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ARE THERE MANY WAYS TO GOD?

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OneNewsNow (6/23/08) reported a recent survey of 35,000 adult Americans by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. It revealed a large majority now believe there is more than one way to be right with God. It stated that 57% of Evangelical church attendees believe many religions can lead to eternal life. (This shows what we have said for years; Evangelicals, by-in-large, are just as lost as your average Liberal). 70% of Americans with a religious affiliation share that view and 68% said that there was more than one way to interpret the teachings of their own religion. The vast majority believe many religions can lead to eternal life: Mainline Protestants - 83%; members of black Protestant churches - 59%; Roman Catholics - 79%; Jews - 82% and Muslims -56%. It is also interesting to note that one in four Roman Catholics, mainline Protestants, and Orthodox expressed some doubts about God's existence, as did 6 out of 10 Jews. The country is basically going Universalist. For well over 50 years, I have been knocking on doors with the Gospel. I have seen a great change which is in line with the above statistics. The great majority of people that I get to speak with believe that they are good enough to go to Heaven, and they also believe there are many roads which lead there. It was not so years ago. This is popular because, according to their false views, everyone is going to Heaven. It was not too many years ago that the former Pope and also Billy Graham made statements to the affect that anyone who is sincere in what he believes will reach Heaven - even if he never heard of Jesus Christ. All of this blissful ignorance doesn't make it easy to preach the truth today, for it makes us look like religious bigots. But because a majority believes something, that does not make it true. *The only infallible source of information, the Bible, says there is One God and One way.* **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” I Timothy 2:5. “Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name (Jesus) under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” ~Acts 4:12. Read Isaiah 43:11; 44:6,8; 45:5,6,22; 46:9; John 14:6; etc.**

I've told this story many times but it bears repeating. A preacher quoted John 14:6: **“Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”** He emphasized there was but one way to God and Heaven. Afterwards a lady came to him and said, “I disagree. If we were going to Chicago, I could take a train and get there; you could take a plane; another might drive his car. We'd all get to Chicago.” He replied, “There is one thing wrong with your analogy!” “What's that?” “We are not going to Chicago, we are going to Heaven or Hell and God said the only way to Heaven is by believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior!” The idea that everyone is saved and going to Heaven sounds nice to most, but God says, **“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” ~Proverbs 14:12.** If you are not saved, you need to believe God and trust His Son Jesus Christ. For those of us who are saved, we need to be faithful in giving out the true message of God to all the poor, lost, deluded sinners around us, even though it's not popular.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

BIBLE SCHOOL SOCIAL. This is always a great time of blessing and fellowship. It is a time when the whole family can enjoy a good time together. We hope that you will join us FEBRUARY 6, 2009 - 7:00 PM.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. With God's help--

1. I will make every effort to attend ALL of the Church services in the coming year.
2. I will earnestly try to win at least one soul to Christ.
3. I will give at least a tithe plus "offerings" to the Lord. I will be a faithful steward.
4. I will pray daily for the Pastor and other leaders.
5. I will make an effort to go on Visitation each week.

That's not all a good Christian should do but it will make good foundation to build on!

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YOUTH CORNER

NO USE SUPPOSING. Some people are always "supposing." I've had people ask, "Suppose Adam hadn't sinned. Then, what?" A certain lawyer got an interview with President Lincoln. Every point that he made was based upon a "supposing." After hearing all he could take, President Lincoln said, "Let me ask you a question. Supposing you called a dog's tail a leg. How many legs would the dog have?" The lawyer immediately answered: "Five." Mr. Lincoln replied: "That's exactly what I thought you would say. But you are wrong! Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it so." By the way, the answer to the question about Adam's sin is: Such "supposing" is only foolishness for he did sin

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU? 75-80 years ago John Wanamaker created and owned a number of large, very successful department stores. He was a true Christian and very active in the Lord's work. Someone asked him, "How do you get time to run a Sunday School of four thousand students in addition to the business of your stores and your work as Postmaster General?" Wanamaker replied: "Why, the Sunday School is my business! All other things are just things. Forty-five years ago I decided God's promise was sure: **'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.'**" ~Matthew 6:33. What's really important to you? Is it what's important to God?

THE STRANGEST MAN I EVER MET!

He said he believes the Bible but he never reads it.

He said he likes the church, and is a member, but he seldom attends.

He said a man should be honest with God in money matters, but he never tithes.

He says the church should do more to help people, but he doesn't do anything.

He is often critical of some of the workers in the church, but he doesn't work.

He says he believes prayer changes things but he doesn't pray.

He says the younger generation needs the Lord but he is not leading them in the right way.

He says he believes the Lord is coming soon, but he doesn't live that way.

He certainly is the strangest man I have ever seen!

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

THE BIPOLAR BAMBOOZLE! “Bipolar Disorder”, originally known as manic-depression...until recently was considered a very rare and severe condition. Now diagnoses of bipolar spectrum disorders are reaching epidemic proportions...What does account for the increase is a ‘softening’ of the criteria needed to diagnose a person with bipolar, an increase in aggressive marketing of new profitable prescription drugs for bipolar, and psychiatrists ‘upcoding’ problems to get higher insurance reimbursement rates....Millions of people are unnecessarily being put on powerful anti- psychotic medications...SUNY-StonyBrook psychiatrists Joseph Blader and Gabrielle A. Carson (2007) found that from 1996 to 2004 rates of bipolar diagnoses among adults increased 56 percent, increased 196.4 percent among adolescents, and increased 438.6 percent among children! According to writers in the British Medical Journal: “Some forms of ‘medicalisation’ may now be described as ‘disease mongering’ - extending the boundaries of treatable illness to expand markets for new products... Disease mongering can include turning ordinary ailments into medical problems.” *PsychoHeresy Awareness Letter*. (Nov.-Dec. 2008)

OBESE PEOPLE HAVE RIGHTS. Obese people have “rights” to two airline seats. The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that overweight people have the right to obtain two airline seats for the price of one (“Obese Have Right,” Reuters, Nov. 20, 2008). The weird ruling was first made by the Canadian Transportation Agency last year, but it was appealed by Canada’s airlines to the Federal Court of Appeal and finally to the Supreme Court. Both refused to overturn the decision, so the “one-person-one-fare” policy stands. This is one of those “too strange for comment” reports. -*Copied*

EMERGENT CHURCH ON ISLAM. [TBC: The following quote from emergent church leader Brian McLaren documents further his belief that Muhammad’s “revelations” were from the same God that spoke to the prophets of the Bible.]: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism have more in common than many people realize because they all share a primal narrative, and they all flow from a common sacred fountainhead: a single figure, at once famous and mysterious, a Middle Eastern man named Abraham of Ur. We can date Abraham’s birth to about 2000 BC, in modern-day Iraq, near present-day Nasarif. Like Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad-and like us-Abraham was raised in a

pluralistic, polytheistic world. During his lifetime, he lived side by side with others who honored many different gods and practiced many different religions. And during his lifetime, Abraham - like Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad - had an encounter with God that distinguished him from his contemporaries and propelled him into a mission, introducing a new way of life that changed the world... How appropriate that the three Abrahamic religions begin with a journey into the unknown. (Brian McLaren, “Finding Our Way Again,” pp 22-23) TBC: The Qur’an says that Allah (Islam’s god) is not a father and has no son” -TBC (12/22/08). Ed. Lord willing, we will have an article on the Emerging Church in next month’s Challenge. This shows how far many of the (New) Evangelicals have gone. Can a true believer in Christ give credence to such a heresy as Islam - a religion that denies the deity of Christ? We think the answer is obvious!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO “OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE?” This is urgent. Your fundamental rights, as a citizen in this democracy, are at risk in a new way today. It’s extremely serious: A clear majority of the voters in California voted in favor of Proposition 8 (52% in favor), defining marriage along traditional one man/one woman lines. But now the California Supreme Court has agreed to consider overriding the will of the people - ignoring the votes of millions...The ACLU, Lambda Legal, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Americans United and others aligned with them are arguing that the votes of the majority should be thrown out. If they are successful, this would be the most extreme case of judicial over-reach in our lifetime. When a judge is free to take away your vote... when the judicial branch of the government grasps this kind of power from the People themselves, who voted in accordance with their constitution... the fundamentals of democracy, of our American system - the very rule of law - are in serious jeopardy. -American Center for Law & Justice-1/15/09.

MAKE NO MISTAKE - THIS IS NO MERE TRIFLE! Ed. This is the fruit of many cases of judges making law or reinterpreting it in order to foster some liberal cause. The very fact that this is being considered is extremely significant. Along with some things going on in Washington (and elsewhere) it is becoming increasingly evident that “the land of the free and the home of the brave” is likely to become “the land of the judges and the home of slaves.”

CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM?

I have no respect for justice and no mercy for the defenseless. I ruin without killing; I tear down, I break hearts and wreck lives. You will find me in the pews of the pious as well as in the haunts of the unholy. I am wily, cunning, malicious, and I gather strength with age. I have made my way where greed, mistrust and distrust are unknown; yet my victims are as numerous as the sands by the sea, and often as innocent. I never forgive and seldom forget. My name? My name is Gossip! In spite of the havoc wrought by gossip, many professing believers are guilty of it. Among God's people, Gossip has ruined more preachers, destroyed more Fundamental churches, and wrecked more lives of the saints than all the other sins Christians commit. Sad to say, I have known Christians to get drunk, commit adultery and various other sins, but they have not done one-tenth the harm to God's work and His people that Gossip has created. God says, **"The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."** ~James 3:6. Are you guilty of this deadly evil? Are you guilty of this vile sin? You are going to stand before God and give an account. In all likelihood, you will be judged here as well as at the Judgment Seat of Christ! Dr. M.R. DeHaan said: "People would not think of running down someone with their car, but think nothing of doing it with their tongue." If you are guilty - repent! Confess this wicked sin! Go to those you have wronged. Do it now! (Some things can never be undone, but you can do your best to get right with God and those you have wronged).

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ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL?

I believe pride is the greatest reason we see few Christians who endeavor consistently to win souls. Many, yes, most Christians do not faithfully go after lost souls. The apostle Paul could say, **"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ..."** Few Christians today could say that. They are afraid of what people will think. If we are ashamed of the Gospel of Christ then, the plain truth is we are ashamed of Jesus the Son of God. I have heard many excuses, but I am giving you the true reason! Why are we afraid to speak up for the Savior? After all, we have the only message that will save our loved ones and others from hell. Is it not cruel to withhold this wonderful message of salvation? If someone was in a burning building, would we not cry, "Fire!?" Would it not be heartless to just pass by and let him perish? No, we wouldn't do that, but we will pass by perishing multitudes day after day without a word of warning. If we have been silent in the time of trouble like the watchman described in Ezekiel 3 and 33 will it not go hard with us in the day of judgment? The apostle Paul said, **"I am free from the blood of all men."** Can we say that? Or, would we have to say, "Yes, I am guilty of holding back the saving message of Jesus Christ from my loved ones, friends and strangers." What will it take to move us from our complacency in this greatest of all callings of the child of God? Let's get over love of self and get on with the command of God to **"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."** Christian, **"The night cometh when no man can work."** Let's give ourselves to reaching the lost with the Gospel!