ON THE HOME FRONT

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We are pleased with the progress that is evident in the work at Getwell. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that attendance and contributions are on the rise. There is a wonderful exhibition of love among the brethren, which is to be commended. The new ladies Bible class attendance continues to increase in number and interest. Ladies, we encourage you to be a part of this class each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

There are many exhortations to Christians in the Scriptures to “watch.” In the close of the letter to the Corinthians Paul commanded the brethren to “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit [act] you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity” (I Cor. 16:13-14). Again Paul writes to the brethren at Thessalonica, that they were children of light, and says, “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (I Thess. 5:6). Elders are responsible to watch for our souls (Heb. 13:17). Peter writes, “Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour” (I Pet. 5:8). One wrote recently that we need to watch our thoughts because they become our words; watch our words because they become our actions; watch our actions because they become our habits; watch our habits because they become our character; and watch our character because it becomes our destiny!

Our visitors are our honored guests at Getwell. You are warmly invited to be with us for all of the worship services.
New Translations
“What Is Wrong With Them?” (IV)
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It seems many are willing to accept almost anything with the title Bible! If one knows nothing of the perverted text of the NEB, a slight insight into the writings of the chairman of the translating committee, C. H. Dodd, will cause any sober thinking person to cast it aside! His book, “The Authority of the Bible,” reveals Mr. Dodd’s infidelity dearly: God is not the Author of the Bible (page 17); Moses is a legendary figure (page 27); vicarious expiation is not wholly rational (page 215); John 3:16 is mythological; all according to Mr. Dodd! Naturally, we could not expect him to believe the Bible to possess divine infallibility. The NEB distorts and garbles the Bible in reckless neglect!

“What Is Wrong with the New English Bible?” (1961)

Its errors include:

1. Making Genesis 1:1 to read like a fairy tale, as if to begin a myth or legend rather than fact.

2. Maiming Isaiah 7:14 to deny the virgin birth of Christ and therefore also His Deity. (Cf. Lk. 1:26-27 changing “virgin” to “girl.”)

3. Refusing to fully translate the Greek word monogenes meaning “only begotten.” Every New Testament passage that refers to Christ as the only begotten of the Father, the NEB deletes!

4. Falsely making Peter the “Rock” on which the church is built. (Cf. Matt. 16:18.) The official Roman Catholic Bible (Douay Version) refused to be this dishonest with the text.

5. Denying that Jesus Christ is Deity by referring to God with the solemn form of address, “Thee, Thou, Thine,” but Christ as “you.” (Cf. Matt. 16:16.)

6. Making Matthew 5:17 and Ephesians 2:15 to contradict each other! (Cf. Heb. 10:9.)

7. Leaving out “my blood which is shed for you” (Lk. 22:19-20), denying that Christ shed His blood for our redemption!

8. Removing the “first day of the week” and replacing it with “Saturday night” in Acts 20:7.

9. Changing Ephesians 5:19 from “singing” to “sing,” “making melody” to “make music,” and omitting “spiritual” completely!

10. Completely robbing II Timothy 3:16 (an inspiration passage) of its force and meaning, suggesting some Scriptures may not be inspired!

11. Following the “no hell” theologians by removing Christ’s words, which He repeated three times, from Mark 9:44-48. (Note the change of “perish” into “die” in John 3:16.)

The theology of the translators will be swallowed by the gullible but rejected by the discerning! Remember Christ’s words: “I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book” (Rev. 22:18-19).

Be not deceived by the NEB!

(These articles are excerpts from the tract, “New Translations, What Is Wrong With Them?” These tracts can be ordered from Gary Colley.)
Creation Fact #72
Evidence from History

According to the Bible, man and dinosaur lived on Earth at the same time. According to evolution, dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago and apelike creatures turned human “only” one to four million years ago. Yet virtually every culture on Earth has stories about creatures which sound exactly like dinosaurs, which range from cave drawings in the Grand Canyon to carvings found on Central American stone artifacts. Eyewitness accounts in Italy, Ireland, India, China, Arabia, Australia, etc., indicate that dinosaurs have been seen by humans around the world. As the Bible shows from this passage in the book of Job, dinosaurs were clearly known by mankind at the time this passage was written:

Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a great cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze . . . Under the lotus plants he lies . . . When the river rages, he is not alarmed; he is secure, though the Jordan should surge against his mouth.

Job 40: 15-23

No known animal except the dinosaur had a huge “cedar-like” tail. If man had never seen those reptiles, why do ancient peoples all over the world have similar stories of enormous reptile-like creatures roaming and flying on the earth?

Creation Fact #73
Evidence from Common Sense

There is a war of values raging in America today. Most of us are aware of the surface skirmishes (such as abortion, increasing violence, or euthanasia), but few are aware that the basis of this war is the question of man’s relationship to God. Either life’s value is based on God’s personal existence (meaning absolute values do exist), or man sets the standards. There are no other possibilities.

The consequence of 150 years of indoctrination with evolutionary principles is the acceptance that man is part of the natural forces which shaped us. The inevitable result of this line of reasoning is the removal of an objective basis for determining the value of anything. Thus, mankind either arbitrarily assigns value to things (including people), or all life becomes of equal value. In the case of the former, atrocities such as human sacrifice, genocide, or passive acceptance of abortion occur. In the case of the latter, absurdities occur such as animal rights groups equating the murder and mutilation of humans with the slaughter of chickens. Both of these responses are inevitable outcomes of following the evolutionary humanist philosophy to its logical conclusion.

Christianity is rooted in the fact that a personal God exists and that people were made in God’s image. Thus, human life is inherently valuable. There is something special about all humans. No one has the right to remove their value by murder, abortion, or euthanasia.

—A Closer Look at the Evidence
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