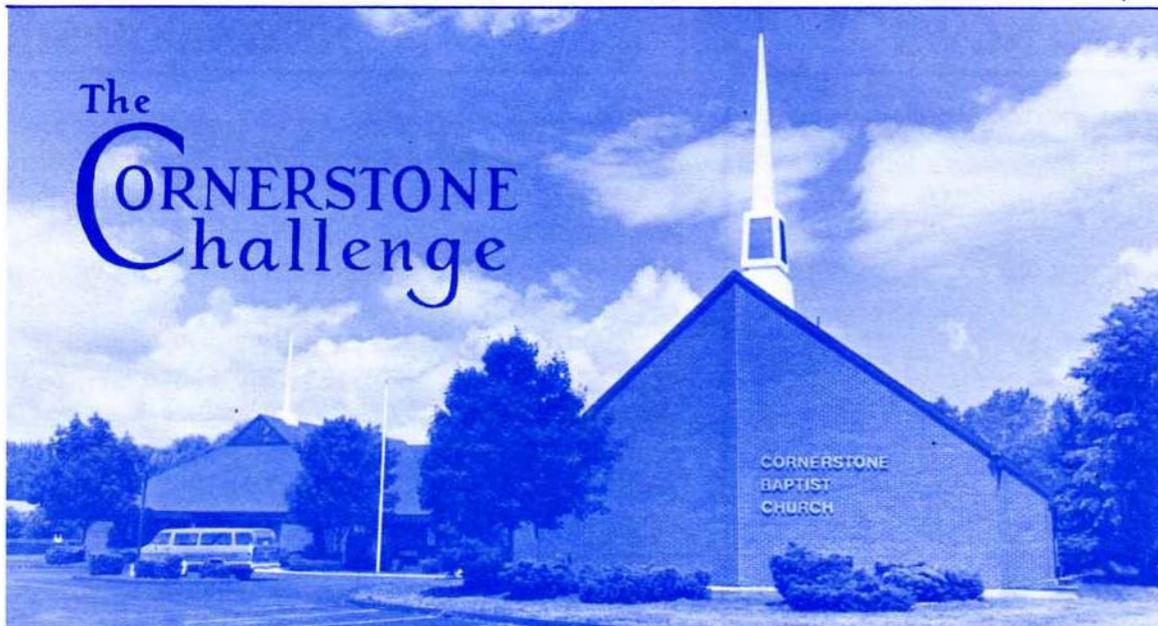


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APOSTASY – A ONE WAY STREET!

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(The following is excerpted from *The Berean Call*, by T. A. McMahon, a former Roman Catholic). It was right after I became a born-again Christian more than 30 years ago that I encountered my first copy of *Christianity Today*. Yet even in my early years, there were things I read which troubled me. I recognized in Mr. Graham's (Billy Graham, founder of CT) own words "a definite liberal approach to social problems." Of even greater concern were articles that clearly favored Roman Catholicism. Billy Graham had spoken nearly a decade before he started CT: "The three greatest menaces faced by orthodox Christians are Communism, Roman Catholicism and Mohammedanism." Incredibly, years later, among CT's contributing editors and writers were Roman Catholic priest, Richard John Neuhaus. It was Neuhaus along with Chuck Coulson, J. I. Packer, Timothy George, etc. who were signers of "Evangelicals and Catholics Together."...They proclaimed they were asking each "...to finally accept each other as Christians." The list of Catholic luminaries celebrated by CT includes popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II (Graham told Larry King that he and the pope "agree on almost everything"), Mother Teresa, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Buddhist/Catholic monk Thomas Merton, contributing editor Richard Foster...

All of this leads us to CT's senior managing editor, Mark Galli, and the article of July 15, 2010, titled "Divine Drama Queen," which is a characterization of the God of the Bible... What Galli has written is in CT's latest installment of corrupting the faith. {Galli writes} - *I like a tranquil, even-keeled, self controlled God. A God who doesn't fly off the handle at the least provocation...A God who has that British stiff upper lip even when disaster is looming. When I read my Bible though, I keep running into a different God, and I am not pleased. This God says, he "hates" sin. Well, he usually yells it. Read the prophets. It's just one harangue after another...and when the shouting is over, then comes the pouting...This God is like the volatile Italian woman, who upon discovering her husband's unfaithfulness, yells and throws dishes and doesn't speak to him for 40 days. We may think this is a crude depiction, except that Jesus – God with us – seems to suffer from the same emotional imbalance. He rants about the Pharisees and Scribes. This God knows nothing about being a non-anxious presence. This is a very anxious God, indeed. I'd rather have a God who takes sin in stride... Why can't God almighty just chill out and realize we're just human? After coming through all of this Galli comes around to the idea that humans can become nothing less than gods. And yet, God gambled. He has thrown everything into this grand enterprise.. There was no holding back. God was going to make human glory a winner-take-all proposition, even if it killed him... So when things start going south, we find him throwing dishes and slamming doors. God rants at us... God is like the crazy uncle in the family... I much prefer reasonable religion with reasonable exceptions and a God who doesn't get bent out of shape every time his people trip up... Most days, I'm pretty happy driving down the road. But I keep bumping into this Crazy Fellow along the way. At every stop light, he jumps up and down to get my attention. He pounds on my window asking me where the... I think I am going. He stands on the front bumper, shouting at me to turn around. When all else fails, he throws himself in front of the car. He's such a drama queen.* Ed. What blasphemy! We hesitated to print it. However, people need to see what is going on in Evangelicalism. (p.3)

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 4, 2011 - 7:00 PM.***

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY - Now is the time to plan a week of your vacation for our **FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE.** The dates: ***JULY 10 - 15, 2011.*** We had a great time of blessing last year and we are looking forward to even greater things this year. ***MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO BE HERE!***

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SPECIAL EDITION CHALLENGES! From time to time we print a special edition on our website: www.cornerstonebaptistmetrobooston.org. Recently we wrote on: "DOES GOD EVER REPENT?" This is an important topic for many are confused and others teach that the Bible contradicts itself on this subject. Another important article is entitled: "MUST WE HAVE A PERFECT BIBLE?" We thought that some who do not have access to the Internet might be interested in having these. If you will send us a stamped, self addressed envelope, we will be happy to mail a copy to you.

CHALLENGE SUBSCRIPTIONS: If the *Cornerstone Challenge* is a blessing to you why not send a subscription to some of your friends. It is only \$3 for one year (\$5 foreign – U.S. currency).

YOUTH CORNER

THE FAITH WAY IS GOD'S WAY. It is God's way to have your sins forgiven – have faith in Christ and His death on the cross for your sins. It is the way to live the Christian life. God says, "**Without faith it is impossible to please Him.**" ~*Hebrews 11:6.* A school teacher gave three bright students a difficult problem. He said, "You will find it very hard, but I promise you there is a way to solve the problem." After several attempts without success, one of them gave up saying, "There is no way!" A little later, the second pupil also gave up. He said, "I think it can be done but I do not know how." The third student worked on for some time and though he was somewhat worn out, labored on saying, "I know there is a way because the Master has said it." We believe and act upon the Word of God because it is the work of the Master. If the Master, the Lord Jesus has said it, it must be so! One of the simplest definitions of faith I know is "taking God at His Word." It has been said: "God said it, I believe it; that settles it!" I think a better statement is, "God said it; that settles it!" The Bible says concerning the Christian: "**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**" ~*II Corinthians 5:7.* I John 5:4 says: "**...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.**" C. T. Studd said: "Yes, let us ever see the impossible, Yes, the utterly impossible, and then go to God and ask Him to do it. This glorifies Him, magnifies Him, or gives Him a chance to magnify Himself – which is best of all."

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

True Faith is not a victory for you but a victory in or through you.

The Christian must be willing to forfeit human companionship in order to have God's fellowship.

If you want to know who your human friends are, just make a mistake or disagree with them.

One fool can ask more questions than ten wise men can answer. M.R.D.

We must be saved from dependence upon people and walk alone with Jesus. J. Hudson Taylor

If you don't believe in the devil's existence, try resisting him a while. –Charles Finney.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom..." ~*Colossians 3:15,16!*

BIBLE VERSION BOOKLET

Pastor Starr has a 62 page booklet on the Bible version issue: "Is Your Bible Really the Word of God?" Only \$3.00 plus \$1.50 postage. U.S. only.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

APOSTASY – A ONE WAY STREET (Cont'd). As we have said, compromise, which leads to apostasy, an utter falling way from the truth, is a one way street. And that street is always downhill. Unless repented of, one compromise always leads to another. Some leading Evangelicals in the 1940's decided the way to win more people and have greater influence was to compromise and work with the liberal Protestant denominations. That soon lead to agreement on certain things with the Roman Catholics. Billy Graham became the leading figure of the movement. Way back in 1963 (I came to this center of New Evangelicalism in 1959) Graham no sooner landed in Boston for a crusade than he went to Cardinal Cushing's residence to see if Cushing would back the meetings. Cushing said Catholics could attend the meetings and that they would hear nothing that weakened their faith. I heard Graham preach on the radio in 1950 and he preached sin, hellfire and repentance. As time passed and the movement grew, they sought a larger audience through unbiblical compromise. If his son, Franklin Graham, Luis Palau and other leading Evangelicals did not turn their meetings into rock concerts, they would not have much of a following. They are no longer called evangelistic crusades but "festivals."

Let those of us who claim to be Fundamentalists and believe the Bible, take heed. Let us beware any compromise! It is always wrong! God's way is separation, not homogenization! We have no right to give up any truth for it is not ours – it is God's! There is much talk these days about forgetting the non-essentials and getting along on where we agree. I think that it is pretty dangerous to decide what is essential in the Word of God and what is not. All compromise and disobedience to God's Word is wrong – it is sin!

"Preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." ~II Timothy 4:2,3

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you..." ~II Corinthians 6:14-18

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." ~Ephesians 5:11.

You can't very well reprove them if you minister with them!

RICK WARREN FEATURES ROMAN CATHOLIC MARY DEVOTE. Southern Baptist pastor Rick Warren's 2010 Apologetics Weekend featured Roman Catholic Peter Kreeft. He is an apologist, for sure: an apologist for Rome. In his book *Ecumenical Jihad: Ecumenism and the Culture War*, Kreeft says it is "very likely" that there is a "hidden Christ" in pagan religions, so that Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, etc., will be saved "through Christ and His grace" even though they do not consciously know or worship Him (pp. 156, 157). Kreeft urges his readers to dedicate themselves "to the Immaculate Heart of Mary," because Mary "is the one who will win this [culture] war" and is the one "who triumphs over Satan" (p. 169). Kreeft says, "Allah is not another God ... we worship the same God" (p. 160). Kreeft worships the wafer of the Catholic Mass "because it is Christ" (p. 162). He thinks that God prefers to work through the intercession of Mary and the saints (p. 154). Kreeft says that he will follow the pope "everywhere he leads." Kreeft is a heavy promoter of Catholic contemplation, which is sweeping through evangelicalism. He attributes his conversion to Rome partly to the writings of the mystic John of the Cross. –*FBIS* (1/7/2011). Ed. I believe that Rick Warren is one of the most dangerous men in the religious world today. He preaches a false Gospel of self esteem and is a vigorous ecumenist. He has joined Tony Blair's Foundation of which the avowed purpose is "to bring the great religions of the world together. As for Kreeft saying many who never heard of Christ will be saved, Billy Graham and the former Pope (and no doubt the present one would agree) have already said that.

LAYING BARE THE EVIL "Some one, then, must undertake the ungracious task of probing and laying bare the evils of the age; for men must not be allowed to congratulate themselves that all is well. If others will not, he will. If others shrink from the obloquy of such a work, he will not.... He loves his fellow-men too well. They may upbraid him; they may call him a misanthropist, or a prophet of evil; they may ascribe his warnings to the worst of motives, such as pride, or arrogance, or self-esteem, or malice, or envy; but he will give no heed to these unjust insinuations. He will prefer being thus misunderstood and maligned, to allowing men to precipitate themselves upon a ruin which they see not. Rather than that they should perish, he will allow his own good name to be spoken against. He will risk every thing, even the hatred of brethren, rather than withhold the warning. If they give no heed to it, he has, at least, saved his own soul. If they do, he has saved both his own soul and theirs." -- Horatius Bonar (Scottish pastor, 1808-1889). –*TBC* (12/7/10)

IMPORTANT BIBLE QUESTIONS

On a voyage from New York to San Francisco, the steamship Central America sprang a leak in mid-ocean. A vessel in the vicinity, hearing her signal of distress came close by. The captain of the would-be rescue ship sent a message: "What is amiss?" The reply came back, "We are in bad repair. Lie by till morning." The reply came, "Let me take your passengers aboard now!" Because it was night, the Captain of the Central America, not wanting to possibly lose anyone, and believing that they would be able to keep the ship afloat until daylight said, "Lie by till morning." Once again the Captain of the rescue ship said, "You had better let me take your passengers now." As on the previous occasions the answer came back: "Lie by till morning." It was about an hour and a half after the last call when the lights of the Central America were missing and no sound was heard. The Central America had gone down and all who were on board perished because it was thought that they could be saved at a later time. Perhaps someone is reading this article who is not saved from his sin. You have never been **"born again"** through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You need a Savior! Christ died for your sins 2,000 years ago, but you must put your faith in Him. The Bible says, **"Prepare to meet thy God!"** Perhaps you may say, "Well, I will do it at a later time but not now." Delay is dangerous! God says that the time to be saved is NOW – when you hear the Gospel, the "Good News" that Christ died for your sins. Listen to God: **"...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."** ~II Corinthians 6:2. If you are not saved, God's time for you to be saved is right now, while He is speaking to you! **"Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** ~Proverbs 27:1.

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THE COST OF NEGLECT

Old Uncle Bud Robinson was a holiness preacher sixty or seventy years ago. He was known for always being ready with a witty word in season. Once while preaching in New York City, some friends offered to take him around to see all the sights. They showed him the skyscrapers, the ships coming in and out from Europe and around the world. They took him for a ride on the subway and to many other places of interest. At the close of the day Bud went back to his room, got on his knees and began to pray. He prayed: "Lord, I thank you that I got to see this big city today – the skyscrapers, the large ships coming in and out of the harbor, and so many other places of interest. But, Lord, the thing that I want to thank You for most of all is, I didn't see anything that I wanted." How sad it is to see some Christians who always seem to be interested and searching for the things of this world. God says, **"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."** ~I John 2:15-17. When one is saved, our life, our interests should be different. **"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. Then, again, God says, **"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."** ~Colossians 3:2