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COURAGEOUS OR CORRUPTED?

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[TBC (6/3/10): The most recent graduation ceremony at Liberty University (founded by Jerry Falwell) saw the commencement address given by Mormon Glenn Beck. The following comments were published on the Liberty University website.] Beck said it was courageous for Liberty to invite him and that being here was not an endorsement of his Mormon faith. He said accepting the invite to speak is “an endorsement of your faith. This is a time when we all need to come together. We may have differences, but we need to find those things that unite us. “Beck told the graduates that they must have faith and courage to overcome challenges that face the world today, such as high unemployment and the weak dollar. “Turn to God and live,” he said. “Life is only what you make of it. Nothing more, nothing less. ... God is the truth. The truth will consume everything that is not true. ... The world is full of lies.” Beck urged graduates not to underestimate the power of the atonement. When he was 13, his mother took her life. He said he nearly followed in her footsteps. “As a man who needed the atonement ... I read the promise. He will carry your burdens. I made Him a promise. You keep your word and I will keep mine,” he said. “He will never break his promise, and now it’s all up to me. [The atonement] is the most powerful thing you will ever encounter.”

[TBC: “It is impossible to find common ground with someone who promotes “another Jesus” (2 Corinthians 11:4). Mormonism has never repudiated their teaching that Jesus and Lucifer are “spirit brothers.” Jess L. Christensen, Institute of Religion director at Utah State University, Logan, Utah writes, “On first hearing, the doctrine that Lucifer and our Lord, Jesus Christ, are brothers may seem surprising to some-especially to those unacquainted with latter-day revelations. But both the scriptures and the prophets affirm that Jesus Christ and Lucifer are indeed offspring of our Heavenly Father and, therefore, spirit brothers” (Originally published in the LDS publication Ensign: “I Have a Question,” Ensign, Jun 1986, 24-27). Christensen is simply echoing the discourse delivered on October 30, 1870 by Mormon President Brigham Young in the new tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah: “Who will redeem the earth, who will go forth and make the sacrifice for the earth and all things it contains?” The eldest son said: ‘Here am I; but he did not say ‘send me.’ But the second one, which was ‘Lucifer, son of the morning,’ said, ‘Lord, here am I, send me, I will redeem every son and daughter of Adam and Eve that lives on the earth,...’ “]

Ed. There is no common ground with Mormons (or other cults). It is not Christian in any sense. Joseph Smith said that “In the beginning, the Head of the Gods, called a council of the Gods.” The Bible, God’s Holy Word says there is only ONE GOD – Isaiah 44:4; 46:9; I Timothy 2:4; etc. Smith also said, “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s.” Some of the other gross heresies: Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost but by Adam; Jesus was a polygamist (some of His wives –Mary, Martha, and Mary Magadeline); By going through the Mormon ritual, men can become gods; If you think all of this resembles Christianity, you must not have ever read the Bible! In fact, former Mormon President Gordon B. Hinckley actually said Christianity of the Bible and Mormonism are not the same religion. Speaking in Switzerland on June 6, 1999, he said: “The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak.” Amen, how true! Listen to what God says: **“But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”** ~Galatians 1:8 (v. 9 repeats it). Yet when these deceitful Mormon missionaries come to your door, they try to get you to believe they believe the Bible and they are Bible believing Christians.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

FRIEND DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30

CHURCH SERVICE - 10:45

DINNER UNDER TENT

Free, those attending above.

SINGSPARATION - 1:30

EVENING SERVICE - 6:00

Your Friends Need Christ - Invite Them!

GIFT FOR EACH VISITOR AT S.S. & CHURCH!



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MISSIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 6-10, 2010



***SEVERAL MISSIONARIES**

***FLAGS MANY NATIONS**

***COLOR SLIDES**

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***NURSERY OPEN**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY...7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY...3:30- 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

SUNDAY...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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GOD & COUNTRY RALLY

OCTOBER 23RD - 2:00

SEVERAL SPEAKERS * BRING THE FAMILY

SPECIAL MUSIC * NURSERY

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS

Let's raise a standard for Jesus Christ & His Word!

YOUTH CORNER

I KNOW THAT IT DOES! There are some poor souls who say that they will not believe anything they cannot comprehend or understand. Of course, that is ridiculous for everyone believes some things that neither he nor anyone else understands. A Street Preacher was speaking on a corner from the text: **“The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** ~Romans 10:13. He was interrupted by a professed atheist who asked, “How can blood cleanse away sin?” For a moment the preacher was silent, but then he asked the atheist, “How can water quench thirst?” The atheist said, “I don’t know, but I know that it does.” “Neither do I know how the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth away sin,” answered the preacher, “but I know that it does.” Nobody knows how the food you eat goes into your body and turns into skin, hair, nails, water, blood, etc. But it does, and we just take it for granted. We don’t stop eating because we don’t understand the digestive system. Yes, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31. If you really try it in all sincerity, you will find it works. In the Gospel of John chapter 9 Jesus healed a blind man. The religious authorities asked the man how did He do it. The man’s answer was classic: **“One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”**

ANOTHER WORD ABOUT GOSSIP. Quite a few years ago now, Evangelist Bud Robinson was conducting evangelistic meetings in a church. One night, he spoke on the subject of gossip. At the close of the service a lady came forward, whom he knew to be the church gossip. She said to him, “Mr. Robinson, I want to lay my tongue on the altar.” Somewhat characteristic of Robinson, he replied, “Well, the altar is only sixteen feet long, but lay on it as much as you can.” I pity those who will stand before the Lord one day and give an account of all the evil their tongue has produced. I urge you to flee it like the plague! If you are guilty, go to God and to the other person(s), confess it and get things right. Ask God to help you to keep from it in the future.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

Some people will argue over everything, and then there are others who will argue over nothing!

Christianity isn’t worth the snap of your fingers if it doesn’t change your character. –D. L. Moody

To believe you cannot do a thing is one way to make it impossible. –John Wanamaker

Believe me, sir, never a single night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.” - Douglas MacArthur

The Bible is like a lion, you don’t have to defend it, just turn it loose.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

RENOWNED ATHEIST CHANGED HIS VIEW.

Professor Antony Flew, the rationalist philosopher who died on April 8 aged 87, spent much of his life denying the existence of God until, in 2004, he dramatically changed his mind. Flew always described himself as a “negative atheist”, asserting that “theological propositions can neither be verified nor falsified by experience,” a position he expounded in his classic paper, *Theology and Falsification* (1950), reputedly the most frequently-quoted philosophical publication of the second half of the 20th century. He argued that any philosophical debate about the Almighty must begin by presuming atheism, placing the burden of proof on those who believe that God exists. “We reject all transcendent supernatural systems, not because we’ve examined or could have examined each in turn, but because it does not seem to us that there is any good evidence in reason to postulate anything behind or beyond this natural universe,” he proclaimed... When Flew revealed that he had come to the conclusion that there might be a God after all, it came as a shock to his fellow atheists, who had long regarded him as one of their foremost champions... After months of soul-searching, Flew concluded that research into DNA had “shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce life, that intelligence must have been involved”. Moreover, though he accepted Darwinian evolution, he felt that it could not explain the beginnings of life. “I have been persuaded that it is simply out of the question that the first living matter evolved out of dead matter and then developed into an extraordinarily complicated creature,” he said. Flew went on to make a video of his conversion entitled *Has Science Discovered God?* and seemed to want to atone for past errors: “As people have certainly been influenced by me, I want to try and correct the enormous damage I may have done,” he said. -TBC (5/12/10). Ed. Sad to say, as far as we know, his “conversion” was not a Biblical one, but a change from atheism to a belief that there is a God. While there are many flaws in the theory of evolution, we have often and for many years said, that there are three fundamental things evolution cannot explain. It cannot explain THE ORIGIN OF MATTER – THE ORIGIN OF LIFE - THE ORIGIN OF EVIL! The Bible clearly explains all three and in fact, is the only reasonable explanation. We have also said many years ago that evolution is primarily a way to explain away the reality of God. But He cannot be explained away, for there is no other explanation. If you are not a true Christian, you had better get your Bible out and read it. I suggest you start in the Gospel of John.

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE! Wisconsin

High Court Upholds Gay Marriage Ban. The Christian Post reports that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has upheld the state’s ban on same-sex civil unions. The court unanimously affirmed that the state’s traditional “marriage amendment was adopted by the people of Wisconsin using the process prescribed by the constitution, and is properly now part of our constitution.” The state approved the amendment with 59 percent of the vote in 2006, but the amendment was challenged the following year. The amendment reads, “Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state.” Traditional marriage supporters cheered the decisions. “Marriage and the will of the people are the clear winners in this decision,” said Julianne Appling, president of Wisconsin Family Council.” Ed. It is good to hear of some sanity (and moral persuasion) in this issue. However, you can be sure that this will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS UNFIT FOR DUTY!

More than 13,000 active-duty Army soldiers – the equivalent of four combat brigades – are sidelined as unfit for war because of injury, illness or mental stress... The non-deployable soldiers make up roughly 10 percent of the active duty soldiers currently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thousands more Army reservists and National Guard soldiers are considered unfit to deploy. Brig. General Gary Check says it is not going to go away...If anything it is going to get larger... Some are unfit due to combat wounds but far more numerous are soldiers with non-combat conditions including coronary disease, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, acute anxiety... Sometimes these cases are complicated by drug or alcohol abuse... -AOL News 7/7/10. Ed. As I read the article, it seems to me that the majority of cases reflect mental illnesses. You can’t help but wonder how many are serving but are seriously hampered by these same conditions. It also shows, what we already knew, our country is in serious trouble.

ANOTHER WORD ON UNITING WITH MORMONS, ETC.

The popular philosophy today is join together where there is agreement and forget the differences. But the Bible condemns this for the problem is the differences. God says, “**What part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ...What agreement hath the temple of God with idols?**” ~II Corinthians 6:15,16. If there is one doctrine that many professing Bible believers, many professing fundamentalists, have given up, it is separation. God says, “**And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.**” ~Ephesians 5:11.

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, when the road you are treading is all uphill
When the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit – rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns, As every one of us sometimes learns;
And many a fellow turns about when he might have won if he had just stuck it out.
So, don't give up though the pace seems slow, you may succeed with just another blow.

Oftimes the goal is much nearer than it seems to a faint and faltering man;
Often the struggler has given up, when if he stuck it out, he would have won the victor's cup.
And he learned too late when the night came down, how close he was to winning the crown.

Success is failure turned inside out – the silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems quite far;
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit – It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit!
-Author Unknown

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AN UNEXPECTED LESSON

One day a boy named John saw some urchins playing on the street on Sunday. Wanting to win them to Christ, he said, "Why don't you fellows come along with me to Sunday School and Church?" The boys laughed and said, "Not us." However, one of the boys relented. Looking at John, he said: "I would come along with you, but I am too ragged. If I only had a good coat to cover me, I might go with you." Immediately, John took off his coat and gave it to him. The two went off to Church, the ragged boy with John's coat and John shivering in the cold. Years passed and the "ragged" boy continued to go and was converted to Christ. He became a Sunday School teacher and one day told this story to his class. At the end, he said: "My friends, I was that ragged urchin and the one who gave me his coat was John G. Paton, the famous missionary to the South Sea Islands who won thousands of souls to Christ. There are a number of wonderful lessons in that story: a Christian's concern for souls, willingness to sacrifice, what God might do with one earnest soul, etc. But what I want to get across is that urchin boy's not wanting to go to Church dressed poorly. Years ago, and Yes, not too many, maybe thirty or forty, very few people would think of going to church (any Church) dressed like they were going to wash the car, mow the lawn, etc. Then, there is the problem of sensual dress. Does God approve? You may say to me, "Well, times have changed." I say, "That's too bad." Some things ought not to be changed and especially by God's people, just because everybody's doing it. The Bible says, **"Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."**

~Colossians 3:17