

The “Jezebel Spirit” Unmasked

by Gay Anderson (Eagle Lake, Texas)

According to historians, we are told Jezebel was the daughter of the Phoenician King Ethbaal. Her name means “unexalted,” or “where is the prince?” Jezebel was a very ambitious woman as well as strong minded, and it is virtually impossible to write of her apart from her husband. Her marriage to Israel’s King Ahab was “arranged” for the purpose of strengthening the “relationship” between Israel and Phoenicia. So, let’s not embrace the false assumptions about Jezebel being the ruin of Ahab, for he was as idolatrous as she! In addition, he was the most wicked king ever to rule over Israel. Ahab was primarily a **(Continued on page 3)**

Race and Grace

by David Ben-Ariel (Toledo, Ohio)

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Amen! Everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, can become a child of God by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit! (Acts 10:34). However, “to the Jew first, then the Greek.” And the natural-born Jews and Israelites have a head-start, if they’re grounded in the Scriptures like Timothy was, instructed by his faithful mother and loving grandmother (Rom. 3:1-2, Acts 3:25-26, 2 Tim. 1:5, 3:15).

Many of those who foolishly oppose the family reunion of Israel (all twelve tribes brought together again) **(Continued on page 3)**

What is the DESTINY of the DEVIL?

by Nathaniel Burson (Big Sandy, Texas)

Can God make a rock so big, He can't move it? Can He make a bowl of soup so hot He can't eat it? Can He make something He can't destroy?

These paradoxes and others like them abound in this religious confusion that today's world is caught up in. But what is the REAL truth? What is Satan's destiny? What JUDGMENT does God have in store for him?

In answering this question, many will **(Continued on page 3)**

Consider how Significant the Theme of Freedom is in God’s Word

by Jeffrey Caldwell (Redwood City, California)

The New International Version translation is quoted below, except where otherwise indicated.

In his last sermon, Moses enjoins keeping the Sabbath remembering being given freedom: “Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an **(Continued on page 4)**

Lack of Knowledge

by Doyle Carter (Tulsa, Oklahoma)

As a nation, we are drifting away from basic biblical principles which our nation was founded on. We are removing from our schools and public life various moral principles which are defined by the Bible. Some individuals even feel that it does not matter what we do as long as it does not hurt someone else. In fact, there are many self-help and alterative religious ideas in bookstores around this country that teach that we, not God or a Higher Power, are the source that determines what is right and wrong.

In **Hosea 4:6**, it states, “My people are destroyed [cut off] for the lack of knowledge: because thou hast **(Continued on page 5)**

Ephraim and Manasseh: Allies in the Modern World

by Steven M. Collins (Sioux Falls, South Dakota)

This article has been stimulated by an extraordinary, even historic event. On September 11, 2001, the United States was heavily attacked by radical Islamic terrorists. The terrorists turned four hijacked airliners into flying Fuel Air Explosive bombs as they utterly destroyed the World Trade Center in New York and badly damaged the Pentagon in Washington DC. The devastation in Manhattan looks like London, Coventry, Berlin or Dresden after they were bombed in World War II! **(Continued on page 5)**

“...And the Moon into Blood...”

by Norman S. Edwards (Port Austin, Michigan)

On Tuesday, August 28th, 2007 from 5:52 a.m. to 7:22 a.m. (EDT) there was one of the longest lasting total eclipses of the moon. The eclipse was to be visible to most of the populated world. The timing was almost perfect for the eastern USA-many would have seen it as they went to work. The time was an hour earlier throughout each time zone to the west (2:52 a.m. Pacific time), and 11:52 p.m. on August 27th in Hawaii.

The moon was not to completely disappear, but was to turn a dark red as it continues to be lighted by refracted light from the earth's atmosphere. This brings to mind **(Continued on page 7)**

“Forcing Democracy”

by Clyde Ferrell, Jr. (Mount Calm, Texas)

At 3:00 o'clock a.m. I was awakened by a disturbing crash in the front of my house. I headed down the hallway toward the sound and as I turned the corner into the living room I was met by a dozen or more men in black S.W.A.T. team battle gear. Their rifles and hand guns were pointed at me and I was immediately hurled to the ground, rolled over on my belly and cuffed. By this time my whole family was awake and had witnessed this brutal assault. As my teenage daughter and son were screaming at these intruders to get out of our house, they to were thrown to the ground rolled and cuffed. My wife was being manhandled and **(Continued on page 9)**

LETTERS SECTION ---

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net

Isaiah 58:1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Ezekiel 33:8-9 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove (expose) them.

1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

**Bible Days start in the Morning and Not at Sunset?
(06-01-07)**

by Richard Heath (Ferrum, Virginia)

This letter is in response to an article titled "The Passover Memorial" by David Ben-Ariel which was printed in newsletter Issue #39.

Richard Heath writes:

Dear Darwin & Laura;
Greetings.

In reading your last couple of newsletters, it became clear that you and at least a few of your readers correctly understand that the Passover meal was to be eaten on the night FOLLOWING the slaughter of the lambs ...at the "going down of the sun" on the afternoon of Abib 14th. I agree with this completely.

Laura Lee writes:

"... at the "going down of the sun" starts at noon, when the sun begins to go down. The Passover lambs are slaughtered during the afternoon of Abib 14, and at sunset, Abib 15, the meal starts to be eaten. Some of our readers agree with this and some do not.

Richard Heath writes:

What David Ben-Ariel's article neglected to address however, was the fact that the very name of this ceremony (i. e. "PASSOVER") is taken from the "PASSING OVER" of the death angel at midnight. (see Ex. 12:25-30).

Laura Lee writes:

Darwin and I agree with you on this point. I am not sure how David Ben-Ariel looks at this point.

Short articles are really not meant to address every single point of any given doctrine in total detail. A person could read five different Passover articles and each article would perhaps focus on totally different points or aspects of that particular subject.

Richard Heath writes:

The above short article strives to show that the only way for the "PASSING OVER" to occur on the 14th... and ALL scripture testifies that the "PASSOVER" is to be on the 14th...is if the Biblical "DAY" begins in

The Church of God Messenger
A Newsletter for the People of God

Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502

darwin-laura@earthlink.net

the-bible-talk-forums@earthlink.net

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net

The Church of God Messenger is published in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Change of Address: Send change of address notices to Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502 or use the form at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-17-06.htm>

New Subscriptions & Renewals: Send new subscription & renewal notices to Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502 or use the form at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-17-06.htm>

To Unsubscribe: Use the form at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-16-06.htm> or go to:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/mailman/listinfo>

Price: Web Links, Works Files and PDF Files of this newsletter are free and can be downloaded at: <http://www.darwinlauralee.com>

Hard copies are by subscription price as follows: United States, \$13.02, Canada \$14.76, and all other countries \$22.20. All paid subscriptions listed here are for 1 year which would be 6 Issues. We make no profit from hard copy newsletters. The total subscription price is used up in postage and materials. Hard copy newsletters may be subscribed to by going to Laura Lee Enterprises Shopping Mall OnLine at:

<http://www.shopping-mall-online.biz/laura-lee-enterprises/> (under subscriptions). To give a gift subscription to someone who can't afford to pay the subscription price send to:

Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502 or use Pay Pal on our Web Site at: <http://www.darwinlauralee.com>

To Submit Items for Print: Send to:

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net or Mail to: Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502

To Submit Items for Print: Send to:

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net or Mail to: Darwin & Laura Lee, PO Box 2333, Bismarck, ND 58502

The Church of God Messenger is an interdependent publication. All newsletters may be copied and given to others as long as they are copied in their entirety. You may obtain a PDF copy of any of our newsletters by emailing us at:

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net or by downloading it from our Web Site at:

<http://www.darwinlauralee.com>

Publisher: Darwin & Laura Lee

Editor: Laura Lee

Assistant Editor: Darwin Lee

Contributors: Gay Anderson, Jeana Anderson, David Ben-Ariel, Howard Bruce, Nathaniel Burson, Jeffrey Caldwell, Doyle Carter, Steven M. Collins, Norman S. Edwards, Wily Elder, Clyde Ferrell, Jr., Richard Heath, Lori Johnson, Arlean Kelley, Sandy Kile, P. F. Lazor, Darwin Lee, Laura Lee, Julius Lenkume, Richard Markland, James McElroy, Myra McQueen, Edward Murrey, Susan Owen, Abdurrahman Özer, Buddy Ray, Peggy Wales, Tommy West, Vic Williams

Web Sites: Laura Lee, <http://www.darwinlauralee.com> and <http://www.shopping-mall-online.biz/laura-lee-enterprises/>

LETTERS SECTION CONTINUES
ON PAGE 10

**“The “Jezebel Spirit”...”
continued from page 1)**

worshiper of Yahweh, yet a large part of his kingdom remained Canaanite, and Ahab accommodated those subjects by granting the Canaanite god Baal the same standing as Yahweh!^[1] (Sounds like the church today as she embraces all the philosophy solemnly warned against!) Jezebel stood in strong partnership with Ahab. We see the same partnership in the church today and depicted in the church at Pergamum (Rev. 2:12), for the name Pergamum implies “marriage or union.” Jezebel was devoted to Baal worship, slew the prophets of God and abolished Jehovah worship (I Kings 18:13,19). Her name has been given to later prophetesses who sought to fasten the practices of idol worship on the church. Money from the royal treasury was used by Jezebel to support 450 prophets of Baal and 400 goddesses of Asherah as she led forth the persecuting and killing of God’s prophets.

The Lord’s judgment came upon Israel as He sent drought to the land. All of us are familiar with the account of the prophet Elijah as he came on the scene and challenged the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel. The false prophets were exposed and swallowed up as the ONE TRUE GOD proved Himself that day. Jezebel’s fury was copious when she learned of the death of the 850 prophets she had supported. Consequently, she vowed the life of Elijah come to an end, but her evil plot turned unsuccessful. As the story goes, Elijah fled in fear; and God sent ministering angels to feed him. Jezebel came to a horrible death as dogs devoured her body, leaving no more than her skull, feet and the palms of her hands. (II Kings 9:35) You may read the details in I & II Kings.

We hear no more about this woman until she is referred to figuratively in the book of Revelation as an example of idolatry leading to false teaching. This picture sets in context, the teaching that has been so rampant in the last few years, namely, “The Jezebel Spirit”.

Just as Jezebel led many astray with her false teaching and beguiling spirit, the same spirit has continued within the church; for we read the Lord’s warning in the Revelation passage. The warning is to the entire church, composed of male and female, in which gender is of no consequence, for in Christ Jesus “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28).” How profuse the words prohibiting women to teach, lead, or minister have become because of the propulsion of another spirit the Bible calls a lying spirit. Jesus never forbade women to teach or minister. The issue He addresses is FALSE TEACHERS, whether male or female. The Apostle Paul’s words to us, “quench not” and “grieve not” the Holy Spirit come to mind

as we contemplate what the centuries have imparted down through the history of the church.

Many teachers of the Scripture have promoted the false teaching that if women are permitted to teach men, they will lead the whole church into witchcraft! This lie has quenched the spirit of many women called of God, and they have been forced to keep silent while men have walked in the liberty of their calling. Actually, there is no such spirit as a “Jezebel spirit”, but what is in question is a beguiling and lying spirit, leading people away from the one true God. The contrast between this woman and the ones at the empty tomb is vivid, for they were commissioned to “go and tell”. The commission of our Lord has been superseded by traditions based on mistranslations of Paul’s intent.

Shortly after she received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, a close friend shared with me that she had been told that she had a “Jezebel spirit.” The word given was by the very pastor who had prayed for her to receive the baptism. Isn’t it amazing how quickly one who would dare to proclaim the good news of the Gospel is labeled and branded as a “Jezebel?” Isn’t it a bit perplexing to see how absent the “Ahab spirit” is, for Ahab and Jezebel were partners in all? It’s long past time to bury the miserable, void-of-the-Spirit, teachings on the “Jezebel spirit.”

Church! No wonder the Apostle James admonished there not be many teachers, for they will be judged by a higher standard and with greater severity than other people. Thus, as teachers, we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation. (James 3:1). It behooves us to yield to the voice of the Spirit and pursue His truth as the church makes known to the powers and principalities of darkness the manifold wisdom of God.

Again, the Word reminds us in Psalm 68:11 of the wonderful ministry ordained, by God for multitudes of women. That day is here, for the Spirit of the Lord says, “Arise, O women of God; you who are so great a company! Be released to publish abroad the good news of Jesus Christ. Speak His truth; declare His wonderful name!”

[1] Who’s Who in the Bible/ Reader’s Digest

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-01.htm>

*****THE END*******

“Race and...” continued from page 1)

usually do so out of a misguided zeal, fearing or misunderstanding that salvation is thereby

somehow being denied to Gentiles. It isn’t. Rather it’s part of the process of **national redemption**, the healing **reconciliation process**, of Jews and Israelites being **reminded of their Hebrew roots and biblical responsibilities** (Rom. 11:25-26, Malachi 4:6).

Everyone must become - not merely physical Jews, which is incomplete - but spiritual Jews through Christ, the Seed, grafted into spiritual Israel that began with physical Abraham.

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands...

After what? After the fact that **144,000 PHYSICAL ISRAELITES** have been converted, which God gets very specific about, then comes the Gentile multitude, following the biblical principle of “to the Jew (Israelite) first, then the Gentile.”

The ethnocentric Bible deals with RACE and GRACE. We shouldn’t shy away from that fact just because some have abused it. God is glorified by preserving His physical people, keeping His promises of physical blessing upon the twelve tribes of Jacob-Israel, proving His Word is good and faithful and true, which means we can therefore trust His spiritual promises made to all of us through the Jew Jesus Christ, His Son!

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-02.htm>

*****THE END*******

“What is the...” continued from page 1)

point to this scripture - claiming that it says the Devil must live forever - to be tormented.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

In this scripture, “ever and ever” is translated from the original, inspired Greek words written by John, “ever” is the Greek word “Aion” - the word from which we get “Eon” today. This word means, then as now, AN AGE. A period of time! Not an eternity!

“Aion is usually better expressed by age, it is the world at a given time, a particular period in the world’s history.” (From “Online Bible Greek Lexicon” - article on “World, age”)

Consider these scriptures. The italicized/underlined words come from “Aion”.

• Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world...

- Luke 16:8 ...for the children of this *world* are in their generation wiser than the children of light.
- John 9:32 Since the *world* began was it not heard...

Now try replacing the italicized words with "Age" - notice the perfect sense it makes. Then try replacing it with "eternity" - and it makes no sense! It would be GIBBERISH if you had to insert eternity, or "forever and ever" into each place where this Greek word was used!

So, you must allow the Bible to tell you which word should be used - an eternity of punishment, or merely an AGE of punishment, or a punishment AT THE END of an age!

God is a God of law. He has rules - His laws - and when broken, these rules always carry a penalty. And God made a RULE, a LAW. This law says that "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Romans 6:23). In other words, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4)

This is the judgment, the penalty of BREAKING God's law. Now, we know that Satan is the father of lies, and of SIN. And yet the entire world today doesn't believe the judgment God said He will make on EVERY soul that sins, and says instead that Satan will live forever!

Understand! The father, the very KING OF SIN, and the originator of it, CANNOT be exempted from its penalties! It's STARKLY UNTHINKABLE!

So WHY have you been taught that Satan cannot be destroyed? Because that is what SATAN WANTS TO BELIEVE! He doesn't want to believe that God can destroy him - as far as we know, no angel has ever yet been destroyed - and in his arrogance and pride, Satan doesn't think God can do it!

But think about it - Man's destructive power seems to be equal, or greater, than His creative power. Can YOU build something you can't destroy - ever? Can you make a concrete wall so thick, so strong, that you can't turn it into rubble? Or a car so strong you can't wreck it - if you try hard enough, and long enough?

God has no limits on His powers. HE IS THE ALMIGHTY. And He **ONLY** has immortality - Satan doesn't! (1 Timothy 6:16)

God made Satan... God CAN kill him!

When will this happen? And why does Revelation 20:10 say, properly translated, "At the end of the Age of the Ages"?

1 Corinthians 15:24-26 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority

and power. For he must reign, TILL he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is DEATH.

God is working out a plan. In the beginning, God created Angels - the universe - Mankind, and this current society - And, yet in the future, the resurrection of the saints of God - and finally, there will be an age to give many of the people who have lived, suffered, and died on this earth their CHANCE AT SALVATION. Finally, when all of these AGES are completed, at the end of the AGE OF THE AGE talked about in revelation, Satan will be destroyed for good!

This scripture is talking about a glorious day in the future when ALL enemies are destroyed - Yes, even DEATH ITSELF IS GONE! And Christ will reign UNTIL THAT TIME - Then, and ONLY THEN, He will deliver the kingdom to His Father - when the plan, the job Christ set out to do in this age is FINALLY COMPLETED, And all the suffering, heartache, death, pain and tears are FINALLY BANISHED FROM THE UNIVERSE!

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-03.htm>

*****THE END*******

("Consider how Significant..." continued from page 1)

outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day." (Deuteronomy 5:15) A day not only for you to rest, but also for you to give rest to all that pertain to you, even work animals!

The "passion" our Passover Lamb is, in a very real sense, 'genuine freedom with dignity' for all of God's children. His mission, which he so desired to complete in an exemplary way [and succeeded!] was to free us from sin and suffering! Christ gave himself to "set the stage" for us "to enter upon the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Romans 8:21, REB).

The Feast of Trumpets as a "memorial" for those to whom it was given [Leviticus 23:24, KJV] would be a time for them to remember the loud shofar-like sound that accompanied God's fiery descent to Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19:19).

And when the Holy One descended to Sinai, his opening words were about freedom, also: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). These words introduce the ten commandments; in the Tanakh, **The Jewish Publication Society** version of the Old Testament, they are followed by a colon, a reasonable way to render them into modern English!

The intent of his opening words seems

to be: "I am the sovereign God who frees you from slavery; please listen as I tell you how to truly live in real freedom!" Not for nothing James calls His commandments "the law that gives freedom"! (James 2:12)

His ten commandments grant us the 'rights' that form the basis for genuine freedom with dignity for each and for all. They give us the "right" to serve the one true God His way in order to enjoy His favor; the "right" to assemble to worship Him and proclaim His holiness; children the "right" to learn and parents the "right" to teach them all that is good and right and honorable; the "right" to life; the "right" to honorable marriage and stable families; the "right" to private property; the "right" to fairly speak and hear the truth; the "right" for all to live in peace without anyone even so much as dwelling on unfairly taking anything.

The unique, defining, singular event that God chose to 'set apart' His chosen people was: BEING FREED! That is what "The Exodus" is all about! Freed from a land of slavery to be led to a lasting inheritance in the land that flows with milk and honey.

That 'first coming' in glory -- YHWH coming down to Sinai in fire to promulgate the 'law that gives freedom' easily compares to Christ's second coming in glory to rule.

"The law that gives freedom" is the keynote of Messiah's millennial government after He comes. That government is summed up by the repeated phrase (Isaiah 2:3c, Micah 4:2c): "The law will go out from Zion..."! The genuine government of God is not arbitrary tyranny, but rather a government of JUST LAWS that define and protect genuine freedom with dignity for each and for all. The genius of the United States of America is that it was founded by Bible literate men who created a government based on just laws that define and protect freedom.

Freedom is the key theme of Paul's arguments as he addresses THE controversy that most threatened the young church [the issue of whether or not new male Gentile believers must be circumcised in their flesh]. God's intentions are revealed in the line of argument Paul provides in the book of Galatians. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." (Galatians 5:1a).

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." (Galatians 5:6b). Love is often considered the grand theme of Scripture. But there is a sense in which genuine freedom is greater than love! You see, without freedom, there cannot be genuine love! Only love freely chosen is genuine love!

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

(Galatians 5:13-14). The Hebrew title name for the book of Leviticus, which sets out such tenets of holiness as "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18) is, translated into English, "and he called"! And ekklesia, the Greek word translated "church" literally means 'called out ones' -- called to be holy, and to enjoy God's genuine freedom with dignity!

God's intention is that we be genuinely free with dignity as He is, freely choosing to exercise our freedom as He exercises His, in love.

The motivation of Abraham, father of the faithful, is summed up with the words: "he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10). It is the Holy City. In Scripture the Holy City is first mentioned with the words: "the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). The first thing we learn about the Holy City is that she is free!

The genuine freedom of God is bound up with His holiness: "God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness" (Hebrews 12:10). All trials and all punishments and all of His constructive Teaching (torah) as well -- provided "for our good, that we may share in his holiness". To share in His holiness is to share His freedom with dignity in choosing to live a life of love!

Genuine freedom with dignity correlates perfectly with holiness as defined by the precepts of the holiness code in Lev. 19:3 - 26:2; you cannot have one without the other.

The most comprehensive command is: "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). That is BASIC New Testament teaching as well. Holiness is the opening keynote of Peter's first epistle. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16).

In so many ways, the sabbatical year cycle (Deut 31:9-13 and Leviticus 25), with its laws safeguarding family property, and strictly limiting slavery and debts ... is a grand celebration of the freedom with dignity that God intends for all of His children. In every seventh year, "the year of release", debts must be forgiven and the law that guarantees and regulates freedom with dignity read and expounded to all the people, especially the children, during the feast of tabernacles (Deuteronomy 31:9-13).

A reflection of His concerns is that one of the first things the Messiah sees to is: "the survivors of all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles" (Zechariah 14:19). The sabbatical years will be observed when He is enthroned as King over all the nations of the earth!

In the Hebrew manuscript order,

Chronicles is the last book of what we call the Old Testament. Almost its closing thought is a reference to how ancient Israel went wrong, neglecting to keep the sabbatical years given to celebrate and insure the continuance of their freedom; thus: "The land enjoyed its Sabbath rests" (2 Chronicles 36:21) while the Israelites were in captivity in Babylon!

The liberty bell inscription "proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Leviticus 25:10) refers to a day of atonement proclamation in the fiftieth year, jubilee, which is the year after the seventh sabbatical year. It celebrates, in an ultimate "once in a lifetime!" way, the Holy One's genuine freedom with dignity, His style of freedom, the real deal! As the commanded proclamation indicates, His freedom with dignity includes an inviolable inheritance of land for every family -- with no property or inheritance taxes!

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-04.htm>

*****THE END*******

("Lack of..." continued from page 1)

rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...seeing thou hast forgotten the Law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

In verse 1, Hosea records, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy [i.e. lawsuit in other translations] with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no Truth, nor mercy, nor Knowledge of God in the land."

In Matthew Henry's Commentary, volume 4 of a 6 volume set, copyright 1991, pages 894-5, he comments, "...They are charged with national omissions of the most important duties: *there is no truth nor mercy neither justice nor charity...*The generality of the people seemed to have no sense at all of the thing called honesty; they made no conscience of what they said and did, though ever so contrary to the Truth and injurious to their neighbor. Much less had they any sense of mercy, or any obligation they were under to pity and help the poor."

To continue in verse 2, it states, "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood [i.e. one murder follows another, leaving a trail of blood]."

To continue with Matthew Henry's commentary, he continues, "...*Swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery*, against the third, sixth, eighth, seventh commandment, were to be found in all corners of the land, and among all orders and degrees of men among them. The corruption was universal; what good

people there were among them were either lost or hid, or they hid themselves...When they break out thus *blood touches blood*, that is, abundance of murders are committed in all parts of the country, and, as it were, in constant series and successions.

Even though Hosea was speaking to Israel of his time period, we are following the same path that ancient Israel went down during that time period.

One example is the stone memorial with the Ten Commandments being removed from the courthouse in Alabama. No one had any issue with this stone memorial until just a few years ago.

It is a fact that many individuals in this country want religion completely removed from every facet of our public life such as removing "In God we Trust" off the coins, dollars, and national anthem.

Our courts have already removed prayer and Bibles from our public schools many decades ago.

Another example is the form of entertainment that we allow our children to watch such as various video games and TV shows that portray violence, death, and destruction as a common and acceptable fact of life.

The evening news shows us our daily dose of murders and violence and other crimes that are going on around this country and we watch as if it is a normal part of life. We do not ponder whether these influences are positive or negative.

We are traveling down the same path that ancient Israel did during Hosea's time. We are removing God and His principles from our general education system and public buildings and denying our country's foundation which was based on Biblical principles.

These actions of removing God and His principles from our nation will cause us to suffer the Lack of Knowledge of right and wrong which will lead us to our destruction as a nation. It is a fact of history that as a nation's morals decline so does the country decline as a whole to the point that it ceases to exist.

I strongly encourage our nation's leaders and every citizen to return to the principles of the Bible and to focus on God as our source of moral guidance.

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-05.htm>

*****THE END*******

("Ephraim and Manasseh:..." continued from page 1)

According to one article I read this week, the attack destroyed or damaged 20% of all the office space in New York City and it killed or

wounded thousands of Americans! It was the costliest attack upon American soil since our nation was founded.

It now seems apparent the fourth airliner was destined to ram into the Capitol or White House, but heroic efforts by passengers on the doomed flight prevented the terrorists from hitting their target with the fourth aircraft. These passengers were told by spouses and friends via cell-phones about the other hijacked airliners ramming into the World Trade Center, so the passengers decided to sacrifice themselves to save their fellow citizens.

President **Bush** has rallied our nation which has not been this unified since World War II. He gave a speech to a joint session of Congress setting forth America's determination to wage war on terrorism and those nations, which harbor terrorists. Sitting in the Congressional gallery was a single foreign head-of-state. **Tony Blair**, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, was present as a symbol of the unequivocal support of the British people for America. As President **Bush** acknowledged **Mr. Blair's** presence, he received an ovation from the assembled leadership of the American government (and American citizens watching the speech all over the nation).

Other foreign leaders could have come as well to be a part of the event, but they chose not to do so. Other nations will help America's war on terrorism, of course, but no nation is as supportive as Great Britain. As this article is being written, the news media have shown footage of a British fleet already passing through the Suez Canal on its way to join forces with the gathering US fleet in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea. The British fleet apparently consists of one jump-jet aircraft carrier, an attack submarine and eleven other warships. While other nations will join the coalition for quid-pro-quo or because of shared vital interests, the British support of America goes far deeper.

This mutual support between the British and Americans has a fundamental cause which goes much deeper than sharing a common language or culture. Both **Yair Davidy** and I have identified the English and American peoples as primarily the descendants of the Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, respectively. The British-American alliance is based on the fact that they are truly "brother" nations who descended from the two sons of Joseph: Ephraim and Manasseh. By divine favor, these nations have received the lion's share of the many birthright blessings of the Covenant God made with Abraham long ago. The bond between America and Britain is based on a blood relationship.

We must also not forget that Canada, Australia and New Zealand share the Ephraimite roots of the British. When the

airliners were being hijacked and it became necessary to ground all airliners, Canadian airports freely hosted many redirected American airliners. Australia had a contingent of soldiers training in the USA, and the Australian government announced they could be deployed to the Mideast along with the American troops. The USA worked just as closely with Canada, Australia and New Zealand as it did with the British in a global alliance in World War II to liberate Europe and the rest of the world from Axis domination.

Of course, America has also supported the British in their times of greatest need. The Americans rallied to the help of Great Britain in both World Wars I and II, turning the tide twice against the Axis powers. This article will demonstrate that this relationship has existed throughout history. This article will mention other instances where the tribe of Manasseh rallied to join the Ephraimites in wars to defeat a common enemy.

After the tribes of Israel were expelled from their ancient homelands in Eretz Israel, they grew mighty and possessed huge populations (Josephus documents this promise in Hosea 1:6-10 had been fulfilled by the 1st century AD). As documented in my **book**, the relocated tribes of Israel included the Scythians (known also as "Sacaе," named after Isaac their forefather), and the Parthians.

The tribe of Manasseh came to be one of the dominant tribes of the Scythians, and the Greeks called them the Massagetae. These Massagetae were located in the Caspian Sea region, and they were, I believe, the descendants of the half-tribe of Manasseh taken captive by the Assyrians in approximately 741 BC when Gilead's tribes were taken by the Assyrians. When the Assyrian Empire fell, those Israelites who were captives were free to migrate elsewhere and they migrated toward the Caspian Sea. These related tribes were known as the Eastern Scythians/Sacaе and they were led by the Massagetae. One would expect the birthright tribe of Manasseh to be one of their leading tribes.

These Massagetae were attacked by Cyrus the Great and the Persian Empire in the 6th century BC in an apparent attempt to bring them under a new Persian captivity. Israelites are freedom-loving people and they fought fiercely to prevent any new captivity. Herodotus records that virtually the entire Persian Army died along with King Cyrus himself as the Massagetae gained a total victory.

It is my view that the other half of the tribe of Manasseh migrated to the Black Sea region along with several other tribes just before the final Assyrian invasion, which conquered the city of Samaria. This mass of migrating Israelites established Sacaе

Scythian kingdoms in the Black Sea region as well as the Kingdom of Iberia (named after Eber, the forefather of the Hebrews) in the Caucasus Mountains.

The Parthian Empire, which rivaled the Roman Empire for centuries, was founded primarily by the tribe of Ephraim. Listed below is an excerpt from one of my new **books**. The type-face is different and the endnotes dropped out as I "cut and pasted" this text, so the source documents are noted but the page numbers do not appear.

"...Numbers 26:35-36 records that three clans of the Israelite tribe of Ephraim were named the **Bachrites**, the **Eranites**, and the **Tahanites**. The Seleucid province of **Bactria**, which revolted along with Parthia, bore the name of one of the clans of Ephraim in a Hellenized form. An Israelite origin for Bactria is supported by an account from Richard Frye's book, **The Heritage of Persia**, which states that the Bactrian language "...was related to Saka, or at least underwent strong influences from Saka tongues." The Persian word "Saka" referred to the Sacaе Scythians. The record that the Bactrians welcomed a Scythian ruler who freed them from a Greek satrap, and the fact that the Bactrians shared a linguistic heritage with the Parthians argues that the Bactrians were also Sacaе (or Saka) who had descended from the ten tribes of Israel.

Henry Rawlinson, in his book **Bactria**, states: "there seems to be very little doubt that the population of Bactria was largely Scythian"...[and cites Justin, a classical author, who wrote] "The Bactrian Empire was founded by the Scythians."

Numbers 26:36 also notes that another clan of the tribe of Ephraim descended from **Eran** and was known as the "**Eranites**." A group of people known as the **Eranians** were present in the region of ancient Persia and Parthia. Assyria had transplanted the defenders of Samaria (an Ephraimite city) into "the cities of the Medes." Therefore, we should expect to see Ephraimite names in the Medo-Persian region. The "**Eranians**" manifested the **exact Hebrew name** of one of the clans of Ephraim in the area of Medo-Persia. This name has survived into modern times as the English name for modern Persia is **Iran**. The terms "Iran" and "Eran" are interchangeable. The **Encyclopaedia Britannica (1943 Edition)**, in its Index section, simply states "Eran: see Iran." The capital of Iran, **Teheran**, also preserves the name of this Ephraimite clan. This book does not assert or imply that modern Iranians are Israelites as it is clear from history that modern Iranians are principally Medo-Persian in racial origins. However, the name "Iran" is derived from the name of a clan of

Ephraim, which was placed in Medo-Persian territory by the Assyrians who lived there for many centuries.

Most historical accounts assume that the name "Eran" originated from the term "Aryan." However, historical accounts generally have not considered an Israelite alternative for the origin of the Eranians. Indeed, historical accounts seem unwilling to even look for the large masses of Israelites who were relocated into Asia. The case for an Israelite origin for the Eranians is very strong. Not only are the Eranians found in the correct geographical location where Israelite tribes and clans were placed (Medo-Persia), but there were many other ancient names in that region with an Israelite origin!"

My new book goes on to explain the Ephraimite clan of "Tahan" was known as "Dahan" by the Greco-Romans who wrote about the Parthians. The Ephraimite dominance of the Parthian Empire is clear. Josephus wrote that the ten tribes were "in Asia" and "beyond [the] Euphrates" in his lifetime. The Euphrates River was the border between the Roman and Parthian Empires then, so Josephus was designating that the ten tribes "were in Parthia." Since Ephraim was the chief birthright tribe of the ten tribes of Israel, it is no surprise to find the Ephraimite clans in a leadership role in Parthia.

Indeed, the Greeks often wrote a "p" where we usually find a "b." For example, the Greeks referred to the "Britannic Isles" as the "Pretannic Isles." If we read the "P" in Parthia as a "B," we see the word "Barthia" or "B'rithia" appear as the real name of the Parthian Empire. Herein we easily see the Hebrew word for covenant, "Berith" or "B'rit" (dare we say "Brits?") as forming the basis for the word "Parthia." Ephraim was the chief tribe to inherit the birthright promises of the Abrahamic Covenant. Therefore, the presence of the Hebrew word for "Covenant" is an appropriate name for an empire dominated by Ephraimites.

Many historians have commented that the Scythians and Parthians were related tribes to each other. The Parthian Empire was in direct contact and rivalry with such other empires as the Seleucid Greek Empire and, later, the Roman Empire. The Scythians were more "isolationist" and generally avoided conflict with other nations and empires to their south. The one great exception is when the Black Sea Scythians invaded and destroyed the Assyrian Empire in the late 7th century BC. There was always one notable exception to their isolationism, however, when the Parthians were in danger of being defeated by either the Seleucid or Roman Empires, the Sacae of Scythia would often send armies to fight on the side of the

Parthians to ensure the Seleucids and Romans were defeated. George Rawlinson's book, *The Sixth Great Oriental Monarchy*, particularly mentions many of these instances.

Given that the Scythians were dominated by Manasseh and the Parthians by Ephraim, we can see remarkable parallels in these ancient events to those of the 20th century. Even as Manasseh came to the rescue of Ephraim when the Scythians assisted the Parthians in their ancient wars, the same thing happened as the Americans came to the rescue of the British Empire in two World Wars. In the modern world, we have recently seen the Americans and the British team up enthusiastically in the Persian Gulf War and now the new War on Terrorism. They join forces as the brothers they are whenever danger or war comes upon them. As we can see from ancient history, theirs is a natural alliance, which has occurred over and over again in history.

As I conclude this article, we again see the bonds between Ephraim and Manasseh uniting these nations when one of the brother nations is attacked. Other nations of modern Israel will join the latest alliance yet and so will other non-Israelite nations. However, considerable wheeling and dealing and negotiating will occur before these other nations decide on their contributions to the war effort. However, **Tony Blair** and the British have once again implemented the blood-brother alliance of Ephraim and Manasseh. While other nations are still deliberating on what to do, the British simply say: "Here we are, what can we do to help?"

There is evidence the modern alliance of Ephraim and Manasseh goes deeper than anyone realizes or acknowledges. The nations of the European Union allege that there exists a secret, worldwide intelligence-gathering operation known as "**Echelon**." In an article in my home-town newspaper, *The Sioux Falls Argus-Leader* (a Gannett Newspaper) on September 6th, 2001, it was noted the European Union had voted 367-159 "to adopt 44 recommendations on how to counter **Echelon**." The article, with a Brussels, Belgium dateline, added that "Echelon is run by the United States in cooperation with Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand."

As those who have read **Yair Davidy's** book or mine know, the nations comprising the "**Echelon**" alliance are the modern nations of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. **Echelon** appears to be a shadowy, but very real alliance of the entire House of Joseph in the modern world. Is not it interesting that without even knowing their common Israelite origins, these nations have gravitated together into a very close alliance?

As I close this article, I think again of the singular presence of British Prime Minister

Tony Blair in the Congressional Gallery as President **George Bush** addressed the entire government of the United States. His presence spoke volumes. He did not have to be there, but he came anyway in our time of national trouble and challenge. He came because that is what brothers do in a time of crisis.

Speaking from the standpoint of an American, I close this article with a heartfelt appreciation of our brother nation when I say: "God bless the British!"

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-06.htm>

THE END**

("...And the Moon..." continued from page 1)

the three places in the Bible that talk about the moon being "turned to blood". While we understand the physical cause of the event today, that should not stop us from understanding that it may be a prophetic sign to us from our Father in heaven.

I believe that He has given me some understanding of the meaning of these three scriptures: Joel 2:23-32: Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you -- The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

While these verses certainly have

application to the physical nation of Israel, it is also clear that the "children of Zion" are the Church-the body of called out believers wherever they are. The Eternal is promising both a former and latter rain which appears at the outpouring of his Spirit on that Pentecost when the Church began, and at a later time in the future. The first few verses, above are quoted and explained by the apostle Peter:

Acts 2:16-24: But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Peter clearly shows that the miracles of Jesus (Yashuah), were part of those signs prophesied by Joel. According to the NASA astronomical tables at <http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/LEcat/LEcatalog.html> there was a very similar lunar eclipse on Passover of 32 A.D., when at least some Chronologists believe that Christ died. The Bible also notes that the sun was darkened for about three hours (Matt 27:45) and that there was a great earthquake (Matt 27:54). This leads us to the final passage about the moon turning to blood, where I include the entire chapter of Revelation 6, with some commentary in between:

Rev 6:1-8 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should

kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

These four horses are the evil powers that have persecuted Christians and mankind in general since the time of Peter until now. The common explanations of the first three seem largely correct: false religions, war and famine. All three of these, however seem to deceive most of the people: they believe that they are supposed to follow their religious or political leaders on a white horse, they believe they are ensuring their own safety by going to war (whereas God promises to protect a righteous people, not the one with the best army), and they think that high food prices or rationing is necessary to ensure that everyone is fed (while governments pass laws supporting centralized food control but limiting the size of private gardens and preventing people from selling milk from their own cows or goats to their neighbors).

The fourth horse looks obviously bad and its rider is "death". These are obviously evil forces who cause death by multiple methods (some repeated from the first three horses), but fortunately are limited in their power to only one fourth of the earth. These are the clearly evil empires, such as **Joseph Stalin's USSR, Pol Pot's Cambodia**, etc. The first three are much more deceptive, however, in that they convince people that what they are doing is good, godly and/or necessary.

Rev 6:9-11: When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

These verses reveal the meaning of the book of Joel and explain what happened from the time of our Savior until now. He died for the sins of mankind, and many of the

apostles and disciples died spreading his message. The evil forces of the four horsemen caused their death.

This as well as Hebrews 11 and other passages of Scripture identify the Eternal's true servants as those who were so committed that they were willing to die for their belief and mission. We do not find similar verses praising those who have all of their doctrine right, but who have no ministry or mission to the rest of the world. This does not mean that the only faithful believers are those who died for their faith, but the attitude of being willing to die for one's belief and keeping that attitude when other believers around us are dying for their beliefs is very important.

Numerous people come to mind when we see this definition:

- those who withstood the Jewish and Roman persecutions in the first few centuries
- those who withstood the Roman Catholic church and evil civil leaders during the middle ages
- those who fought to translate the Bible into the people's languages in the 1300s to 1600s
- those who fought for freedom of religion not controlled by state or centralized churches
- those who took the Bible to lands who were opposed to it
- those who stood up for true doctrines, such as the Sabbath, holydays, state of the dead, nature of God, etc. in the face of religious persecution

Rev 6:12: I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Just before August 28th, 2007 something could have happened to blacken the sun? If it had, do these two signs together signal the opening of the sixth seal? Again, I have no revelation on this matter. But I feel compelled to write that others may watch. It may be that some other future atmospheric disturbance, not related to an eclipse, causes both the sun to be blackened and the moon to be red like blood.

Rev 6:13-14: And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

I do not know what these signs will be, but I will be watching for them. As far as I know, the stars are all still in the sky. But it is interesting that just yesterday, the whether map showed a line of storm warnings that extended all the way across the country.

Winds were as high as 100 miles per hour.

Rev 6:15-17: And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! "For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

These words are the "other side of the coin" Joel 2:32. Revelation tells us that the mighty and powerful men of the earth, and all of their servants, will be afraid of the Lamb and want to hide. Joel tells us that the remnant of His people will be saved at this time.

I believe that it is significant that this Eclipse occurred in the middle of the Hebrew month of Elul. (Lunar Eclipses can only occur at full-moons which are, by most understandings, always in the middle of the month). The month of Elul has been traditionally seen as a month of repentance, immediately preceding the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement.

It is also interesting that during this same month the financial system in the USA is now closer to collapse than it has been for decades. A stock market crash, closing of the banks and/or hyper inflation are very likely. Since most of it is built on confidence, official sources are slow to talk about how bad it is. But one report I read stated that the Federal Reserve had to create 50 billion dollars of new money in a day to prevent defaults, whereas 1 to 2 Billion had been sufficient in the past.

I do not know if these signs of Joel and Revelation are coming to pass in the next few days, or if it will be many years from now. There is not another "moon turning to blood" eclipse of similar magnitude until June 15, 2011. Also of interest, while slightly weaker in magnitude there will be a total Lunar eclipse on both Passover and the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles in the years 2014 and 2015. That is 7 and 8 years from now. Some readings of Revelation include seven years of tribulation and a year for the "day of the Lord."

Again, I do not have any specific revelation here. But I do know that our Father wants us to continually examine ourselves and ask: are we living our lives for Him or for ourselves? Are we living a life full of His Spirit that others see and ask us for the reason of the hope that is within us? (1Pet 3:15) Or do we blend in so well or are we so far removed from others that nobody knows we are a believer? What are we doing to spread His truth to others? If we do not have miraculous gifts as the early apostles did, are we using the resources we do have to help others? I am continually amazed that even though

most young people leave the Church of God groups, it seems many of their parents would rather "hear or tell a new thing" (Acts 17:21) or provide social activities for themselves than provide a place where their young people meet others of similar belief and retain their beliefs. But this is only one of many tasks that is going undone. There is a great need for ministries to the aged, to prisoners, to addicts of all kinds and to many others who would listen to us if we would only find them and talk.

As Joel mentions an early and latter rain, one will expect that powerful gifts of the Spirit will again be poured out upon believers. Upon whom will these gifts be poured out? "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

If the "world were to fall apart" during the next few days, would we be confident that our Father would care for us and provide for our needs? Or would we be ready to fight our neighbors to provide for our own needs? Would we be ready to follow a dictator's every order to keep our food rations coming-even if that meant turning in fellow believers, who are proclaiming this to be a judgment from God-contrary to the dictator's decree?

Again, I do not know if the "moon turning to blood" on August 28, 2007 portends any imminent disaster. But it certainly can serve as a reminder of the prophesied events that will come to pass. Whether it be this year, 2014 or some distant future year, we need to be doing our Father's work in faith and strength.

Rev 12:10-12: Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Editors Note:

This article has been edited as if it were written after the August 28, 2007 Lunar Eclipse, when in actuality it was written probably a few days before that eclipse happened. Since it was such short notice it could not be printed before the eclipse, and yet there was so much good information within the article that it could not, not be printed, so we only edited it from a future tense to read as if it were past tense the rest is as it was written. Laura Lee

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-07.htm>

*****THE END*******

("Forcing..." continued from page 1)

I saw the fear in her eyes as they dragged her toward me and forced her to the ground, placing her face in front of mine. Only sobbing could be heard from my family as the screams had been subdued by wash rags placed in the mouth with duct tape wrapped around the head and mouth. I lay there not knowing what would happen next and then for the first time during this whole intrusion one of the men spoke directly to me. He said, "Why haven't you and your family taken the mark of the beast?" I said, "We are Christians and we don't believe in that system?" There was a tremendous "boom" and it was over. Fairy tale, make believe, dream, whatever, is this the tactic we are using on the people of Iraq, to get them to take Democracy?

Even though this is a made up story, there is a time coming when this will happen and it could happen to anyone reading this. Several events of the last three years have triggered a dramatic speed-up in the overall plan of our socialist masters to force compliance with a new world order. Our United States government may or may not be a part of the system referred to in the Bible as the "Beast" but we are certainly the forerunner of things to come in this new age of enlightenment. (Could we well be Babylon The Great referred to in Revelation 18?)

You and I have been lulled to sleep by the pleasures of a get it now society which focuses more on a day to day existence rather than a what about tomorrow. For some reason we are accepting our aggression into other countries as spreading a good thing in the name of freedom and democracy. My question is, "Where did we get this idea, that it is the job of America to spread democracy and if countries don't want what we have, why force them to take it?"

It is interesting that in the history of this nation, it takes some huge tragedy to sell the American people on the idea of embracing war as the answer to the success of liberty or freedom. So far we don't know how many millions of people in this world have been murdered in the name of democratic liberty. The schemes hatched by our government seem to justify our compliance to it's reasons for doing what it does. In reality our government is forcing democratic socialism on all of us as well as the people of Iraq and other countries. We Americans have accepted our slavery and revel in it as our government gives us straw to make brick.

Forced democracy is used by every

nation on earth to get people to comply with the dictates of certain religions and governments. The so called Christian churches of yesteryear used threats of death and punishment if you didn't adhere to their belief systems. The followers of Islam have no problem killing those who are not of their faith as do we Americans have no problem doing the same. The Catholic and Protestant churches of pre-America killed hundreds of thousands in the name of religion. Moreover, the holy wars of Christian against Muslim produced how many deaths?

Where ever democracy reigns, it took war to get it there and it breeds war where ever it goes. Democracy breeds immorality and immorality measures the character of a nation. What has forced Democracy done for our country? What will it do for Iraq?

I guarantee you, if Iraq didn't have something we wanted, we wouldn't be there. If Afghanistan didn't have something we wanted we wouldn't be there. Is the "black gold" found in Iraq a good reason to force democracy on their country? The building of the pipeline across Afghanistan to move the "black gold" is that an incentive to force democracy? That must be the way America looks at it because we have certainly spent the bucks and are sacrificing lives to get what we want. Once more we have bowed down to our "money god" and are offering our young men and women at it's feet and in the name of democracy they die for the corporate masters of the world. It is too bad "We the people" are too brainwashed to realize what is going on.

Collectively we could put an end to Forced Democracy and enjoy the true liberty of the True God, unfortunately that hasn't happened yet. The Bible says, "A time is coming like the world has never seen and it will be so bad that except for the Elect's sake all flesh would die." (Matt 24: 21-22) Our only hope is the return of Christ and His righteous dictatorship. That is the only forced government that will work. Pray for that day to come soon. (Rev. Chapters; 19-22) Just think about what "Operation Iraq Liberty" stands for, O I L.

Article found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/a2008-046-08.htm>

*****THE END*****

LETTERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

the morning, and NOT some, twelve hours earlier (or later).

Laura Lee writes:

I feel another false doctrine coming on.

The Passover lambs were killed on the afternoon of the 14th (Exodus 12:6). Once the lambs were killed, the blood was put on the door posts (Exodus 12:7). At sunset which is now the 15th the Passover meal was to be eaten (Exodus 12:8). At midnight on the 15th the death angel Passed Over (Exodus 12:12).

The phrase "in the evening" as used in Exodus 12:6 is in Hebrew "*ben ha arbayim*" and means between the evenings. The first evening is noon and the second evening is sunset. So this gives us the exact time as to when the lambs were killed for Passover. It would have to be done between noon and sunset on the 14th.

Christ was crucified at the same time the Passover lambs were being slaughtered, which was a **preparation day for a high Sabbath**. John 19:31-33 "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:"

That high Sabbath was the Passover Day/First Day of Unleavened Bread which are one and the same. This preparation day ended at sunset and the Passover Day/First Day of Unleavened Bread started at sunset as you can see by continuing to read to the end of John 19. They entombed Christ very close to where he died because there was no time to take him anywhere because of the High Sabbath. John 19:42 "There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand."

So in conclusion, the death angel passed over on the Passover Day which is the 15th of Abib. The days begin and end at sunset.

Richard Heath writes:

I submit this for your consideration for inclusion in a future newsletter. And; by the way; this is only one of many, MANY scriptural proofs that the Biblical "DAY" was created to commence in the morning. Much more evidence can be provided, if the subject is of interest to you and/or others. In YHWH's service, Richard A. Heath

Laura Lee writes:

I knew I felt a false doctrine coming on. Richard there is no Biblical proof that days in the Bible start in the morning. God created the day right from the very beginning to start at sunset. In Genesis 1:5 it says "... And the evening and the morning were the first day." and this is worded the same for the rest of

the days in creation week. See Genesis 1:8, 1:13, 1:19, 1:23 and 1:31.

The Holy Days start in the evening at sunset: Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even (sunset), ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even (sunset)." Leviticus 23:32 "It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even (sunset), from even (sunset) unto even (sunset), shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." Joshua 5:10 "And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even (sunset) in the plains of Jericho." And we know from Exodus Chapter 12 that the Passover meal started to be eaten at sunset on the 14th/15th of Abib.

I have read your article titled "A Question of Day and Night" and we will not print or promote the false doctrine which is contained within that article. Your teaching that the Bible day starts in the morning rather than at sunset is not scriptural and nothing contained within your article proves that a day starts in the morning instead of at sunset either. I suggest that you do a deeper study.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-01.htm>

*****THE END*****

Poor Education (9-1-07)

by Arlean Kelley (Palm Bay, Florida)

This letter is in response to the advertisement "Encourage Women Teachers", which was published in Issue #41.

Arlean Kelley writes:

This is in response to the discussion about the behavior of women. I want to add that so often we get off on a tangent because of poor education about the history and background in the area at the time.

Paul did say that he suffered not a woman to teach . . . about keeping silent . . . and so on. He also said that women were not to cut their hair or else let them be shorn and wear a head covering out of respect for their husbands. Without quoting it all, everyone will know what passage I mean.

For years I abode by the long hair covering thing, thinking I could not cut my hair at all. But I love research, particularly about history from biblical times--always curious about everything. One day I went to the history section of the library and took out a video entitled "The Seven Gates of Jerusalem". It was not "religious" but historical. It discussed the different cultures in Jerusalem back then. It did not mention

that scripture (or any other). But what an awakening. Among these groups was the following.

There was a Jewish sect in Jerusalem that allowed the women long hair until they married. When they married, they were shorn and wore a head covering. Without going into detail I could see that Paul was answering questions regarding converts from that sect and their insistence that women be shorn and wear a scarf out of respect for their husbands. I think Paul very gently tried to address that (her hair IS her covering) and to explain. But unless we know the history of the time, we really have not a clue what he was talking about.

That video opened up to me a lot of understanding about Paul, that he was often answering questions that had to do with special problems met there by those ministering. I also believe the same was true about other "woman" issues. It was the custom for only men to hold any position. And in some places that staunch belief is alive even today in that part of the world, and you dare do nothing else or you will scuttle every possibility of success.

For example, the Fortune 500 company where I worked for years was once negotiating a contract in the Middle East. The person from our company in charge of the project was a woman. It was necessary for her to have an assistant go into the meetings in her place, with her in attendance with him as his "assistant." Without their knowledge, she instructed him what to say, what the company would agree to do, etc. And that's how they got the job done. If she had attempted to conduct anything, all the men in the room would have gotten up and walked out. There would have been no deal.

I believe that this is what the church was dealing with and Paul was addressing at the time. I could go into scriptures that refute the idea that women cannot speak or minister but I will let it go at this glimpse of adventuring into the history of the time. I have no personal reason to write this. I am not called to preach or to a position of leadership in the church. Yet it is a discovery I think worth sharing. Women who are called by Yahweh need to be as obedient as possible and, like Jesus, do what they are supposed to do, graciously bearing the reproach of those who do not understand.

Laura Lee writes:

The letter you sent is very helpful. Thank you very much for sending it.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/I2008-046-02.htm>

THE END**

**Good Work! (9-4-07)
by Sandy Kile (Palisade, Minnesota)**

Sandy Kile writes:

Keep up the good work!

Darwin & Laura Lee write:

Thank you for the encouragement and for the help you give in support of hard copy newsletters.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/I2008-046-03.htm>

THE END**

**PF Lazor's Web Site? (12-26-06)
by P. F. Lazor (Ione, California)**

This letter is in response to a letter "My Story", which was published in Issue #36.

PF Lazor writes:

Dear Laura & Darwin,

Greetings and blessings to you and yours.

Thank you for your newsletter of **November/December 2006**, and for your kindness again in trying to help me by including **my article**.

Please know that I am very thankful for your efforts in that and for your care and please don't take this as a complaint--as it isn't, but I must inform you: Since the piece was written by me so long ago (08-04-04), the situations have changed so greatly, that the facts in the article are no longer accurate: Susan Owen did me so rotten and evil; it must have been shortly after that August 4th date. She strung me along and along and then hung me out to dry, as the saying goes. After luring me in with great promises, getting me to make it a major priority to the tune of me forfeiting much else that was fruitful activity, by preparing and sending her many documents she requested, she cut me off of all communication and has since for over 2 years. No apology, no explanation, no acknowledgement for the severe damages she inflicted on me, after inducing me to send hundreds and hundreds of people to a website she falsely promised me was adequately up and available, only to later learn it was nothing but a convoluted shell of almost nothing. The result was many avid and potential supporters coming away thinking "if this is all there is that PF claims is proof of innocence and of being framed, then its insufficiency renders all his [my] assertions suspect at best." -- In other words, Susan never posted any or virtually any of my proof and other material, while inducing me to tell the world she had and sending them there for the proof and my extensive

history, etc. It damaged me massively and still is. She still refuses to communicate whatsoever, and so I have no clue what happened, why she did this great evil, etc. I do know she's received my polite and numerous inquires, as I've had other people confirm this.

Laura Lee writes:

Some of your communications are not as politely written as you would like us to believe. In this very letter you are saying that Susan Owen's actions are evil and rotten. Perhaps from your point of view she did treat you rotten, but it is not evil for her to have stopped creating a web site for you and it is not evil for her to have stopped talking to you if she was uncomfortable with your communications to her or the way in which you sent mail to her.

When the Bible speaks of evil or wicked, it is talking about things which are a sin. Not continuing to create a web site for you is not a sin.

PF Lazor writes:

I also turned away others who would have done a website proper for me, because I had hers (so I believed) and then the other offers were no longer available.

So, I'm not sure if you should publish this letter, but I'm not asking that you don't. I just can't afford a battle of evil (by her) that I can't defend from here due to imprisonment (there is not even time to eat, sleep, go to the toilet as it is--30 full time people could not keep up with my overload from prison people demands and obligations right now).

So, must rush off now as mail man is coming.

Thank you and Yahweh's goodness to you, PF Lazor

Susan Owen writes: 5-21-07

Dear Laura Lee,

I am very happy to hear that PF is very much alive and well.

I spent many hours putting together the website, which he calls "but a shell". PF has no idea what is involved in his many "requests", a.k.a., demands.

I spent even more hours editing his article which was published by the other lady in her prison stories book (the author's name and title escapes me at the moment.)

PF has more needs and demands than I can handle, as I have other responsibilities, such as a full-time job.

I decided not to respond to him, as I did not wish to continue useless conversations, such as the one you have sent to me. Kindest regards, Susan

Laura Lee writes:

Would you have continued to work on PF Lazor's web site if he had not been so

demanding?

Susan Owen writes: 5-22-07

I am not sure how much capacity I could have possibly allocated to further work; however, I had a willingness to continue work on the website at the time (2004) In fact, PF never even asked me to do a website for him at all, I did this totally voluntarily and willingly. He mentions in his [letter](#) that it was a "surprise" to him, and it was.

Laura Lee writes:

Would you again work on his web site as your time permitted?

Susan Owen writes: 5-22-07

Definitely not, I am not interested in his project at this time (2007).

Laura Lee writes:

Is there a lot left to put on his web site if the project were to go forward? If so how much time might one have to work on it?

Susan Owen writes: 5-22-07

Yes, there is plenty left to do, and there will always be plenty, in fact, far more than would ever be possible for a normal human being to do, as when things are done, more things are seen that can be done. It is human creativity in action. I'm sure you are quite familiar with this principle. This is not only true of PF's project, but generally true for all projects. As for me, I am very much involved in some other projects which I feel are a much better use of my time. These are projects which involve preaching the gospel and helping other brethren in need. I am not interested in continuing work in any way with PF Lazor at this present time. Perhaps this will change with time and reconciliation with our Father and Jesus Christ, but perhaps not until the time of restitution of all things.

Laura Lee writes:

Susan and I chatted via email in regard to this situation and some of her emails were not meant for publication so we will honor that. However from those different emails I really had to include the following comments that Susan made in regard to PF Lazor as I believe these show her heart and how she feels about PF Lazor.

Susan Owen writes: 5-23-07

Laura, I really do care about PF. I just feel that I should not be devoting my life to his case, and I had trouble dealing with him at all, because he is so intense, and demands more and more.

I finally just decided that it was better not even to answer him, since I didn't know how. I didn't think I could explain to him what all a website entails. Probably it would have been love for me to attempt to explain it to him. I

never wanted to hurt him, and I could understand why he would be hurt. He is a lovely person in many ways.

Laura Lee writes:

I believe that Susan Owen had the very best of intentions in offering to put up a web site for PF Lazor. Susan volunteered to do this for a gentleman in prison who I believe she cared for then and still cares for at this point, so what happened?

A couple of things took place, I believe, due to a lack of understanding in what this all entailed as far as time and expectations.

I don't believe that when Susan volunteered to put up this web site that she realized how many papers PF Lazor expected her to put on the web site in an unreasonable amount of time for the many papers involved. Susan does work full time in order to support herself so that does cut down on the time she actually has available to work on such a project as this. When she received the many papers (a stack over a foot high) from PF Lazor, I believe she felt overwhelmed and that this was then compounded by the fact that the work she had done on the web site thus far was not appreciated because she was not going fast enough on the project.

If a person is doing something because they want to, it is a fun project, but if someone is overwhelming them and pushing or prodding them to do more and more it sort of sends a message that you are not moving fast enough for me and I expect more from you. It doesn't send a message of appreciation for what has been done already, somehow that has been lost. So now what happens is that the project becomes not so fun anymore. It becomes a chore and not a project I am doing because I wanted to help another person. Eventually it becomes a burden that one no longer even wants to look at.

I believe that PF Lazor in his great zeal for finally getting a web site, trampled over Susan's good heartedness in wanting to help him. I don't believe he did it maliciously or intentionally. PF Lazor has been in prison now for over 20 years. A lot of things have happened in the outside world since PF Lazor went to prison. For example, things cost a lot more now days and it is getting increasingly harder to make ends meet, so a persons job is important and needs to come before web site projects. Being in prison takes away this need to support ones self as your basic needs are being provided to you on a daily basis, even if you believe that prison officials should do a better job at providing those needs.

Another thing that has changed in 20 years time is the fact that most people now have home computers, an item that PF Lazor would not be real familiar with because of

being in prison. When we started this newsletter back in 2001 I hardly even knew what email was and a web site seemed like something only businesses did. My first attempt at a web site was quite poor, but I learned from it. I am a type of person who will dissect something until I figure out how it works and what I can expect it to do. I have no formal training in how to make and run a web site, and when I started down this road I was quite overwhelmed as the print wouldn't do what I wanted it to do. It would float to places it wasn't supposed to be. I couldn't get certain things to work. I spent hours trying to figure out one thing sometimes before I could even hope to go to the next thing. I even bought what I consider to be the easiest web software ever made and it was still hard.

Now, in 2007 our [Church of God](#) web site is growing monthly and the number of those who visit the site is also growing. In April of 2007 I got it in my head to put up an [Online Store](#) and even with a book of instructions I worked on it almost around the clock for over a month and that did not include putting merchandise into the store. It was a trip and a half and I started over more than once. Now I have taken on another project of putting up a web site for [classified ads](#) which they have all said is for advanced computer users. That project is coming along fine and will hopefully be up and running by the end of June 2007. My point in all of this is, is that a web site takes hours and hours of ones time. It is not an easy project. A person can sometimes spend a whole week or more just trying to get one thing on a web site and this can be especially time consuming if you have not gone to school for it or you do not work with it every day.

I work with our web sites almost daily and I still get stuck sometimes in regard to how to get something on there in a certain way. I just do not feel that PF Lazor has any idea what kind of time we would be talking in regard to getting a stack of papers over a foot high onto a web site. It would be a huge project even for me, even though I work with our web sites almost daily. Do you get my point here PF?

Some other problems one can run into are as follows: If one uses a free web site server, one many times has a longer wait time to post because you are overwhelmed with all of these pop up ads, some of which are not too nice for all family members to view and then those coming to view the web site are also bombarded with an overwhelming amount of advertisements. We finally paid for our [web hosting](#) just to get away from all these advertisements. Free web hosting generally only offers a small site complete with ads and may not even hold over a foot high stack of papers.

It is my opinion that Susan Owen was

doing you a favor from the goodness of her heart and you, due to a lack of understanding of what all is involved with getting a web site up and running inadvertently overwhelmed her with a gigantic load that would have probably taken years to get posted due to her limited time allotment and the free hosting she was using. It is also my opinion that you PF Lazor were so happy that she was going to do this for you that you just didn't stop to consider the amount of work that you were asking of her. Your expectations of what Susan could do for you were too high and Susan just wanted to be appreciated for what she was doing for you and not prodded to do more and more.

I do think that Susan should have explained to you why she was not going to continue on with the project, but I believe her when she says she did not know how to explain to you the workings of a web site so you would understand. I also believe that you should clean up your speech when speaking of people who disappoint you or make you angry in some way. Not all people are evil or even rotten because they do not meet your expectations which I believe are sometimes too high.

I do think that Susan was doing a good job in putting up your web site, but if you believe that it is nothing you want, perhaps we can ask if Susan will take the whole thing down. (We received an email from Susan stating that she has taken down the entire Web Site.)

We have a very large web site and it essentially has hardly anything on it even though when you look there is a lot on it. What I mean is that what we pay for in **hosting** in comparison to what we actually use is huge. We have a literature section on our web site and we post things that we have no intention of ever printing in our newsletter into that section. If you have certain items of evidence that you want posted for people to look at, we could possibly put them into that section as our time permits. Do not overwhelm us by sending us a stack of papers a foot high because we won't do anything with it. We would be happy to post some of your more important documents as our time permits and could add more documents as time goes on and our time permits.

In closing I hope that with some time for both of you to think about the things I have said that you will become friends again at some point. I believe you both care about each other, I just don't believe either of you stopped to consider the cost before you agreed to work together on this project.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-04.htm>

*****THE END*****

Absolute Trash (7-14-07)

**by Darwin Lee
(Bismarck, North Dakota)**

This letter was sent to The Journal and a version of it was printed in the June/July 2007 issue on page 2.

I viewed the video "**Look, Heed and Listen**" mentioned in **The Journal**, under **Notes and Quotes, page 24, January-February 2007 issue** which **Reg Killingley** applauded as "**Brilliant**" (**The Journal title -- "Video Quite Helpful"**), **letters section, page 2, The Journal, March-April 2007.**

The **film** is nothing more than the put down of women as inferior to men.

We, in the Church of God are called to "come out of this world" not to be partakers of their attitudes, sins or mind sets.

That disgusting mind set can be found around the world, such as "women are not fit to vote" to "women are only good for making babies".

The **film** portrays women as having brains that go ballistic, can't process information and can't form logical conclusions as to making good decisions.

It portrays men as having superior brains that can process information and can come to logical decisions with great ease.

The men leaders (and non leader men) in the Church of God who have this God-less attitude are not fit for the Kingdom of God.

God condemns such an attitude. What would make women fit to be leaders in the Kingdom of God (which there will be many) if they are not able to lead now which that **film** clearly portrays.

The **film** is anti-women which is anti-Christ and those who hail that Demonic spirit are anti-Christ!

Now if men are these logical thinkers with this great "**think tank**" ready to pop out of their cranium, then what happened to the "great think tanks" of **Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Bill Clinton**, the Pharaoh of Egypt who washed up on the Red Sea shore? (All such "shinning" (sick) examples of superior leadership.)

You men think that men are such great leaders, well look around you; witness the evils they created.

Go ahead, pat yourself on the back! The great leaders in God's eyes are those who "judge righteous judgment" be they women or men.

When you judge women as having a lesser brain than men as the **film** portrays and hail that **film** your judgment is not sound. God's people are of a sound mind.

What about you, is your "great think tank" ready to "pop" out of your cranium? Had you been living at the time of the

"Judges", would God have picked you to lead all of Israel instead of Deborah? You think?

The **film** is absolute trash and should be treated as such. I pity the married women who sit quietly by and are quite content with their egotistical husbands who have the mind set of putting "women in their place". Don't fill your mind with trash lest you be found not fit for the Kingdom of God.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-05.htm>

*****THE END*****

Wants Newsletters (6-14-07)

by Julius Lenkume (Kenya)

This letter is in response to a letter "Newsletters and Fellowship" which was published in Issue #42.

Julius Lenkume writes:

Thank you very much for your email, I appreciated your concern of my interest. I have tried to revisit your **web site** but for some reason it does not allow me to download your teaching. First I live in remote area and we do not have internet access. I do travel for 51 kms to read mail and it is very expensive and I am also computer illiterate. My resources will not permit me to **subscribe** to your **newsletter**. It is my prayer that may be God will touch anyone to pay for, but mean while let's pray for each other. Thanks very much, Julius

Laura Lee writes:

Dear Julius,

I will send you a subscription form via snail mail. You can get our **newsletter** free over email. (For those who cannot afford to pay for a hard copy newsletter subscription, there is a place on the subscription form where you can indicate this and we will see what we can do to get it to you anyway.)

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-06.htm>

*****THE END*****

God's People are Sleeping Again! WAKE UP! (08-09-07)

by Richard Markland (Lebanon, Ohio)

Richard Markland writes:

Dear Darwin & Laura:

I want to thank you very much for posting the editorial I wrote on **Big Brother** as well as the **poem** I sent you. It is an honor to be a part of your publication. I have given my parents your email address and I've

asked them to send you the money for two issues of your **July/August issue of your newsletter**.

I do feel an urgency about the state of God's people. We are living in very dangerous times, yet where is our urgency? The women and men in God's church should stand up and be counted. We must not wait for someone else to hold the torch. God's truth is the only hope there is, yet we seem so lethargic in our responsibilities. We need to put differences aside and realize God is holding His people responsible for what He has given us.

I quite honestly wonder if Christ would do to various Sabbath services, what he did to the temple. If Christ attended Sabbath services, would He stand up and halt sermons? Would He overturn numerous chairs and tell certain local ministers to have a seat? A corrective sermon would follow because many members are asleep because it is a service without urgency. We seem to have a concept that God and Christ love us so much that they are not angry with our spiritual state. This is why I've written the article **"Why Tragedy May be the Only Way to Wake up God's People"**. God and Christ do love us, but tough love hurts and we are soon going to see what tough love is on the part of the two greatest Beings in the universe. We are to the point of claiming allegiance, but showing little dedication to our calling.

I have also enclosed a poem **"Life's Unnecessary Burdens"** I've written. We are so weighed down by spiritual cement blocks. When weighed down, we become tired and worn out. Society's influence is killing us spiritually, and we have given in far more than we realize.

When I recently looked at the collapsed bridge in St. Paul, it brought chills. We just don't see how serious God is when He looks at sin. Anyone of us could have been on that bridge. We, however, look too much at the people in the world as being the big sinners, instead of realizing we are in worse shape because we don't appreciate God's truth as we should. We are being judged now, not the people of the world. Do we really understand this? I don't think so for the most part.

I do hope my article **"Why Tragedy May be the Only Way to Wake up God's People"** can be of help. Life has recently been a real wake-up call for me. We are just not seeing how priceless God's truth is. Right now the surviving members of those lost in the St. Paul bridge collapse desperately need answers. How horrifying it must be to look at a large body of water and, how loved ones died such a horrifying death. How I wish we as God's people would stop playing with spiritual fire and be serious about our calling.

The enclosed article **"Why Tragedy May**

be the Only Way to Wake up God's People" may have a few errors because I haven't received a correction tape. I'll send you future articles and being in this hole has given me a sense of urgency I haven't had before. It's really making me look, at the seriousness of our calling.

We each have a responsibility-whether a man or woman in God's church. We each have a mouth to speak and a hand to write. We are to use both when called upon. We need to stop living in little worlds of our own making. We should not pass the torch to someone else. We must stand up and be counted-male or female.

My fear is that if we don't stop our lethargic state, we are not only looking at the Great Tribulation, but also the Lake of Fire. We need to stop being self-opinionated and realize God will have the ultimate say so. Cynicism is far to prevalent. We are not humble overall, and I fear the sad state of God's church at this time.

Take care and thanks for your **newsletter**, Richard

Darwin & Laura Lee write:

We couldn't have said it better. Thank you Richard for speaking out, it is needed.

Richard's articles, letters and poems will be printed as we have space and as his turn to be printed comes up as all the other fine items which are contributed to this **newsletter**. We thank all those who speak out or speak up. Thank you.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/I2008-046-07.htm>

THE END**

Unsubscribe Instructions (3-21-07)

**by James McElroy
(Heber Springs, Arkansas)**

James McElroy writes:

I do not have the time to read all the **emails**. What I have read are very good. Keep up the good work for the Kingdom. I believe that you make it too difficult to **unsubscribe** from your **newsletter**.

Laura Lee writes:

We are glad that you liked the emails you received from our **forum lists**. We actually never expected you to try to read all of them.

It really is not hard to **unsubscribe** from our **forum lists**, it is very simple. Every month you were sent the following email: "This is a reminder, sent out once a month, about your darwinlauralee.com mailing list **memberships**. It includes your subscription info and how to use it to change it or

unsubscribe from a list.

You can visit the URLs to change your membership status or configuration, **including unsubscribing**, setting digest-style delivery or disabling delivery altogether (e.g., for a vacation), and so on.

In addition to the URL interfaces, you can also use email to make such changes. For more info, send a message to the '-request' address of the list (for example, humorandpoetry-request@darwinlauralee.com) containing just the word 'help' in the message body, and an email message will be sent to you with instructions."

Every time we receive an email asking to unsubscribe we do send out instructions on how you can unsubscribe from any of our **forum email lists**. **What makes an unsubscribe difficult is when a person is unwilling to follow the unsubscribe directions which we send to them.**

For instance, when you **subscribed** to our **forum email**, you had absolutely no problem going to our **web site** and filling out the **subscribe form**. Why does it then later become so difficult just to simply go to our **web site** and fill out the **unsubscribe form**? Or you can also unsubscribe easily and instantly by following the instructions given which are sent out to you once a month. We also have all the unsubscribe information you could possibly need posted on our **web site** in the same section you find our mailing lists listed. It is no more difficult to **unsubscribe** than it is to **subscribe**.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/I2008-046-08.htm>

THE END**

Merchandizing? (6-29-07)

by Myra McQueen (Odessa, Texas)

This letter is in response to the item "Why a Paid Subscription?", which was published in Issue #40.

Myra McQueen writes:

Only a matter of time until you started charging for your **junk mail-right**? And that is suppose to be a surprise? Thank God that now the people may be awakened to your merchandizing. Myra

Laura Lee writes:

I would hardly call it merchandizing when we have never made any money at all on **it** and have lost over \$9000.00's to date. This just goes to show how out of the loop you are when you can't tell the difference between making money, merchandizing and loosing over \$9000.00's to date. We will never get

our loss back, nor do we expect to. We just aren't going to let people like you (those who intentionally cause problems for others) continue to take advantage of us by taking and never giving back (never helping even with the cost of postage for newsletters).

If you are getting something from the **newsletter**, then it shouldn't be a problem to help us with postage and costs. If you are not getting anything from the **newsletter** then you should unsubscribe from it by going to: <http://darwinlauralee.com/data/05-16-06.htm> or by going to: <http://darwinlauralee.com/mailman/listinfo>

(At one point in time Myra was receiving more than one hard copy **newsletter** under different names and she has never to date sent any money to help us with the cost of materials or postage in order to provide her with more than one hard copy under different names. We do understand that some people want the **newsletter** and cannot afford to pay for it themselves, this exchange is not about those who get it and want to help but can't. This is about a woman named Myra McQueen who seems only to want to cause problems for us and for others.)

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-09.htm>

*****THE END*****

Place of Safety Camp

(8-25 & 26-07)

by Edward Murrey (Payette, Idaho)

This letter is in response to the advertisement "Details of the Place of Safety Camp in Ontario", which was published in Issue #36.

Edward Murrey writes:

Does Alan Croyle have a web site? What is its address? Is he sponsoring a Feast? Or where is he attending? How long has he preached this place of safety? Saw your ad in resource section of the Journal. Send more information please? Thanks, Edward

Laura Lee writes:

Hi Edward,

We need your full name (First & Last) before we will answer your "Read & Review" form. Thanks.

With Much Love,

Darwin & Laura Lee (Letter by Laura)

Edward Murrey writes:

That's alright, I gave you MORE than enough info about me - however after what I did give you - you give me this kind of response, you have answered negative, I can

always learn from others who can speak for you, if that's the way you like it. One should be able to ask and receive and knock and it shall be opened - you put a big locked price (info) on truth, if you call it that? It must not be truth. Sorry, for you.

Laura Lee writes:

Dear Edward,

I am really sorry you feel this way. We have many forms on our web site and the standard information we ask for is Name (First & Last), postal mail address and email address. We don't really believe that is too much information to ask for.

The reason we ask for that information is because it stops trouble makers from wasting our time. Generally people who only want to cause trouble will not give a first and a last name or will not fill out the form at all, because they do not want us to know who they are. I sincerely hope you do not fit in that category, although your last letter did not sound all that friendly.

We definitely do not have any problems answering peoples questions in regard to things we have printed, however we do require a first and a last name. If you are unwilling to identify yourself, then you are wasting our time and yours.

With Much Love,

Darwin & Laura Lee (Letter by Laura)

Editor's Note:

We did later find Edward's last name included on his second email, so here is the answer to Edward's original email: The item titled "**Details of the Place of Safety Camp in Ontario**" was printed in our "**Ads & Info**" section in our newsletter. We do not do much of any research on items which are printed in this section of our newsletter as these items are either advertisements or just relays of information which may or may not come from a valid source.

When an item is considered to be an advertisement as this particular item is, then contact information is included and it is then totally up to the reader to do their own research in regard to the information included in the ad. Alan Croyle did include his contact information in this ad. Alan Croyle does have a Web Site at:

<http://www.piczo.com/placeofsafetychurch?cr=1&rfm=y> but it does not appear to

have a lot of information on it in regard to the subject you are asking about. Looking at some of the content on his web site, I would encourage all people to proceed with caution on this one. In answer to your other questions, we have not had any contact with or from Alan Croyle for some time and would have no idea if he is sponsoring a feast site or where he will be attending the feast in the future. We also have no idea how long he

has taught this particular subject. This is all information that you would have to get directly from him.

You also claimed you saw our ad in the resource section of **The Journal**. From time to time we do have something in **The Journal**, however we have no connection to anything Alan Croyle submits to **The Journal**, nor do we necessarily agree with items that Alan Croyle submits to our **newsletter** for publication.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-10.htm>

*****THE END*****

In Approval (6-2-07)

by Susan Owen (Switzerland)

This letter is in response to a letter "PF Lazor's Web Site?", which was published in Issue #46.

Laura Lee writes:

In order to answer one of PF Lazor's letters, we had to go directly to Susan Owen and find out her side of the story. After a few back and forth emails, I compiled the letter titled "**PF Lazor's Web Site?**" and sent it via email to Susan Owen for her approval and to make sure we weren't printing something she did not want us to print because some of our email correspondence was of a personal nature.

We did take Susan's advice not to offer to post on our **web site** PF Lazor's court transcripts due to the length, but we would post other documents for him as our time permits.

Susan's letter of approval is below.

Susan Owen writes:

Dear Laura,

It all looks very good to me, and I don't see anything that you've written that I would disagree with.

I would caution you to reconsider about offering to post the court transcripts though, as I believe (and I have never seen them) that they are probably several thousand pages (as I recall an acquaintance saying).

Thanks for all your work on this subject, I think you have really gotten to the crux of the matter very well. Again, I am really impressed. Love, Susan

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-11.htm>

*****THE END*****

Adultery and Fornication (8-30-07)
by Abdurrahman Özer (Turkey)

This letter is in response to the article "Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage".

Abdurrahman Özer writes:

Dear Laura Lee,

What you wrote about adultery is really great, though I know only some English and though I am able to read bible in Turkish only, I agree with you that I have already been believing in that way. However, Laura Lee, in some parts of Christ and Old Testament, adultery or fornication is the same, the physical and spiritual sexual relationship with a man married or not, adultery is adultery. But just like the mother of all the evilnesses (Babylon) the prostitute and the relation with her is the adultery and in the way you explained that thanks to your mind and tongue. Can I ask you what you think about that Babylon being damned in the Revelation chapter? The adultery of a country with others, with Babylon, the sin, I hope you let me know your precious ideas about that, that I also would like to write about that.

Blessings,
Abdurrahman Özer

Laura Lee writes:

I am glad you found my article "**Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage**" to be of help to you in your studies. In answer to your question in regard to how countries, Babylon, adultery and fornication all fit together in the book of Revelation, I suggest that you read the following article "**What is Fornication?**"

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-12.htm>

*****THE END*******

More on Stupidity! (12-26-06)
by Buddy Ray (Dolomite, Alabama)

Buddy Ray writes:

Darwin and Laura,

A friend also called your publication of "**Stupidity**" to my attention: **page 16**. My suggestion of "carelessness" can be improved on. Have at it!

The word stupid isn't mentioned in Scripture. I stand by my comment in that "raca", meaning vain is now entirely, with all the synonyms out now, consistent with the modern word stupid. Applying to these synonyms as well: idiot, imbecile, dumb (equivalent connotation), jerk, dunce, moron, dummy, ignoramus, simpleton and etc.,

especially when used to cut down and insult or shame.

Herbert W. Armstrong stated also that authors have a "license" but there are limits.

You are in a certain vein of thinking when you say God prophesied stupidity.

We know people do foolish and stupid things and needlessly at that. But in verse 22 "without a cause" is only mentioned once in red letters, not three times like you suggested. Verse 23 allows for "ought to exist against" and to address and redress it.

Laura Lee writes:

Nathaniel Burson did not say "without a cause" was written in the verse three times, he explained to you that it was written once but implied twice within the verse.

In Matthew 5 verse 23 it is talking about the perpetrator of an action against another person as now understanding that his brother had ought with him and he now must go and straighten the problem or the sin out with the one he has wronged or God will not hear his prayers. There is nothing in Matthew 5 verse 23 or 24 that would take away from verse 22 implying that you do not become angry or call another person foolish or stupid in their actions "without a cause" to do so.

Verse 22 in fact fits in perfectly with verse 23 and 24 because generally the perpetrator of any crime or sin against another person is the one who in fact calls the other person stupid or believes the other person to be stupid or of no value "without a cause". That is why God will not hear their prayers.

Also, "raca" in Aramaic means "I spit on you".

Buddy Ray writes:

Matthew knew Christ's mind over a longer period of time than Paul did. Christians don't have the liberty to apply Christ's attitude and His expressions used then because, as Creator with the then office of Savior, he had a much different role and responsibility as well as duty than we have now, in whole.

Laura Lee writes:

What it means for us to follow Christ is that we are to imitate Christ, be like him. Christ was sinless and we are to be just like Christ. That was the same role that Matthew and Paul had back then and it is the same role we have now.

Buddy Ray writes:

Christ issued ultimatums and warnings yet he never threatened anyone. The word threaten is not in scripture as a show of force from Christ toward anyone then.

A rabbit can do quick things while from a stationary position but what could it want to quickly do while engaging in a fast run?

Change directions? Scale a ditch?

Paul was being schooled in Pharisee carnality while Christ was teaching the disciples.

Paul's mistakes, while catching up with behavior standards, cannot be used as examples. One main for instance is his ignorance (unawareness) of what Christ said in Matthew 23:9. Paul apparently never got a copy of Matthews Gospel account to read for himself.

Laura Lee writes:

Everything which is in the Bible has been inspired by God to be there and any translation errors can be found by reading and studying the entire Bible. Paul certainly would have been fully aware of Matthew 23:9 and it would be more plausible for me to believe that you are the one who does not understand it, since you truly do not understand the principle of the article that Nathaniel Burson wrote and shared with us, titled "**God Prophesied STUPIDITY!**"

Buddy Ray writes:

Many priests in catholic tradition use Paul's reference to "father" as their excuse to be indifferent to Matthew 23:9. Yet all of us in the covenant faith know Paul's thoughts and writings do not and cannot trump (render replaced) what Christ said.

Satan's Society now has a lot of, many ungodly terms we have to watch out and not be infected with their use. One, for example, is calling someone scum; (word removed), (word removed) and other four letter ones that result from a blown fuse, of ones temper, in their head. None of those are in the Bible.

Christ did use the terms snakes and vipers as creator, by judging actions, he could rightly use terms that described behavior. We are not fully licensed to cite people's character, only their behavior and then only if we think we are a capable judge and/or jury (and if it's our business to meddle in). This issue of our options and limits can be explored by reading more scripture examples. We cannot imply where Matthew, as Christ's deputized witness, fails to express.

Laura Lee writes:

You certainly had no problem implying that Paul had not read Matthew 23:9. When you read any set of scriptures you must read them in context to the rest of the Bible. When doing that you will find many places where the verse is talking about a particular subject but the words are not repeated over and over to make the point. There was no need to put the words "without a cause" into the verse as it was implied to be there by it's very context.

Buddy Ray writes:

Matthew 5:22 is addressing largely

carnality to overcome not carnality to maintain.

Laura Lee writes:

This is nonsense, no one is teaching carnality to maintain.

Buddy Ray writes:

If you have doubts give God the benefit of the doubt. Don't take the benefit of the doubt in cases like this.

Christ didn't promote relationships with brethren toward brethren or others in society to be calling each other insulting names that shame. It is offensive, counter productive and carnal. And those that pursue that will reap the consequences of hurt feelings (both sides) deficient and mutilated character of the villain.

Laura Lee writes:

No one is promoting the idea of calling people stupid. People automatically become stupid in general when they choose to follow the law of no absolutes. It's a consequence of that particular type of behavior. If a villain feels shamed or has his character mutilated perhaps you should look at the stupidity of the villains actions rather than those who catch him in the act which is a consequence in that it should make the villain feel shame (hopefully) for having been caught and hopefully shame for having committed a crime or a sin.

Why are you defending the villain? People who commit crimes or sins ruin their own character. No one does it for them and if when they get caught or before they get caught, they feel some shame or remorse for their crime or sin, that is a good thing in the long run.

A police officer when arresting a person for a crime does not even have to tell the crook they are stupid. It is implied that the crook is stupid because a crook most always feels stupid for having gotten caught.

Buddy Ray writes:

If we run into someone that has done something stupid and or foolish, don't we think they know it? Cut some slack, show some golden rule kindness (we will be in the same or a similar predicament) (if time goes on) and ask if there is anything we can do to ameliorate or mitigate. We don't need to compound or agitate.

Like a professional, you opened up the door to this expanded subject. But I'm sure we both agree that God prophesied rampant sin and rampant rebellion against repentance in the end time. However we can't rule out a "Jonah/Nineveh" to some extent.

Laura Lee writes:

Unfortunately most people who commit foolish or stupid acts don't have clue one that

they have done so until someone tells them. Most people believe and do what they feel is right in their own eyes, not in God's eyes. Read Isaiah 5:21. This is why there is so much confusion in our world today, so much crime and so much sin. Everyone believes they are right in doing what they do, right or wrong. The law of no absolutes teaches that there is no right and there is no wrong. This is why stupidity is a consequence of the law of no absolutes. Instead of standing there as if one is deaf and dumb to the wrong actions of others that many times happen before our very eyes, we should step in and say the action is wrong, but many do not. They are like you, they believe the person already knows so they just let it go.

Do you have children? If you do, would you knowingly let them touch a hot stove burner or go out into the street when there are cars coming, without either doing something to stop them or warn them? A wise parent will answer no. May I then ask why you don't love or care about others enough to give them the same respect that you would give to your own children. Warn them before they do something stupid or wrong if you know about it ahead of time and if it is after the fact, let them know that it was a stupid or foolish action on their part and try to teach them what the right way to do something (whatever the problem) is.

Buddy Ray writes:

What would happen if I typed in 33, 799 or 33,801. I plain find it difficult to believe there are that many bonafide and incorporated with a (purposed) charter. Does it say the average membership of them (exclude the denominations/churches that have 120 or more members)? Then what's left?

I smell a farce. A lot of church groups that are isolationist/separatist with a few members each to constitute a named denomination. If you spent 60 minutes running down, authenticating and verifying each of them it would take you over eleven and a half years ("working" 8 hours a day and on seven days a week). If you thought 30 minutes was enough then you could halve the time. You could lengthen either estimate by not engaging at it on the weekends, holy days and holidays.

In the 1960's there were less than 500 denominations. So over a 6000% (? or !) increase in 40 years. Very questionable!

I suspect that statement you "found" on the computer to be in serious error. Ask your source if they have 100 books each with 338 pages that lay out a page for each denomination. And on each page have their address, phone number, 12 main doctrine points, their goal, objectives and programs, picture of their location, style of government, salary structure, anything pertinent to fill up a

page. Bye for now.

Nathaniel Burson writes:

From: World Christian Encyclopedia, A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions in The Modern World, 2 Volume Set, Second Edition, Edited by DAVID B. BARRETT, Regent University, GEORGE T. KURIAN, and TODD M. JOHNSON, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Here is the completely updated and greatly expanded new edition of a classic reference source--the comprehensive overview of the world's largest religion in all its many versions and in both its religious and secular contexts.

Now in two volumes, the Encyclopedia presents and analyzes an unmatched wealth of information about the extent, status, and characteristics of twentieth-century Christianity worldwide. It takes full account of Christianity's ecclesiastical branches, subdivisions, and denominations, and treats Christianity in relation to other faiths and the secular realm. It offers an unparalleled comparative study of churches and religions throughout the modern world.

This new edition features a vast range of new and previously unpublished data on the current global situation of Christianity, on religion in general, and on the political, demographic, economic, and social characteristics of the world's cultures and peoples in 238 countries. Each volume is filled with essential information, from historical surveys of denominations to country-by-country profiles of churches and believers. The text sets the current status of Christianity into a rich historical context, and assesses current trends and future directions.

Many tables, charts, diagrams, photographs, a directory of names and organizations, a glossary, index, and other features ensure accessibility for specialists and non-specialists alike.

The Encyclopedia will be of great value to academics of many disciplines, clergy, administrators, and those who work in Christian and other religious organizations around the world, as well as to anyone interested in current affairs.

Praise for the First Edition:

"Most impressive. Brilliantly produced and arranged, this will undoubtedly be a standard reference work for years to come."--Library Journal "Nothing less than a tour of considerable force. A bench mark in our understanding of the true religious state of the planet."--Time "An outstanding compilation of data relating to Christianity throughout the world [for] all academic and public libraries. Highly recommended."--Booklist "An impressive, country-by-country,

denomination-by-denomination and year-by-year survey of most of the worlds religions."-- The New York Times **Detailed surveys of 33,800 Christian denominations around the world.** Complete, authoritative, and up-to-date survey of world Christianity in two volumes.

Compiled by over 500 experts representing the Ecumenical, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical, Charismatic, academic, other world-religionist, non-Christian, and secular worlds. Updated to cover new developments in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, plus growth of Pentecostal, Charismatic, and other churches.

Includes political, economic, demographic, linguistic, ethnic, and cultural data in narrative text as well as in tabular and graphic form. Extensively illustrated with photographs, graphics, sidebars, maps, and diagrams. Bibliography, glossary, directory of names and addresses, and quick-reference indexes 1730 pp.; 1121 halftones, maps & line drawings; 9-7/8 x 12-1/4; 0-19-507963-9. Published in 2001, \$295.00

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-13.htm>

THE END**

Recipes & Feast Info (3-04-06)

by Peggy Wales (Hartford, Wisconsin)

Peggy Wales writes:

You were looking for some unleavened recipes, here is a "cookbook" listed on another website, I thought you might want to link to them.

Unleavened Bread Recipes:

The Journal

Also, you can check out our spring feast page, on www.feastgoer.org, it's not as full of information as we would like, but we are working on it. We plan on adding articles to this page. The "What is a Feast?" Feast of Tabernacles page has some good articles on it for that subject.

I hope this helps, use what you can and link stuff off the original pages, or link to us, or don't use any of it.

We would like to keep our [feastgoer link on your page](http://www.feastgoer.org), we are updating as we get info, but the link is the same. Thanks a lot!!! Peggy

Laura Lee writes:

We do have a spot on our Web Site reserved for unleavened bread recipes, however we have not yet had a chance to work on it. Our idea is to start our own unleavened recipe book at some point, so if anyone has recipes they have made that they would like to share with us and our

readers, great, send them and we will try to post them as soon as we are able to. In the mean time, thank you for the information you have included here.

We have had your www.feastgoer.org link on our [Web Site](http://www.feastgoer.org) for several years now and many people do use it. Thank you for the effort you put into keeping everyone informed as to where the feast sites are in any given year.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-14.htm>

THE END**

Newsletters (06-28-07)

by Tommy West

(Wake Forest, North Carolina)

The below letter is written in regard to a letter "Why a Paid Subscription?" which was printed in Issue #40.

Tommy West writes:

Darwin and Laura,

Greetings to you both from hot and humid Wake Forest, NC.

I just wanted to drop a few lines to both of you thanking you for all that you have done over the past years for the scattered brethren. Your love and service will ever stand as acts of goodness before the throne of God.

It is truly unfortunate that the **CHURCH OF GOD MESSENGER** will no longer be freely distributed to all who have requested it over the past 6 years. I fully understand the reason(s) why you made the move. I know that for the period of time that I have been receiving the **newsletter**, that even though I have never sent a donation, you have still faithfully sent me a copy. To me, that is an act of brotherly love. I am truly grateful to you for it and will never forget it.

Will the entire future **newsletters** be available on your web site? I sincerely hope so because reading them means a great deal to me.

May the Good Lord continue to bless both of you in your ministry.

YBIC,

Tommy West

Laura Lee writes:

Thank you for your kind letter and encouragement.

All of the **newsletters** that we have published over the last 7 years are posted on our web site and will continue to be posted as new issues are released. All **newsletters** can be downloaded and even printed out by anyone who wants a hard copy for the paper

and ink that it would cost them. So the **newsletter** is still freely available to anyone who wants it.

There are those who do not have internet access or those who cannot afford a **subscription** price or those who are in prison with no money and we still also want them to be able to receive the **newsletter**. As you can see, at this point, anyone who has asked for a hard copy **newsletter** has received a free **subscription** which is being **paid** for by those who have so generously given for that cause.

We feel this way of doing things will help to lighten our burden and allows people to give to others as is needed. Many people are also now able to receive the **newsletter** via email which probably would not have been possible only a few years ago.

I do not know what your financial situation is, but if you need a hard copy and cannot afford to pay for it yourself, please do not be afraid to ask. If funding is available the **newsletter** will always be sent to those who cannot afford to pay for it themselves.

Letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-15.htm>

THE END**

Confused? (7-8-07)

by Vic Williams (Australia)

This letter is in response to an article "Do You Really Believe in the Bible?", which was published in Issue #40. We did contact Clyde Ferrell, Jr. for comment in regard to the below letter. His response was as follows: "I have no response, believe what you will!" and "The article speaks for itself and without God's Holy Spirit it will not be understood. Thanks for printing it. This is all I have to say about it."

Laura Lee writes:

It is Clyde Ferrell's call on whether he wants to answer any given letter in regard to his articles, and we should all respect that, however these **newsletters** and **articles** are not always read by those who have God's Holy Spirit. If we are going to be Kings and Priests in the World Tomorrow we will be dealing with a lot of unconverted people at that time and we will all need to know how to teach them and how to answer their questions. If one is not willing to practice giving an answer at this time then how does one hope to be teaching in the World Tomorrow? This **newsletter** does give everyone a platform to practice what they will be doing in the World Tomorrow, so I hope that anyone we contact will take that

opportunity to practice for the future.

Vic Williams writes:

Many get confused by believing in the Bible rather than believing God. This is not to discredit the bible - It is profitable for ... 2 Tim 3:15 "doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness.

Darwin & Laura Lee write:

The main point of this article seemed to be that if one believes what the Bible says, then they should do what the Bible says. The Bible is God's word in print, so we best believe what God tells us through His word the Bible. Since the Bible is God's word in print, to believe and do what the Bible says is to believe in God. They are one and the same.

Vic Williams writes:

Most professing churches in our world today are deceived.

Many forget we are called by God individually Jn 6:44-66, not through a church.

The reason I have ticked "Don't know " in this [review](#) is that most people do not know.

Laura Lee writes:

He is referring to a question which is asked on the "[Read & Review](#)" form posted on many of our Web Pages. The question asked is as follows: [Did you agree with the item you are reviewing?](#) And Vic Williams is saying he doesn't know if he agrees with [Clyde Ferrell, Jr.'s article](#) or not.

Vic Williams writes:

I agree many churches talk of the ten commandments and the Old Covenant being done away.

It is not done away but fulfilled Mat 5:17. It was added because of transgressions 430 years later than the Covenant of Abraham belief and faith.

Darwin & Laura Lee write:

The law of God has existed from the beginning. Adam was instructed by God in the Garden of Eden. The Holy days and Sabbaths were already in place during creation week in Genesis. Read it for yourself in Gen. 1:14. Seasons in this verse means "appointed times" or "set feast".

Vic Williams writes:

Gen 15:6 Abraham believed God - he did not have the bible.

So is the bible or belief in the bible required for salvation? I think not.

All those listed in Heb 11 who lived before Moses never had the bible and yet they are promised salvation even as we are. Heb 11:38-40.

Darwin & Laura Lee write:

You seem to not understand that the Bible is the word of God. The Bible is how God speaks to us today. Whether God told Abraham personally or whether Abraham read God's written word doesn't make any difference one way or the other, because they were the same and either way God's Law was exactly the same. Read Genesis 26:5 "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

Abraham did not just believe in God. Abraham not only had God's Law, but he kept God's Law. Believing in something whether it is God or the Bible will get you no where, because even the devils believe: James 2:19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Doing what we are instructed by God to do through His word the Bible is required for salvation, and to believe God is to believe that what God says or wants you to do is to actually do it. As we see God said Abraham actually did it, he did not just believe it.

Vic Williams writes:

You mention Leviticus 11 in regard to unclean meats.

But you fail to mention that the gentiles in the instructions given in Acts 15:19-29 were not required to refrain from unclean meats. No mention of clean and unclean meats at all:

19. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. 21. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day. 22. Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: 23. And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia: 24. Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment: 25. It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26. Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. 28. For it seemed

good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; 29. That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Laura Lee writes:

The word "fornication" pretty much covers all sin. (Read "[What is Fornication?](#)")

"Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions (**defilement--Strong's #234**) of idols, and from **fornication (idolatry--Strong's #4202)**, and from things strangled (**animals not bled out--Strong's #4156**), and from blood (**bloodshed by violence, i.e. murder--Strong's #129**).

Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.

Acts 15:29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from **fornication**: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Verse 20 above is a short summery of some major things which are covered in the Law of God. Verse 21 shows that since the Law of God as taught by Moses was already being taught in the synagogues in every city, every Sabbath day, people would have clearly understood what was said in verse 20 and would have recognized it as a major part of the Law of God." (Quoted from: "[What is Fornication?](#)" See also: [Question #16](#))

Leviticus 11 is part of the Law of God. To eat unclean meats is a sin for all people, not just certain people. Gentiles or unbelievers will most likely not be keeping the Law of God, for they are unbelievers. Once a Gentile is grafted in (converted) they become a part of converted Israel. All of converted Israel will be found keeping God's Law. There is no such thing as a Gentile Christian, so don't even go there.

A Christian is a follower of Christ by Bible definition. A Gentile is an unbeliever or a non follower of Christ by Bible definition. Gentile and Christian are direct opposites. You cannot have an unbelieving follower of Christ. All Gentiles become converted Israelites once they are converted and are grafted into Israel. All converted Israelites will be keeping the Law of God. Any Gentile (unbeliever) who is starting to go down the path to conversion would be considered as one of the brethren.

*****CONTINUED ON PAGE 20*****

QUESTIONS SECTION ---

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net

QUESTION #66

Gal 3:19 says the law was added because of transgressions, these cannot be against the law as the transgressions were before the law was given. So what were the transgressions?

This is an example of what is described by Peter as Paul writing things that are hard to be understood (2 Peter 3:15-16). Anti-nomian religious leaders have projected for centuries that Paul stated that the commandments were in effect until Christ was crucified. And this scripture would, at first glance, seem to verify that.

First consider the basic scripture about the absence of the law. "...where there is no law there is no transgression" (Romans 4:15).

So, the law cannot be added because of transgressions because without the law there is no transgression. This would seem to indicate a contradiction. However, as we will see, there is no contradiction at all. There is only a problem of perception. What is the law? We know it can mean the Ten Commandments. In this case, it obviously does not because we would be faced with the above absurdity. The law is, at times, the first 5 books of the Bible. The law is, at times, the Sinai covenant. The law is, at times, the Moab covenant. The key is to look at the context and find out what the foolish Galatians were bewitched by (Galatians 3:1). Oddly, that same bewitchment is alive and well in today's world and it has only a tertiary connection to the Ten Commandments.

Here is how the verse in question reads in the Concordant Literal New Testament: "What then, is the law? On behalf of transgressions was it added, until the Seed should come to Whom He has promised, being prescribed through messengers in the hand of a mediator" (Galatians 3:19). Messengers are angels.

The Seed is Christ (Galatians 3:16).

There was no immediate mediator for the commandments at Sinai. The commandments were given as an imperative from God, although the commandments too became a part of the Sinai covenant.

From the New Testament In It's Original Order we see the following wording: "Why then the law? It was placed alongside the promises..." (Galatians 3:19).

The word "promises" appears later in the verse, however in this location it is in italics, showing that it is not in the original. This law was placed along side something. What was it?

As we will see, it was placed at the side the ark of the covenant.

"These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant he made with them in Horeb" (Deuteronomy 29:1). Horeb is Sinai.

So there were two covenants: the Horeb covenant (Sinai covenant) and the Moab covenant.

"And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying: Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against you" (Deuteronomy 31:24).

Notice the Moab law (the Moab covenant) was placed at the side of the ark. Inside the ark were the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a position that shows their importance compared to the Moab law.

The Moab law was the theocratic laws governing, among other things, the temple service. The temple curtain was split in half when Christ was crucified, symbolic of the Moab law (the Moab covenant) fading away.

It was the Moab law that faded away, not the Ten Commandments.

The destruction of the temple, 12 years after Paul wrote Galatians, was the practical termination of the Moab law (the Moab covenant).

Answered by: Wily Elder (Ocala, Florida)

Item found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/q2008-046-01.htm

THE END**

Vic Williams writes:

The Old Testament has more than the Old Covenant in it, in fact the vital covenant by which we are saved is not based on the Mosaic or Mt. Sinai covenants at all, but on the covenant with Abraham Gen 22:15-18.

15. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16. And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17. That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his

enemies; 18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Laura Lee writes:

In Genesis 22:15-18, God was testing Abraham to see if he would do what God told him to do even if it meant that his own son would die. Abraham did what God told him to do and passed God's test. Abraham was blessed because he was willing to give up his son in order to follow God's commands.

Abraham was definitely keeping the exact same Law of God that Moses was keeping, because it was God's Law, not Moses Law and God only has one Law for all

people.

Genesis 26:5 "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." (This verse is talking about the same Law that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai.)

Vic Williams writes:

And Gal 3:26-29: 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29. And if ye

CONTINUED ON PAGE 21

KIDS KORNER ---

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net

Back-To-School Supply List

Sent by Jeana Anderson (Casa, Arkansas)

1. A Clean Slate - To move forward with hope: "See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:19
2. A Good Teacher - Who gives Wisdom and Truth: *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.*" Psalm 32:8
3. Books - Especially the one with all the answers: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105
4. Crayons - To share creativity with others: "Each should use whatever gift he has received to serve others." I Peter 4:10
5. An Inquisitive Mind - To never stop learning: "Continue in what you have learned." II Timothy 3:14
6. Healthy Snacks - To stay strong and fit: "When you open your hands, they are satisfied with good things." Psalm 104:28
7. Pencil & Paper - To communicate something important: "Write what you see..." Habakkuk 2:2
8. Friends - For advice and companionship: "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17
9. Glue - To remind you that God sticks around: "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:7-10

Item found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/k2008-046-01.htm>

THE END**

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES ---

PrayerRequestsAndUpdates@darwinlauralee.com

June 13, 2008--Darcy Gustafson

We just got off the phone with Alan. Darcy was experiencing severe pain and passing out, so he took her to the emergency room. They are still doing some tests, but apparently she has an ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside the womb) which can be a life-threatening situation. We don't know much more than that at this point, but we would really appreciate your prayers. Thanks, Howard & Theresa Naasz

June 14, 2008--Darcy Gustafson

Thanks so much to everyone for your prayers, and thanks and praise to our loving Father in Heaven. Darcy was taken into emergency surgery late last night. The fallopian tube had already burst, and the doctor told Alan that they removed more than a liter of blood from her abdomen. But she came through the surgery well, and Alan said that if all goes well, they expect to be able to release her from the hospital in a couple of days. Please pray for her continued recovery. Also for the family and for me, as I will be driving out there in the next couple of days. Thanks again to all of you, Theresa Naasz

June 14, 2008--Lisa Burnett

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS.... MANY HUGS, LISA

[Prayer Request Archives](#)

Item found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/p2008-046-01.htm>

THE END**

be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Laura Lee writes:

The key here is that in order to be heirs according to the promise you must be Christ's. In order to be Christ's you would have to be converted and keeping the Law of God. Being baptized is not what makes you converted. There are many people in our own time who were baptized through **The Worldwide Church of God** and other

branches off of that Church and probably in small non-denominational groups not ever connected to **Worldwide** who are not even keeping any or most of the Law of God at all today. I have heard of and seen cases where people get baptized as the Bible directs but never stop what they are doing, whether that be smoking or molestation of children. God does not always grant His Holy Spirit to every person who gets baptized. There are many other things that factor into being a converted person of Christ's. For one thing people have

to repent before they are baptized or God won't grant His Holy Spirit to them. This is evident by the fruits when you see people continue to do what they always did long after they have been baptized.

To repent means you stop doing whatever sin you were doing. If you smoke

Entire letter found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/12008-046-16.htm>

****to be continued in Issue #47****

THE MESSAGE BOARD (ADS & INFO) ---

the-cog-messenger@earthlink.net

SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

- June 21, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- June 28, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #230 & Lesson #231
- July 5, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- July 12, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #232 & Lesson #233
- July 19, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- July 25, 2008----Bible Study
- July 26, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #234 & Lesson #235
- August 2, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- August 9, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #236 & Lesson #237
- August 16, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- August 23, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #238 & Lesson #239
- August 30, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up
- September 5, 2008----Bible Study
- September 6, 2008----Teaching the Law-- Lesson #240 & Lesson #241
- September 13, 2008----Open for Hosting--Please Sign Up

If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: August 15, 2008. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

SABBATH SERVICES

Every Saturday at 2:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172
Front Door Open at 1:00 PM for Fellowship

BIBLE STUDY

Every 6 weeks on Friday at 8:00 PM at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota (701) 258-7172
Front Door Open at 6:30 PM for Fellowship and Pot Luck Meal (Bring Food)

Vote for Ron Paul

by Norman S. Edwards
(Port Austin, Michigan)

Until this year, I have never sent a mass e-mail about a political candidate before. Then, there has never been such a candidate, with the ability to win, running for President of the USA since I have been old enough to vote.

This is "Super Tuesday", and many of you can vote in the Presidential Primary. If you have not heard of Ron Paul, do not be surprised. The American media, beholden to big business and big government, gives him very little coverage. Yet he received 10% of the Republican first primary vote in Iowa--more than twice the votes received by Rudy Giuliani--the "leading Republican" touted by the media for months. This message is not about becoming a Republican. It is about honest, limited government, and the issues before us today. In previous years, I have been a member of the Constitution Party (called the Taxpayer's Party in Michigan). When I first learned about Ron Paul running

as a Republican, I wondered whether I should support him or the Constitution party with which I agreed so much. I was pleasantly surprised to find the Constitution Party actively working to help Ron Paul win the nomination. This is about what is right for all of the people--not about power for a party.

On November 20, 2007, Zogby International released the results of a "blind" poll. The top four Republican candidates' backgrounds and positions were mentioned to people, but not their names. Of 1009 likely voters polled, Ron Paul received 33%, Giuliani 19%, Romney 15%, and Thompson 13%. (See bottom paragraph of article at: <http://www.zogby.com/news/ReadNews.d?ID=1391>)

Ron Paul appeals to people of all parties and especially to people who have not voted in decades. In many of the past elections, there was almost no difference between the major candidates. Now, there are some major differences!

The other candidates debate what level of troops we should maintain in Iraq and other foreign countries. Ron Paul says we should pull them all out as quickly as possible and defend our own borders. We

battled the North Vietnamese Communists on their own soil for 10 years, 3 to 6 million people died, and the Communists only grew stronger in an effort to protect their own country. Sure, the country was in chaos for 11 years after we left, but during the last 22 years, they stopped blaming us for their problems and Vietnam is now one of the fastest growing economies in the world--not at all dangerous to us. It is morally wrong and ineffective to try to impose the leaders we want in other nations--especially when they can see that our control of their resources is a big part of our reason for being there.

The other candidates argue about taxing some things and creating tax breaks for others. Ron Paul is committed to ending the IRS and its partner, the Federal Reserve. He has already introduced bills to eliminate income taxes on service (restaurants, etc.) tips, military paychecks and social security benefits. Virtually nobody with this type of income is wealthy and the cost of collecting these taxes consumes a significant part of the revenue. The lost revenue will be offset by cutting our massive spending on failing domestic programs, benefits to illegal aliens, foreign military bases and foreign aid

(remember that millions of our tax dollars once flowed to **Fidel Castro** and **Osama bin Laden**, whom said they were our friends at the time).

Other candidates have all kinds of ideas of what to do about the 10-20 million illegal aliens in our country-from granting them amnesty to allowing them social security benefits while they are still "illegal". They cite the poor circumstances that these often ambitious, hard-working people would face if they had to return home. **Ron Paul** says that we should send these ambitious hard-working people back home so that they can change their own country. Many of their corrupt governments rely on the income stream that these illegal aliens send home. Those governments do not deserve it-they need to work for prosperity in their own nations, rather than taking a slice of the American pie. **Ron Paul** shows that there is a major danger that **Social Security** will not be able to support the USA citizens that paid into it, so we should certainly not give benefits to those here illegally. We need to secure the borders and expel people who have no visas or expired visas (several of the **"9/11 terrorists"** were reported here on expired visas). Finally, we need to change the laws to prevent any local benefits being provided to illegals and to remove the automatic citizenship that is now granted to their children born in this country. We cannot reward those who break the laws. If we need more immigrants here, we should change our immigration laws to permit that.

Other candidates talk about various "free trade" arrangements and how they hope to change them. **Ron Paul** exposes these treaties and organizations: They are not about "free trade", but about massively regulated trade- primarily for the benefit of multi-national corporations and banks. He is for removing the USA from the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, **NAFTA**, **GATT**, **WTO**, and **CAFTA**. These have frequently caused our jobs going overseas and more regulation and higher prices for us.

Other candidates frequently discuss the degree to which they are **"pro choice"**. When it comes to abortion, **Ron Paul** recognizes the constitutional right of the unborn to "life liberty and the pursuit of happiness". There are many dependant people of all ages today that are inconvenient and expensive to care for-but we would be horrified if a government proposed a service to execute them. We should be equally horrified that our nation permits the killing of unborn, defenseless human beings. The federal government should not fund or condone abortions, but let the 50 states handle the issue, as they do other similar crimes.

Ron Paul is also in favor of restoring

and maintaining many basic rights that our governments have eroded.

He supports the right to privacy: ending the **Real-ID Act**, which amounts to a national identity card to begin in 2008. He is against many recent unreasonable search and seizure laws. He is in favor of privacy of medical records.

He supports private property rights: they must not be defeated by **"eminent domain"** or unproven environmental ideas. He supports the right for parents to have local control of their schools and their curricula. Control of schools by State and Federal governments was implemented with the promise of bringing poorer schools up to higher standards. The result has been that nearly all of the schools have descended to lower standards. **Ron Paul** supports home schooling and will do all he can to make sure that home school graduates have equal access to public colleges and jobs.

He supports second amendment rights.

Ron Paul believes in extensive health care reform that will give control back to individuals to determine which medical treatments they receive, and which they reject. He is opposed to mandatory vaccines. He believes that many current FDA regulations, HMO practices, insurance company practices, etc. were implemented primarily to increase the income of drug companies, insurance companies and big medical firms. A high percentage of our health care dollars are now consumed by these bureaucracies and their lawyers monitoring and combating each other. **Ron Paul** wants to reduce these costs and then also reduce the real costs of healthcare by allowing nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals to perform many basic functions for which they are trained, but which now legally require doctors. **Dr. Paul** should know-he has been an M.D. since 1961.

The states have many different rules as to who can vote in the primary and for what party. I realize that the primary is already past for some recipients of this message, but I think it is worth sending. However, many states have open primaries and even if you are not registered as a **Republican**, you can still vote for **Ron Paul**. You can check with your local county or township (or many newspapers this time of year) to determine the rules for your state. In states with late primaries, there still may be time to register to vote for **Ron Paul**.

I reject the idea that "our government is corrupt and nothing we do will make it different". I believe that God holds those in authority accountable for what they do, just as both the Jewish leaders and Pilate were held accountable for putting Jesus to death (John 19:11).

Romans 13:1-3 states: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same."

In our country, whether we like it or not, the citizens still officially have authority over the public servants that they elect-so this authority must be appointed by God. To the extent that our government allows us, God holds us citizens accountable for choosing good leaders and passing just laws. If our leaders manage to rig elections or take away our right to vote, then they have taken the authority, with God watching and permitting it, and judgment would be on their head. But as long as we have some authority, we must acknowledge it is from God and that we are accountable for using it well.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2Cor 5:10).

Please contact your county or township clerk if you have any questions about registration or when or where to vote. For more information on **Ron Paul's** issues, please look at:

<http://www.ronpaul2008.com/issues/>

Item found on line at:

<http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/i2008-046-01.htm>

THE END**

**Tell Congress to
Act Now to
Lower Energy Costs**
by **Lori Johnson**
(**King William, Virginia**)

I don't normally send this kind of thing, but maybe this will actually work. It only takes a few minutes, and appears legit.

Visit this Website to learn more about how Congress can dramatically reduce the price of oil and gas. With your help, Congress will take action now on this important issue.

Click on this URL to take action now
<http://capwiz.com/sosnow/mailapp/>

If your email program does not recognize the URL as a link, copy the entire URL and paste it into your Web browser.

Editors Note:

This web page server may be swamped at times and when this happens the page will not properly load. When the page is fully loaded all you do is put your zip code in the top box and click go. It will then take you to a form letter to your representatives/senator which also has room for you to add your own comments. Laura Lee

Item found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/i2008-046-02.htm

THE END**



Subscription Update For Those Who Are Unable to Pay a Subscription Price for "The Church of God Messenger":

Gift Donations Received: Previous Balance: \$172.13

- 06-20-08 -- SK -- \$50.00
06-26-08 -- AR -- \$1.56
06-26-08 -- BK -- \$.74
07-16-08 -- RH -- \$1.98
08-07-08 -- BA -- \$26.04

Total = \$80.32 THANK YOU!

Total Gift Donations: \$252.45

Subscriptions Requested:

- 07-06-08 -- Dale & Beverly Smith
07-13-08 -- P. F. Lazor
07-24-08 -- Apolonio S. Federico
07-24-08 -- Rhoda Young

1 Year Subscriptions Paid:

- Dale & Beverly Smith -- \$13.02
P. F. Lazor -- \$13.02
Apolonio S. Federico -- \$22.20
Rhoda Young -- \$13.02

Postage Increase

Extra stamps -- \$1.65

Amount Left: \$189.54

Subscription Requests

Pending at this Time: None



Things People do NOT know about Obama!

Sent by Howard Bruce (Glendale, Arizona)

Obama mentioned his church during his appearance with Oprah. It's the Trinity United Church of Christ. I found this interesting. In fact, I found it SCARY!

Obama's church: Please read and go to this church's website and read what is written there. It is very alarming.

Barack Obama is a member of this church and is running for President of the U.S. If you look at the first page of their website, you will learn that this congregation has a non-negotiable commitment to Africa. No where is AMERICA even mentioned. Notice too, what color you will need to be if you should want to join Obama's church... B-L-A-C-K!!! Doesn't look like his choice of religion has improved much over his (former?) Muslim upbringing.

Are you aware that Obama's middle name is Hussein/Mohammed? Strip away his nice looks, the big smile and smooth talk and what do you get? Certainly a racist, as plainly defined by the stated position of his church! And possibly a covert worshiper of the Muslim faith, even today. After all, he did take the oath of office with hand on the Qur'an, not the Bible. This guy desires to rule over America while his loyalty is totally vested in a Black Africa!

I cannot believe this has not been all over the TV and newspapers. This is why it is so important to pass this message along to all of our family & friends. To think that Obama has even the slightest chance in the run for the presidency, is really scary.

Click on the link: www.tucc.orq/about.htm This is the web page for Barack Obama's church. I found it interesting when checking the "music" link that the youth choir wears African attire when performing.

About Us:

We are a congregation which is Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian... Our roots in the Black religious experience and tradition are deep, lasting and permanent. We are an African people, and remain "true to our native land," the mother continent, the cradle of civilization. God has superintended our pilgrimage through the days of slavery, the days of segregation, and the long night of racism. It is God who gives us the strength and courage to continuously address injustice as a people, and as a congregation. We constantly affirm our trust in God through cultural expression of a Black worship service and ministries which address the Black Community.

The Pastor as well as the membership of Trinity United Church of Christ is committed to a 10-point Vision:

- 1. A congregation committed to ADORATION.
2. A congregation preaching SALVATION.
3. A congregation actively seeking RECONCILIATION.
4. A congregation with a non-negotiable COMMITMENT TO AFRICA.
5. A congregation committed to BIBLICAL EDUCATION.
6. A congregation committed to CULTURAL EDUCATION.
7. A congregation committed to the HISTORICAL EDUCATION OF AFRICAN PEOPLE IN DIASPORA.
8. A congregation committed to LIBERATION.
9. A congregation committed to RESTORATION.
10. A congregation working towards ECONOMIC PARITY.

Item found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/i2008-046-03.htm

THE END**

Attributes to be Desired in a Congregation of God's Elect by Jeffrey Caldwell (Redwood City, California)

Sincere love evident among the brethren and a welcoming warmth towards all. Evidence of a zeal for the fear of the Lord and spiritual maturity both in the formal worship service and in mutually edifying fellowship among the assembled believers. An emphasis on and reverence for the Word of God evident in every aspect of the service and in the fellowship of believers, "a house of prayer". A certain orderliness, purposefulness and discipline, fairness and truthfulness, and consideration for meeting the spiritual needs of the children. An all-around constructive attitude, of thankfulness towards God.

Item found on line at:

http://darwinlauralee.com/thecogmessenger0046/i2008-046-04.htm

THE END**