

# The Sword AND Staff

*"Preach the Word."* (II Timothy 4:2)

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*"Feed the Flock."* (I Peter 5:2)

## *Where Can A Person Go?*

IN THE MIDST of the religious confusion of our day, where can the really sincere and honest person go?

Go to the Bible! Search the Scriptures! Find the church that is in the Bible!

Forget about all the different things you have always heard about the church. Find out what the Bible says about it and you will have the truth! Too many people are reading the latest popular respected theologian or listening to the "high powered" evangelists that draw the crowds. You need to look for the church in the Bible and when you find it you can be sure you will find the Bible in the church!



Amidst Confusion

## *The Origin of* **RELIGIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING AND FALSE TEACHING**

• By James E. Gibbons

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES. Take notice of the simple message and pattern of things. Then take an unbiased look around the religious world today. Aren't you somewhat amazed and startled by what you see? Where did all these denominations, traditions, and isms come from? One who is an honest and sincere student of the Scriptures knows that something is amiss, and he must confess that there are many, many denominations and doctrines in divergence with the Bible. Surely this is not what the Lord prayed for in the 17th chapter of John (John 17:20-22). Surely this is not the will of the Lord who through the inspired apostle Paul stressed the *oneness* of His plan (Ephesians 4:3-6),

and showed the sinfulness of division and the party spirit (I Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:3, 4, 17; Romans 16:17).

Just exactly what are the origins of religious misunderstanding and teachings foreign to the Word of God?

We do not claim to have all the answers, nor is our position altogether an arbitrary one. However, we speak from the vantage point of one who has renounced denominationalism (of which we were very much a part) to search our souls and the Scriptures. We humbly present these observations and suggestions.

### **ROMAN CATHOLICISM**

We are convinced that Roman Catholicism is a primary

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## Proverbs of Today

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*The private parts of a Christian's body are not to be put on public display, as at a public beach.*

*"A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something."*

*We cannot understand how some religious people can talk so much about the Holy Spirit, and then pay so little attention to what He says in the Bible.*

*"It is not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it."*

*The Path of Righteousness does not have a question mark at the entrance.*

*"There's no need to put your best foot forward if you drag the other one."*

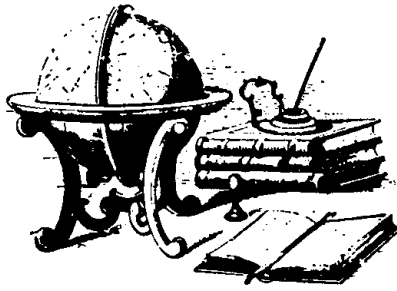
*Christ partook of our nature (the human) so that we might partake of His (the divine).*

*"A half-hearted follower cannot render whole-hearted and acceptable service to Christ."*

*An interesting teacher is one who is interested in what he is teaching.*

**SOME SO-CALLED CHRISTIANS** take their vacation away from the Lord—they don't attend church while away, go to questionable places, and engage in questionable activities. Others take their vacation at the Lord's expense too—they don't give for the Sunday, or Sundays, they are absent.

**WHAT DO YOU DO?**



## EDITORIAL

## COMMENTS...

### LOVE OF THE TRUTH AND BEING SAVED

• *"Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved... God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believed not the truth..." (II Thessalonians 2:10b-12a).*

LOVE OF THE TRUTH is an absolute prerequisite to finding it. The human mind is not a vacuum. It is so constituted that it must be filled with something. If we don't love the truth and fill it with truth, then it will be filled with something else. If we don't love and respect truth, then we will not recognize truth, and God will permit us to believe a lie and be damned. It is that simple.

In view of this, we are very saddened by what we find in today's world. The devil has so ensnared men's minds on religious matters that most of them will never find the truth—they do not love it; it is not something precious and unique to them. You cannot intelligently talk about the Bible with most denominational people because they say it doesn't make any difference what a person believes just so he is sincere. Then if a verse of Scripture is studied that happens to contradict their denominational tradition, they jump behind the proposition that it is just a matter of interpretation. There is no love of the truth, nor a desire to really search the Scriptures out and see what they really teach. It might upset their denominational applecart. Consequently, we are afraid the verdict of the above Scripture is upon them. Sad, but true. □

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THE SWORD AND STAFF is a religious paper devoted unreservedly (and we mean UNRESERVEDLY) to the teaching of simple, undenominational (NOT interdenominational) New Testament Christianity as found in its original purity; and, consequently, the restoration of the first century church of Christ in the 20th century. Nothing short of this will please God. If you love God, surely this is your goal too. Would you help us make our efforts count for the most good? You can by helping us increase our mailing list. We urging that "EACH 1 SEND 3 IN '73" (3 new subscriptions when renewing their's)—WILL YOU? □

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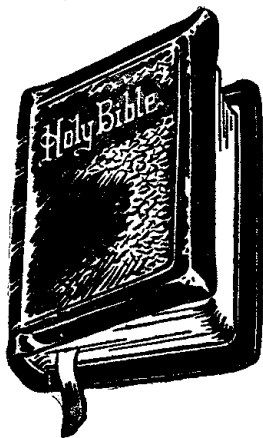
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### ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE ?

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*THE BIBLE ONLY MAKES ONLY CHRISTIANS, MEMBERS  
OF THE LORD'S CHURCH.*

*THE BIBLE PLUS THE CREEDS, TRADITIONS, AND  
NAMES OF MEN EQUALS DENOMINATIONALISM.*

### **THE ORIGIN OF RELIGIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING AND FALSE TEACHING (Continued from Page 1)**

source of misunderstanding, false teaching, and erroneous practice. The Roman Catholic Church, with her sister bodies and offspring, came into being as a direct fulfillment of inspired prophecy (II Thessalonians 2:1-8; I Tim. 4:1-3; II Timothy 4:1-4; etc.). The falling away from the faith and the original church came as an admixture of Judaism, paganism, and human philosophy with a sprinkling of Christianity. This finally crystalized into the Catholic politico-religious system (the Eastern Church being very similar).

The Protestant Reformation was an effort to reform some of this apostasy, but Protestantism has carried over some of the teaching and thinking of Catholicism (and it seems today in many denominations to be headed back toward Rome). Sprinkling for baptism, as well as "infant" baptism, came out of Catholicism; also, the use of human traditions and creeds to suppliment and replace the Bible, systems of church government unheard of in the New Testament, the distinction of clergy and laity, unwarranted titles of religious leaders such as "Holy Father" and "Reverend," observance of Holy days—to name a few of the carry-over doctrines from Catholicism.

### **THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION**

The Protestant Reformation first began within the Catholic Church, but the Reformers were soon compelled to leave this system. They exposed many evils of Catholicism, but (sad to say) they were greatly reactionary. In the heat of theological battle in the midst of, and on the fringe of, the Dark Ages it was hard for them to sit back and view everything objectively. The pendulum swung to the other extreme, and with time their reactionary views were crystalized and canonized into creeds; hence a snare for unborn generations to perpetuate denominationalism by being loyal to their respective man-made creeds.

Let us elaborate. In the Catholic Church the Reformers found God dethroned with the Pope and priests in His place. They saw men attempting to be justified by prescribed human works. Faith seemed to be left out of the picture. Trying to correct such erroneous religion, the

reactionary Reformers were the unintended cause of other misunderstandings which were equally wrong. They went to the extreme in the other direction. They stressed the sovereignty of God to the point of complete predestination, with "once in grace always in grace" being the natural offshot. The favorite and most characteristic doctrine of Protestantism became "FAITH ONLY" and still is today. Martin Luther reportedly called the epistle of James an epistle of "straw" (denying it was part of the Bible) because it ran counter to his theory of "faith only." (James teaches that we are not saved by "faith only.") Other reactionary teachings came later, but took more of a localized character in various denominations.

### **DELUDED DECEIVERS**

We call this group "deluded deceivers" since the Bible does mention "deceiving and being deceived." All false teaching comes as a result of deception one way or another, but we are aptly applying this to the sects and cults of more recent times.

Men and women have "arisen" claiming the gift of inspiration or prophecy, and even claiming that angels have given them lost books of religion (Galatians 1:8). It is amazing how many people constitute such denominations today. But these people usually have a fierce (but not rational) loyalty to their religion and its founder. Thus, they are overtly joined in unholy wedlock to teachings other than the HOLY Scriptures, and arranging a separation is most difficult because of their deluded sense of loyalty.

These people need to realize that the gift of prophecy is not in the church today (I Corinthians 13:8-10; Eph. 3:3-5; 2:20), and the Word of God is not to be added to (Revelation 22:18). The man who claims the Holy Spirit tells him what to preach without studying is deluded indeed (He equates himself with an apostle or prophet). Feeling without fact in religion is delusion. After all, a man who must rely altogether on his feelings (in the everyday physical world) is a blind man and cannot see. But by the truth of God we can KNOW through faith.

### **MODERN LIBERALISM**

This past century saw the beginning in a large way  
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of Modern Liberalism (this liberalism is very radical). It is a swing away from historic Christianity and the authenticity of the Bible itself in the name of "Higher Learning." The supernatural, if not denied outright, is down-graded. This school of religious thought (which has cut across party lines of old-line denominations) is obsessed with the theory of evolution in reference to the origin of life, and it is applied to the Bible in almost every sense (as well as to man and society in general). Naturally the inspiration of the Scriptures is not held in the usual historical sense. These pseudo-religionists want to redeem society, but not necessarily souls.

For one who accepts the Bible for what it says, these views are nothing but rank and unvarnished infidelity. Can any thing be more radical and false than to deny our historic religion? The virgin-birth and miracles of Christ? His redemptive death? His bodily resurrection (and consequently our resurrection)? Modern Liberalism has a wide influence in this religious world, and most old "respectable" denominations (or their institutions of Higher Learning, so-called) are captured by this pseudoism.

O Beloved! Beware of this modern unbelief. Get out of it and shun it like you would a rattlesnake! (II John 9-11).

**CLOSING**

Obviously we have not covered every phase of the origin of religious misunderstanding and false teaching, but at least we have called your attention to the problem. Most people close their eyes and say there is no problem. The majority are offended if you even imply there is something or someone wrong. We are told: "Go to the church of your choice; it doesn't make any difference what you believe, just so you are sincere" (However, examine II Thessalonians 2:10-12; Galatians 1:8). Beloved, in all honesty and sincerity, this is but naive and wistful thinking (or lack of thinking). The wish seems to be the father of the thought. An undesirable situation must be justified, excused, or recognized for what it is and corrected. Most people try to excuse and justify denominationalism.

The Lord Jesus forewarned (and may we listen): "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:11-13). And the apostle Paul charged Timothy: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:13-15).

Beloved, the situation in the religious world today is not what Jesus wants. Would you search the Scriptures to find out for yourself just exactly what is taught and what Jesus wants? A true Christian's loyalty is to Christ, not to some man-made denominational system. Let us lay aside human names, creeds, and traditions (all by men). Yes, let us completely return to the church of the New Testament, which is not a denomination. □

**BIBLE QUESTIONS**

*(Over the Book of II Timothy)*

1. What epistle in the N. T. was the first Paul wrote?
2. What epistle in the N. T. was the last one Paul wrote?
3. From all indications where was Timothy when Paul wrote II Timothy?
4. Would you say that II Timothy is more doctrinal or more personal in its content?
5. What were the names of Timothy's mother and grandmother?
6. Who was Timothy's father?
7. Where was Timothy living when Paul desired that he accompany him in preaching?
8. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but what kind of spirit?
9. What man had often refreshed Paul in Ephesus, visited him in Rome, and was not ashamed of his chains?
10. "And the things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to \_\_\_\_\_, who shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_."
11. Complete:
  - (1) "For if we be dead with him, \_\_\_\_\_"
  - (2) "If we suffer, \_\_\_\_\_"
  - (3) "If we deny him, \_\_\_\_\_"
  - (4) "If we believe not, \_\_\_\_\_"
12. Quote II Timothy 2:15.
13. How are we to instruct those in sin, who actually oppose themselves?
14. What kind of times does Paul tell Timothy would come in the last days?
15. From what kind of religion was Timothy charged to turn away?
16. Who were Jannes and Jambres who were mentioned as withstanding Moses?
17. What will happen to all who live godly in Christ Jesus?
18. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, \_\_\_\_\_"
19. What does II Timothy 3:16 and 17 say?
20. To impress the solemn nature of preaching upon Timothy, what does Paul say?
21. Why does Paul especially urge Timothy to preach the Word?
22. What does the word "evangelist" literally mean?
23. What does Paul say was laid up for him inasmuch as he had fought a good fight, finished the course, and kept the faith (now ready to be offered)?
24. According to the words of Paul in the before mentioned verse, to what other people was this promise also given?
25. "For Demas hath forsaken me, having \_\_\_\_\_"
26. What man was only with Paul?
27. Who did Paul mention as being profitable to him for the ministry?
28. What did Paul want Timothy to bring when he came to him?
29. Under what circumstance did Paul leave Trophimus at Miletum?
30. Paul wanted Timothy to come see him before when?

*(Answers found elsewhere in this issue)*

# WAS JESUS *Bad?*

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IT IS HARD to believe that Jesus was bad. An eye-witness testified "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil" (Acts 10:38). The governor who yielded to mob pressure in ordering his crucifixion pleaded, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person" (Matthew 27:24). Even his worst enemies could come up with no substantial charge against him. Their best efforts are exemplified in the hateful insult, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" (John 8:48). This would be like a prejudiced white man saying, "You must be a Negro and crazy."

On the contrary, men of all religions who have studied Jesus' life agree that he was one of the best men who ever lived. It is hard to fault a man who would voluntarily undergo crucifixion because of his compassion for sinners.

But if he was a good man, we cannot reasonably ignore his claims. He claimed, "I am the Son of God," (John 10:36), "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30), "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). Asked if he were the Messiah, he answered, "I am" (Mark 14:62). He even said, "No one cometh to the Father, except by me" (John 14:6).

If he was a good man, his astounding claims must be good, for a good man does not lie by making false claims.

Some will say, "We cannot trust the New Testament that ever made such claims." In such a case, neither can we trust the New Testament that he was a good man. Since there is no other authentic account of his life, Jesus would be virtually a blank, about whom no one knows anything. But we have no justification for ruling out contemporary eye-witness accounts—now, 1900 years later, on subjective grounds alone.

"He was misled about himself, even though he was personally good in his conduct," some will say. In



the light of human nature, this would be hard to believe. Many self-deceivers have made extravagant claims: Herod, Nero, Diocletian, Hitler, Mao Tse-tung, to name a few. These have not been good men. On the contrary, it has been the most wicked men in history that have claimed deity, while men of character are known for humility. Bible heroes have been the humblest of men. This included Jesus' own disciples.

As a matter of fact, Jesus himself showed the ultimate humility: "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing" (John 5:19). The other facet of this complete subjection to God is his perfect agreement or unity with the Father. It is in his humility that his glory is shown.

At any rate, a self-deceived megalomaniac who deluded thousands of people into conduct that needlessly cost them their lives (for Christians have died through persecution) could hardly be called "good." If he was good, then his claims must be valid.

If Jesus is a good man then, who made true claims, then everything he has said must be accepted as undiluted truth, for God does not lie. Some, strangely will say, "Jesus is the Son of God all right, but I can't accept everything he said." This would be like saying, "George is a man in whom I have complete confidence, but I don't believe what he says."

What Jesus said may indeed be quite contrary to our notions and de-

sires. For example:

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24).

"He that loveth father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).

"...fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

"Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man shall be ashamed of him when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

REGARDLESS of how Jesus' words might conflict with your thinking, if you believe he was a good man, you must surely believe too that he is the resurrected Son of God and that his words are true and authoritative. What have you done about them? □

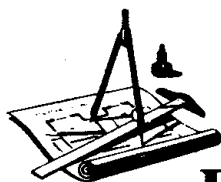
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## WHAT I SAW RECENTLY AT A PUBLIC GATHERING OF ENTERTAINMENT

1. I saw a lady who has a "nervous condition" which will not permit her to go around a crowd.
2. I saw a man who has a "bad back" which will not permit him to sit on the hard pews at services.
3. There was a family there who feel "embarrassed about not having enough to put into the collection plate" when they attend worship services.
4. I saw several there who cannot come to Wednesday evening classes because their "work will not permit them to get to services on time."
5. Oh, yes, I almost forgot to mention seeing those who can not drive at night.
6. Some of the people there felt indignant at the preacher mentioning the need for them to attend worship services REGULARLY; yet they had "season tickets" in their possession!

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# GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR HIS CHURCH

A. Eugene Lockling, Evang.

**GOD'S EXPLICIT COMMAND FOR MAN TO FOLLOW HIS PATTERN** (Heb. 8:5;

Mt. 15:9)

## FOUNDER

Jesus Christ (Mt. 16:18; 28:20)

## FOUNDATION

Jesus Christ (I Cor. 3:9-11)

The Apostles and N. T. Prophets (Eph. 2:20; 3:5; 4:11)

## HEAD

Jesus Christ the only head (Mt. 28:18; Jn. 14:6; Eph. 1:22, 23)

## MEMBERSHIP

Faith (Mk. 16:15, 16; Heb. 11:6)

Repentance (Acts 2:38; 20:21)

Confession (Rom. 10:9, 10)

Baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; 22:16)

Immersion (Rom. 6:4; Heb. 10:22)

## WORSHIP

Teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper, prayers (Acts 2:42)

First Day of the Week (Acts 20:7)

Contribution (I Cor. 16:2)

Importance (Mt. 6:33; Heb. 10:25)

## NAME

Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28)

The Church (Acts 2:47; 8:1; 13:1)

Churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16)

Church of God (I Cor. 1:1; 11:16)

## MESSAGE

The assurance of salvation through believing in and obeying the gospel (Mk. 16:15, 16; Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 1:8)

## MISSION

To reach the lost of all nations (Mt. 28:18-20; Lu. 24:47; Acts 1:8)

To strengthen the Christians (Eph. 4:12-15; I Thess. 5:11-14)

To help those in need (Acts 11:29, 30; 20:35; Eph. 4:28; Gal. 6:9, 10)

## LIFE

Characterized by renewal, righteousness and godliness in this present world (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23, 24; Col. 3:10; Tit. 2:11-14; I Jn. 2:15-17)

## ORGANIZATION

Evangelists (Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5)

Elders (Tit. 1:5-9; I Tim. 3:1-7)

Teachers (Eph. 4:11; Rom. 12:7; Heb. 5:12)

Deacons (Phil. 1:1; I Tim. 3:8-11)

## UNITY

The unity of the Spirit (Jn. 17:20, 21; Eph. 4:1-13; 2 Cor. 6:17; Rev. 18:4)

## FUTURE HOPE

Eternal life (Mt. 25:46; Jn. 5:29)

**GOD STERNLY WARNS MAN AGAINST ALTERATIONS** (Gal. 1:8, 9; Rev. 22:18, 19)

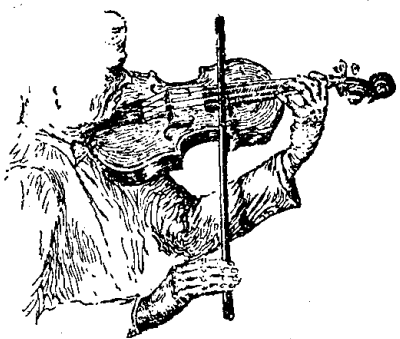
## NO CONTROVERSY WITH THE BIBLE

AFTER MANY YEARS of exploration and excavation in Palestine, Dr. Nelson Glueck, archaeologist, rabbi, and president of the Hebrew Union College, said, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archae-

ological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries. They form tesserae in the vast mosaic of the Bible's almost incredibly correct historical memory."

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### THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND



'Twas battered and scarred, and the  
auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bidden, good folks?" he cried.  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?  
A dollar—a dollar—now two, only two—  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?"

"Three dollars once, three dollars twice,  
Going for three"—but no!  
From the room far back a grey-haired  
man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening up all the strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet,  
As sweet as an angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.

"A thousand dollars—and who'll make  
it two?  
Two thousand—and who'll make it  
three?  
Three thousand once—three thousand  
twice—  
And going and gone!" said he.

The people cheered, but some of them  
cried,  
"We do not quite understand—  
What changed its worth?" And the man  
replied:  
"The touch of the master's hand!"

And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and torn with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.

A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,  
A game—and he travels on.  
He's going once—and going twice,  
He's going and almost gone!

But the Master comes, and the foolish  
crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change  
that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

By Myra Brooks Welch

## "RATS AND RAGS"

QUESTION: What nation invests millions of dollars in research grants so scientists can try to show that the Genesis creation account is false? ANSWER: The United States of America, but we're not alone!

The Bible reveals that God created life through a supernatural process no longer in operation. Evolutionists insist that life was created by natural processes which still exist and can be studied today.

Every so often, a newspaper or magazine article announces with great excitement that a scientist somewhere has made a breakthrough in discovering how to create life. Supposedly, if a fleet of PhD's in modern laboratories with millions of government dollars can produce life, that will prove it happened by pure accident billions of years ago.

We need a clear look at these experiments to see how much or how little they prove. First of all, the chemical brews that are being called "life" today are not worth the name. Many factors prevent them from being legitimately "alive," but we will look at only one. A real cell has a membrane, an outer covering, holding it together. This is not present in man-made products. Two of the most celebrated concoctions, Dr. Oparin's coacervates, and Dr. Fox's microspheres, would have been redissolved and destroyed even if they *had* developed in a primitive environment. And these are merely the building blocks of life. Today's evolutionist cannot even produce a satisfactory biological "brick," let alone construct a functional "building."

Further, the small success that some researchers have had has been achieved under impossibly favorable conditions. The expectant scientists prepare laboratory environments, nurserylike, as friendly to the production of "life" as possible. They nourish and cherish their little arrivals with motherly care. How does this prove anything about how life began accidentally under hostile conditions?

But perhaps a little sympathy for the evolutionist is in order here. He is wrestling with his most baffling puzzle when he tries to make a case for natural origin of life. He has captured the public imagination with his delightful sequence drawings, showing how a hairy, misshapen savage can develop into a gentleman with a briefcase, looking for all the world like your biology teacher. But the story of how inorganic things became living things by accident is the hardest to sell. It is impossible to prove. It is even difficult to imagine!

The Christian can be glad that he need not defend this grossly unscientific theory of origins. Men of the Middle Ages believed that rats grew from old rags, and frogs from lifeless mud. The theory was called Spontaneous Generation. Louis Pasteur proved once and for all (didn't he?) that this was nonsense. But the evolutionist is stuck with the same fantasy today, dressed up in modern language. If we vote God out of existence, we are obliged next to produce frogs from mud. And the more true science advances, the less excuse there is for holding onto such benighted ideas.

The apostle Paul was good at giving God the credit. He said it best in Acts 17:28, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being." It fits the facts.

—By Norman Fox in *VANGUARD*

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