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PROMOTING SELF IN THE CHURCH!

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The following is from *The Berean Call* (10/07). “Jesus said the only hope for any man was to **“deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”** ~*Mark 8:31-34* et al. In defiance of our Lord’s command, Christian psychology, which is trustingly looked to by almost the entire evangelical church (*and many Fundamentalists*) declares man’s greatest need is, instead to nourish and cherish the Self... Rather than denying self, ‘Christian psychology,’ thinking it can improve God’s infallible and all-sufficient Word with the theories of atheistic anti-Christians, coddle rebellious Self with the offer of ‘self-esteem, self-love, self-acceptance, self-image, self-improvement, self-assertion, and all the other selfisms...James Dobson’s ministry is built on this same humanist foundation, (*as is Rick Warren’s, Bill Hybels, and hosts of others*). We have quoted him saying Christian psychology is a good career for any Christian to aspire to ‘providing he can withstand the humanism.’ There is widespread ignorance of God’s Word in the evangelical (*and Fundamental*) church. Much of the blame must be placed upon Christian psychologists. The effect is everywhere. Robert Schuller...in a book with an introduction by that arch heretic Norman Vincent Peale boldly defies God: ‘Self-love is a crowning sense of self-worth. It is an ennobling emotion of self-respect...an abiding faith in yourself. It comes through self-discovery, self-discipline, self-forgiveness and self-acceptance. It produces self-reliance, self-confidence and an inner security, calm as the night.’” (*Can you find anything in the Bible like that?*) Ed. *Parentheses mine*.

What a grand delusion! Everything stated in the Schuller quote is in direct contradiction to the Word of God. Schuller’s gospel is total reliance upon SELF! If you believe that, you don’t need God! You have replaced God with yourself. And yet, this sort of thing is rampant, not only in the Evangelical churches but in many (yes, many) Fundamental ones. But all of this is nothing but the wisdom of men, and some of the greatest names in psychiatry were wicked men. They were not Christian in any sense of the word, and in fact, almost invariably they were opposed to Bible Christianity. You cannot find one place in the Scriptures where God seeks to build up man’s self-esteem. He is constantly trying to tear it down and show man what a wretched sinner he is and that he needs a Savior; **Romans 3:10-12**, etc. I read a study where a pollster was trying to find out what individuals thought of themselves. One detail stands out very clearly in my mind. He asked a large number of persons who held the job of a supervisor to rate their own performance. Fully 90% of them rated themselves as superior. Does your experience give you the impression that figure is correct? Mine doesn’t. Let me close this by saying what we have often said, psychiatry and Christianity don’t mix - they are opposites. Christian, if you are entangled in this sorry mess, I urge you to look to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. Is God unable to meet your needs? Does He not have all the answers? **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.”** ~*Proverbs 3:5,6*. How many Christians are building, and wasting their lives with this ungodly wisdom. See Galatians 6:7,8; Philippians 3:18,19; etc.

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING? Many people, young and old, remind me of the story I read of two boys who boarded a train. They walked back to the last car which was empty. The porter looked in and requested, “If you don’t mind fellows, would you please walk up to the next car?” One of the boys replied, “But we want to stay here.” “The next car is just like this one,” assured the porter. One of the boys answered, “But we want to be by ourselves. We prefer to stay here.” And they settled back in their seats. “Well, it’s all right with me,” said the porter, “but this car isn’t going anywhere. It’s not attached to the train.” There are many that are not attached, especially to the Lord. What is your goal in life? Where are you going? Some Christians aren’t going anywhere as far as God is concerned. The first thing you need to do is to become attached to the Jesus Christ, by receiving Him as your Savior. A life without Christ is in reality wasted. As far as God and eternity are concerned, you aren’t going anywhere! Jesus said, **“I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”** ~John 8:12.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Many people aim to do right. The problem is that they are such poor shots. -MRD

A man will stand out in the blazing sun to fish because it’s too hot to go to church.

Most folks have presence of mind; the trouble is absence of thought. -Copied

You no doubt have noticed that the horse and wagon have disappeared, but not the waggin’ tongue. Some people have the motor racing but the car is in neutral.

If you are in tune with this world, you are not in harmony with Heaven.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

SOME IMPOSSIBILITIES:

It is impossible to sow bad seed and to reap good fruit.

It is impossible to think wrong and live right.

It is impossible to serve two masters - God and mammon.

It is impossible to walk in the Spirit and the flesh at the same time.

It is impossible to reach Heaven without repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

It is impossible to do anything without God seeing it.

But without faith *it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* ~ Hebrews 11:6

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

EVOLUTIONISTS KNOW HOW IT ALL STARTED.

A recent New York Times article contained the following description of the evolutionist's Big Bang: "Astronomers now know the universe has not lasted forever. It was born in the Big Bang, which somehow set the arrow of time, 14 billion years ago. The linchpin of the Big Bang is thought to be an explosive moment known as inflation, during which space became suffused with energy that had an antigravitational effect and ballooned violently outward, ironing the kinks and irregularities out of what is now the observable universe and endowing primordial chaos with order" ("Big Brain Theory," New York Times, Jan. 15, 2008). -*FBIS* (1/25/08). Ed. Amazing! Man knows what happened 14 BILLION years ago. "Primordial chaos with order"? I think that describes their brains. Did you ever hear of an explosion that put things together in perfect order? As we wrote a few months back (and many other times) the plain truth is they just don't want to believe in God.

THE POWERS OF DARKNESS! A company in South Korea has taken an order for what will be the first commercial cloning of a pet dog. The company, RNL Bio, said earlier this week that it is cloning a pit bull terrier for a lady in California. The lady wants her dead pet cloned and is willing to up the \$150,000 fee. The cloning will be conducted by a research team from Seoul National University. The SNU team produced the world's first cloned dog, Snuffy, in 2005. RNL's CEO expects as many as 500 orders within a few years from rich pet owners in the U.S., Japan and Europe. Cloning is now a commercial business. If history is any judge, it is just a matter of time before we progress from dogs to humans. While there are a few restraints here, many foreign governments allow and even promote such bizarre conduct. It is simply another sign post pointing toward the return of Christ. Even so come, Lord Jesus! - *Excerpted from WorldNetDaily* (2/15/08)

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTURE. In a series of three articles Raymond Bartholomew reports that Cedarville University is allowing the promotion of the emerging church heresy that truth cannot be known with certainty. According to the Assurance-But-Not-Certainty view, man can know the truth only with "assurance" but not with "certainty," since God alone is omniscient. Cedarville professor David Mills defends this heresy in two publications. He says that "humans must function epistemologically (to understand) with something less than a state of certainty." He labels those

who hold to the doctrine of certainty "arrogant" and "idolatrous." Professors who do not share the ABNOC position have been fired or forced out. Former teacher Amy-Hope Guisleman said that students are becoming confused and doubtful under the ABNOC teaching. She described one student who said his professor asked them if they knew that the Bible is true. When most responded in the affirmative, "he proceeded to demonstrate to them that they did not in fact know it." The managing editor of the campus newspaper, Bryce Bahler, called the debate "silly and useless." He said, "A Christianity that is built upon proven facts is no Christianity at all. A faith without doubt or failure is no faith at all." -*FBIS* (4/4/08). Ed. A faith with doubt is no faith. It seems to me I read somewhere, "**We have not followed cunningly devised fables.**" Cedarville was in the Fundamental camp 30 years ago but now is an example of New Evangelicalism (with a little New Age thrown in). *As we have said before, you can't compromise a little - it always grows.*

TODAY'S BATTLE- WORSE THAN SLAVERY.

More than 15 million black children have been slaughtered since 1973. Abortion facilities are purposefully placed in inner-city and minority neighborhoods, crushing the bodies of innocent black children. Abortion is the number one killer of African-Americans - killing more black people than all other deaths combined, yet there are black men and women who stand in support of the vicious killing of our smallest children - all in order to win popularity contests or for the coveted prize of becoming the first black president of the United States. - Day Gardner, president, National Pro-Life Union for *Christian Newswire*.

COMA VICTIM AWAKENS. A man who had been placed in a coma for two years as a result of an automobile accident recently awoke and told doctors and his family, that he heard and understood everything going on around him during that time. The doctors said "I wasn't conscious but I understood and I cried in desperation," Salvatore Crisafulli, who is 38, told the Italian media. He emerged from the coma three months ago and began speaking recently... The news comes at the same time as a national bioethics committee in Italy put forward guidelines saying that incapacitated patients should be provided normal medical care, including food and water. - *telladf.org*. (via *Sword of the Lord*). Ed. This is not the first such case. But how many in similar circumstances have had their lives taken?

GOD SAYS, LOVE NOT THE WORLD

A man had been saved a short while when some of his friends came and said, "Let's play cards." He said, "I don't play cards." One said, "Come on, let's get up a game. You love to play." He replied, "I did but I can't play anymore." "Why can't you play?" "I don't have any hands." The other looked at him and said, "You've got two hands; there they are." "No, I don't." "Well, if they are not your hands, whose hands are they?" "God's!" The famous evangelist Gypsy Smith was speaking on worldliness. He said, I can dance as well as anyone, but since I got saved nobody has asked me to dance." Of course, he wouldn't even if they asked. His point was that even the worldly crowd knows Christians don't dance (or drink or play cards, etc.). God's Word says, **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."** ~II Corinthians 5:17. Before I was saved, I drank, I played cards, I gambled, I danced, etc. After I got saved (through reading the Bible), before I ever went to a Fundamental Baptist church, I stopped doing those things. Nobody told me I couldn't do them. I just didn't want to do them. As I grew in the Lord, I found out that was the normal Christian way! I think **"Come out from among them and be ye separate"** is still in the Book! At my last reading, it also said, **"Ye are not your own, you are bought with a price."** Separation is a missing doctrine in many Fundamental Baptist churches, but it is still Fundamental to God. He says, **"Be ye holy!"**

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JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

The Old and New Testaments of the Bible are filled with promises of the second coming of Christ. There are 1,845 references to it in the Old Testament, and a total of seventeen Books give it a prominence. Of the 260 chapters of the entire New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming of Christ, or one out of thirty verses. Twenty-three of the twenty-seven New Testament Books refer to this great event. The four missing Books are three single-chapter letters written to individual persons on a particular subject, and the fourth is Galatians which does imply Christ's coming again. For every prophecy on the first coming of Christ, there are eight on the second coming. There is no greater attested truth in the Word of God than the return of Jesus Christ to take His people to glory with Him and then come to judge and rule this world! Jesus said, **"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again..."** ~John 14:3. Dr. Ironside told of a time when he was preaching on the second coming of Christ and as he closed with prayer, he was conscious of someone leaving. When he got to the back of the auditorium, a woman was pacing the floor. She said to him, "How could you pray like that: "Even so, come Lord Jesus? I don't want Him to come. It would spoil my plans." Dr. Ironside said, "Madam, He is coming whether you want Him to or not!" My Friend, whether you want Him to or not, whether you believe it or not, Jesus is coming again and **"as a thief in the night."** The only thing that will matter is whether or not you are ready. There's only one way to get ready! Believe He died for your sins and rose again.