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MIXTURE: THE DEVIL LOVES IT - GOD HATES IT!

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The following is from a 1971 Challenge and is as pertinent now as then, if not more so: The devil loves mixture, confounding the things of God and the things of the world is his delight. With this, he confuses and deludes many, including believers. **GOD HATES MIXTURE!** Though many men, even some professing Christians, seem to think that God will tolerate just about anything as long as there seems to be some good in it, nothing could be further than the truth. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of illustrations and warnings about this very thing. In Ezekiel 22:26 we read: **“They have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they showed difference between the clean and the unclean.”** For this, God promised judgment. How sad to see this spirit of mingling the things of God and the world among God’s people in our day. I believe that spiritual discernment is at an all-time low and compromise is at an all time high!

An incident in the life of Spurgeon has much wisdom. P.T. Barnum of circus fame invited the great preacher to come to the United States. Barnum would set up a special tent in his traveling circus in which Spurgeon would speak, and do so without restrictions. Any help he needed would be provided and all expense would be paid by P.T. Barnum. Spurgeon would preach as long as he liked and would be paid \$1,000 per message (quite a sum in those days). Now, no doubt some Christians of that day, and many, many more in our day, would say: “What a splendid opportunity this would be to preach the Gospel, save souls, and at the same time reap a great sum for the Lord’s work.” This sort of thing would no doubt be accepted by many Evangelicals and yes, Fundamentalists. But Spurgeon did not see it that way, and he did not come to America under the auspices of the worldly Mr. Barnum. Mr. Spurgeon sent this very simple reply to Barnum’s invitation: “Dear Mr. Barnum, you will find your answer in Acts 13:10. Very sincerely yours. Charles Haddon Spurgeon.” If Mr. Barnum turned to that passage of Scripture, which I am sure he did, this is what he would have read: **“O, full of all subtly and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt not thou cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”** I don’t think many Fundamental Baptist preachers would respond quite like that today!

Many professed Bible believers today, beginning with preachers (I am speaking of many Fundamental Baptists) act as though **II Corinthians 6:14-17** (and similar passages) have been rescinded. Those verses begin by saying: **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteous- ness...”** We are not to have any joint endeavor with the unrighteous (the unsaved, the ungodly), and even disobedient brethren. The rest of those verses basically say the same thing in different words. In Ephesians 5:11 it says, **“Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM.”** I read many years ago this good advice: “Never do evil that good may come.” You have probably heard of Jesuit casuistry (the end justifies the means) if it will help the church (Roman Catholic), it is all right to do it! But that is not what God says! He says, **“Touch not the unclean thing.”** The Bible has abundant evidence that **GOD HATES MIXTURE! IT IS CONFUSION.**

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SALVATION IS BY FAITH - BY BELIEVING GOD.

Human nature is such that it will believe most anything except the truth when it comes to spiritual things. An unbelieving scientist declared that he looked though the whole universe with the best possible telescope without discovering the slightest trace of the existence of God. A Christian scientist said, "I have never read 'Blessed are those who have long telescopes for they shall see God.' But it is written, 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.'" Many think that because they cannot see or understand something then, it does not exist or it cannot be true. Yet they believe many everyday things in nature which they cannot understand nor explain. For example: How can a brown cow eat green grass and give white milk? How can the food you eat turn into water, blood, skin, hair, nails, bones, etc. Many a man says, "Show me and I will believe." But God says, "Believe me and I will show you!" **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** Then, and only then, will you be able to understand spiritual realities. Jesus said, **"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** You'll never "see" (perceive) spiritual things without this!

I LOOKED!

I looked upon a farm one day,

That once I used to own;

The barn had fallen to the ground,

The fields were overgrown.

The house in which my children grew,

Where we had lived for years -

I turned to see it broken down,

And brushed aside the tears.

I looked upon my soul one day,

To find it too had grown,

With thorns and nettles everywhere,

The seeds neglect had sown.

The years had passed while I had cared

For things of lesser worth;

The things of Heaven I let go

While minding things on earth.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. *Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:* So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man. *~Proverbs 24:30-34*

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

75% MOSQUES IN U.S. PREACH JIHAD, ETC. An undercover survey of more than 100 mosques and Islamic schools in America has exposed widespread radicalism, including the alarming finding that 3 in 4 Islamic centers are hotbeds of anti-Western extremism, WND has learned. The Mapping Sharia in America Project, sponsored by the Washington-based Center for Security Policy, has trained former counterintelligence and counter terrorism agents from the FBI, CIA and U.S. military, who are skilled in Arabic and Urdu, to conduct undercover reconnaissance at some 2,300 mosques and Islamic centers and schools across the country. "So far of 100 mapped, 75 should be on a watchlist," an official familiar with the project said. Many of the Islamic centers are operating under the auspices of the Saudi Arabian government and U.S. front groups for the radical Muslim Brotherhood based in Egypt. Frank Gaffney, a former Pentagon official who runs the Center for Security Policy, says results of the survey have not yet been published. He confirmed that "the vast majority" are inciting insurrection and jihad through sermons by Saudi-trained imams and anti-Western literature, videos and textbooks. The project, headed by David Yerushalmi, a lawyer and expert on sharia law, has finished collecting data from the first cohort of 102 mosques and schools. Findings indicate almost 80 percent of the group exhibit a high level of sharia-compliance and jihadi threat... - *WorldNewsDaily*

IS UNION OF U.S. MEXICO, CANADA FOR REAL?

A couple of months ago someone gave me an article from the Boston Globe which said it is just much ado about nothing. Read the following article from Trans-Texas Corridor Stirs Controversy - Jim Brown - *OneNewsNow* - 2/26/2008: The debate in Texas over a proposed 4,000-mile network of toll roads that will parallel the state's existing highway system is heating up. More than 10,000 people have attended public hearings across Texas to discuss the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, which has also been dubbed the "NAFTA superhighway." It is a project that is expected to cost an estimated \$183 billion over 50 years. Terry Hall with the group warns the project will create widespread eminent domain abuse and involve foreign control of public infrastructure. "They're taking huge swaths of land, up to a million acres of private Texas farm and ranch land," warns Hall. "Some of it is prime agriculture land...and they're going to take that land and hand it over to private entities for commercial gain...So for Governor Perry, or any of those folks who are trying to push toll roads here in Texas, to

try and say that this road stops at the Texas border...that it's not a NAFTA superhighway...it is an international corridor and it has been designated as such. But the Republican governor is dismissing the concerns of some state residents who are upset the proposed 4,000 mile Trans-Texas Corridor running from Laredo to Canada will turn operation of the public highway system over to private, if not foreign companies. Critics of the proposed highway project claim it was never approved by voters, and Congress- man Ron Paul (R-Texas), CNN's Lou Dobbs, and others call the project a "NAFTA superhighway" and warn it will be part of a "North American Union" between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.

WANTED: DECENCY IN DRESS! Several communities in the United States have adopted a dress code in an attempt to stem the tide of the "anything goes" attitude of society. Auburn Hills, Michigan, might be the next community to adopt such a code. The city council has asked the city attorney to research the codes used by other communities and the legal boundaries of indecency ordinances in preparation for probable action on the matter. City councilman Otis Newkirk was recently appalled and embarrassed when he took his grandchildren to a large mall and witnessed the "low-cut tops and other revealing clothes" worn by young and old alike ("Dress Codes May Pull up the Slack in Clothing Styles," *-FBIS* 2/22/08). Ed. Isn't it strange even some worldly people can see the immorality in modern dress, but some Fundamental preachers don't seem to have a clue concerning decency.

SEE IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THIS! *CNSNews.com* reports that Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice says the appointment of Washington's first-ever special envoy to the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference will help to promote principles that Muslim and non-Muslims alike "hold dear," such as human rights, liberty and the rule of law. These are not American values, or Western values, she told OIC ambassadors in Washington on Monday. "They are universal values, values that are lived and practiced by the majority of Muslims in the world, many of whom are citizens of democracies." Fourteen of the OIC's 57 members qualify as "electoral democracies according to the criteria applied by Freedom House in its latest report on freedom in the world. None are Arab states. Ed. That is pure nonsense! Muslims promote human rights? Liberty? Democracy? They do believe in the rule of law- Sharia law and *only* Sharia Law!

A MERE WORM

“Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel.” ~*Isaiah 41:14*. When Isaac Watts wrote his classic hymn, “Alas And Did My Savior Bleed,” He penned the words: “*Alas, and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head, For such a worm as I?*” Some newer hymnals have changed the last line to read, “For someone such as I,” etc. William Carey, the father of modern missions, directed the following words be cut on his tombstone: “William Carey, born August 17, 1761: died “*A wretched, poor and helpless worm, On Thy kind arms I fall.*” Charles Wesley, the most famous poet and hymnwriter of all time, a few days before his 81st year dictated the following lines to his wife: “*In age and feebleness extreme, Who shall a feeble worm redeem? Jesus my only hope...*” Before he dropped into eternity he said, “*Come, my dearest Jesus, the nearer and most precious, the more welcome, I cannot contain it! What manner of love is this for a poor worm?*” Richard Baxter, who preached as a dying man to dying men and women, wrote many of his most useful works between 1682 and his death in 1691. While on his deathbed, the saintly Baxter gave utterance to some of the most precious truths ever to leave his anointed lips: “*I am the vilest dunghill worm that ever went to Heaven, Lord!*” -From *Last Words of Sinners and Saints*, Herbert Lockyer (In *Sword of the Lord*). When one reads the estimation of these saints concerning themselves (a truth attested by God’s Word), where does that leave the rest of us? It is true whether you like it or not- you are but a worm! But Oh, how blessed it is to be a saved worm! Thank you Jesus for dying for worms!

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THE DEVIL GOES TO CHURCH

Quite a few years ago, Dr. Lehman Strauss wrote: “Many sensible saints (I don’t think there are very many now) are disturbed about some of the self-styled flashy combo groups that move from church to church with a new dress and a new beat that has no serious and reverent sense of God...I have had the privilege of speaking in more than 1,100 churches in America and I have been shocked and grieved over the lack of discernment in many professing Christians. I have seen demonic powers at work blinding the minds of young and older persons alike to the pure Gospel of grace. Demonic perversions of the Gospel are appearing everywhere...” Vance Havner said, “One does not think of translating Shakespeare into hillbilly vernacular, or reducing Beethoven into rock-n-roll. That idea that we must imitate the world in clothes, language, and music to make the Gospel attractive is not divine but demonic. To begin with, the Gospel never was meant for entertainment. The sin against the Holy Spirit lay in ascribing the work of God to the devil. Is it not equally possible to ascribe the work of the devil to God?” Many Fundamentalists are attributing the work of the devil to the Spirit of God. The spirit of antinomianism (do whatever you want) is rampant in Fundamental circles with worldly music, sensual dress, modern bible versions, etc. Who cares? Most of them are really enjoying it! I think it needs to be said, the greatest part of the blame must lie with the preachers who are like the prophets and priests in Jeremiah’s day. **“A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land: The prophets prophecy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof.”** ~*Jeremiah 5:30,31*. Does anyone care what God thinks about it?