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## An Update On The False Religion Of Islam

**Terror Alert: High.” “Al-Qaida Cells In The U.S.”“4 arrested for plans to fight America.” “The Threat of Radical Islam.” “Rician, a tool for terrorist.” “Florida professor, others charged as terror supporters.” “Judge refuses to block Koran reading for UNC freshmen.” “Support for Sadam Hussein grows in United Nations.” President Bush is jeered by multiplied thousands of our own people as they march under a so-called banner of peace, which was in reality a display of hatred toward our country and the support of Sadam Hussein.**

The words above evidence only some of what is happening with regard to **The False Religion Of Islam** and its influence in our country, and in other places in the world. There is overwhelming evidence that that evil influence is finding added power among our own people, thereby reflecting its greatest influence ever. It is high time for us as loyal Americans to awaken to this reality, and make preparation to meet the threat to our way of life, and more importantly the threat to the church and the Lord’s people. As people who aren’t Muslims [“unbelievers” or “infidels”] we run some risk of being harmed by Muslim terrorist, as they carry out evil activities which are upheld and encouraged by the Muslim’s holy book, the Koran. True Muslims must be our enemy.

In the following discussion we intend to point out some of the evidence to justify our conclusion as stated above. We believe that people in general are unaware of the true nature of Islam because they haven’t taken the time to learn what it is.

In the October and November issues of *Banner of Truth*, 2001, we discussed at some length **The False Religion of Islam**. In preparation for those articles a great deal of time was spent in research. We discussed the beginning of Islam and the violent means, including the murder of those who would not convert, which were used in the propagation of that religion. Gains were made by Islam at the point of a sword. We are now seeing a strong resurgence of that original violence.

The rise of Islam was discussed in some detail. After a flourishing growth for a few centuries the growth of Islam waned for a considerable time.. A number of the Muslim countries came under control of the British, French and the Dutch. When those countries ceased their control Islam began to grow and increase its influence greatly. Islam has made its inroads into our own country, as the fastest growing religion. In the 1900s the greatest strides ever begin to take place in our country, and especially among the black people.

In the articles mentioned above, we discussed in some detail the false teaching of Islam. The Koran, which is the guide for Muslims, clearly teaches that Muslims are to murder non-Muslims. Any Muslim who truly follows the teaching of the Koran is duty bound to kill those who aren’t Muslims. Some Muslims deny this, but anyone can read a translation of the Koran and see for self what it teaches.

In our discussion this time we want to sort of take up where we left off in our earlier discussion and deal with some of the more recent things, and most especially the accelerated rate at which Islam is influencing our own country. The true nature of Islam is now coming forth on a regular basis.

A sad note is that this evidence is often ignored. In spite of all that has happened and is happening, some seem to be afraid of the facts and still erroneously refer to Islam as a “peaceful religion.” In relation to this fact we shall begin with a common misunderstanding:

### **THE CURRENT MYTH THAT ISLAM IS A PEACEFUL RELIGION**

It is no less than amazing how **myths** can come to be, and how that people are influenced by those myths rather than by the truth. Although the Koran clearly teaches the violent nature of Islam, people often ignore this and hold on to the myth of a “peaceful religion.” This myth is very pleasing to Muslims because it helps them advance their religion under a false pretense. The well known Syndicated Columnist, Cal Thomas, writing in the Dec. 10, 2002 issue of *Murray Ledger & Times*, offers some very solid thoughts in the following:

Paul Weyrich, a longtime conservative political force in Washington, has co-authored an essay called “Why Islam Is a Threat to America and the West.” In it, he quotes extensively from the Koran and rebuts the president’s contention that this “great religion” is mostly peaceful: “... the real nature of Islam is a religion of war and conquest. Those who argue that the threat comes only from ‘Islamic fundamentalism’ or ‘Islamic extremism’ misportray the nature of Islam itself. War against the unbeliever is as central a doctrine and practice of Islam as the Virgin Birth, the Trinity and Christ’s resurrection are central to Christianity. Islam cannot abandon jihad and remain Islam. The word ‘Islam’ does not mean ‘peace,’ It means ‘submission.’”

Weyrich also notes that more Christians are being martyred today than at the height of the Roman persecutions, and “most of them are dying at the hands of Islam.”

In view of all the turmoil created by terrorist in recent times, a timely question would be: Who has been responsible for this lack of peace? The only honest answer to this question is — **The Muslims**. To judge by the so-called “Anti War Protesters,” our President and our American system are the culprits. Though this is as erroneous as can be, it makes the lovers of the myth that Islam is a peaceful religion feel good, and it helps to divert attention from the facts of Islam and its evil nature.

That Islam is a “peaceful religion” is not the only myth about that religion that is being accepted by many. There are many myths in the area of religion, other than those about Islam. But it just so happens that Islam is the religion which should be most feared in our time. It is said to be the second largest religion in the world and is increasing faster than any other. Furthermore, its objective from early on has been the conquest of the entire world. The activities of Muslims in the past decade or so surely bear this out. Let’s consider another Islamic myth.

### **THE MYTH THAT ONLY THE “RADICAL” AND “FUNDAMENTALIST” MUSLIMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE TERRORISM**

Over and over we are hearing the chant that the evil acts being carried out by Muslims can be attributed to only a few Muslims: The “radicals,” “extremist,” and “fundamentalist.” Here, again, is an example of people swallowing a myth as their eyes are closed to the facts which are readily available.

If only the “Islamic radicals” are responsible for the terrorist activities, as some claim, why don’t we hear strong outcries from those Muslims who are supposed to be moderates or mainstream? Yet, we hear virtually nothing from those who are supposed to be “good” and “peace-loving” Muslims. This seems to indicate that there is **not much** disapproval among the majority of Muslims of what is

happening. But to the contrary, when a terrorist act occurs, even when innocent people, including women and children, are murdered, multitudes of Muslims engage in euphoric dances in the streets as they celebrate a Muslim victory.

If only a few Muslims were responsible for the evil, Why wouldn't the greater majority expel the few from their ranks, and neither support them financially nor encourage them in any way? If only the few were responsible, it wouldn't be necessary for us to spend so much time and effort to hunt down the terrorist; the "good guys" would bring them to us, and be thankful when they are punished.

Another timely question is this: If only a few Muslims carry on terrorism, why do countries like Arabia, Iraq, and Iran supply the terrorist with millions of dollars to finance their evil activities?

When the evil ben Laden had control of Afghanistan, some said Afghanistan had been "hijacked" by the "radicals." This is another myth. What took place in that country was a demonstration of "pure Islam." This is what Islam was like in its beginning. One of the cohorts of ben Laden expressed his joy that things were like they used to be, when the World Trade Center was destroyed by Muslim terrorists. One need only to read from the history of Islam to learn what Islam is supposed to be, as authorized or commanded by the Koran.

"What about all the good Muslims?" some ask. No one could successfully deny that there are Muslims who are friendly, and some would even do good deeds for non-Muslims. This, however, is not what the Koran teaches. Those who are true to the teaching of the Koran see all non-Muslims as enemies. Those who do not abide by the teaching of the Koran would be "liberals," or "moderates."

A good friend of mine, bro. Don Waggoner, spent at least ten years in Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population in the world. He said to me that he probably had 400 friends in Indonesia. But, he said, if it came to a choice between Islam and him, he had no doubt but that they would be loyal to Islam. It is difficult to know which Muslims are true Muslims at heart. One does not know what a Muslim will do if given the opportunity.

### INCREASED ISLAMIC ACTIVITIES HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY

Until 9/11/01, most of the terrorist acts against America were in other countries. There was the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, in the U.S., but several bombings of Americans in foreign countries: Marine barracks in Lebanon; Military barracks in Arabia; American Embassy in Africa; and the USS Cole.

Since 9/11/01, several things have happened in our country which should served as a warning:.

**1. The "Shoe Bomber."** Richard Reid, was thwarted in his attempt to blow up American Airlines Flight 63 from Paris to Miami, with 197 people on board. Reid has been given a life sentence.

**2..** Attorney General John Ashcroft announced **the arrest of four people in Oregon and Michigan** in October 2002. They were charged with conspiring to wage war on the U.S. Two other suspects were being sought. Of the six suspects, five were U.S. citizens. All were charged with conspiring to provide material support to al-Quida and services (P. 4) to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

**3. John Walker Lindh**, an American citizen and a convert to Islam, was captured on the battlefield in Afghanistan where he had been fighting with the Taliban against us. At Lindh's trial he received only 20 years for fighting against his country. Many people thought that his sentence was much too light.

**4. Cal Thomas, in the March 15, 2002, issue of Murray Ledger & Times** made the following statement: "...the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Democrat Bob Graham of Florida, and the ranking member, Republican Richard Shelby of Alabama, concur that there are at least 100 al-Qaida operatives hiding in the Unites States. Graham says they pose an 'immediate threat' to

our security. Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak said virtually the same thing in the March 4 *Washington Times*, warning of terrorist sleeper cells in the United States.”

**5, Curt Anderson of Associated Press** makes the following report in the Feb. 21, 2003 issue of *The Paducah Sun*:

“A Florida computer engineering professor and seven other men were charged Thursday with overseeing and financing the Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist group, which has been blamed for killing more than 100 people in Israel and adjacent territories.

The University of South Florida professor, 45-year old Sami Amin Al-Arian, and three other U.S. residents were arrested after the 50-count indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in Tampa, Fla. The indictment describes Al-Arian as the Islamic Jihad’s U.S. leader, head of a terrorist cell in Tampa and secretary of the group’s worldwide council.”

Though the eight individuals referred to above are accused of killing more than 100 people in Israel and adjacent areas, they have been operating here in the U.S. They are charged with material support to the terrorist group, along with other things. Who knows when such people as these will pull off another catastrophe similar to 9/11/001?

**6. Louis Farrakhan.** Suzanne Fields, Los Angeles Times Syndicate, has a very interesting article, entitled “The Many Faces of Islam,” in the Nov. 9, 2002 issue of *The Paducah Sun*. As you read the following portion of the article, bear in mind that Louis Farrakhan influences untold thousands in the U.S.

“But the Islamists of the world have a large microphone in the Middle East, financed by wealthy governments that wish us no good, and the cells and fellow travelers in the West are infected with their venom. Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, recruited John Allen Muhammad for his Million Man March, and when Farrakhan went to Bagdad last summer he described the U.S. congress as a ‘lynch mob’ and President Bush as a ‘leader of a lynch mob,’ all because they understand the need to do something about Saddam Hussein.

‘The Muslim American people are praying to almighty God to grant victory to Iraq,’ he said.”

Just how many of us realize the threat to our way of life which is posed by Islam? Are we today as unmindful of reality as the nation was when the Pearl Harbor attack occurred? Every true American should be deeply concerned about the threat of Islam, but most especially those who try to live the Christian life. The religious freedom which we’ve always cherished would end under Islamic control.

**7. Muslims Focus on Baptists’ Sign.** An article by the foregoing title appeared in *The Paducah Sun*, Jan. 24, 2003. A roadside sign at First Conservative Baptist Church reads: “Jesus Forbade Murder, Matthew 26:52, Muhammad Approved Murder, Surah 8:65.” The Florida Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations has asked the state religious leader to repudiate the sign.

Why have I mentioned this? We are supposed to still have freedom of speech. This being true, what is wrong with the Baptists expressing the truth about Islam? The Baptists could have mentioned a “Surah” [verse in the Koran] which is more specific than Surah 8:65. Consider the three following Surah’s:

“And slay them [disbelievers] wherever ye find them, and drive them out of the places where they drove you out, for persecution is worse than slaughter...” (Surah 2:191). “Then when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters [us] wherever ye find them, and take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush... (Surah 9:5). “O, ye who believe! Fight them of the disbelievers who are near to you, and let them find harshness in you...” (Surah 9:123).

The Florida Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations is obviously trying to keep the truth about Islam from the public. Those who accept the misleading myths about Islam would be much easier influenced favorably than would those who know the frightening truth about Islam.

**8. “The Beltway Snipers.”** For weeks, a great portion of news reports related to “The Beltway Snipers,” as a dozen or more innocent people were murdered in the Washington D.C. area. Thousands of man-hours and millions of dollars were expended in a search for the killers before they were found. This is not including the stress and fear which prevailed among untold thousands.

Who was responsible for this horrendous act of terrorism? That’s right! The Islamic religion. John Allen Muhammad, a Muslim, and a teenager by the name of Lee Malvo. Malvo had been tutored by the Muslim, John Allen Muhammad. Who knows how many other Muhammads and Malvos are in the U.S.?

The above does not by any means exhaust the list of Muslim activities in our country, but we want to move on to another matter which should be of very great concern about the False Religion of Islam.

### **SOME THINGS WHICH ARE ENCOURAGING THE SPREAD OF ISLAM IN OUR COUNTRY**

It should be another cause for the greatest concern when so many of our own people are expressing their dislike and hatred for our country and our way of life. Islam, by its very nature, is opposed to all non-Muslims. This means that the freedom we have to serve God as a Christian is at stake. Nothing would please the Muslims more than to see the U.S. come under Muslim control. They have in the past several years made more progress in this direction than many realize. In the following we shall list a number of things which serve to encourage Islam to one degree or another. Please take note.

**1. Words from Ramsey Clark.** The following is from a report by Mark McWhorter. Note it carefully.

“Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark Wednesday compared Jesus Christ to a terrorist during a media event for a new anti-war group,” CNSNews.com reported today.

Clark, who served in Lyndon Johnson’s administration, said Wednesday: “The Christian Church overwhelmingly – there are ex- ceptions – who choose to call Mohammed a terrorist, they could call Jesus a terrorist too. I mean he was pretty tough on the money lenders a time or two.”

Clark expressed his admiration for Muslims by pointing to the U.S. prison population.

“The greatest moral force there by far is Islam because it is present in the prisons,” said Clark.

“They are the ones that are up at 5 a.m. and worshipping. They’re the ones that are praying five times a day and not ashamed to submit themselves to what they believe is a greater power.”

Just think, this man is a former Attorney General! If Islam is better, we wonder why such people don’t go and live in a country dominated by Islam?

**2. Jessie Jackson.** An article which is said to come from *Canada’s National Post*, contains the testimony of one who was an eyewitness in the so-called “anti-war” marches in London in February. Those in charge of the march were said to keep tight control, disallowing exiled Iraqis to show opposition to Saddam Hussein. Official placards, in support of Iraq read: “Bush and Blair, baby-killers,” “Not in my name,” “Freedom for Palestine” and “Indict Bush and Sharon.”

The eyewitness reported that “One of our group, Salima Kazim, and Iraqi grandmother, managed to attract the reverend’s [Jessie Jackson] attention and told him how Saddam Hussein had murdered her three sons because they had been dissidents in the Baath Party; and how one of her grandsons had died in the war Saddam launched in Kuwait in 1990.:

When Salima asked Jackson for the microphone to address the people, Jessie Jackson is reported as saying” “Today is not about Saddam Hussein, today is about Bush and Blair and the massacre they plan in Iraq...”

The London march did not happen in the U.S. but a central figure in it, Jessie Jackson, is from the U.S. and serves as the leader and spokesman for multiplied thousands, many of them misguided.

**3. UNC at Chapel Hill.** The University of North Carolina had a policy of requiring all freshmen to read a book, *Approaching the Qur'an* prior to arriving for classes in August. The book is said to contain “35 suras, or short passages from the chief holy book of Islam that largely focus on the divine (P. 6)

in the natural world and the principle of moral accountability in human life.” Students must also attend a mandatory discussion section of the book in August. A federal judge refused to block the reading program.

Is this action not clearly showing favoritism toward Islam? Evidence of that is shown by what is said of the suras, what they are said to “largely focus on.” Anyone who knows virtually anything about the Koran, knows that this would not bring out the violent nature of Islam and how its members are taught to murder and mistreat those who aren't Muslims. Islam was evil in its beginning.

**4. Students Playing a Muslim for a Day.** Suzan Fields, Los Angeles Syndicate, had an article in *The Paducah Sun*, Feb. 1, 2002, in which pretending to be a Muslim for a day by school children was practiced in California schools. This was described as a “learning experience.” In the following excerpt from the Field's article, the activity is described.

At one school a teacher asks her students to “pretend” to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. At another, seventh graders are warriors fighting for their faith. They take Islamic names (Mousaoui? Mohammed? Abu?), quote from the Koran and learn how to write phrases in Arabic. So far as we know, they aren't being taught to fly a Boeing 767. “From the beginning, you and your classmates will become Muslims,” according to a course description sent home with children. “Dressing as a Muslim and trying to be involved will increase your learning and enjoyment.”

There is more to the article but this excerpt should serve as an eye-opener. Why would anyone want to “pretend” to be the people who are responsible for thousands of American deaths by terrorism? What of having children pretend they are “fighting for their faith”? Would this include the use of terrorism? “Their faith” certainly teaches that Muslims should kill non-Muslims, the “infidels” or “unbelievers.”

Are we hearing many outcries about such things as the above? I haven't. But I am hearing severe criticism of our country and our leaders.

**5. U.S. Postal Service Commemorates Muslim Holiday with First Class Postage Stamp.** Thanks to brother Wesley O. Wall for information about the above stamp. The 37 cent stamp came out during the Xmas holidays. It has EID in the top left hand corner and GREETINGS across the bottom. The greater portion of the middle is filled Arabic words. EID is the biggest Muslim festival of the year. It comes on the day after the month of Ramadan. A great variety of activities take place on this day, including religious services.

The e-mail article from brother Wall strongly urges people to boycott the stamp. Also included in the article are the following statements:

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of PanAm Flight 103!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the Marine barracks in Lebanon!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the military barracks in Saudi Arabia!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the American Embassies in Africa!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM bombing of the USS Cole!**

**REMEMBER the MUSLIM attack on the Twin Towers on 9/11/01!**

**REMEMBER all the American lives that were lost in those vicious MUSLIM attacks!**

Playing the “Good Guy” to the Muslim religion is playing right into the hands of Islam. This makes it so much easier for Islam to expand its pernicious influence among kind and unsuspecting people.

Instead of a stamp commemorating a Muslim Holiday, it would make more sense to come out with a stamp which warns people against the terrorism which is being perpetuated by adherents of Islam. It seems that we as Americans are often slow to learn.

There is a very strong possibility that we will be engaged in a war with Iraq. If so, there is no doubt but that lives of our people will be lost. In addition many billions of dollars are being and will be spent, which will be a burden for years to come. There will also be lives of innocent people of Iraq lost. But a question which we should continually have before is: “Who is responsible for this conflict?” The only true answer is: The Muslims. Let us never forget!

**6. Liberal Immigration Policies.** Three of the airplane hijackers on September 11 were in this country illegally. There are thousands upon thousands of people from Muslim countries living in the U.S. illegally or without proper papers. Thousands have come here on student visas, many of which have never attended a school in this country. Many of those who should be deported cannot be found. Many Americans are crying out for tougher immigrations laws, but it seems that little is being done. From all accounts, if a terrorist wants to get into the U.S., it would not be very difficult to do. Last year one source said there were 314,000 “absconders” in the U.S. They are people who have been ordered deported but cannot be found by law enforcement.

**7. Liberal Politicians.** At a time when we are on the verge of war, and worried at the possibility that more terrorist attacks are in the offing, some politicians are criticizing our efforts to prevent terrorist attacks, and opposing President Bush for political advantage. They should know that this emboldens Saddam Hussein, and encourages those who would be terrorist. Some of our politicians have gone to Iraq, thereby giving moral support to Iraq.

Closely akin, in some ways, to the liberal politicians are those who are so-called peace activists, or “anti-war” proponents. There is something very revealing about these demonstrators. In reality these demonstrations are in support of Saddam Hussein and opposed to President Bush and our way of life. This is evident from the fact that the demonstrators don’t criticize Hussein. Yet, he is the one who could stop the conflict. Saddam Hussein and his cohorts are the evil ones, and those who would encourage them must share some of that guilt as well.

**8. Criticism of Religious Conservatives.** It is a matter of record that those known as religious conservatives are criticized for speaking the truth about Islam. Richard N. Osling (AP), has an article in *The Paducah Sun*, Oct. 4, 2002. The article is entitled “Falwell calls prophet of Muslims ‘terrorist.’”

Falwell is quoted as saying, “I think Muhammad was a terrorist.” Falwell told Bob Simon that “he has concluded from reading Muslim and non-Muslim writers that Islam’s prophet ‘was a — a violent man, a man of war.’” The article states further:

“Other conservative Protestant clergy have made sharply critical remarks about Islam and Muhammad in the past year. They include Franklin Graham, Billy Graham’s son and successor, TV evangelist Pat Robertson, and leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In response to Falwell’s statement, spokesman for the Council on American Islamic Relations in Washington, Ibrahim Hooper, said, “Anybody is free to be a bigot if they want to. What really concerns us is the lack of reaction by mainstream religious and political leaders, who say nothing when these bigots voice these attacks.” Hooper also mentioned that Falwell and Robertson will speak at the Christian Coalition Convention in Washington alongside House Majority Whip Tom Delay and other politicians. Then Hooper says, “How can these elected representatives legitimize this kind of hate speech by appearing on the same platform with Islamophobes and Muslim-bashers?”

I wonder if Hooper ever gave thought to the fact that if the thousands killed on 9/11, and others

killed in other terrorist acts, had been “Islamophobes” and kept away from the Islamists, that they might be alive today? One has a problem who does not fear the evil Islamic terrorist.

By what right should these “conservative Protestant clergy be criticized for stating the facts in the case? It is misleading and dishonest to deny what history records on the basis of mountains of evidence. Yes, Muhammad was a terrorist. He was responsible for the murder of multitudes. He was indeed a man of war. Then, what about all the evil being carried out by Muslims today?

Of course the Muslims would be well pleased if all the politicians in our country were hypocritical and deny the evil perpetuated by Muslims. We are not as forthright as we should be in “telling it like it is,” with regard to Islam and its world-wide plans of conquest by the most evil means.

**9. Islamic schools in the U.S.** Columnist Cal Thomas reveals some things about Islamic schools in our country which should be of considerable concern. In a piece in the *Murray Ledger & Times*, March 15, 2002, he reports on Islamic schools. He says: “The *Washington Post* has carried several stories on Islamic schools in the Washington area which teach children that ‘the day of judgment can’t come until Jesus Christ returns to Earth, breaks the cross, and converts everyone to Islam, and until Muslims start attacking Jews.’” The *Post* reports that there are about a dozen of these schools between Baltimore and Richmond and 200 to 300 nationwide, with at least 30,000 students. The *Post* reported that thousands of other students attend weekend schools. It was also reported that an 11<sup>th</sup> grade textbook at the Islamic Saudi Academy makes the following statement: “one sign of the Day of Judgment will be that Muslims will fight and kill Jews, who will hide behind trees that say, ‘Oh Muslim, Oh servant of God, here is a Jew hiding behind me. Come here and kill him.’”

How can we stand for such schools as the above, subsidized by the Saudis, in which the extremist Wahabi brand of Islam plays a role?

### SOME CLOSING THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

With respect to what has been said in this discussion, we’ve only touched the hem of the garment of what could be said. With all the information available, there is little excuse for not knowing the truth about Islam. In closing I want to give just a few things to think about, as a further reminder.

1. Non-Muslim countries do allow Muslims to practice their religion in their countries. With the Muslim countries this is not true. In several Muslim countries it is virtually impossible for any other religion to be taught and practiced.

2. Arabia claims tolerance and moderation with regard to other religions, but the facts are otherwise. But it is true that they finance terrorism by Muslims who oppose all other religions.

3. Sermons in the mosques teach hate for Jews, Christians and Americans. The same is true with much of the education in schools. Students are taught to hate, as in the case mentioned with schools here in the United States.

4. Most people in Islamic countries live under oppression and poverty, while the higher ups live in luxury. Many of the people have little or no education, making it easier to keep them oppressed.

5. Islamic states are not known for democracy. The governments are not controlled through the voting process. There’s very little freedom.

6. Women in Moslem countries are in many cases treated as second class citizens or worse.

7. As citizens of the U.S. we have much to be concerned about relative to Islam. As Christians we have much more to be concerned about. We are duty bound to oppose with all our might **The False Religion of Islam.**

8. We have many more Muslims and Muslim sympathizers in this country than most realize. This is evidenced by the high state of alert and countless warnings from our officials about terrorist attacks.

I have dealt primarily with Islam and its influence in our country. So much could be said about



the influence of Islam worldwide. As my final say in this discussion I want to call attention to an article by Kenneth L. Woodard in *Newsweek*, Feb. 11, 2002. The article follows:

“The Qur’an does contain sporadic calls to violence, sprinkled throughout the text. Islam implies ‘peace’ as Muslims repeatedly insist. Yet the peace promised by Allah to individuals and societies is possible only to those who follow the ‘straight path’ as outlined in the Qur’an. When Muslims run into opposition, especially of the armed variety, the Qur’an counsels bellicose response. ‘Fight them [unbelievers] so that Allah may punish them at your hands, and put them to shame,’ one Qur’anic verse admonishes. Though few in number, these aggressive verses have fired Muslim zealots in every age.”

- - *Walter W. Pig*, Editor

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## **A Letter To The Editor**

The following letter is one I wrote to *The Paducah Sun* a few weeks ago. This paper is quite conservative in some areas, but it does carry articles by columnist William Raspberry. He is about as liberal as they come, and some “come” very liberal.

My primary reason for carrying this letter is to encourage others to write letters to editors. I have been very remiss in doing this myself, but if many members of the church would avail themselves of this opportunity it would make a difference. So often some very far-out things are written in the papers and we have the opportunity to respond by this means. The letter in its entirety is below.

### **Raspberry should fear government devoid of all religious influence**

EDITOR:

In the Dec. 3 issue of *The Paducah Sun*, columnist William Raspberry has an article entitled, “Fear of imposed theocracy.” It seems to me that Mr. Raspberry’s “fear” would allow or even encourage a government that would not allow any influence from the true God, in which most Americans profess to believe.

Does Mr. Raspberry not know that the greatness of our democracy, especially until a few decades ago, can be attributed in a large measure to the godly influence that pervaded our society in general during the building of our nation? It has only been within the past few decades that godlessness has gained so much ground in our society, adversely affecting moral standards. Now that some

people, including Attorney General Ashcroft, of whom Mr. Raspberry is “afraid,” are having some influence in turning the country back to what is used to be from a moral standpoint, Mr. Raspberry is “afraid.”

To even imply that the religious principles held by many of our people might lead to a condition that would be equated with the Taliban is unfair and totally void of evidence.

We believe Mr. Raspberry’s “fear” should not be of an imposed theocracy, but rather a government devoid of all godly influence. A good example is the former Soviet Union and other countries ruled by atheism. That Mr. Raspberry believes our children should be taught evolution, of which he says, “evolution seems such an obvious truth” suggests that Mr. Raspberry’s subjectivism as displayed with regard to evolution, which rules God completely out of the picture, is something that should be learned, rather than godly influence.

There is a fear that is direly needed in our country. That is the fear of God, in the sense of reverence and respect for His will for man. This builds up societies rather than tearing them down.

WALTER W. PIGG, Murray

## Should Elderly Brethren Be Put Aside and Ignored?

From readers of *Banner of Truth* many responses are received. Among those responses are quite a number from elderly brothers and sisters. With these often come both a note of sadness and a note of encouragement.

These elderly brethren are often from what some would call “The Old School.” They know what the church was like forty or fifty years ago. They are saddened and concerned when they see a flood of unscriptural innovations coming into the church. The things they were used to back then were not right because they were old, but because God’s word was followed more closely as the only rule of faith and practice. I’m greatly encouraged when I know of these elderly people who are crying out for the truth and pleading with people to follow it.

I am saddened when I hear of these brethren being **Put Aside and Ignored**. But this is happening in more than a few instances. I’ll use just one example, though there are a good number that could be used.

This sister is 90 years old. She is greatly concerned that the congregation where she has to worship is drifting badly. Her efforts to get people to listen are ignored. She has tried to pass out articles which uphold the truth, but the elders will not allow it. This 90-year old sister asked an elder if she could put the BOT on the table for others to read. His response: “Oh, it’s too negative. There’s some hard things in there.” She will not be deterred, she is getting the paper into the hands of individuals that will read them. God bless the faithful elderly sisters and brothers, as they lay up treasures in heaven.

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*Editor.*

## Christianity In Stereo

*Alan Adams, Assistant Editor*

Paul's love and concern for those "in Rome" who were "called of Jesus Christ's...beloved of God [and] called saints" (Rom. 1:6-7), extended beyond salutations and prayers. He also "longed to see" them and had often "purposed to do just that, but had been "hindered hitherto" (vv. 11, 13). He was particularly desirous that they "be established." "[E]stablished" is the translation of an infinitive form of the Greek word *steirdzo*. This word is in the same family as another often used New Testament word, *stereos*. This is the apparent origin of our English word "stereo," hence our title, **Christianity in stereo.**" But, let us consider –

**PAUL'S HANDS-ON APPROACH.** There are some aspects of a Christian life and service which cannot be accomplished other than through personal hands-on means. In Paul's case, hands-on has a double meaning. He desired to "impart unto [them] some spiritual gift" (v. 11). Taking the Bible as an organic body of literature, and considering "spiritual" and "gift" as used in tandem throughout (esp. I Cor. 12:1, 4, 9, 28, 30, 31; 14:12); it is reasonable to conclude that Paul, as only an apostle could (cf. Acts 8:14-18), desired to be with the Roman brethren that he might "lay hands on" some and "impart...some spiritual gift": that is, an ability to do certain things supernaturally or miraculously.

Not being the purview of this article to deal with the nature, purpose and duration of the "spiritual gifts," we simply affirm that said "gifts," particularly those related to, shall we say, "gospel information" (cf. "revelation...knowledge...prophesying, teaching," I Cor. 14:6) were necessary to, and therefore an integral part of, the evangelism, edification, and worship of the early church. I Cor. Chapter 14, studied with careful consideration of its broader context, is a marvelous discussion and description of "the whole church assembled together" (v. 23) "upon the first day of each week" (16:2, NBV). In this assembly there were five acts of worship: Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:17-34); giving (16:1-2); *paying* (14:15-17); *singing* (15); and public *speaking* [which today we call the sermon] (5,6,9,18,19,23,28,29,34,35,39). All such "gifts" were to be "done away," and were "to cease" (13:8). During the time of those "gifts," the church was like a "child" (v. 11) because it could only "know in part" (9). It was like a man looking into a mirror and seeing himself only "darkly [obscurely]" (12). In contrast, Paul described a superior time when Christians would be able to "know fully" as opposed to "in part" (12). He describes that superior time as "when that which is perfect is come" (10). The aforementioned "gospel information" was completely, entirely "once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). With the death of the apostles, of whom Paul was one, there remained from thenceforth no man by whom a "spiritual gift" could be "imparted."

Of course, though we cannot, in the same way Paul did, "impart a spiritual gift," we may not be one bit less concerned about "establishing" or "edifying" brethren than was he. Paul said of those brethren, "I thank my God though Jesus Christ for you all...unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request if by any means now at length I may be prospered by the will of God to come unto you" (Rom. 1:8-10). As mentioned above, Paul noted that his intent to get to Rome had to that point been "hindered these many times from coming to you" (22). What had kept him from Rome was not business nor a ball game. Verses 19-21 explain that it was preaching the gospel in other places where "Christ" had yet "to be named." Then in verse 23 and following, he explains that this preaching work which had heretofore hindered his getting to Rome, "now, having

no more place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come unto you, whensoever I go unto Spain (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, , if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company).”

How do we stack up against Paul’s idea of hands-on service? How often do we “pray for all we are duty bound to pray for,” but have no desire or intention to “come [or, go]” to them that we might do what is needed to bring about their being “established.” We mention the names of our sick in our bulletins, and take time in our announcements to repeat the same information; even going into meticulous detail as to the location and nature of the ailment. Like Paul, “always in *our* prayers ,” we mention them. We mention those who are spiritually weak or sick.” We rightly pray for those who’ve never heard the gospel. The real question is, Do we go to see, or come unto them that they might be established as per our prayerful requests? If we have yet to do so, what is hindering us? – business, overtime, ball games, comfort? Being creatures of time and space, it is simply a fact that we cannot always be where we want and do what we would like to do at a given time or place. But, let’s be sure that our hindrances are legitimate and justifiable. The Hebrew writer warns that in running the Christian “race,” we, in addition to “sin,” are to “lay aside every weight” which would hinder (12:1).

One gets the idea that many see prayer as a kind of remote control device, and Christianity as a no-contact sport. The next time we pray, thing about, or say, Amen to, the idea of being “a Christian just like Paul,” it would do us good to ponder just precisely what we mean by that. Then, we consider.

**PAUL’S DESIRE TO MAKE STEREO-CHRISTIANS.** As noted above, Paul wanted to “establish” the Roman Christians; and this word is ultimately derived from a Greek word from where we get our word “stereo.” That Greek word has the basic meaning of “solid, or whole. That’s why on advertisements for various stereo components, you might hear them speak of “solid sound systems.”

Just as we speak of “solid citizens,” so it is that there remains a crying need for solid citizens in the “kingdom of the Son of *God’s* love: (Col. 1:13). Solid citizens are they who obey the law, love their heritage, know their duty, and carry out their duty. Rather than “Christianity in stereo,” far too many, for years have had their lives, as it were, switched onto the “mono” setting. They are one-dimensional, that dimension at best being showing up for church assemblies, and that, when it pleases or is a convenient time for them.

The “spiritual gifts” Paul desired to impart, as seen, had largely to do with Divine information (Eph. 3:1-49). There was then, as now, a need for Christians to possess and increase in “the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord” (2 Pet. 1:2). Now, more than ever, there is the need for “sound words *and* doctrine” (I Tim. 6:3). Whereas, we cannot like Paul lay hands on and “impart some spiritual gift” as he imparted, yet, in principle, we can “study” (2 Tim. 2:15) and thereby “commit the word to faithful men” (2 Tim. 2:2). The church of the Lord is not a social club, rather “the pillar and ground of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15), a supporter of truth.

Look about you. Ask yourself the question, What has so much of the time, talents, effort and treasure being spent by brethren have to do with “establishing” saints in the sense of which Paul spoke in Rom. 1:11? Do these “establish” brethren? Gymnasiums, aka Family Life Centers, pulpit ministers,, youth ministers, body life ministers, ministers of counseling—Where does all this fit into Paul’s idea of establishing brethren? Cell groups, children’s assemblies, women’s assemblies, dramatic presentations, et al? — Have we gone mad?

Like a brilliant sun dispelling a haze, the New Testament of our Lord Jesus dispels such nonsense. In opposition to present puerility, we look to the New Testament and find: “[P]reach the word” (2 Tim. 4:1-4); “Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world” (Jas. 1:27);

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God” (Col. 3:16); “I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another, (Rom. 15:14); “let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:24-25).

Oh, the present and crying need for the promotion of established, that is “stereo,” Christianity. Jesus said of Simon that Satan had “sifted” him, “but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not, and do thou, when once thou has turned again, establish [stereo-tize] *thy* brethren (Lk. 22:32). May each of us pray, turn again, and do the same. This is a pressing matter, and there is no place for the squeamish or uncommitted. May we, as Paul, pray to God, and work “To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God. even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints” (I Thess. 3:13). Then, finally, let us consider:

PAUL’S EMPHASIS ON MUTUAL OBLIGATION. Having expressed his longing to be with the Roman brethren that he might establish them, the apostle continues, “That is, that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine” (Rom. 1:12). Not only was he concerned with their spiritual welfare, but Paul also had his own interests. He had already alluded to the fact of their “faith *being* proclaimed throughout the whole world” (v. 8). There was something about the way they lived, the things they did, which caused news of their faith to be spread to other places. There is comfort and encouragement to be had when we are around and see others who are doing their duty as we are to do ours. Being around the pure makes it easier to be pure; around the studious to be studious; around the evangelistic, to be likewise; around those who, by their deed and visits, show concern for the sick, widows, fatherless, makes it easier to join in; and being in an assembly or Bible class where every space that ought to be occupied by a brother or sister **is** occupied, is uplifting to all. Think, however, of how much time and frustration is given over to brother or sister *Doe* both of whom have been Christians for years. We have to “walk on eggs around them,” they are easily offended. You have to harangue, wheedle, and plead with them to do what the Bible so clearly says is their duty: but, remember, do it ever so gently. What an ideal situation to be amongst those whom you don’t have to beg to do right; whose faith is mutually comforting. Give us more such truly “stereotypical” Christians.

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## **Bowling Green Community Church of Christ**

The above is what a group of people meeting at the Bowling Green High School on Sunday call themselves. The “Community Church” movement is a more recent Satan-led innovation to bring down our Lord’s church and make it another of the man-made churches, than are a number of other evil innovations. There are a number of these groups in Memphis, and other places across the coun-

try. This innovation is being propagated by those who profess to be members of the church of Christ.

The Community Churches do not look to God's word as their only guide in faith and practice, even though in some instances they may make that erroneous claim. The distinctiveness of the Lord's church is completely denied by these people, and in the following we are going to give clear proof of this by citing excerpts from literature put out by the Bowling Green group. The material is from the pen of Matt Deaton, who makes the claim that "The Bowling Green Community Christ is GOD'S CHURCH." Read the following and weep!

Under the heading, **JOINING THE BAPTISTS** Matt Deaton writes: "A troubled reader writes: 'I was a member of a particular Church of Christ for 13 years, where I came to know the Lord. However, the hostility toward anyone who didn't agree with everything the preacher said was overwhelming. Through much prayer and hurt, I left and eventually began to attend a Baptist Church. My former preacher told me that Baptists are not part of the Lord's church, and that I have no change of going to heaven. I still partake of the Lord's Supper at home weekly. Am I sinning against the Lord by attending a Baptist church?'" [Note Deaton's subjective and as erroneous as can be reply]:

Knowing that I will have to answer to God for this response, as for all my other deeds and words, I write it prayerfully and with a good conscience (James 3:1). **NO**, you are not sinning by attending worship at a Baptist church. The modern-day "Churches of Christ" (in which I am a preacher, teacher and former elder) have absolutely no right to claim that they alone include God's people (Luke 9:49-50). There are many fine Christians in Churches of Christ, to be sure – but so also are there in Baptist churches and in all other parts of the larger Christian family (2 Tim. 2:19). Baptists do not have it all figured out, but neither does anyone else, including the Churches of Christ (I Cor. 8:2-3; Phil. 3:13-15).

Preacher Deaton goes on to say, "I encourage weekly communion, but the Bible does not require it." Concerning "break bread" as used in Acts 20:7, he says, "The truth is that we in Churches of Christ have been far more definite about some of these things than the Bible is. Unfortunately, we sometimes confused our own opinions and inferences with the precepts of God's Word."

Another statement which stands as proof that Deaton believes the denominations to be God's people as well as though they have obeyed the gospel and been added to the church by the Lord. "I also love God's people in Baptist churches, Methodist, Presbyterian, Adventist, charismatic, Episcopalian churches and elsewhere."

In response to a question by a "Baptist pastor," who asks, "What practices and doctrines do you see in Baptist life and teaching that are not matching up to the Word of God," Deaton makes a number of comments. We note one which shows another error among many. "Baptists (like many other Christians today) generally lack an appreciation of the ongoing, present-day power and will of God to perform miracles and to bestow so-called 'miraculous' spiritual gifts, as well as the realities of spiritual warfare in which Christians are all involved (I Cor. 1:4-7; 12:4-11; Eph. 6:12)..." After saying the Bible "does not require it" [Lord's Supper], Deaton says, "Although the New Testament does not require weekly Communion, it allows and perhaps even suggests it (Acts 2:46; 20:7)."

In the above I have not commented on everything in the material put out by The Bowling Green Community Church of Christ. But the above should be sufficient to convince Bible-believing people that this group is in deep soul-losing error.

Looking over the above material the first thought which came to my mind was what the apostle Paul warned about in Acts 20:29-31:

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing

the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Brethren, if the present time is not one in which we should be “warning with tears” when and how could there be such a time? Yet, it still seems that we are not as disturbed and concerned as we should be! To the terrible state of **indifference** can be attributed the problem we are discussing and many others.

Now, let me make some comments concerning the things we have noted from the pen of Matt Deaton. We invite anyone’s response.

Deaton does have one thing right. He will have to **answer to God** for his false teaching. This includes quite a variety of errors.

By what authority does he tell readers that they are **not sinning** by worshipping with the Baptist Church? Did Christ build and purchase with his blood the Baptist Church? The “larger Christian family” is to say that man-made churches are as good as the one our Lord built. Who can believe it?

Why bother with the Lord’s Supper if it is just an optional matter? By what authority does he conclude it is a “take it or leave it” matter? It is certainly true that he has “confused” his “own opinion[s], and inferences with the precepts of God’s Word.”

Since Deaton believes in the “...ongoing, present-day power and will of God to perform miracles and to bestow ‘miraculous’ spiritual gifts...” one wonders if he claims to have received such? If he does, how can one harmonize his teaching with the inspired teaching of the New Testament?

Paul said, (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ” (Phil 3:18). Christ said, “He that is not with me is against me...” (Matt. 12:30). Matt Deaton is not with Him.

In the July and August 2000 issues of Banner of Truth the Community Church is discussed by our brother Gary McDade. This is an excellent treatment of the subject and we encourage our readers to make use of this very informative article. - - *Walter Pigg*

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***“That ye may be fellowhelpers  
to the truth” (3 John 8)***

We continue to be encouraged by the generous way in which our brethren supply our financial needs which are necessary to carry on our work with *Banner of Truth*. The response from our readers is very, very positive. - - *Editor*

***Banner of Truth Financial Report***  
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Balance on hand Oct. 1, 2002	14,932.02
Oct., Nov., Dec. Contribution	<u>3,660.00</u>
Total funds available	18,592.02
Oct. — Dec. Expenses:	
Mailing Oct. – Dec. BOT and other postage	2,233.80
Mailing labels	85.40
Clean up mats and deglazer	30.34
Computer	899.00
Stapler heads (two)	116.85
Phone	<u>9.03</u>
Total expenses, three months	3,374.42
Total Funds Available	18,592.02
Less Oct. – Dec. expenses	<u>3,374.42</u>
Total on hand Dec. 31, 2002	15,217.60

It became necessary for me to get a new computer. The one I've been using for several years now is becoming outdated and causing some problems. The new one is a great improvement over the old one, but I'm still in the learning stage with it. It will save some needed time as I get used to it.

As our work continues to increase, so does our expense. It is so good to know that we are assured of the finances to cover the increased costs. Again, THANKS for you support – *Editor*



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## One Nation Under God

Who would have thought a decade or so ago that a Federal District Court would rule that the statement, **“One Nation Under God,”** in the pledge of allegiance, is unconstitutional when orally stated in a public school? This court decision was made last summer. In response to a request for a rehearing of the case the rehearing was denied “En Banc,” that is, the decision by the three-judge panel which made the ruling will stand.

In more recent times it is not a surprise when efforts are made to do away with virtually every vestige of the influence of God. There are forces at work in our country to completely secularize our nation and its society. It is later than some think.

If the statement “One Nation Under God,” had been changed to “One Nation Under the Devil,” or “One Nation Under Atheism,” or “One Nation Under Immorality,” do you suppose the Ninth Circuit Court would have made the ruling they did? With that ultra liberal court, it seems that just about anything goes, unless, that is, it is something which allows liberty with regard to belief in and worship of the God, whose principles played a great part in the birth and building of our nation.

The ruling out of prayer in the public schools, and the prohibiting of the display of the Ten Commandments serve as additional evidence that there is now a movement against God which did not exist in its present strength just a few years ago.

Americans need to be crying out against every move which is designed to destroy what Godly influence which still exists. We have seen the evil influence of atheism in the former Soviet Union, and other places. Just a few years ago, I spent about a year and a half in Ukraine, where atheism was the rule of the day for many years. If people would take a serious look at the results of atheism, surely they would not want it in our country!

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## They Call Her SISTER KEEBLE

At 104, the widow of a  
traveling evangelist maintains  
strength of mind, faith

The above is the title of an article by Bobby Ross, Jr., of Associated Press, as carried in *The Paducah Sun*, Feb. 28, 2003.

The above “Sister Keeble,” is the wife of the well know gospel preacher, Marshal Keeble. We are carrying a few excerpts from the article which we believe will be of interest to many of our brethren who personally knew bro. Keeble or at least knew of him. The excerpts follow.

“...at 3 p.m. on Sundays, the widow of traveling evangelist Marshall Keeble — who baptized an estimated 40,000 people before he died in 1968 — expects someone to wheel her downstairs for worship service.” “I’m going as long as I am able to get up,” she says.

Baptized in a Mississippi creek 90 years ago, this gentle woman known as “Sister Keeble” boasts a spiritual strength that belies her wrinkles, white hair and wheel chair.

The article contains some very interesting information about sister Keeble. To her, serving the Lord is not out of date. For the benefit of those who might want to send her a card, we are giving her address: Mrs. Laura Keeble, Lakeshore Wedgewood Nursing Home, 832 Wedgewood Ave., Nashville, TN 37203.

### Reader Response

“May this find you and sister Pigg in reasonable health, and that you will be able to continue your work as usual....We both enjoyed the recent BOT issue pertaining to so many ‘Strange Doctrines,’ being brought into the mainline congregations of the Lord’s church. When considering the continuous decline in our nation’s moral status, and their worldly influence invading many faithful congregations, gives little hope for a bright future. Attached is a check... It is given in support of the BOT paper. We are glad to be able to support this work, and will continue as long as we are financially able. May your health, as well as that of sister Pigg’s, remain sufficiently strong, so that the paper will continue serving to strengthen the faith of those who receive it. – **Clarence E. Hall.**” – LA. (*Thank you for your encouraging words. We so much appreciate your concern and support of our work It is only because of brethren like you that we are able to continue our efforts in our Lord’s kingdom. – Editor.*)

“I read your little booklet on Banner of Truth and really liked it. I would like to have it sent to me at this address. And I’ll send some money in March. I gave the booklet to a friend and she liked it too – **Burnadette Bopuchard.**” – MI. (*We’re happy to send you BOT. If your friend would like to receive it just send us her name and address. – Editor.*)

“Thank you for continuing to send BOT. We commend you for your strong stand for the faith. Keep up the good work for the Lord! - **Maurice Brown.**” – IL. (*Thanks for your good words, and for the check to help in our work – Editor.*)

“I thank our God above for people like you that still stand on and for the truth; and also teaches it. I pray that you may have many more years to do these works of our Lord. I wait for BOT each time to read the good messages in it. – **Den Ferguson.**” – TN. (*Thanks for your prayers. – Editor.*)

“I enjoy Banner of Truth very much. Please change my mailing address – **Gary Stanfield.**” – AL. (*See next page*)

“My wife and I are members of Centerview church of Christ in Elizabethton, Tenn. We would like to make sure each member of the Lord’s church at Centerview has the privilege of getting a copy of the defense of the truth! We would like to have three bundles of 15 copies each. I will send \$40.00 to help defray the cost of publishing, mailing and other related matters. I receive several tracts weekly and my wife and I anxiously await BOT. May God bless any and all who have undertaken the awesome responsibility for standing fast and defending the Word of God! – **Rickey and Rebecca Barr.**” – TN. (*Thank you so much for your interest in God’s Word. We are happy to send you the copies you request. Thank you for the help with expense. Our cost for postage is now more than \$700.00 for each issue, and that doesn’t include paper, ink, plates, negatives, and other things. But we are so thankful that our brethren supply the necessary finances – Editor.*)

“I wanted to quit receiving the Banner of Truth newsletter – **Cynthia Gulley.**” – AL. (*We do thank you for letting us know that you no longer want to receive Banner of Truth. This reduces our cost of postage. We don’t want to send the paper to those who do not want it – Editor.*)

“Thank you brothers and sisters for the great paper. I have received two papers so far but I wish more would read it. People today just don’t study the Bible like they used to. So much worldly stuff. Hosea 4:6 — My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.... Some young people don’t even bring a Bible to class. Now, who’s to blame for that?...Some brethren just go with the flow and whatever they believe

it. They don't study for themselves. Just because some person has been in the church a lot of years, and they come up with something **not true** and believe it, the Devil is at work. So, we have to work harder – **Jo Alice Bradford,**” – **LA.** (*You have certainly hit the nail on the head when you say people are not studying as they used to. This is having a telling effect upon those who are failing to walk in “the old paths” – Ed.*)

“Someone gave the copies of Banner of Truth that covered “The Community Church,” to use as a teaching reference. Please add me to your mailing list – **Wm. L. Schwegler.**” – **LA/**

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