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“We see religion at work in the case of Cain and Abel, the offspring of the First Family. The Lord had given instructions as to how communion with Him should be carried out, plus forgiveness of sins.”

Religion is that which is conceived by man, birthed by man, instituted by man, and carried out by man, in order to reach God, or else to better oneself in some way. Anything of this capacity conceived by man, is unacceptable to God. This means that anything and everything that’s not strictly according to the Word of God is unacceptable.

Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Shintoism, modern Judaism, Mormonism, Catholicism, etc., all and without exception, come under the heading of religion.

**BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY**

Biblical Christianity is not a religion, but rather a relationship, and that with a Man, the Man Christ Jesus. And yet, much of modern Christianity has been divorced from the Bible, meaning that it is perverted and twisted and, therefore, corrupt. It too must come under the heading of religion. Perhaps the simple phrase, “Jesus Christ and Him Crucified,” would come closer to explaining Biblical Christianity than anything else. Concerning this, the Apostle Paul said:

“Now the Spirit (Holy Spirit) speaks expressly (pointedly), that in the latter times (the times in which we now live, the last of the last days, which begin the fulfillment of Endtime Prophecies) some shall depart from the Faith (anytime Paul uses the term ‘the Faith,’ in short he is referring to the Cross; so, we are told here that some will depart from the Cross as the Means of Salvation and Victory), giving heed to seducing spirits (evil spirits, i.e., ‘religious spirits,’ making something seem like what it isn’t), and doctrines of devils (should have been translated, ‘Doctrines of Demons’; the ‘seducing spirits’ entice Believers away from the true Faith, causing them to believe ‘Doctrines inspired by Demon Spirits’)” (I Tim. 4:1).

While the words “religious” and “religion” appear in James 1:26-27, the Greek words originally used would have been better translated “spiritual,” and “spirituality,” making it read, “If any man among you seems to be spiritual . . .” and “Pure spirituality. . . .”

**THE GREAT WHORE**

The Holy Spirit, even as we shall see, takes a very dim view of religion, which, in fact, has been the nemesis of the Lord from the very beginning of time. We see religion at work in the case of Cain and Abel, the offspring of the First Family. The Lord had given instructions as to how communion with Him should be carried out, plus forgiveness of sins. It would be by the means of the slain lamb, offered up in sacrifice, which would be a symbol of the coming Redeemer. Abel offered up his sacrifice accordingly, and was accepted by God.

Conversely, his brother, Cain, refused to offer up that which God demanded, instead, offering up the fruit of his own hands, whatever that may have been. Please understand, Cain did not deny there was a God, and did not deny the need for a sacrifice, but rather that he offer a sacrifice of his own choosing, which God would not accept and, in fact, could not accept (Gen., Chpt. 4). Cain’s unacceptable offering was the first evidence of “religion.”

We know what the Lord thinks of religion, by what He said in the Book of Revelation:

“And there came one of the seven Angels which had the seven Vials, and talked with me (probably is the seventh Angel; however, we actually have no way of truly knowing), saying unto me, come hither; I will show unto you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters (the ‘great whore’ refers to all the religions of the world that ever have been, which are devised by men as a substitute for ‘Jesus Christ and Him Crucified’; God’s Way is Christ and Him Crucified Alone; as well, the ‘many waters’ are
“In Medina, Muhammad came into contact with a large Jewish community. Evidently his dealings with them resulted in him being influenced in that he adopted some of the Jewish practices.”

a symbol for multitudes of people:
“With whom (the great whore, i.e., all type of religions) the kings of the Earth (from the very beginning, most nations have been ruled by some type of religion) have committed fornication (all religions devised by men, and even the parts of Christianity that have been corrupted, are labeled by the Lord as ‘spiritual fornication’ [Rom. 7:1-4]), and the inhabitants of the Earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (proclaims the addiction of religion; the doing of religion is the most powerful narcotic there is)” (Rev. 17:1-2).

All of this means that all religion is devised either by demon spirits, or men, or a combination of both. In any case, as stated, it is unacceptable to God. Religion is Satan’s substitute for the reality of Christ.

To describe religion, the Holy Spirit used one of the most base, descriptive phrases (the great whore) that could be used. He did this for purpose. As well, it will stoop to any level, strike any bargain, and go to any length, to attain its devious ends.

THE RELIGION OF ISLAM

This religion made its debut in A.D. 622. It began with Muhammad of the tribe of Quraysh in Mecca. He claimed to have received a revelation that God (Allah) was “one” and that he (Muhammad) was to be Allah’s messenger of that truth.

He began this religion by making converts of some of his family members and close friends. Due to opposition, he left Mecca and went to the town of Medina, both in present day Saudi Arabia. This particular episode, his flight from Mecca to Medina, is now viewed as year “one” in the Islamic calendar. But actually it was the year 622 A.D.

THE JEWS

In Medina, Muhammad came into contact with a large Jewish community. Evidently his dealings with them resulted in him being influenced in that he adopted some of the Jewish practices. For example, at least at this particular time, he taught that faithful Muslims should pray facing Jerusalem. The Jews did the same thing and, in fact, had been doing the same thing for some 1,500 years. When the Jews rejected the message of Islam, which they did unequivocally, only then did he change his method of praying, by directing prayers toward Mecca.

He also taught his followers to fast on the tenth day of Tishri, the same day as the Jewish fast of Yom Kippur. This was later expanded to include the entire month of Ramadan.

In his so-called revelation, he also demanded that his followers abstain from pork and, as well, that all little Muslim boys be circumcised, which as most know,
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are standard Jewish practices.

He also claimed to accept the Jewish Prophets of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. He also included Adam in this list, as well as the “Prophet Jesus.” And yet, he strongly rejected the idea of the Deity of Christ. So, it’s difficult to understand how that he could claim that Jesus was a great Prophet, while at the same time being a liar, considering how much our Lord affirmed His Personal Deity.

MUHAMMAD

Muhammad claimed that he was personally “the seal of Prophecy,” meaning that he was God’s final messenger. While he accepted some of the Scriptures of the Old Testament as well as the New Testament, still, he always perverted the Text. At any rate, his “revelations,” embodied in the Koran, became the authoritative “scriptures” for his faithful followers. These followers were called and are called “Muslims,” from the Arabic word “Islam,” meaning “submission” to the one God.

Due to his acceptance of some of the Jewish practices, he felt surely that the Jews would accept his message of “one God.” He found to his dismay, that the Jewish Rabbis gave him no credence whatsoever, ridiculing his illiteracy, and especially his confusion of Biblical traditions. But above all, the Jewish people could not even remotely accept a non-Israelite as God’s “seal of Prophecy.”

In a rage because of the rejection of the Jews, he initiated a policy of extermination that resulted in thousands of Jews being massacred, with thousands of others being evicted from their homes and, in fact, from Northern Arabia.

THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

To understand the Arab-Israeli conflict, we must try to understand the attitude of Islam toward the Jewish people.

The land that we presently refer to as “Israel,” or “Palestine,” was conquered and ruled by the Muslims from the Seventh Century to the Twentieth Century.

There was one interruption during this period of time, and that was when the “Christian” crusaders ruled the land for less than 100 years. Islam presently
finds it unacceptable that this land, originally con-
quered for Allah by his followers, to now be ruled by
the Jews, a people who they considered to be inferior
and subservient. At least that is the way it is pictured
in the Koran.

The Muslims find it impossible to acknowledge the
historic reality that the land of Israel, according to the
Bible, which they do not consider to be the Word of God,
but rather the Koran, belongs to the Jews. This is the real
key to understanding the impasse that exists in Israel
presently. The Arab countries, predominantly Muslim,
refuse to accept a foreign, Jewish presence in a land that
is supposed to be, according to them, a part of the
"world of Islam."

THE MODERN CONTENTION

Regrettably, most people in the world presently, and
we speak of those who are not Muslim or Jewish, think
that the problem in Israel, as it regards the Palestinians,
is that Israel will not allow the Palestinians to have a
separate State. And if the evil Jews, or so the world thinks,
would only allow these poor Palestinians to have their
own land, all the problems would then be solved. Let’s
look at that a little closer.

THE TRUTH

That which the world erroneously thinks, has abso-
lutely nothing to do with the problem at hand in Israel as
it regards the Palestinians. In fact, Israel has tried again
and again, to give the Palestinians particular areas they
could call their own, the Gaza Strip being an example. In
fact, not so long before Yasser Arafat died, Israel agreed
to all his demands regarding a separate State with the
exception of one. They would not give up Jerusalem,
which he demanded as the capital of the new country
of Palestine. So, the talks fell apart.

The truth is, the Muslims demand two things. They
are:
1. Every Jew in Israel dead; and,
2. The entire land of Israel thereby being Muslim.

They have initiated several wars from the time of the
inception of Israel as a State in 1948, with this view in
mind. They have lost each one of those wars. And the
Reader should keep the following in mind:

ISRAELI COMPASSION

Even though the Muslims initiated each one of these
wars against Israel, with Israel coming out victor in each
one, still, the Israel’s allowed the Muslims to remain in
the land. Had the scene been reversed, and the Muslims
having won any one of these conflicts, as stated, every
Jew would have been massacred.

PALESTINIANS?

Actually, there is no such thing as a nationality of
people, or even a segment of people that can honestly
be referred to as “Palestinians.” The truth is, all of the
so-called Palestinians in Israel presently, are actually
Jordanians, Egyptians, Syrians, etc.

The word or name “Palestinian,” actually has its
roots in the name “Philistines,” who inhabited the area
presently called Gaza in Old Testament times. To be
sure, the modern Palestinians are not descendants of
the ancient Philistines.

If it is to be noticed, not a single one of the Arab States
in the Middle East will allow any of the Palestinians into
their country. In other words, they can not immigrate,
forcing them to remain where they are in Israel, as a
thorn in Israel’s side and, as well, providing occasion for
the world to blame Israel, when in reality, the fault is not
that of Israel at all.

America has been pouring hundreds of millions of
dollars into the Gaza strip, and to the Palestinians in
general, over the last several years, all to no avail. In
other words, the money seldom gets to the people, but is
stolen by the Muslim leaders.

As well, immediately after 9/11 (September 11, 2001),
the Palestinians were in the streets rejoicing over our ter-
rible loss, and despite the hundreds and millions squan-
dered on this lost effort. They were quickly told by the
Palestinian authorities, whomever that may have been,
to stop their rejoicing, because that may cause America
to cut off the money flow. Once again, it’s not Uncle Sam,
but rather Uncle Sap!

JEHOVAH OR ALLAH?

Respecting what has been said, the impetus behind
the Muslim determination to destroy Israel cannot be
narrowly defined as a family affair, even though both
entities are direct descendants of Abraham, or so it is
believed by some (Isaac and Ishmael).

The conflict is much deeper than that, in fact, even
beyond the comprehension and understanding of the
Muslims themselves.

Yes, there is the matter of engendered jealousy
over Ishmael being passed over as the recipient of

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“There are basically two differences between God’s Covenant with the Jews and His Covenant with the Ishmaelites.”

The Abrahamic Covenant, given to the Patriarch by the Lord. That Blessing and the Promise of perpetual ownership of the Land of Israel fell to Isaac and his heirs, which are the Jews.

“And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish My Covenant with him for an Everlasting Covenant, and with his seed after him” (Gen. 17:19).

But as well, Ishmael was also given the promise of becoming “a great nation” (Gen. 21:18) — a nation so great “that it shall not be numbered for multitude” (Gen. 16:10). That Promise has been faithfully fulfilled by God. Tiny Israel floats in the middle of a sea of Arab nations scattered across a large portion of the globe, but with the greatest concentration in the Middle East.

THE LAND OF ISRAEL

The land area of the State of Israel presently occupied by the Israelis, is only about one tenth of one percent of the entire landmass occupied by the Muslims in the Middle East. Now think about what I’ve just said.

That means that the Muslims in the Middle East have approximately 1,000 times more land area than the Israelis, and yet, they are demanding this little bit as well!

It all boils down to the Muslims refusing to accept the Bible; therefore, they reject that which was stipulated by the Lord, and concerning this very thing, so long, long ago.

There are basically two differences between God’s Covenant with the Jews and His Covenant with the Ishmaelites. Israel was specifically given the land called Palestine or Israel (Gen. 13:14-17; 17:6-8, 19-21; 28:3-4). The paramount difference, however, is discovered in these words, as stated:

“And I will bless them who bless you, and curse him who curses you: and in you shall all families of the Earth be blessed” (Gen. 12:3).

The Promise is further defined in Genesis 22:18: “And in your seed shall all the nations of the Earth be blessed.” That “Seed” of blessing delivered to the Gentile nations through the Jewish people — including Arabs — was and is “The Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ,” which the world of Islam will not recognize.

Paul said: “Now to Abraham and his seed were the Promises made. He said not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of One, and to your Seed, which is Christ” (Gal. 3:16).

THE SEED

The presence and assigned mission of the Jews were, therefore, uniquely set apart in marked contrast to those described as characteristic of Ishmael’s seed and national legacy. The “Seed” component in God’s program for humanity surpasses every other aspect of history. In addition to being the Saviour of men, Messiah is also the King. When His Kingdom finally arrives, He will establish and enforce stability. Delivery of the One Who could so bless mankind was the exclusive province of Abraham’s Seed through Isaac. The Promise is specific. The Abrahamic Covenant provides the following:

- A King for the Throne: “And kings shall come out of you” (Gen. 17:6).
- A land for the King: “And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan” (Gen. 17:8).
- A people for the King: “And I will be their God” (Gen. 17:8).

THE BLESSING ASPECT

It was the “Blessing” aspect of the Covenant that developed the animosity in Esau’s posterity, because the Blessing fell to Jacob rather than to Esau, who fathered their people. Had the Arabs embraced obediently the Saviour and kingly aspects of the Blessings of the Messiah, history would have taken another course.

These residual resentments became deeply ingrained in the attitudes of the Arabs toward Israel, and those resentments spun off in manifold and discernible ways as the centuries passed. Scripture is replete with accounts of the heirs of Ishmael who warred against Israel while growing their determination to “come, and let us cut them off from being a Nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.”

“For they consulted together with one consent” (Ps. 83:4-5). Their “one consent” was the extermination of the Nation of Israel.

However, I must remind all and sundry, that all who have said that, and tried to bring it to pass, have met, and without exception, an untimely end.

Since the days of the Psalmist, Arab determination has not wavered; however, the entrance of the new religion, Islam (Seventh Century A.D.) refined and sanctified the rationale. It then became incumbent to subjugate or exterminate Jews “in God’s Name.”

The whole world has witnessed the tirade of the Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, stating, in effect, that “the Jews should be wiped from the face of the Earth.”

A man name Sheikh As’ad Tamimi, who claims leadership of “Islamic Jihad Beit Al-Maqdis,” focused the issue in a statement made several years ago, lauding such behavior, by stating, as it concerned a remark made by
The late President Hussein, as that tyrant spoke of unleashing chemical weapons against Israel, "I hope he is as good as his word," Tamini said. "The killing of Jews will continue — killing, killing in god’s name, until they vanish."

Thus, the “Allah” discovered by Muhammad was a very different god from the God found in the Bible. Muhammad’s religion, which, in his view, was to replace Judaism and Christianity, would have a new book (the Koran), a new look, and a new center of worship (Mecca), and all brought about by wholesale murder.

JIHAD

The word “Jihad” is one of the great words of the Muslim vocabulary. In effect, it is a declaration of war against all and everything that’s not Muslim. They claim that to die in Jihad is to be assured a place in Heaven.

THE VIEW OF HEAVEN IN THE KORAN

- Koran 44:51-59 says that large-eyed virgins are awaiting Muslims in Heaven.
- It says the female virgins will have large “swelling breasts” (Koran 78:31-35).
- In Heaven the virginity of these women, according to the Koran, will be automatically restored after each encounter (Koran 56:35).
- Men in paradise will recline on couches surrounded by fruit, meats, and beautiful women (Koran 52:16-22).
- The Koran says that Muslim men in Heaven will have a virtual assortment of sex, in other words, whatever is desired (Koran 55:62-77).
- In the Hadith, it is said that men will have the availability of 72 virgins and, in fact, there will also be a free sex market for both men and women (Hadith Al Hadis Vol. 4, P. 172, No. 34).
- The Koran claims that in Heaven men will enjoy a fountain of wine, which they can enjoy without ever getting drunk (Koran 37:45).
- The Koran also states that those who wish for the pleasure of young boys will find many in paradise (Koran 76:19).

RELIGIOUS DOMINANCE

The issue of land in the Middle East, namely Israel, while very important, is not primarily the great question. The great question concerns religious dominance — the lack of which is intolerable to the Muslim who is taught that Allah is all and is to possess all.

An abiding tenet of Islam is that all lands are to be subject to Allah. Therefore, once a territory is taken, it must remain under Muslim domination. If land is lost, holy war (Jihad) becomes necessary. Any concessions or treaties made with enemies under conditions making it impossible to restore dominion by force are observed only until means are available to remedy the situation.

For this reason, as Arab spokesmen have repeatedly avowed, any negotiated peace agreement with Israel will only provide a staging area from which to pursue total elimination of the Jewish presence from land claimed to be sacred to Allah. Hence, the negotiations and peace treaties with the Palestinians regarding the Gaza Strip, Jericho, and the West Bank should be looked at accordingly.

In such a perpetual state of conflict, Israelis know all too well that the Western World must learn or live to regret — survival against the Muslim onslaught means having a superior strength and the will to use it.

MUSLIM EVANGELISM

The Muslims, beyond the shadow of a doubt, are bent

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“In fact, there’s only one answer for the entirety of mankind, and that answer is the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He did for us at the Cross of Calvary.”

on possessing this Planet for Allah, either by coercion or persuasion. They do not lack the will to use whatever means necessary, even to the slaughter of millions, only the way. By devious means, they are making great headway around the world.

In France, Islam ranks second only to Catholicism. England has received such a massive influx of Muslims, so many, in fact, that the face of the landscape has literally changed. In 1945, there was one Mosque in England; in 2007, there are over 3,000. In fact, London is the site of the largest Mosque in Western Europe. The story is the same in North America.

The first Mosque in the United States was built in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1934. In 1989, there were approximately 700 Mosques in the United States. Presently (2007) there are well over 2,000.

Muslims lay claim to some 10 million adherents to Islam in North America, drawn mostly from the black population. Actually, these converts to Islam in America call Christianity “the white man’s religion,” while Islam is called “the black man’s religion.” In 1989, the Muslims boasted that they would soon surpass the Jewish population in this country of 7 million. They have reached their goal.

Some years ago, Dr. Ishmael Faruqui, challenged Muslims to pursue a goal of 50 million to 75 million new American converts to Islam. He said, “Only from massive conversion can we hope to elect Muslim politicians, appoint Muslim judges, and incorporate Shariah law into the judicial system of America. We must transcend our minority status to make Islam a dominant force in America and the West.”

In the face of this, a point to ponder is the fact that students from Islam countries now form the largest group of international students in North American universities and colleges.

THE ULTIMATE STRUGGLE

There is only one answer for this scourge that threatens the entirety of the world, and especially the nation of America. In fact, there’s only one answer for the entirety of mankind, and that answer is the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He did for us at the Cross of Calvary.

The ultimate struggle is not territory, nor the subjugation of people by force; it is instead the acceptance or rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who Alone can save.

Muhammad claimed to have a revelation from God. In fact, he did have a revelation, and of that there can be no doubt; however, it was not from God, but rather demon spirits. As a result, he has succeeded only in leading millions deeper into spiritual darkness.

When one looks at the tens of thousands kneeling around the sacred Kaba in Mecca (sacred so-called) surely he is moved with a deep sense of sadness. There is no salvation in that place or in the stone before which they kneel. The only hope of Salvation for the Muslim world and, in fact, for everyone, is to bow at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ, accepting Him as Saviour and as Lord (Jn. 3:3; 14:6; Rom. 10:8-9, 13).

The Scripture says, and I quote from THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE:

“And being found in fashion as a man (denotes Christ in men’s eyes), He humbled Himself (He was brought low, but willingly), and became obedient unto death (does not mean He became obedient to death; He was always the Master of Death; rather, He subjected Himself to death), even the death of the Cross (this presents the character of His Death as one of disgrace and degradation, which was necessary for men to be redeemed. This type of death alone would pay the terrible sin debt, and do so in totality.)

“Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him (to a place of supreme Majesty; Jesus has always been Creator, but now He is Saviour as well), and given Him a Name which is above every name (actually says, ‘The Name,’ referring to a specific Name and Title; that Name, as Verse 11 proclaims is ‘Lord’):

“That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow (in the sphere of the Name, which refers to all it entails; all of this is a result of the Cross, the price paid there, and the Redemption consequently afforded), of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth (all Creation will render homage, whether animate or inanimate);

“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (proclaims ‘Lord’ as the ‘Name’ of Verse 9; it means ‘Master’ of all, which again has been made possible by the Cross), to the Glory of God the Father (the acknowledgment of the Glory of Christ is the acknowledgment of the Glory of the Father)” (Phil. 2:8-11).

SOME PARTICULARS REGARDING ISLAM

- Jerusalem is the third holiest place in Islam, after Mecca and Medina — both in Saudi Arabia. Tradition has it that the Prophet Muhammad journeyed at night from Mecca to Jerusalem’s Al-Aqsa Mosque, and from there ascended to Heaven on a winged horse.

- About 90 percent of all Muslims are Sunnis — considered the Orthodox Sect. Of the dissident sects of Islam, the largest and most important are Shiites — fundamentalists, as in Iran. A split came in 680 A.D. over the dreadful manner

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The following material was included in 3 separate presentations I made at Discernment conferences this Fall. The presentations were accompanied by clips from DVDs to illustrate the points. The basic outline of these talks is below. This is a work in progress, and at some point there may be a webpage where further examples are posted, including the visual clips.

The reader must keep in mind that this report illustrates the problems inherent in the Dominionist worldview. Many of these false teachings are actually part of denominational doctrines, some were concocted in the past several decades, some come out of the occult. There is a dearth of solid theological refutations of these heresies and errors. Why is this? There were great and grave compromises in the seminaries over the past century, where these heresies were allowed to co-exist with fundamentalism, and where they were permitted to gain ground and become more acceptable—to the point that common people, humble pastors, and concerned professors in small Bible colleges and seminaries were silenced. Furthermore, these false teachings went mainstream through the rapid rise of the modern televangelists, Christian books and seminars, and parachurch organizations.

Each day at Discernment Ministries we receive correspondence from precious sheep struggling to understand these errors. We exhort those who read this, who are capable of writing solid biblical refutations of these errors, to prayerfully consider their responsibility before God and man to write rebuttals.

**A WORKING DEFINITION of DOMINIONISM**

The belief that we (mankind) have a mandate to build the “kingdom of God” on earth, restoring paradise, by progressively and supernaturally transforming ourselves and all societal institutions, through subduing and ruling the earth by whatever means possible, including using technology, science and psycho-social engineering; and then and only then will a “Christ” manifest his presence on earth.

Al Dager in his book *VENGEANCE IS OURS: The Church In Dominion* (Sword 1990) lists two further definitions of Dominionism:

A basic premise of dominion theology is that when Adam sinned, not only did man lose dominion over the earth, but God also lost control of the earth to Satan. Since that time, some say, God has been on the outside looking in, searching for a “covenant people” who will be His “extension” or “expression” in the earth to take dominion back from Satan. According to the dominionist interpretation, this is the meaning of the Great Commission.

Some teach that this is to be accomplished through certain “overcomers” who, by yielding themselves to the authority of latter-day apostles and prophets, will take control of the kingdoms of this world. These kingdoms are defined as the various social institutions, such as the “kingdom” of education, the “kingdom” of science, the “kingdom” of the arts, and so on. Most especially there is the “kingdom” of politics and government. (Dager, p. 44)

**THE DOMINION MANDATE**

Dominion theology is predicated upon three basic beliefs:

1) Satan usurped man’s dominion over the earth through the temptation of Adam and Eve;

2) The Church is God’s instrument to take dominion back from Satan;

3) Jesus cannot or will not return until the Church has

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taken dominion by gaining control of the earth’s government and social institutions. (Dager, p. 87)

**SYMPTOMS of DOMINIONISM**

What follows is a comprehensive list (although not complete!) of potential things to watch for that indicate that a particular teaching may be Dominionist.

1. **Bypasses the Cross**
   - De-emphasizes the Gospel of Salvation.
   - Substitutes the Gospel of the Kingdom, or embellishes the Gospel of Salvation with the addition of the kingdom message.
   - Teaches Jesus didn’t quite defeat Satan on the Cross, He didn’t get the whole job done – the church must finish the job – the onus is on man.
   - Emphasizes Old Testament Law and Covenants, works and deeds, and minimizes (or even mocks) salvation by faith through grace.
   - Ignores, slides over, sidesteps, gives lip service to, or otherwise disregards the fact that Jesus saves us from OUR SINS! The biblical teaching of the utter depravity of man is bypassed, minimized, neglected, missing totally, or mocked.
   - Jesus is seen as corrupted. He becomes a nebulous touchy-feely fellow, the object of our “passion,” a “god within,” a “force,” a “story,” a “king,” a “liberator from oppression,” one of many “christs.”
   - Jesus’s role as Savior and Redeemer is diminished and truncated, and His work is unfinished – and therefore the church on earth must make up for His lack.

As an example of this point, watch ERIC SWANSON of Leadership Network on YouTube. You will hear how he changed the gospel of salvation to the gospel of the kingdom: [http://learnings.leadnet.org/2010/06/eric-swanson-on-the-show-this-week.html](http://learnings.leadnet.org/2010/06/eric-swanson-on-the-show-this-week.html)

2. **The Old Testament is exaggerated and emphasized.**
   - The New Testament is minimized, or only viewed through the distorted lens of the Old Testament.
   - The New Covenant of Christ’s shed blood on the cross for our sins is minimized. The O.T. is mixed back in with the Gospel. (“Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” Gal. 3:3).
   - Replacement theology – the Church is Israel, and some or all O.T. verses about Israel are only applied to the Church.

   A shift in emphasis from Christ the rock of our salvation, to building an actual kingdom on earth.

   - Using allegories and symbolism, especially in interpreting O.T. prophecy that hasn’t yet been fulfilled.
   - Ignoring, allegorizing or skipping over the O.T. prophets, or perverting their message. Especially ignoring their dire warnings about the consequences of idolatry and sin, and God’s impending judgment.
   - Extremes in teaching law or grace.
   - A return to fundamental elements of the O.T. Law – Theonomy and Theocracy.
   - Or, a corresponding emphasis on N.T. “Law,” especially the Sermon on the Mount. This often manifests as “Liberation Theology,” which is neo-Communist (peacekeeping, sustainable lifestyles, reconciliation, redistribution of wealth, charity as welfare, government Socialism, etc.)
   - Some Dominionist “kingdom” teachings begin to sound precariously close to anti-Semitism:

   “Who are the subjects of the kingdom of God? The Jews? No, Jesus told the Jews quite pointedly, ‘I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it’ (Mt 21:43) (Bercot, The Kingdom That Turned The World Upside Down, p. 13)

3. **The Gospel of Salvation becomes the “gospel of the kingdom”**
   - Certain theologians teach that the Gospel of Salvation is not as important as their “gospel” of the kingdom. They claim that the church got it “wrong” for 2000 years!
   - The Gospel of Salvation is reduced to a:

   “means to an end—entering the kingdom of God. Jesus never intended that His followers would preach about salvation and the new birth apart from the kingdom. The kingdom is an absolutely crucial aspect of the gospel. When we tell people about salvation—but say nothing about the kingdom—we are not preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (David Bercot, p. 12-13)

   - The Gospel of the Kingdom is substituted for the Gospel of Salvation:

   “The Message Is The Kingdom
   “This means when we preach salvation alone we are missing the majority of God’s kingdom message. Salvation is essential. There is no other way of entry into the Kingdom of God. But salvation is the entry into the kingdom; it is not the goal or the Kingdom itself. By making it the goal we have lost most of God’s message.” (Landa Cope, An Introduction to The Old Testament)
Our destiny is not salvation

God died to save us and desires salvation for all. The only way into the Kingdom of God is through Jesus Christ, but salvation is not God's ultimate goal. The new birth is a means to an end. (Landa Cope, p. 150)

The Dominionist theologians teach that this “kingdom” is a literal, physical, tangible kingdom here and now. They say it is not just a spiritual kingdom, nor one that is only fulfilled in the future. This “new type of kingdom” is described as:

• This kingdom must be set up in this world now. It is a man-based initiative that relies on man’s works to inaugurate:

1. The Kingdom of God was inaugurated and the King was installed and seated in the First Century A.D. and we need not wait for the King’s second coming to get the Kingdom started here on earth....” (Jay Grimstead letter to Coalition on Revival Steering Committee, May 1993)

• This kingdom is seen as “at war,” but not in the sense of the contending for the truth of the Gospel. Rather there are penalties for not obeying these kingdom “laws.” Failure to obey them is considered “treason” against the kingdom or its king:

“Jesus has issued various laws and commandments, and all of His laws are wartime laws. When we break His laws, we show ourselves to be traitors. We show that we have no real love for our new country.” (Bercot, p. 20)

• This kingdom has laws that must be obeyed, most of them O.T., and anything less than absolute obedience to these laws is quickly mischaracterized and condemned as “easy-believism,” “cheap grace,” “antinomianism,” “Armenianism,” etc.

• The shift from the Gospel of Salvation to the gospel of the kingdom requires “paradigm shift,” a worldview change which is substituted for biblical repentance:

“The paradigm shift that we must make in order to enter and remain in the kingdom is just that radical! ... If we are truly kingdom citizens our whole worldview changes....”

[Jesus] wanted to give [His disciples] a new set of values and a new set of laws—together with a new life.”

4. God’s SOVEREIGNTY is insufficient and the Church must make up for His lack.

• Certain things biblically assigned to Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Father, are passed on as responsibilities that must be borne by the Church.

• The unspoken assumption that God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (the Trinity) is incomplete without man—God can’t do anything unless man acts.

• The Church takes on the role of Jesus — it must redeem the earth, “advance” or build the kingdom of God spiritually and/or physically, take over governments so that it can rule and reign on earth, and restore everything to its “proper” order.

• The Church thinks it must “incarnate” Christ here on earth, and be his “presence.” He’s far away in heaven somewhere, too busy or preoccupied.

• The Church as “change agent” must quantify its goals, set benchmarks for the fulfillment of its duties, standardize its outcomes, and continually monitor and assess individual and group progress using databanking, modern psycho-social instruments and technology.

• Fulfilling the Great Commission mandate to “disciple” all nations is viewed as statistically measurable, its completion being entirely up to man. Jesus won’t return until the goal is met.

• Man must do it. God is waiting for man to act. The onus is on man. This is a man-centered faith. In this sense Dominionism is pure Humanism.

5. The Church is confused with Society or Nation

• Basic doctrines of salvation and repentance from sin, conversion, confession of faith, and baptism of believers no longer define what constitutes “Church.”

• The autonomy of the local Church is not permitted. It must become part of a greater societal and networking whole, a “system.”

• Church is broadly re-defined to mean a given region, particularly a city.

• “Church” is re-defined in the context of culture. Culture must be “redeemed” not individual sinners.

• Everyone and everything on earth is obligated to come under submission to the kingdom church, its laws and its “king,” or else be guilty of “treason” —
whether Jew or Gentile, believer or unbeliever, private person or public official, are OBLIGATED TO BOW THEIR KNEES to THIS King Jesus, confess Him as Lord of the universe with their tongues, and submit to His lordship over every aspect of their lives in thought, word and deed.”

“5. Biblical evangelism according to the Great Commission of Matt. 28:18-20 is not truly accomplished unless that message of Christ’s lordship from point #4 above is given to the person being evangelized SO THAT THEY KNOW that an attempt at PERSONAL NEUTRALITY BEFORE KING JESUS IS SIN and TREASON in this universe....” (Grimstead letter)

• The Church puts itself in charge of Society, its Institutions, Culture, and the State. Society is viewed as an extension of Church.

• The “missional” Church redefines its primary role from that of preaching the Gospel to that of becoming a transforming agent of Society. This is accomplished by changing people’s external lives, affecting how they think (“worldview”), passing laws, and “redeeming” cultural institutions.

• To transform Society, the Church justifies using state-of-the-art tools of psychology and sociology, including Humanistic education methods, operant conditioning, dialectics, brain manipulations and marketing methods.

• A mere “change in “worldview” (opinions, values, beliefs, attitudes, etc.) is substituted for genuine repentance and conversion.

• Reaching a worldview consensus is viewed as necessary to build the kingdom on earth. It thus becomes necessary to change the public’s worldview in any given culture or nation.

6. An entire CULTURE must be “redeemed,” whole nations can be “saved”

• Evangelization—believing that entire nations or “people groups” can be collectively saved, including by manipulative methods such as psycho-social group consensus.

• The emphasis is on the EXTERNAL – changing laws, morals, ethics, values, culture, and people’s worldview through education and/or political action.

• No biblical separation. Rather, saturation. The church integrates and interacts with culture.

• There is a marked decrease in preaching the Gospel of Salvation, the WORD of God, which alone can change individual hearts and lives. (“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,

and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Heb. 4:12)

• Substituted for the true Gospel is a man-centered Social Gospel of community transformation:

“Jesus’ resurrection marks the beginning of a restoration that he will complete upon his return.... The whole earth can be redeemed, transformed and restored to paradise conditions.... [T]he new creation has begun, and we have a job to do.... What the New Testament really says is God wants you to be a renewed human being helping him to renew his creation, and his resurrection was the opening bell.” (N.T. Wright, TIME, 2/7/08, http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1710844,00.html)

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Isaiah 26:3 – “You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You: because he trusts in You. (The keynote of this Passage is ‘Peace.’ It speaks of the coming Glad Day of the Millennium, when Christ, the Prince of Peace, reigns supremely on Earth.

“As well, every Believer can presently enjoy the tremendous fruit of this Promise by keeping our minds centered on Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross. This shows total and complete ‘trust.’

The theme of this passage is “Peace.” Its literal meaning concerns Israel during the Millennium, when Christ will be reigning and Israel will have complete and Perfect Peace, spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

TWO TYPES OF “PEACE”

There is “justifying Peace” and “sanctifying Peace.” “Justifying Peace” is the peace which God gives when the believing sinner comes to Christ. The enmity of sin between Christ and the sinner is removed because of what Christ did at Calvary and the sinner’s acceptance of this Finished Work. Once we come to the Lord, “justifying Peace” remains with that person forever, as the person knows his sins are gone and that he has made peace with God.

“Sanctifying Peace” is something else completely. Whereas “justifying Peace” never varies, “sanctifying Peace” does so constantly. Sometimes it’s up, sometimes it’s down as it regards where our faith is placed.

Every single Believer enjoys “justifying Peace,” but most Christians don’t enjoy “sanctifying Peace.” That’s the reason we have emotional disturbances, stress, fear, nervous disorders, depression, and a host of other upheavals in our minds.

WHY?

Most don’t have “sanctifying Peace” because of misplaced faith and a faulty understanding of “Grace.” Actually, Paul constantly links “Peace” with “Grace.” To have perpetual peace, we must have an uninterrupted flow of Grace in our life. This is done by us placing our Faith exclusively in Christ and the Cross. When we begin to place our faith in other things, we “frustrate the Grace of God.” When Grace is frustrated, “sanctifying Peace” then stops. To have joy, peace of mind, and fulfillment, then one’s Faith must never move from Christ and Him Crucified. Our Faith must be placed 100% in Christ and what Christ did at the Cross. That and only that must be the Object of our Faith.

THE RENEWED MIND

The phrase, “Whose mind is stayed on You” refers to the renewed mind. The mind is the gateway to the Spirit. That which we feed on fills our mind constantly with that which is either fruitful or unfruitful. Simply put, to “renew the mind” refers to the Believer pulling his faith from other things and placing it entirely in Christ and the Cross.

Paul addressed this in Romans 12:1-2. I won’t take the time to go into it, but you should read it for yourself.

“BECAUSE HE TRUSTS IN YOU”

Let me repeat it once again regarding the Cross. To fully trust in the Lord is for our faith to be placed...
continuously in Christ and the Cross and to let nothing move us from that foundation.

Actually, we should do this on a daily basis. This is what Christ was meaning in Luke 9:23, “And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

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YOUR BIBLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I ordered your Bible about a month ago, and I wanted to tell you that I am thrilled beyond measure with it. I started out reading the Apostle Paul’s letters, and never before have I understood them so well! Thank you so much! Now I will have to save my money to buy one for each of my kids and grandkids. It gives me a purpose to saving my money!

MICHIGAN

CLASSIC CRUSADE SERMONS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I love listening to and watching the Classic Crusade Sermons. I was struggling with homosexuality and pornography, and began to watch SonLife Broadcasting on my computer almost every time I was on the Internet. Listening to the anointed sermons and prayers both in English and Tongues really helped me to strive forward to victory.

Thank you for the great Ministry of SonLife Broadcasting Network!

E-MAIL

FRANCES AND FRIENDS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to say that I enjoy the Frances and Friends program. I watch it online, and it is such a blessing to me. I also watch the Church Services online and recently joined the Media Church. It makes me feel like I am a part of the Church.

God bless you all.

E-MAIL

CORRECTION IS DIFFICULT, BUT NECESSARY FOR GROWTH

Dear Brother Swaggart,

This is just a short letter to let you know that there are so many people that you have touched, taught, and loved, with all you do. Please do not let newcomers or people who are not yet where they may someday be in the Lord hurt you. You see, when we first started listen-

ing, we sometimes would get upset too, because we did not want to be corrected. Correction is difficult, but necessary for growth. So let me say that you have given us more than anyone ever has.

MISSOURI

“CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED”

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been watching SonLife Broadcasting Network so much since getting DirecTV® last month. I love what you are doing. This is the only Ministry I find that preaches “Christ and Him Crucified.” The Message of the Cross is not heard in many churches anymore, even the Assembly of God Church I attend. Tonight I have been at the computer for hours listening to the anointed music. The worship music is incredible. I am so blessed by this Ministry. Jimmy Swaggart Ministries has never left its first love, the Truth and power of the Message of the Cross!

MISSOURI

UNCHANGING PREACHING AND SINGING

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been a faithful listener of your Ministry since I was a child, and I love to hear your anointed, unchanging preaching and singing. You have been an integral part of my life for such a long time, and I thank God for someone like you who doesn’t allow anyone or anything to change you or your message! Thank God for men like you!

VIRGINIA

THE TRUTH BEING BROADCAST TO THE WORLD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just want to say thank you for SonLife Broadcasting Network and the Ministry of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. It is a true blessing to see the truth being broadcast to the world. As we all know there are so many other channels that proclaim a message, but only SonLife is broadcasting THE Message. I am a Minister of the Gospel, and I proudly tell others to support and watch your programming.

God bless you all.

E-MAIL
THE INTERNET 24 HOURS A DAY

Dear Brother Swaggart,

You have all been a blessing to me and my husband. I am so happy to be able to get you on the Internet 24 hours a day. I look forward to each morning and study right along with my Expositor’s Study Bible. I bought one for my son also and he is enjoying it.

Thank you all so much for being such an inspiration to us.

E-MAIL

A MEDIA MEMBER OF FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been enjoying and have been greatly blessed for several months now watching the programs on Time Warner Cable. I’ve been watching the Church Services faithfully and, in fact, the channel rarely changes now. I have left the Word of Faith church that I was a member of after all that I have learned from you, with it being confirmed by the Holy Spirit about that doctrine. I’ve been unable to find a local church that really teaches and preaches the Word and the Message of the Cross, so I want to start the year off right by being a Media Member of Family Worship Center!

Thank you and God bless.

TEXAS

THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE IS FAR SUPERIOR

Dear Brother Swaggart,

We listen to SBN on DirecTV® seven days a week. We are so blessed by the Ministry, and wish to become members of Family Worship Center Media Church. We have purchased a number of Expositor’s Study Bibles and give them out as the Holy Spirit leads. Also, we purchased the Crossfire Edition for each of our grandchildren, ages 19, 16, and 11. They have all accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We will support the Ministry with our prayers, tithes, and a monthly gift to SBN. We had been members of the Assembly of God Church for years, and left because of the change taking place in the church. We live in a rural area where only the mainline denomination churches are prevalent. So when I found your Bible Study I was like a dry sponge that had been put in a pan of water. I was introduced to The Expositor’s Study Bible, and prior to that I used the Amplified Bible while my husband used the King James Bible. Needless to say The Expositor’s Study Bible is far superior.

SOUTH DAKOTA

I SWITCHED OVER FROM COX CABLE TO DIRECTV®

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to say for a long time I have been so empty inside, not hearing enough of real genuine preaching and anointed music. But yesterday I switched over from Cox Cable to DirecTV®, and stayed up until 3:00 AM watching all your programs! As soon as the channel appeared I started getting goose bumps all over me, and felt like I was in Baton Rouge at Family Worship Center! While trucking for over 30 years, God blessed me going down the road while listening to your tapes, and now everyday it’s feeling good!

VIRGINIA

THANK GOD FOR YOUR MINISTRY

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to let you know that I’m blessed by your Message of the Cross. I have bought several of The Expositor’s Study Bibles for family and other people I come in contact with. It has been the most helpful tool in my Ministry. I just wanted to say that I watch “The Message Of The Cross” program most every AM.

Thank God for your Ministry, may He bless you as you spread the Truth to a dark world.

MISSISSIPPI

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Well I just love you all. I started watching about two weeks ago, and I enjoy the Word and the music. You all have helped me on my way to seek the Lord and you have helped me get a better understanding of the Word. The music is so uplifting, and I love the Frances and Friends program. I hardly ever watch regular television now.

Thank the Lord for putting you all in my life. You are a big rock in my foundation. I also ordered The Expositor’s Study Bible.

MISSISSIPPI

THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE IS THE BEST OF THEM ALL HANDS DOWN!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Another prayer God answered faithfully, The Expositor’s Study Bible where every verse is explained clearly, especially Ezekiel, Daniel, and Revelation! I read the Matthew Henry Study Bible, Thompson Chain Reference Study Bible, and Scofield Study Bible, but The Expositor’s Study Bible is the best of them all hands down!

CANADA

I STARTED PREACHING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been a preacher for quite some time, and have been trapped in the motivational speaking Gospel. After preaching I would always feel empty, but after watching your Telecast I started preaching the Message of the Cross and everywhere I go the results are tremendous. I thank God for using you to inspire me to preach the Gospel.

SOUTH AFRICA
“A BRUIS ED REED”

Isaiah 42:3-4 – “A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. (This presents the image of the weak and depressed in spirit, the lowly and dejected. Christ would deal tenderly with such, not violently.

“Where the flame of devotion burns at all, however feebly and dimly, the Messiah will take care not to quench it; rather, He will tend it, trim it, give it fresh oil, and cause it to burn more brightly.)

“He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the Earth: and the isles shall wait for His Law. (In a sense, this Verse is the exact opposite of the previous. Compared to those whom He helps, He will Himself show no signs of the weakness with which He is compassionate with others. As a ‘Light,’ He will burn brightly and strongly; as a ‘Reed’ or ‘Rod,’ He will be firm and unbroken.)”

CIRCUMSTANCES AND SIN

The two elements that work the hardest against a Believer’s Faith are negative circumstances and sin. Life is never easy, especially for the one who chooses to follow the Lord with all their heart. The adversaries are many, the friends are few, and there is never any quarter given from powers of darkness. When a negative circumstance occurs, either one of our own making or perhaps, one we had absolutely no control over, the fight to destroy the established Faith of the Believer begins. We are filled with all manner of questions, doubts, and fears. The situation may bruise us emotionally, physically, Spiritually, or all three. The heart and mind begin to waver in regard to the faithfulness of God. “If God is for me,” we say, “then who could be against me?” Then we look at the circumstances we are facing and begin to question whether or not God is really for us.

Sin degrades the Faith of the Believer for all sin hardens the heart of the individual who performs it. We may not have intended to do “that,” but once done there is always spiritual damage to the base of our relationship with God. The base of any true Relationship with God is Faith in His Redemption Plan. Faith in Jesus Christ and Him Crucified delivers Believers from both the penalty and power of sin, but if our Faith in this is shaken, due to an act of sin on our part, it can be a real battle to rise above the condemnation experienced by the failure. In either case, the case of sin or negative circumstance, we will often find a Believer who is oppressed, shaken, defeated, bruised, and hurting. This one is “a bruised reed.”

“A BRUIS ED REED”

The “reed” referred to by Isaiah was one of the most common plants in Israel. It had multiple uses, ranging from being a walking stick to being used in the process of making papyrus, a type of paper. The point is this; it was so common that if it became cracked, broken, or weakened through use, the one who was using the reed simply threw it away, discarding it as a useless thing, and picked up another one to take its place. First off, let me say that there has never been a Believer who has ever existed that Jesus considers useless. Every single Child of God has a special task to do and a unique place in the Heart of God. He is our Saviour and King but always remember that God is our Father! He will take that one who has been bruised by sin or circumstances, bind him up, see to his healing needs, and then send Him forth to accomplish the task he was born to do. God has no substitutes sitting in line waiting for us to fail or quit. He chooses those who choose Him. If you won’t
stop believing, there is not a sin, a circumstance, or an adverse situation that he cannot bring you through. God will not throw you away and go get a replacement! He waits for us to turn to Him in Faith and to once again participate in the wonderful Relationship with Christ that God’s Redemption Plan has made available. He is waiting for us to rise up and walk with Him in Faith. If you won’t quit believing, God won’t quit on you!

“THE SMOKING FLAX”

“The smoking flax” is another example much like the “bruised reed.” The term, “flax” actually refers to the wick that was used in the oil lamps of Isaiah’s day. Due to use, the wick can become strangled with soot and burned debris. The oil (a Type of the Holy Spirit) in the vessel can run low. In this case there is a need for the trimming of the wick. When God sees that the Believer is a dimly burning wick, He doesn’t extinguish that wick. Instead, He trims the wick (addresses our Spiritual need) and refills the vessel with fresh oil (through the Moving and Operation of the Holy Spirit). This being done, the wick burns bright against the darkness and many are benefitted by its light.

ONLY BELIEVE

My friend, God does not intend or set out to extinguish the Light that He has “hung up” in your soul. If that Light goes out it will be the result of your Faith being attacked and your decision not to believe in the Goodness of your God. I exhort you today, no matter what the circumstance that has beset you or the heartache brought on by sin, God does not desire to break you (the “bruised reed”) into a million tiny pieces and throw you away. It is not His desire or plan to extinguish the dimly burning wick. If you will but believe in Who Jesus is and what Jesus has accomplished for you at Calvary, Isaiah promised that He will not fail or be discouraged until your Restoration is completed! What a marvelous God. What a beautiful Saviour! Let your Faith in Christ arise!

Only believe, only believe, All things are possible, only believe, Only believe, only believe, All things are possible, only believe.

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Loren Larson
President
“SHOULD OUR YOUTH PASTORS PREACH ON THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

John 16:7 – “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away (the Mission and Ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Body of Christ depended upon the return of Christ to the Father); for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you (concerns the respective Office Work of Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit — Jesus as the Saviour of men, and the Holy Spirit as the Power of the Church); but if I depart, I will send Him unto you (a Finished Work on the Cross was demanded of Christ, before the Holy Spirit could be sent).”

THE CROSS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Calvary was the single greatest Event that has ever happened in human history, for it was there where, “Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law (He did so at the Cross), being made a curse for us (He took the penalty of the Law, which meant death) . . . ” (Gal. 3:13). It was there at Calvary’s Cross where the sin debt, which was a debt man owed to God, was satisfied by “The Man,” Christ Jesus. It was there where everyone who would simply say, “Yes,” to Jesus would be cleansed from every stain, and free from the bondage of sin. It was the single greatest Event that the world has ever known! This was what Christ came to do, that Redemption would be carried out through the Cross, thereby, granting mankind Eternal Life.

The second greatest Event in human history was the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit that fell on the Day of Pentecost. For it was on that Day, when the Holy Spirit came in a new Dimension, that was never before known on Planet Earth. And it was all due to the Cross, the Price that Christ paid.

The Holy Spirit is God and, therefore, He has no beginning and no end. He has always been around, as we read in Genesis 1:2. During Old Testament times, the Holy Spirit could come upon a few individuals to perform a certain task. But, once that task was completed, the Holy Spirit would have to remove Himself from that individual. The reason for this was because the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin, but only cover sin (Heb. 10:4), therefore, the individual could not be a perfect habitat for the Holy Spirit. It took the Cross, and I speak of that which Christ did for us there at Calvary, to remove the guilt of sin, to cleanse every stain, for that person to become a Home for the Holy Spirit.

THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Unfortunately, this great Doctrine of the Holy Spirit is little preached behind the pulpits of America’s Youth Groups. Many of the Youth Groups across this Beloved Nation of ours have traded the Moving and Operation of the Holy Spirit for glow sticks and entertainment. And I believe that there are two major reasons why the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is little preached:

1. Many of today’s Youth pastors simply do not believe that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other Tongues is the physical initial evidence that one has been baptized with the Holy Spirit.
2. They simply refuse to understand it. By this, I mean they do not want to ruffle any feathers by teaching this Message of Pentecost. Because of this tragedy, there are less young people in this Nation that are being filled with the Holy Spirit than any other generation that has ever lived.

Our Youth Groups should not be a boring, dry, dead place. But it should be a place where the Spirit of God is Moving, which results in souls being Saved, lives being changed, Believers filled with the Spirit, sick bodies healed, and bondages broken by the Power of God. But, these things are, for the most part, not happening. For without the Holy Spirit, we are lifeless, with no Power to combat the Devil. But, with the Holy Spirit, we are a living, breathing dynamo that can see the world changed! We can see this happen by proclaiming the following:

1. Salvation by the Blood of Christ Alone!
2. The Baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other Tongues.
3. Divine Healing, which is in the Atonement.
4. The only way to true, Victorious living is by ever placing our Faith in the Finished Work of Christ, and that Alone.
5. The soon, imminent Return of Jesus Christ!

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THIS EARTH

It is the Work and Business of the Holy Spirit to see several things take place on this Earth:

1. To anoint those who follow Christ to carry out the Work of Christ in destroying the works of Satan.
2. To help and anoint the followers of Christ to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a hurting and dying world.
3. To convict the world of sin, righteousness, and Judgment, which means that the Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit is a great part of His Work, for He Alone can make the sinner aware of who he really is. As well, the Holy Spirit will glorify Christ.

One has well said that at Salvation, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into Christ (Rom. 6:3-5). And at Spirit Baptism, Christ, Who Alone is the Baptizer, baptizes us with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 10:44-48; 19:1-7). The Holy Spirit is able to work in our lives as He sees fit simply because of the Cross of Christ, and our Faith in that Finished Work. If our Faith is not anchored in Calvary’s Cross, then He’s limited as to what He can do. But, as our Faith continues to be anchored, solidified in the Cross of Christ, then He Alone can bring about the changes in our lives that are needed. To sum it all up, I will say an emphatic “YES” to the question proposed above as the title of this article, “WE SHOULD PREACH ON THE HOLY SPIRIT EVERY CHANCE WE GET!”

As I conclude this article, I will leave you with this thought, if Christ spoke on the Ministry, Work, Power, and Baptism with the Holy Spirit during His Time on Earth, then how much more should we Youth Pastors do the same today?

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The Bible speaks of the escalation of wars and rumors of wars in these Last Days. God’s Word also speaks of nations becoming confederate to cut Israel off from being a Nation. The events happening in the Middle East are shaping the nations that will play a part in God’s Prophetic Plan. Countries like Libya, Egypt, and Ethiopia are mentioned by Daniel the Prophet 2,500 years ago. Syria, Lebanon, Philistia, modern-day Gaza, Iran, formerly known as Persia, Turkey, and many other Middle Eastern nations are also specifically mentioned as players in the last scene of this Age. The one thing that all these nations have in common is Islam. There’s no doubt the world is vastly changing, and with Islam being a major catalyst. To better understand this let’s examine the role of Islam in the Middle East by looking at some of its origins and governing law known as Sharia Law.

THE SPIRIT OF ISLAM

The spirit and character of Ishmael and his descendants is described in the Bible in Genesis 16:12:

“And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. (These predictions describe the Arab people perfectly. They cannot get along with anyone in the world and they cannot even get along among themselves. The descendants of Ishmael dwell in the presence of all his brethren [Israel], but do not subdue them and, in fact, never will subdue them!)”

The literal translation reads, “And he is a wild-ass man, his hand against every one, and every one’s hand against him—and before the face of all his brethren he dwelleth” (YLT).

This aptly describes the spirit of those who follow Islam. The tribal life of the Middle Eastern Bedouin was embroidered into Muhammad’s Islamic dream. The hero image of the warrior male, and submissive women who were their rewards, characterized the essence of male glorification and mistreatment of women. The use of the word Islam since the time of Muhammad means submission but, before Muhammad it meant “warrior like.” Changing the use of the word did not change the spirit behind it.

Today, the nations of the Middle East have predominately remained uncivilized. Nearly 70% of the worlds’ Islamic population is illiterate. Many Muslims quote the verses of the Koran in their prayers with little comprehension of what it says or means. Their religious zeal can often be manipulated and aroused to jihad by a perceived threat or alleged criticism of its prophet Muhammad, or religious book. A recent example of this was witnessed after Pastor Terry Jones in Florida followed through with his burning of the Koran. The Islamic furor that followed saw at least two Christians killed and multiple churches attacked in Pakistan, says Asia News.

According to the outlet, two Christians were killed when Islamic extremists attacked a Pentecostal church in Hyderabad. The group originally showed up to burn the church, but were unsuccessful. Instead, they confiscated copies of the Bible and burned them.

In a similar attack, a mob reportedly attacked the Full Gospel Assembly Church, in the Badami Bagh area of Lahore. There, Asia News says, the attackers “threw copies of the Bible into the street and accused the Christians of blasphemy, claiming they found pieces of the Koran, not far from the church.”

In countries like this blasphemy is punishable by death, according to Sharia Law. And in yet a third incident, a group of seven armed men attacked the Catholic Church of St. Thomas in the military district of Wah.

Afghan protesters angered by the burning of the Koran killed up to 20 United Nations staff, beheading two foreigners when they overran a compound in a normally peaceful northern city in the worst ever attack on the United Nations in Afghanistan. At least eight foreigners were among the dead after attackers took out security guards, burned parts of the compound, and climbed up blast walls to topple a guard tower, said Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, a police spokesman for the northern region. Five protesters were also killed and around 20 wounded.

SHARIA SOURCE AND DEFINITIONS

The term Sharia literally means “the path to a watering hole.” To a Muslim, Sharia is a religious code for living. Sharia is used to refer both to the Islamic system of law and the totality of the Islamic way of life. Sharia is derived both from the teachings of the Koran and the Sunna, which is referred to as Islamic custom and practice; particularly that which is associated with the exemplary life of the Prophet Muhammad, comprising of his deeds and utterances as recorded in the hadith. The word hadith literally means “report” or “narrative.” Whatever Muhammad said or did is what a Muslim says or does. The way he fought, treated others, and even the manner of how he cleaned himself is closely followed and imitated. Islam can be better understood by the west as the “cult of Muhammad.” Although he is not to be worshipped as god, Muslims around the world will defend his honor above the name of their god Allah. Recently, cartoon pictures of Muhammad were circulated by a Dutch artist. Muslim scholars issued fatwa’s, legal rulings, to kill anyone who participated in the act of desecrating Muhammad in such a manner. There were uprisings.
of Muslims as they went to the streets in many countries to protest with chanting threats and vandalism of property.

FOUNDERS AND SCHOOLS OF ISLAM THAT FORMED SHARIA

There are two predominant recognized founders of Sharia Law in Islam. Although their names may not have great significance to the reader I will mention them for clarity of understanding; Malik ibn Anas and Ibn al-Shaf'i. The first established the Maliki School of jurisprudence and relied heavily on the hadith to establish how a Muslim should live. Al-Shaf’i was one of his students and disagreed in part with his teacher about the reliability of the hadith’s. He felt that it was necessary to trace each hadith from the time of Muhammad through its chain of devout followers. Out of this suggestion Muslim scholars began to question which hadith were true and which were not. The conflicts amongst scholars led to different applications of Islamic law. To add to the evolution of Islamic Sharia Law, Ibn al-Shaf’i promoted the idea of reasoning by analogy to develop new laws from existing laws. He also incorporated a technique of accepting consensus of the Muslim community. His reasoning was Allah would not allow an entire community to be in error on a basic Islamic principle. This is what is so confusing to the west when dealing with Muslims. Here in the United States of America (USA) Islam is recognized as just another religion and we should champion its freedom to practice its expression of worship. True adherents to Islam know that Islam goes beyond just worship but incorporates all aspects of their lives. In other words a Muslim cannot be limited to just worship, he must ever be seeking to establish Sharia Law to govern his whole life and thinking.

STRATEGY OF MUSLIMS TO OBTAIN SHARIA IN SECULAR SOCIETIES

The reader must never underestimate the goal of Muslims in the USA to establish Sharia Law. The first step is for them to create a dual legal system. Many majority Muslim countries have a dual legal system in which the government is secular but Muslims can choose to bring familial and financial disputes to Sharia courts. Examples of this can be seen in Nigeria and Kenya, which have Sharia courts that rule on family law for Muslims. In Tanzania civil courts apply Sharia Law or secular law according to the religious backgrounds of the defendants. Lebanon and Indonesia have a mixed jurisdiction of courts based on residential colonial legal systems and supplemented with Sharia Law. Qatar officially uses a dual legal system. Their civil courts operate independently of the Sharia system to legislate secular laws. In 2008 Britain allowed Sharia tribunals governing marriage, divorce, and inheritance to make legally binding decisions if both parties agreed. The controversial Arch Bishop of Canterbury, Roman Williams, argued that this would help “maintain cohesion” in European societies increasingly divided by religion. What a spiritually blind person!

SHARIA IN AMERICA

Sharia is creeping into America and our legal system is beginning to recognize it! In Tampa, Florida, a dispute arose over who controls the funds a mosque received in 2008 from an eminent domain proceeding. Former trustees of the mosque are claiming in court they have the right to the funds. Current mosque leaders are disputing that claim. The current mosque leaders want the case decided according to secular, Florida civil law, and their attorney has been vigorously arguing the case accordingly. The former trustees of the mosque want the case decided according to Sharia Law. Here’s the kicker. The judge recently ruled, “This case will proceed under Ecclesiastical Islamic law,” (Sharia Law), “pursuant to the Qur’an.” Until America awakens from its sleep of unrealistic expectations born out of apathy and political correctness Islamic law will gradually make its way into every aspect of legal resolutions, civil matters, and special rights given to Muslims who cry victimhood at every occasion. I applaud the efforts of many states to preemptively stop Sharia Law in the USA. Next month I will detail how Sharia Law, and its rulings from a variety of countries, has brought great suffering to Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Please pray for Muslims, they are the biggest victims of Islam. They need the Gospel of Jesus Christ, now more than ever. Please pray for our leaders for they are blinded by the wealth of the Islamic nations made rich by American money; and protected by American blood. We gave them the wrong sacrifice. We gave them our lives instead of the life God gave for us all, Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. 🙏
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“GIVE YE THEM TO EAT”

Mark 6:35-37 – “And when the day was now far spent, His Disciples came unto Him, and said, This is a desert place, and the time is now far passed:

“Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

“He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat.”

I have over the course of my walk with the Lord learned many things. One thing that has been shown to me by the Holy Spirit is how that we, as ministers, are many times out of step with what the Lord does. We think as men, but He is God and the way that He does things is not always quickly discernible by those of us who labor in His Fields.

Such was the case in our recent SonLife Broadcasting Network Revival. This event was held for seven nights during the month of March in the beautiful Coachella Valley (the Palm Springs/Indio area of California).

AN OASIS OF HOPE

The effect that the SonLife Broadcasting Network is already having (even though it is relatively new on its current scale) is nothing short of miraculous. The hunger that is evident in our Nation and around the world for the real Moving of God’s Spirit is at an all-time high. I believe that I can say without exaggeration that the SonLife Broadcasting Network has been raised up at this time in history to meet a need that has been growing for the last 20 plus years within society and the Church. Indeed, the Lord has brought forth an Oasis of Hope to this generation that is crying out for a Move of God, which the “modern Church establishment” has failed to deliver.

The truth is that people are crying out for the Gospel to be preached to them in power and with the conviction of the Holy Spirit. They are tired of the gimmicks, the manipulation, and the utter failure of the “ministry” in this hour, which has put forth a message that is watered downed, powerless, and that does nothing to meet the heart’s cry of the people who are longing for the “True Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified” to once again thunder from behind the pulpits of this great Nation of ours.

The Indio and Coachella area of California is predominately a Hispanic Community. Pastors Jeremy Estrada and Fernando Millan graciously extended to us an invitation to come and preach a seven day Revival to the people. Because of the impact of what they have heard on the SonLife Broadcasting Network they were hungry to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. They insisted that if we would come, they would work tirelessly to assemble the people. By God’s Grace we agreed.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

What would transpire for seven nights in March would be nothing short of miraculous!

The first miracle and most amazing to me was that eight churches that normally are not connected, met together and enthusiastically agreed to fully participate in the meetings. And so it began.

We showed up to the meetings at the Taj Mahal Building within the Riverside County Fairgrounds. As I drove up with my wife, Deborah, on the first night I had no idea what to expect. Would anyone even show up? The facility was so huge I must confess I wondered if God could fill it. As we entered the parking area I was amazed to see hundreds of cars had filled the parking lot. I turned to my wife and asked her, “Is there another event going on here?” Yet, I was astonished to find out that all those hundreds of cars were, in fact, there,
not for some worldly event, but were ALL there for the Revival. I would like to claim that I was this great man of faith and power and knew it all along, but that would be a lie.

I was overwhelmed as we entered the building and saw several hundred people praising and worshiping God with all their hearts. The Presence of God that was in the air was wonderful. At that moment, seeing the hunger for God on the faces of the young and old alike, I heard the Spirit of the Lord whisper to my soul, “GIVE YE THEM TO EAT.”

GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE

We began on a Sunday night and ended seven nights later on Saturday night. Each night of the Crusade was unique in its own right. We were graced with a great team of the SonLife Broadcasting Network singers and musicians who were used in a mighty way to bless the people and bring the anointing into each Service (including Roy Chacon, BJ Vavasseur, Randy Knaps, Moriah and Mary Beth Martinez, Samuel Cornell, and some great veterans of past Jimmy Swaggart Ministries Crusades). The flow of the Holy Spirit was incredible and never waned, only growing stronger with each successive night.

As we reached Friday night I was told that we had run out of chairs for the people. Many stood and remained for the entire Service on their feet. Space in this article is limited and, therefore, I am not able to even begin to relate the fullness of all that God did in the lives of the people. However, I must share that 115 people came forward to receive Jesus for the first time and were Born-Again by the Power of God. The drawing conviction of the Holy Spirit throughout the week was so great that well over 100 people who had been living in a backslidden condition, boldly came to the Altars declaring that they were repenting of their sins and rededicating their hearts and lives back to the Lord. This is true revival.

Had only one soul been Saved it would have all been more than worth it, that goes without saying; but what God did in these meetings was so far and above what we could have even hoped for that all I can say is, to God be ALL the glory for great things He has done.

I would be remiss if I did not share with you one very notable miracle of healing that also took place. Although there were many testimonies of God’s miraculous healings, one in particular stood out to me: a man who attended the meetings was dying of complete liver failure. After crying out to God for his healing as the Spirit of God was Moving in the Altars he felt the Power of God touch him. After the Crusade was over he went to his Doctor and had his liver reexamined. Lo and behold his Doctor told the man that though he could not explain it, his liver was now completely healed and functioning again back to normal. Praise be to God!

REVIVAL TRULY HAS BEGUN

Revival truly has begun! The last day Harvest is well underway. We at Jimmy Swaggart Ministries have been called along with you, our partners and friends, to understand that we have been chosen by the Lord Himself to sound the alarm that JESUS IS COMING and the time to reap the Harvest IS NOW!

What a great privilege to be alive in this, the last hour upon the Earth. With the Earth being shaken by earthquakes, tsunamis, famines, turmoil in the Middle East and Africa, the rise of Communist China, and wars and rumors of wars; with people around the world crying out for leadership and hope, let us rise to the occasion and understand our place in History. Let us embrace the Command of our Lord Jesus to, “GIVe ye them TO EAT.”

Your support of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and SonLife Broadcasting Network is more vital now than at any time in this Ministry’s history. Will you, as our partners and supporters, answer the call to, “Go into all the world to preach the Gospel”? “Truly the fields are white for harvest but the laborers are few; Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send laborers into His Fields.”

God Bless you all! Keep Looking Up,

Marty Martinez

Brother Marty Martinez

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THE APOSTLE PAUL

At least hundreds and possibly thousands of books have been written on the Apostle Paul. This man under Christ, as no other, is the father of what we refer to as Western Civilization. He is the man to whom the Lord gave the meaning of the New Covenant, which, in effect, is the meaning of the Cross. As well, the Holy Spirit designated him as the “Masterbuilder of the Church.” In his fourteen Epistles, that is if he wrote the Book of Hebrews, which I believe he did, he gives us the all-important information not given anywhere else, as to how one lives for God. As it regards the Believer, there is nothing more important than that.

PAUL THE MAN

We have gone into some detail in this book dealing with the man, Paul, the Apostle. Who he was! What he did! But most of all, we have done our best to deal with the information the Lord gave him as it regards the meaning of the New Covenant. In studying the goodly number of books, which I perused, there was very little information given regarding this all-important aspect of this man’s life and Ministry. When we say that the Lord gave to Paul the meaning of the New Covenant, it is a statement that is so astounding it begs all description. In fact, that was the greatest Word that God ever gave to any human being. Everything given before then, and I speak of the Prophets, etc., all were leading up to this which was ultimately given to Paul. Yet, we are given very little information as to how it was given, but rather what was given. We’ve done our best in this book to major on that all-important aspect of his life, living, and Ministry.

PAUL

When we think of Paul presently, that is if we know anything about the Bible at all, we realize the greatness of this man. In fact, more than likely, he is eclipsed by no other personality in the Bible. I realize that’s a staggering statement, but I believe it to be true. Yet, during his life, he was given very little credit for that which the Lord accomplished through him. It has taken many centuries for it to come full flower.

THE BOOK

If, in this book, we are able to help you go a little deeper into this man’s life, and most of all, to help you understand the tremendous Heavenly Vision that was afforded him, which means that you will understand what he taught a little better, then all the labor of putting this together will have been worthwhile.

I want you to be with him in his early days. I want you to experience his struggles and, as far as is possible, his great victories. If, when you get through reading this book, you understand the New Covenant to a greater degree, then the task will have been worthwhile.
reminding you of this over and over again. You must realize you are not merely a bystander, or an onlooker, but rather, you are an integral part of what God is doing.

Some months ago when the Lord spoke to me about what He was going to do regarding this great Harvest, I asked Him, “Lord, what do I tell the people?”

He spoke to my heart, saying, “Tell them that they are to believe.”

Now that’s a very simple thing, but, oh so very, very important!

The things I've just stated about the Salvation of many souls, I need your Faith to help bring it to pass. I need for you to believe these things that I am saying. In fact, it’s very important, absolutely imperative that you believe them. That’s what the Lord was speaking about when He told me to tell you to “believe.”

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH

We are being swamped with requests wanting to join FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH.

Some may ask, “What is the FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH?”

It simply means that you become a member of FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER here in Baton Rouge. It doesn’t matter where you live in the world, you can become a member. There is only one requirement, and that is that you be “Born-Again.”

This means, as well, that you will join with us every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, as you are able to do so, whether by Radio, by Television, or by the Internet. We have multiple thousands that do just that. In other words, FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER is your Church. It’s the next best thing to being here in person.

While the local church has many aspects of its efforts for the Cause of Christ, the main effort of all is the message that is proclaimed from behind the pulpit. That’s where everything really is. The idea is, that you believe in what we’re preaching, and, by that, of course, I’m
The Evangelist

YOUR SUPPORT

Of course, as should be obvious, we very much need your financial support. The signal whether by Radio, Television, or Internet, doesn’t come to you free of charge. There is a price that we have to pay. The idea is, the place where your soul is fed, is where you owe your support.

We leave the amount between you and the Lord. As you are fed the Gospel, we would ask that in turn you would support the Gospel.

As well, I would certainly request of you that you pray for us as the Lord lays us on your mind. Pray, as Paul said, that the Gospel will have free course.

Also, if it lies within your power to do so, be with us in at least one of the Campmeetings each year. Counting the “Crossfire International Youth Conference,” there are three meetings of this type during the course of the year (see page 34). While it’s exciting to join with us by Radio, by Television, or the Internet, it’s much more exciting being there in person. If you can be with us, we’re going to look for you.

THANK YOU

To say “thank you” seems to be inadequate. I’m speaking, of course, of your support of this Ministry. To say that I appreciate it presents itself as a gross understatement. Yet, I know that what you do is not merely for thanks, but it’s done because you love God. And that’s the thing that really counts.

Our business is to touch this world. That’s not just a little trite statement, it is that which I believe the Lord has called us to do. That’s the reason we’re adding every Cable System and every Satellite possible all over the world. Let me tell you a little more about our foreign programming.

ALL THE WORLD . . .

For instance, in our Spanish department we have some 12 people. Let me relate as to what they do.

Everything each day, and I’m speaking of a full 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, has to be translated into Spanish. In other words, when the “live” programs are going out, there are Spanish speaking people in a separate room who are speaking Spanish, which is heard everywhere we’re airing Television in Spanish speaking countries. Please believe me, that’s not a simple thing to do. On all the programming that’s not “live,” it has to be done the same identical way.

We get no financial help for that whatsoever. We have to believe God for the funding to come in some other way.

And very shortly, we will be doing the same thing for Portuguese, French, and Russian, etc. It will take anywhere from 8 to 15 people for each one of these languages. But, we believe this is what the Lord has called us to do. When Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world . . .” He meant exactly what He said. And that’s what we feel we’ve got to do, we must do, and we have to do.

Yet, I cannot do it without your help. And let me say this:

As long as the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the greatest export of America, sending it to other nations, the Lord will bless our country. And, to be sure, those of you who give not only to help us with the programming here in the States, but in other countries as well, will be blessed accordingly.

It should be understood, and greatly so, that the Plan of God as it goes out over the world, regarding those who support that Plan, to be sure, they are going to be blessed. I believe I can say, “I guarantee that.”

So thank you for helping us to take the greatest Message the world has ever known to all of mankind.

THE TELEVISION STUDIO

Ever since we began the SONLIFE TELEVISION NETWORK, we have been operating out of our Radio Studio. To be sure, we are thankful for that; however, it is woefully inadequate for Television. While it works well for Radio, as stated, it is grossly inadequate for Television. As such, we have been slowly building a Television Set, that is, as we have been able to do so. With all the lighting that is required, and that is the biggest expense, it’s going to cost about $200,000.

We called in people who build these things, and the price was several times higher. We felt we couldn’t do that, so we tried to do it ourselves. While it’s been a monumental undertaking, still, by doing it ourselves, we have saved quite a bit of money. Yet, we do need help for what we have spent and are spending.

I am asking everyone who can, to send a gift of $100 or more to help us with this task. And incidentally, as you hold this Magazine in your hands, it should be partly finished, at least enough to where we can begin taping there. And for everyone of you who give $100 or more, I want to send you five of our CD’s or DVD’s as our gift to you (EV1273). These will be all music, or all teaching, or a combination of both. But understand, these will be CD’s and DVD’s of our choice. We very much need the help, and I believe you will be greatly blessed by being a part of this and, as well, blessed by the CD’s and DVD’s.

Thank you so very, very much!

In the Master’s Service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart

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in which Sunis tortured and killed Shiite leader Caliph Yazid.

- Some 70 sects and offshoots of Islam have arisen because of doctrinal differences, which, in some cases, are irreconcilable.
- Muslims recognize the Torah (first five Books of the Old Testament), the Psalms, and the Gospels of the New Testament; however, they believe that only the Koran preserves the truth as it was given by God. It is, therefore, the only true book.
- The Koran speaks of a line of Prophets, beginning with Adam and ending with Muhammad. Both Jesus and Moses, according to the Muslims, are part of this line, although they vehemently deny the Deity of Christ.
- Muslims vehemently reject the Christian Doctrine of the Trinity as sinful and blasphemous.
- In Islam, there is no separation between the religious and the secular. All Islamic nations ostensibly declare their adherence to that concept.
- The concept of Islamic Law is all-inclusive. It embraces all aspects of human life and endeavor, both private and public, devotional and secular, civil and criminal.
- Jihad, meaning striving or struggle, is a term that has acquired the Islamic connotation of religious or holy war. Today, however, Jihad has developed into a broader context of striving for the common well-being of Islam and Muslims, and not necessarily exclusively by military terms.
- The birth rate in Islam is 42 per 1,000, while in the western world it is only 13 per 1,000.

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