ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

It is a joy to know of those who are following the schedule for reading the Bible through this year! If you did not save a copy of the schedule, please ask and the office will supply you. It is also wonderful to see the interest of the ladies in the ladies Bible class meeting each Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. All who attend will be drawn closer together. Why not invite your friends and neighbors to attend with you? All of the services and Bible classes at Getwell are highly important to those who want to go to Heaven. Make it a habit to not miss a single one of these. We do not want to be a part of those over whom the devil rejoices!

A Message From The Devil

Dear Members and Friends of the church,

I secretly visited your Bible classes recently and was overjoyed to see that so many of you had not come. I heard some lessons that were not very well prepared and other teachers said no visits had been made during the week. I was simply delighted! It thrilled me to see some leave the worship service right after the Lord's Supper was over, indicating that they were not going to let the proclamation of God's Word come near to them. I saw some others come just in time for the worship—to sit glassy-eyed with their mouths shut while a few sang the hymns. Then they dozed or acted bored to death while the preacher went through his Sunday morning ritual and hum-drum or “bore-a-tory.” I was especially pleased to note how many failed to bring an offering. I love to see the church in financial difficulty. Again, there was a sparkle in my eyes when I returned Sunday night and saw that so many did not come back for the evening worship hour. I was so very glad. I am writing this letter to encourage you to forsake the worship this coming Sunday. It will be more comfortable for you, and besides, it will make my work much easier to do. Hoping to be with you real soon!

Deceitfully yours,

THE DEVIL
Bottomless Pit, Brimstone Ave., Eternity
Brevity on any subject is difficult, especially when dealing with error and that on which volumes have been written. We have pledged ourselves to the task, however, knowing that the masses will not read large amounts. Much more could be said on the neo-translations. Doctrinal errors are wrong whether in the creeds of men or volumes called the Bible. Those pressing these “translations” on the young and old are squarely responsible for the confusion and difficulty presently being suffered by many. The NIV is no exception.

What Is Wrong with the New International Version? (1973)

Its errors include:

1. It mistranslates Psalm 51:5 to teach the false theory of Total Depravity!
2. It changes “flesh” in Romans 8 to “SINFUL NATURE,” teaching the false theory of original sin.
3. It denies the Deity of Christ by removing “begotten” from every text referring to Jesus Christ! (Cf. Jn. 3:16.)
4. It deletes both the statement of Philip on the condition of baptism and the eunuch's answer! (Cf. Acts 8:37.)
5. It falsely teaches the premillennial concept of the final and complete salvation of national Israel in Romans 11:26.
6. It falsely teaches that sinners are “included in Christ” at the point of hearing (Eph. 1:13).
7. It further tampers with the plan of salvation in Romans 10:10, teaching that justification is reached at the point of faith.
8. The same verse teaches that salvation is reached at the point of verbal confession! (Rom. 10:10.)
9. It lends itself to the Calvinistic view that the Holy Spirit opens our minds to understand the Scriptures (I Cor. 2:12-13).
10. It changes I Corinthians 1:6 from “the testimony of Christ” (the Gospel) to “our testimony about Christ” (Testimonialism)!
11. It makes Peter teach that baptism is “the pledge of a good conscience toward God,” advancing the false theory of faith alone (I Pet. 3:21).

Many of these errors may be explained by the representatives of Oral Roberts (1), Rex Humbard (2), and the Nazarene Church (7), who served on the translating committees. May we remind you that God said to all “thought” translators: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah” (Isa. 55:8).

(These articles are excerpts from the tract, “New Translations, What Is Wrong With Them?” These tracts can be ordered from Gary Colley.)

Sorrow looks back,
Worry looks around,
Faith looks up!
Creation Fact #70
Evidence from Astronomy

When space probes passed Saturn late last century, they sent pictures of complex and intricately inner-woven rings made from billions of individual particles. Scientists are amazed at the appearance of turbulence and instability in Saturn's rings. The reason astronomers were surprised was the presupposition that the solar system is approximately five billion years old. For Saturn's rings to have existed for billions of years, they would need to be in extremely stable orbits. The rings of Saturn are assumed to be made from leftover debris after the formation of the planet. The instability of the orbits of these individual particles is extremely perplexing. Known laws of physics dictate that the particles should have disappeared long ago. If, on the other hand, the rings are only a few thousand years old, what we see in Saturn's rings are consistent with known physical laws.

As research continues, scientists are finding that most dating methods do not support the concept that our solar system is billions of years old. Primarily because evolution demands vast amounts of time to be considered feasible, only long-age dating methods are mentioned in schoolbooks and popular media. This indoctrination makes it very difficult for students and adults to even consider the evidence that the universe is not so old after all.

Creation Fact #71
Evidence from Biology

Lungfish have been proposed as a link between sea and land animals because they have the ability to survive for long periods out of water. There are many varieties of lungfish found in Australia, Africa, and South America. In Australia they live in quiet pools of water which become stagnant in the summer. Because there isn't much oxygen dissolved in the water, these fish need lungs in order to breathe air, just as we do. Lungfish in South America live in swamps which often dry up during the dry season. They spend the dry season resting in burrows. The African lungfish also spends the dry season burrowed in the mud, but it builds a breathing tube through the mud to allow air to reach it.

Lungfish are not fish in the process of evolving into land animals—they are simply animals designed to survive for periods of time outside of water. Lungfish lack critical biological features such as bones and muscles for movement on land. This makes it impossible for them to ever become anything other than a fish. Furthermore, the lungfish we find living today are exactly the same as those which are found in the fossil record. There is absolutely no evidence that a lungfish has ever been, or ever will be, anything other than a lungfish.

— A Closer Look at the Evidence
by Richard & Tina Kleiss
Please remember with your cards, calls, and prayers those of our number who are confined at home or in nursing homes:

Hazel Bizzell, 356 Calle Escada, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459-3698; Buddy Brandon, 11714 Macon, Eads, TN 38028, phone 853-4720; Nell Brandon, Quince Nursing and Rehab Center, 6733 Quince Rd., Room 2006A, 38119; Emma Brotherton, Landmark of DeSoto, 3068 Nail Rd. W., Room 310B, Horn Lake, MS 38637; Frances Collins, 4779 Amboy Rd., 38117, 682-6917; Mary Haynes, 274 S. Highland, Apt. 808, 38111, 327-2127; Addie Nelms, 4007 Dunn Ave., 38111, 743-7554; Skipper Schulz, 139 Magnolia Dr., 38117, 683-3049; and Minnie Wayne, Gallaway Healthcare Center, Room 106, 435 Old Brownsville Rd., Gallaway, TN 38036, 317-4590.

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