



I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

Time for Truth News!

(John & Donna's Newsletter)

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Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Psalm 119v1-5

Adina Returns!

It is with great joy that Adina has returned to Sunday Bible class & the DG again. She has come through a lot recently, especially at such a young age. Please pray that she will grow closer to the Lord Jesus day by day; she's a lovely girl! Adina has already come to the 'extra' meetings i.e. Park Lane Outreach & Reading Evening – she's doing great!

DG & Park Lane Outreach Meeting!

Well on the 5th February we took the DG team to take an outreach meeting over at Park Lane in Aston Birmingham. It was a great evening with some great testimonies. We also interviewed Oscar ('Mr Universe' from Park Lane!) which went down really well. All who took part were excellent. I gave a gospel message at the end. If you are interested in a special 'outreach' meeting & would like us to run one for you at your church i.e. the DG to give testimonies, readings, songs etc. please contact us.

Are You Backsliding?

Are you closer to the Lord today than you were last month? If not why not; what is the reason? Are you still playing with sin? Are you harbouring an habitual sin that you alone (and God of course!) know about? Are you getting much from the word of God or is it a burden to read these days? Get on your knees where you are & confess that you're not what or where you should be & come back to the Lord; He loves you! Do you KNOW that you are in a state of backsliding? Hos 7v9 ...**gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.**

Tape Ministry!

We're pressing on with the tapes! The next two studies are just about to be distributed! Plenty more are on the way! (Lord willing!) If you would like to be added to the FREE tape ministry mailing list just drop us a line. We send them out as frequent as possible i.e. one each month or thereabouts!

Two Great Keith Green Quotes!

- 1) *'I repent of ever having recorded one single song, & ever having performed one concert, if my music, & more importantly my life, has not provoked you into Godly jealousy or to sell out more completely to Jesus!'*
- 2) *'The only music minister to whom the Lord will say, "Well done, thy good & faithful servant," is the one whose life proves what their lyrics are saying, & to whom music is the least important part of their life. Glorifying the only worthy One has to be a minister's most important goal!'*

We're Moving On!

Donna & I have now left Hellier Street Gospel Hall after spending 20 months there in fellowship. I do not know what we shall be doing or where we shall be going! I would say that 'doctrinal differences' would be our main reason for leaving. I am sure the Lord will guide us into pastures new. We leave with no '*fall outs*' with anyone, just differences in doctrine! Unfortunately when a church does NOT hold the Bible as being PERFECT & THE Final Authority, there will always be problems when a Bible believer attends! When elders believe that women can preach & teach it is certainly time to move on! We took a stand for the Lord but I do believe that 'the church' would rather serve traditions & opinions than submit to the word of God – *Don't rock the boat!* It is always sad moving on but I will not stay in a place where the Bible is not held to be PERFECT & men would rather serve traditions & opinions than obey the Scriptures. Until we get back to THE BOOK we shall NEVER see revival! Incidentally, over the last 400 years, there has NEVER been a revival based upon anything OTHER THAN THE AUTHORISED VERSION; NEVER! – *Do you understand that?*

More of 'Those' Questions!

- 1) If the hair is given for a covering, does the man have to shave his hair off when he prays? (1 Cor 11v1-16) *Be careful here!*
- 2) When does the soul begin i.e. become life; at what point?
- 3) Why is abortion wrong?

Tongues – a Heavenly Language?

1Cor 13v1 **Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels...** (Here the good ol' Pentys & Charismaniacs would say '*There it is, he spoke a heavenly language!*' - buffoons!) Paul was caught up to the third heaven – 2 Cor 12v2 **I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 2 Co 12v4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.** So if the tongues 'crowd' (i.e. Pentys & Charismaniacs!) are speaking in a 'Heavenly language' they are VIOLATING THE SCRIPTURES – *funny aint it what some people do Barney!*

Bill, My Old School Caretaker!

Due to Donna's navigating we were running an hour late for an appointment; I wasn't overly impressed as you could imagine! Driving back home afterwards Donna asked if we had time to pop into the post office to send the overseas mail, so we did. *Why do I tell you this? For this reason - God's timing is perfect!* If Donna hadn't got us lost I would never have met Bill my old school caretaker standing outside the post office! I hadn't seen him to speak to for 16 years (at least!). He said he recognised me. He didn't look at all well & I asked if he was okay? He told me he had cancer & the first operation hadn't worked & he could no longer have another or any more chemotherapy; my heart sank, I could tell he was devastated. I pulled out a "You Asked The Question?" booklet, told him I had written it & asked (*with all my heart!*) that he would read it; he said yes! Please pray that God will save this man. There is NOTHING worse than facing death WITHOUT your sins FORGIVEN by the Lord Jesus Christ! This incident really had an impact on me – we must try to reach the lost BEFORE it's TOO LATE!

Please Pray!

For Tony How who has a benign tumour in his Pituitary gland; he has recently undergone an operation; for David Ainslie & his hearing problem; Donna & her arthritis; and Ayla (our niece) who has undergone a bowel operation & has needed 200 internal stitches! She is only 13 but has been very courageous throughout the ordeal.

Book Response!

Thanks for those who have responded to the book giveaway! If you haven't received them yet they are on their way to you!

Methodist, Church of England & Ecumenical 'Christians'

While out on the road the other day Donna & I dropped into a Methodist church that was advertising a coffee morning. It was an old fashioned church & when we entered in there were a handful of old ladies, later to be joined by a couple of men (who were also 'old ladies', if you get what I mean!). Well the coffee was good but the 'chit-chat' was *unbelievable!* One very 'opinionated' woman started off by saying that recently she had attended a 'Christian' spiritualist meeting where God spoke through a medium to her regarding a child dying on her ward (she was a nurse at the time!); & a child did die! She said that she was very open-minded to this kind of thing now. I tried to start a conversation up about John Wesley & what a great work he did (*trying to bring it round to the gospel!*) but the lady I was speaking to acted like she'd only heard the name Wesley being mentioned in the church occasionally! A few minutes later, Donna & I were sitting at a table with about 8 folks including 2 'men'. If any of them were saved I would be very surprised; how sad, how tragic! The opinionated woman proceeded to tell me that her Church (C of E) was very heavily involved in Ecumenism & then went on to tell me that the pub across the road helped pay for the church lighting! (*Now there's an idea Barney!*) Boy what a mess! I couldn't believe my ears so I got up, got out my briefcase, took out 8 "You Asked The Question!" booklets & the same amount of 'Who Cares?' tracts & gave them out to each person. May God save them all! What a mess the 'church' is in today folks! Our mission field these days INCLUDES the 'church' - that's how bad things are!

Accidents All Round!

Well Donna increased her lead in the Guinness Book of Records for 'bumps' in the car; she reversed our car yet again into a bollard (yes the same car!) & then in my company car she decided to have a 'wing mirror fight' with an oncoming car - unfortunately she lost & the drivers wing mirror is now somewhere on the road to Ludlow! To top our accident week off, while I was playing badminton, my 'partner' decided to use my head as the shuttlecock & so I went up casualty with an inch cut to the top of my forehead; *quite a lot of blood to say the least!* The moral of the story! *Don't let your wife drive & take up a less dangerous sport such as shark fishing or rock climbing!*

Sumo Wrestling Church!

A 'reverend' (*That's a joke to start with!*) accompanied by his 'youth pastor' came to see us at Hope Chapel recently - *nice enough guys!* They said that they wanted to get the youth in the area together *at their church* (*It always is!*) on a regular basis for 'informal' meetings. They stressed that they were not looking to 'sheep steal' (*I'm sure!*) but only wanted to offer Christians a place to go. When I asked what kind of things they did, the 'youth pastor' replied that last month they hired out sumo wrestling costumes & had a sumo wrestling competition! (*I asked whether he*

knew Barney? But he said he didn't! Shame, because Barney loves that kind of 'entertainment!') **Don't talk to me about revival folks!** We haven't lost our way, **WE'VE LOST OUR MINDS!** At the DG we don't pretend to speak in tongues, we don't claim gifts for today that stopped with the apostles, we are dispensational, we love the word of God & **we live in the REAL world!** So all you tongue speaking charismaniacs, enjoy your fantasies, enjoy your sumo wrestling, enjoy your make pretend world & leave us CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS alone to get on with the job we are called to do i.e. WINNING SOULS for Jesus Christ! *Have a nice day!*

1 Pet 3v15 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: Col 4:6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Letters!

Thanks to everyone who has written in response to the last newsletter – very encouraging. Thanks also to those who have encouraged us with regard to the tape ministry. I feel that with *'the church'* going the way it is, & my stand on certain issues, I am being asked by fewer places to go & speak. I shall therefore continue to study my Bible & prepare sermons & put these onto cassette. These are mad times folks & the church is compromising like never before – I pray to God I won't!

Jack & Eddie!

Eddie is doing just great; happy & content; plenty of food & fresh air & playing with his ball; he loves life! But Jack & I had a fall out the other day for the 'second' time! *This time there was no messing, HE JUST BIT ME!* Only a small nip but he did draw blood so I had to go to the hospital *yet again* for a check up for tetanus!

Bible Reading Evening

13 of us gathered for a Saturday night Bible Reading Evening at Hope Chapel; it started at 7.00 pm & finished at 9.00 pm. We began at the Gospel of John. We read the first chapter & then had a discussion about it. Everyone enjoyed it & so we will now hold a Bible Reading Evening on the last Saturday of every month. We also had some great fellowship around some pizza & chips!

Another Great Film!

Ten of us from the DG & Friday Club met together one evening recently at Hope Chapel & watched the film 'Flywheel'; it was excellent & I would recommend it. We had something to eat before showing the film & some great fellowship afterwards!

Fewer Places to Preach These Days!

The more you take a stand upon the word of God the fewer places you will have to preach at; so what is the answer? The answer is found in 2 Tim 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** When doors close you need to throw yourself into the Scriptures & STUDY to show yourself approved unto God. It is a time of TAKING IN rather than giving out; it is a time to sit & learn

at the Master's feet listening to His voice. It is a time of preparation; He will open doors when the time is right, He will lead & guide you. Talking with a friend a while ago he told me that he was anxious no one was asking him to preach these days; I thought then that it would be good for him to spend more time in the word of God. He did, & soon the doors started to open again. If God never called me to preach again in any church, I would just study & keep on studying. He knows my hearts desire...*to be in His will ALWAYS!*

Team Outreach!

A team of seven of us went to the Shropshire town of Much Wenlock recently & distributed 300 "You Asked The Question!" booklets, 'Who Cares?' tracts & the 'He Loves You!' tract cards through letterboxes. We placed the three pieces of literature in an A5 envelope & printed the words 'HE'S COMING SOON!' on the front! Please pray that this literature will get read & that souls shall be saved!

'Problem Texts' by Dr. Peter Ruckman & 'The Answer Book' by Dr. Samuel C. Gipp A MUST; GET THEM!

Both these books are EXCELLENT & I would recommend EVERY Christian adding them to their library. These two books alone will help you answer 99% of questions Bible 'correctors' throw at you! Try **B. McCall Barbour** in Scotland first on **0131 225 4816**. If he doesn't stock them let me know & I'll give you some more addresses to try.

What Impresses You?

I wonder what sort of things impress you? These days it is mad to say it but if someone keeps their word it impresses me! Well each week (or when ever it happens!) I am making a point of someone who has impressed me! Over the last week or so I have nominated two folks from our youth group. One of them didn't have to be asked to do the washing up, she just did it so someone else didn't have to! The other one, a young man recently saved, made it a point of telling me what someone else had done so that certain individual would get the credit! Both of these people went out of their way to do something for someone else & NOT please themselves! **Well done Dionne & Joe!** *What have YOU done for someone else this last week?* I also want to point out one other young man who AMAZED me this last week! **Liam O'Connor** – I put to the DG their next task; write an article for the notice board, 'What love means to me?' (from a Scriptural point of view). Now note that this young man is just 13 years old & he is not a DG member yet! He wrote the following words... *'Love to me is God, God & let me think; oh that's it, God! The reason for this is because I have just realised I'm saved. Yep, I'm a Christian & proud of it; & the reason for this is that ever since I became a Christian I can't thank Him enough for what He has granted me! His love for me is & always will be eternal. So the least I could do is at the least give him some credit for what he has done. So he is the definition of love to me. I know that to non Christians that may not seem much but to all the other fellow Christians, they know what I'm talking about. So overall, love to me is God.'*

Barney Has Taken The Challenge!

I have been asking Barney now for years to sit down with me & discuss the subject of 'Tongues!' He has been putting this off, running & hiding, changing the subject & totally ignoring me for about the same period of time. But finally he has agreed to watch a video with me & then just the two of us will have a 'little' discussion! (*That is if he doesn't 'chicken' out, & the signs aren't looking too promising over the last few days!*) Now don't get me wrong I have actually heard Barney speak in some kind of a tongue when we played tennis a few times; it was usually when he missed a shot or two. I asked him whether this was an earthly language or not but he never gave me an answer. (*I'm only joking folks; Barney is a good guy & we have been friends for many years.*) I am looking forward to speaking at his church again in 2009 (he lets me preach once every 10 years, I wonder why?)

Hope Chapel Outreach Evening!

On Saturday 12th March – from 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm we shall be running an outreach meeting for the church. There will be refreshments to start, & after the meeting. The youth shall be participating in a number of ways. Invitations have been distributed. We are hoping for a good turnout. We leave the whole meeting in the Lord's hands.

Well Done Donna!

Well on 25th February Donna & I 'chalked up' 11 years of marriage bliss! *Well Done Donna, we don't know how you did it; I hear you say!!!* It has been a fantastic time & we really do thank the Lord Jesus for bringing us together. **Gen 2v18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.** Donna is the best help meet I could ever ask for; *Barney thinks she is my 'clone'!*

Hope Chapel Youth Group Student of the Year 2004!

Of all the cups & prizes to be won in the world (i.e. the FA Cup, European Championship, Super Bowl etc.), this is the most prestigious! Congratulations to LaToya Harding for becoming Hope Chapel Youth Group Student of the Year! (2004) She has also been promoted to Team Leader alongside Chris O'Connor, who also has worked really well & shown good commitment over this last year; well done to you both.

Now comes the hard part, WORKING WITH ME!!!

Scripture OVER Tradition or Tradition OVER Scripture - Which?

Mt 15:3 **But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?**

Mt 15:6 **And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.**

Mr 7:8 **For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.**

Mr 7:9 **And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.**

Mr 7:13 **Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.**

Col 2:8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

1Pe 1:18 **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;**

Now don't get me wrong, some traditions are GOOD i.e. 2 Thes 2v15 & 2 Thes 3v6, but it is not just the Roman Catholic & Anglican church that put traditions ABOVE the word of God; many church denominations are doing the same i.e. A.O.G., Brethren, Baptists etc. We must stay with THE BOOK at all costs. We must have the Scriptures as our FINAL AUTHORITY on everything. Even if it means breaking traditions that our denomination has kept for years we must go with THE BOOK every time; OBEY the Scriptures, SUBMIT to the Scriptures & TAKE HEED to the Scriptures! *What does the Bible say? Then do it!* Just because someone in the leadership, who we respect, says we must do this or that, CHECK THEM OUT against the SCRIPTURES! If only the church would get back to submitting to & following the word of God we would see much more growth in our churches spiritually & numerically I'm sure. Just because our 'denomination' says its right does NOT mean it is right! **What does the word of God say?**

Struggling in Your Christian Walk?

I'll be honest, some days I feel really close to the Lord but 'many' days I don't; I am very erratic when it comes to 'feelings'; therefore we cannot trust or rely solely on our 'feelings!' Donna & I went to Eastbourne on business recently & on the way down we listened to 'NO COMPROMISE' – the life story of Keith Green (audio book). The number of people this man reached for the Lord Jesus Christ in just seven years was incredible.

His music is still touching thousands of people world wide. I was yet again so encouraged & challenged by Keith's life; I want to get as close to the Lord as possible & JUST DO HIS WILL! I would highly recommend you getting a copy of this audio book or the written version. There will be some things you won't agree with I'm sure but one thing you cannot deny is his zeal & love for the Lord Jesus Christ; I've never known anyone like him!

Can You Help?

We are looking to take the DG away for a week in the summer holidays! If you know of any places that could accommodate 10 people at a reasonable price would you please forward their details onto us. Last time we hired out a town house in Leominster but it was not the best of times as one of our members had to miss a days school, therefore we want the week to fall in the school summer holidays. A house would be preferred rather than caravans but we would look at any options. Donna is going through some holiday cottages at present, however if you can help with any information we would really appreciate it, thanks! We would like to stay fairly local if possible i.e. Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire or Staffordshire!

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

(Pro 11v30)

The Answer Book - Question Number 7 by Sam Gipp!

Question – If there is a perfect Bible in English, doesn't there also have to be a perfect Bible in French, German, and Japanese etc?

Answer – NO! God has always given His word to ONE people in ONE language to do ONE job; convert the world. The supposition that there must be a perfect translation in every language is erroneous & inconsistent with God's proven practice.

Explanation – This explanation comes in three parts: the OT, the NT & the entire Bible!

One – The OT – It is an accepted fact that, with the exception of some portions of Ezra & Daniel, the OT was written in Hebrew. It is also accepted that it was divinely given to the Jews. Thus God initiates His pattern of operation. He gave His words to ONE people in only ONE language. God apparently un-intimidated by modern scholarship did not feel obligated to supply His words in Egyptian, Chaldian, Syrian, Ethiopian, or any other of the languages in use on the earth at the time the OT was written. The OT was given exclusively to the Jews. Anyone desiring the word of God would have to convert to Judaism. Ample provision was made for such occurrences.

Two – The NT – It is also an accepted fact that the NT was written in Greek. Koine Greek to be exact. Again, the Lord apparently saw no reason to inspire a perfect original in all the languages of the world extant at that time. Only this time, instead of giving His Book to a nation, such as Israel, He simply gave it to Christians who were told to go out & convert the world - Mat 28v19. His choice of Greek as the language of the NT was obvious in that it was the predominant language of the world at that time.

Three – The entire Bible – It is obvious that God now needed to get both His OT & His NT welded together in a language that was common to the world. Only English can be considered such a language. The English language had been developing for many centuries until the late sixteenth century. About that time it finally reached a state of excellence that no language on earth has ever attained. It would seem that God did the rest! He chose this perfect language for the consummation of His perfect Book. First England & later on the USA swept the globe as the most powerful nations on earth, establishing English in all the corners of the globe as either a primary or secondary language. Today nations who do not speak English must still teach English to many of their citizens. Even nations antagonistic to the West such as Russia & China must teach English to their business & military personnel. Thus in choosing English in which to combine His two Testaments, God chose the only language which the world would know. Just as He has shown in His choosing only ONE language for the OT & only ONE language for the NT, He continued that practice by combining those two testaments in only ONE language!

What On Earth Is Happening To The Church?

Why is the church full of 'church goers' doing their Christian duty, rather than Christians full of love & zeal to serve the Lord Jesus Christ out of a pure heart & who put Him FIRST in their lives? What kind of Christian are you? Does the Lord Jesus Christ have the pre-eminent position in your life; honestly? Are you daily living FOR Him or are you doing your own thing all the time. What kind of love & commitment are you showing to the Lord? Christian, there is such apathy (meaning a lack of concern, indifference, a lack of interest) towards the Lord. The world is full of this kind of spirit yet I see it prevalent in the church today; why? What has gone wrong? Are we so brainwashed by the TV & media that we have lost our desire & love for the Lord? Where is our passion, our commitment to serve the One who gave EVERYTHING to save us? It is time we sought the Lord afresh, got on our knees in prayer & stayed there until we feel that touch of God upon our lives again. Fast, pray & get serious with God; *when was the last time you fasted?* Do you really know the joy & peace that God gives, have you ever experienced it? Seek the Lord! Read the following verses prayerfully, **Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.** Hos 10v12. **But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.** De 4:29 **Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.** 1Ch 16:10. **Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.** 1Ch 16:11 **And the children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,** Ezr 6:21 **The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.** Ps 34:10 **Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things.** Pr 28:5 **That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:** Ac 17:27 **I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.** Pr 8:17 **And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.** Jer 29:13 **(I would urge you to read Psalm 38 & then Psalm 51)**

He Loves You! – Response!

Our 'He Loves You!' tract card is being distributed around the area of Birmingham on a regular basis now: only this last week a young girl has written to us because she was given one of these tract cards (by LaToya one of our Team Leaders!), THANK YOU LORD! She wrote a lovely letter saying that she was the only Christian in her family & was finding things quite tough at the moment. She also asked if we could pray for her Nan who has cancer; so please pray. I think this young girl is a converted Hindu PRAISE GOD! Please pray that the Lord will strengthen & encourage her. I shall be writing to her shortly & inviting her to come along to our outreach meeting! If anyone has any literature or testimonies of converted Hindu's I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy, thanks!

Need Any Sweatshirts Printing, or Trophies Engraving?

If you do you may like to contact the following people who do an excellent & professional job. They have done work for us regarding the youth & its been top quality! They can be contacted at - **F.C. Sports**, 01562 630546 or 745543 for sweatshirts (speak to Fletch or Sharyn!) & **Robbie Dennison Trophies** - 01299 878929 (mobile 07779 453523) Speak to Steve Jones.

A Great Testimony to the Lord!

The Lord has REALLY blessed me in my job regarding sales for the company! Recently my boss said that in February (2005) I had broken all company records & achieved more sales in that month than anyone has achieved in the last 10 years! THE LORD increased the business for me in that month **150%** which is incredible! I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing me so much in my job; I CANNOT do it without Him! It is a great testimony to the Lord as I 'try' to witness for Him through the success He gives me! Thank you to all those that pray for me in my employment!

Chess & Tracting!

Chris & Joe come over fairly regular for fellowship & we often have a few games of chess to 'stimulate' the mind, so to speak! This week was no exception; I played Chris 8 games (*that shows you what sort of chess players we really are!*) but as you know I don't like to boast when I win!!! BUT, in this instance I WOULD like to a little! To think that Chris is a 'university' student doing a psychology degree (*a complete waste of time in my opinion but I won't say anything!*) I 'HAMMERED' him **7 – 1**. Next month I shall be entering the Russian Open where I shall be playing Vladdimeer Borishenko (*Nine times world champion!*) After chess Chris, Joe and I went tracting. It was a great evening! (*Did I hear someone say Barney plays chess? Oh please, he's only just learnt how to play scrabble!*)

'I go to Church', he said to me!

After hearing this man use many swear words while playing a game of badminton, we sat together afterwards & during our conversation, he said to me 'I also go to church, the Church of England down the road; I dress in a gown & carry the challis!' We carried on our conversation & the subject of Bible study came up! 'Do you know, that's one book I just can't get into!' He said. He went on to say that an atheist woman at the school he teaches in asked him why he went to church! He told me that he just couldn't give an answer to her question! A church goer who is ON THE ROAD TO HELL! I gave him a "You Asked The Question!" booklet, which he promised to read & we would then talk again the following week! I believe there are thousands of people like this man in all denominations who go to church yet are ON THE ROAD TO HELL! The 'church' is also our MISSION FIELD! It would be good next time you & I get a leaflet through our doors regarding the Easter & Christmas services from the Church of England, to write to the 'vicar's & leaders' of those churches & ask them questions like 'What must I do to be saved?' Or 'Where will I go when I die?' I suggest we ALL start trying to reach the leaders of these churches in our neighbourhood WITH THE GOSPEL! Start targeting them today! Write a letter or post a tract but lets reach everyone we can with the GOSPEL; for if we don't, **HELL AWAITS THE LOST!** We have a job to do, let's get going!

What Love Means To Me!

The next article the DG have produced is 'What love means to me!' They have written some tremendous words from their heart. If you would like a copy of these articles please let me know & I'll post you them! *Remember, when you read them, they are mainly teenagers!*

Testimony Time at the DG!

An extra four people joined us at the March DG; two of which were invited to give their testimony. Dave from Brierley Hill A.O.G. church, who we first met at the Trinity Centre in Birmingham, went first & was excellent. To think that this man was an alcoholic living on the streets in his 30's, a dabbler in drugs, & now he is married to a lovely girl, he is saved & going on great with the Lord; we really do thank the Lord for the change in Dave's

life! Next up was Victoria who has also come through a really tough time. She also has been addicted to drugs & was big time into the night club scene. The Lord has really brought her through & she also is going on great with the Lord. Her testimony was a great blessing, like Dave's, to us all! Please pray for both Victoria & Dave as they keep on pressing on for the Lord!

Acts 2v38 is NOT the Gospel Message for Today!

Many Christians make the mistake of preaching Acts 2v38 **Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Read the verse carefully! According to the verse, without any 'interpretation', what must I DO to have my sins forgiven & what must I DO to receive the Holy Ghost? Repent, *okay I'll go along with that*, but what else? Be 'BAPTISED!' The verse SAYS that we must be BAPTISED for the remission of sins, & THEN we shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost! Therefore this CANNOT be directed to me! If you believe it is, you are NOT **rightly dividing the word of truth** (2 Tim 2v15), you are taking this verse out of its context & trying to apply it to yourself for today! Peter was preaching; but look how Peter changed his message when preaching again in Acts 10v42-44 **And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. Note the same wording 'remission of sins', BUT here, he is NOT saying be baptised for the remission of sins, he is saying BELIEVE! Something has changed folks! What do I have to do to have my sins forgiven TODAY? **BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ!** (Acts 16v31) What do I have to do to receive the Holy Spirit TODAY? **BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ!** (John 7v37-39, 1 Cor 12-14) There is a difference between Acts 2v38 & Eph 2v8-10, & a difference between a message to the House of Israel (Acts 2v36) & one to a Gentile sinner (Acts 16v30-31). Ruckman writes 'No matter what you do with the text, Acts 2v38 teaches that **'the gift of the Holy Ghost'** is not available to man unless he had been baptised in water; & Acts 8v15+16 & Acts 10v44-47 show conclusively that this was a *temporary setup* in accordance with the truth revealed up to that time. To go on with this transitional passage through 19 centuries of church history, applying it to unsaved sinners as 'the plan of Salvation' or as 'obeying the gospel' (compare Rom 6v17, 16v26 & 10v16), is theological & spiritual INSANITY!' (*What did YOU preach when you hit Acts 2v38 Barney?*) Note: there is ONLY one gospel we preach TODAY, i.e. the death, burial & resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; without His shed Blood we cannot have our sins forgiven (1 Cor 15v1-4, Col 1v14 etc.) BUT, there is more than one 'gospel' in the word of God! Run through these verses & work them out! – Gal 3v8? Rev 14v6+7? Mat 4v23? Mat 9v35? Plus Paul & Peter's i.e. Gal 2v7! *It's a DEEP Book folks!*

Three Months into the Year Already!

What have we done for the Lord so far? Time is racing on; we need to make every day count for the Lord. Let us all spend more time reading & praying, get to know Him better. Keep sowing the word of God everywhere you can; always keep tracts on you ready to give out. How many people have we written to & encouraged so far this year? Why not write a letter today! Heard any good sermons on cassette of late; if so why not pass them on to someone else for a blessing; let us keep helping one another. Friends come & go, we need to keep encouraging each other because this present evil world (Gal 1v4) is getting darker & darker!

Think on these things!

If the Rapture happens next week, how will you live your remaining days on earth? What would you do differently? Who would you visit? What is stopping you from doing those things NOW? If the Rapture happened next week; *it could!* It could happen today! Think about that!

Those Nasty 'Thee's' & 'Thou's'!

The most common complaint raised by those who pick up an Authorised Version for the first time is the use of 'thee's,' 'thou's' & similar words. The reader is frightened by these unfamiliar terms &, all too often, flees for the supposed comfort of a modern 'PERVERSION'. The religious advertisers do not differ at all from secular advertisers, in that both will sacrifice their consciences & lie as often as necessary to make a profit. Thus, religious television & magazines are filled with sales pitches alleging that the modern language translations are *easier to understand*. To convince the reader of this supposed truth, they need only to point to a 'ye' or a 'thine' in the AV text, & the unsuspecting public is convinced. The whole problem, falsely so called, can be solved very simply! Follow closely. In modern English, if a man addresses fifty people he says, "I am glad *you* are here today." If he addresses one person he says, "I am glad *you* are here today." A reader, seeing only the statement, does not know if a plurality of listeners, or just one, is being addressed. In 1611, if King James had been addressing fifty-four translators he would have said, "I am glad *you* are here to day." If fifty-three had the day off & one came to visit, the monarch would have said, "I am glad to see thee to day." Simply stated, the Authorised Version makes a distinction between the second-person ('you') pronouns & adjectives relating to *number*. This distinction is not available to the readers of any other English version. Where one sees the 't' an individual is being addressed. Where one sees a 'y' two or more persons are being addressed. The singular forms are – 'thou, thee, thy, thine.' The plural forms are 'ye, you, your, yours'. This five minute lesson in Elizabethan grammar opens up vast areas of truth in the AV which are closed to readers of today's English perversions! (Taken from James Knox's book, 'By Definition' – *definitely worth adding to your bookshelf!*)

ERRORS IN THE QURAN!

How many days of Creation?

When you add up all the days mentioned in Sura 41v9+10+12 the Quran says that it took God eight days to create the world (4 days + 2 days + 2 days = 8 days)

But according to the Bible it only took God 6 days!

Thus the Quran begins its contradiction of the Bible!

ALSO, in Sura 7v51 and 10v3 the Quran agrees with the Biblical account of only 6 days!

IF 6 DAYS IS WRONG, THEN THE QURAN IN SURAS 7 AND 10 ARE WRONG!

IF 8 DAYS IS WRONG, THEN THE QURAN IN SURA 41 IS WRONG!

THIS IS A MISTAKE!

Noah, the Flood, and His Sons

According to the Bible, all 3 of Noah's sons went onto the Ark with him and were saved from the flood. (Gen 7v1+7+13)

Yet, the Quran in Sura 11v32-48 says that one of the sons refused to go into the ark and was drowned in the flood!

Sura 11v44 also claims that the ark came to rest on top of Mount Judi while the Bible

says Mount Ararat.
THESE CONTRADICTIONS CAN NOT BE CLEARER!

Mistakes about Abraham

The Quran makes many errors concerning Abraham...

The Quran says that Abraham's father's name was Azar, but the Bible says his name was Terah (Sura 6v74 / Gen 11v26)

He did not live and worship in the valley of Mecca (Sura 14v37) but in Hebron according to the Bible (Gen 13v18)

It was Isaac he went to sacrifice according to the Bible NOT Ismael which the Quran states. (Sura 37v100-112 / Gen 22)

Abraham had 2 sons NOT 8 as the Quran says.

He had 2 wives and not 3 as the Quran says

He did not build the Kabah, even the Quran says so in Sura 2v125-127

He was not thrown into a fire by Nimrod as the Quran claims in Suras 21v68-69 and 9v69 THIS LAST ERROR IS SERIOUS BECAUSE NIMROD LIVED MANY CENTURIES BEFORE ABRAHAM. HOW THEN DID NIMROD MANAGE TO THROW ABRAHAM INTO THE FIRE WHEN NIMROD HAD BEEN DEAD FOR CENTURIES?

Mistakes about Joseph

The Quran makes the mistake of saying that the man who bought Joseph, Jacob's son, was named Aziz (Sura 12v21ff) when his name was really Potiphar (Gen 37v36)

Note other mistakes of names...

Instead of Goliath the Quran says Jalut

Instead of Saul the Quran says Talut

Instead of Enoch the Quran says Idris

Instead of Ezekiel the Quran says Dhu'l-Khifl

Instead of John the Baptist the Quran says Yahya

Instead of Jonah the Quran says Yunus etc.

Mistakes about Moses

It was not Pharoah's wife who adopted Moses as the Qran claims in Sura 28v8-9. It was actually Pharoah's daughter (Exo 2v5)

Noah's flood did not take place in Moses' day (Sura 7v136 compare 7v59)

The Quran says that Haman lived in Egypt during the time of Moses and worked for Pharoah building the tower of Babel (Suras 27v4-6, 28v38, 29v39, 40v23+24+36+37) But Haman actually lived in Persia and was in the service of King Ahasuerus. See the book of Esther for details.

Crucifixion was not used in the time of Pharoah although the Quran says so in Sura 7v124

Mistakes about Mary

Her father's name was not Imran (Sura 66v12)

She did not give birth to Jesus under a palm tree but in a stable (Sura 19v22 / Luke 2v1-20)

Muhammad clearly made up fraudulent speeches and miracles for her (Sura 19v23-26)

Zacharias could not speak the entire time until his son was born, not just 3 days as the Quran claims! (Sura 19v10 / Luke 1v20)

The Quran's Self-Contradictions...

The Quran contradicts itself in many ways. Since the Quran claims in Sura 39v23+28 to be free from all contradictions, just one contradiction is sufficient to show that it is not God's word!

We have already said the Quran gives 4 conflicting views in regard to Muhammad receiving the Quran...Sura 53v2-18 and Sura 81v19-24 that Allah personally appeared to Muhammad in the form of a man and that Muhammad saw and heard him.

This is later abandoned because we see in Sura 16v102 and Sura 26v192-194 we are told that Muhammad's call was issued by the 'holy spirit?'

We are not told who or what this holy spirit is!

The third different account of his original call is given in Sura 15v8 where we are told that the angels were the ones who came down to Muhammad and announced that Allah had called him to be a prophet.

But yet again this is later amended in Sura 2v97 so that it is only the angel Gabriel who issues the call to Muhammad and hands down the Quran to him.

The Quran differs on whether a day is a 100yrs or 50,000 years in God's sight (Sura 32v5, 70v4)

At first Muhammad told his followers to face Jerusalem in prayer. Then he told them since God was everywhere they could face any way they wanted. Then he changed his mind yet again and directed them to pray toward Mecca! (Sura 2v115, 2v144)

Who was the first to believe? Abraham or Moses (Sura 6v14 or 7v143?) you can't have two firsts!

Muhammad, although a prophet so called, did not foresee his own death.

There are NO ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS of the Quran! Due to Muhammad's unexpected and sudden death, there was made NO preparation for his writings to be taken down. Instead this was taken up by his followers. They wrote down what they could remember what he said. These recordings were written down on whatever was available at the time.

The Concise Encyclopaedia of Islam comments... *'The Koran was collected from the chance surfaces on which it had been inscribed: 'from pieces of papyrus, flat stones, palm leaves, shoulder blades and ribs of animals, pieces of leather, wooden boards, and the hearts of men''*

Even the internationally known Muslim scholar Mandudi admits that the Quran was originally recorded 'on leaves of date-palms, bark of trees, bones, etc.'

The strange materials on which the Quran was written are verified by all general reference works such as encyclopaedias and by the standard reference works of Islam.

When there was nothing around which could be written on, the attempt was made to memorise Muhammad's revelations as closely as possible. According to Mandudi, the task that confronted the followers of Muhammad after his unexpected death was to gather together the scattered sermons of Muhammad, some of which were written on biodegradable articles, and others which were not written down but committed only to memory.

This, of course, created great difficulties. Some of the tree bark crumbled or broke and some of the stones were lost. Worse yet, Ali Dashti notes that animals at times ate the palm leaves or mats on which the Suras had been recorded.

Some of those who were the only ones who remembered certain Suras died in battle before they had the opportunity to commit in writing what they had heard. The gathering together of material for the Quran lasted several years. Much confusion remained as the memory of one person did not match up or correspond with that of another.

Sinlessness

According to the NT, Jesus Christ lived a perfect and sinless life. (2 Cor 5v21, 1 John 3v5, Heb 4v15, Heb 9v14, 1 Pet 1v19) When His enemies came to accuse Jesus before Pilate and Herod, they had to invent charges because no one could find anything against Him.

But when we turn to the life of Muhammad, we find that he was a normal human being engaged in the same sins which affect all of us. He lied, cheated, lusted after women, failed to keep his word etc. He was neither perfect nor sinless.

Where in the Quran does it state that Muhammad was sinless?

In the Quran, Sura 18v110 Muhammad is commanded by Allah 'Say, I am but a man like yourselves.

Nowhere in the Quran is Muhammad said to be sinless. Instead, Allah tells Muhammad that he is no different than any other man.

Muslims who claim that Muhammad was sinless have failed to note Sura 40v55, where Allah told Muhammad to repent of his sins! Not only was Muhammad commanded to repent of his sins and to seek forgiveness, but he was also reminded of his past sins that Allah had already forgiven and of future sins which would need future forgiveness.

Muhammad was not sinless according to the Quran. He was just one more poor sinner in need of forgiveness and redemption.

Don't forget to write!!!