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CHRISTIAN VIEW OF PSYCHOLOGY. (Excerpted from previous *Challenge*)

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MEN BEHIND PSYCHOLOGICAL THOUGHT. While many deny it, the underlying ideologies of psychology go back to Sigmund Freud. Freud hated religion. He said, "I regard myself as one of the most dangerous enemies of religion." -*Life and Works of Sigmund Freud*, Ernest Jones. Thomas Szasz, leading author on psychotherapy, said: "One of the most powerful motives of his (Freud's) life was to inflict vengeance on Christianity for its traditional anti-Semitism." Carl Jung, whose teachings are having a major resurgence today, was an avid student and friend of Freud. Jung said, "All neurotics seek the religious and all talk of God is mythological." He said he had a demon whom he called *Philemon*. Carl Rogers says he was raised a "Christian" but he said, "After almost 50 years as a psychologist my belief system is almost the antithesis of what I was taught." Albert Ellis was an atheist and he said, "Religiosity to a large degree is essentially masochism and both are forms of mental illness." Most psychological thinking today is still along the lines of these men. How in the world can their godless schemes be harmonized with the Scriptures?

NATURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TEACHING. 1. *It is humanistic!* It is the best man can come up with to answer man's problems. There is nothing factual about it, it is all subjective. For example, the supposed four basic personality traits: sanguine, choleric, melancholic and phlegmatic, go back as far as Socrates and the modern application to the 1700's and a man named Franz Mesmer (mesmerized). He taught there was a fluid that ran through the body that would cure all ills. He called it "Animal Magnetism." 2. *Everyone is considered unbalanced to some degree.* Thomas Szasz says, "In 20 years of psychiatric work I have not known a clinical psychiatrist to report that the subject was a normal, mentally healthy person." 3. *Every malady or faulty behavior is viewed as a disease;* not a moral problem. Alcoholism is a disease. An over active child is labeled ADHD - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; GAD stands for General Anxiety Disorder - that covers all the "diseases" they can't put their finger on. The American Psychiatric Ass'n lists 384 official psychological disorders and more are being added all the time. 4. *According to them, there is no sin!* Everybody is basically good - no matter what crime a person may have committed. The self esteem gospel is a psychological gospel! Ellis said, "Dogmatically tell yourself, 'I am good because I am alive.'" Freud taught total self gratification was the goal. You must know that Freud's entire system was based on his crazy view that all deeds have their origination in sex. He said that teens should have all the sex they want. He wrote to Jung: "My dear, Jung, promise me that you will never abandon the sexual theory." Little wonder we have the problems we face today when half of all Americans have seen a psychologist, psychiatrist, etc. Pleasure, Yes, hedonism is the ultimate goal - do whatever you need to do to be happy. 5. *It is based on empiricism.* That is, the only experiences which are valid are those which can be experienced through the five senses. How often have we all based something upon our senses only to find that we were entirely misled? This rules out faith! God says that the Christian "**Walks by faith and not by sight.**" 6. *These people despise all authority - except their own.* Freud cared nothing for the opinions or authority of parents saying, "Parents are nothing but riff-raff." And who was it that was paying him to treat their children? (Cont'd p.3)

Thanksgiving Service

This is always one of the most inspiring services we have all year. *Join us and make it a real Thanksgiving to God.* After all, that's what it was in the beginning! Just how grateful are we to God for His salvation and multiplied blessings?

Thursday

November 24th — 8:00 pm

We will have a good **Gospel Song Service**, a time for **Testimonies** and a **Special Message**. If you're having guests in for dinner, invite them to come along. **Let's put the Lord first!**



WHICH IS THE TRUE BIBLE? - LUKE 6:48.

KJV: "He is like a man which built a house...on a rock...and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it for **it was founded upon a rock.**"

NASV: "He is like a man building...and could not shake it because it was well built." (*You have to be blind not to see the difference in these versions!*)

NIV: "He is like a man...could not shake it because it was well built."

NKJV: "...for it was founded on a rock." A Footnote says, NU-Text reads "for it was well built."

RSV: "because it had been well built." Footnote: "it was founded on a rock."

This is just one more place where **the KJV differs from all modern versions**. I purposely used the NASV, NIV and NKJV for many Evangelicals and Fundamentalists use them and consider them better than the KJV (BJU loves NASV). It is interesting to note that those four agree quite closely with each other. That is because they all have the same source, the Alexandrian mss...Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, both of which were found in Roman Catholic institutions. It was from these that Westcott & Hort and Nestle made their Greek translations. They are quite different as you can see from the source behind the KJV, the *Textus Receptus*. When men talk about "original manuscripts" you must realize that there are two very different sources; obviously only one can go back to the original. (Continued below)

THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Astrology and Fortune telling are very big today. God warned Israel about both of these evils. **Deut.18:10:** "There shall not be found among you...an observer of times." Also, in **Ex.22:18** Israel was warned: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." Since God used such strong words to denounce these sins, as Christians we must have nothing to do with the sins of Fortune telling and Astrology. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," **Prov.23:7**. You cannot put evil things in your mind and escape the consequences! We should think on the things of God that our minds may be pure. Another serious consideration is that this sort of thing is a happy hunting ground for demons. Let me warn you, demon possession is no joke! Remember, "To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are whom ye obey." **Rom.6:16**. In reality, everybody is serving someone! Whose servant are you? The devil is a very clever and a hard master. The Bible says, "Resist the devil..." - do not give him any advantage over you, for if you do, he will surely make use of it. Even though you may be saved, when you fool around with the occult, you are putting yourself on the devil's ground. And be sure of this, he will take full advantage of it.

FORWARDING ADDRESS.

A fellow by the name of David Brown had a letter returned to him from the Post Office. In one corner, in large letters, it was stamped: **DECEASED!** In another corner it was stamped: **FORWARDING ADDRESS UNKNOWN!** When you die, what will your forwarding address be? If you want it to be heaven, read and believe **John 14:1-6**.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK (OR WRITE).

I recently came across some rather interesting newspaper headlines which point out the need for the advice in the title above.

"Something Went Wrong In Jet Crash, Experts Say."

"Police Begin Campaign To Run Down Jaywalkers"

"Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted" (probably some should be)

"Plane too Close To Ground, Crash Probe Told"

"Miners Refuse To Work After Death"

"Juvenile Court To Try Shooting Defendant"

"If Strike Isn't Ended Quickly, It May Last Awhile."

"Cold Wave Linked To Cold Temperatures"

This only goes to show that it doesn't take a whole lot of intellect to write for a newspaper. I read years ago that the newspapers are written with a sixth grade education in mind (it's probably less now).

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

I included the **Revised Standard Version** in this study because it is the product of the very liberal National Council of Churches and just about all Bible believers agree it is one of the worst versions ever to see the light of day. Yet many Evangelicals and Fundamentalists choose modern versions which take the very same position (BJU and the NASV). To me it is obvious that something is very wrong with their thinking. Many have been deceived by the **New King James Version** for it "*seems*" to many who are uninformed to be just an up-dating of the **KJV**. It is clear however, that the thinking of the men behind it is basically the same as that which underlies all the other modern versions including the **RSV**. The text itself generally follows the Authorized Version, **KJV**. *However, their real philosophy is revealed in the footnotes which give the same readings as the other modern translations.*

The issue is really very simple; *there can only be one Word of God!* God did not give two or three or 100 different sets of words. It is not merely a matter of preference. It doesn't matter what you or I prefer. **But we are talking about the very Words of God!** I for one want to be sure that I have the ones God gave - all of them! I believe that any *honest* study of the issue will lead one to conclude that the **King James Version** is the true, pure Word of God. God said He would preserve His Word forever; **Isa.40:8; Psalm 12:6,7; Luke 21:33; etc.** Did He or didn't He? All who use modern versions are saying He didn't. If He did where is it? It is clearly not in the W-H text and modern versions. We are sure that in English, it is in the **KJV**.

JACK VAN IMPE'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

Once he was a staunch Fundamentalist - 45 years ago or so. Van Impe has for years lauded the Pope, etc. Jan Markell, Olive Tree Ministries writes: "...starting on his April 16 show, Van Impe has praised Pope John Paul II, the Vatican, Catholic theology, Pope Benedict 16th... non-stop. Jack and Rexella insist that as long as we agree on the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the resurrection and substitutionary atonement, we can set aside all other disagreements. We can set aside adoration for Mary, papal infallibility, baptismal regeneration, exaltation of the Eucharist, the doctrine of good works, etc. Van Impe said he had a 'Damascus Road experience' with Catholicism." Ed. The difference between he and Paul is that Paul saw the Light; Van Impe has seen nothing but darkness!

PSYCHOLOGY IS NOT SCIENTIFIC AND REAL CURES ARE HARD TO FIND.

Dr. Robyn Dawes, professor at Carnegie-Mellon Univ. and recognized authority on psychological accomplishments, said, "Virtually all research - and this book will research more than 300 empirical investigations - has found that these professional claims to superior intuitive insight and skill simply are not valid. What our society has done is license these people to do their own thing." Psychotherapy is totally subjective. If seen independently, few if any would agree on a specific treatment for a particular person. I do not claim to be an expert, but I have formally and informally studied this subject over the years. I have dealt with hundreds of people who have visited psychiatrists, etc. Apart from a real salvation experience, I do not know of anyone who has gone to a mental health person and has been declared cured and no longer needs the psychiatrist. One group of researchers stated: "It is clear that the negative effects of psychotherapy are overwhelmingly regarded by experts in the field as a significant problem."

CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY A MYTH.

We utterly reject the idea of Christian psychology. Psychological teaching is based on a faulty view of man. Most of it has been originated by some of the most wicked and confused men. In spite of the many warnings concerning the world and its philosophies, many Christian leaders want to be accepted by the world and adopt its ungodly principles and adapt humanistic ways to the Bible. But it is like mixing oil and water - it doesn't work and you only spoil the water. God's Word has many warnings against this: "...**I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.**" I Cor.1:19. "**That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.**" I Cor.2:5. "**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**" Col.2:8. What about Dobson, etc.? People like this illustrate my point. When you wed the world and the Bible, the Bible always suffers. Dobson, and those like him, twist the Scriptures to fit their psychological ideologies. Dobson said, "The health of an entire society depends on the ease with which each member gains personal acceptance." The gospel of self esteem! Pop psychology speaker and author Zig Ziglar said, "To build your self image, make a list of your positive qualities. Brag on yourself from time to time." Did these people ever read Rom.3:10-18, Jer. 17:9, etc.? God says, "**What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.**" It's also true: What God has put asunder, let no man put together. Christianity and psychology are opposites!

THEN AND NOW!

We hear a lot about separation of Church and State, no religion in the public schools, etc. Separation of Church and State nowhere appears in the writings of the founders of this nation. In fact, there was plenty of intermingling of Christianity and government then. Note the following from America's Godly Heritage, by David Barton (via Baptist Vision): "The New England Primer was the first textbook printed in America. It was introduced in Boston in 1690 and for two centuries America learned to read from this book which today we would call a first-grade textbook. It began with the alphabet, and then showed the children how to make one, two and three-letter syllables then how to put them together to make words. Then, later it returned to the alphabet and attached a phrase to each letter...such as: 'A - A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is a heaviness to his mother. B - Better is little with fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith. C - Come unto Christ all ye that labor and are heavy laden and He will give you rest. E - Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God...'" This is how children learned the alphabet for two hundred years. (now a child can come out of first grade not even knowing the alphabet). In the back of the book, there were several questions. "What was the fifth commandment?" was one of them." Many comparable books followed such as the Upjohn Readers, which were authored by a Presbyterian preacher and were full of Bible quotations. America has been sold a wicked bill of goods by the liberal and often atheistic left.

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GOD'S WILL OR YOUR OWN?

One of the most common mistakes believers make is doing their own thing. Many are just doing what they want to do, whether God has truly called them or not. The following story proves my point. There was a middle-aged farmer who, for years, had the desire to be a preacher. One day while resting in the field from his farm work, he looked up into the sky. It seemed like the clouds were forming the letters P and C. The man immediately assumed that God was speaking to him and that the Lord's message was to go and P-reach C-hrist. So, he sold the farm and went into the ministry. But he was a terrible preacher and obviously not called of God. After finishing one of his sermons, a neighbor came up to him and whispered into his ear: "Are you sure God wasn't trying to tell you to P-lant C-orn?" At Corinth, they had a great problem with many wanting to do their own thing. The Apostle Paul wrote to them: **"Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."** I Corinthians 7:20, 24. That was the rule, but if God called a man to a particular service then, he was to follow the leading the Lord. Many at Corinth were doing what they wanted to do, not what God had for them. I am afraid that there will be more than a few at the Judgment Seat of Christ who will get little or no reward. Maybe they were sincere and worked hard, but their service was not what God called them to do. Remember the man at Gadara; he wanted to travel with Jesus, no doubt a good ambition. But the Lord said, No, you go home and witness for Me. He obeyed!