

CARNALITY IN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES!

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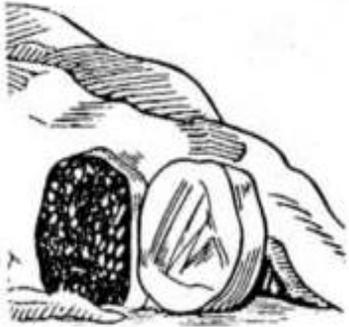
It has been a while since we've written about immodest dress among Fundamentalists and I think it is time for another article on Christian dress and modesty. It is not a popular subject among God's people. Most preachers just ignore it! I would like to begin by quoting a few others (there are only a few) so you can see it is not merely a hobby with me. It is a serious sin of many children of God. Rick Flanders (*Sword of the Lord*, 9/23/03) speaking of Ex.32, where Aaron had made the people naked, showed that nakedness is not necessarily nudeness. He said: "There is a problem with immodesty in the more strictly fundamentalist churches too. Christian women and girls are letting the trendy stores in the mall decide how they will dress. Too much skin is allowed to show on the top by low necklines and wide armholes, in the middle by short tops and sagging bottoms, and at the bottom by short skirts, short culottes, and just plain shorts. Clothes worn by too many believers are too tight and otherwise revealing even when not too much skin is showing. There is too much nakedness among believers and the main problem is it offends God. We cannot blend the worship of Jehovah with nakedness." Clarence Sexton in *The Baptist Vision*, said he was seated on an airplane next to a man, a foreigner, whom he asked, "What are your observations of our country?" The man replied, "...I want to tell you, I have never seen as much nakedness as I have seen in this country." The man was from Europe, not exactly the home of modesty. Now, we don't expect much from the world, but our concern is that many professing Christians are dressing sensually, like the world. Jim Harmon (http://www.pamweb.org/modesty_ignored.html) says that "...popular fashion is, to speak bluntly, toward nakedness...physically revealing and sensual, pervasive. What is troublesome is that many in the Church have bowed the knee to the pied pipers of provocative fashions...yet the church remains strangely silent."

The Bible says, "**In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness (bashful, timid as opposed to bold) and sobriety (self control)...**" Modest means *decorous, that which is appropriate*. Is it appropriate for a Christian woman to wear the kind of clothing described above? Is it appropriate for a woman to dress so as to attract the inordinate attention of men? Would God approve of this? The answer is obvious! Let us be done with all the excuses and dress as becometh children of God. I am convinced the greatest problem with improper dress in our Fundamental churches is the pastors. Preachers simply are not willing to take a stand; they know that it will make some people unhappy and some will leave. I can vouch for both of those situations for I have had it happen too often. It is amazing how many professed Fundamental Baptist women (their husbands going along with them) think more of being able to dress sensually than they do of pleasing and obeying God and His Word. We have had any number leave our Church because we have a dress code and endeavor to live by it. Some have gone to New Evangelical churches rather than remain and dress modestly; others go to so called Fundamental Baptist churches that have no standards. Some have come and were happy until they were informed of the dress code. We do not like to lose people, but I'd rather lose some carnal Christians than try to worship and serve God with such a display of the flesh.

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D.L.MOODY SAID: *“If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, you have more business on hand than God intended you to have.”* What does God think of all the time you have for TV, computer games, the newspaper, magazines, sports, yet you do not have time to read His Word and pray everyday? God’s Word says, **“Ye have not, because ye ask not...”** You’ll never be a spiritual Christian nor accomplish anything for God, without serious daily Bible reading and prayer! Dr. A.J. Gordon said: *“The greatest thing anyone can do for God is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of the earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, nor those who say they believe in prayer. I mean people who take the time to pray. They do not have the time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important, very important and pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer.”* **“Lord, teach us to pray.”** *To be spiritual, you must have priorities!*

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

The man who walks with God, *always* knows where he is going!

One way in which a Christian shows what he is by what he does with what he has.

People don’t miss Church because they live too far from the building, but because they live too far from God.

I’d give the world to be as happy as you are said one to a Christian. The reply: *“That’s what it cost me.”*

The men who have moved the world have been men whom the world could not move.

When someone asked Wm. Booth the secret of his happiness, he replied: *“I never say NO to the Lord.”*

THINK ABOUT THIS! John McNeil, was a noted evangelist from Glasgow, Scotland, many years ago often explained to his listeners the following insightful truth about prayer among God’s people. He said, *“Much is ill done; more is over done; most is undone, because prayer is not well done.”* Sad to say, but the greatest power God has given to His people is neglected by the majority of believers. I believe a very large majority. **Jesus said, “Men ought always to pray and not faint.”**

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

INVENTING HISTORY! Muslims discovered the Americas long before Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, the head of a D.C.-based jihad-linked Islamic lobbying group told a Saudi TV station Dec. 27. “There are historical accounts according to which the Muslims preceded Columbus, who is said to have discovered the U.S.,” claimed Nihad Awad, the co-founder of the Council on American Islamic Relations. “Some documents and accounts indicate that Muslim seafarers were the first to reach the U.S., [so] the bottom line is that Islam played a part in the establishment and development of the U.S.,” Awad told the Saudi interviewer, in an interview in a New York studio. CAIR did not respond to The Daily Caller’s request for an explanation of Awad’s comments, which were recorded by the Middle East Media Research Institute. Awad’s group bills itself as a “civil rights” group, but five of its former employees have been jailed or deported for terror offenses, and FBI officials refuse to meet Awad because of his ties to jihadi groups, such as Hamas. Awad’s claim was made during an interview in which he argued that Muslims can settle in the U.S. without violating Islam’s myriad Sharia rules about religion, diet, speech, friendships, work and political loyalty. “Islam flourishes in an atmosphere of freedom, and [it] spreads freedom, justice, and equality,” he claimed. “Every day I live as an American-Muslim citizen, I rediscover the firm bonds between the humane system that the U.S. created for its people, and the values advocated by Islam,” he claimed. –*ACT For America*. (1/10/13).

U.S. MILITARY TO ADOPT EASTERN RELIGION PRACTICES. The U.S. Marine Corps is studying how to make its troops even tougher through meditative practices, yoga-type stretching and exercises based on mindfulness. The School Infantry-West at Camp Pendleton will offer the eight-week course starting Tuesday to about 80 Marines as part of an ongoing experiment. Marine Corps officials say they will build a curriculum that would integrate mindfulness-based techniques into their training if they see positive results. Mindfulness is a Buddhist-inspired concept that emphasizes active attention on the moment to keep the mind in the present. Facing a record suicide rate and thousands of veterans seeking treatment for post-traumatic stress, the military has been searching for ways to reduce strains on service members burdened with more than a decade of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. The openness to teaching these eastern religion techniques is in stark contrast to the attacks against biblical principles and prayer that has been seen in the

military in recent years. Since taking office, President Barack Obama has openly endorsed homosexual “marriage” and removed any restrictions against homosexuals in the military. At the same time, things such as Christian prayers before meals have been the subject of court challenges. –*OneNewsNow* (1/22/13)

RUSSIA MAY BAN PUBLIC HOMOSEXUALITY! Russia is preparing to debate and act on legislation barring homosexuality from the public arena, including homosexual “pride” parades. The country is moving to ban same-sex “marriage” and even public acts of affection between homosexuals. *The Associated Press* [reports](#) that the bill, which comes up for a vote later this month in the Russian parliament, is “part of an effort to promote traditional Russian values as opposed to Western liberalism, which the Kremlin and the Russian Orthodox Church see as corrupting Russian youth ...” As an evangelist who works in Russia, Tim Todd tells *OneNewsNow* that is quite a contrast to America, which has the most pro-homosexual president in the country’s history. Todd, who heads [Revival Fires International](#) and has worked in Russia, understands that country’s stand against the homosexual agenda.” America is opening the floodgate -- and if you want to know what God thinks about the sin of homosexuality, you can look at his urban renewal development plan in Sodom and Gomorrah,” he points out. “It gives you a pretty good idea.” Todd says Russia has had an opportunity for years to observe the homosexual agenda in America and Europe and learn firsthand what it has done to the culture. “[In America] there is open, blatant homosexuality on television and on the Internet where the homosexuals have come out of their hideouts in publicly proclaiming their sinful activity,” he says. –*OneNewsNow* (1/24/13).

Ed. Isn’t it strange that atheists have greater discernment on this matter than those in a land where “Christianity” (At least belief in God) predominates? America just keeps sinking lower and lower in abyss of immorality. God says, **“Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”** ~*Proverbs 14:34*. One wonders if God’s hand of judgment may be ready to fall on this once great land. Again, the Word of God declares: **“Be sure your sin will find you out.”** ~*Numbers 32:23*. We are surely going to reap that which we have sowed! It may not be very far off! **“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”** ~*Isaiah 5:20*

WHAT IS SIN?

Man calls sin an accident, God calls it an abomination. Man calls sin a blunder, God calls it blindness. Man calls sin a chance, God calls it a choice. Man calls sin a defect, God calls it a disease. Man calls sin an error, God calls it enmity. Man calls sin a fascination, God calls it a fatality. Man calls sin an infirmity, God calls it iniquity. Man calls sin a luxury, God calls it lawlessness. Man calls sin a trifle, God calls it tragedy. Man calls sin a mistake, God calls it madness. Man calls sin a weakness, God calls it willfulness. It doesn't matter what you call it; what God calls it is all that's important. Man is good at giving nice or innocuous sounding names to that which is evil. He says abortion is choice; homosexuality is gay, etc. Sin is disobedience to God, whether you believe Him or His Word or not. Your unbelief doesn't annul the truth. Millions no longer believe in God's judgment or in hell. That doesn't change anything! God says, "**All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**" That includes little sins! God doesn't make any distinctions. There is but one cure for sin - "**Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.**" That means you have to humble yourself and acknowledge that you are wrong and God is right! Then, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" God's Word declares that "**Christ died for our sins.**" Stop playing games with words...and with God. It is a game you cannot win! Acknowledge your sin and receive Christ as your Savior today.

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OUR PRIMARY BUSINESS

Often when speaking with somebody or when we are knocking on doors to give people the Gospel message, the person will say something like this: "I don't want to discuss it; religion is a private business. You should keep it to yourself and keep it within the confines of your church building." First of all, it is not a private business for our Savior *commanded* us to "**Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.**" The Gospel is the "Good News" that, though you have sinned against God, Jesus Christ, God's Son has paid for your sins on the cross. If you will truly trust Him, God will save you from your sins and give you a new life. You can't be saved if you don't hear about it! You certainly don't hear it in very many churches. William Carey, a Baptist pastor became the first modern missionary about two hundred years ago. He fixed boots to make a living. Someone said to him: "By your going about preaching, you are neglecting your business..." "Neglecting my business," said Carey, "Why my business is to spread the kingdom of God, I only cobble shoes to pay expenses." Jesus and the apostles did almost all of their preaching out of doors, among the people. Jesus said, "**Go ye...**" for unless prodded, they will not come. If you are unsaved, my friend, it is our business to tell you that you are a sinner. Praise God, "**Christ died for our sins...**" It is your business to believe God's message and if you don't, you will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire." You may say, "I don't believe that." Continue to refuse Christ and you will!