to her. In 1 Corinthians 11:3 it explains: God is the head of Christ and Christ is the head of the man and man is the head of the woman. Men take this scripture and try to use it to prove their superiority over women, but is that what is being shown here?

God and Christ are one in purpose and at some point they expect men and women to be at one with them in purpose. If Christ is following God, it is good. If man is following Christ then he is godly and he in turn leads his wife in the same direction, which is to God. There is nothing in this scripture to show that a man has anymore authority to boss his wife around than Christ bosses the church around. The point is that Christ does not boss the church around and neither can men use this scripture to show they have the authority to boss their wife around.

Read what Arlan Weight has to say on the matter of how God rules his church, and his people. This is from Arlan's article titled: "Government" which is found in Issue #4 of this newsletter.

➤ "Think about it. Jesus is saying, if you want to be great, great in God's eyes, be a servant. Let's meditate on this for a moment. What is greatness anyway? Is it being exalted in the eyes of the people? Is it some great title? Is it something like this so we can strut around and people will just bow down to us? No, absolutely not. However, this is the way of this world. This is how man likes to think of himself in

a rulership position. In man's society and government it usually **follows a form of intimidation and fear.**"

- "So even though the form of government appears hierarchical, **it doesn't function the way man's government functions.** In God's government the **Godly elements of giving and serving, make it work.** There is **no lording over and intimidation or threats.** There is hierarchy alright, but **the greater the authority the greater the service.** (Mat. 20:25-28 & Mark 10:44) It's a law. It has to be this way or else the whole system would fail. As the level of authority increases, the level of responsibility also increases, and it follows then that the **need for greater serving also increases.**"
- "So again, here is God, ruler over all the universe, bound by his law of service, becoming a bond servant to all beneath that supreme authority. **To be otherwise would break the law of love and outgoing concern and would ultimately fail.** This is exactly what happened to Lucifer and why his perverted hierarchy doesn't work. His style of government is also hierarchical, but it is **self serving. It lords itself over others, it exalts itself.**"
- "Most larger churches, including Churches of God, seem to function with a power structure, a visible hierarchy of individuals in charge on down to the lowest. Which brings up the question. **Are some people to be esteemed higher than others?** What's the highest rank you would think? What's the lowest? **Again, when we start talking like this, it's not God's government we're discussing.**"
- "Sure God is in charge, but God first of all governs by his Spirit. **God's form of hierarchy is based on service and is conducted by the gifts given to various individuals for that service.** Notice 1 Corinthians 12. The entire chapter is talking about various gifts for serving, and **not that one is better than the other or that one person should be 'lording' it over another.** All the gifts of service given by God, are necessary, but they have different functions."
- "What is this telling us? Is it to show a government power structure with a hierarchical level of authority? No. **Rather all these gifts are not for 'being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.'** (1 Pet. 5:3) The word 'lords' comes from the Greek word 'katakurieuo'. One of it's meanings is 'exercise dominion over' (Youngs Concordance). **So isn't the real essence of 1 Corinthians 12 telling us the gifts**

are to be used for service and not for authority in the sense of having dominion over others?"

➤ "As we look around and observe the 'Churches of God', as well as all churches, many, if not most have a structure like other governments in the world. Because of their hierarchical structure, and human nature, **the tendency is to 'lord' positions of authority over others. Pride and vanity are deeply entrenched in the human psyche and placing people in 'offices' of authority, without a comparable amount of the Godly elements spoken of earlier, can lead to abuse of the power.**"

➤ "Why will God's government succeed where man's has failed? Because it will be administered **"Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."** (Zech. 4:6)"

As we can see by the many quotes from Arlan Weight's article, no one is to "lord it over anyone, if they are being guided by God's Holy Spirit." So we can see from this that if men are using this false doctrine or any of the scriptures stated in this section of this article to claim that they have authority over women in regard to telling them they are not to use any of the gifts or talents which God freely gives to women to spread the word of God, then I say that they have a spiritual problem and should start looking at what God has to say about their own thirst for power and need for control over God's heritage. Remember women make up half of God's church and if you oppress them by saying they cannot freely use the gifts and talents God gave them, then you are also keeping the church from growing through love. There is no love where abuse of power exists.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Ephesians 5:21-23

This section of scriptures needs to be looked at in context of what is being said. For example, it isn't just the women which are being told to submit. In verse 21, it clearly shows that both men and women are to submit to each other. So in this case it does not show that a man has some sort of extra power over his wife that she does not have.

If one looks at verse 23 one can clearly

see that the type of authority that the husband has over his wife is the exact same kind of authority that Christ uses to rule his church. So if all men study how Christ rules his church and apply that same kind of authority to their families, then men will be ruling in a Christ like manner.

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

The word obedient here has the same Strong's Number as the word submit in Ephesians, it is Strong's #5293. One of the meanings is as follows: A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". **In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving, in cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".**

Sorry men, but this one doesn't seem to mean that men are allowed to exercise some kind of extra power or might over women either.

1 Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

Again here the Strong's number for the word subjection is again #5293, the same as in Ephesians and Titus. If one reads this verse carefully you will see that it is actually promoting the idea of a woman teaching by her conduct and without reading scriptures if she is dealing with an unbelieving husband.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

This scripture is stating the consequence of Eve's sin in the Garden of Eden. God never meant for men to rule over women, but when Eve sinned her desire was now directed toward her husband rather than toward God. When women try to please men, it gives men an automatic control over women, which is out of balance. When women are converted members of God's church that focus goes back to pleasing God and the government of God is restored via God's Holy Spirit.

This scripture does not give men any extra authority to rule over women, because it is just stating the consequences of Eve's sin and is not a command for men to rule over women.

BIBLE BACKGROUND: DOES GENESIS 3 IMPLY MALE DOMINATION?

Rabbi Nathan M. Sarna in his commentary on Genesis (1989) agrees with many Christian commentators when he writes: "It is quite clear from Gen. 2:18, 23 that the ideal society, which hitherto existed, affirmed the absolute equality of the sexes. The new state of male domination is regarded as a deterioration of the human condition that resulted from defiance of the divine will."

But the critical question is, does "he shall rule over you" express God's will for male-female relationships, or does it simply describe the distortion of God's will *which* sin *introduced* into our race? If the latter, the many expressions of male domination in our own and other societies are clearly wrongs perpetrated against women by men. From: Every Woman in the Bible, by Sue and Larry Richards

The Gifts and Talents that God Gives Freely to His Elect

Romans 12:4-13

4. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
5. So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
6. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
7. Or **ministry**, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on **teaching**;
8. Or he that exhorteth, on **exhortation**: he that **giveth**, let him do it with simplicity; he that **ruleth**, with diligence; he that sheweth **mercy**, with cheerfulness.
9. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
10. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; **in honour preferring one another**;
11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; **serving the Lord**;
12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

4. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same **God which worketh all**

in all.

7. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8. For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;

9. To another **faith by the same Spirit**; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;

10. To another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**:

1 Corinthians 12:25-31

25. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the **same care one for another**.

26. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28. And God hath set some in the church, first **apostles**, secondarily **prophets**, thirdly **teachers**, after that **miracles**, then gifts of **healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues**.

29. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

30. Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31. **But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.**

Ephesians 4:11-13

11. And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**;

12. **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

13. Till we **all** come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

God does not state when speaking of any of the above gifts that any of them are to only go to men or to only go to women. If anyone is teaching that women are not allowed to use every one of the gifts or talents that God gives to her to use, then be warned it is a false doctrine which they are teaching and God will hold them accountable for it. Spiritually speaking men and women are to be treated equally and either sex can be given any of the gifts that God wants to give to any one of His elect, whether man or woman.

In Conclusion

27. And there ran a young man, and told

Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad **do prophesy in the camp**.

28. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

29. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? **would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!** (Numbers 11:27-29)

We saw earlier in this article that Paul does not forbid either men or women from prophesying (expounding on the law of God, inspired speaking or teaching). From the above verses, one can also see that Moses did not forbid either men or women from using their gift of prophecy. If both Moses and Paul taught that it was okay for women to speak then why would it be okay for men to teach just the opposite? Could it be that they are false teachers?

Much of the oppression of women stems from the fall of Eve. Many men blame Eve yet today for this terrible state of sin which permeates the entire world, but we don't hear too much from men about what Adams part in the fall from grace was. Eve was deceived, but Adam knew better and yet he not only stood by and watched Eve eat the fruit from the forbidden tree but he of his own free will also ate the fruit from the tree.

BIBLE BACKGROUND: RABBINICAL EMPHASES

The sayings of the rabbis who lived during and after the time of Christ emphasize the "otherness" of women. The supposition was that women were essentially different from men. Rabbinic sages even offered a different explanation of Eve's Hebrew name, linking it to the Aramaic word for "serpent." As a result many midrashic stories related about Eve portray her either as a dangerously evil character or as a silly and childish female who was approached by the serpent because she was "light-minded" and vulnerable to his cunning. How different the Eve of the rabbis is from the Eve portrayed in Scripture who, although deceived, was neither venal nor silly.

How striking that stereotypes promoted by men tend to emphasize real or imagined differences between men and women while God's Word in Genesis emphasizes their essential equality. From: Every Woman in the Bible, by Sue and Larry Richards

There was a terrible spiritual flaw within Adam, which still exists in both men and women today and it has to do with a total lack of love for other people. Adam knew that Eve was going to eat the fruit. Adam knew that it was wrong to eat the fruit.

Adam stood silent and let Eve eat the fruit even though he knew it was wrong. Adam did not love Eve when he did not try to stop her from eating the fruit that he clearly knew she was about to eat. Silence is not a virtue, it may well be sin. Perhaps men to this day are trying to keep the women silent because of their own guilt in regard to the fall of Adam and Eve?

Men do not have more spirituality that they should be the only ones allowed to expound on the word of God in public settings. Many times both men and women go astray because they choose one man to teach them and when that one man goes astray then they all fall in the ditch together, both teacher and follower. So for us to think that a woman should only be taught by her husband at home is unsound reasoning, because not every woman's husband is honest with the scriptures.

The teaching of women not speaking in the church is clearly a false doctrine and for anyone who continues with this teaching, they will be keeping the church from growing due to a lack of love, because when members of the church are lording it over women, they are participating in the persecution of half of the church of God.

34. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36. What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? (**Darwin says: A better way to put this would be, "Ridiculous"**)

37. If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the **things that I write** unto you are the commandments of the Lord. (1 Corinthians 14:34-37)

In verse 37 Paul is clearly saying that the things that he writes to the Corinthians are the commandments of the Lord. What the Corinthians write to Paul or what Paul is quoting from other sources are not the commandments of the Lord. We believe enough evidence has been presented throughout this article to show that verses 34 & 35 is a quotation from some other source other than the Bible. We believe verse 36 is Paul reprimanding the Corinthian church for their false doctrine as stated in verses 34 & 35.

Adam Clarke (1762-1832) represents one of the earliest post-reformists biblical scholar who said that 1 Cor. 14:34-35 "was a Jewish ordinance" because "women were not permitted to teach in the assemblies or

even to ask questions." He noted that "The rabbis taught that 'a woman should know nothing but the use of her distaff.'" Clarke quotes the harsh and misogynist "sayings of Pabbi Eliezer, as delivered, Bammidbar Rabba, sec. 9, fol. 204, as both worthy of remark **'Let the words of the law be burned, rather than that they should be delivered to women.'**" From:

http://www.godswordtowomen.org/1_corinthians_14.htm

Dr. Katharine C. Bushnell (1856-1946), a physician, missionary, and Bible scholar fluent in Hebrew and Greek notes that vv. 34-35 refer to some external rule separate from Scripture. Bushnell quotes the great 19th century German lexicographer Schleusner who said the expression **as also saith the law "refers to the Oral Law of the Jews"** noting that **"in the Old Testament no precept concerning this matter exists."** Additionally, Vitranga, an 18th century scholar, said that it was **"forbidden by Jewish tradition for women to speak in the synagogue."** Bushnell also comments that the **Talmud remanded women to keep silent because according to Rabbi Eliezer "the voice of a woman is filthy nakedness."** Bushnell points out that **Scripture supports the exact opposite of what verse 34 is claimed to prevent.** She rhetorically asks: **"what is to be done with the hundred and one other "laws" in the O.T. opening the mouths of women?"**

Bushnell reminds us that Scripture declares: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, and let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. How could Paul command Let the women keep silence immediately after exhorting the congregation of women and men to covet to prophesy in the context of the church (14:1) and then immediately conclude with an exhortation to covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak in tongues (14:39) From:

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David W. Odell-Scott, Professor of Philosophy at Kent State University, argues that the grammatical structure and content of the text **indicates that verses 34 and 35 were quotations from a Corinthian letter to Paul, which he immediately rebukes.** "Paul replies in verse 36 with a two-fold negative rhetorical query: **"What! Did the word of God originate with you, or are you the only ones it has reached?"** From: http://www.godswordtowomen.org/1_corinthians_14.htm

Dennis J. Preato says the following: Verses 34-35 do not prohibit women from speaking in the church in either pulpit ministry, teaching, preaching, praying,

prophesying, or any other speaking function. These verses represent a quotation, which is the most plausible and correct interpretation. Paul is quoting a saying from the Oral Law of the Jews which is not intended to be understood as the writer's original declaration. The evidence is compelling, diverse, and objective. This view also allows for the natural flow of thought to remain uninterrupted with verses "34-35" noted as a quotation and a rebuke beginning in verse 36. Paul also has no need to specifically address women as the only cause of "interrupting the service" as some scholars suggest. Paul's conclusion in verse 40 is more than adequate to tell the Corinthians that both men and women must be careful to minister in the gifts of the Spirit in an orderly fashion.

The focus of Chapter 14 is on the proper use of spiritual gifts, tongues and prophecy. Paul's closing exhortation, beginning in verse 39, is a fitting conclusion: *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.*

A PERSONAL OBSERVATION

It is a travesty that men have systematically denied women the opportunity to utilize the full extent of their gifts for God's glory. This denial is based on a few highly problematic passages in Scripture, such as 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:12. Perhaps the obvious must again be stated: Sound hermeneutical principles warn against drawing unwarranted inferences from passages fraught with numerous interpretive issues. Yet, despite this knowledge, scholars, church leaders, and lay people continue to utilize such passages to deny or limit women the full exercise of their God-given gifts.

Scripture teaches us that the gifts and callings of God are given to all members of the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:7-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11). None of these gifts or offices is the exclusive prerogative of men. I believe this oppressive behavior against women grieves the Holy Spirit and hinders the Spirit's work in the Church. Much confusion in the church today over "women in ministry" results from Bible scholars and others who fail to rightly divide and present God's truth.

Many evangelical scholars have boldly attempted to break down traditional assumptions and biases that prevent women from speaking and ministering in churches as pastors and teachers of the Word. A tremendous obstacle still remains.

Bibles generally do not present alternative interpretive options of many "problem passages." First Corinthians 14:34-35 illustrates this point.

Most people read these passages as a declaration without knowing about the quotation option. Bible translators should be more diligent in presenting all views on particularly difficult passages. Some day all Christians will stand before God to give an account of their lives and actions. We may be asked: What have you done with the women I have anointed to minister in My Church? Did you hinder or accept these women? My prayer is that more Christian leaders and lay people not hinder the move of the Holy Spirit in the lives of women called to ministry. Then, and only then, will God's work go forth with greater effectiveness and power to accomplish His purposes. From:

http://www.godswordtowomen.org/1_corinthians_14.htm Did Paul Really Say "Let the Women Keep Silent in the Churches"? by Dennis J. Preato.

Laura says:

Recently a gentleman I know said that God has an order to things and it doesn't include women speaking in public settings within the church. He went on to tell me that the reason that it was inappropriate for women to speak publicly within the church was because a woman might speak publicly for the correction of men.

Darwin says:

Can we as men be big enough to crucify our ego and except correction when needed by who ever God may well be using to correct us? Oh yes, ego; it must be that we men have it or we wouldn't think God gave us dominion over our wife rather than the animals, for God gave Adam and Eve dominion over the animals together. (Gen. 1:28)

We both say:

Here is our answer to all people: Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and **shew my people their transgression**, and the house of Jacob their sins. And why would we do this? Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore such an one in the spirit of meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Look at the last verse, Galatians 6:1, the same gentleman told us that he couldn't tell someone that they might be about to sin, because he said he was afraid of the last part of the verse where it says, "lest thou also be tempted." We say ridiculous, ***CONTINUED ON PAGE 24*****

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**SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS
OR TEACHERS FOR BIBLE
STUDY**

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I will write some suggestions that will help keep things from feeling like the children's program or bible study is a "project".

Bible study, in my opinion, is time to come together and remind us all that we are one body and one spirit. Pass the spirit to the children in a big way because they are the ones that will carry it on into the future. Keeping things simple is the best way to have fun and not feel like you have a load.

I come up with a plan and my plan changes in many ways sometimes. You do not need a lot of stuff, rather, a lot of energy. I found that interaction has been the best way to bible study with kids. I make sure there is plenty of time for the kids to ask questions and read verses and answer questions I made.

I always started with a "wake up" session also. If in a group bible study, all the ages will listen to your lessons better if there is a 10- minute puppet show or singing session, or "what do YOU think of when I read this verse....." (Questions like that). Only do a "lesson session 10-15 minutes (you teaching or reading something or telling a story) then let them create and communicate their thoughts. I make one or two verses to follow every day, read direct scripture, read a missionary story and a craft (home bible study).

One day a week ALWAYS should be devoted to "giving" in some way, such as making cards to put on everyone's chair at services, or letting the children hand out hug coupons in every day errands, or creating baskets with cookies and mints for services or a special place in the community. Encourage giving every day!

Always end with a song and prayer (good time to practice a special music song). You know all this, this is just my outlook. I have never failed with this. I have seen and heard of sessions at the feast that got smaller as the days went on because the kids did not like going and sitting for 45 minutes and then sitting again for 2 hours. They need to move and be interactive during class. They need to feel a part of the festival or service or home interaction.

Be creative! Bible study needs to be serious sometimes and kids need to know that, but it should not be rigid. I made a simple example plan to follow (a curriculum foundation) for a variety of ages.

- ☺ Giving—You have a mission John 3:16-21, Psalms, II Cor 9: (others as I think of them) Craft
- ☺ Fruits of the Spirit—Good fruit verses bad fruit—Ten Commandments Matthew 12:33-37, II Timothy 1:7 (power from God), Jude, James 3:17 (others as I think of them) Craft
- ☺ Girls and Boys—feminine and masculine—Who are you and what are your God-given differences and roles from Yahweh's Word I and II Timothy, (others as I think of them) (this needs to be addressed while these kids are young!) Craft
- ☺ Love, Accept, Serve, Comfort, and Forgive one another—Love NOT the world—Matthew 5:14 (light), I Peter 1, I Timothy 5:1 and Galatians 5 (action!!), when we pick on someone we are doing the same to the Father and the Son who died for that person, Philipians 2 (others as I think of them)

Review, review, review!

Some of the crafts I have come up with will be for all ages.

- ☒ **Scrapbooking**—We scrapbook a page with a variety of bible scriptures and pictures.
- ☒ **Making cards** for the elderly (or anyone) (I order cards from Oriental Trading Co., all season cut-out cards or shape cards) and the kids will stamp and sticker them, and design them, then hand them out. This goes over well in a crowd or at the post office or anywhere.
- ☒ I have made **buttons** saying "who you are makes a difference" or use 3" round stickers which "say something nice to someone everyday", and I have the children hand them out to everyone. (Hobby Lobby has button kits and Oriental Trading Company has them also)
- ☒ Making their own **puzzles** (ordered from the Oriental Trading Company, ready cut puzzles, the kids design them) There are puzzles that are huge pieces and then when you put the pieces together it makes a wall puzzle.
- ☒ Make some sort of **musical instrument** to make a joyful noise to the Lord.
- ☒ **Make yourself**—design a person (cut outs from the Oriental Trading Co.) and let them put the child on the "world" map.

- ☒ **Designing** footprints, picture frames, hats, puppets, for all ages up to 12 (and the teens like it to). These are things that have meaning, things that they can play with over and over, and things that are very inexpensive to supply for a big group or a small family of kids.
- ☒ Make **book marks** and pass them out at the library, with bible scriptures on them or ones like shown in Issue #25.

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Greek manuscript. It is the most well-known corruption of scripture.

In answer to the question: Is He one? Yes. He (the Most High God) is one individual. Also the God Kingdom (although consisting of 2 individuals) is one unit (one kingdom). When Christ brought the gospel of the Kingdom it was a new thing not completely encapsulated within human understanding previously. Things new will be the wave of the future (Revelation 21:5).

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unleavened bread shall be eaten.

From Ezekiel 45:21 we see that Passover was a Feast of 7 days in which unleavened bread was to be eaten. Laura

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as it shows three things about a man's or woman's character, they are as follows:

#1=You would rather let your brethren sin. If you tell your brethren before they actually sin you are showing your love for them rather than to just keep your mouth shut and let them hurt themselves or someone else by their sin.

#2=You are afraid you will be over taken in your brothers sin or in your own sin. This shows your self-centeredness. Save yourself first attitudes translate into a lack of love for your brethren. Christ laid down His life for every man, woman and child on this earth as an example to us all.

#3=This verse clearly says, "ye which are spiritual" do this. If you are using God's Holy Spirit to help your brethren, that same Holy Spirit will help keep you from getting caught up in your brothers fault.

So all we can conclude from this, is that if you just stand by and say nothing to your brother when you believe he is about

to sin, then you suffer from the same spiritual character flaw that Adam suffered from.

We should not stand by in silence as Adam did and just let our brethren sin without attempting to stop them from making mistakes which may well cause them to loose their salvation. We show love for our brethren by helping them to keep their salvation and not by silently letting them sin right before our eyes.

When men receive correction from a woman they ought to consider it the same as if it had come from a man, because correction is all about a person loving you so much they want you to make it into the Kingdom of God and they, man or woman are willing to give their own life in order for you to live. When we don't believe what God says, so that we may hold on to our own doctrines, our fall may not be far off. This is a serious matter.

*****THE END*******