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THE BLACK WIDOW!

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"But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away HIS wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth HER to commit adultery (become an adulterer): and whosoever shall marry HER that is divorced committeth adultery." Matt. 5:32.

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4. God has already promised that He will judge both the whoremonger and the adulterer. The whoremonger is a male who has intercourse with whores; a panderer or pimp. (Webster's) On the other hand, an adulterer is a "woman that breaketh wedlock." (Strong's) The black widow is a breaker of the vows of wedlock.

The Bible says, *"For the time is come (long overdue) that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"* 1 Pet. 4:17. The church has failed to judge the whoremonger and the adulterer (black widow)!

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" Isa. 5:20-21.

The black widow is distinguished by her lack of love for her mate, and her devotion to her offspring. Marrying a divorcee, you'll be the fodder for the children of her previous marriage to feed upon. The black widow's mate has only one chance to escape with its life intact. After mating the black widow, he must immediately flee! If he lingers, he becomes fodder for her young to feed upon.

Strong's definition of the adulterer (#5003) is "woman who breaketh wedlock." In the Old Testament they stoned such a woman to death! In our day of easy believism, in our great cathedrals where love is, we've overlooked a very fundamental issue. We've legitimized the work of the black widow in our midst within the church in the name of love. In Jesus' day, the synagogue had become a place for moneychangers. They bought and sold on the Sabbath in the house of God. Jesus drove them out scourging them with a Roman cat-o-nine tails as he turned over their tables screaming, *"My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."* Matt. 21:13. If Jesus were to visit our synagogues today, what would He say? Jesus would probably continue to bemoan their buying and selling of books on the Lord's Day, but in addition, the blasphemy of this "den of black widows"

that have sprung up within the church. Christian women listen to Oprah Winfrey, Montel Williams, Jerry Springer, Jenny Jones and Ricki Lake, as does the world!

Today, we not only have the government encouraging females to divorce by their tax on marriage, but also must contend with all the soap operas and talk show hosts of daily television in the home. Listening to the wisdom of Oprah Winfrey and the conclusions of her psuedo-pyschiatrists seems to be the “in” thing to do in our present society. The religion being taught is just plain humanism--you must take charge of your own life.

It is about a 90% female audience that listens to Montel Williams, Jenny Jones, Rosie O'Donnell, Jerry Springer. So convincing are these hosts, that one must furnish proof you've taken hold of your own life by first divorcing your husband. Oprah Winfrey, a multimillionaire, has adopted a philosophy to protect her money, namely, no husband. But the Bible says, the younger widows are to be rejected because *“when they have begun to wax wanton (flirtatious) against Christ, they will marry; having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.”* 1 Tim. 5:11. They are already damned, having broken off their “first faith.” This “first faith” could either be to their Lord, or husband, but probably includes both. Ephesus was charged to repent *“because thou hast left thy first love.”* Rev. 2:4.

The adulteress, or black widow, has broken off her FIRST FAITH in her marriage vows, therefore *“having damnation.”* 1 Tim. 5:11-12. You read it! Men didn't create these talk show hosts! Their ungodly audience principally stems from women in this particular age group. *“And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house (they had church in houses); and not only idle, but tattlers (talk show hosts) also and busybodies (breaking up marriages), speaking things (about marriage) which they ought not.”* 1 Tim. 5:13. The only solution to achieve any degree of normalcy in their lives is to become a “baby machine.” The only way you can keep these younger widows saved, is to knock them up! *“I will therefore that the younger women marry (those who have not reached “the flower of their age”, or menopause), bear children.”* 1 Tim. 5:14. One has to keep making babies to keep this particular aged woman from destroying the church with her tongue. They all want to preach on marriage and be an authority on the subject. There is an old axiom that goes something like this; “There is no scorn like that of an ex-prostitute, suddenly turned religious.”

I never forget one Sunday morning service conducted by Pastor Paul Trulin, founder of the Trinity Church in Sacramento. He was remarking about this sudden rise of “singles” church all over America. “I don't know what is wrong with this upsurgence of “singles” church within the church, but one thing I am sure, we'll give an account for them before God on the day of judgment.” I was a member of this church and Rev. Paul Trulin was my pastor. This phrase struck me personally because I was a member of a “Christian Singles” group that was sponsored by the Capital Christian Center, at the Del Norte

Tennis Club at 3040 Baccera Way in Sacramento. Our teacher was a Nazarene preacher. Hence, the Nazarene's present always outnumbered the Pentecostals.

The reason I always enjoyed these services so much was because the Nazarene preacher always permitted me to speak! God gave me a tongue! You might add He gave you a buttock, as well. Most people go to church to sit on their buttock and listen! That, to me, was a complete waste! I always felt gratitude and love for this Nazarene pastor, granting me the privilege to give my interpretation. After all, we Pentecostals of Capital Christian, in reality owned the service. It may have been for that reason he granted me such liberty. There are folks from those meetings that have been receiving the *RiverBank News* years, so I feel really close to Nazarene's. They are a lovely group of people, in spite of Dr. Walter Martin branding them a cult! The famous Bible Answer Man was a dyed-in-the-wool "once saved, always saved, and can never be lost" man of the Scofield school of theology.

Dr. Walter Martin was purporting as gospel the single biggest lie believed in Christendom—you received it all the day you believed. Jerry Falwell teaches the same theological lie of Dallas Theological Seminary, "all your past sins are forgiven, all the sins you'll commit today are all taken care of, and you've a clean slate for all future sins." Bob George of "People to People," broadcasts across America on national radio, "You only need to repent one time in your life; the day you said 'Lord, Lord!'"

I'll always defend the Nazarene Church against such hypocrisy. It is very easy to prove they are liars, and have "added to the book" (Rev. 22:18). Turn to Hebrews 4:8 and read, "*For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*" That "another day" experience was the day of Pentecost; the birthday of the church.

I feel sorry for pastors that have to listen to all the people's unbelief. They were crying to their pastors, blaming God for having nothing to eat. "*Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you.*" Ex. 16:4. When they saw that manna coming down out of heaven, don't you think the children of Israel were being preached to? "*For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed.*" Acts 28:27.

This is the effect of unbelief. "*Now these things were our examples.*" 1 Cor. 10:6. These children of Israel were the first congregation that was preached to! They never heard, "*And were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea* (for you Baptists, they had a double baptism, yet went to hell); *and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual ROCK that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*" 1 Cor. 10:2-4.

As Christians, we drink from that same Rock, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.*" Jn. 4:14. Yet, the children of Israel drank of that same rock and are in hell. "*For*

unto us was the gospel preached, AS WELL AS UNTO THEM: but the word preached DID NOT PROFIT THEM, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” Heb. 4:2. “And they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief.” Heb. 4:6. You may ask, enter into what? The Promised Land. All of the children of Israel died in the wilderness, save Joshua and Caleb, and the children. They heard the gospel for forty years and are roasting in hell! Your religion is not enough! You must enter into REST!

Isaiah plainly describes the rest that man never received at salvation (Heb. 4:8). *“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest (the Baptism of the Holy Ghost) wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: YET THEY WOULD NOT HEAR.”* Isa. 28:11-12.

How are we different from the children of Israel in the wilderness? They went to hell through unbelief! They saw themselves as grasshoppers in the eyes of the giants that were in the land. Are you intimidated by the rich?

I’ll never forget one Sunday Christian Singles meeting where the Nazarene preacher leaned over the pulpit and shot this question to me. “Gordon, where in the Bible does it say every believer must talk in tongues?” A loaded question in which he was confident he had me. Frankly, I thought he did for a moment, but then answered, “At the house of Cornelius.” No Christian Jew would have believed God had visited the Gentiles without the “seeing and the hearing of tongues” (Acts 4:20), to believe that “*God gave the like gift as He did unto us (Jews).*” Acts 11:12-18. He retreated, and never again subjected me to this type of ridicule again.

During this sojourn with this Christian Singles group, I was in reality in a “black widow’s” den. Paul states, “*I have fought with beasts at Ephesus.*” 1 Cor. 15:32.

I met a Baptist beast at this 90% women Christian Singles group. She told me she always played the piano in the church. For some reason, she never heard what church was all about in the years she was a Baptist. She was a graduate of the very, very liberal college, Columbia University. She lived as a single woman in a three-bedroom, two-bath house on about two acres. She was in a wheelchair when I first met her. We had a Singles get together in her lovely home, which was how we were first introduced. These folk south of the Mason-Dixon line have such crummy habits of eating, especially their pork. I got her to drink her breakfast, Jack LaLanne style, instead of eating bacon and greasy food. In no time, I had her on her feet walking. Next, she had tried to sell her house unsuccessfully, listing it with at least three different realtors, one being a member of our class. Not a single bite! So I asked her, “If I sell your house, would you pay me the same commission you were willing to pay these other realtors?” “Of

course, I'll gladly pay you the same commission." This is a woman that started playing the stock market at age 15, trained by her father, a doctor. She had done very handsomely with Merrill Lynch advising her.

God gave me a vision to paint the fence white, after she agreed to my commission. She wanted to pay me for painting her fence. "No, you don't have enough money to pay me for what I'm doing. I'm doing this under the directive of the Lord! He will pay me!" After finishing painting her fence, I began to advertise it as a horse ranch; she had acreage. Then, I plastered every telephone pole with a For Sale sign. Within one week I had my buyer willing to pay the full asking price.

Karl Marx was right! It is a class struggle between the rich and the poor. *"The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all."* Prov. 22:2. *"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant of the lender."* Prov. 22:7. All kinds of scripture come to your mind when you are thinking about collecting your commission on a verbal business agreement! I was an inactive real estate agent that had given up the practice for service to the Lord. I didn't take lightly to meet defeat at the hand of this very crafty black widow. The only god she respected was the god of mammon. The rich are evil because of idolatry. *"Ye cannot serve God and mammon (god)."* Matt. 6:24.

Oh! It is amazing what one experiences visiting a den of black widows! Of course, I never realized this truth then! As in any Singles group, the membership is 80% women, consisting of widows, adulterers, retirees and divorcees.

I never forget my first date among these women. I had an innate curiosity as to why women divorce their husbands. I just couldn't wait to hear their story. She said, "It was at a family reunion, and my husband's brother made what I thought was a derogatory remark toward me. My husband's failure to knock his brother down in defense of me was reason enough to divorce." I was able to reason with this woman and bring her to her senses. "You'll never find another man as good as the one you're leaving at any Christian Singles," I told her. When Pastor Paul Trulin resigned from Trinity Church, I was privileged to sit at the banquet table with this couple who had been recently reunited in matrimony. I was simply thrilled, and saw room for a real ministry among the Christian singles.

Here is a classic story relative to my inquiry into the question, "Why did you divorce your husband?" It came from a woman who really needed a husband. Her husband was an excellent provider, kept her in her own car, and she wasn't required to work. But she apparently had only one fault that became her own undoing. "My husband simply did not believe in discussing any problem. He believed if you slept on it, the problem would dissolve by morning. He would not discuss any problem. Thus, to provoke him to talk, I made the statement, 'I want a divorce!' Surely he would ask the question, 'Why?'"

Instead of asking ‘Why?’, he retorted, ‘Fine, we’ll take care of it first thing in the morning.’”

If ever a woman needed a man to take care of her, certainly it was this one. She had never worked in the outside world, and thus was totally unprepared for it. At her age level, the men she dated were unable to support a woman financially, because they had already been cleaned out by divorce.

The last I heard of this woman, she was living out of her car where she slept, parked on a different block in the city each night. Women familiar with the story, and being single themselves, would bring her food for survival. It’s a sad case of not “being content in whatsoever state we are in.” It could be worse.

On the other hand, you could run into the professional who knows how to use men for their own benefit. They’ll wait patiently before making their move. “Come into my parlor said the black widow to the fly.” Ministers often side with the wealthy. Even the poor believe that the rich should win. We’ve been brainwashed. Ministers soon find who is buttering their bread, hence right and wrong never enter in. It is winning and losing! And I won against this Baptist beast!

In the book of Revelation, in dealing with the Antichrist, you either win or lose. No other book uses the term “overcomer.” *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”* Rev. 12:11. When you’re a dead man, you have nothing to lose in a war with the rich. The rich are vulnerable because they want to live! *“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”* Matt. 10:39. *“To him that overcometh.”* There are eight scriptures in Revelation revealing the winner to be an overcomer.

Was I to let this black widow beat me out of my commission? What was I to do? Once you’re conscious that their only real god is the god of mammon, you know your commission has gone south! I didn’t have any money when I took on Dr. Bebe H. Patten’s now deceased husband, Tom Patten. I simply became outraged that a man of the cloth could get away with raping teenage girls. He raped Betty Burke when she was only 15- and a 17-year old Carol Rydon who was sent to Seattle by the Patten’s to have Tom’s baby. Bebe made him get cut, Betty Burke, my class president, told me, “If anyone should know, I should know.”

Are you supposed to be intimidated by the rich? To answer this question, all you have to do is go to Moses and Pharaoh. Was God on the side of the rich? James tells us of a prophecy in his entire fifth chapter of the judgment befalling the rich. The Red Sea never opens up to walk on dry land until you are standing at the water’s edge. Just remember God loves poor people and is the reason He made so many. *“Because I delivered the poor.”* Job 29:12.

In Luke 16:8, Jesus commended the unjust steward. This parable is difficult to understand unless you

look at it from the standpoint of the poor man versus the rich! *“The rich and poor meet together.”* Prov. 22:2. The odds are completely against the poor even putting up a resistance, let alone “overcoming.” Even more so when you’ve been smarting off as a lone Pentecostal in a Nazarene “den of widows and adulterers.” The rich usually inherit their riches, few earn it.

“There was a certain rich man, which had a steward (a poor man); and the same was accused unto him (the rich man) that he (the poor man) had wasted his goods.” Lk. 16:1. The steward knew he’d be fired and be out of a job! Hence, the poor man concocted a scheme to cut the debt in half that the debtors owed to the rich man. Hopefully, after he has been fired, one of these debtors will remember the favor he did for them. God is always on the side of the poor because He understands the inequality of the battle to survive. God understands, but the preachers don’t. Preachers will side with the rich and admonish the poor to submit and to “turn the other cheek.” Their success is based on having favor with the rich, not the poor.

I don’t know if you’re enjoying my experience in a “den of black widows” under the guise of Christian Singles. The black widow goes unjudged in our Christian churches!

Jesus took sides in this war of survival against the mighty rich, *“Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.”* Lk. 16:9. If you must steal, steal from the rich. Have at least the Robin Hood gift of righteousness, steal from the rich—never the poor! *“Rob not the poor, because he is poor.”* Prov. 22:22. He is unable to hire lawyers to defend himself! However, when you are a worshipper of the mammon god, you’ll rob from both the rich and the poor.

Christians are brainwashed into thinking they should not even try to defend themselves against the very rich and mighty. Dear friend, do you realize the Antichrist, the richest man on earth, will *“make war with the saints”* (Rev. 13:7)? If you can’t stand up to a phony black widow in the church, what will you do *“at the swelling of Jordan?”* Jer. 12:5.

And the Lord said to Moses, *“Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold.”* Ex. 11:2. Moses commanded the Israelites to borrow of the wealth of Egypt on the day before Passover, knowing they would *“never pass this way again.”* God not only justified the unjust steward who stole from his master, but commands the Israelites to steal the wealth of Egypt. God had said Israel will serve the Egyptians 400 years, but would not “go out empty-handed.” To steal from the rich is what Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest did, and he was even a hero in the eyes of the poor.

“And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and RAIMENT (Jews added this). And the LORD gave the people favour

in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.” Ex. 12:35-36. Moses had instructed them to borrow on the day before Passover. It was completely premeditated theft of the rich.

In Proverbs 13:22 we read, *“The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.”* Some believe we, as God’s children, are not going away empty either. Could God transfer the wealth of the wicked to the just as he did in Moses’ day? Just remember this, if there is a confrontation with the rich, God is always on the side of the poor. The rich know how to protect themselves, so one does not even need to fight fairly, but just win! An overcomer of Revelation is at war with Antichrist. It is not how he fights this war; only did he win? This information may shock the members of the First Assembly of God church in your town.

I won in my war with C. Thomas Patten, the late husband of Dr. Bebe H. Patten of Oakland, who was undoubtedly the biggest “con artist” ever to hit the state of California. From the pulpit this man, attired in cowboy boots, would boastfully declare, “If you have plenty of money, smart lawyers and are into religion, you can do anything and get by.” Those words had barely left his mouth and God spoke to me in the audience, “And you’re going to bring him down!” I then answered the Lord, “I have no battery of lawyers or plenty of money. How could I do battle with this Goliath?” God, a fearless heart, and being poor automatically makes you a winner. Never apologize to the rich! *“They have heaped together treasure for the last days.”* Jas. 5:3. Their own money being a witness against them; it has no value. The International Bankers have moved into the cashless society. Your gold and silver is worthless. It is so easy to put your *“trust in the deceitfulness of riches.”* Mk. 4:19. *“Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire (cancer).”* Jas. 5:3. Being a witness against them is God’s judgment. It is so easy to put your *“trust in the deceitfulness of richness.”* Mk. 4:19.

Even after you’re married, you have entered a real war zone. *“And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.”* Matt. 10:36. The reason marriages are becoming antiquated, is that neither the family nor the Assemblies of God church they attend practice the law of excommunication. Mormons, Muslims, Catholics, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Jews, all accept the practice of excommunication. It is only foreign to the Christian church. I wonder if this isn’t the reason the cults are seemingly more successful at raising a family than Christians. God excommunicates you the very moment you worship Buddha or a foreign god. Our kids can become the town drunk and shoot up half the neighborhood, but the darling’s creator (mama), protects them in their debauchery. She is a more gracious loving creator, than is our Father God.

The Bible doctrine is to *“purge out the old leaven (sin).”* This practice of excommunication is called

keeping “the feast of unleavened bread.” 1 Cor. 5:7-8. Does your church keep this feast? Does your family observe this feast? Whenever your children decide to marry the heathen, or join the gay society, this feast should be observed. Most of the hell that enters into a family comes about through these ungodly marriages. It should be explained to your children; you are not a Dr. Spock convert, but a follower of Jesus Christ. The man or woman you marry must be a born again believer in Jesus Christ. When a Jewish offspring marries outside of Judaism, the Jews have a mock funeral. Jesus said, “*My peace give I unto you.*” Jn. 14:27. Don’t permit your children to rob you of that peace. In this matriarchal society, guided by Dr. Spock’s wisdom, and spawned in the Laodicean church’s doctrine of “unconditional eternal security”, the family unit is being destroyed.

I was not going to allow this woman to steal my commission for selling her house. I devised a plan, like the unjust steward. I’ll marry her. God knows she needs someone to help her. Another fallacy of the church; failure to find out who the guilty party is who broke the marriage vow. She initiated the divorce. You’re not responsible for your mate’s vows, only your own.

The marriage lasted just long enough for the house and acreage in Orangevale to close escrow. She met with her accountant on a Wednesday at 10am to see how much the commission was for the sale of her house. Seeing what 6% of the selling price amounted to, she determined it would be cheaper to divorce me. Hence, she met with her attorney at 1pm of the same day to prepare the papers for divorce. When I came home that evening, I was presented with divorce papers. She told me she was doing this for my own good! I needed to be humbled. I was simply “riding too high in the saddle, and had to be knocked off that high perch,” she said. As an ex-major in the Women’s Army Corps, she was the one called to do it. I’d be given until Saturday to move out. I could use the brand new Cadillac to move out, but once out, park the Cadillac in the driveway and be gone.

I, a child of God, should be intimidated by a black widow with her \$175 an hour lawyers, and \$150 an hour accountants? I obtained a \$25 per month Montgomery Ward charge card attorney and beat the black widow in court. The strength of her testimony was that the marriage was never consummated because no sex was involved. The judge read her the California law that sex was not necessary to consummate a marriage. She started cursing like a brawling sailor at the judge! Her explosion before the judge of the court proves what poor losers the rich really are! My commission was assured in the court-awarded Cadillac, which I called my “White Cross.”

If you are going to allow the black widow to beat you, how will you overcome the Antichrist? “*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations.*” Rev. 13:7.

The real sin is that there is no judgment on whoremongers and adulterers in the church today. They are at liberty to roam freely in the church and behold all the Christians available for marriage. They usually carry the biggest Bible, but know nothing of its content. At the present time, the church is witnessing a reversal of Genesis 6:2. The sons of men are coming to church and seeing that the daughters of God are fair and picking wives of all which they choose. He can be a whoremonger and go to our churches to pick a wife. Even drunks have more sense than to marry these “cats” portrayed on a Ricki Lake talk show. The new influx of people coming into our churches will be the unconverted to seek out wives and husbands as they did in the days of Noah (Gen. 6:2). Isaiah declares of our pastors, *“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.”* Isa. 56:10.

The biggest cover-up for the black widow is the story of the woman the scribes and Pharisees denounced for adultery, *“caught in the very act.”* Jn. 8:1-11. This woman was not a black widow, hence, was not guilty of “breaking up wedlocks.” 98% of all divorce is initiated by a woman.

No one knows what Christ wrote with his finger on the ground. I believe he wrote what he spoke as he arose. Any man that has not had sex with this woman cast the first stone. One had first to be married (to be a member of the Sanhedrin Court), which all these men were that were her accusers. Therefore, they were the ones that should be stoned, having each one been guilty of having had sex with her. If “caught in the act,” why didn’t they bring the man to be stoned as well? The law of Moses states in Leviticus 20:10, *“And the man that committeth adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”* Both were guilty of breaking the vows of wedlock. The adulterous woman was unmarried and under no vow of wedlock. She was a professional prostitute.

God showed more mercy on a whore than a self-righteous legalist of the church. *“Verily I say unto you, That the publicans (tax gatherers for Rome) and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you (a type of RBN) in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.”* Matt. 21:31-32.

<i>“Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tingling with their feet.”</i> Isa. 3:16
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