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Dear ones,

Many years ago, Marty and I had to give up sending Christmas cards because there were so many, and the probability that some would be overlooked was proportionately high. But we do read, share and appreciate the ones that we receive, and thank you for each one.

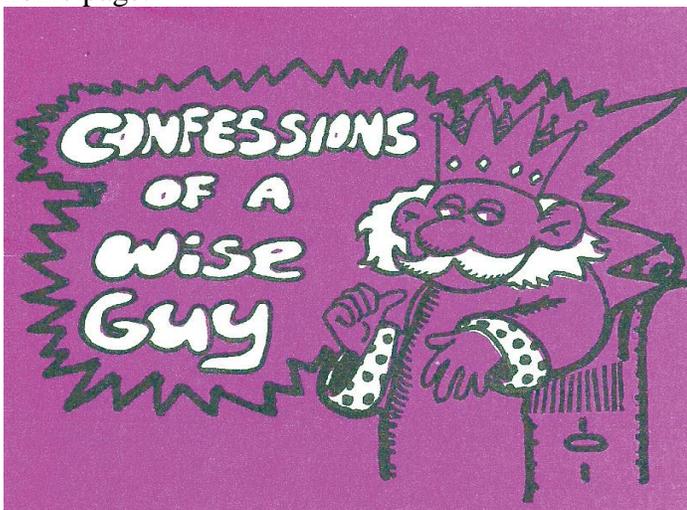
People continue to ask why we don't just distribute the newsletter via e-mail. If we did that it would save the ministry a considerable amount of money; but it would also mean that many of our readers who have no computer or internet access could no longer get the newsletter. They have been faithful to us for many years, and I am not willing to be unfaithful to them.

At any rate, be of good cheer—the days are getting longer; and, “If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?”

A NEW FEATURE IS COMING

When I was a new Christian, I and my family were greatly blessed by the ministry of Bob and Lois Forrester, especially their really great comic-style tracts and other publications. Their ministry at the time, “God’s Army,” was primarily to youth (hippies, drug addicts and others who were lost and adrift). There is no space here to describe their work adequately, but it will soon be posted on the web site.

While their tracts were definitely done in a style to appeal to the hippie culture, they were brilliantly funny, and uncompromisingly scriptural. One of my favorites, “Confessions of a Wise Guy,” is pictured below; it will be opened, and posted in full, on the web site, with more to follow; just click on the “God’s Army” button on the home page.



The cover of “Confessions of a Wise Guy.”

75 YEARS OF FAITHFULLY HONORING JESUS

This year, as for the past 75 years, beginning immediately after Thanksgiving and lasting through the Christmas season, Sunbeam Bread reached out to its customers with the image, on every loaf of bread, of “Little Miss Sunbeam,” kneeling with folded hands, and praying the words of Jesus, “Man shall not live by bread alone.” I admire Sunbeam for this ¾ of a century of boldly presenting the reality of the Savior; and I particularly thank them for waiting until after Thanksgiving. (AFA)

APPLE CEO SAYS HIS HOMOSEXUALITY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

Apple CEO, Tim Cook, has not only announced publicly his sexual preference (sodomy), but has said that it is “among the greatest gifts God has given me.” Peter LaBarbara, former homosexual and founder of Americans for Truth about Homosexuality, says that this statement of Apple’s CEO is “beyond blasphemy,” and announced that his organization has chosen Cook’s statement “the biggest gay lie of the year” (an award of dubious distinction). To claim that something is a gift from God, something the Bible clearly identifies as a sin that is an abomination to God, is an insulting blasphemy of the worst order. By Levitical Law, sodomy even defiled the land where it took place, and money from a sodomite could not be brought into the Temple, for it would defile the Temple. I have never liked Apple because of the ungodly causes they tend to support; I see that, with the death of Steve Jobs, nothing has changed, and may be worse.

(ONN/businessweek.com/LATimes.com/et al)

CELEBRATING BRUTAL MURDER

The world, led by Obama and his administration, holds Israel, our only ally in the explosive Middle East (and the only democratic government, where human rights are protected, in the region), responsible for the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Muslim nations.

Anti-Israel commentators (led, again, by our current administration) use the term “moral equivalence” to mean that, in the conflict, killing done by the Israeli military in self-defense is just as bad as the terroristic murder of innocent Jewish civilians by Muslims.

Although it received little attention in the news, in late November two Arabs, living in east Jerusalem, stormed into a synagogue and murdered four unarmed rabbis (three of them Americans) and a policeman, using guns, hatchets and meat cleavers, turning the house of prayer into a slaughterhouse. They then celebrated in the street, gave candy to children and had their pictures taken with their bloody instruments of death before responding policemen arrived and shot them to death.

Not long before, an Arab living in Jerusalem killed the 3-month old baby of an American couple, by deliberately driving his car into her baby carriage.

According to Muslim apologists, including the President of the US, such brutal murders of the innocent and defenseless are the “moral equivalent” (i.e. no worse) than the killing of Palestinian terrorists, to stop them from firing rockets into civilian Israeli neighborhoods. To believe that there is no moral difference between killing an enemy combatant in order to protect innocent civilians, and slaughtering helpless rabbis and deliberately running over babies in their carriages, is to abandon all reason. (NYDN/Reuters/Bernard Goldberg-Town Crier, et al)



Bodies being removed from the synagogue after the slaughter of rabbis and policeman.

COMMON CORE: A TROJAN HORSE FROM WASHINGTON?

“Common Core” is a massive, complete re-writing of the public school curriculum in math and English (“Language Arts”), and it has been nothing if not controversial. It is the product of the U.S. Department of Education and, from the very start, there has been widespread negative reaction from conservative individuals and organizations. Since the proposal, four states rejected it from the start, one state accepted it only partially, and three states which initially accepted it have since withdrawn from the program. Adding to the confusion, some states that have adopted Common Core have individual school districts which rejected it (and vice versa). Several more states that initially accepted the radical new curriculum are considering withdrawal from the program.

My position is that anything that comes from the Federal Government is suspect, at best—especially anything that brings radical change. And, what is more important, anything coming from the Federal Government concerning education is clearly unconstitutional. Why? Because the 10th Amendment to the Constitution states clearly that all powers not specifically granted to the Federal Government “are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.” Since nowhere in the Constitution is there any mention of education, let alone a granting of its control to the Federal Government, control of education is clearly reserved “to the states respectively, or to the people.”

This means that the Department of Education, a political gift from Jimmy Carter to the Teachers’ Unions, is obviously unconstitutional; and all it has accomplished is to give more power to the NEA, other teachers’ unions, and the left-wing education establishment.

And these problems are obvious upon only superficial examination; in addition, behind the unions and other players that we can see and hear, there are in the shadowy background dark and powerful forces that have, since at least the time of John Dewey, sought to control and revise public education as a means of changing the very nature of our culture. And slowly, gradually, they have had considerable success.

Yes, there are still good and dedicated teachers, administrators, schools and entire school districts, working their hearts out to truly educate those children who come before them; but they are doing it in spite of the education hierarchy, not because of it. And locally there are fine and dedicated teachers and administrators, trying to make it work. But that doesn’t make it a good idea.

If I knew nothing else about Common Core, knowing that it comes from the same source as “No Child Left

Behind,” “Race to the Top,” “New Math” and other such radical failures, my response is, “Can pure water flow from a poisoned spring?”

COMMON CORE: ONE EXAMPLE

One very obvious strategy of the powerful, behind-the-scenes “change agents” has been to undermine basic moral standards by introducing adult subjects to innocent children at earlier and earlier ages, including sex education to the early grades and kindergarten, when what is normal for such children is to be thinking of fairy tales, dolls, slingshots, cowboys and Indians, and treehouses.

“Reading Worksheets.com” is a Common Core-related web site, producing educational materials for public schools. One such product, a worksheet for 3rd grade children, is intended to challenge the reader to draw correct inferences from a brief story. The story is about adultery. There is not room to include the text of the story, and you will have difficulty reading it in the photo below; but the angry mother’s annotation is easy to read, and we will post the same image, in a more readable size, on our web site. (libertyunyielding.com)

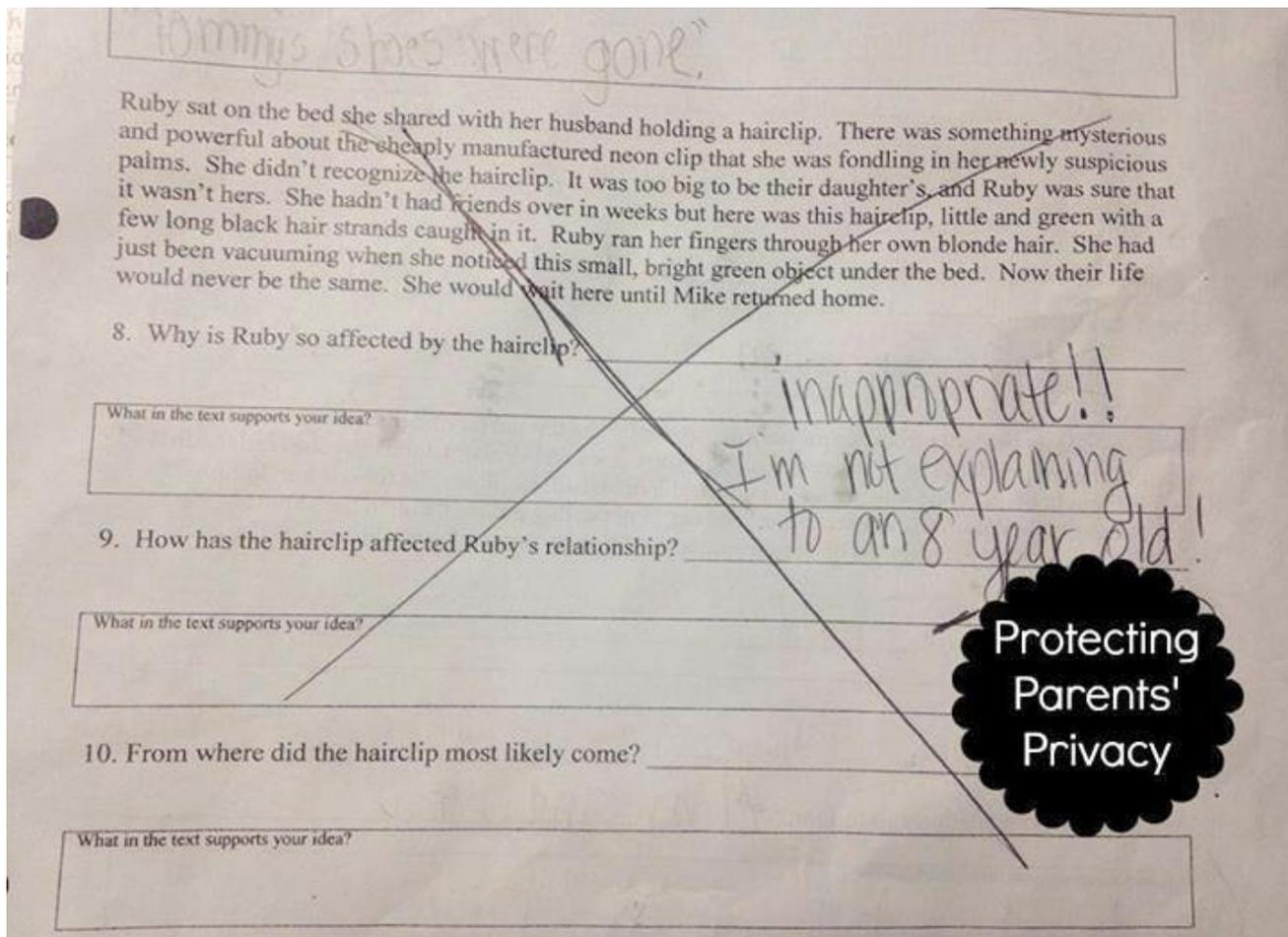


Image of the worksheet with mother’s annotation.

OBAMA TOP ADVISOR MISTAKES 4-STAR GENERAL FOR A WAITER

One of the unpleasant facts of life in our culture is that most political power is held and wielded by a relatively small, very wealthy group of elites. They disagree and fight among themselves over who is in control, but they all agree on one thing: that they are vastly superior, in every way, to the rest of us; and they believe that they should be making all decisions about the nature and direction of the nation, and decide for the rest of us how we should live—even down to what light bulbs we can put in our homes. They look down upon the masses (you and me) as vastly inferior peasants. If you are in any doubt, just google “Jonathan Gruber,” architect of Obama Care, who has said (repeatedly) that Obama Care could be forced through Congress because the American people are too stupid to realize what it really is.

One group that these elites look upon with particular disdain consists of those in the armed forces. I could write a lengthy essay on this topic, and never waste a word. But I can't do that here, so I will simply cite one telling example. Perhaps the most powerful woman in the nation is someone of whom most Americans have never heard. Her name is Valerie Jarrett, definitely the closest advisor to Obama, and the one with the most influence over his decisions, including vital military decisions. Although this happened more than 3 years ago, the news media buried it, most Americans have not heard of it, and it is still relevant. At a fancy, black tie dinner in DC, a 4-star Army general was walking by the table where Valerie Jarrett sat; he was in full dress uniform. Mistaking the general for a waiter, despite the splendor of his dress uniform, ribbons and all, she told him to bring her more wine! The general, realizing who she was, graciously, without a word, found a bottle of wine and politely filled her glass. (The Daily Caller)

WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN? IT'S SIMPLE!

Death pens, like the abortion "clinics" of Planned Parenthood, want us to believe that what they remove from a mother's uterus is not a baby; they tell the mother "It's just a clump of cells." If pressed they may say "It's a 'potential person,' but life has not begun." For years, the debate has continued over when life begins. Some pro-death people say that life begins when the baby is born alive (although countless thousands of living, healthy babies, born and breathing, have been laid aside to die horribly of thirst. This is piously called "withholding medication." Some baby killers call it "withholding nourishment," but a baby dies of thirst long before it can starve to death. Nancy ("We have to pass the bill to find out what is in it") Pelosi, who seems not to be playing with a full deck, however, has taken the most amazing position of all the pro-death liars; she has said, for the record, that a baby becomes a human being when the parents take it home from the hospital!

And yet the answer is extremely simple, scientifically demonstrable, and undeniable. It has to do with the life spans of a human egg cell and a human sperm cell. A human egg cell and a human sperm cell, not united, will live for only 48 hours; if not united, the egg cell and sperm cell die and are absorbed back into the life processes of the woman or man. Yet those very same egg and sperm cells, if they are united in conception, become a fertilized egg (zygote), multiply and grow, and can live for more than 100 years (in their ultimate developmental form, a human man or woman). It really is that simple. And the simple facts are scientifically undeniable.

(My brother, a retired physician, and I have discussed this many times, and I owe this insight to him.)

JUSTICE GINSBURG: THE POOR SHOULD HAVE ABORTIONS, NOT BABIES

Comments made by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg seem to make it clear that she believes that the poor should have abortions instead of having babies. And, by the poor, she unavoidably means "mostly black," for the vast majority of the poor, depending for their existence on the government, are black. And the vast majority of abortions are of black babies.

In a candid 2009 interview with the New York Times Sunday Magazine, Justice Ginsburg said, "Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth, and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of." (Emphasis mine) In the interview, Justice Ginsburg sounds like Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, a rabid racist who openly declared that her promotion of birth control was because our culture should rid itself of blacks and the mentally or physically handicapped. Her legacy, Planned Parenthood, incidentally, deliberately targets poor, black neighborhoods. (NYT/lifenews.com)



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

RULES FOR RADICALS - ITS DEDICATION

The late Saul Alinski is the philosophical idol of left wing, Marxist progressives such as Hillary Clinton, Barak Obama, George Soros, and New York's Mayor, Bill De Blasio. Alinski's magnum opus, his great manifesto, is his book, Rules for Radicals. It is the political and social guidebook for all progressives in our ruling elite; they study it, exalt it, and live by it (and hope we don't hear about it).

The dedication in Alinski's book is revealing; he wrote, "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgement to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins – or which is which), the first radical known to man, who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom – Lucifer." (Catholic Family News)

MILESTONES

Married

- John Wildes and Theda Ross Patterson, in Blairsville, Ga. John has been a friend since the early days of this ministry; in those days he lived in Jackson, Tenn and was active in our retreats.

Died

- 17 Sept – Rev Ron Keller, of Ark Ministries, in Chandler, Ariz. Ron and his wife Ann (who died in 2010) ministered selflessly for many years. To me they were exemplars of purity in public ministry in terms of their commitment, motivation and values.

- 2 Nov – Katherine Adams, mother of my long-time friend, committed Christian, and activist patriot, Sam Moorman of Rockport, Tex.

- 8 Dec – Rev James Alton Jones in Tupelo, Miss. He is the father of my good friend Pam Mauldin of Walnut, Miss.

A FINAL WORD

Treasure and use each day as if it were your last, and never give up hope; God has a limitless supply of new beginnings, and He makes beautiful things out of broken pieces.

Tom

(Sources: AP-Associated Press; BBC-British Broadcasting Corp.; BP-Baptist Press; CNS-Cybernetic News Service; Fox-Fox News; Brightbart-Breitbart News; FOF-Focus on the Family; FRC-Family Research Council; HE-Human Events; HC-History Channel; HuffPost-Huffington Post; IMG-Israel My Glory; JP-Jerusalem Post;

LAT-L.A. Times; NA-New American Magazine; NM-NewsMax.com; NR-Natioinal Review; NW-Newsweek; NYP-New York Post; NYT-New York Times; ONN-OneNewsNow; PWB-Pastors' Weekly Briefing; USAT-USA Today; VOM-Voice of Martyrs; W-World Magazine; WND-World Net Daily; and WT-Washington Times.)