



GOD IS NOT HAPPY WITH BIBLE CORRECTORS!

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God is not happy with many things men presume to do. He certainly is not happy with those who alter His Holy Word. He has given warning: **"Ye shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it..."** – Deuteronomy 4:2. **"Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee and thou be found a liar."** – Proverbs 30:6. God says that **"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."** – Psalm 12:6, 7. Does that sound like something that can be improved upon? I am reminded of a story I read many years ago. A famous Fifth Avenue store had engaged Salvador Dali to design one of their large display windows. He spent a great deal of time and effort and late one night he finally finished his work. It was ready for his signature. The next day, there were many viewers and many people passing by when Dali showed up. He took one look, and in front of all those people, he went back a few paces and took a running jump into the plate glass window destroying the display. What was the matter with this man? While the crowd did not know it, someone had rearranged some of his work after he left the night before. He was not happy to have his work tampered with. In reality, it was no longer his work.

If a man can be indignant over someone altering his work, how much more God? We have said it many times: God is not happy with those who alter His Word! How dare some sinful creatures endeavor to improve upon the Word of God. Surely they have no fear of God! I would no more correct the pure, inspired, infallible Word of God than I would take forked lightning into my hands. The proliferation of counterfeit bibles is astounding; it seems there is a new variety about every month. Not only do we see the Liberals and New Evangelicals putting out and using faulty modern versions, but some Fundamentalists have a penchant for one or more bibles that correct the true Word of God - the King James Version. Then, there are those who claim to be King James Bible believers, but they cannot preach for fifteen minutes without correcting it by saying, "This is not in the oldest manuscripts" or "a better rendering is..." or some similar statement whereby they correct the Bible they claim to believe. Of course, they usually correct God's Word with the corrupt teachings or Westcott and Hort and the very faulty Alexandrian manuscripts. Dear Bible believer, there is only one pure Word of God; how could there be more than one? Make sure you have God's inspired, infallible, preserved Word - the KJV! Let me end this article with one more strong warning of what God thinks about those who tamper with His Word. **"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."** Revelation 22:18, 19.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

IT'S FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY — SEPTEMBER 11TH

Bible School - - - 9:30

Church Service- 10:45

Dinner under Tent

(after morning service)

Singspiration - - 1:30

Evening Service- 6:30

Your friends need Christ!

Do your best to bring them.

We have a gift for each friend.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE!

OCTOBER 5-9, 2005

- **Several Missionaries**
- **Flags of many nations**
- **Color slides**
- **Special Music**
- **Nursery open**



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY — FRIDAY

7:00 pm

SATURDAY

3:30, 4:30 (Buffet Supper), 6:00

SUNDAY

9:30, 10:45, 5:30, 6:30

GOD & COUNTRY RALLY!

OCTOBER 29 — 2:00 PM

Several Speakers * Bring the Family

Special Music * Nursery

Fellowship & Refreshments

Let's raise a standard for truth and righteousness!

YOUTH CORNER

THE OPTIMISTIC FROG.

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,

One was an optimistic soul;

But the other took the gloomy view,

"We shall drown," he cried, without more ado.

So with a last despairing cry,

He flung up his legs and he said, "Goodbye.

"Quoth the other frog with a merry grin,

"I can't get out, but I won't give in.

I'll just swim round till my strength is spent,

Then, will I die the more content.

"Bravely he swam till it would seem

His struggles began to churn the cream.

On top of the butter at last he stopped,

And out of the bowl he gladly hopped.

What of the moral? 'Tis easily found:

If you can't hop out, keep swimming around.

ALL AT SEA? Several years ago a young man who graduated from an honored eastern university, related how he came close to a nervous breakdown. He said, "When I went to college, I was full of enthusiasm...I wanted to do something - not just make money... but by my junior year I had become convinced that there wasn't anything that could be believed. Everything was relative, and I was in space, like the guy in the poem:

I wish that my room had a floor.

I don't care much for a door.

But this floating around

Without touching the ground

Is getting to be quite a bore."

Ed. I grew up before the days of popular relativism; that is, there is nothing fixed, there are no absolutes, etc. Once there was black and white but now all is gray. This is true generally, but especially in morals. There are no absolutes, or so modern man says. But that is one of the things that is wrong with multitudes today. Nobody knows nuttin'. Everybody is right. Young person, that is all wrong and that is why many are all at sea. Modern man is like being on a ship which has no compass and no rudder! Though men may not recognize it, there are absolutes - there is truth and there is error. If you would like to become established in the truth, ask Jesus Christ to be your Savior. A fundamental truth is that we are all sinners and need a Savior. There is only One! Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.**" John 14:6.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

DOUBLESPEAK BJU STYLE. Stephen Jones, the new President of Bob Jones University, sent out a letter along with a statement he made to the BJU Trustees. He spoke of "Fidelity to the Bible." He also stated: "Bob Jones University will continue to proclaim and practice the Scriptures as the verbally-inspired, inerrant Word of God...I also agree with and commit to the University's position that there can be more than one good translation in English." I could fill this paper many times over with statements from BJU leaders and professors which reveal that is indeed "doublespeak." What Bible do they give fidelity to? While using the KJV for public meetings, the theology department of BJU has said for forty years that the NASV is the best English translation. All modern versions not only disagree with the KJV but they disagree with each other. *How can there be more than one inspired, infallible, inerrant, Word of God?* BJU leadership has consistently said that no version or translation can be inspired - only the originals were inspired. BJU does not (and to my knowledge never has) said that you can hold the "inspired, inerrant Word of God" in your hands today. They believe all versions have errors! I do not have space here to prove these claims, but if you are really interested in what they believe, send me a postpaid, self-addressed envelope and I will send you abundant testimony right from their own pens. I will tell you this, they do not believe that there exists today the inspired, inerrant Word of God. I will also tell you that I do!

VILIFYING FUNDAMENTALISTS. This is a favorite pastime of modern media. *WorldNetDaily* had an article about a film to be released next year; it is entitled: "The Beast." Its purpose is to "prove that Jesus Christ never existed and to demonize Christian fundamentalists." The producer, Brian Flemming, claims to be a former fundamentalist Christian. The cast and crew are "legally sworn to secrecy." The plot is about a Christian high-school student who discovers she has stumbled across a cover-up of Christianity's best kept secret - Jesus Christ never existed. She is opposed by a group of "fundamentalist Christians who will stop at nothing to suppress the truth." On a trailer viewable from the film's site the words flash across a screen: "Centuries ago, a legend was invented...forgery...fraud...coercion...wealth...greed...torture...murder...war ...gave power to dominate the world." Of course, those things are true of apostate Christianity, not Fundamentalism. Brutalizing Fundamentalists has

become one of the media's favorite pastimes. They don't do that with liberal or Catholic Christianity; they don't need to, they don't believe in the Jesus of the Bible. USA Today calls it "immensely satisfying." Fox News dubbed the producer a "young Oliver Stone." That this sort of thing could even get off the ground shows the nature of our times. I Peter 4:14 says, "**If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye...**"

TEN MOST HARMFUL BOOKS. *Conservative Human Events* asked a panel of 15 scholars to rank the 10 most harmful books of the 19th and 20th centuries. Here's how they voted:

1. *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx
2. *Mein Kampf* by Adolph Hitler
3. *Quotations from Chairman Mao*
4. *The Kinsey Report* by Alfred Kinsey
5. *Democracy and Education* by John Dewey
6. *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx
7. *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan
8. *The Course of Positive Philosophy* by Auguste Comte
9. *Beyond Good and Evil* by Friedrich Nietzsche
10. *General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money* by John Maynard Keynes - *World* (6/15/05)

The title of the article was, "No Freud, No Darwin?" Were not the works of these men very harmful? Indeed they were and are. I believe the reason they were not mentioned is because most of the world, especially the intellectual world (they asked "scholars") believes that what these two men taught was beneficial and substantially correct. Nothing could be further from the truth! I doubt if anything has had a more debilitating influence on modern society than the realm of psychiatry! Its emphasis is almost totally subjective and based upon the satisfying the self life.

ANIMAL SACRIFICES - CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Though opposed by some Catholic priests, a coalition of (South African Catholic) priests have pushed for offering animal sacrifices at mass. Archbishop Buti Tihagale says that such sacrifices are "celebrated in almost all African families." But some argue that this goes against Catholic tradition concerning the mass. However, a compromise has been reached - animal sacrifices can be offered, not to God but to ancestors who were Catholic. Archbishop George Daniels, head of the Pretoria archdiocese was not overly concerned about it! *TBC Today* 7/11/05. Ed. What difference does a little more paganism make? The Roman Catholic Church is largely based upon it.

SOME THINGS I'VE NEVER SEEN

I have been a child of God for almost fifty five years and have been a Pastor for 49 years and have seen a lot. However, there are some things I have not seen. I have never seen:

1. Someone who was too tired to go to Sunday School and Church who stayed home from work and gave the boss the same excuse.
2. A Christian who ever lost anything by refusing to work on the Lord's Day. (It's not legalism)
3. Anyone who was a faithful witness for Christ who was not faithful to all the services of the Church.
4. Anyone who ever went to the poorhouse because he gave too much money to God.
5. A person who lost anything by being obedient to God and His Word.
6. A Christian businessman who lost his business because he closed it on Sunday, the Lord's Day, and spent the day in Church and in serving the Lord with his family.
7. A spiritual Christian who stayed home from Church because he didn't like something or someone.
8. A truly happy and fruitful Christian who wasn't completely sold out to God.
9. A lazy person make a success out of anything for God (or anything else for that matter).
10. A dedicated Christian who did not experience the joy of the Lord.

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“LEFT” BY S.S. TEACHER

Among the Sunday School men that I have come to admire, no man has exceeded B.F. Jacobs. When I was a Pastor in that city, he became my intimate friend. I rehearse from him an incident that has point which I trust every teacher here will retain. A little flaxen-haired, blue-eyed Norwegian boy was in the Sunday School. One Sunday he was "absent." The next Sunday on the Sunday School card which had carried his name, the name was left out, and the word "left" was written. Mr. Jacobs inquired where he lived and learned it was 383 State Street, third floor in the rear. He was shortly there! The mother showed him to a little cot in the corner of the back of the room where he looked on a face as white as paper, but the sick boy said, "So glad you came Mr. Jacobs." "What's wrong, son," he asked. "Well, I climbed on the housetop and fell and knocked a hole in my head. They think I am going to die, and I think so too." Mr. Jacobs went back, fished out the card and right after the word "left" wrote: "Left by a careless teacher to die with a hole in his head at 383 State Street, third floor in the rear." Then, he followed it with Jeremiah 48:10: "**Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully.**" -W.B. Riley in *Sword of the Lord*. When I think of how relentlessly the Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses follow up people time and time again, it puts most of God's people to shame! How many boys and girls are "left" to go to hell because they dropped out of Sunday School, etc. and no one really cared?