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*"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*  
Isaiah 40:3

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## ADAM – First Man Created

by Kenneth W. Massey

In every normal person, there is a desire to know something of one's ancestry and ancestral history. And what is true of us as individuals concerning our origin is also true of us as representatives of the human species.

**WHAT IS MAN AND WHENCE CAME HE?** Our anthropological studies must begin with the man – ADAM.

Having man's creation in mind all along, God first spoke the world into existence creating a finite heaven for occupancy by the human family or man, or more specifically, ADAM, the first man.

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26.) "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female (Eve) created he them." (Gen. 1:27.)

This mind-staggering occurrence is believed to have happened in the garden of Eden, B.C. 4004.

**WHAT WAS ADAM? WAS HE MAN OR BEAST? DID HE BELONG TO A SPECIES SEPARATE FROM THE ANIMAL KINGDOM? ADAM** was a man totally separated from the animal kingdom!

I think this is a good place to insert the facts denying the teachings that man, any man, came from beneath as the product of life forces or potencies of the material universe.

The works of man himself proceed on the principle of evolutionary development. Our earlier mothers washed clothes in the streams; their daughters washed clothes on scrubbing boards; my mother washed clothes on an old Maytag wringer type machine; but now the

mothers have push-button washing, rinsing and drying machines. But the birds are still building their nests the same way as always.

Please consider this quote from Townsend: "As a result of careful investigation, the following statement is made: The failure of evolutionists to establish the claim that original life-germs came into existence by natural processes; their inability to show that, in the world of living things, there exists a law of development and improvement; the complete breakdown of their claim that, by natural

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## ARKANSAS MISSION REPORT

Dear Bro. Massey,

With pleasure we write concerning our mission work here in Arkansas. We held our first service Sunday morning, August 7th at 11:00 A.M. There were 34 present. That's been our highest number with 18 in attendance as our lowest. The Lord really blessed in our first service. His power was present from the beginning to the end. There were several soul-stirring testimonies before and after I preached. I had good liberty and was able to preach with power that comes from God only. All of our services have been good, but there was something special about the first one. We have 24 local people in attendance regularly and have just gained another family of four. I would like for you to announce in the "Voice of Baptists" the new address of

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## "THOSE CONFUSING RULES"

by James C. Jones  
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A revised form of PARLIAMEN-TARY LAW is the common code in which Baptist Churches and Associations govern themselves. The term "Parliamentary Law" may not be a familiar phrase to some, but I am sure most Baptists have at least glanced at the 'business meeting rules' in Pendleton's Church Manual. The phrase "ROBERT'S RULES of ORDER" is not uncommon among Baptists. Both Pendleton's and Robert's are derived from Parliamentary Law.

Baptist people are inclined to be an orderly body in worship or business meetings. Regardless of the form of rules utilized in our business meetings and/or associations, we must know and obey them if we are not to become disorderly. Therefore, I shall attempt to explain some very basic and simple rules – those most often used – but alas, abused and misused.

### ORDERS of the DAY

The failure to apply this rule results in over-use of others. ANY activity that has been previously planned – as the annual election of officers – becomes the "Orders of the Day" when the scheduled time arrives.

Example: A church agrees to elect its Sunday School Officers annually in the January conference. When the January conference arrives and new business is in order, the matter of electing the officers may be 'automatically' called-up as the Orders of the Day. It does not need the usual "motion to open nominations." The church has before agreed to the time and task.

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## ARKANSAS MISSION

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our mission. We now have a permanent building. The address is Highway 167 one mile south of Pleasant Plains, AR. We have Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. each Sunday. We welcome everyone to all of our services. Anyone that has relatives or friends in this area, please notify me and I will offer our mission and ministry to them. I need the prayers and financial assistance of the readers of the "Voice." I have no secular work or even a promise of any. What we have to live on will be what our sister churches and individuals send us.

Your brother in Christ,  
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## SINGING SCHOOL

Bro. Donnie Hines will conduct a Singing School with Crossroads Baptist Church of Camden, Tenn. These lessons will be taught the weekends of Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 11-13. The Friday and Saturday lessons will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the Sunday lessons will begin at 2:00 p.m. The pastor, Elder W. T. Russell, and all the members extend a welcome for everyone to attend.

## CONFUSING RULES

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As you see, using the "Orders of the Day," when allowed, is a timesaver. However, if it is thought the "Orders of the Day" should be delayed until another time, a simple motion to postpone would be in order.

### LAY-ON-THE-TABLE

Being misunderstood it is most often misused. Its actual intent is to "kill" a motion — to bide time so as to put off until "bringing it back" is impossible. We would seldom desire to "kill" a motion. Most often this motion is used simply to postpone a matter.

Although I have a high regard for J. M. Pendleton, yet he must accept responsibility for misguiding us as to the Lay-on-the-table motion. He urges this motion as a means of POSTPONE-MENT. Please folks, if you want to delay something for a while, would it not be very simple to make a motion to POSTPONE?

### MOTION in LIEU

Ah, another \$100 term for a fifty-cent cause. When a person wishes to change a word, or phrase, in a motion pending, he does so by making a motion "In-lieu" — by stating what he wishes removed or altered, and what it is to be replaced with. Actually he "amends" the motion. Isn't that simple? Want to change a motion slightly? Move to AMEND.

### PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS (motions)

So called because they are protected in some ways, and, in some cases, have power over motions pending.

Motions as 'Lay on the table' (forgive me) 'Postpone'; 'In-lieu' or 'Amend,' etc., are "privileged." Perhaps the most often used privileged motion is the motion to Adjourn.

Regardless of 'how' the Adjournment motion is stated, often the Moderator declares it "un-debatable." In a sense that is true, but not always. If the motion to Adjourn includes the time and/or place of the next meeting, then it, the part concerning time and place, becomes debatable.

Case in point: The Association is about to close its annual session, all business is concluded, the minutes have been read and are awaiting approval. A motion is made thus: to approve the minutes and adjourn until convened next year with a given church.

1) The adjournment (proper) portion retains its privileged character and should not be debated.

2) The latter part — time and place — modifies the motion to adjourn. This

modifying portion may be debated, i.e., time and place. (Some hold even the Adjournment portion becomes debatable — modified.)

3) The first part, approving the minutes, is no more or less of the same import as the time and place. It also modifies. Hence the "approving" part may be debated.

Granted, including the minutes approval in the adjournment motion may be extreme. But after meeting two days and one night, "cutting a few corners" seems most welcome.

THOSE CONFUSING RULES — not really.

## Our Pastor Never Stops

Occasionally someone will say, "Our Pastor never stops to visit in our home." If the pastor never stops at your home, you probably should thank God. It means death had not struck, that no serious illness had laid you low, that the surgeon's knife had not been necessary, or that you have had no serious family problem or that you are not a spiritually delinquent member.

As a rule, your pastor does not have time for "social calls." It is not that he would not enjoy doing so; it is simply a matter of priorities . . . putting first things first.

Your pastor does not have time to do everything he would like to do. However, you may be sure of this; your pastor is willing to come to the hospital or your home, the jail, the street corner, or anywhere at any hour of the day or night, whenever or wherever he is needed. Call him if you need him. Otherwise, he will not know of your need until it is too late.

For the moment, thank God you have not needed him. One day you will need him and he will be there when you call. Now he is visiting someone else who does need him.

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## NOAH — The Ark Builder

by Kenneth W. Massey

Noah, the tenth in descent from Adam, in the line of Seth, was the son of Lamech, and grandson of Methuselah. Of Noah himself we hear nothing until he is 500 years old, when it is said he begat three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. We

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## Smith County Ministers School

Nov. 9-12, 1983

All Baptist ministers are invited to attend the 3rd annual Smith County Baptist Ministers School on November 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1983 at the North Carthage Missionary Baptist Church located on Carmack Avenue.

The schedule of the services is as follows:

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 - Devotional by Bro. Glenn Gibbs
- 7:15 - Church Authority -  
Bro. R. D. Brooks
- 8:00 - Recess
- 8:15 - The Mission Work in the Church:  
at Home and Abroad - Bro.  
William Overton

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 7:00 - Devotional by  
Bro. Barney Allison
- 7:15 - Preaching to Please God instead  
of Man - Bro. Stephen Brooks
- 8:00 - Recess
- 8:15 - The Bride in Prophecy -  
Bro. James Gibbs

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 7:00 - Devotional by  
Bro. Larry McKinney
  - 7:15 - A Woman's Place in the Church -  
Bro. Jackie Wilburn
  - 8:00 - Recess
  - 8:15 - Modern Day Tongue Speakers  
and Healers - Bro. Benny Maggart
- On Saturday night, November 12, everyone is invited to attend the fellowship service beginning at 7:00. Bro. Walter Dewese will be bringing the message.

There will be no charge to any minister attending the school. Bro. Jack Green is the moderator for this year's session. For further information, write: The Baptist Traveler, Box 212, Carthage, TN 37030.

## THANKS

As we enter that special Thanksgiving Day observance in our nation, I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANKS" to the dear Lord for all His goodness to us. May you receive my hearty "THANKS" for keeping the VOICE OF BAPTISTS going for its sixty-eight month existence. God bless you!

## REPORT of SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 135th annual session of the above named association met this year with New Prospect Baptist Church of Decatur County on Friday, Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in October. Officers selected were: Elder Harold Carver, Moderator, Deacon Ray Smith, Clerk and Deacon Larry Johnson, Treasurer. Sermons were delivered by Elders James Moody of Lexington, W. T. Russell of Nashville and John Hedges of Camden. Their mutual themes were clearly the Origin, Mission and Compassion of the Church by Jesus Christ.

Visitors were present from Wise-man, Siloam and Bethel Associations.

Next year's sitting will be hosted by Concord Baptist Church near Huntingdon, Tennessee. Those selected to preach next year include: Elder Marshall Gurley, Elder E. F. Prince, Elder Ronnie Stewart, Elder Jimmy Stewart and Elder Earl Owens. Two additional sermons have been included for next year.

Thirty-one churches with fifty-two messengers were present in the 1983 session.

We are happy to report that God was worshipped, honored, exalted and glorified during this time of church association. Hope to see you in 1984 at Concord Baptist Church.

## Old Union Extension School

Old Union Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky announces special classes for all ministers for six consecutive Saturdays (November 5th through December 10th, 1983).

Subjects and instructors are as follows: ACTS OF APOSTLES - James H. Smith; PRACTICAL STUDIES OF ELIJAH - Billy Moran; HEBREW HISTORY - H. C. Vanderpool; HOME MISSIONS - W. R. Overton.

These classes will begin at 10:00 A.M. with two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Each one is advised to bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided by the host church.

actually know very little about Noah's life, but his life was unique. You see this man was privileged to build the vessel that would transport he and his family from the old world (Antediluvian) to the new world or earth as it is today.

The first mention of Noah in the bible appears in Genesis 5:28, "And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: And he called his name Noah." Luke in his listing the genealogy of Christ gives the Greek for Noah - "Noe," which means rest or comfort. (Luke 3:36)

Lamech said, "This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed." (Gen. 5:29)

Then, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Gen. 6:5,6. God has never changed. But after allowing man to sin just so far, he decides to exercise His justice. The verdict was to destroy man whom He had created from the face of the earth. "BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD." Gen. 6:8. "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." Gen. 6:9. The world had become so sinful that the only man walking with God prior to the flood was Noah. Noah was in the predicament Elijah thought he was in, but this man never grumbled. God, having decided to destroy the world, would keep his oath, but was merciful enough to spare all the saved. He allotted Noah 120 years to build the ark, and called upon him to preach while constructing it. The apostle Peter refers to Noah as "a preacher of righteousness." (2 Peter 2:5) Paul includes him in the great chapter of the heroes of faith in Hebrews (Heb. 11:7).

His preaching at the most produced seven converts. For at the appointed time, he, his wife, his three sons and their wives entered the ark. Remember, man had never seen rain, and yet God had committed to destroying the world with a flood. People laughed and mocked at Noah, and the more so as he entered the ark before a drop of rain had fallen. After being in the ark for seven days, it began to rain. The waters increased and raised up the ark. Can you imagine the people who had been laughing now. No doubt they were trying to climb all around the ark. Can you hear them begging Noah, "Let us in, let us in." But Noah could not let anyone in for it was God who had

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## ADAM

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processes, lower species of plants and animals may be transmuted into higher; the fact that in all early and late excavations and researches not one connecting link between any of the millions of different species has been found; the fact that mental science and all the physical sciences have not yet discovered a particle of evidence showing, or even suggesting, that any animal ever has reached or ever can reach a point where, slowly or suddenly, it can come into possession of a human soul, a human mind, or a human body; the fact that biologists, geologists, and archaeologists have overwhelmingly silenced the assertion that the human race began low down and through countless ages has worked itself up to its present civilized state; the downfall of the assertion that scholars men are all evolutionists; the recent abandonment of Darwinian evolution by those who once held the theory, and who at the moment are making vigorous assaults upon it; the absolute incompetence of evolutionists to formulate any system of ethics or religion that at all approaches that of the Bible — in view, therefore, of this array of facts, it is shown that the hypothesis of Darwinian evolution has collapsed beyond any hope of restoration."

"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ADAM became a living soul." (Gen. 2:7.)

I feel that we are better acquainted with the origin of ADAM. Let us now investigate what he was. Resting assured that mankind is a species distinct from any other form of life may we now discover more about ADAM'S ability and responsibility in relationship to His Maker.

Some believe and teach that ADAM began life as an unintelligent and depraved soul. They further teach that man is progressively growing better in his standing with God. This cannot be true, because the Scriptures teach the very opposite. There is abundant evidence to prove that man has been degraded from a very much higher stage. ADAM was a supra-natural, intelligent man, naming all the cattle, the fowl of the air, and every beast of the field. God gave ADAM dominion over all the inhabited world. Remember, this man was made in the image and likeness of God, not visibly but intellectually.

Then, he disobeyed God eating of the forbidden fruit. The day he ate he also died spiritually, but his disobedience invoked the penalty of future physical

death. This was the first man — our first earthly father. He was in perfect relationship with God until eating the fruit. By this act he became sinful. So we see the original sin in the first man which subsequently brought total depravity to the human family. Eve was deceived by the serpent, but ADAM was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14). May I prove to you that as the Head of the human family sinned, his sin infected all humanity — "For as in ADAM all die" (1 Cor. 15:22).

## SUMMARY:

This first man, ADAM (from "Adamah" — Hebrew meaning earthy and ruddy) was created by God and made a living soul. God took a rib from Adam's side and made Eve, his wife. He was tempted by the Wicked One and gave in to that temptation thus falling, not from grace, but from his standing with God by which he had stood through creation. God drove him out of the garden of Eden. Two sons were born to Adam and Eve early in their lives. Their names were Cain and Abel. Cain killed Abel because God recognized Abel's offering as more excellent than Cain's offering. The reason God accepted Abel's offering and refused to accept Cain's was Abel had faith and Cain didn't. At the age of 130 years, ADAM begat a son, and he named him Seth. Adam lived to be 930 years old.

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closed the door. He will close the door of mercy to this generation some day. It continued to rain for forty days and forty nights. Everything that breathed through nostrils was destroyed from the face of the earth.

The best I can tell Noah and his family and all the animals on board remained on the ark for one year, one month and twenty-seven days. Noah had entered the ark at God's command and he also exited at His command. Please take special notice of the very first thing Noah did after coming off the ark. Did he walk a few miles? No. Did he begin a house? No. Did he plant a crop? No. NOAH BUILT AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD!!! Gen. 8:20. He worshipped God! He thanked God! It was then that God decided to never destroy every living thing from the earth again. The next destruction will include the earth also. As a token of God's promise, He set a bow in the cloud. For every generation since that day, the rainbow in the cloud assures man that he will never again be destroyed by the waters becoming a flood.

Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood, making him nine hundred and fifty years old when he died.

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## READERS COMMENT

Dear Bro. Massey,

Here is a small donation to the paper. Keep up the good work. We are thankful for the nice articles that are written each month.

Jerry & Peggy Claiborne  
Lafayette, TN

Are sending a little something for the paper. We appreciate it and thank you for sending it to us each month.

Bill & Nancy Overton  
Franklin, KY

It was Saturday, September 1, 1914 when God saved my soul and filled my heart with love. I can still feel it. Thank you for sending me the paper each month.

Ollie Prin  
Camden, TN

I am enclosing a little contribution toward the paper. Time goes by so swiftly and I was neglectful. A tornado ripped through our home, but we were not injured. God is so good to us. I can't praise Him enough.

Marvin & Freda Payne  
Springfield, MO

## SERMONS DAY

Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee will host the next Sermons Day on November 5, 1983, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served by the host church for everyone. Sermons will be presented in the morning by Elders Alton Lewis and Kenneth Massey and in the afternoon by Elders Billy Moran and B. D. Carter. EVERYONE WELCOME.

"The fellowship is the greatest ship ever built and yet it's the one that springs the most leaks."

"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." 1 Jn. 1:7