



**"He that is least (with a John the Baptist ministry)
is greater than he." (Matt. 11:11)**

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Water baptism is accepting God's salvation.

"He that believeth and is baptized" (Mk. 16:16)

"Save yourselves" (Acts 2:40)

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THE NICOLAITAN FAMILY KINGDOM OF GOD VS. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

By Cpt. Gordon Nelson

*"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee."
(Rev. 3:9)*

Charles Grassley, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter *"say they are Jews"*! A Baptist also believes they are.

In this treatise we'll be attempting to have you *"see through a glass, darkly"* (1 Cor. 13:12) in search of gold nuggets of truth. Do you know how long speaking in tongues, miracles and our own prosperity doctrines have been in the Bible? It reminds me of a picture that contained a boy, a cart and a dog. At first you see none of these, but after your eyes are opened, it is all that you see. The Word of God is much like that picture, and is the reason we are commanded, *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."* (Jn. 5:39)

They that testify of me preach in their pulpits, *"teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* (Mk. 7:7) These doctrines of man hide the boy, the cart and the dog, which the Bible calls leaven, or, *"your tradition."* (Mk. 7:13) It is the responsibility of the church to *"see through a glass, darkly."*

To properly understand this prophecy of John concerning his ministry to this end time generation, you must recognize the evil predicted by Jesus in the parable of the leaven. *"And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."* (Lk. 13:20-21)

Often in scripture, wherever a woman appears, she becomes a type of a church. One determines what type of woman by what she does whether it is for evil or for good. *"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (Rev. 21:2) The false church is referred to as *"the great whore."* (Rev. 17:1) This particular woman hid her leaven in the *"three measures of meal (the Trinitarian Word of God) till the whole was leavened."* (Matt. 13:33) She hid her leaven within the confines of *"the kingdom of God."*

Jethro's Counsel

In the days of John the Baptist, the Sanhedrin Court represented the kingdom of God on earth. Moses, a type of *"Christ after the flesh"* (2 Cor. 5:16), was its founder, who couldn't go into the Promised Land. Why? *"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin."* (Isa. 53:10) Jesus, who knew no sin, became a sinner. This Christ the

preachers preach about cannot take you into the Promised Land of milk and honey. He is a type of Moses who could not go over Jordan due to becoming angry one time, when he smote the rock, a type of the Messiah. Joshua and Caleb led the Israelites across Jordan.

The Sanhedrin Court was birthed as a result of Moses hearkening unto the wisdom of his own father-in-law, *“Jethro, the priest of Midian,”* (Ex. 18:1) *“And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good...Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God.”* (Ex. 18:17,19)

Moses, hearkening unto the counsel of Jethro, sowed the leaven that gave birth to the Sanhedrin Court. It was these priests from the Sanhedrin who incited the people as they screamed at Pilate, *“His blood be on us, and on our children.”* (Matt. 27:25) It is blasphemy for folks to believe, “Every Jew born on earth is a Christ killer,” as Martin Luther taught.

This is the main reason John the Baptist told the priests steeped in the Sanhedrin Court's religious teachings whenever he saw them coming, *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”* (Matt. 3:7) You must understand this, the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees were the disciples of Moses. They represented the kingdom of God on earth to mankind. John the Baptist wasted none of his time attempting to convert them. “I didn't go to your synagogue, why are you coming to my riverbank church, you generation of vipers?”

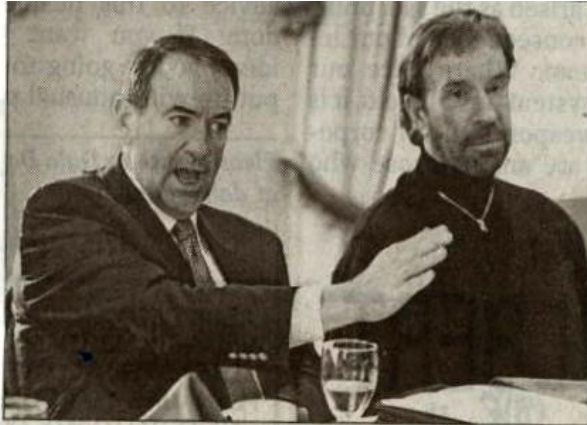
Kingdom of God is like leaven

In reviling the blind man that received his sight, the Pharisee accused him, *“Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow (Jesus), we know not from whence he is.”* (Jn. 9:28-29)

“Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.” (Lk. 13:20-21) This is a classic illustration of the woman, a type of the church, hiding Jethro's counsel within the framework of the church, and out pops the Sanhedrin Court! The decision power of whether a Jew lives or dies was granted to this body of priests. *“And he taught daily in the temple”* for the common people heard him gladly; *“but the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him.”* (Lk. 19:47)

Counsel of Balaam is like leaven?

What about *“the counsel of Balaam”*? Is this more leaven? *“Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.”* (Num. 31:16) What was referred to as *“the counsel of Balaam”* in the book of Numbers became a doctrine in Pergamos. *“But I have a few things against thee (Pergamos), because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.”* (Rev. 2:14)



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Mike Huckabee (left), a contender for the Republican nomination for president, has the support of karate expert and TV and film star Chuck Norris.

Could it be that Charles Grassley, a Freemason and a Baptist, is defending his own faith? Who knows?

As a Southern Baptist minister, Mike Huckabee is considered orthodox. This means he believes he could “fly away” in the rapture at any time, or at least he’ll escape the heat of what is about to occur on earth.

We evangelicals were suckered into a Southern peanut farmer, Jimmy Carter. Carter was the first President to make the public aware of being “born again.” Jimmy has proved to be the biggest traitor of faith, and should be ranked with Benedict Arnold; guilty of treason. Do we try for seconds?

Darby-Scofieldism leaven is called “orthodoxy”

John Darby, theologian from England, sowed and hid leaven in the church. Darby-Scofieldism hides three essential doctrines into the church. This leaven became the yardstick to measure orthodoxy.

#1 – the pre-trib rapture doctrine

#2 – unconditional eternal security, without first

being sealed with the Holy Ghost (Eph. 4:30). (Speaking in tongues is that seal.)

#3 – speaking in tongues, miracles ceased with the apostles.

Doctrine of the Nicolaitans is like leaven

How about the “*deeds of the Nicolaitans*” which the church in Ephesus hated. In practice, the “deeds” matured into a full-blown doctrine in Pergamos, “*which thing I hate.*” (Rev. 2:6,15) Nicolaitans (“destruction of people” Strong’s 3531) represented “the notion of a priestly order, or clergy, which later divided an equal brotherhood (Matt. 23:8) into ‘priests’ or ‘laity.’”¹

Televangelists further divide?

Television, which sponsors a conquering clergy, has further separated the clergy from the laity. The televangelists are a one family show that perform brilliantly as dedicated actors on stage, further separating the clergy from the laity. They are answerable to no man on earth, except the IRS. In Ephesus it was “*the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*” (Rev. 2:6) In Pergamos it became “*the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*” (Rev. 2:15) God declares the thing “*which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.*” (Lk. 16:15) To have professional entertainers from the night clubs who perform as singers to the same music of the world, only changing the lyrics, is “highly esteemed” over Christian television.

He that “forsaketh not all that he hath” including earthly father (Lk. 14:33)

God commands that we “*Love the brotherhood.*” (1 Pet. 2:17) What is a brotherhood? It is a hood of brothers who collectively became a body of elders who ruled the church. This is why Jesus commanded His disciples, “*But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.*”

¹ Scofield note for Rev. 2:6

And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” (Matt. 23:8-9) Even in the church, man falls in love with doctrines that when tested at the assayer’s “*line upon line,*” (Isa. 28:10) are nothing but fool’s gold. Earthly fathers build their little kingdom as well, and call it the kingdom of God. God refutes this argument by declaring, “*A man’s foes shall be they of his own household.*” (Matt. 10:36)

“*Call no man your father upon the earth!*” (Matt. 23:9) In context, if you are to be a disciple and become a member of an exclusive brotherhood of elders (presbuteros), you have only one Father. “*And straightway he called them (James and John): and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.*” (Mk. 1:20) “*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth (earth family): I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father.*” (Matt. 10:34-35) “*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.*” (Matt. 10:37) “*And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer (permit) me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.*” (Matt. 8:21-22)

Nicolaitan family business

The IRS has conveniently provided a non-profit status through the 501(c)(3) tax code for all who will comply. In turn, the IRS has created a family business that is quite lucrative. However, the IRS should call it the Nicolaitan family business. This is true of all of the televangelists called by Senator Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), except Benny Hinn, who excludes all and any family members from his five-member Board of Directors. However, these are the exact footprints of Jim Bakker. In his confession before entering prison he said, “I should have had a 13-member board.” Jim Bakker said one can shower gifts on a five member board, but 13? The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is composed of 13 businessmen who set Billy’s salary and handle all the money and pay all the bills. Where did Billy Graham come up with 13 honorable Christians? Or, were they Lodge members?

The church followed Billy Graham into fellowship with the World Council of Churches (WCC) and into the Masonic Lodge, but never into his fishbowl organization government to protect the church from such a hearing as Senator Grassley’s. The state can’t keep from intruding into the church. The Bible warns government, “*Hurt not the oil and the wine (Holy Ghost).*” (Rev. 6:6) Is it for political reasons that this hearing is being held just prior to the Iowa caucus?

Benny Hinn answers questions concerning financial stewardship on his website, and even why he refuses to accept Charles Grassley’s invitation ²

1. **Benny Hinn Ministries (along with many other charismatic groups) has been criticized by independent “watchdog” groups. Does the ministry have concerns about disclosing its financial information to independent accountability organizations?**

Established accountability groups certainly have their place and serve a worthwhile service to certain not-for-profit groups. However, Benny Hinn Ministries, along with many larger media-oriented ministries, has chosen not to be part of these groups which are geared more toward more traditional-type churches and ministries.

Some groups, for example, focus on comparing, ranking, and giving information in areas that include efficiency and transparency. Since these rating systems are often based on financial data derived from each organization’s IRS

² www.bennyhinn.org

Form 990 or audited financial statements, in theory this should put the charities on a level playing field. Theories don't always work, and financial statements can be interpreted many different ways, especially since there are many intangibles that cannot be measured. Efficiency of operation, for example, is very, very different from effectiveness of mission.

Ministries, as with corporations, may have excellent financial and efficiency ratings, yet aren't necessarily effective on a long-term basis. It is especially challenging to evaluate ratios, numerical performance, and ministry criteria in the nonprofit sector.

It is ironic, though seldom mentioned in mainstream media reports, that many of these watchdog groups—undoubtedly well-meaning and ostensibly created for the purpose of monitoring and policing the financial activities of other not-for-profit ministries—seldom are able to come to agreement on how to effectively evaluate a ministry's financial integrity. This fact alone illustrates the inherent limitations of such organizations.

2. To which state and federal guidelines are churches and ministries obligated to submit, and how do you ensure your adherence to these guidelines?

As good citizens, we in this ministry also go above and beyond to "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21), as the Lord instructed, and each year we submit all legal filings to the appropriate governmental authorities, ensuring that our ministry complies with both the spirit and the letter of the law in relation to all government agencies that have the authority to regulate church organizations.

As such, each year we file all required documentation to every municipal, state/provincial, and federal agency that requires us to do so. To accomplish this, we use preeminent legal firms in Washington, D.C., with professionals of the highest caliber, to oversee our ministry. Comprised of former IRS directors and agents, our legal team is guided by the finest tax, nonprofit, and general lawyers in the world.

We have done this in the past, and we are committed to always doing so without fail.

3. Do you have family members on your Board of Directors? If so, why? If not, why not?

None of my family members serve on the ministry's board. We do this to avoid any conflict of interest, since the Board of Directors is the legal protectorate for the interests of all of the ministry's employees and partners.

4. Do you get royalties from the ministry for the books, CDs, and DVDs that are offered through the ministry?

I receive no royalties from the ministry for the products I offer on This Is Your Day! or at the miracle crusades, on our Web site, or on any other extension of the ministry. Every penny that comes to the ministry from product sales is invested back into the ministry.

5. How are you compensated, and who determines your salary?

My compensation (annual salary) is set by the members of Benny Hinn Ministries' Board of Directors with the aid and counsel of Mercer and Company, one of the most respected executive compensation firms in America. This matter is then reviewed by numerous layers of legal counsel and compared with other ministry leaders of similar size and scope and other nonprofit and church organizations.

I am never a part of their decision when it comes to my compensation. And although the ministry's Board of Directors believes that my total compensation is a private matter, it is well within what is considered prudent and reasonable.

Televangelists ***“hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.”*** (Rev. 2:15) ***“And this gospel of the kingdom (of God) shall be preached (by the Nicolaitans) in all the world FOR A WITNESS (via television) unto all nations; and then shall the end come”*** (Matt. 24:14), evidenced by ***“the falling away.”*** (2 Thes. 2:3)

Televangelist refuses to answer senator

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of six Christian ministries under investigation by a Senate committee is rebuffing inquiries into its spending, challenging the panel's watchdog role over religious groups, The Associated Press has learned.

A lawyer for preacher Creflo Dollar of World Changers Church International in suburban Atlanta has asked Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, to either refer the matter to the IRS or get a subpoena, according to a letter from Dollar's attorney obtained Wednesday by the AP.

Grassley, the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee, sent pointed questionnaires in early November to a half-dozen ministries, asking about salaries, perks, travel and oversight. Grassley set today as the deadline for a response.

All six organizations preach a form of the “prosperity gospel,” the belief that God wants his faithful followers to reap material rewards. Only Joyce Meyer Ministries of Fenton, Mo., has provided the detailed financial and board oversight information sought.

Craig denies having sex with men

WASHINGTON • Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, on Monday denied a newspaper report that he had sexual encounters with several men over the last two decades and vowed to continue to serve out his term in the Senate.

Craig said the latest allegations, in Sunday's Idaho Statesman, had “no basis in reality” and accused the paper of “tabloid journalism” in a report that included two identified men who said they had sexual encounters with Craig.

One of those men is a former male escort whose revelations of encounters with the Rev. Ted Haggard prompted Haggard's resignation as president of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Pat Robertson hands helm to son

NORFOLK, VA. • Pat Robertson is turning over his duties as chief executive officer of the Christian Broadcasting Network to his son but will remain chairman, the 77-year-old religious broadcaster announced Monday.

Robertson said he told CBN's board that it was time for him to pass on some of

the duties he has held since he founded CBN in 1960 and that during the weekend the board had unanimously elected Gordon Robertson to replace him.

The board also appointed Gordon Robertson to be its vice chairman. He will head CBN's efforts to expand into all phases of digital communications, the Virginia Beach-based network said in a statement.

Man has attempted two forms of government in the church, the “hireling” (Jn. 10:12), and the “lords over God's heritage” (1 Pet. 5:17). Don't you think the church should now try God's way? God's way is not a democracy, as in Laodicea, which means in the Greek, “justice of the people,” or “people rule.” However, the scripture is plain, “*Let the elders (presbuteros) that rule.*” (1 Tim. 5:17)

We hear so much about the seven last words of Jesus before giving up the ghost. But, does anyone care about the seven last words of Paul before going to Rome and Caesar? “*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God (as a brotherhood), which he hath purchased with his own blood.*” (Acts 20:28) In the church at Antioch, all five ministries of Ephesians 4:11 were operating in the local church through five different men. “*For ye may all prophesy one by one,*” provided you're an overseer, or elder. (1 Cor. 14:31) The church is not a one-man show.

“And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me.” (Jer. 31:34; 1 Cor. 14:23-26)

“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.” (Matt. 23:2) The IRS legally recognizes any three people as a church when they issue them a 501(c)(3) non-profit religious incorporation. You could be a homosexual, using marriage to some woman as a cover, and the IRS could care less about the character of the three names applying for the non-profit status. Soon we'll have Christian rappers having their own church. Our example for having church is the church at Antioch, which both Paul and Barnabas recognized as their home church. In Antioch the five-fold ministry (Eph. 4:11) was operating. There was no voting. Men were recognized by their calling. *“And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.”* (1 Cor. 12:28) The church is left to the manipulation by man due to the absence of apostles, prophets, and teachers to show us the way.

Jude 3 commands the church, *“that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”* Jesus gave us a perfect example, having a board of elders with twelve disciples. Jesus even made a thief His treasurer by appointing Judas to carry the bags. Jesus never one time dipped into those bags. One can see how we have church now, but how was it done in Paul's day?

We are in a war!

The real war is not in the Middle East, but is raging on Capitol Hill. The extreme liberal left knows they're at war, while the Christians stumble over John Darby's “pre-trib” rapture doctrine. *“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept”* (Matt. 25:5), and are totally unconscious of any war existing. What put Christianity to sleep? Jesus failed to return according to their time schedule.

John Dewey, a Fabian Socialist from England, ruined our public school system, while another Englishman corrupted our churches. On the authority of God's Word, I'm declaring to you Mike Huckabee cannot put the tail on the donkey. He doesn't have a clue as to who the enemy is that is waging the war! Like all Southern Baptists, the only war that exists is to defend the faith. The faith needs no one to defend it, but we are to *“earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”* (Jude 3) Believe me, John Darby, with lawyer-preacher, C.I. Scofield, never found “the faith,” inventing security foreign even to angels (Jude 6).

Israel was in bondage to Pharaoh for 400 years. They were slaves working in the slime pits making bricks for their Master. Just because Moses led them across the Red Sea (type of the blood), they had to learn obedience by following a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. They all died, having never learned.

Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, saw a “cloud of truth” and began to preach *“The just shall live by faith”* (Rom. 1:17), and thus gave birth to the Reformation. John Wesley saw the “pillar of fire” and preached, *“holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”* (Heb. 12:14) We are all caught up in the wilderness of churchianity. Only the Comforter can lead us across Jordan.

A cult understands the war better than the church

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Romney earns high marks

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney handled a no-win situation as well as could be expected in a speech Thursday at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library in Texas. Romney is facing a tough challenge from former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in the Iowa Republican caucuses and decided to deal head-on with nagging questions about his Mormon religion — believed to be a cause of softening support among the evangelical Christians who dominate the Iowa GOP base.

OUR VIEW

Although Romney's explanation for avoiding a theological discussion was weak (he said that doctrinal discussions would amount to a religious test that the founders warned against), he was right to avoid that dangerous path. Americans are not voting for a pastor in chief, but for a political leader. Theological debates are best left for other forums. But Romney did reassure the public, similar to John F. Kennedy's remarks 47 years ago, that his presidential decisions would not be influenced by his church's leaders: "Let me assure you that no authorities of my church, or any other church for that matter, will ever exert influence on presidential decisions. Their authority is theirs, within the province of church affairs, and it ends where the affairs of the nation begin."

And he made a strong case for a unity of moral purpose among all religious people: "It is important to recognize that while differences in theology exist

between the churches in America, we share a common creed of moral convictions. And where the affairs of our nation are concerned, it's usually a sound rule to focus on the latter — on the great moral principles that urge us all on a common course."

The best portion of his speech echoed America's founders: "Americans acknowledge that liberty is a gift of God, not an indulgence of government. ... I'm not sure that we fully appreciate the profound implications of our tradition of religious liberty. ... The establishment of state religions in Europe did no favor to Europe's churches. And though you will find many people of strong faith there, the churches themselves seem to be withering away."

There Romney recognized the key point: Government sanction and approval of something often leads to the opposite result. He compared our nation's upholding of religious freedom with another extreme: the "theocratic tyranny" that exists in a good bit of the Muslim world.

Romney delivered his words in typical, presidential style. We would have preferred to hear a speech detailing his commitment to the U.S. Constitution, given that the best way to ensure social peace is to keep government out of most matters, especially religion. Nevertheless, we think Romney succeeded at his task, although Iowa's voters will ultimately be the ones to decide

Pope Benedict XVI coming to America!

The Pope will celebrate Mass at the National Park Stadium and Yankee Stadium during the April 15-20, 2008 visit to Washington DC and New York. Benedict has dedicated his pontificate to fighting secularism. The German Rottweiler is coming to fight Catholicism's foremost enemy, Secular Humanism. When you are at war, you often have strange bedfellows. In our war to defeat Hitler, we made an alliance with Russia. This Pope is wide awake as to who the real enemy is! Are you!

Rush Limbaugh is engaged in daily combat with the enemy that threatens to shut his mouth!

The drive-by news media that is controlled by the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) no longer has a monopoly they once enjoyed under Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather. Rush Limbaugh, who first began his radio talk show in Sacramento, is the reason. Others soon followed.

Rush spent the best part of an hour lauding Mitt Romney in his speech in defense of Mormonism. By the way, Romney's speech was lauded in the December 10, 2007 editorial page of the Arizona Tribune. I do not know where America would be tonight if Rush Limbaugh wasn't being the "watchman on the

wall” for all of us. If the Democrats win next November, they’ll introduce legislation called, The Fairness Doctrine, to silence Rushbo once and for all.

John McCain for President?

John McCain would have accepted the Vice Presidential spot under John Kerry if he had offered it. McCain said, “John Kerry is my friend.” There exists in Washington DC today a good ol' boys club called the Council on Foreign Relations. CFR was the brainchild of Col. E. Mandell House, a Texas international banker who served in Woodrow Wilson’s Cabinet. Col. House discovered a way to take over America without firing a shot. All one had to do was control the office of the Presidency. Why? Because the President makes the appointments to the Supreme Court. With a controlled CFR, the mass news media gives millions of dollars to guarantee their success at the ballot box. John McCain is their darling, so voters beware! The Arizona Republic (the Rag) lauds McCain.

John McCain and Lindsey Graham together went to Ted Kennedy and Charles Schumer to ask them how they should vote on the Immigration Bill. John McCain is just another Earl Warren—a wolf in sheep’s clothing (Republican).

The Old Ship of Zion recommends either Mitt Romney, Fred Thompson or Alan Keyes for President. We are at war and hence should be busy electing a new Commander-in-Chief to meet such a challenge.



The Captain’s dream is fulfilled!

We have purchased a house across from the Library! At a time when hardly anyone is buying, we are buying at the very entrance to the library, just as shown in my dream. This was a real test of our faith. The transaction matured in time for Christmas, and closes January 10, 2008. Do you believe God can give Christmas presents? Merry Christmas to all!

God used Mary and me to bring to pass, “*he shall have whatsoever he saith.*” (Mk. 11:23) Why would you say anything if it were not according to His will? The prosperity teachers open their mouths, but have heard nothing. Abraham heard the voice of God. He then believed into existence the thing that God had said. “*Faith cometh by hearing.*” (Rom. 10:17) Paying \$167,000 with a house full of furniture to boot, gives us “more than enough!”