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MUST WE ALWAYS BE DEFENDING THE FAITH?

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The answer is YES! Spurgeon wrote the following well over 100 years ago. "We must defend the Faith; for what would have become of us if our fathers had not maintained it? If the Confessors, Reformers, Martyrs, and Covenanters had been recreant to the Name and Faith of Jesus, where would have been our churches today? Must we not play the man as they did? It is very pretty, is it not, to read of Luther and his brave deeds? Everyone admires Luther! Yes, yes, but you do not want anyone else to do the same today. When you go to the Zoological Gardens you all admire the bear; but how would you like a bear at home, or a bear wandering loose about the street? You tell me that would be unbearable, and no doubt you are right. So, we admire a man who is firm in the Faith, say 400 years ago; the past ages are sort of a bear-pit or iron cage; but such a man today is a nuisance, and must be put down. Call him a narrow-minded bigot, or give him a worse name if you can. Yet imagine that in those ages past, Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, and their compeers had said, 'The world is out of order; but if we try to make it right, we shall only make a great row and get ourselves into disgrace. Let us go to our chambers, put on our night-caps, and sleep over the bad times and perhaps when we wake up things will have grown better.' Age after age would have gone down into the infernal deeps, and the pestiferous bogs of error would swallow all. These men loved the Faith and the name of Jesus too well to have them trampled on...It is today as it was in the Reformers days. Decision is needed."

The natural tendency, even of believers, relative to the truth is degeneration. Look at history. We are commanded to "**Earnestly contend for the faith...**" ~*Jude 3*. The Word of God tells us to "**Hold fast the form of sound words...**" ~*II Timothy 1:13*. We must "**Fight the good fight of faith.**" If the truth of God is to be maintained, it must be fought for in every generation. Probably 60-70 years ago Dr. Ironside wrote: "It is always right to stand firmly for what God has revealed concerning His blessed Son's Person and work. Error is like leaven, of which we read: '**A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**'" ~*Galatians 5:9*. Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking, and more dangerous. God hates mixture! Any error or truth-error mixture, calls for definite exposure and repudiation...Exposing error is most unpopular work. But from every true standpoint, it is worthwhile work." Defending the Faith is a thankless task. Few, including fundamentalists, have the stomach for it. We're living in the last days and they are, as predicted, times of great compromise and apostasy. If the next generation is to have God's truth, we are going to have to stand. So, it's not popular! Was Jesus popular? What about Moses? Elijah? Isaiah? Jeremiah? Paul? While there are many battles which need to be fought today, I believe the great battle in these days is over the Bible; modern versions (perversions) abound and many Bible believers have adopted them. Many *Fundamentalists* say it is not worth fighting about. Whether we have the pure Word of God or not, is not worth fighting over? I don't know where their priorities are. A man wrote me asking when I was going to stop arguing over the Bible versions. I wrote back and said I'd stop when the enemy stopped promoting heretical, counterfeit bibles!

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This booklet gives you some guidelines which are necessary to understand the *Book of Revelation*. We have had a number of good comments from preachers. Price-\$2.00 plus \$1 postage. (U.S. \$) Quantities above.

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO MAKE? "I don't believe my son will have time to take a four-year course," said a father to James A. Garfield, then president of Hiram (Ohio) College. "Could you provide a shorter course?" he asked. Garfield replied, "Why, yes, I think we can, but it all depends upon what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes hundreds of years. When He wants to make a squash, He takes only three months." -Copied. Young people, do not be in a hurry to get a cheap education (or a cheap anything else). Strive for the best, especially when it comes to spiritual things. God is trying to make something worthwhile and useful out of you, and it will take a lifetime of dedication, work and perseverance. The path of least resistance is all downhill. The easy way usually turns out to be the hard way. The hymn writer put it this way: "*Give of your best to the Master; give of the strength of your youth...*"

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

THE MARTYR'S OATH

Today, I stand as a dead man. I declare that in Jesus Christ, I am saved by His blood, and thus I am dead to sin, and no longer dead in my sin.

Today, I stand and declare that I surrender my will and my life to His will and His life.

I shall go where He sends me, without asking any questions.

I shall go to whomever He sends me, without seeking fame.

I shall preach to everyone, even if they hate me.

I am an ambassador of the cross, and must deliver the Message.

I shall pour my life out to reach my family, my friends, my neighbors and my city.

I embrace the shame of the Cross, and I fear nothing but God.

I welcome suffering, shame, persecution, beatings, imprisonments and death, but I will not be silenced.

If I am killed, I pray that my blood should be a harvest for souls.

This is my city. I dare not do less.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

COMMON FOLKS AND COMMON SENSE! At least they have more than many of the so called experts, relative to the global warming myth. *OneNewsNow* asked their readers if they believed global warming caused by human beings endangers mankind. They received 3,800 replies as follows:

- 25.26% said that it was a myth.
- 45.84% said it was an unproven theory.
- 9.00% believed it was highly unlikely.
- 9.76% thought it may be a possibility.
- 1.87% said that it might happen.
- .53% felt it was certain in the future.
- 7.74% said it was happening right now.

More than 83% believed global warming was nothing to get excited about; only 8% were sure about it, yet people like Al Gore (a supposed expert who refuses to debate anyone over it), some liberal scientists and politicians are trying to brainwash the public into believing this myth. They have a lot of money behind them and will go on promoting this fantasy. If the Kyoto Treaty is ever signed by the U.S. (and they want even stricter measures), taxes will skyrocket. One scientist said it could cost trillions of dollars.

AMERICAN LEFT OUR GREATEST ENEMY! That's the statement of Lt. Col. Robert Patterson, chief operating officer at the David Horowitz Freedom Center in L.A. In his book, *The Left's Campaign to Destroy the Military and Lose the War on Terror*, he tells why the U.S. cannot win wars as long as the left wields significant political power. The former Clinton aide says, "I think we will never win another war militarily. We will lose our way of life, we will lose the freedoms and liberties we have in this country if we don't defeat the enemy from within --- and that's the American left." He says, it is not the liberals themselves who are suffering, but "It's the young men and women in uniform who have sacrificed so much and who want to win this thing." -*OneNewsNow* (4/3/07)

GROWING IMMIGRANT PROBLEM. Nashville is an exemplar of the 'global interior' - the phenomenon of refugee immigration to cities in the U.S. heartland. Between 1990 and 1999 they grew by over 203% from less than 13,000 to more than 40,000 out of the consolidated Nashville-Davidson population of over 607,000. Foreign born residents in Nashville now account for one in seven residents. The growth in Nashville's immigrant population was a product of a Clinton Administration initiative in the 1990's...to vector refugees away from the traditional gateway cities to the nation's interior. It was also part of a

conscious plan by Nashville and Tennessee business leaders led by former Mayor now Governor Phil Bredersen. Nashville is first among major American cities in terms of the per capita proportion of foreign born residents. All is not sweetness and light in Nashville between the Muslim and general communities. Among the Nashville Muslim immigrant community there is evidence of infiltration by Islamist elements and leaders, including an active chapter of the Council of American Islamic Relations (A pro-Muslim organization). In Feb. 2005 a Somali Muslim immigrant cabdriver ran down two fares - a Vanderbilt college student and his visitor - after a heated argument about Hitler and the Holocaust. In the Somali Muslim émigré community, via CAIR, demanded and got an audience with Mayor Bill Purcell, Metro Police, and 30 other agency heads after an alleged desecration of a Quran. Thirty Somali Muslim workers demanded prayer time while on the job at Dell. They were let go only to be reinstated after CAIR and the Metro Human Relations Commission intervened. Nashville now boasts six Mosques for the growing Muslim community.

VIRGINIA TECH CONVOCATION. One day after the terrible tragedy at VT a school convocation was held. Area religious leaders spoke. A Muslim cleric spoke of "Allah," while a Buddhist remarked on the goodness of manhood, a female speaker from the Jewish community quoted the Book of Ecclesiastes and a Lutheran pastor spoke of healing and togetherness. There was not one mention of Jesus! Pres. Bush mentioned God but not Jesus. Flip Benham of Operation Save America said it was shocking to have an Islamic Imam speaking of peace! -*OneNewsNow*

LEADING EVANGELICAL BACK TO ROME. Dr. Francis Beckwith, president of the Evangelical Theological Society, announced he was going back to Roman Catholicism. He said, it began while reading some of the early church fathers... I became convinced that the Early Church is more Catholic than Protestant... and that the Catholic view of justification, correctly understood, is biblically and historically defensible." - TBC (5/17/07). Ed. This is a major defection from the Evangelical camp. There have been others in recent years. As we have often said, the Evangelicals believe that the Catholic Church has become more evangelical, while in reality, they are becoming more Catholic. The Catholic view of justification is salvation by works; salvation is through the church and its sacraments.

PLEASING EVERYONE!

While pleasing everyone is impossible, there are a good many trying it. Not the least, some preachers who try to preach the Gospel in a way that suits everyone. Spurgeon told the following anecdote: A man started up a fish business. When he opened, he put up a sign which said: "Fresh Fish For Sale Today." He invited all his friends to the opening. They all congratulated him, but it wasn't long until one suggested his sign might be improved. The man said, "Why the 'Today'?" Of course, it's today, not yesterday or tomorrow. So, the man removed "Today." Shortly, another came and said, "You don't need "For Sale." Everyone knows you are selling fish or you wouldn't have the store." So, off came the words "For Sale." Another questioned: "Why the word 'Fresh'?" Your integrity guarantees the fish will be fresh." You guessed it, there was one more objector. He asked, "Why the word 'Fish'?" I knew you were selling fish, I smelled them a block away." In trying to please everybody, he ended up with nothing. It seems to me this sort of thing is going on in the Lord's work. There are many who say, we don't need long sermons on Bible doctrine, sin, repentance, hell, etc; give us sermonettes with plenty of jokes. Others insist we don't need hymn books anymore; they're now passé. A goodly number have found they don't need an organ or piano (they want a band). Some are saying we don't need church pews any longer, let's use stack chairs. Quite a few have found out that we don't need the Sunday night or Wednesday evening service. I wonder if anybody has stopped to consider what God wants and whether all of this is pleasing God! **"...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."**

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WHO IS THE FOOL HERE?

The American Atheists website says: "What is incredible about the Bible is not its divine authorship; it's that such a concoction of contradictory nonsense could be believed by anyone to have been written by an omniscient god. To do so, one would first have to not read the book, which is the practice of most Christians; or, if one does read it, dump in the trash can one's rational intelligence -- to become a fool for god, in other words." Sadly, we must grant them one point. With Bible illiteracy on the increase, many Christians simply do not read it. There is no substitute for reading and rereading the Scriptures. If this is done, many of these alleged contradictions would point instead to the folly and inattention of those who seek to take advantage of a growing Bible illiteracy. Alleged contradiction 1: "ON THE PERMANENCY OF THE EARTH" "... the earth abideth for ever." ~*Ecclesiastes 1:4* "... the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." ~*2 Peter 3:10*. Ecclesiastes is written from the viewpoint of the man "under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:3, 9, etc.). That is his experience. His perspective is limited... That is not the viewpoint of the man who has a relationship with the Most High God, who has looked beyond his limitations. Peter is expressing nothing new in 2 Peter 3:10. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had noted the promise of God to make "new heavens" and a "new earth" (Isaiah 66:22). Ignorance of context would certainly generate such a mistaken allegation -*TBC Today* (2/16/07). Ed. Who is the fool? God testifies: "**The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.**" ~*Psalms 14:1 and 53:1*. God says it twice, but fools just don't get it!