

# Commander-in-Chief of the Universe:

# JESUS

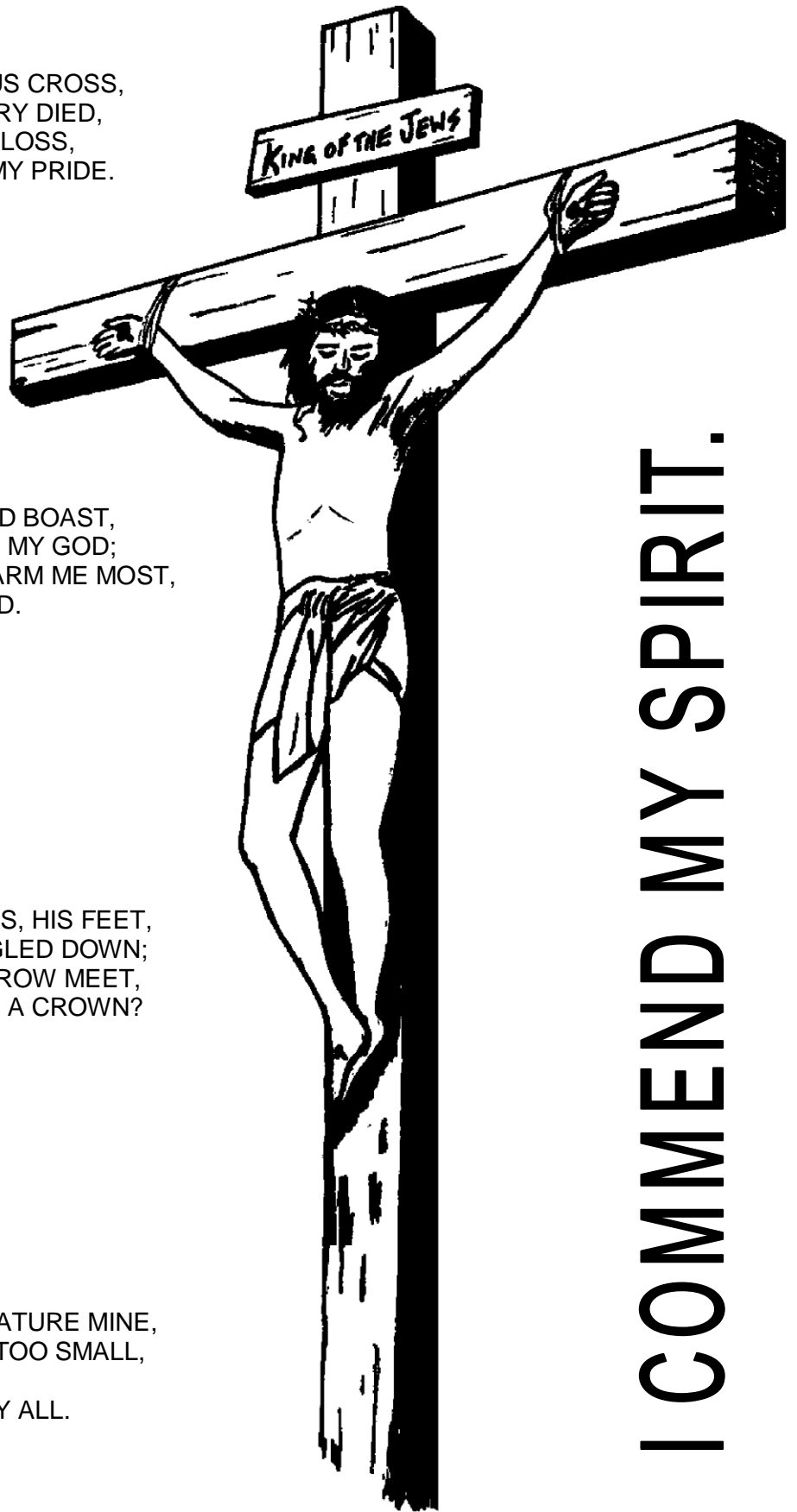
## Is he in charge of YOUR life?

IT'S NOT ENOUGH FOR JESUS TO BE THE GREATEST LEADER OF ALL TIME IF YOU'RE LEFT BEHIND. YES, JESUS IS THE CENTRAL FIGURE OF THE HUMAN RACE, THE MIGHTIEST WAR HERO & THE MOST HIGHLY HONORED VETERAN OF ALL TIME, THE ONLY SURVIVOR IN THE WAR AGAINST DEATH ITSELF. JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION MARKED THE BEGINNING POINT OF A WHOLE NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF OUR UNIVERSE. HE IS THE INSPIRATION TO THE FORCES OF LOVE & THE STANDARD PAR EXCELLENCE OF ALL GENTLENESS & HUMILITY. UPON JESUS HAVE FOCUSED THE SHARPEST CRITICISM, THE BITTEREST RESENTMENT, THE MOST PASSIONATE CONTROVERSY, AS WELL AS THE MOST SCHOLARLY RESEARCH, LEAVING SOME OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITIES OF EVERY DISCIPLINE AMONG HIS ALLIES. BUT THIS IS ALL INSIGNIFICANT IF YOU'RE LEFT BEHIND. THOUGH JESUS FILLS THE UNIVERSE HE IS PATIENTLY LOOKING FOR YOU & WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU. HE WANTS TO BE IN CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE. JUST CALL OUT TO HIM NOW: "JESUS, TAKE CHARGE OF MY LIFE!"

## a Jesus newspaper

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WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS,  
ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED,  
MY RICHEST GAIN I COUNT BUT LOSS,  
AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE.



FORBID IT, LORD, THAT I SHOULD BOAST,  
SAVE IN THE DEATH OF CHRIST, MY GOD;  
ALL THE VAIN THINGS THAT CHARM ME MOST,  
I SACRIFICE THEM TO HIS BLOOD.

SEE, FROM HIS HEAD, HIS HANDS, HIS FEET,  
SORROW AND LOVE FLOW MINGLED DOWN;  
DID EVER SUCH LOVE AND SORROW MEET,  
OR THORNS COMPOSE SO RICH A CROWN?

WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE,  
THAT WERE AN OFFERING FAR TOO SMALL,  
LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE,  
DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL.

I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS

# The Good News

The Good News in a nutshell is this: 1) Because of our sins we are hopelessly lost, 2) Jesus died on the cross for our sins, 3) Because of Jesus' death for us we are forgiven & have the free gift of eternal life. There is no better news on Earth than this!

This Good News of salvation & eternal life is the most important news you will ever hear. I am so glad someone told me the Good News. There is no greater treasure to be discovered on Earth. In Jesus we have both forgiveness & eternal life. You could own the whole Earth but still not have forgiveness & eternal life. Yet even though you own no earthly possession, with Jesus you have much more than all the Earth put together. This is Good News!

## *Human dilemma*

We human beings are determined to do everything for ourselves. From infancy we want to do things by ourselves & for ourselves. By the time we are grown-ups we are deeply set into a stubborn independence. We want everyone to know that we are adequate, that we are capable, & that we are sufficient to make it through life all on our own. Imagine how hard it must be for God to get our attention when we're so sure we don't need him. That's why Jesus was sent to invade planet Earth & to upset our self-sufficiency.

## *Invasion*

When Jesus came to planet Earth he was invading enemy territory. Earth had fallen into the hands of Satan, God's enemy. Jesus was chosen for a mission to the heart of Satan's enemy kingdom. Jesus appeared in the form of an earthly human being yet he was fully God in both essence & in nature.

Jesus' task was to grant to everyone a change of citizenship from Earth to his heavenly kingdom. Multitudes of people

realized who Jesus was & took him up on his offer. They canceled their loyalty & allegiance to Satan. They began severing their earthly ties in preparation for going home to the heavenly kingdom with Jesus, their new Commander-in-Chief. This made Satan furious. Satan feared that everyone might follow Jesus as their heavenly Commander-in-Chief.

## *Counter-measures*

From the beginning of time Satan knew of God's plan to send Jesus to Earth to plunder his kingdom. Satan launched a series of counter-measures to protect his kingdom. One of Satan's counter-measures was to destroy Jesus' life as an infant. Wicked men had been sent to kill all male children in the land where Jesus had been born. Jesus' earthly father was warned in a dream to flee to Egypt. As soon as those wicked people were dead Jesus' parents returned to their homeland. Jesus was protected & God's plan progressed.

There were many incidents in Jesus' life when he was threatened with harm & loss. Jesus lived a life of much suffering on Earth. Satan used the people of Jesus' day to attack Jesus' life, his reputation, his credibility, & his mission of love for the people. Satan even offered Jesus his whole earthly kingdom if Jesus would only bow down & worship him. But Jesus held true to his mission. He was neither side-tracked by temptation nor overcome by his many sufferings.

## *Jesus' death*

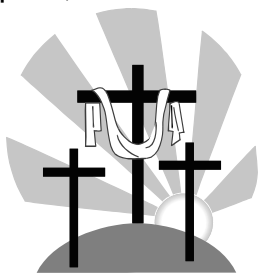
When the right time came God allowed Satan to deal the ultimate blow against Jesus — the death blow. Satan used many wicked people to bring lies against Jesus. Judas the traitor was one of Jesus' own disciples who sold Jesus into the hands of the liars & murderers. They couldn't see his heavenly kingdom, so they ridiculed him as though he were a

phony. In mockery they put a king's purple robe on him. They stood back & slapped him, while they laughed. They put a crown made of thorns on his head, & they laughed some more. Then they whipped him with whips interlaced with fragments of metal & they spat on him.

Jesus' earthly life ended after a few hours hanging on a shameful cross to which he had been nailed like a criminal. What Satan did not know was that this too was part of God's plan to destroy his kingdom.

### *In our place*

When Jesus died on the cross his pure life was given in exchange for ours. Jesus' pure, sinless life was destroyed under a death penalty that was reserved for wretched criminals. This was part of God's plan to allow Jesus to die in our place. We were the ones who had done crimes against God. Jesus had done no crimes, neither against God nor against mankind. Jesus allowed himself to be treated as a criminal in order to take the death penalty that we deserve.



While Jesus was hanging on the cross a most significant transaction took place between heaven & earth. Jesus took upon himself the sins of the whole world, the sins of every one of us. There Jesus hung, bleeding & dying a death he did not deserve. Jesus could have commanded an army of angels to come & rescue him,

but he didn't. Jesus did not save himself because he knew that in saving himself we would have to die for our own sins.

Jesus took our plight to heart & gave up his life for us. Jesus' dying on the cross for us has become the greatest act of love of all history. There is simply no other chapter in all of history where a greater love has been demonstrated. God in the form of Jesus, almighty, all-holy, all-knowing, and everywhere present died for his people who had gone astray. This is love in its highest form.

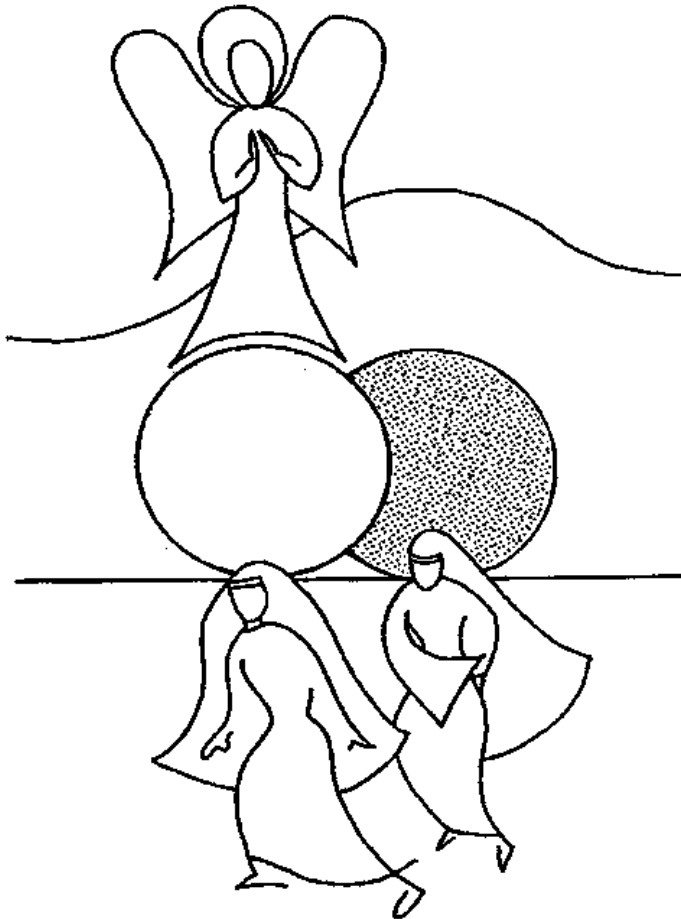
### *Jesus was forsaken*

During Jesus' last moments, hanging on the cross, he called out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It was at this moment Jesus realized that God the Father in heaven had forsaken him, which means he had turned his face away from him. But why?

Why would God in heaven turn his face from Jesus? God turned his face at that moment when Jesus became sin. God cannot tolerate sin, so he looked away. That left Jesus hanging there on the cross, facing death, totally alone & totally rejected. Rejection is one of our greatest fears. Imagine what it must have been like for Jesus to have been rejected, not only by men, but also by God, the Father, for sin & wickedness that he had not committed. We simply cannot comprehend the greatness of God's love for us. All we can do is tell him: "Thank you for forgiving my sins & giving me eternal life." This is the Good News! #

IT'S NOT THE WORDS WE SPEAK,  
NOR THE BOOKS WE WRITE,  
BUT THE LIVES WE LIVE THAT COUNTS.

# HE IS RISEN!



JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH, GO TELL THE WORLD THAT JESUS IS RISEN. DEATH IS NOT THE END. JESUS CONQUERED DEATH. GLORY BE TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY. OUR SAVIOUR IS JESUS. HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE CHOSEN ONE. HE IS VICTORIOUS. ALL POWER IS NOW HIS. JESUS TOOK OUR SIN & SHAME. NOW HE IS EXALTED. NOW WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. GOOD NEWS! GO TELL EVERYBODY. JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE. PRAISE THE LORD!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Jesus is God's sinless son.  
Yet he died on the cross  
for OUR sins, because  
he LOVES us ...  
...but...  
... he rose again! He is no  
longer dead.

# HE LIVES!

## The Resurrection

The ladies who had loved & helped Jesus went early Sunday morning to pay their respects and place spices at his grave. Jesus' grave had been hewn out of the side of a hill of rock and a huge stone had been fashioned to serve as a door.

As the ladies were arriving at the grave, to their great astonishment, the earth began to shake, the stone was rolled to the side and upon it sat an angel from heaven whose appearance resembled both lightning and blinding snow. The angel spoke to the ladies:

Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus who died on the cross, but he is no longer in his grave. He has come back to life from the dead.

Come, see where his body had been laid. Now go quickly and tell his followers that he is risen from the dead. Tell them also that he will be meeting with them in Galilee.

The ladies were very glad and very afraid at the same time. They ran quickly to spread the Good News.

It is reported that Jesus met with 500 people after his resurrection, that is, after coming back from death to life. He showed himself to them and proved to them that he was really real. Jesus' friend & follower, Thomas, doubted that he was genuinely alive, so Jesus urged him to feel the sword wound in his side & the nail

scars in his hands. Only then was Thomas persuaded.

Jesus met others of his followers as they walked home one evening. Initially they didn't recognize it was Jesus, but offered him shelter & accommodations for the night. At the supper table Jesus opened the eyes of his friend's spiritual understanding so that they could see him for who he really was.

Then he instructed his followers about

receiving God's power, the Holy Spirit, which would be provided to strengthen them so that they could STAND FIRM in the face of unimaginable opposition.

Jesus told his followers to go everywhere telling everyone the Good News, & that he would return. Jesus promised to take everyone with him back to heaven who would depend on him for deliverance from sin & death. #

## Heaven's Gate

There is a legend claiming that St Peter is the gatekeeper of heaven. This is an incident that was recorded in his journal:

There I was one day, standing just outside heaven's gate, greeting all those who were passing there. The line was long & the pilgrims were in best of spirits, chatting among themselves as they anticipated their entrance.

To each of the pilgrims I asked the question: "Why do you deserve to enter heaven?" From each I would await a reply. Some would pause quite a moment before attempting to answer. Then I would lean close as though to be listening for a password.

Today seemed to be a particularly disappointing day for many a pilgrim. In all confidence, there were simply those who had no idea what heaven is all about. Their answers ranged from braggart to irrelevant.

One gentleman whispered to me his name, to which he proudly attached many a title of distinction & chivalry: Admiral Reverend Mr Honorable Doctor Doctor

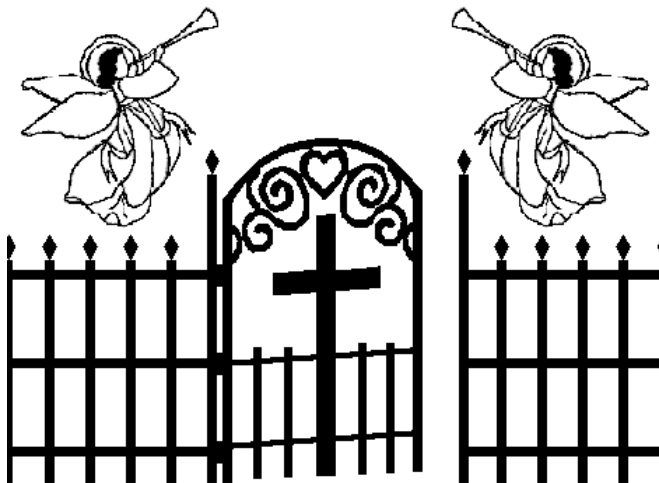
Professor Ph.D. DD Esquire, & so on.

Another described his vast wealth that he frankly thought should impress me. I told him he didn't have to impress me, but I will admit, I was impressed.

Another told how he had erected an edifice in my honor calling it: St Peter's Cathedral. I was flattered, but we first century believers didn't spend much time in church buildings, considering what the

religious leaders did to Jesus, Paul & many others.

Then a gentleman came up to me with a look of helplessness on his face. I asked him: "Why do you deserve to enter heaven?" He answered me quietly without hesitating: "I don't." Then he looked down &



began to sob.

I thought by his sobbing that he must have misunderstood something. "Sir," I said, "You've given me the right answer. What are you waiting for?"

"Jesus," the gentleman replied. "I'm waiting for Jesus. He said he'd be at the gate." "Sir," I answered, "Jesus IS the gate. Come right on in!" #

## "THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING!"

*This is a brief account of how six long years of tragedy came to an end in one evening. Vickie recounts the developments which led up to that evening & how her life was changed dramatically. That evening was the 22nd of June, 1990.*

By the beginning of 1990 I was desperate to find a way out of my mess of a life. I had been "blessed" with society's best wisdom & psychiatric techniques, but ending my life still seemed the best solution. I had been painted as a "mental invalid," with no cure in sight. I had been told for years: "We'll pray for you," but that simply convinced me all the more that I was the problem, & that everybody knew it. I was tired of being the problem. I was tired of causing hurt & turmoil in the lives of those around me. To end my life seemed the merciful thing to do, both for me & for those around me.

While mustering up the courage to carry this through, I was also smothering myself in addictions & bizarre compulsions (alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, forced sleep deprivation, anorexia, bulimia, diet pills, aspirin, obsessive tv, compulsive wandering, self hate, perfectionism, excessive exertion in sports, etc.). The question remained which one I would fall victim to first, my own hand, the complications of my extreme bodily abuse, or a violent death at the wheel, possibly to involve other innocent lives as well.

I had prayed many prayers up to this moment. I had recognized the Lord Jesus' death for my sins, & had given him my heart & life. But I had seemingly in vain sought forgiveness & release from the wretch of a person I had become. Later I realized I had been asking forgiveness for many things I was not even guilty of.



I was a disappointment both to myself & to everyone I knew. There was no relief in sight. It seemed to be everybody's conclusion that wickedness was bound up in my heart, yet that didn't ring true because actually in my heart I longed to be free. I longed for someone who could help me sort it all out, & get to the bottom of what was going on. This is the prayer I prayed on the 11th of January, 1990:

"Look at this soul, still searching for salvation... (lyrics)." I painfully long for someone to "come to my rescue," to come here, (down home on the farm) to see me & express concern & offer me help. At the same time, I tend to send out signals for people

to leave me alone ... I'm afraid I would turn them away & send them off with a smile, assuring them that all is well with me. Nevertheless, I have hoped many nights in the recent past, that someone, someone I can trust & be honest with, would come to me. I have considered going to see someone, but somehow the impact, I fear, would not be the same. Oh, to be loved & to be able to love ... anger & rage tend to display themselves when I try to feel or accept love.

A few months prior I had met in passing a gentleman, named Gary, who was involved in evangelistic outreaches & in helping unwanted children & their mothers in the Niles (MI) & South Bend (IN) area. He met my parents & came out to the farm to visit on occasion. Gary & I started getting acquainted sometime late in January of 1990. He had faced a major turning point in his life & was due shortly to return with a friend to Europe, where he had worked in evangelistic outreaches years prior. He & his friend were planning to leave as soon as the friend finished

some studies, at the end of the school year.

Meanwhile, Gary spent the late winter months with friends in Cassopolis (MI). Occasionally he would drop in, & we would talk. He wasn't struggling from any of the "bad" things I was, yet he referred to himself also as "wretched" in God's eyes, "apart from Jesus".

Oddly enough, Gary & I never seemed to focus on the assumed "fact" of how my life was such a mess. We spent most of our time talking about Jesus, & how Jesus wants to be the center of our lives. I was searching for answers. I was full of fear & confused. Gary was very patient amidst my horrible struggle in maintaining & expressing my thoughts. Often my mind would simply blank out on me mid-sentence.

Mysteriously enough, the more we talked about Jesus, the more hopeful I became. We never talked about stopping drinking, or stopping smoking, or stopping using drugs, or stopping anything. We talked about Jesus, & my life began to reflect a change.

I had for years wanted Jesus to be my life's focus. Well-meaning individuals kept telling me that for that to happen I first had to stop this, stop that, stop being driven by addictions & compulsions, stop hating myself, stop being confused, stop being suicidal, & start living right, start reading my Bible with proper interest, start praying properly, start attending church properly, start spending time with the right & proper people, etc. But after finding myself UNABLE to conform to the expectations & helpful insights of "good people" I finally let my desires center around Jesus.

I began CONCERNING MYSELF WITH HOW JESUS FELT ABOUT ME & what he wanted my life to be like. That made an enormous difference. My "PROBLEMS" WERE NO LONGER THE CENTER OF MY LIFE. Though my struggles appeared

outwardly the same, inwardly there was a big change taking place. Even the critical remarks about my addictions didn't cut me so badly, because I was finding strength & comfort, from the inside out.

Gary & I kept talking about Jesus. Meanwhile I decided to go along with him & other friends out of town on a weekend outreach. The longing to go along was very strong, but the implications were almost more than I could face. I had not been away from alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, drugs, etc. for quite some time. I knew the whole weekend would be a nightmare. I feared the inevitable withdrawals. I wanted to go along & I also wanted to stay home. Deep in my heart I felt it was best for me to go, so, at the last moment I said "yes" & went along.

The intense war of withdrawals began raging almost immediately. I felt like a fish out of water. I felt like everybody was staring at me. I felt like getting out & going back home, but I didn't. Somehow, in the final analysis, I knew I was doing the best thing & I desperately wanted to stick it out. The whole weekend we talked about Jesus & about saying "Yes" & "Ok" to him. We talked about acknowledging to him our weakness & inability, allowing ourselves to depend TOTALLY ON HIM for strength.

That weekend was a wonderful break in the action, but the war wasn't over yet. Gary & I began to sort through some of my writings, my journal, & personal notes including some I had written during a lengthy stay in the psychiatric ward several years earlier. Here is an excerpt from one of my journal entries:

Thoughts race to & fro, yet no significant meaning is found ... no answers to the questions which are ever-present. I struggle through day by day. The loneliness overwhelms me. There are so many barriers to overcome. The battle rages on inside of me.

We also talked at length about a couple of very traumatic run-ins six years earlier





that I had suffered from a couple of men whom I should have been able to trust. But, when you're taken advantage of in the presence of family members, where you would expect to be protected, the hurt is intensified.

As a matter of fact, the hurt from these run-ins was so intense that I lost my ability to deal with it properly. I had never been in such situations, so instead of placing blame where blame was due, I accepted the assumption that I was the guilty party. Plus, it was more comfortable to take the blame upon myself, & to offer "forgiveness" to the "gentlemen." This gave rise to an enormous devastating force in my life that sent me into a six-year-long uncontrollable tailspin.

The night this became clear to me was the 22nd of June, 1990. All of this made overwhelming sense to me, but I found myself totally incapable of leveling the blame where it belonged. I realized that the guilt that had worked destructive havoc in my life for six years would be placed where it belonged & that it could have a destructive impact on their lives like it had had on mine. I didn't want anyone to feel the hurt I had felt for so many years. This made such good sense, & especially after reconstructing the events of the run-ins, the elements of my guilt were not there. I was shocked. "That changes everything!" I said. And it did.

Earlier that same morning I had set myself on another collision course with death. It seems almost uncanny how a tension kept building, as though to keep me away from coming fully to an understanding of what was really going on in my life. I had spent the whole day drinking some of the deadliest alcohol available. I also came real close to spending the evening alone, without the friend I had found who would talk with me for hours on end about Jesus — he had been invited to a birthday party (which he normally wouldn't miss for the world) but it



had been made clear that I wasn't invited. So he decided to spend the evening with me, & at the end of another lengthy talk about Jesus I handed over a sack full of empty alcohol bottles & my homemade smoking devices for marijuana. An enormous change had taken place. From this point my addictions & compulsions quickly diminished & soon I was totally free.

Gary mentioned to me later that something had happened two days earlier, on June 20th, which caused him to suspect that the Lord had brought us together for more of a purpose than just to talk about Jesus & to go our separate ways. That rang true in both of our hearts. On the 25th of July, 1990, we got engaged, & on the 17th of August we were joined in Holy Matrimony.

All in all I'm grateful to the Lord for the hard six years that I endured. I lost most everything a young lady aspires toward during that time in her life. I lost my reputation as though I was a "mental invalid." I lost my aspirations in college, I lost the privilege of bringing honor to my family, & I lost my ability to progress toward meaningful pursuits in life. The gentleman I married had also endured similar losses, but under different circumstances. Now the Lord has blessed us both with much strength, much comfort, & much similarity in life's experiences. This story is even hard for me to believe.

Now my husband & I are following Jesus together & bringing to others this Good News of his forgiveness & transforming power for our lives. The times we live in are not easy for us or for any of Jesus' followers. As we stated in our wedding vows:

...even though we should face tough times of physical separation & trials of the faith ... Jesus has led the way before us on love's path. He will lead

us & strengthen us. It is to him we want to say "Yes!" and "OK!"

Since just two years ago at this time the Lord has helped us to take our spot in the struggle for Godfear. We live in a society of Godlessness, anti-God hostility, & widespread complacency. Gary & I have already faced tough times of physical separation & trials of the faith, but

the Lord has continued to strengthen & bless us. We now have a 6 - month - old little baby boy to add to our blessings!



Jesus poured out his life for love of us, now we want to live for him & to give ourselves to his interests here on earth. July 1992 #

THE END

Sin will take you places you never thought you'd go,  
You'll stay longer than you ever thought you'd stay,  
and you'll pay more than you ever thought you'd spend.

## Unborn, unwanted children

There is hope for all of you unwanted children. There is help and there are people who care about you and your Mommy's predicament. You feel like nobody cares about you, and your Mommy feels like nobody cares about her. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

There are many groups of caring individuals in our community who would love to know where you are so they could help.

In the South Bend, Indiana, yellow pages you can find several listings of ones who care under: "abortion alternative organizations." One which I'm particularly familiar with is called: "Pregnancy Lifeline."

They offer loving, caring help for unborn, unwanted children and their Mommies,

plus: free counseling, 100% confidentiality, and free pregnancy tests. Have your Mommy get in touch with them right away!



Pregnancy Lifeline  
2004 Ironwood Circle, Suite G  
South Bend, Indiana 46635

Or have her call: tel. 219/273-0168. (Ironwood Circle goes west off of Ironwood Drive between Edison Street & State Road 23). I too was an unwanted child \*. I'm so thankful that my Mommy found help. I hug her & thank her for giving me life!

[\*child conceived amidst very difficult circumstances.] #

## Defining your God

It is meaningful now & again in life to sit down & take inventory of your gods. Your "god" is what you're really all about down here on earth (God is for things of heaven, god is for things of earth).

The definition of god in your life has many meanings. It's what you're willing to sit out in a cold rain for; that's your god. It's what you're willing to cheer for while others boo, that's your god. Whatever you wave your arms above your head for; god. Whatever you scream yourself hoarse for; god.

Your earthly god is what occupies the highest pedestal of your life. For some, god is a sports hero, or a war hero. For others it's a tv star. Perhaps the motherland, or the common good. Your god might be a judge, or the law.

Your god defines for you the words: "good & bad," the words: "freedom & slavery," and the words "love & hate." You see the world accordingly.

Your god makes you come alive, it gets your attention. Your god will not get neglected if something HAS to be neglected. You are faithful to your god. It might be a car. It might be that car's paint job, or engine, or wax job. Or it could be your make-up, your hairdo, your diet, the heads turning.

What can people always expect to know about you first? Your titles, your honors, your credentials, your accomplishments, your generosity, your travels, your complaints, your doctrine, your ability always to be right? Your god will come first, just like a god should.

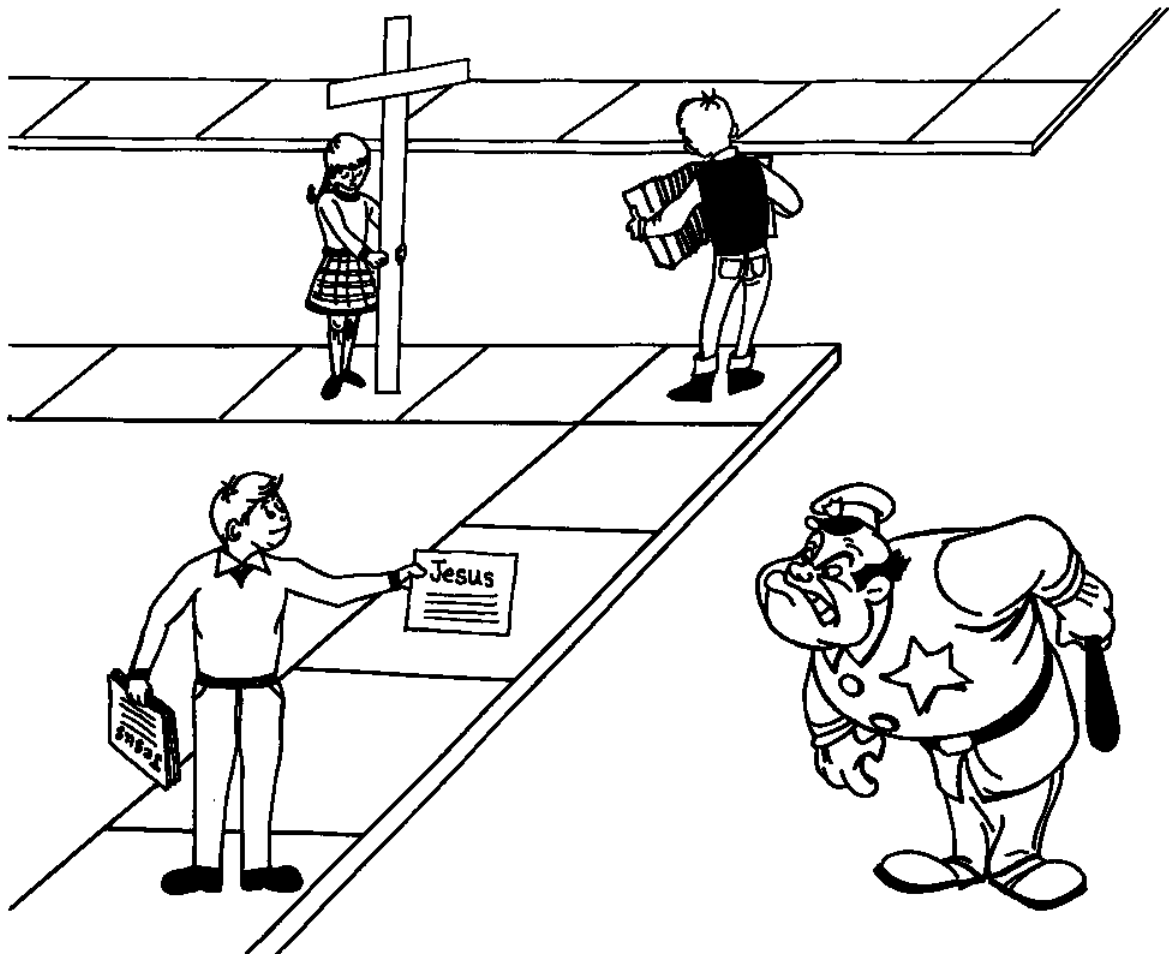
Your life's god is whatever has your heart's affection, to whatever you devote your finest time & energy. It is what you abandon yourself for, what you defy your fears for, what you risk all for, what you pull out all the stops for. You are even willing to risk loss of reputation in hopes of, in the end, winning greater reputation for your god.

When Jesus came to earth he dethroned all other gods. He brought to our attention that there is no higher God than himself, the one who created all things.

Jesus competed against all other gods for the highest spot in the universe. He won. Jesus' death on the cross bowed him lower than all other gods. His resurrection then lifted him higher than all other gods (higher than death). He is now the King of kings, the God of gods, & the Leader of leaders. He demands that you let him take up sole & permanent residence in the God-spot of your heart. #

*What is True,  
Valuable,  
&  
Durable?  
Jesus!*

COMING TO KNOW JESUS  
IS COMING TO REDEFINE  
YOUR DEFINITION OF LOVE.



## Public Outreach

In light of the Good News of Jesus' death & resurrection what could be more delightful than to be able to hear singing & preaching about Jesus without having to wait for Sunday? Wouldn't it be heart-warming to have a Jesus celebration brought right to you during the week without going out of your way? There would be warm, friendly conversation as well as serious soul-searching questions & discussion. You could arrive at your destination with a fresh awareness of God's love & forgiveness. You could ponder into the evening over the impression the cross made on you as you first caught glimpse of it being held by someone standing in broad public view. You could hum along with the Gospel

hymns, & savor the sacred instrumental melodies you heard. You could linger at length over a special edition newspaper dedicated to Jesus & his interests — no sleek schemes, no phony freebies, no burdensome bulk, & best of all, no bad news.

It would be hard to conceive of someone wanting to disrupt you from knowing about this great Jesus & his love. Yet opposition seems to brew against those who tell people about Jesus & stand with him publicly. This opposition is directed against what Jesus represents: accountability & forgiveness. Man does not want to face his accountability before God. The subjects of God's love &

forgiveness are left empty without us first recognizing our accountability to him.

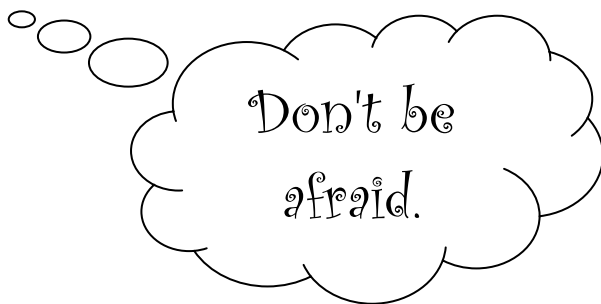
### *Stand boldly*

Throughout history, those who have stood with Jesus & the Good News have faced opposition, particularly those who do so publicly. Jesus was mistreated & opposed mercilessly, not just for what he said, but for how he lived & the stand he took. He forewarned his followers to brace themselves for similar treatment, but not to be afraid. Some of Jesus' followers were afraid to be identified openly with him, fearing they would be looked down on, or that they would suffer with him, so they remained private about their connection to him.

Perhaps there was a time in our nation [U.S.A.] when public outreach & preaching about Jesus was welcome. Before the days of mass media there were town criers, minstrels, circuit riders & revivalists. During the last generation it was a common sight to see the Salvation Army engaged in public outreach.

### *More than words*

Standing with Jesus is more than serenading people from a street corner. Jesus' love compels us to love as he loved, to struggle with God's voice in our conscience, to weigh our convictions



against our fears, to find the Lord's will for our lives & to stand with him. He said he would show us the way.

Part of Jesus' way for us to stand with him might be to help at the local crisis pregnancy center, reaching out to mothers & fathers who need help loving their children. You might adopt an unwanted child,

propose bills to your legislator, write newspaper articles. You might write letters to those in prison for rescuing unwanted children. You might rescue, yourself, or help in some support role. Standing with Jesus will doubtlessly take us to the defense of those who are being hurt, especially innocent children. There are others hurting, many others. It seems as though our society is plagued by hurt & heartbreak, as though we were under a curse.



### *Hostility against Jesus*

Our nation no longer reflects the: "In God We Trust" attitudes of yesteryear. This phrase will disappear from our money soon. God has already been kicked out of public education. We are no longer: "One nation, under God." Christmas carols mentioning Jesus & manger scenes are not welcome in our public life, nor are the Ten Commandments. Christmas vacation has become: "Winter break," & Easter vacation has become: "Spring break."

We no longer recognize a Creator, now that devotion to the theory of evolution is on the increase. The World Almanac states, as though it were fact: "All existence emerged from a fist-sized mass of unknown material 15 billion years ago." There's no room for a Creator or higher power, except for the forces of evolution. Nor do these intellectuals experience anxiety over the fact that they don't know WHERE that fist-sized mass of material came from, nor HOW nor WHY it sprang into life, flowers, songbirds, & butterflies.

The maxim: "We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights" is obsolete both in the 'Creator' aspect & in the 'rights' aspect. The state will soon be the supreme authority, posing both as "creator" & "bestower of rights," determining WHETHER you will exist, HOW you came into existence, WHY you came into existence & HOW LONG you will remain in existence. Those who stand with Jesus will simply face opposition as

they have through the centuries, especially as the world governments consolidate into one centralized global regime.

### *Our lives also*

Our lives also have been seasoned with opposition for standing with Jesus. We have been falsely arrested, or fined, or threatened on public sidewalks, on public right-of-ways, at public fairs, public festivals, public parades. We have faced trouble before judges, prosecutors, magistrates, mayors, city councils, educators, school boards, policemen, jailers, & painfully true, from false Christians as well.

Even some of "our own" have labeled us renegades, lawless & worse, even though by love's standards we are zealously lawful. We are shunned on one hand & betrayed on the other. Our children have been placed in jeopardy before the "thought police," without me, the children's father, ever being approached about the disgruntlement first. Others want my God-given authority over the children to be relinquished to the godless courts; things that equal high treason by love's standards & biblical admonition.

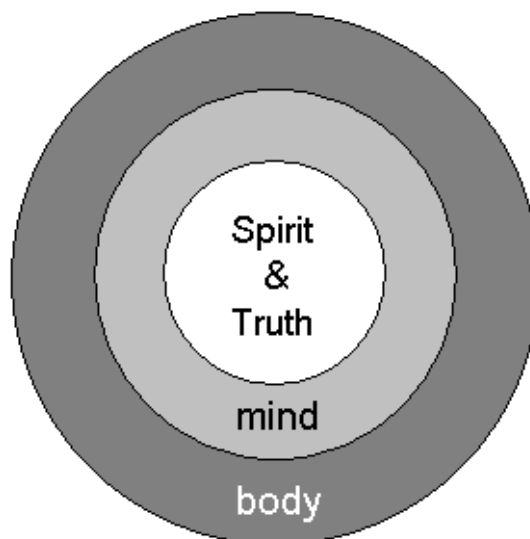


This is the cross-fire of a spiritual battle.

But in all these things the Lord Jesus has strengthened us, and we expect he will continue to give us strength & guidance.

You too need to be ready to face opposition as you follow Jesus & set out to share his love & Good News. Don't be afraid, though. He will show you the way, he will give you strength, & he will fill you with his peace. Jesus is awesome! gs #

Some worship god in their body,  
others worship god in their mind.

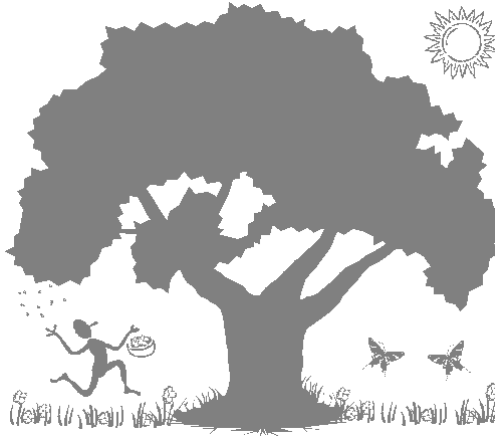


God is Spirit— He must be worshiped  
in Spirit and in Truth.

## Classroom dynamics

The first thing you learn in school is that you're valuable if you're wanted. Your unwanted classmates were aborted years ago, so you need to stay in the good with the program so that you remain wanted.

Then you learn that you're valuable if you achieve. But you can't achieve at just anything. If you're in kindergarten, for example, you must achieve at serious academics. You can't be in kindergarten & get anywhere by achieving in climbing trees, looking at flowers & chasing butterflies. Nobody will be impressed with that. You'll have to wait until college for that: the College of



Forestry, the College of Botany, or the College of Geology, for example.

Later on you will learn to learn only the facts. You soon will master the technique of warehousing vast stores of statistics, dates, facts, figures, & formulas until the final exam. If you give it all back in the right order you will be on to bigger & better things. If not, you might be sent out to chase butterflies for good.

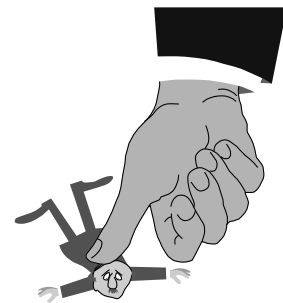
One more thing to learn is not to ask: "Why." We don't know "why" & that's something intelligent people don't ask. If we knew "why" we'd probably all be out climbing trees, looking at flowers & chasing butterflies. #

## Pressure cooking our children

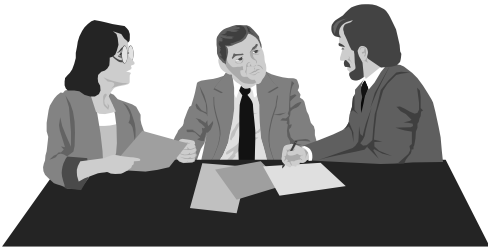
A child psychologist wrote a book a few years back entitled, "The Hurried Child." It was a powerful book for parents & teachers, talking about the ways in which we push our children to mature faster than their young years find normal. We expect them to talk at age one, learn new math at two; we throw them into competitive sports at five, have them reading sixth grade level in first grade ... and then wonder why they get to their teenage years & want to be children again. We wonder why these children can be so miserable when they've accomplished so much.

Are these the kind of child-heroes we want to create? Are these the kind of pressures we want pushing and pulling our children? What's the matter with being NORMAL, especially when many of the heroes we create often displace God, & we misplace his grace to replace it with our own false sense of greatness. rws #

WE ARE A VERY  
PRESSURE-RIDDEN  
SOCIETY.



YOU CAN EVEN BE  
PRESSURED INTO FEELING  
PRESSURE FOR NOT  
FEELING PRESSURE.



## Talking pleasantly

- 1) allow myself to be interrupted,
- 2) lovingly encourage each other to speak their heart,
- 3) our feelings are real to us & legitimate,
- 4) avoid negating each other,
- 5) avoid minimizing each other,
- 6) avoid contradicting each other,
- 7) communicate by means of questions,
- 8) get to the point as soon as possible,
- 9) be open & receptive even to what may be viewed as an insult,
- 10) when you want to say something, make that clear, without interrupting someone else. #

## Street Outreach

"Sir," I said to a passerby. "Jesus wants you on his side."

"I'm on his side," he replied sharply.

"I mean to say that Jesus wants you on his 'team.'"

"Is Jesus playing football now or something?" he sneered.

"It's a bit like that," I responded. "He's like a coach. He wants you on his team. He wants you to look to him for the game-plan of life, play by play. You interested?"

"I think I'll root for him from the bleachers."  
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"Sir, do you know the Good News?" I asked a gentleman.

"No, thank you," he replied, "I don't want your literature."

"But my literature's not the point. It's the Good News of Jesus, Sir. That's what this is all about."

"I go to church," he said.

"I'm glad you go to church, Sir, but going to church doesn't make you a

Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. It's Jesus we need. Do you have the Good News of Jesus in your heart?"

"I guess so, I hope so," he replied. "I try to live right, to treat people right. I'll be ok."

"Sir," I said, "Forgiveness of our sins makes us God's friend. Doing good things is wonderful, but it won't forgive our sins. Only Jesus' death on the cross can forgive our sins. Do you believe that Jesus' death was for you, Sir, personally, to forgive your sins?"



"That sounds right. Yes, I guess so. You know, you guys ask some pretty bold questions for being right out here in broad daylight. How do you survive?"

"Sometimes people are offended with us," I answered, "But we try to tune in so we can ask people meaningful questions about their relationship with God."

"I think you folks are hitting the nail right on the head," he answered as he turned to go his way.

"Thanks," I sighed as I returned to the crowd. #

THE PATH TO WHERE JESUS WAS  
CRUCIFIED  
LED RIGHT THROUGH THE  
STREETS OF THE CITY,  
AND TOOK HIM FAR BEYOND THE  
SAFETY  
OF HIS HOMELAND.



## Church & state

Jesus never asked Caesar for a license to preach. Nor did he request tax recognition for his journeys & outreaches. Jesus did not have a business partnership with Caesar. He did not let Caesar govern his board of directors (the state presides over all corporations). He told his followers to give Caesar what belongs to him (love of money, earthly promotion, earthly honor, earthly reputation, earthly credentials, etc.) & to give to God what belongs to him (our heart, our soul, our body, our strength, our loyalty, our allegiance, etc.)



Some Christians have little in common with how Jesus conducted his business on earth. #

## Income tax 1% in 1913

On my desk before me I have a copy of the United States Federal Income Tax form for the year 1913.

For those who earned no more than \$20,000 dollars annually, their income tax was 1%.



For those whose annual earnings were in the highest category, earning \$500,000 dollars, their tax was 6%. #

## Chain of command

Authority to be obeyed by our children comes from God, extends to the father & mother by way of the father, & then reaches the children. Some fathers default this authority (fail to use it) while some mothers usurp it (steal it for themselves). #

## Public evangelism

What we have found in France is much the same as what we find in the United States. There are many areas of society not being reached out to with the Good News of Jesus. Some of these un-reached areas have churches close by. Others of these un-reached areas are far away from any church.



According to what we feel, this is what has typically happened: pioneers have come to our locality & have undertaken broad public evangelism. The new believers are gathered for meetings, but public evangelism is not established as an integral part of the new believers' charter. Thus, after the pioneers are gone, public evangelism is gone too. Years go by, society grows, but the church stays as it is. This results in expanding areas of society untouched by the Gospel. This is how it comes about that our children's peer group has little direct contact with the Good News of Jesus. Or, this is how it comes about that public evangelism that DOES take place is done by para-church organizations (organizations outside the church).

Therefore we propose that public evangelism be established as an active & integral part of every group of believers' charter. In this way we will recognize the hand of the Lord as he sets about to raise up ones among us for the work of public evangelism, both for our own locality & beyond. These ones will be recognized as an integral part of ourselves & we will work as one body together. In this way, as society grows the interests of the Lord Jesus will grow too.

Gary & Vickie, Marseilles, France,  
August 1991 #

## Tie breaker

There needs to be a basic understanding in the home when decisions MUST be made but the husband & wife feel pulled in opposite



directions. God has ordained the husband to take carefully his wife & family's situation to heart, & then to make the unavoidable decision, in the fear of God, & willing to shoulder the consequences. The buck stops with the husband & he must not be so inconsiderate as to let the wife make a decision which he would refuse to stand behind in the end. #

## Defining your life

The secular state wants to write the dictionary of your life, to define:

- your "person" (who is & who is not a person granted protection under the U.S. Constitution),
- your name (preferably with a number in order to manage you easier),
- your health, education & welfare (making you into a productive consumer, yet dependent upon the state),
- your family (the state views itself as the primary authority in family matters, if you don't think so, oppose a judge in his ruling over your family matters),

- your spirituality (body worship: youth, beauty, health, sports, intelligence, etc.),

- your productivity (life-long indebtedness to the state, if you don't think so, fail one time to pay rent on the property you "own").

Furthermore, the state wants you to adhere to & abide by its definitions of your life. This places some Christians in a real predicament. #

## Bodies on loan

Our bodies do not belong to us. We didn't design them, we didn't engineer them, we didn't manufacture them. The nutrients our bodies need were not made by us. The energy our bodies use does not come from us. The body's intricate chemical, physical & electrical transactions don't belong to us either.

Our bodies are a gift to us. The earth was given to us as a place for our bodies to live. Our bodies were given to us as a



place where we could live. We, personally, are not body. We are spirit, living in a body.

Our earthly body will go back to the earth when we are finished with it. When we leave our earthly body (and exchange it for a heavenly one) we will return to our Creator to thank him for such lovely accommodations. #

## THE DETERIORATION OF EDUCATION\*

For the last seven years I have been doing substitute teaching in the public schools of South Bend, Indiana. I feel I've become very tuned-in to the educational needs of the students. I have read, studied and written much about education in America.

Most schools' number one problem is discipline. The solution is not easy because discipline is at the very heart of education. An educated person is one who has become a disciplined person. The Bible mentions learning in regard to Jesus himself, that he: "LEARNED obedience through what he suffered."

I believe parents alone are responsible before God to educate their children. This means parents are to see to it that their children know the truth and obey it. Unfortunately many parents are asking the same question Pontius Pilate asked Jesus: "What is truth?" For starters, I would have them research ten of Jesus own words: "I am the Truth. The words I speak are Truth."

The following is a brief historical account of how our U.S. education system departed from these truths.

### *Original purpose of education*

The idea that people should be compelled to attend school began with Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. Until the time of Luther almost all of Europe was Catholic. The people had learned how to live for Jesus from the Pope, Bishops, and Priests. Luther said that the Catholic Church was distorting the truth of God's Word. He translated the Bible into the language of

his people so they could read it for themselves. Luther then persuaded the German Princes to require all the youth to attend school so that they could READ THE BIBLE. He argued that if their young men had to enlist in the army in times of war surely their youth could be made to attend a school to obtain the knowledge needed in the struggle with the Devil for their souls. So in 1559 the first state-run public schools were established in Württemberg, Germany.

The majority of the people who came to America for the first 200 years were Protestants. They strongly believed that their children needed to read the Bible. Most of these people left Europe because they didn't want the state and its church telling them how to live the Christian life. After reading the Bible for themselves they discovered what they believed to be a truer way to live for Jesus. However, only in America would they hope to find the freedom to practice their faith in Jesus.

Education to early Americans meant something much different than it does to most people today. For them the BIBLE contained the purpose of education for their children, as in:

"Bring up your children in the training and INSTRUCTION of the Lord, (and) The GOAL of your INSTRUCTION is love from a pure heart, clear conscience and a sincere faith."

To achieve this the parents pooled their resources and built a school. Then they chose one of the most Godly and intelligent men in the community to educate their children in the ways of God,



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chiefly through knowledge of the Scriptures.

In 1642, in the State of Massachusetts, America's first community-level public school law was passed. This law was called: "The Old Satan Deluder Act." The first paragraph of this law read:

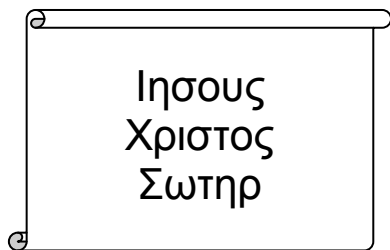
It (is) one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep man from the knowledge of the SCRIPTURES.



It was then ordered that schools be established. Bear in mind, the PURPOSE of these schools was to provide the youth with knowledge of the SCRIPTURES. Thus the Bible was kept as one of the main textbooks in American schools for the next 200 years. Even Thomas Jefferson used the Bible and Watts hymnal almost exclusively as his textbooks when he was superintendent of the Washington D.C. school district.

### *Radical religious change*

In 1805 something happened that radically changed our nation's perspective on education. Harvard School was America's first school and at that time America's best school. In 1638 Harvard had begun graduating Christian ministers



of the Gospel who were trained in the original languages of the Bible: Hebrew and Greek, and also in Latin.

It was in 1805 that a group of men of Unitarian beliefs took over the leadership of Harvard school and began to teach their NEW RELIGION. According to their religion, Jesus was not really God, and man does not have an evil nature. They also believed that *through proper education man could perfect himself and*

*learn how to solve the problems of the world.* These beliefs were totally opposite of the Christian beliefs that had guided Harvard School during its first 167 years.

Because Harvard had such powerful influence, most of the schools in America soon fell under the spell of this new Unitarian system of beliefs. From that time onward Harvard graduates no longer sought to change man's heart by preaching the TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST. Instead they tried to combat evil by doing good works and by restructuring society. According to their new perspective they believed EDUCATION to be the key to healing America's problems. Therefore they claimed that a state-centered "National" Public School System was necessary in order to *transform our society.*

### *Re-orienting public education*

A survey was made in Boston to determine whether a new Public School system was indeed needed. (This was the first survey taken in America.) Out of this survey came the Bulfinch Report, which revealed that 96% of Boston's school-age children were already attending a wide variety of locally organized schools. Charles Bulfinch, chairman of the report committee, concluded that there was NO REASON to create a NEW SYSTEM of public schools. However, the Unitarians of Boston's Harvard School argued that the remaining 4% of the children were a danger to the well-being of society. Therefore, on behalf of that 4% they insisted that re-defined public schools be established.

This debate continued. Bulfinch responded to the Harvard Unitarians that tax-supported state-centered public schools would undermine morals and the unity of the family.

"It ought never to be forgotten," he stated, "that the office of instruction belongs to PARENTS."

Shortly thereafter, in 1823, a Dr. Humphrey warned similarly:

Without fear of God ... and (without) moral and religious principles, education is a drawn and polished sword in the hands of a gigantic maniac.



Re - defined, state - centered public schools were established in Boston in 1818 in spite of these sound arguments. This meant the end of true educational freedom in America. With the help of Massachusetts secretary of state, Horace Mann, the Harvard Unitarian elite conquered the rest of the State of Massachusetts for the newly defined public schools. Impressed by Massachusetts' "efficient" school system, state after state soon adopted a similar policy.

### *State authority over children*

Many of Harvard's students had done studies in Germany under the Prussian system of education, in which the STATE assumes more authority over the children than their PARENTS. This system of education quickly became the model the states patterned their schools after most.

It was not a wise decision to adopt the Prussian system because the Germans did not believe the way most Americans did. The following is what the great German scholar Heinrich Heine said in the 1830's: "Pantheism is the public secret of Germany ... (and) theism is a religion for slaves, for children."

The German religion of pantheism is a belief that everything is God: pan (all) & theism (God). They believe that the universe itself is God's spirit evolving into perfection. German pantheists do not believe in the God (Jehovah) who gave Moses the Ten Commandments. They also don't believe in the God who sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins on the cross.

To them man's mind is the highest form of the God-spirit. Since Germans viewed themselves as the highest form of God in the world, they concluded it was God's will for them to rule over all the other countries of the world. This belief gave rise to WWI and WWII.



### *Discarding Christianity*

The man most helpful to the Unitarians in establishing these new-definition Public Schools was Horace Mann. His vision for reshaping society is summed up in a 1972 biography:

What the church had been for medieval man, the public school must now become for democratic and rational man. GOD would be REPLACED by the concept of the PUBLIC GOOD; sin and guilt morality ... For the first time in the history of western man it seemed possible for an intellectual and moral elite to effect mass behavioral changes and bring about a new golden age of enlightened ethics, humanism, and affluence.

But it was not just the Harvard Unitarians led by Horace Mann who wanted a National, state-centered Public School System. In the days before his conversion to Christianity, Orestes A Brownson, the great Catholic thinker-educator of the 19th century (who is buried beneath Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame, Indiana) wrote in his autobiography in 1829, concerning his former work as a socialist, as follows:



The great object was to GET RID OF CHRISTIANITY, and to convert our churches into halls of science. The plan was ... to establish a system of state — we said "national" — schools from which ALL

RELIGION WAS TO BE EXCLUDED, in which nothing was to be taught but such knowledge as is verifiable by the senses, and to which all parents were to be compelled by the law to send their children. The first thing to be done was to get this system of schools established.

Brownson insisted that the impulse toward GODLESS education was: "an impulse which seems too strong for any human power now to resist."

### *State-centered, compulsory education opposed*

Not all the states believed it was right to force its citizens to attend such schools. Rhode Islanders said:

To compel a citizen to support a school would have been to violate the right of conscience ... to compel him to [thus] educate his children would have been an invasion of his rights as a free-born Rhode Islander which would not be endured.

New Yorkers said the Revolutionary War had been fought in vain if now their own tax dollars were to be used to finance this educational tyranny.

This so-called "progressive education" movement, proposed by Mann and others did not fool certain Americans, even though they were powerless to stop it. In 1846 an association of 31 of Boston's best teachers began writing hundreds of pages denouncing Mann's new Public Schools. They wrote:

We love the Secretary, but we hate his theories. They stand in the way of all substantial education. It is impossible for a sound mind not to hate them. Every good man will hate them, in proportion as he reverences truth and loves mankind. We hope to see them laid as low in the dust as we are.

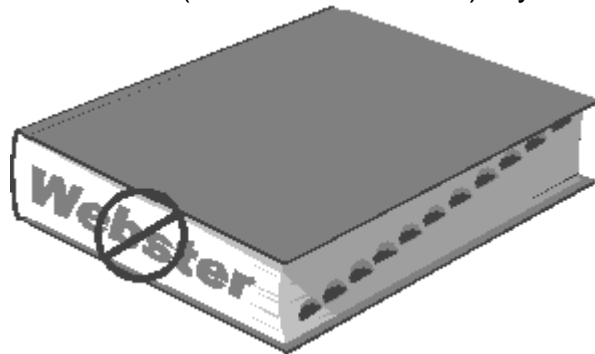
At this point we have two groups of people who completely disagreed on the

fundamental concept of education, both on its definition and on how to actually educate children. Noah Webster, in his original dictionary of 1828, defines the word "educate" as follows:

To bring up: to instruct; to inform & enlighten the understanding, to instill into the mind principles of arts, science, morals, religion & behavior. To educate children well is one of the most important DUTIES OF PARENTS & guardians.

### *Change of schoolroom dictionaries*

In our generation, Webster's dictionary has often been replaced in the schoolroom (as it was in mine) by the



Thorndike-Barnhardt dictionary. Edward L Thorndike was taught under William James and, in the German school of behavioristic psychology, he was the primary author of this new dictionary. He defined education in a new way — differently than Webster, as follows:

Development in knowledge, skill, ability, or character by teaching, training, study, or experience; teaching; training.

The point here is that according to this new definition of education there is a total absence of emphasis on development of moral principles and any connection to religious instruction.

Thorndike wrote in his book "Education":

The aims of education should then be: to make men want the right things, and to make them better able so to control all the forces of nature and

themselves that they can satisfy these wants ... to get rid of irrational wants — wants not fitted to the world in which we live.

Thorndike wrote another book, entitled: "Animal Intelligence," published in 1911, where he equates man with monkeys, as follows:

...our nearest relatives physically (are) THE MONKEYS.

Note very carefully that it is this gentleman's dictionaries that have been replacing Webster's dictionaries in American classrooms in recent decades. This Thorndike equates us with monkeys and our children are taught critical thinking skills using his definitions! Webster's perspective, by contrast, is summed up in his own words, as follows:

In my view THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION is the most important and one of the first things in which all children under a free government ought to be instructed.

How possibly could Webster's Christian-oriented dictionaries and definitions be replaced by Thorndike's Godless, evolution-oriented dictionaries and definitions in our children's classrooms? This took place unbeknown to most God-fearing Americans.

### *Switch to evolution*

Thorndike's belief in evolution greatly affected all of America's education. So much so that the author Samuel Blumenfeld, commenting on Thorndike's views, wrote:

The idea that evolution is merely a theory taught in the biology classroom is erroneous. Evolution is at the very basis of modern public education where the CHILD is taught he is an ANIMAL linked by evolution to the MONKEYS.

The beliefs of John Dewey, called the "father" of modern education, support this claim, as follows:

There is no God and no soul. Hence, there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, then immutable (unchangeable) truth is also dead and buried. There is NO room for FIXED NATURAL LAW or PERMANENT MORAL ABSOLUTES.

### *Establishment of new social religion*

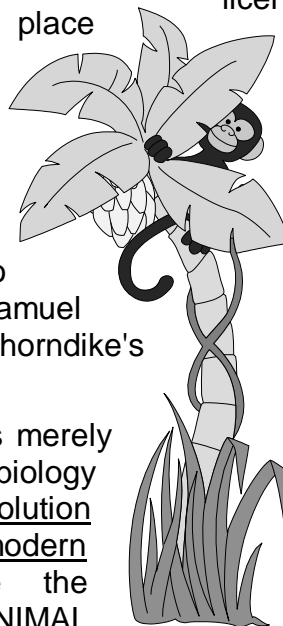
For Dewey the school was no longer to be a place to pursue knowledge and wisdom since he DENIED the existence of absolute truths. He believed in what we now call "secular humanism" which the U.S. Supreme Court has declared to be a bona-fide RELIGION. In Dewey's words:

I believe that the SOCIAL LIFE of the child is the basis of concentration ... in all his training or growth ... (and that) the true center of correlation on the school subjects is not science, nor literature, nor history, nor geography, but the child's SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

The impact of Dewey on our children today is this: in order for teachers to get licensed in state-recognized teacher programs they must first be indoctrinated in Dewey's world-view.

Other practical aspects of Dewey's influence are seen in John J. Dunphy's writings which appeared in a 1983 "Humanist" magazine:

"I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers (ones who make followers) of a NEW FAITH ... the classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new - the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its



adjacent evils and misery, and the NEW FAITH OF HUMANISM, resplendent in its promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of 'love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved."

### *Predicament forewarned*

As I mentioned before, our current predicament was forewarned by the 31 "Boston Masters" when in 1846 they questioned Horace Mann's so-called 'free public education' (which is now costing thousands of dollars per student per year). They wrote:

His (Mann's) innovations were exceedingly radical. They went (so far as) to change the foundation of our system. All coercive authority was to be expelled from our schools, the innocence of human nature was assumed and all children, good, bad, and indifferent, were to be led along by cords of love.

And if religion was to be taught:

...it was to be general Christianity, so weakened and diluted, that infidels might believe and sensualists (might) applaud it ... In Mr Mann's benevolence, education ceases to be a task to the pupil, all the burden is put upon the teacher ... If it is always delightful for a boy to learn, he will of course only learn what is delightful.

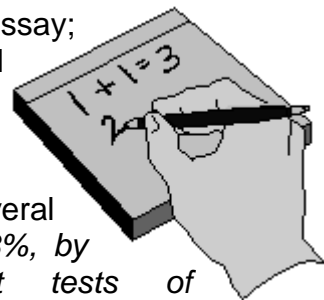
### *People were deceived*

It is tragic that the American people gave up their right to educate their children free from government interference only 50 years after the War of Independence. We know they were deceived because, with the establishment of the new Public Schools, literacy got worse, not better. For instance, John Adams observed in 1765 that:

A native in America, especially of New England, who cannot read and write is as rare a phenomenon as a comet.

Furthermore, the Dupont Study, conducted in 1800, noted that LITERACY WAS UNIVERSAL in early America. But today, 165 years after the establishment of state-centered Public Education, the literacy rate is at an all-time low with 13% of all 17 year-olds being functionally illiterate, and I quote:

One of the most shocking findings is that only 1/5th of the 17 year-olds in Public Education can write a persuasive essay; only one-third can solve a mathematical problem requiring several steps; and 13%, by the simplest tests of reading, writing and comprehension are functionally illiterate. That figure may be as high as 40% among minority students ... LITERACY was MUCH HIGHER in pre-1835 American society, that is, BEFORE the advent of [NEW] PUBLIC EDUCATION in the country.



### *Reason for decline*

What could be the reason why education was so much better before the government got involved in it? It was better because we believed that PARENTS alone were responsible and best able to educate their children. One legal commentator wrote:

Historically, the education of children in the United States was a matter of PARENTAL discretion. Decisions to educate or not to educate, and the substance of that education —



method and curriculum — were made by the PARENTS as a right.



In the 1700's Sir William Blackstone, the greatest legal authority of that century, stated in his famous "Commentaries" that PARENTS had total authority over their children's education under the Common Law. If that was so for England, shouldn't it be so for America?

### *Break the educational monopoly*

In 1970 the famous author-educator Ivan Illich wrote in his book: "De-schooling Society:"

Two centuries ago the U.S. led the world in a movement to dis-establish the monopoly of a single church. Now we need the constitutional DIS-ESTABLISHMENT of the MONOPOLY of the SCHOOL, thereby of a system which legally combines prejudice with discrimination ... Unquestionably, the educational process will gain from this de-schooling of society even though this demand sounds to many school-men like treason to the Enlightenment. But it is the Enlightenment itself that is now being snuffed out in the schools.



Nowadays Mr. Illich's words don't seem as radical as they did when he first wrote them. Within the last ten years two major GOVERNMENT-FUNDED STUDIES were

conducted on American education. The opening passage in the first read:

American schools are in trouble. In fact, the problems of schooling are of such crippling proportions that many schools may not survive. It is possible that our entire PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM is NEARING COLLAPSE.

The second report said:

If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the MEDIOCRE EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an ACT OF WAR. As it stands, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves.

### *Conclusion*

I strongly urge that we return to our nation's original understanding of education and the educational process. Becoming educated and wise is not easy. The whole scope of education needs to be rethought and restructured. The current scope of public education is not simply aimed at helping students to prepare for employment, but is also aimed at indoctrinating them with a worldview that ignores God. Our nation's original purpose of education was toward gaining the fear and knowledge of God along with Godly moral principles, and toward a better understanding of His universe. Harvard University's original charter bears this out, stating that the goal of its students was:

Let every student be plainly instructed & earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life & studies is: to know God & Jesus Christ, which is eternal life, John 17:3, and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound knowledge & learning.

THE END

*by Peter Helland, South Bend, Indiana #*

## License to preach

A license to preach the Gospel from a pulpit in Louisville, Kentucky was required recently of a Christian pastor by the name of Wayne Lowrey. Wayne refused, stating that the state has no jurisdiction over the business of telling people about Jesus. He was jailed, which allowed him direct access to serve as pastor where the need for one was perhaps greater. #

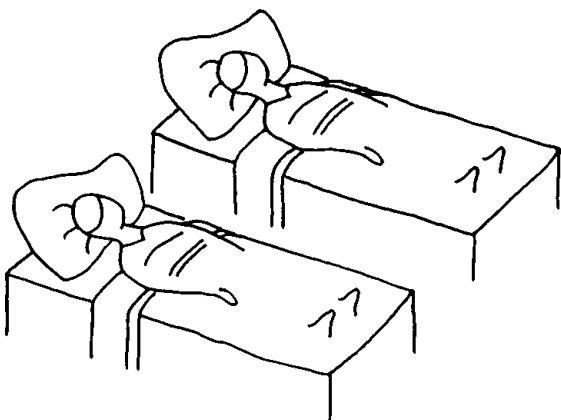


## Hero or lunatic?

Two guys are lying on emergency room tables with head injuries. Pointing to one the attendant tells the physician: "He's a hero." Pointing to the other: "He's a lunatic."

"Why do you say that?" the physician asked, "They both have identical injuries."

"It's very simple," answered the attendant. "While this gentleman was making a save in the championship game tonight he slipped and fell into the bleachers. That one was 'saving' a baby when he got clobbered by the abortionist."



Which one is your hero?

## STAND FIRM



AM I A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS,  
A FOLLOWER OF THE LAMB?  
AND SHALL I FEAR  
TO OWN HIS CAUSE,  
OR BLUSH TO SPEAK HIS NAME?  
MUST I BE CARRIED TO THE SKIES  
ON FLOWERY BEDS OF EASE  
WHILE OTHERS FOUGHT  
TO WIN THE PRIZE,  
AND SAILED THROUGH BLOODY SEAS?  
ARE THERE NO FOES  
FOR ME TO FACE,  
MUST I NOT STOP THE FLOOD?  
IS THIS VILE WORLD  
A FRIEND TO GRACE,  
TO HELP ME ON TO GOD?  
SURE, I MUST FIGHT  
IF I WOULD REIGN,  
INCREASE MY COURAGE LORD!  
I'LL BEAR THE TOIL, ENDURE THE PAIN,  
SUPPORTED BY YOUR WORD.

## Christians in prison

According to our latest information [summer of 1992] there are 89 (eighty-nine) Christians being held presently in prisons & jails in 15 different communities throughout the United States, as follows:

Atlanta, Georgia,  
Boston, Massachusetts,  
Santa Barbara, California,  
Anthony, Texas,  
Fargo, North Dakota,  
Cincinnati, Ohio,  
Wichita, Kansas,  
Memphis, Tennessee,  
Marion, Illinois,  
Findlay, Ohio,  
Burlington, Kentucky,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
Allentown, Pennsylvania,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

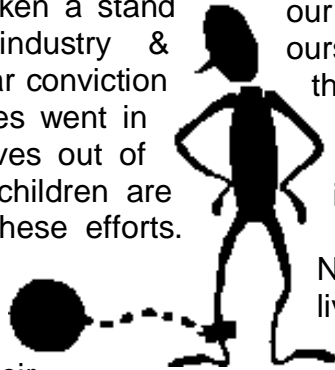
These Christians differ from other Christians only in that they view abortion as murder. They have taken a stand against the abortion industry & rescued lives with a similar conviction as when the United States went in against Hitler & saved lives out of his death camps. Many children are alive today because of these efforts. One of these days these rescued children will show up on the national front pages to honor their heroes. But for now, rescuers face false arrests, jail, fines, confiscations & loss of reputation.

There are thousands being arrested in dozens of communities across the nation. [EXTRA, JUST IN: MORE ARRESTS,

ABORTED BABY'S BODY SHOWN TO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AT CONVENTION – RESPONSIBLE PARTIES ARRESTED.] Babies are being saved. Help centers are springing up everywhere. The truth of the Golden Rule is shining into our hearts: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Yet the media is still struggling to show you the truth, not the political truth, but the natural truth. You'll see every other truth in the media, the animal rights truth, the ozone truth, the rain forest truth, the endangered species truth, even the eagle egg truth ... every truth except the children's truth.

While the eagle was under endangered species' protection the eagle's egg was protected also. The natural truth of the matter is that an unborn eagle is no less an eagle, but the political truth is that a person's unborn offspring is not a person.

One of these days we'll wake up & discover we're not even keeping up with our own re-population. Then we'll find ourselves willing to pay our women out of the national treasury to bear live children; exactly what happened in France. France found itself with insufficient population to protect its borders, so it was forced to pay ladies NOT to abort their babies. But having live French babies is still not fashionable, so other ethnic groups are making up the difference, to the point of altering the political & religious fabric of the nation. One day France might find itself swallowed up by one of the northern African nations whose political & religious persuasion is NOT to abort their children. #



## Driving bulldozer

There are multitudes of people on earth who are living under conditions of abusive mistreatment. Though the Iron Curtain & Berlin Wall have fallen, many people are still living under the control of power-mongers & long to be free. The Iron Curtain, Berlin Wall & concentration camps are visible reminders of abusive authority, but our world is still full of refugees & others who are unable to escape.

When a strongman takes complete control of people, removes them from their former life & teaches them or forces them to accept new beliefs & values, this is referred to as: re-socialization. This usually takes place by brute force but can also develop within a democracy.

This process can take place within a democracy where the people refuse to hold within their hearts & minds the knowledge of God that God has provided. They then are no longer able to clarify right from wrong, love from hate. They soon see darkness as light & evil as good.

Traits of this abusive environment could include: certain segments of the population re-classified "non-persons" & exterminated (e.g. the extremely young, the extremely old, the weak, the infirm), people held incommunicado (barred from outside interaction), communication withheld or censored (e.g. mail, Bibles, sources of information), control of transportation, forced entry, stealing of weapons of self-defense, documents, tools & means of production, threats, acts of intimidation & terrorism, lying, falsification, brainwashing to make good

appear evil (e.g. telling people about Jesus made to appear as evil), love appear hate (e.g. giving flowers made to appear as hate), threats against outside help, etc. & passing laws that enable the strongman while crippling the people.

Then the strongman shops for sympathizers who are willing to lend their support, some who will simply look the other way, others who will preach: "You must obey his law;" or: "Don't worry, God will rescue his own," & others who will actually drive his bulldozers.

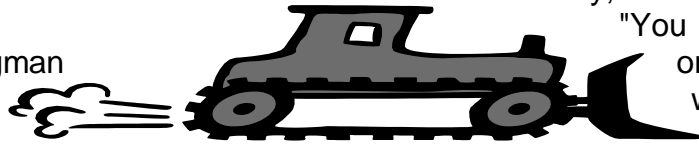
Some Christians are vulnerable to such a strongman. Some Christians obey all authority blindly, failing to ask themselves:

1) Does this authority figure praise people who do good? 2) The people who do evil, are they fearful of this authority figure? If these 2 requirements of Romans 13 are not met, God's authority is to be found elsewhere.

Christians need to love the interests of God & his people more than they love their own selfish safety-zone and religious reputation. May the Lord Jesus give his people keen spiritual eyesight lest they find themselves driving some strongman's bulldozer, "thinking they're doing God a favor."

Be on your guard. This is very subtle. There is a human tendency that thirsts for control over people, either as personal beasts of burden, or as bargaining chips, or as though people were disposable.

A second human tendency is to remain a safe distance from those who are suffering. gs # [This article was written 9 months before the holocaust in Waco.]



## How might we meet?

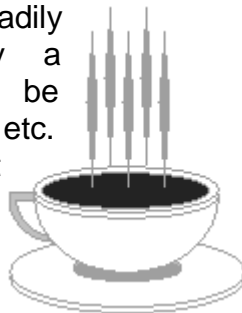
We would love to meet you & spend some time together. We would also love for you to come join us where we worship on Sunday mornings, or for us to join you sometime. (It is also possible someone else gave you this newspaper. In that case, look for their stamp, label, or address in the blank space provided).

The church we can usually be found at on Sunday mornings is called: "Northwest," 21855 ~~Brick Road~~, South Bend, Indiana (north of the toll road, west of the river, & 1 block east of Portage Road). Gathering times are: breakfast at 7:45, informal worship at 8:45, Sunday School for all ages at 9:30, worship at 10:45 EST. Please feel welcome!

There seems to be a great longing in hearts throughout our community for a warm, interactive gathering of believers where Jesus' love is the only attraction. We too have that same longing.

We're hoping that the Lord can lead you to find & join together with believers right in your own home community who gather in the simplicity & genuineness of Jesus' love. Believers all too often seem willing to gather on behalf of many other interests. The simplicity of loving the Lord & one another all too readily gets over-shadowed by a desire to be seen, to be recognized, to be admired, etc.

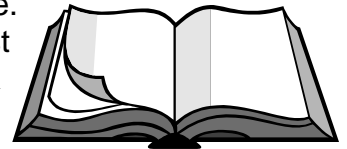
We'd love to hear what you're thinking along these lines. We'd also love to get together somehow, even if for nothing more than a cup of coffee, or tea, or a can of pop. g & v #



## Read the Bible

The Bible provides an understanding of the perspective God wants us to have of the universe. What other book spans more time in its scope & yet has withstood the scrutiny of every generation? Bringing the Bible to us down through the ages has cost the life and liberty of countless numbers of people.

It is the most feared book among tyrants and abusers of authority, because it helps people determine good from bad & helps them stand fearlessly for it. The Bible is typically the top best-seller of all books, yet it is prohibited as a reliable textbook in the public schools. It is also the book most taken for granted, as it collects the dust of our more glamorous aspirations. It is translated into more languages of the world than any other book. The opening scenes of the Bible show mankind going his own way & God promising to rescue them: Gen. 3:15 (Jesus carried out that rescue plan). The closing scenes show mankind being gathered into God's presence, those who had allowed Jesus to rescue them are gathered into heaven: Rev. 19:9. Those who refused to be rescued are gathered into destruction: Rev. 21:8.



The central theme throughout the Bible is: God loves & rescues his people whom he created. Eyewitness accounts of Jesus, who carried out these rescue efforts, are recorded in the portion of the Bible called the "New Testament." My suggestion would be to begin reading the Book of John, using a modern translation for easier understanding. ##

## Our purpose

Our purpose is NOT to tell you about ourselves, nor what we're doing, nor to display our picture, name, credentials, etc., nor to promote our organization, raise money, create a mailing list, etc.

The purpose of this newspaper is to set the stage for the Holy Spirit to do a work of transformation in your heart & life by exploring many topics pertaining to who Jesus is, what he did for us, & what he is accomplishing on earth today; what it meant for him to come to earth, to suffer, to be rejected, to be hung on a cross, to die, & 3 days later to come back to life, never to die again.

Before going back to God, the Father, in heaven Jesus told his followers that they should look after his interests on earth, that they should watch for his return, & be ready!

We want to be ready for his return & we want you to be ready. We also want to look after his interests here on earth. Jesus is our single most important person in the world. To know & understand Jesus, & to follow him, is worth more than owning the whole universe.

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universe  
empty...  
Try mine.  
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IF YOU WERE ARRESTED FOR BEING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS  
WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT YOU?