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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR.

Dear Reader

God is faithful, and has kept the Protestant Association of S.A. true to its Century old calling of standing on Scripture, while fighting the good fight of faith; **Sola Deo Gloria**-to God be the Glory.

In so doing we learn that the Fountain of Christian life, the Bible, is always directly or indirectly undermined, Psalm 11V1; Psalm 36V9. It is incredible what individuals can find in the Word of God when man garnishes it to suit his sinful creed, which may provide cause for subtle no-go deviations in high place, i.e, the C.R.L. (Culture, Religion & Language) Commission's possible control of Christian pastors, thereby subjecting the Church to the State or Crown in Erastianism!

Reformed Scholasticism danger: In 1958 while in South Africa attending a Reformed churches conference, N.G.K. Groote Kerk, Cape Town, the Welsh physician turned preacher (Westminster Chapel, London), **Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones** warned a mentor of mine, and predecessor, Rev. A.H. Jeffree James, of an emerging "Reformed scholasticism". Sadly, it has emerged, and though it is a welcome return to the Biblical doctrine of Grace in name, it can present the danger of human pride, intellectual, refined, and a dry as dust mannequin parade of institutionalized learning, far removed from the Reformation's heartbeat and pulse, lacking the very grace it owns in name:



"We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit", Acts 19V2 Ephesus saints.



A Hope and Expectation at Christmas and New Year:

What we purpose daily in our country, is that the Lord Jesus Christ's name will be exalted, and that there will be true peace, anarchists checked, righteousness, justice, law & order, sanctity of life, greed stopped, replaced by the fear of God, and not fake Woke programmes. A concern is the pro-militant Islamic influence in high places, having the "ear" of our leaders in their anti-semitism! In Nigeria, Mozambique, D.R.C. and elsewhere, Christians are being increasingly persecuted, but no refugee status here! Why is this so, for our own African children of Christ? Man's inhumanity to

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man, wars at the "drop of a hat"; hate's ugly head reared, lest we forget the genocide's of 7th October 2023 horror and aftermath.

2025 our 100th anniversary, as is also with the Afrikaans language's official status, the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed (325 A.D.); the 490th Anniversary of The Myles Coverdale Bible (1535), the first complete translation of the Bible in English, using William Tyndale's (martyred 1536) New Testament. Our noble forbears were prepared to die for truth; but apathy is endemic. We wish you a blessed and peace "full" Christmas and New Year: O Lord, how long still?. "Joy To The World the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King." Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748).

In Jesus, Craig Hounsom. Always on the winning side.

"Pride loves to climb up, Not as Zaccheus to see Christ, but to be seen." William Gurnall (died 1679). English Puritan and Anglican clergyman.

BRING BACK THE GALILEANS!



"O Galilean, Thou Hast Conquered". Emperor Julian the Apostate's (361-363 A.D.) deathbed words. (A quote I had heard, but was reminded of by a former fellow student). The Idolatry Of Secular Institutionalized Learning.

Many running to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased: which will be fulfilled at "the time of the end", Daniel 12V4. What is the Protestant Churches' stand on

pastoral learning? Study the Word of God! There is no better comment than the policy and caution of the great Reformer's:

"We teach no new thing, but we repeat and establish old things which the Apostles and all godly teachers have taught before us." Martin Luther (1483 - 1546).

There is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1V9), with regard to our understanding of the truth that is in Jesus; no man's "inside information"; for our Lord told the Apostle Peter in response to the "Great Confession" of His Messiahship, it was not learnt by human agency but by Divine revelation, from His Father who is in Heaven, Matthew 16V13 - 17. How spiritual matters are translated into formal Biblical and Theological studies, is where man's reason is

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limited, and in having to gauge students' comprehension and understanding, conferring of accreditation, is a domain where the fear and knowledge of God's Word comes in to play:

"But Mr. North went further into this subject and used to press through truth that as man cannot be saved by any moral goodness that may be supposed to remain in Him, so neither can he be saved by the exercise of his reason, which the numerous section in most of our churches which has embraced rationalistic views seem to think has escaped the sad ravages of the Fall, which they acknowledge to have spread ruin over the rest of our nature.



"Mr. North was extremely jealous of that worship of human reason with which we are threatened in the present day to an extent never known before in our earth's history, and which is in direct opposition to the worship of the Divine Wisdom incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth; - the object of rationalists worship being human reason in general". Brownlow North (1810 - 1875) K. Moody- Stuart. Brownlow North's Theology Continued. Banner of Truth.

Therefore, we ought to distinguish between Learning and learning from above, heavenly, humbling, and that from below, earthy, & "puffing up" of the flesh. 1 Corinthians 15V47. Academia cannot encapsulate heavenly matters by degrees, but by a revolution of its own heart. **Bring back the Galileans**, to regain the common touch; for of Him are we in Christ Jesus, who of God, is made unto us wisdom...1 Corinthians 1V30; Acts 4V13. The Holy Spirit & Bible, enlighten us. Protestants are for learning, but, only that which levels mankind as lowly "children" in faith:



"The whole world knows that His glory has not been spread by force and weapons, but by poor fishermen". Girolamo Savonarola (1452 - 1498), Italian martyr, Church Reformer. Editor.

**"It will take all our learning to make things plain."
Archbishop J. Ussher on Dr. John Brown.**

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A SCOTTISH LASS FINDS GOD IN SOUTH AFRICA!

Johannesburg Planting, Karoo Watering, and Cape Town Fruit, 1 Corinthians 3V6.

**"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures (settings) of silver".
Proverbs 25V11.**

'Cape Town Encounter'

The Testimony of E M Lindsay Griffiths

I was brought up in a very happy Christian home in Scotland, 'in the nurture and admonition of the Lord' and in the 'brand' of Christianity known as Presbyterian (Church of Scotland).

However, as we all know, God has no grandchildren, and as time went on, I drifted further away from Him.

Isaiah 53:6 Authorized (King James) Version: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

I sensed a lack of direction I my life, and was delighted when in July 1983, I had the chance to go to South Africa for a "holiday", staying initially with friends of my parents in Johannesburg. Thus began an incredible journey; God had it all planned!

The first thing I noticed, was how many real Christians I met there, who were not 'religious' in the system sense of the word, but with true reverence for God and His ways, simply shedding His light and love wherever they went.

Then I began to travel the long road south to Cape Town, with one of the family who was going back to university. On the way, we stayed on a large farm in the Karoo, where the whole family were believers. They clearly showed the love of God to all who lived and worked there. My hard heart was increasingly softened, and I found myself crying as I was increasingly overawed by the reality of it all. God was drawing me by the Holy Spirit.

By now, I had reached Cape Town and was completely alone for the first time. I booked in at an hotel. At last, God had me where He wanted me: alone on the other side of the world, so He could complete His work.

The next morning, I joined in on a tourist walk around the Malay Quarter. It was then that we stopped outside a very old Dutch Reformed church. I said to the lady standing next to me, 'That church looks interesting.' That was all. This lady, whose name was Hestha Ackerman, was

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shortly to become my 'spiritual mum'. Knowing that I was a visitor, she invited me to her home for tea. On the way she said, 'Why did you ask about that church? Are you a Christian?' That question hit me with conviction like an arrow, and I admitted 'No.' Soon after that, she led me to the Lord. I found myself under deep conviction, crying great tears of repentance.



It was then she told me: 'God told me to go on that tourist walk. I said, 'Why, Lord? I live here. I know all these places.' The reply was 'Go on it anyway. There is someone there you need to speak to.' Amazingly, that person was me!

It is so wondrous, that the Lord went to all that trouble, of taking me to the other side of the world and preparing the way of salvation for me!

On the next day, she took me to church – one very like the Church of Scotland I was used to. She

asked me to give my testimony to the minister after the service – quite a challenge for a new believer! Then we went to a beautiful park at the foot of Table Mountain, where we fed the deer. Everything was new – not a cliché, but absolutely true! The sky was bluer, the air fresher, the grass greener. For I was now a new creation in Christ Jesus.

So, you see, beautiful Cape Town will always be dear to my heart.

Writes David, Lindsay's husband of forty years: About the same time I was in Israel on holiday for God was calling me back to my calling IN HIM having been brought up in an old time Mission Hall in Liverpool. Holiness and conviction of the Spirit was the continuous message in proclaiming JESUS but I had turned away from this going into the entertainment industry and then into business.

For the one and only time in my life I heard the audible voice of God and this was whilst staying at En Gedi **Kibbutz (Pic Dead Sea)**. I had no idea that this was the place of God's protection of the Biblical David, but became aware in my room of God's presence. He told



me explicitly that when I got home the company I worked for would offer me a job in a far off place. They did and I moved to Inverness, Scotland where I met Lindsay, we both dedicating our marriage to the Lord, to obey him together learning that those joined to the Lord are one spirit.

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1 Corinthians 6:17 Authorized (King James) Version. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

"If God wills to bless, no instrument is too weak, and blessed it is to be the instrument which He condescends to use".

Dr. Andrew Murray on his Groote Kerk, Cape Town call.

GOD IS VERY ANGRY WITH THE LAND!

Brownlow North Challenge to the 1859 Free Church of Scotland Assembly.

"I believe there are four special things for which God is very angry with the land, and for which His Holy Spirit is so little among us. First, the neglect of united prayer - **the appointed means of bringing down the Holy Spirit.** I say it, because I believe it, that the Scotch, with all their morality so-called, and their outward decency, respectability, and love of preaching, are not a praying people. Sirs, is not this the truth? The neglect of prayer proves to my mind, that there is a large amount of **practical infidelity** (unfaithfulness to God). If people believed that there was a real, existing, personal God, they would ask Him for what they wanted, and they would get what they asked. But they do not ask, because they do not believe or expect to receive...

"The third point I have seldom or never heard touched upon, because, perhaps, men hardly know how to alter it, but I believe it lies at the very heart's core of the irreligion (absence or rejection of religion) of the land; and it is this, - in the Church of England, and in all the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and I doubt not, in all other bodies, men are brought up from childhood to say that they are going into the Church, and men in England are brought before their bishops, and in Scotland before their Presbyteries, and without fear of being struck dead for committing blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, they swear in my Church (Anglican), they state in yours, that they believe they are called by the Holy Ghost to the ministry, and that they enter it out of a desire to promote the Salvation of the souls of their fellow-creatures: **and they know when they say it they tell a lie.**" **Brownlow North K. Moody-Stuart. Banner of Truth.**



Editor: An unregenerate ministry is one thing, yet a pastorate which deliberately undermines a "flock's" faith in Christ, using a pulpit to break down, or for personal gain, stands under God's eternal wrath and judgement, as too do institutions of learning in S.A. and abroad. Jude V3 & 4.

"Church officers who took solemn vows affirming their belief in the Scriptures as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and their reception and adoption of the Confession of Faith as

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containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures, and then proceeded to demand liberty to propagate views at variance with these positions, were judged to have forfeited their right to positions of responsibility. A distressing aspect of the entire controversy is that the charges of intolerance and bigotry were often made by men who simply by-passed the issue of honesty". J. Gresham Machen by Ned. B. Stonehouse, "the first Protestant minister in the nation (U.S.A.)" in his lonely stand for truth in the wider Church.

NICENE CREED - "PRETORIA" REAFFIRMS "JESUS IS LORD".

Koinonia Synod Report On Reformed Convention At Moreleta Park D.R.C.(N.G.K.).

It is with great gratitude that Koinonia Synod can report on the exceptional Reformed Convention that was held in Pretoria. The intention was to build relationships and connect with each other. This event, initiated by the Koinonia Synod, was held on 25 and 26 September 2025 at Moreleta DRC church in Pretoria. Different speakers from reformed churches were invited and after each lecture open discussions were held.

SPEAKERS IN PRETORIA:

The meeting was opened by dr Johann Ernst of Koinonia Synod who gave a brief history of the Creed or Nicea. Thereafter lectures were given by Dr Gerrit Smith of the Afrikaans Protestant Academy (Pretoria); Dr Johan Otto of the Faith Covenant of Reformed Churches; Dr Victor d'Assonville of the Reformed Churches and Rev PC Pretorius of the Dutch Reformed Church. The meeting was concluded by Rev Schalk Strauss of the Afrikaans Protestant Church who explained and read the Vocation Statement. **(Pic. Of Athanasius Church Father).**

The following Vocation Statement was decided upon by all the attendants:

The church in South Africa, though facing challenges, remains under God's faithful care and is being built by Him. Rooted in the Triune God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as proclaimed in the Nicene Creed, the church reflects God's unity, holiness, and faithfulness. As Christ's Body, it is gathered by the Spirit and called to live out God's nature through unity, holiness, and devotion to Christ.



The church is universal, spanning all nations, cultures, and generations. Every local congregation, no matter how small, represents the global body of Christ — preaching the same gospel, practicing the same baptism, and worshipping the same Lord. This universality must be lived out through unity grounded in truth, not organizational structure. True unity embraces

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diversity under Christ, guided by Scripture and empowered by the Spirit.

Holiness is also essential. Though not perfect, the church is sanctified in Christ and called to obey Scripture — its sole authority — in doctrine and life. We are part of one, holy, universal, and apostolic church, connected to believers past and future.

The Nicene Creed, still vital 1700 years later, unites believers in confessing the true gospel. As Reformed Christians, we are called to uphold the church's unity, holiness, and identity by God's grace and Word.

Article by courtesy of Dr Henrietta Klaasing.

"I desire that I might not use preaching - as a thief uses a pickpocket - to opens people's wallets, but as a key to open their hearts, so that the truth of God, and the God of truth, might enter".

George Swinnock - Gleanings from the Puritans.

AFRIKAANS: HAND-MADE IN R.S.A. 1925.

Afrikaans celebrated its centenary as an official language on May 8 2025. This language (considered one of the world's youngest languages) started developing in the 1600s when Dutch settlers arrived

at the Cape of Good Hope. Over time, their Dutch mixed with the languages of slaves, indigenous Khoisan peoples, and other settlers, including Malay, Portuguese, and German. This blend created a simplified version of Dutch, known as Cape Dutch. Afrikaans evolved as a spoken language among diverse groups and gained recognition in literature and education. In 1925, it was declared an official language of South Africa, separate from Dutch.



Dr. Andrew Murray's influence on the emergence of Afrikaans as an official language in 1925 was indirect, yet significant. As a prominent figure in the Dutch Reformed Church, Murray contributed to the development of Afrikaans through his writings. He wrote extensively, producing around 250 books and pamphlets in Dutch and English, some of which were translated into Afrikaans.

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The Moravians of Genadendal, a missionary group, also contributed to the development of Afrikaans. Genadendal, a mission station, was founded in 1737 and became a hub for education, agriculture, and craftsmanship, promoting social and economic development among the local population. The Moravians emphasized the importance of education, which helped spread literacy and contributed to the growth of Afrikaans as a written language. Refer Last Boers of Patagonia.

While neither Dr. Andrew Murray nor the Moravians of Genadendal directly caused Afrikaans to become an official language in 1925, their contributions to education, literature, and spirituality helped pave the way for Afrikaans to gain recognition as a distinct language.

The official recognition of Afrikaans as a language, separate from Dutch in 1925, raised its status and opened the way for its use in the church. For a number of years there was reluctance to translate the Bible into Afrikaans due to its status as a "kitchen language", lacking prestige, and concerns over doctrinal accuracy and purity but since most people spoke Afrikaans, there was a strong need for an Afrikaans Bible. The translation began in 1925. The first complete Afrikaans Bible was published in 1933. Before this, portions of the Bible were translated into Afrikaans, but 1933 marked the year the entire Bible was available in the language. **BY DR HENRIETTA KLAASING (DRC STALWART).**

"The Church surely is a spiritual body, especially created by the Lord with the purpose of uniting...Differences of opinion are not in themselves sinful. They are the result of differences of temperament, of education, of environment. It is not the difference of viewpoint, but the sin of self-will and lovelessness that yields the bitter fruit in which dissension and hatred are revealed."

Dr. Andrew Murray (1828 - 1917), In a "forcible" letter regarding political interference in the lives of his fellow Afrikaners, to the younger N.G.K. dominee (minister), Dr. D.F. Malan (1874 - 1959). If only the wise patriarch was heeded!

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HAMBA (GO) TO INHAMBANE IN SEARCH OF A ROUGH DIAMOND (1899)! Gazaland, Kimberley, and one Shangaan.

"The Shangaan tribe came into being when King Shaka of the Zulu, sent Soshangane (Manukosi) to conquer the Tsonga people in the area of present-day southern Mozambique, during the Mfecane upheaval of the 19th century." Siyabona Africa (Safari in Kruger National).



The following autobiographical sketch by carpenter, lawyer, and missionary, A. W. Baker, born 1856 in Pietermaritzburg, reveals the wonder of the workings in the Holy Spirit's guidance:

"Brother Harry Agnew, of the Free Methodist Church of America, had joined our mission, and was located in our cottage at the New Primrose Mine (Germiston), and had charge of the school there, and the work in the compounds (miners' housing).

"Among the converts of the work there was an old Shangaan (perhaps 60 years old) named Diamane (diamond), in recognition of the fact that he had pioneered a gang of workers all the way from Gazaland to Kimberley before there was any railway, walking about 700 miles (1,126 kms) each way. It was astonishing to see the eagerness with which old Diamane sat down among the lads before the charts, and spelled out the syllables, ba, be, bi, bo, bu. In less than three months' time he had mastered them, and was able to spell out the words in the Zulu Testament sufficiently to be able to understand them. No pleading to remain and get a firmer grip of truth and a more fluent reading of the Testament could avail; he must be home to take the blessed tidings (news) of salvation to his family and friends. So with a Bible and a hymn book in his haversack, and a macintosh (raincoat) over his shoulders, off he went, but not before he had exerted a promise that some day his missionary would pay him a visit...

Fast forward to 1899: "We took a train to Lourenco Marques (Maputo), intending to go by coasting steamer up the mouth of the Limpopo River to Chai Chai (Xai-Xai capital of Gaza Province), and thence on foot, with carriers to carry our baggage along the coast to Tsewe, the seaport. The boat up the Limpopo is dependent on the south wind, and cannot cross the (sand)bar at that river's mouth without a favoring breeze. In vain we waited a whole week for that breeze. It would not blow, so we packed up our belongings, food, bedding, check goods, and beads for barter (exchange), and went on the railway to Pessene Station (on the Komati Poort Railway)...



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Closing in on a diamond: "At Koseni (a country district ?) we found the Swiss Missionaries, whose station had been burned down by the locals in the war between the Portuguese and Magigwana Khosa (a renegade Shangaan general), had just returned and were living in huts. They gave us a hut, and we stayed over the Sunday with them. As we heard that Diamane's kraal was only some ten miles (16kms) away, we sent a messenger to apprise (inform) him of our arrival.

"That Saturday afternoon, as we sat in our hut, the doorway, was suddenly darkened, and in crept a person, who, seizing my hand in both of his, began smothering it with kisses, ejaculating, 'Hallelujah! Hallelujah!' after each kiss. Jumping across to Bros.

Agnew - he repeated the performance, and then dropping on his knees, he said, 'Let us pray', and burst forth into a torrent of thanksgiving to God for sending his dear missionaries all the way to Gazaland to see him. As we rose from our knees, he swung off his haversack, and producing his hymn book, started off with a Zulu hymn of which the first two verses freely translated, run:

'I will praise my Redeemer, He saves me from my sins, He fills my heart with gladness, Therefore will I praise my Redeemer.

'I was burdened with my debt - I was lost in the darkness of my sin - O my spirit, thou wast dead, Thou hast quickened me, my Redeemer'.

Editor: GRACE TRIUMPHANT A.W. BAKER. A life of Christian service, mixing with ordinary people and public figures, indeed a heart for Africa and abroad.

Benefactor of the Protestant Association of South Africa, he connected with our English born Rev. A. H. Jeffree James, who is still identified with the Protestant Church here. Ivan James his son, sits on PASA's council.



"When she died, she said to her son: 'My son, I want you to be an umfundusi (pastor), because that is what God has sent you to earth for'".

The mother of Pastor William Duma (1907 - 1977), a man of God and shepherd of Umgeni Road Baptist Church, Durban. Born near Umkomaas.

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN OLD CONGO.

The Fourth Mary: Mary Mozley (1887 - 1923).

The constraining love of Christ led women of God to serve, and not to lord it over Africa's tribes, as the Son of Man, Jesus, taught His disciples in their relationships. The Gentiles rulers' habits are not for the Suffering Servant's children; this is shown in all the Gospels, it is but a symptom of alienation from God, Matthew 20V20 - 28. The increasing class distinctions within the Protestant Church is just the old elitism dressed in religious drag! It is chilling to the soul. In the military veterans old Moth "Shellhole" (clubhouse), the following words were boldly displayed:

"Abandon all rank - ye who enter here! Welcome all!" Seaview, Durban.

Mary Mozley's Christmas in Africa during WWI on 27th December 1917, followed in the footsteps of missionary women of God in Africa, such as Mary Moffat of Kuruman (L.M.S.), Mary Livingstone (nee Moffat Jnr.), and Mary Slessor of Calabar, Nigerian Delta region, all having a similar spirit to Mary, the mother of Jesus, as "handmaid" of the Lord (Luke 1V38): **Kijabe, 19th November 1917.**



"Will you pray God will teach us how to reach the (Logo - Congo) girls. Sometimes as I look back on my two and a half years on the (mission) Field, I feel I have not begun to be a missionary. It is not enough to cross the ocean, to sit down among the unreached and try to learn their language, teach them to read and write, and a little amount, as far as you can tell it, about God. I feel

to be a true missionary is to enter into a real fellowship of sympathy with Christ and these unreached to whom we come, till we know what it is to suffer with and for them. I would like you to pray God to make me a true missionary after His heart. We all need His love and power so much in these days...

"27th December 1917.

"Conference is on. The whole place is packed with new and old missionaries. It is lovely to meets some, whom one has known by name for so long.

"We spent a nice quite Christmas Day, we did think about you all, and wondered what our scattered family was doing. Are we not distributed over the globe? I sometimes wonder if we shall ever be together again in this life - God knows. His will is the best. Eternity is long and we shall be together then. Oh, to work while it is day and live for His glory where He puts us. "

After a long ten weeks' wait in Kijabe the way was open for her to return to the Congo with Mr. Hurlburt (African Inland Mission director) and a large party of missionaries.

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At Aru, only 100 miles (160 km.) from Moldisa, her sister (Catherine) was taken ill, a long trying illness of some months. Those were months of severe testing. In her spare moments she read the life of Mme (Madame) Guyon: she read it slowly, marking the passages she found helpful; and those with her could see its truths being translated into her daily life. A small book of poems, **Made in the Pans**, by Miss (Amy of India) Carmichael, was sent to her then. One of the poems, 'Fire Words', she read and re-read till she knew it by heart. Perhaps it was during those days that the following, found among her papers, was penned: - 'The purifying power of pain and separation:'

'But first the iron must enter thine own soul And a hand resistless in a tender terribleness must thoroughly purge it, Fashioning its pain to power that leaps in fire'.

"So, Abraham was separated from all hope and promise of his life, and out of that deep pain was made 'The Father of the Faithful'." **Mary Mozley (a trained nurse) - The Obedience of Faith. by Catherine S. Miller her sister and fellow missionary, in what was the old Belgian Congo. King Leopold II (1835 - 1909) of Belgium, "founder and sole owner of the Congo Free State" (Wikipedia), left a cruel legacy of systematic brutality and atrocities, it is claimed.**



The article dedicated is to young German missionary, Salome Geiger and her devoted Beyond Priceless team in their fight against child trafficking in our land, particularly the N1 Karoo highway, Beaufort West the hotspot . Their maternal ministry arose out of Free To Fly which reaches out to victims of human trafficking: www.beyondpriceless.org to read about the horror of this modern slavery. Matthew 18V6.

"True religion is like smallpox. If you get it, you give it to others". C.T. Studd, by Norman Grubb his son-in-law. Studd, a former Eton, Cambridge, and England cricketer, following missionary chapters in China and India, formed the Heart Of Africa Mission, H.A.M. which became W.E.C. This quote was in witnessing to his high-class aunt, who was horrified that religion could be associated with a contagious disease, smallpox, "preposterous", her effective response, yet one day his aunt wrote to Studd to say that

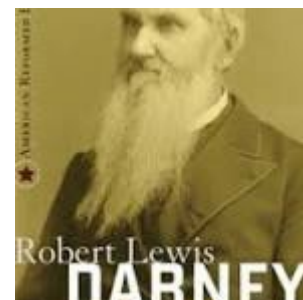
she had caught the disease! C.T. gave away his inheritance, a fortune, while his dedicated wife, Priscilla followed his example. Near the end of C.T.'s life in the Congo, he said that he looked around for something to give away, but could find nothing! In our day we have so much goods that storage has to be rented! Priorities?

THE DIVERSION OF THE BIBLE - A PYRAMID SCHEME?

R. L. DABNEY (1820 - 1898) AN ALERT PRESBYTERIAN WATCHMAN.

"**Suppressing the name of God in the text**", so sounded the U.S.A. theologian, R.L. Dabney, on 1 Timothy 3V16; in not building on hearsay modern Biblical Textual Criticism, euphemistically termed "Lower Criticism", as followers of man's piled up research, a textual pyramid scheme; but rather on the Foundation already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3V11. The key Incarnation text, **"God was manifested in the flesh..." 1 Timothy 3V16, was changed to "He was manifested in the flesh..."**, a subtle edit, but lauded by the Unitarian on Westcott and Hort's Committee, behind the 1881 Revision Vision, Dr. G. Vance Smith, who refused Holy Communion which included reciting the Nicene Creed "on principle"! Almost all of the modern Bible Versions (e.g. N.I.V.) follow the Unitarian's reservation, and are in the same company of Arius, and the Jehovah Witness/ Watchtower cult! Dabney, an alert watchman, warned of its wrong spirit:

"A revision naturally falls into two parts: The more correct ascertainment of the text to be translated, and an amendment of the translation itself. The Committees have taken in hand the first of these tasks with vigor. They give us a text which boldly departs from the Textus Receptus (Received Text). The salient trait of their work here is, that, as to nearly all the important and contested 'various readings', whose genuineness has been and is a subject of debate among competent Biblical critics, the Committees have arrogated the prerogative of deciding, and deciding on the side of innovation...



This journal foreseeing the danger of too rash an innovation in our Received Text (Textus Receptus), foreshadowed by the spirit of the revisers, endeavoured to sound a note of caution...It was there shown that the canons of excision, on which the school of critics now in fashion proceed with unquestioning confidence, are neither demonstrated nor safe, that the ages assigned to the leading uncial manuscripts were rather surmised than proofs; that the general maxim, an uncial is more ancient than a cursive (styles of handwriting); was not certain; that the rules for valuing the internal evidence in favour of or against a reading, 'the difficult reading has the preference', is unfounded and deceptive; that the clear internal marks of sectarian tampering, in the case of the important doctrinal various readings, were not duly pondered. **"The fears there expressed** have been verified. Decisions have been made against the Received Text (Textus Receptus/Majority Text), in cases where the critical debate is still undecided; in cases of cardinal importance. Nor are the grounds of these innovations always stated with candour in their justificatory publication."

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"Why should I not take for granted all I find in the Bible?" Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 - 1879). Her father, Anglican clergyman, William Havergal, only permitted young Frances to read one book, her King James Bible. She later saw the value of Scripture's influence in her hymns, poetry, and music. Her ancestor, a gentle Protestant martyr, Nicolas Ridley, the Bishop of London, died at the stake with Bishop Hugh Latimer. Together, they lit a fire for the Gospel!

A DUTCH ANTI-REVOLUTIONIST!

Abraham Kuyper (1837 - 1920) - Prime Minister, Pastor, and Theologian.

Dr Abraham Kuyper led the "Doleantie", a 19th century schism from the state-sponsored Dutch Reformed Church in the Netherlands, in protest against the State Church's loss of its Reformed bearings, and pluralism. He founded the Free University of Amsterdam, which, itself, is not the institution it once was! The Protestant Churches are having to continually reform, in order to resist the spirit of compromise, the devil's wearing down of the saints. **(Daniel 7V25).**

**"Seek the truth - Listen to the truth - Teach the truth - Love the truth - Abide by the truth
- And defend the truth"**

John Huss (1369 - 1415). Czech Martyr & Pre-Protestant Reformer.

IN THE 2025 CHRISTIAN NEWS:

D.R.C. (N.G.K.) Namibia Synod dries up, rather severes ties with D.R.C. (N.G.K.) South African General Synod. Refer Glo die Bybel article by Le Roux Schoeman, 5th April 2025.

GAFCON - CANTERBURY "MOVES" TO AFRICA? The changing Demographics of Anglicanism. Succession, 16th October 2025, from the UK.'s new Archbishop for Lambeth Palace, after King Charles' III confirms nomination! The move was to halt the communion with "the revisionist agenda" and states the "we are ready to take the lead" of the Anglican Church. GAFCON represents an estimated half of the Anglican community worldwide.

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SPURGEON'S COLLEGE CLOSES 31 JULY 2025. Pastors College Founded 1856. A sad day. A strongly worded article connects both its bankrupt doctrinal stand and its dying support! Refer "Apostasy Bears It's Own Fruit: A Call To Humility, Integrity, And Earnest Seeking", by Pooyan Mehrshahi, Iranian born pastor of Providence Baptist Chapel, Cheltenham, England.

JOHN MACARTHUR 1939 - 2025. Refer Reformation Reveille 2025
Prof. Raymond Potgieter.



JAMES DOBSON 1936 - 2025. Refer
Christisking.co.za 4Th Q.

Focused To The End tribute. Christian child psychologists have been positively influenced by Dr. Dobson's Biblical stand. Dr. Dobson's Church of the Nazarene parents, helped stem his youthful rebellion, and that proved to be a foundation for his high calling in life: Been there, done that, learnt a Bible lesson!



"Certain men are best respected where they are least known. Many a character needs distance to lend enchantment to the view: but our Lord is most precious to those who are best acquainted with Him."

Charles Spurgeon on 1 Peter 2V7 sermon.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A MARTYR BY: ANN SCARBOROUGH MOORE

You shrugged off your surplice and shed your regalia to follow a man some dismissed as a fool
for his obstinate love and ill-fated compassion –
yet you gave up your world to step into his shoes.

Half a globe as the crow flies, east-southeast of London, the island of Tarawa buried its past
in the sparkling sands of its shattered illusions, encompassed by battle-scarred reefs of the heart.
From the shadows he watched the young head on your shoulders speak faith, hope and love to
the people who knew

that he'd paid with his own for this same conversation, in a grim execution, to silence the truth.

So, what is love worth in life's callous equation?

Would you wager your life on the things that you said,

or silence your heart to avoid confrontation? But it's no contemplation for children – instead,
you helped my small hand brush the salt-crusted headstone and dot frangipani all over his grave
– too humble to see what I saw, you would mention that here was a man who for love's sake was
brave.

Editor: This prize-winning poem is dedicated to Rev. Charles Scarborough, who went with his wife, Dorothea (German born) and two young children, to the Gilbert Islands with the LMS Missionary Society (now CWM). An earlier missionary, Alfred Sadd, was beheaded there by the Japanese.



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