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THE BIBLE AND MODERN SCIENCE

By
H. C. Vanderpool



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MODERN SCIENCE IN THE BIBLE

The most sacred and most profound doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, is, the doctrine of the Triune God. All true Christians believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and that these three, though distinct from one point of view, constitute only one God. Men, of course, have scoffed at this belief that God is one Person and, at the same time, three Persons. It is contrary to established and unalterable mathematical principles, they say, for Christians to maintain that $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$ rather than 3.

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Report From California

Dear Bro. Vanderpool and Readers:

Again, I want to thank God's people and churches for their continued support of this field in California. The love offerings have been a great help to my family and me.

The church is doing well. When we first came out there were about eight to ten people coming. With God's help we have an average of between fifteen and twenty now.

A couple of weeks ago we had a boy on the altar. Pray for him and his family. As far as I know, his mother and dad are lost too. The church is having a little progress by the help of God and the prayers of many good brothers and sisters.

God has also blessed my family with a new baby boy. His name is Jonathon Luke. Thanks to God he is very healthy. We find California a challenging work. Please continue to pray for us in this field. May God bless you all.

Elder J. K. Elliott
8115 Gardendale St.
Downey, CA 90242

REVIVALS

FRIDAY - APRIL 5

Weekend revival at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 2806 Maco Drive, Norton, Ohio. Pastor Berlon Roy is to be assisted by Elder Paul Bryson. Everyone is welcome, and prayers are requested for the meeting.

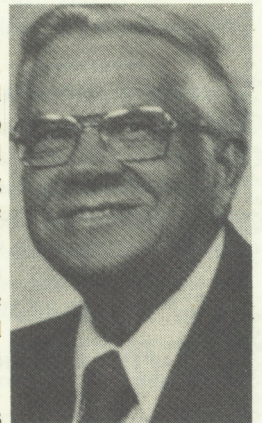
SUNDAY - APRIL 21

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Pastor H. C. Vanderpool is to be assisted by Elder Doug Curtis. Services each night at 7:15 P.M. Everyone is invited.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By
Elder Fountain L. Ray
1907 - 1978

EDITOR'S NOTE: (Elder F. L. Ray was one of our most devoted Baptist ministers during his ministry, in preaching, writing, debating, Bible Teaching, etc. He passed away on November 4, 1978. He had also taught in each annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, Bowling Green, Ky., 1973 - 1978. In 1974, he wrote three articles to the BAPTIST BANNER on Ministerial Education. Since this month is the time for the 13. annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School, and since Bro. Ray loved the school and devoted much time and effort to it, I wanted to republish his articles (3 in 1) this month in tribute to him).



Elder Fountain L. Ray

I have just passed my thirty-sixth year in the ministry. I am both looking backward and forward. I am thinking of statements that I have heard, things that have been said and done through these years many things I have heard have been of great help to me. But on the other hand I have heard things that has made me wonder, and sometimes I become disturbed. What I would like to do is to help all I can both the old and young preacher. We shall never get too old to learn, nor will we learn so much that we will not need to study.

For example I heard a preacher say who had been in the ministry for some time when he was presented to preach. "I have not studied any today. I have no sermon layed out. I want to read one verse of Scripture, I don't know why God put this scripture on my mind. I am going to preach just what he gives me to preach." Brethren, I believe that God will help us through his Holy Spirit, I believe he will give wisdom of

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By H. C. Vanderpool

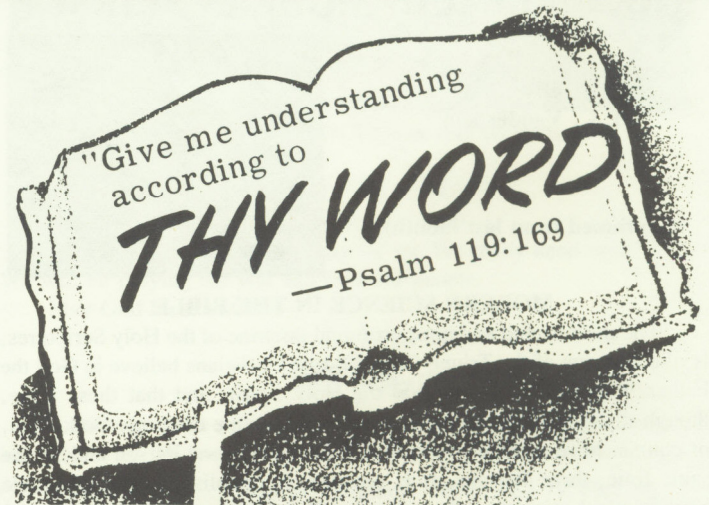
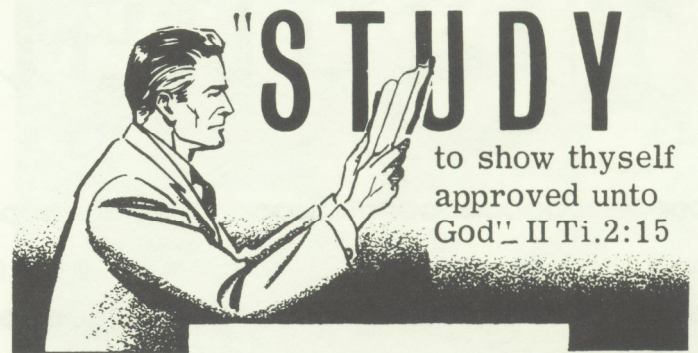
PREPARED ARTICLES

For almost 19 years I have endeavored to print all materials submitted to the BAPTIST BANNER for publication. Many articles, reports, announcements, etc. are carefully typed and ready for the printer. This is greatly appreciated.

However, some of these materials have to be retyped, corrected, and rearranged in content in order for it to be printed. This is in no way intended to reflect upon anyone, or his or her ability to write. This involves quite amount of time. As of the present, a new policy is being made, and that is, I kindly ask every person submitting material for publication, please, if possible, type the material, double-spaced, and correctly punctuated if possible, and ready for the printer.

After all these many years doing this myself I feel it only fair to make this request. If you do not have a typewriter, make your copy as legible as possible in handwriting or printing.

It is our desire to continue to serve our Baptist people and also the general public. My schedule is designed to keep moving and every detail is becoming more important to be timely. This is another reason that an article which fails to appear in an issue is because it failed to reach the BANNER mailbox on time. Everyone's cooperation in these matters will be very much appreciated.

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understanding, but I don't believe he will give any one a sermon or put words in the mouth of his preachers. The following scriptures will prove my position without any doubt. First, I know that the following scripture is quoted by many to prove or try to prove that we are just ignorant men and unlearned. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13

The word (Ignorant) usually means (without knowledge) but not in this case. It means that they (Peter and John) were unlettered men without a formal or technical training in the professional rabbinical schools of that day). The same opinion was expressed by the Jews concerning Jesus Christ. "And the Jews marvelled, saying How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" In other words this statement just means that Peter and John were private persons. (Not professional or public men).

They had been under the teaching of the worlds greatest teacher Jesus Christ. He said to them come follow me. "And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Now let me suggest this for your consideration. Try going fishing, don't make any preparation none whatever. Go to the lake, take no boat, no fishing equipment, no bait just say God will give me what I need, you will be the biggest sucker caught.

Jesus had taught these men, they were men of knowledge, wisdom, power and the love of God for lost souls.

For what was the Bible written? Paul said. "For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope." Romans 15:4

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16, 17

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**INVITATION TO
INDIANAPOLIS ORDINATION**

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church worshipping at 1032 S. Holmes Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46221, takes this means to extend a general invitation to the churches of the Bethel, Siloam, Southwestern District and Wiseman Baptist Associations to send their ordained brethren to meet in council on March 30, 1985 at 10 A.M. (Eastern Standard Time) to consider the suitability of ordaining brother Terry Lyles to the full work of the gospel ministry.

Bro. Lyles has been doing mission work in Anchorage, Alaska since July of 1984. He is conducting public Sunday morning worship services in Anchorage at the present time.

Done by the order of the church in conference, January 19, 1985.

Dean Hauskins, church clerk

Calvin Perrigo, Moderator

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It is unscientific and foolish, they are agreed, that the God of the universe, even though they should grant for the moment that He might be a real personality, could be both one personality and three personalities at the same time. Therefore, it follows for them, that Jesus was not God in the Biblical sense at all.

However, as Dr. Nathan Wood, former president of Gordon College, has shown in a very remarkable volume, the doctrine of the Trinity is not only sound mathematically but is reflected in all true science in such a wonderful way that the assumed fact of an eternally existing Triune God is an inductive necessity before the universe, as science knows it today, can be explained at all.

The doctrine of the Trinity is nowhere set forth in the Bible as an explicit doctrine. Rather, it appears indirectly, and yet perfectly naturally, as Jesus speaks of Himself and of the Father and of the Holy Spirit. Always the logical, causal order presented is: First, God the Father - the unseen Source and Cause of all things. Second, God the Son - who tangibly and visibly reveals the Father to man and who executes the will of God. Third, God the Holy Spirit - who is unseen and yet reveals God the Son to men through the media of other men and the Word which he inspired, and who makes real in the hearts and lives of men the experience of fellowship with the Son and the Father. Yet this is not an order of importance or length of existence. All are equally eternal and equally God - one God.

The Son is presented as "begotten of the Father," the Spirit as proceeding from the Father through the Son. Now consider the physical universe which logically should reflect in a very intimate way its Creator. All knowable things in this universe may be classified under the heads of **space, matter, or time**. Now space, at least as far as we can comprehend it, consists of exactly three dimensions, each equally important and absolutely essential. There would be no space, no reality, if there were only two dimensions. **Three distinct dimensions exist - yet each comprises the whole of space. Yet there is just one space.**

Note that to get the cubical contents of any certain confined space, one does not add the length and breadth and width, but rather multiplies them together. Analogously, the mathematics of the Trinity is not $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$, but $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$.

Energy is the unseen source manifesting itself in motion and thus producing phenomena. Matter involves these three phases and no others that cannot rightly be included in one of three. Each is distinct, yet each involves the whole matter, and none of the three can exist by itself without the other two. Energy is first in a logical, causal order, but not in order of importance or precedence. **Motion**, which embodies, reveals, and is begotten of energy, is the second. Phenomena proceed from motion and comprises the ways in which motion itself touches and affects men, even as the Holy Spirit reveals the Son and, through Him, the Father to men.

Finally, the last of the triad, **time**, is one entity but consists of the future, the present, and the past. Each contains the whole of time, yet is distinct and, further, cannot exist without the other two. The future is the unseen source of time and is embodied and made real, moment by moment, in the present. The past then proceeds from the present, becoming invisible again, yet continually influencing us with regard to the present, and helping us to interpret and understand the present and even, to some extent, the future.

Thus every detail of the physical universe is remarkably cast in the same mold as that of the Triune God presented in the Bible. This cannot be coincidence. There must be an adequate reason for these resemblances which are so fundamental that they are likely to be quite overlooked or ignored. But this same remarkable phenomenon can be seen in the realm of human life, as well. The Bible says that man was created in the image of God, so this should be expected.

Notice that each individual is a person, who can be physically ob-

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The Bible was not written for dummies, but for people who will study its Holy pages to learn, and be able to work in the vineyard of the master.

In this article we wish to show you the need of an education to be able to preach the word of God with power and in demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

Let's take a look at the Bible, God is the real author of this wonderful book. I found the following in a book some time ago.

"This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of the believer.

"It's doctrines are holy, it's precepts are binding, it's histories are true, and it's decisions are immutable (unchangeable). Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

"Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and hell disclosed. Christ is it's grand object, our good it's design, and the glory of God it's end. Read it slowly frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is your guide in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the highest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with it's sacred contents."

The Bible is the preacher's textbook. I believe he should study it's holy pages, and prayerfully meditate upon it's deep and wonderful truths. God being the author, and He is the alwise and almighty supreme being. The men who wrote the Bible were wise men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:19-21.

I believe that every minister of God's word should acquire all the knowledge he possibly can, I believe he should take advantage of every good sound Bible school that is made available, and study all the good helpful books that he can get hold of.

Now, let's notice some more of the things that Paul tells us on this subject.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others." II Tim. 2:2.

A number of times Paul uses the following statement, "I would not have ye be ignorant". The word "ignorant" means without knowledge. Brethren, we are to be soul winners for Jesus. And Jesus said, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:2.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Pro. 11:30.

"The greatest need of our time is for all men of God to put on the whole armour of God."

". . . having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness: And your feet shod with the PREPARATION of the gospel of peace."

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REPORT FROM JAPAN

Hiroshima Nishi P.O. Box 62
Hiroshima 733, Japan
January 25, 1985

Dear Elder H. C. Vanderpool;

Greetings from the land of Japan in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ remembering you and your people.

We really hope each one of you have many blessings from the Lord throughout this year, which is our prayer. We had a lot of blessings from the Lord last year, but we also had a lot of worldly troublesome matters from Satan who worked hard to destroy our work for the Lord in this land of paganism. We are happy to have victories in Jesus. We have overcome most of them in the faith of the Lord by His help. We are always happy in the Lord.

We hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy new year there in the States. We had many blessings in those days. We appreciate those sent us card, picture, and love offerings, especially those called us. It was good for us to hear Bro. Jeff Elliott of CA., and Bro. Terry Lyles of Alaska, our son Luke of Minnesota, and Bro. Jackie Wilburn ad his family of Tenn. We had great encouragements by hearing them. Young Adult Class of South Carthage sent us two boxes of food like they did past many years, two boxes of food from our son, a big box of food from the Bro. Wilburns. We enjoyed having rootbeer which we don't have here in Japan. We had a big can of fruit cake from Mrs. Mary Taylor of Plunkett's Creek, which was the biggest one we ever had from her for many years. We truly appreciate those who remember us in prayer and in many ways. We understand we are not alone working for the Lord in this land, but have many co-workers behind us.

For past three days of new year it was reported over 8.300 millions of the Japanese visited Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples to worship ancestors, the dead souls considered being gods. Just stop and think over 3 millions of people visited the Meiji Shrine of Tokyo night and day, 24 hours a day, for three days, just to clap their hands twice and to bow their heads twice, or to throw their money into the box, to the Emperor Meiji who was deified as god, came one way in a great big stream of people, and went away in the other way as one great stream conducted by many policemen. Nobody ordered them go, but they did even at three o'clock, at five o'clock in the morning, at ten o'clock in the night without ceasing. To me it is a scene of menace moved by the Satan but people think it a traditional beautiful custom.

In fact, people of this land became more conservative like they wre before the war; conservative to their old pagan religion. From now on we will have hard time, as last days are coming by and by.

We have to set the examples for our followers how to be blessed christian by not compromising with heathenism in any way. Last week my wife's mother died. After all we did not attend the funeral service conducted by Buddhist priests and their practice compeling people to worship the dead soul. We chose the way to tell the true and genuine salvation of the Lord Jesus not being mixed up with unclean customs and spirits. Because of that we are having troublesome matters and pressures, yet we are happy to be kept safely by the almighty God Himself. Not only years past, but also this year our faith and practice will be tested.

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WEST VIRGINIA MISSION

The BANNER has been notified that Elder Stanley Keen has a Mission at Churchville, West Virginia. The address of the mission and times of services were not given. Bro. Keen is a member of Rocky Mound Missionary Baptist Church, Westmoreland,

Anyone wishing to write to, or make contact with, Bro. Keen may do so at: Elder Stanley Keen, 70 Hiland Drive, Buckhannon, W. VA 26201.

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Eph. 6:13-15.

Listen to what Paul said to the young preacher. "These things command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 1 Tim. 4:11,13.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine. (Teaching) for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Just suppose that no one had ever educated themselves, if no one had ever been able to translate the Bible from its original Hebrew and Greek; we would not be able to read the scriptures, beside this men who have prepared themselves have done many things to help the student to a better understanding of the word of God.

Every preacher that can expound the word of God by rightly dividing it has somewhere, some way prepared himself for the work that God has called him to do.

Let's take a look at our adversaries or false teachers, they have and are today making every effort to educate themselves to go out and deceive the souls of mankind. I trust that our preachers will wake up to the sense of their responsibility and duty. If we cope with the false doctrines of the devil we need to know what the Bible teaches, and the only way to know is to study.

I know that a person who has no education can be saved and have a knowledge in his own heart that he has been saved. And I know that this is helpful to hear some one tell their experience of saving grace. But we are to tell people and show people the way of salvation. "These men are servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." Acts 16:17.

I don't believe that one goes to school to make a preacher of himself, but I do believe that when God calls a man to preach his everlasting truth that he wants that man to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. One does not fight without some kind of armour. Is not it reasonable to prepare for the ministry? The Lawyer, Doctor, Business Men, Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, or whatever the occupation in life may be there must be some preparations made to do the job.

The men of God of the older brethren, Bro. C. B. Massey, Bro. A. J. Sloan, Bro. N. C. Fuqua, Bro. L. A. Stewart, Bro. R. O. Sanders and Bro. Calvin Gregory. These men have already gone to their reward. But these men proved to me that they had studied the word of God. Not only did they proclaim the truth but they defended it when they were called on. And we have many today that are able ministers of God's word, they have studied the word of God.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." I Peter 3:15.

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:14,15,16,17.

Every man of God should be (APT) able to teach, and seek the ability to deliver his message to his Congregation. Make full proof of thy ministry. Amen.

Our Travels in Bible Lands

By H. C. Vanderpool

(Continued from last month)

NOTE: This is the fourth and final article on our 1984 Bible Lands Tour. In the three previous issues I have reported on October 30, 31, November 1, 2, 3, 4. This article covers the last two days.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1984:

We began this day with a drive to the Holy Land Hotel and nearby visited the model of Jerusalem as it was in the days of Herod. We visited the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation and Stephen's Gate.

We went to Mt. Moriah where Solomon's Temple stood, and where today you visit the El Aqua Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Entering these buildings we pulled off our shoes which were left outside. The floors are carpeted and this makes for better walking without shoes.

After leaving the Temple Mount we visited the shops in the Old City. These were very crowded elbow to elbow, with hundreds of pilgrims, including our group, looking and buying souvenirs.

Much of our enjoyment and lighter moments were discussing our purchases, who made the best deals, who might have been cheated, etc. but everyone happy! We boarded the bus and soon came to the restaurant in the Old City for lunch. My tour group had eaten here the year before. I knew we would have enjoyable food. As travelling in any country throughout the world, some people enjoy the food of other countries better than others. I have always enjoyed the Israeli meals.

We had visited Pilate's Judgment Hall and the Antonia Fortress in the Old City and now we cross over to Bethany on the eastern side of the Mt. of Olives from Jerusalem. We visited a home of a woman whose house was built over 700 years ago. There were openings in the walls to keep bed clothes and other household items. An unrefrigerated safe or cabinet, contained the cooked food for the day. What food was not eaten that day which had been cooked had to be thrown away as it would not keep. This lady took us into the front yard and showed us how she was making cheese. We appreciated her hospitality and kindness. I hope to visit her again in November.

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CALVARY

REPORT FROM DENVER

Here is the list of love offering sent to help us with our building. The heat ducts are roughed in and so is the inside about ready for roughing in the electrical wiring. The front porch cover is finished. We thank everyone very much and desire that you continue to pray for us, that the building will be used for the Lord's cause only.

December Donations

Rock Bridge Baptist Church, TN	\$ 500.00
Old Hopewell Baptist Church, TN	190.00
Faith M. Baptist Church, KY	25.00
Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, TN	50.00
Harmony M. Baptist Church, TN	42.00
Offering in memory of Sister Faye Nevielle	55.00
Names requested not to be published	500.00
Bro. and Sister Marvin Payne, MO	50.00
Sister Christine Green, TN	100.00
December.....	\$1,512.00

January Donations

Mt. Juliet M. Baptist Church, TN	\$ 50.00
Union Hill M. Baptist Church, TN	50.00
Sister Christine Green	100.00
January.....	\$ 200.00

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 Doreen Brown, Clerk

Israeli Wage, Price Controls

TEL AVIV, Israel - The government, union leaders and industrialists have agreed on a plan they hope will end Israel's dizzying inflationary spiral - major cuts in price subsidies for consumer goods and limits on wage increases.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, in an interview on Israel radio, described the wage-price controls agreed upon recently as "the greater part of our economic program."

Through its austerity program, the government hopes to restrict inflation to 100 percent a year. Last year's overall inflation rate was 445 percent.

The new agreement needs approval by the Cabinet, but such an endorsement was expected at the next Cabinet meeting, said Uri Sevir, a spokesman for Peres. - Nashville Banner Wire Service

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served and described. But back of that person is his nature, which is unseen and yet is the source of all that the person embodies. But that person, and through the person his nature, is known to other men only through his personality, which is unseen, intangible thing, yet is the way in which the person touches the lives of others.

So, then, human life consists of three things - **nature, person and personality** - and no others. They are equally important and equally the whole of man, yet always exist in the above logical order. None of the three can exist without the other two. The nature is the source, revealed and embodied in the person. The personality proceeds from the person. It is invisible, but is felt and influences the lives of others in regard to the person. Thus, man is, in minute detail, a finite reflection of God, who made him in His own image.

THE FIELD OF ASTRONOMY

For thousands of years, many wise men have busied themselves with counting the stars and constellations. Before the invention of the telescope in the seventeenth century, the number of the stars was regarded as practically determined. The great Ptolemy gave the number as 1,056. Tycho Brahe catalogued 777 and Kepler counted 1,005. This number has since been tremendously increased, of course, and the end is not yet even remotely in view. It is now known that there are over 100 billion stars in our own galaxy, with probably billions of others. **MOST ASTRONOMERS NOW AGREE, IT IS NOT HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO COUNT ALL THE STARS.** This would not have been admitted by scientists a few centuries ago.

But the Bible makes the assertion: Speaking of the stars, God said, "The host of heaven CANNOT be numbered," Jeremiah. The scientists of the twentieth century tell us that the earth is suspended in space, without resting upon anything. So what, the Bible says, "He stretcheth out the north over (the empty space, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." Job 26:7. No one knows what gravity is or why it is. It is merely a term invented to explain certain observed phenomena. Truly, there is nothing that modern science can add to or take away from the age-old statement that God has hung the earth upon nothing.

THE CIRCLE OF THE EARTH

For a long time, it was believed by many that the earth was flat. Then it was discovered that the earth was round. When Isaiah spoke of God, he said, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth," Isaiah 40:22. The word "circle" is translated from the Hebrew word "khug" a more exact connotation of which is "sphericity" or "roundness." I have read page after page after page of scientific literature upon the earth and its creation, or its appearance in space and how it was formed, and I find many amusing statements. The Bible has amused many who were critics of the Bible and its teachings on God's creation of the earth and all things therein. After reading what scientists say about the rotation of the earth on its axis and its movements around the sun, I then turn to God's word to listen to what our Great Artificer of the universe says, speaking of the sun, "His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Psalm 19:6.

Dr. Henry Morris said, "Who can accuse the Holy Spirit of ignorance of modern astronomy? It is glorious to realize that the Great Astronomer and Mathematician who created the heavens, setting all the stars and universes of stars in their appointed courses, and who, according to Psalms 147:4 "Calls them all by their names," is the same One who calls you and me to eternal life in Jesus Christ.

(To be continued)

The very worst calamity which could befall any human being would be this—to have his own way from the cradle to the grave; to have everything he liked for the asking, or even for the buying. Never to deny himself, never to work, never to exert himself, never to want. That man's soul would be in as great danger as if he were committing great crimes.

—Charles Kingsley

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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WEDNESDAY - MARCH 27, 1985

- 9:00 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. H. C. Vanderpool - The Attributes of God
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Howard Taylor - Hope
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. J. H. Smith - The Exaltation of Jesus Christ
in Preaching
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Jerry Reynolds - Oh, Thou Man of God
- 2:45 P.M. Announcements and Benediction

THURSDAY - MARCH 28, 1985

- 9:15 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. Calvin Perrigo - Church Relations External Part I
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Billy Moran - Coping With The Ministry
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. H. C. Vanderpool - The Attributes of God
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Howard Taylor - Promises
- 2:45 P.M. Announcements and Benediction

FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 1985

- 9:15 A.M. Devotional
- 9:45 A.M. J. H. Smith - The Crucified Life
- 10:30 A.M. Intermission
- 10:45 A.M. Jerry Reynolds - The People of God
- 11:30 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Calvin Perrigo - Church Relations External Part 2
- 1:45 P.M. Intermission
- 2:00 P.M. Billy Moran - Paul's Gospel Theology
- 2:45 P.M. Presentation of Certificates, Announcements
and Benediction

MINISTERS WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Those in charge of the services of the Ministers Wives Fellowship for the three days will be Mrs. Evel Massey, Mrs. Annie Laura Smith and Mrs. Alta Vanderpool.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE TO:

Old Union Baptist Ministers School
c/o Elder Jerry Reynolds, Pastor
289 Meadowhill Dr.
Bowling Green, KY 42101
Phone: (502) 842-0752

Singing At New Bethel

On Sunday, March 17 there will be a singing at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1080 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy congregational singing where everyone has an opportunity to join in and share the great blessing of praising the Lord. We hope to see you then! Time: 2:00 P.M.

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Sister Grace Galloway Goes Home

Sister Grace Meador Galloway passed away on January 17, 1985, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Stringer, Franklin, Ky. She was 92. "Mama grace," as she was known to so many of us, was born July 18, 1892 to T. E. and Jane Meador in Macon County, Tennessee. They moved to Kentucky when she was six weeks old. She had two brothers, both deceased.

In October 1904 she was saved and baptized the same month into Old Union Missionary Baptist Church by Elder Tobias J. Ham, who served the church as pastor 1900 - 1908. At the time of her death, Sister Galloway was the oldest member of Old Union Baptist Church, or was the one holding the longest membership, which was 80 years last October. She was an active member in this body and had taught Sunday School for 16 years.

She was married to Charlie T. Galloway on October 7, 1915. She raised her family in Simpson County, Ky. there she taught school and also in Warren County. This union was blessed with two sons, Claude Galloway and Stanley Galloway, both deceased; three daughters, Marie Raines, deceased, Hazel Stringer, Franklin, Ky. and Floy Winnecke, Indiana. She had 19 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services for "Mama Grace" were conducted on Saturday, January 19, 1985 at Old Union Missionary Baptist Church, at 2:00 P.M. by Elder Paul Bryson, Elder H. C. Vanderpool and Elder Jerry Reynolds. Burial was in the Old Union Cemetery.

Editor's Note: I had the happy privilege of serving as Sister Galloway's pastor for over 17 years. She and her family mean't much to my family and me for which we are grateful. We thank the Lord for these precious memoris. Alta and I visited with her six days before she passed away and reminisced of happy days gone by. "The memory of the just is blessed:" Proverbs 10:7



Mrs. Grace Galloway

Our Travels in Bible Lands

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Across the street our group was privileged to go down some steps into the tomb of Lazarus. We then descended the hillside and into some ancient buildings. This village was the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha where Jesus visited often. (John 11:1-26; John 12:1-3; Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9).

The afternoon seemed to be passing too swiftly, because we realized the next day we would be leaving this Holy City and the Promised Land to soar through 6,000 miles of skyways to our beloved America. I love them both!

However, the climax of the tour was approaching. **We drove to Calvary. It was here that Jesus died for the sins of the world, including mine!** (Hebrews 2:9; John 3:16; Acts 4:8-12). We looked, listened, meditated and rejoiced in our hearts as we assembled at the foot of the hill and gazed upon it. We then turned and walked back through the garden to the empty tomb. After we had all entered the tomb, a few at a time, we went up into the garden to a place chose for us to have our service. We enjoyed the service and fellowship immensely. There was scripture reading, prayers, singing, testimonies, and a Spiritual fellowship that concluded with a Christian handshake and deep expressions of Christian love!!!! We felt like Peter on the mount with the Lord. (Matthew 17:4). Yet, we turned and slowly strolled through the Spiritual atmosphere through the garden, out the gate and down to our waiting bus.

We soon arrived at our hotel. We had another wonderful meal. Since we were to leave early the next morning and travel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, we packed our luggage and retired for the final night in Jerusalem.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1984:

We were to get up, get ready, have an early breakfast, and be on the bus at 4:30 A.M. With a good cooperating tour group, we made the schedule. Ahmud, our Arab bus driver, drove us to the David Ben Gurion International Airport at Tel Aviv. It was still dark. We went through customs and boarded our plane, Tower Airline, to New York.

We had one stop coming home and that was at Brussels, Belgium. We stopped here on our way over. While we were flying home the United States was electing many government officials including a president. We arrived in New York at 2:00 P.M. We made our plane connection with U S Air to Nashville via Pittsburgh. Upon our arrival at the Metro Airport in Nashville 10:15 P.M. we found relatives, church members, neighbors and friends waiting to WELCOME US HOME!

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Ordination March 3

There is to be an ordination service at Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, Lakeland Drive at McGavock Pike, Donelson, Tenn. on Sunday, March 3. Service is to begin at 2:00 P.M.

Bro. Jeff Brown, a member of Gateway church, has been called to the pastorate of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 53 N., Manchester, Tenn., and his ordination has been called for. This service is for the consideration of this matter.

Churches of the Enon, Wiseman and Siloam Baptist Associations have been invited to assist in the service along with Day's Cross Roads, Landmark, Greenfield, New Zion, Mt. Calvary, Murfreesboro, Union Hill, Mt. Juliet, Heaven's Gateway, and Rocky Grove. Elder Hilman Duncan is pastor of Gateway.

Ohio Church Needs Pastor

We have received a letter from a member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 879 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio saying they have been without a pastor since Elder Darrell Hicks resigned as their pastor in August 1984.

Any minister interested or desiring an appointment is invited to contact: Bro. Bethel Green, 4137 Asbury Dr., Toledo, OH 43612, or call: (419) 476-7075.

Church To Celebrate Pastor's Birthday

On Sunday, March 17, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Long Hollow Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. will have a covered dish lunch following morning services. This is to celebrate the 50th birthday of their pastor, Elder Bobby Sutton. Everyone is invited to come by and eat and fellowship with them.

McFerrin Singing

On Sunday, March 31, the regular 5th Sunday singing will be at McFerrin Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. In addition to congregational singing, the Happy Pilgrims will also be singing. Everyone is invited.



Elder and Mrs. Koji Tajima and daughter

Report From Japan

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We would like for you to pray for us. We really need your prayer. We will be praying for you and for your people.

May God bless you.

Bro. Koji Tajima

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Following is the report of donations I received from churches and individuals for the fourth quarter of 1984.

Oct. - Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 482.79; Pleasant Hill Baptist, Portland, Tenn., 200.00; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 103.95; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 336.96. Total \$1,173.70.

Nov. - South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 122.66 & 188.52; Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 422.13; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 89.06; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Eld. & Mrs. Walter Deweese, Franklin, Ky., 200.00; East Side Baptist, Franklin, Ky., 190.00 & 100.00 (for Christmas); Mt. Tabor Baptist, Smith County, Tenn., 76.21; Fairview Memorial Baptist, Bowling Green, Ky., 125.48. Total \$1,564.06.

Dec. - Plunkett's Creek Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 503.31; Faith Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 85.05; North Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 306.53; Elder & Mrs. Dexter Bacon, Jr., Glasgow, Ky., 40.00; Mr. & Mrs. Pete Branstetter, Summer Shade, Ky., 10.00; Elder & Mrs. John R. Blalock, Portland, Oregon, 25.00; Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Taylor, Lebanon, Tenn., 50.00; Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Trammel, Franklin, Ky., 20.00; Beckwith Baptist, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., 75.00; Calvary Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 50.00; Elder & Mrs. James Henry Smith, Santa Paula, CA., 50.00; Mr. & Mrs. Luke Jent, Denver, Colo., 25.00; Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Smith, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Mt. Tabor Baptist, Smith County, Tenn., 38.40; Elder & Mrs. Benny Maggart, Erin, Tenn., 50.00; Elder & Mrs. Frank Carr, Brush Creek, Tenn., 25.00; Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Smith, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petty, Carthage, Tenn., 25.00; Primary Class of South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 20.00; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hensley, Carthage, Tenn., 15.00; Mr. & Mrs. Mildred Harper, Carthage, Tenn., 5.00; South Carthage Baptist, Carthage, Tenn., 97.90. Total \$1,566.19.

To Koi Baptist Church:

Oct. - McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 161.38.

Nov. - Lyons Baptist, Louisville, Ky., 200.00; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 60.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 154.15; Summer Shade Baptist, Summer Shade, Ky., 45.00 & 45.00; New Friendship Baptist, Russell Springs, Ky., 500.00. Total \$1,004.15.

Dec. - Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Jacobs, Nashville, Tenn., 25.00; McFerrin Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., 25.00 & 135.48. Total \$185.48.



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