

Hurricane Katrina: A "whim of nature" or an "Act of God"

By Robert McCurry

On September 3, 2005, President Bush addressed the nation regarding Hurricane Katrina. "Yesterday I saw the aftermath of one of the largest natural disasters ever to strike America. A vast coastline of towns and communities are flattened; one of our great cities is submerged. The human costs are incalculable.... **This week we've all been humbled by the awesome powers of Mother Nature.** And when you stand on the porch steps where a home once stood, or look at row upon row of buildings that are completely under water, it's hard to imagine a bright future. But when you talk to the proud folks in the area, you see a spirit that cannot be broken."



"**Mother Nature**" is defined as "The personification of nature as a powerful and nurturing woman." Pantheism – a belief that all is God – prevailed in numerous ancient cultures. The personification of Mother Nature was widely popular in the Middle Ages. Generally, pantheism is the principle that god is everything, and everything is god. Therefore, nature is also part of god. We must be in harmony with nature. We must nurture it and be nurtured by it.

Neo-Pagans are bringing ancient Pantheism traditions to the modern age - including Wicca. But Pantheistic beliefs are also finding resurgence among various New Age movements. The New Age "god" is an impersonal energy force, [inherent] in all things. To the New Age, "god" can be referred to either as she or he, mother or father, god or goddess. Most New Age teachers hold that Mother Earth, the sun, the moon, and the stars – indeed, all of nature – can be worshipped as "god." (Texe Marrs)

Some New Age believers think of Mother Nature as a Goddess. The Great Mother Earth, or Mother

Nature, is highly worshipped. Nature has no morals. There is no such thing as justice, mercy, liberty or fairness, right or wrong. There are no absolutes. You should reject the concept of sin and judgment. Abortion is not condemned, as there is no official doctrine; beliefs about abortion range the full spectrum. Views on divorce, homosexuality, and gender equality are generally very supportive of human differences, equality, and personal choice. Many believe that involvement in community action, especially regarding environmental concerns, is integral to the belief in human interdependence and worship of the Earth Mother. The true God of the Bible is humanized, and man is deified.

Those misguided persons who believe that Hurricane Katrina was the "awesome powers of Mother Nature" should find some solace in the words of Rich Lowry: "Mother Nature can be a cruel and unpredictable mistress, and sometimes all we can do is head for the high ground."

The "whims of nature" and God's sovereignty

President Bush, summoning the American spirit and "a faith in God no storm can take away," vowed from the heart of the Hurricane Katrina disaster zone Thursday night to rebuild this devastated city and the rest of the Gulf Coast with "one of the largest reconstruction efforts the world has ever seen."

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Thompson Brothers Seek Help

One Million Signatures Before December 1, 2005

WITH YOUR HELP It Can Be Done!

By Jim Fellure, Director - Victory Baptist Press

In July 2003, two fine Christian twin brothers, twenty-two-year-old Joshua and Caleb Thompson of Austin, Texas, disciplined an eleven-year-old boy who was attending their Spanish church school and were arrested, charged, and convicted of injury to a child and assault with a deadly



Caleb and Hannah

weapon. On December 10, 2003, they were sentenced to 14 years (Caleb) and 26 years (Joshua) in the Texas State Prison. On an average, murderers, rapists, and pedophiles don't get that much time.

The eleven-year-old that was disciplined received absolutely no permanent injuries. The boy had some bruises, but there were no broken bones, no bloodshed, and contrary to the liberal news media, the boy was not beaten for an hour and a half with an inch thick tree limb, and there was no kidney failure. The entire time of discipline, including talking to the boy, praying and the actual discipline with a switch, only lasted approximately twelve minutes. Then the men returned the boy to his home. They disciplined the boy in good faith thinking they were doing the right thing in that they had permission from his parents.



Josh and Maressa

We are all for being tough on crime, especially crimes toward children who cannot defend themselves, but Joshua and Caleb Thompson are not criminals. They are good, godly men of character that have a track record of doing nothing but good to others. Josh and Caleb's parents, Pastor and Mrs. Hank Thompson, (in fact the entire Thompson family) are some of the sweetest Christians you will ever meet: and Josh's wife, Maressa (a missionary's daughter), and Caleb's wife, Hannah (a pastor's daughter),

are both good, godly young women who love their husbands and live for the day when they can be together at home. Does it not touch your heart to know that these men have been taken from their family (especially their wives) and locked away for fourteen and twenty-six years in a State prison with an atmosphere permeated by Sodomites and perverts of every description, all because of a one-time mistake?

According to the September 16, 2005 Austin *Statesman*, two Austin men in an unrelated case recently pled guilty to aggravated assault and are expected to receive a sentence of only **six years**. According to the article, a group of four men met the victim at a bar called Oilcan Harry's, and asked if the victim wanted to use the drug Ecstasy with them. He took them to his apartment, where police said they smashed a glass against his head, punched him, kicked him, whipped him with a vacuum cord, and poked and prodded him with swords and daggers. The article continues, "According to court documents, the group also used a sex toy to sexually assault the man." The article says "state District Judge Brenda Kennedy is expected next month to sentence Donald Bockman, 25, and Darren Gay, 22, to six years in prison." (Find article at www.statesman.com/archives)

Judge Brenda Kennedy is the same judge that sentenced Joshua and Caleb Thompson to twenty-six years and fourteen years in prison for disciplining a rebellious eleven-year-old boy with a switch.

Josh and Caleb might have gotten a better deal from Judge Kennedy if they had attended Oilcan Harry's gay bar with its male strippers and "go-go boys," rather than Capitol City Baptist Church. If they had used the illegal drug "Ecstasy" and participated in sexual perversion rather than faithfulness to their wives, they might not have gotten such a severe sentence.

Evangelist Sam Gipp said "[the Thompson's] sentences are unreasonably severe, giving the impression to the rest of the United States that the state of Texas har-

bors a vindictive attitude toward Christians who break the law." Judge Kennedy's decisions in the "Oilcan Harry" case indicates that Brother Gipp is right in his analysis of the Texas legal system.

Earlier this year we began circulating petitions to President Bush and Texas Governor Rick Perry requesting that the Thompson brothers be released from prison. Those signing the petitions were asked to mail them directly to the President or the Governor. We are grateful for the many that signed the petitions, but there has been no response from President Bush or Governor Perry, so we are starting a different strategy. We are asking the Lord to let us deliver, all at one time, one million signatures to President Bush, Texas Governor Rick Perry, and the Texas Parole Board on or before December 10. Politicians are interested in numbers. One million signatures delivered to three different places at one time will hopefully get the news media's attention and let the Governor, President and the Texas Parole Board know that there are a lot of Christian, conservative Americans that believe that the sentencing of these two Christian young men is unreasonably severe, and that their sentences should be reduced to no more than time already served.

The reason people don't get involved is because it is not their family member that will be going to bed tonight, and for the next twenty-six-years, in a prison cell surrounded by some of the most vile people on the planet Earth. We can get these one million signatures if enough people will get involved and commit themselves to help with this endeavor. If 1,000 churches would challenge just 10 of their members to each get 100 signatures, that would give us the one million needed. Most churches, with a little effort could get far more people committed, but the smallest of churches could get at least ten.

Our home church, Victory Baptist of Milton, Florida, has volunteered to use our

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printing ministry to do everything possible to get these Brothers out of prison. Pastor, evangelist, missionary, layman, Christian friend, whoever you are, I am personally asking you in the name of Christian love and for the sake of the Thompson family to please join with us and help get the one million signatures before December 1, 2005.

Each petition has room for twenty names. You may also request that someone come to your church and show a twelve minute DVD presentation chronicling the events of this case. We need to move quickly, so please contact us soon. Phone my office at 850-623-0086 or cell phone at 850-384-4402. Write to P O. Box 766, Milton, FL 32572 or send an email to Jim Fellure at victorybaptistpress@msn.com.

Please, please pray for this endeavor and for Joshua and Caleb Thompson and their family.

In Christ,

Jim Fellure

Victory Baptist Press Director

A note of encouragement can be sent to the Thompson brothers at the following addresses:

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TDC # 1208295
Smith Unit
1313 County Road 19
Lamesa, Texas 79331

Joshua Thompson
TDC # 1208296
Tedford Unit
P.O. Box 9200
New Boston, Texas 75570

To download the petition in pdf format, go to the Thompson's web site at www.remembermybonds.com/involve.htm. (Note that the petitions are for 8-1/2 x 14" paper.)

To view a 12-minute video of Pastor Hank Thompson and his wife Mona giving a detailed account of their twin sons' unjust imprisonment, go to website www.victorybaptistpress.com/vbp2_024.htm, or visit www.remembermybonds.com.

Missionary Dan Slagill Cut Off for Not Having a Missions Board

By Dr. Greg Dixon

When my wife and I were in Seoul, Korea in 1987, where I preached a series of evangelistic services, we were amazed at an article that appeared in the Seoul newspaper.

The city was getting ready for the Olympics the following year, and they said that there were three things that they wanted to get rid of before the great influx of visitors. First were the dog restaurants that seemed to appear on nearly every corner in the form of small tents with a hibachi and seating for 12-15 people. Apparently this would be the wrong image to portray to the sophisticates that would be coming from the West. Next was the practice of women washing their husband's feet when they came in from work in the evening. This was much too chauvinist for their elite European and American visitors. We of course had our round of laughs and jokes about these developments. But the one that really caught our attention was the fact that they also wanted to eliminate all independent missionaries immediately. In fact they gave them but a little period of time to leave.

Two missionary groups that were allowed to stay were the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Bible Fellowship International. One independent missionary tried to stay under the auspices of one of these denominational churches, but the church would not allow it lest they would jeopardize their own status. Obviously this is clear evidence that the missionaries that are sent out by a mission board are not independent at all, but are considered agents/employees of the particular board. Nowhere in the New Testament do you find a mission board, only local churches sending out evangelists, such as the church at Antioch sending out Paul and Barnabas [Acts 13:1-5]. Even the play of a sending

church doesn't change the fact that missionaries who operate through an organized missions board, recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity under the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, are not under the authority of their "sending" church but rather their missions board. The IRS will also hold the trustees of the missions board accountable for those that they sponsor.



Dan and Nona Slagill

The following series of letters between Dan Slagill, missionary to the Philippines, and their largest supporting church are indicative of a far deeper theological problem that really lies at the root of this issue. We have

withheld the name of the church and pastors involved because they are only incidental to the present thinking among most Baptist churches.

May 28, 2004

Dear Brother Dan,

On May 11th we met with our board of officers and our Executive Pastor to discuss your situation of not working under the umbrella of a mission agency. We are concerned that questions may arise about the use of your mission support since you do not answer to a governing agency. For your protection and the protection of all involved in your ministry, the board requests that you find a mission agency to represent you by November 11th. If you decide not to do that, we regret we will no longer be able to support you. If you have any questions about this decision, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

M_____H_____ Senior Pastor

D_____K_____ Missions Pastor

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In a prime-time address televised from the storm-battered French Quarter, the president appeared without coat and tie to mourn "a tragedy that seems so blind and random" while promising to help its victims with unprecedented federal assistance to secure homes, jobs, health care and schooling.

During his 26-minute speech, the president evoked the horror that Katrina wrought on the region, recalling scenes of the abandoned seeking food and water, survivors victimized a second time by looters, and "bodies of the dead lying uncovered and untended in the street." Bush likened Katrina to the worst disasters of American history, including the Chicago fire of 1871 and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. "Every time, the people of this land have come back from fire, flood and storm to build anew – and to build better than what we had before," he said. **"Americans have never left our destiny to the whims of nature, and we will not start now."** (Excerpts from an article written by Jim VandeHei and Peter Baker, *Washington Post* Staff Writers, Friday, September 16, 2005; Page A01. Emphasis added.)

Whim is defined as: "a capricious or eccentric and often sudden idea or turn of the mind." To say that Hurricane Katrina was "a whim of nature" is to deny that Jehovah God is involved in the earth He created. However, some may reason that if God is involved in nature, He is capricious; that is, prone to sudden illogical changes of mind, ideas, or action - or He is an eccentric; that is, a person of odd or whimsical habits.

But the forces of nature never spiral outside of God's knowledge or control. They are controlled by God who "*shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble*" (Job 9:6). God "*looks on the earth and it trembles, touches the mountains and they smoke!*" (Psalm 104:32). Psalm 148:8 declares that storms "*do his bidding.*" Concerning Jonah, it was the Lord who "*sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea*" (Jonah 1:4). Old Testament writers did not hesitate to attribute the forces of nature to God: "*thy waterspouts ... thy waves ... thy billows*" (Psalm 42:7). Today, God's creation is too often depersonalized. But God is sovereign. Nothing takes Him by surprise. He is in control, and has His reasons

for all kinds of weather, both fair and stormy.

God controls the rain (Deuteronomy 11:14-17, 28:12, Job 5:10, Matthew 5:45, James 5:17-18), lightning (Psalm 97:4; Jeremiah 10:13), wind (Exodus 15:10; Numbers 11:31; Isaiah 11:15; Psalm 78:26; 135:7; 147:18); thunder, snow, whirlwind, flood, clouds "*to accomplish all that He commands them on the face of the habitable world, whether for correction, or for love, or for judgment, He causes it to happen*" (Job 37:11-13; cf. Job 28:10-11, Psalm 107:25, 29, Nahum 1:3-4; Gen 6:5; 9:19).

Divinely directed weather that changed history

Biblical examples. Scripture contains many examples of God controlling the weather and using it to direct people and nations.

Genesis 6:5; 9:19 (Earth destroyed by flood, people and animals killed)

Exodus 9:23-29 (hail and fire from heaven on Egypt)

Joshua 10:11 (hail on the Amorites, etc.)

I Samuel 7:10 (thunder disperses the Philistines)

Nahum 1:3 (judgment with whirlwind and drought)

Leviticus 26:19-20 (rainless sky, parched earth)

Deuteronomy 11:13-15 (rain as reward for obedience)

Deuteronomy 28:24 (drought punishment)

I Samuel 12:18 (thunder and rain to get people's attention)

II Samuel 21:1 (drought and famine)

I Kings 8:35-36 (good weather reward)

I Kings 16:30; 18:45 (rain withheld and given)

Hosea 13:15 (dry weather)

Amos 4:7 (rain given and withheld from certain cities)

Jonah 1:4,10-15 (man punished and redirected by sea storm)

Zechariah 14:17 (rain withheld as judgment)

Revelation 16:21 (hailstone punishment)

Act of God

The large number of people who ignore or deny God's involvement in "natural disasters" notwithstanding, many

insurance policies exempt coverage for damage caused by an "Act of God," which is the one time an insurance company gets religion. **"Act of God"** is a common legal term for events outside of human control, such as floods or other natural disasters, for which no one can be held responsible. As a legal term relating to property damage, the term "Act of God" appears in insurance contracts to describe disasters without a human origin or cause. Storm, wind, lightning, floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes are all examples of disasters which most insurance policies consider "Acts of God."

God's message to America: repent or perish

There are both individuals and nations who, though they had a knowledge of the true God, have ignored Him, forgotten Him, and denied Him. **"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools"** (Romans 1:21-22). That is, they are unmindful of God, do not fear Him, or acknowledge Him in their lives, ways, and works. God solemnly warns that these are all to be thrust down into hell.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17).

Wake up, preachers! Wake up, Christians! Wake up, America!

America has forgotten God

The message that the prophet Jeremiah thundered forth is a message for America. **"Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents"** (Jeremiah 19:3-4).

Today, America finds herself dealing with a continuing massive immigration crisis. According to census bureau estimates, the foreign-born population of the United States is currently 33.1 million, with an estimated 8 million inside the country

without the government's knowledge or permission. During the 1990s, an average of more than 1.3 million immigrants – legal and illegal – settled in the United States each year. Many believe those estimates to be low; almost all agree they will grow significantly in coming years.

These millions of immigrants that continue to flood America bring with them their gods and culture that undermines and erodes the Christian fabric of this nation.

But without the aid of aliens, the U.S. Supreme Court, acting on behalf of the American people, has approved and sanctioned the murder of over 50 million American babies by aborticide (also known as abortion) since 1973. America is a nation that murders babies at nine months and then sells the body parts for pharmaceutical research. America's sewers are past flood stage with the blood of the innocents.

Sodomy is now mainstream in American politics, business, entertainment, and social arenas.

America is now worshipping the false gods of lust, sexual promiscuity, and materialism.

America's judicial system has banned the true, living Jehovah God from every public arena. The name of the Lord Jesus Christ is now anathema in the public sector.

Yes, America has forgotten and forsaken the one, true living God. Now God is speaking to America in thundering tones and boxcar letters across the heavens.

"And God hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice." (Daniel 9:12-14).

"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto

him, What doest thou?" (Daniel 4:35)

America must repent or perish.

Wake up, preachers! Wake up, Christians! Wake up, America!

God's command to His Church

God has been speaking to His Church in thundering tones to this generation (since the 1960s) concerning His impending judgment. *"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God"* (1 Peter 4:17). God has extended to His Church His grace and mercy, and provided a space for repentance, spiritual renewal, and restoration.

The Scriptures are clear. God's blessing or His judgment on a nation will be determined and measured by His blessings or His judgment on His redeemed, covenant people – His Church that He purchased with His blood. ***"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"*** (2 Chron 7:14).

Remember. It was not the magnitude, evilness, and wickedness of sin that finally brought God's destructive judgment on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha, as serious as the sins of the people were. God's destructive judgment came on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha because of the **absence of righteousness** in those cities. *"And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom . . . ten . . . righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes"* (Genesis 18:26, 32). *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34).

The Lord did not entrust the truth of His Word to educators, scientists, politicians, or social engineers. He entrusted the truth of His Word to His Church. The Lord's Church is the repository of God's truth.

The Lord's Church is to be the light of God's truth in a world shrouded in darkness.

The Lord's Church is to be salt in a world dominated by the corrupting power and influence of sin.

The Lord's Church is to *"turn the*

world upside down" by proclaiming *"that there is another king, one Jesus"* (Acts 17:6-7).

The Lord's Church is to provide guidance and participate in building a nation that protects the good and punishes evil. *"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain"* (Psalm 127:1).

The Lord's Church is to proclaim to a world that knows not God how it must conduct its affairs according to God's Word and orderly way, and to warn and instruct the nation when it departs from God's Word and orderly way. *"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? The LORD's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it"* (Micah 6:8-9).

The Lord's Church is to command all men, everywhere to repent and believe the Gospel – or perish.

When the Lord's Church fails to be and to do what the Lord has ordained His Church to be and to do, the Lord Jesus and His Word and His Church are dishonored, and the Holy Spirit is grieved. As the Lord's Church declines, the nation declines.

Wake up, preachers! Wake up, Christians! Wake up, America!

The root cause of America's spiritual and moral deterioration and day of judgment is silent pulpits

Sleeping and silent preachers and Christians are responsible for America's spiritual and moral deterioration.

Sleeping and silent preachers have failed to raise high the biblical standard of God's holiness and cry aloud against the wickedness and abomination of aborticide. Every aborticide clinic in America should have a sign over the front door that says: **"THIS CLINIC IS OPEN BY PERMISSION OF THE PREACHERS AND CHURCHES OF AMERICA."**

Sleeping and silent preachers have failed to lift the standard of God's holiness and cry aloud against the abomination of sodomy. Many preachers and churches

now tolerate and "counsel" sodomites rather than rebuke and instruct them to repent and forsake their sins.

Sleeping and silent preachers and Christians have stood by silently as the ACLU and ADL have stripped the Bible from every public arena.

Sleeping and silent preachers have failed to proclaim aloud God's Word and orderly way regarding fornication, cohabitation, moral purity, marriage, divorce and remarriage, interracial marriage and reproduction, multiculturalism, materialism, covetousness, worldliness, secularism, pluralism, and the infusion of a pagan religious worldview in America.

Sleeping and silent preachers and churches have sought comfort and acceptance by the world, traded persecution for popularity, and have graduated from the arena of persecution to the grandstands of the spectator.

If God has now withdrawn His hand of protection from America as many are suggesting, it is not because of liberal and corrupt politicians, a corrupt judicial system, humanists, pagans, abortionists, sodomites, feminists, the ACLU and the ADL. It is because the Lord's Church has been "weighed in the balances and found wanting." It is His people He is calling to repentance before He will restore the nation.

Wake up preachers! Wake up Christians! Wake up, America!

The Lord's command and promise to His Church in this desperate hour is:

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent!"
(Revelation 3:17-19).

Wake up, preachers! Wake up, Christians! Wake up America!

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June 29, 2004

Dear Brother Dan

In order for us to best serve you as a missionary, we have a Missions Pastor, D____K____ has been on our staff for 10 years and assists me in the missions department by being the first contact person for our missionaries. He is able to answer most questions or concerns that you many have. If he is not able to answer your question, he will do the research and follow-up to get the needed information. Please direct all correspondence, telephone messages, etc. to him.

As a reminder, our board of officers is expecting you to find representation by a mission agency by Nov. 11, 2004. As mentioned in our previous letter, this request is for your protection and the protection of all involved in your ministry. Please note that a clearing house is not an acceptable solution. We are concerned that questions may arise about the use of your mission support since you do not answer to a governing agency. If you decide not to do that, we regret that we will no longer be able to support you. If you have further questions, please feel free to call D____K____.

Signed by the Pastor

June 2005

Bro. Slagill

I am writing you concerning the letter that was dated May 28, 2004 from Pastor H____ and myself stating our concern about not having a mission board. The church board stated that they wanted you to have a board by November 11, 2004 or we no longer would be able to support you. We have passed that date by more than 6 months and have continued to support you even though we have not heard from you on your plans to obtain a mission board. Please let me know what your plans are in detail so I might present it to the board in our July meeting so they can revisit their decision.

M____ Baptist Church

D____K____ Missions Pastor

Missionary Dan Slagill's Reply

Following is a portion of Bro. Slagill's lengthy reply.

Mr. D____K____

Nona and I are in the perfect will of God. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

I want to ask you and the deacons and pastor H____, the only pastor that I have, the only pastor that the Lord Jesus Christ has, and the local body of Christ to pray at men's prayer time that we will make the right decision.

Now, maybe you know of a good mission agency that we might be able to join when we come back in 14 months? Please let us know so we can spiritually pray "Thy will be done." Now we must pray according to His will. To find His will we must go to the Word of God.

D____, Nona and I are in the perfect will of God and we certainly do not want to leave that perfect will. The Word of God is the final authority of the Living God and to go against the Word of God is sin. Jas 4:17. Once we know what God says in His Word and we go against that perfect knowledge then we sin against Him.

D____, is the word "Pope" or "Cardinal" scriptural? We know that it is not. Why? Because it is not in the bible. That means it is misleading to tell people that there is a Pope. The whole church has been misleading 22 million Catholics believing that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ. That is a lie...For a man to say that he is the Holy Father is blasphemy.

Eph. 4:11 "And he gave some, Apostles; and some, prophets, and some; evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." D____, you certainly don't want us to be out of God's perfect will do you? Neither do we. Therefore, we ask that you folks pray real hard that His

will be done according to the scriptures so we will be scriptural. To cause a brother to go out of the perfect will of God is sin.

At this point in the letter Bro. Slagill inserts I Cor. 8:7-13 that deals with offending the weak brother, even to the degree that if eating meat causes your brother to sin you should refrain, "lest I make my brother to offend." Bro. Slagill continues with these words,

Notice what God's Word says, "take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block." The unscriptural Pastor H_____, the unscriptural deacons, and the unscriptural D_____, K_____, are about to put a stumbling block in Nona and my path. My Lord Jesus said, "ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ."

Bro. Slagill then appeals to Missions Pastor K_____ by quoting the words of our Lord Jesus at Matt. 18 when He gives the command to His disciples regarding offenses. In the end if there is no reconciliation, "TELL IT UNTO THE CHURCH: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Bro. Slagill then appeals to Missions Pastor K_____ again with these words,

Do you know what this means, when you cause Nona and me to stumble out of the perfect will of God you commit a fault. In other words you sin against Christ. Look very carefully to the COMMAND of Christ, He said, "TELL IT UNTO THE CHURCH."

Notice that He did not say, "tell it unto the Baptist Bible Fellowship International, the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, the World Baptist Fellowship Bob Jones "U", Campus Crusade, Billy Graham Association or any other organization outside of HIS CHURCH. My Lord Jesus Christ said, "TELL IT UNTO THE CHURCH."

Pastor H_____, the unscriptural deacons and you are about ready to commit a fault against me and Nona in that you are about to cause us to fall out of the perfect will of God by demanding that we "FIND REPRESENTATION BY A MISSION AGENCY...FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND THE PROTEC-

TION OF ALL INVOLVED IN YOUR MINISTRY. PLEASE NOTE THAT A CLEARING HOUSE IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. If you decide not to do that, we regret that we will no longer be able to support you."

Now there is another unscriptural matter that needs to be dealt with. In the letter of May 28, 2004, Pastor H_____ said that, "we met with our board of officers and our Executive Pastor to discuss your situation of NOT WORKING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF A MISSION AGENCY." This is where you made your terrible unscriptural mistake. You men not only said that my Lord Jesus Christ's LOCAL CHURCH, M_____ BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOT HIS MISSION AGENCY AND THAT HE HAS ANOTHER MISSION AGENCY OUTSIDE OF HIS MISSION AGENCY THE LOCAL CHURCH BUT WHEN YOU DROP OUR SUPPORT YOU WILL SAY BY YOUR SINFUL ACTIONS THAT MY LORD JESUS CHRIST'S LOCAL, NEW TESTAMENT, BIBLE BELIEVING BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOT HIS MISSION AGENCY, THE TRUE AND ONLY AGENCY THAT HE DIED FOR AND HAS THE GLORY IN AND THAT WE ARE TO HAVE OUR COURT IN WHEN HE COMMANDS US TO TELL IT TO THE CHURCH. He never told us to be disciplined by any other AGENCY. His agency, the local church, is an organism that produces life. No other agency outside of His church is an organism that produces life."

Brother Slagill then said,

I have made a list of the scriptural requirements of THE LORD'S MISSION AGENCY. In other words we will not join a mission agency that does not have these scriptural requirements.

1. The mission agency must HAVE BEEN STARTED BY THE Lord Jesus Christ Himself. In other words it must be built on the rock Christ Jesus. Not man. Mt. 16:15

2. The mission agency must have the scriptural authority to baptize. Mt. 16:14. Being unscriptural brings unbelief and hardens the heart.

3. The mission agency must have the scriptural authority to perform the

LORD'S SUPPER. Lk. 22:15

4. The mission agency must have the authority of the GREAT COMMAND. Mt. 28:18-20

5. The mission agency must have the scriptural authority for Christ to die for it and present it to Himself. Eph. 5:25

6. The mission agency must have the scriptural authority of Christ's command of giving. Lk. 6:38.

7. The mission agency must be the court house of the believer. Mt. 18:15-TELL IT UNTO THE CHURCH.

8. The mission agency must be the only mission agency that has the GLORY OF GOD and His approval on it. Eph. 3:21 Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Do you know why God does not have the glory in His church? Because man has given His glory to other institutions outside of His church.

We have a mission agency: The name is: M_____ Baptist Church.

Waiting for the glorious shout,
Brother Dan Slagill

Last Letter

August 23, 2005

Mr. Dan Slagill,

This letter is to inform you that M_____ Baptist Church is no longer financially supporting your ministry in the Philippines. Due to the lack of compliance on your part with the board's wishes (securing a mission board) over a year ago, we have taken this action effective immediately. We also want to make it clear that we are not your mission board and have never been your mission board. As of November 30, 2005 we are unable to process your support checks. Please inform your supporting churches of this change and make arrangements for someone else to deposit your checks.

Sincerely

D_____ K_____

M_____ Baptist Church

In my opinion this is one of the saddest exchanges that I have ever read in my entire life. Bro. Slagill and his wife Nona have been members in good standing of this church for many years. The church is their largest supporting church which amounts to several hundreds of dollars per month. The stand that the Slagill's have taken is at great personal loss but they have, as Paul said, "...counted all things as dung that they may win Christ." You will notice the hardness of heart that Bro. Slagill warned them about, but obviously they believe that they are "doing God service" as the Lord Jesus warned.

However, there is far more to this than meets the eye. What we have here is a Baptist Church operating as a not for profit business organization, and the pastor sees himself as the CEO of the corporation (actually a hireling – John 10:12,13). They are functioning through a board of directors as any corporation would function. The purpose of all of this is to bring this 501(c)(3) public charity into compliance with standard Internal Revenue Service procedures so their tax-exemption will not be in jeopardy. A corporation requires total accountability although considering how many book cooking functions corporations have been engaged in lately, they are not too successful in this area. This "accountability" that they talk about sounds good in the flesh, but it is contrary to common law, where a person is innocent until proven guilty. Like the government that creates it, the corporation cannot function under God's law, but must function as an informer to its master the IRS, so that when they are audited there are no loose ends, or loose cannons like Dan Slagill, that cannot be accounted for. This is only the tip of the iceberg as to what the IRS demands of churches at this time. Many large churches need someone full time to meet the record keeping requirements for the IRS.

Rescue Report

*The Official Communiqué of the Missionary Rescue Fellowship
Commissioned by the Gateway Anabaptist Church, Monroe, Michigan*

By Dan Hardin

I really must write and mention to you that we have a friend that needs your help. His ministry is called Bible Restoration Ministries. His name is Dr. John Hinton. Bro. Hinton is a graduate of Harvard University, an expert in linguistics and fluent in multiple languages. At this time he is diligently working on translating the King James Bible into Arabic, as well as other languages. What an undertaking! As he is now relocating the ministry here to Michigan, he obviously needs your prayers and support. He can be contacted at johnhin@yahoo.com

Bro. David Ickes is now teaching a new batch of students in our Michigan Bible Institute on Monday nights. We are getting new students all the time. Praise the Lord!

In our mid-week church service, Thursday we are now tackling the issue of evolution. Every week we are examining the SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE of Creation, and comparing observable truth to the Blind Science of Evolutionism. We are reaching out to the community with these seminars, and hope to reach more lost people through this study of such a controversial subject.

The first Saturday of each month at the church we still have our Patriot Rally, and the last Saturday is our Gospel Singing program. We're staying busy, that's for sure.

Bro William Bowie is assisting with our Fellowship of Street Preaching Churches, as we continue the open air preaching of the Gospel. The Lord has truly blessed this ministry this year, and enabled us to preach to around 5 million lost souls! At a Fourth of July celebration in Belle Isle MI this year, there were over 340 decisions for Christ. Our men continue to preach to the largest Arab community in America, in Dearborn, MI, at least twice a year, and the Muslims are getting used to the idea of seeing (and hearing) street preachers in their neighborhood. (There was a little confusion at first since many mistakenly thought we were CATHOLICS, however they quickly dis-

covered that we are CHRISTIANS preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ).

Speaking of Catholicism, in the small town of Carey Ohio, there is a large statue of Mary that thousands from all over the world come to pay homage to every August. Several of our men preached there last year and were able to get many tracts out, but the crowd became so angry, the Police escorted us out of town because they "feared the people". This year our men attempted to preach, but were immediately chased out of town by an angry mob! There was certainly "no small stir about that way". Policemen got injured trying to protect the Preachers, and it was only by the Grace of God that no one was seriously hurt. All because of the preaching of the Gospel! (It really looked like Acts 19 all over again!)

Obviously, we are all continuing to pray for the people down south who have been left devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We sure are living in perilous times! There is a dear brother from our church who is down there in Mississippi right now, working with lineman crews to restore power to the area. But, as we all know, people need Jesus more than electricity! As this fellow is a faithful street preacher, he is taking this opportunity to preach the Gospel and give out tracts to the people down there. With so much death and suffering all around them, some might finally realize how close they are to Hell and get saved! We know at least one man is preaching the Gospel amongst the turmoil. Thank God!!

Well, with so much going on we sure covet your prayers and support. Things are tough all over these days, with all the "wars and rumours of wars" (not to mention the price of gas!) So we'll keep you all in our prayers, as always. Let us all fight a good fight, finish our course, and keep the faith!

In Jesus' name, and for His sake,
Pastor Dan Hardin
Acts 20:24, 2 Tim. 4:7

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Book Review:

The Trail of Blood Revisited

By Patricia Stegman

If you read only one book on the demise of religious liberty, it should be *The Trail of Blood Revisited: Christ's True Church – Its Past, Present and Future*. From the first century to the twenty-first, Dr. Greg Dixon traces the history of government control and persecution of the Christian church, and the effect of ever-encroaching demands and restrictions.

The average person thinks that persecution of Christians takes place in a faraway land under a communist regime, or in a Third World country torn by civil strife. There is a vague admiration of the "unregistered" or house churches meeting secretly in China; a gasp of disbelief escapes their lips when a pastor in Sudan is imprisoned for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

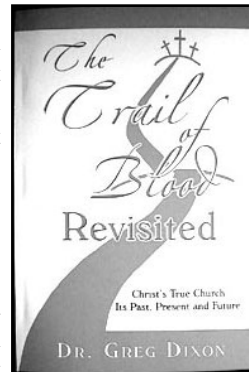
But in America? How ridiculous! The land of religious free-for-all? What does America need with an unregistered church? Preachers don't get arrested in America! We have religious freedom! . . . don't we?

Dr. Dixon documents the existence of the State church in America – from the colonial establishments in New England and Virginia, which taxed the populace to support their churches and doctrine, to the IRS control of churches today, which taxes the populace to support "public policy," and sets forth its own official definition of a

church that is contrary to Scripture. He cites imprisonment and criminal charges brought against preachers, not only in antiquity but also in numerous present-day cases, highlighting the extent to which men will go to silence and control the Word of God in America. The methods of control are more subtle in modern times. Instead of chasing the preacher down with a horse whip, government offers him a "non-profit" status sweetened with the scent of tax deductions, and then tells him, under the guise of "tolerance and diversity," what he can and cannot preach. Dr. Dixon also offers a detailed plan, through the Biblical Law Center's Declaration of Trust, by which churches can extract themselves from this deception.

The Trail of Blood Revisited runs a connecting thread from the First Century churches right up through today, and gives a glimpse of the future of the church if pastors refuse to heed the warning trumpet. As Dr. Robert McCurry states in his Foreword, "The real issue is, *Who is Lord?*" This is a question that must be answered, individually, by each and every church, and by each and every minister of the Gospel. In *The Trail of Blood Revisited*, Dr. Dixon offers food for thought, and fuel for action, "that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil." (2 Timothy 2:26)

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Federal Hate Crimes Legislation

"Thought Crimes" Now a Reality

By Patricia Stegman

On September 14, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act" by a bipartisan vote of 223 to 199. The measure gives special status to certain crime victims based on race, religion, ethnic background, disability, gender, and sexual orientation. Ironically, this measure, which creates a special protected class of sodomites and other sexual perverts, was tacked on as an amendment to the "Children's Safety Act," which was originally intended to strengthen penalties for child sex offenders.

This legislation violates fundamental Constitutional protections in several different ways. It violates the Equal Protection clause by creating classes of people who are "more equal" than others, promoting unequal justice under the law. It violates the Tenth Amendment - "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people" - and allows the federal government to supercede local and state laws. It breaks down the barriers between state and federal government by allowing the federal government to enforce civil rights laws within states.

Furthermore, it creates "Thought Crimes," concerning itself not with the crime itself, but the supposed motivation behind the crime. Although the current legislation technically confines itself to prosecuting violent crimes, it will most assuredly be used to repress speech and non-violent action.

Hate crimes legislation has already been used to prosecute Christian speech. Consider the case of Michael Marcavage, when his "Repent America" group went to the Philadelphia OutFest in 2004 to preach on the public streets. They were accosted by the so-called "Pink Angels," a group of screaming, cursing sodomites who hemmed the Christians in with 8-foot Styrofoam panels. The Pink Angels were not arrested for their aggressive behavior, but the Repent America group was arrested and charged with hate crimes for their

message. (Those charges were later dismissed at trial.)

In Sweden a pastor was jailed for preaching a sermon in which he taught that homosexuality is wrong. The prosecutor stated, "One may have whatever religion one wishes, but [the sermon] is an attack on all fronts against homosexuals. Collecting Bible [verses] on this topic. . . makes this hate speech." A Canadian pastor faces a \$7,000 fine before the Alberta Human Rights Tribunal because of a letter to the editor in which he called homosexuality immoral and dangerous.

And in September 2005, a volunteer chaplain for the Washington (D.C.) Nationals pro baseball team was suspended, and one of the players reprimanded, for a private conversation. Outfielder Ryan Church asked volunteer chaplain Joe Moeller, "Jewish people don't believe in Jesus. Does that mean they're doomed?" Moeller nodded. That nod got him suspended as being "religiously incorrect," and the outfielder was forced to publicly apologize for asking the question. A local Rabbi commended the decision, characterizing the exchange as "hate." Although the chaplain was not charged with a crime, the "hate crimes" mentality has already permeated society. It will be a very short step from persecuting "offensive" speech to prosecuting it.

The message of salvation has two sides. One side says Jesus died for our sins and "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The other side says those who reject Jesus will spend eternity in a devil's hell. The world, which calls evil good and good evil, will call this message hate instead of love.

The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act will now go to the Senate. Contact Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist at 202-224-3344. Contact your Senators by calling the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or go online to www.senate.gov to find contact information for individual Senators.

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Worldly-Wise Fools

By Jim Grove

In 2004, the Dover, Pennsylvania School Board, in an effort to balance the unproven theory of evolution with other theories, voted to have a statement read to all ninth-grade biology classes which says in part: "Because Darwin's Theory is a theory, it continues to be tested as new evidence is discovered. The Theory is not a fact. Gaps in the Theory exist for which there is no evidence. . . . Intelligent Design is an explanation of the origin of life that differs from Darwin's view. The reference book, Of Pandas and People, is available for students who might be interested in gaining an understanding of what Intelligent Design actually involves. . . . The school leaves the discussion of the Origins of Life to individual students and their families. . . ." The proposed statement caused a firestorm of debate over whether that was an endorsement of Creationism, and whether it represented an "establishment of religion" by government in violation of the Constitution. Eleven parents, spurred on by the ACLU, eventually sued the school board in federal court. The trial began in September 2005 and is expected to run through November. Jim Grove, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Loganville, Pennsylvania, has been attending the trial.

The battle has officially begun in the Federal Court in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Judge John E. Jones III will soon be responsible for making the decision which will impact all of society worldwide. This is a battle for the souls of men. He will decide whether a policy implemented by the Dover School Board to inform ninth grade high school students concerning "gaps" in the theory of evolution, while simply pointing to the theory of "Intelligent Design," is an "establishment of religion" in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. His decision could quite possibly be the beginning of the end of the philosophical stranglehold the evolutionists have single-handedly maintained on public school children for nearly one hundred years.

As usual, the ACLU "Anti Christ Leeches Union" has sued the School Board on behalf of 11 plaintiff parents to prove that the Board did indeed "establish a state religion." In addition to the parents' testimony, the ACLU is bringing in the "experts," what I call Bunyan's worldly-wise men, to prove their case.

First up this past week was Dr. Kenneth Miller, Brown University professor and author of the Biology textbook which is used in the science classroom at Dover. Miller, in his suave, articulate, self-confident opinion, believes "intelligent design" is strictly religious and not science. And he maintains that if this policy is continued, it will stop all scientific endeavors and progress which has been made in the modern scientific era. I am confident Bunyan would have labeled this worldly-wise man, Dr. Know-it-All.

The next expert was Dr. Robert Pennock, Michigan State professor of science and philosophy. I'll call him Dr. Manywords, as he went far afield with his

verbosity and expansive vocabulary to not answer a direct question requiring only a yes or no answer. He is a court reporter's delight to never have to worry about job security. He, too, informed the Judge that "intelligent design" is strictly religious and not science.

By far the most fascinating expert for me was on Friday Sept. 30th. He was Dr. Haught, a retired Theology professor from Georgetown University. We can thank the Lord he is retired. I call him a "Theolog." A log is a dead piece of wood which has been cut down without life. This supposed authority on God revealed himself as one who is definitely "dead in trespasses and sins" and a "tree twice dead plucked up by the roots." In cross-examination, he stated that he has not even read the Bible completely! That would seem to me to disqualify him as an expert. He did not believe the virgin birth or the resurrection. He did not even believe the amount of the Bible which he has read to be the Word of God. He believed much of it was only symbolism. I think a better name for him would be, as Bunyan might label him, Dr. Deadwood.

One question Dr. Deadwood did not want to answer was a zinger. Defense Attorney Dick Thompson read the last paragraph from Darwin's book *The Origin of Species*, which states in part, "There is grandeur in this view of life . . . having been originally breathed by the **Creator** into a few forms or into one." He then asked Dr. Deadwood – in fact, had to ask him twice in order to get a response – if Darwin's book should be removed from the classroom based on this "religious" statement. He had to answer, "No"!

Dr. Deadwood was critical of the book the school board had mentioned in their classroom policy statement, *Of Pandas and People*. He said it was a reli-

gious book. However, on cross examination, he revealed he had not even read this book entirely either. He had just looked at the table of contents and skimmed it. He's an expert?! (Duh!!!). If the ACLU was really honest about getting an actual witness for God, they could have done better by using a kindergarten student from a Christian school.

The testimony from these "experts" would be laughable except that the judge is now charged with the decision of his lifetime, which will influence all of mankind from now until Jesus comes.

There is news media from all over the world watching this case in court. I guess they realize what implications this decision will have on our nation and the world. What is disheartening to me is that there are no Christian College professors, administrators or even pastors in attendance. Only one pastor that I know of is there, yours truly. Where are the preachers??? Yes, you can boil all this down to preachers. Lay it at the feet of the preachers of this nation.

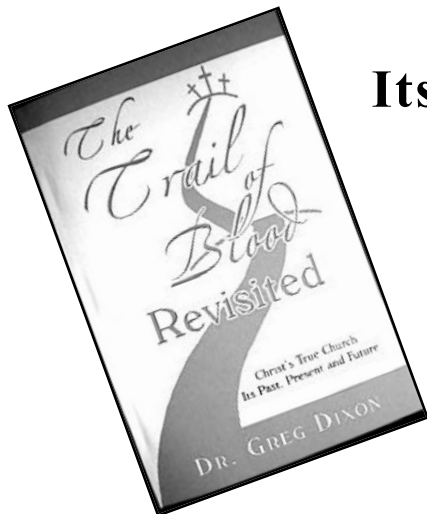
For example, all of the parent plaintiffs, who are being used by the Leeches Union to bring this case forward, claim to be Christians. What input have their pastors/preachers/priests had about their involvement? What have their preachers been teaching – or not teaching – them over the years? Well, obviously nothing. This is a glaring condemnation upon these preachers' ministries. In essence, these parents have sued themselves. (Duh).

This is not an "establishment of religion" if understood in light of the original intent of the First Amendment. I only hope the judge has done his homework and is willing to stand for the truth, and not be influenced by modern day political correctness and multicultural baloney so popular today.

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