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"Godliness with contentment." (1 Tim. 6:6)
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IS THE PICTURE WE PAINT A FRAUD?

By Gordon F. Nelson

In writing about himself, Job said, *"I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."* (Job 29:13) Widows and orphans were so much a part of the early church that the Apostles reasoned among themselves, *"It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables."* (Acts 6:2) The elders were the ministers of God, but became table waiters due to the pressing needs of the widows and orphans. *"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."* (Acts. 6:3)

Initially, the very first deacons were chosen to relieve the Apostles of this business of "serving tables." Deacons, in the Greek, means "to run errands, or any menial job such as table waiters." Deacons took over the responsibility of taking care of the widows and orphans. The church no longer provides for widows and orphans; we send them to the government and Medicare. The purpose for which deacons were chosen no longer exists, so why not fire all the deacons?

Pentecostalism Destroyed in America Through Government Intrusion

The 21st century Pentecostal religion is given to *"devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers."* (Lk. 20:47) Do you really think anything has changed in 2,000 years? The Kingfish, C. (for Cash) Tom Patten, the late husband of Dr. Bebe Patten of Oakland, California, would say to me, "I haven't hurt you. Why should you be so upset?" I tried to tell him, "But Tom, you're hurting all the people I love, devouring widows of their retirement and their houses." Rev. Kenneth Logie of Oakland wouldn't eat with anyone but the widows. He was at their side when they were dying. He would not leave the hospital until the last dollar she owned on this earth was signed over to him. Do you realize how difficult it would be to win that widow's children and grandchildren to the Lord, knowing that a Pentecostal preacher stole all their money? Is it any wonder the world hates us?

Pentecostalism is the fastest growing church in the world, but not in the United States. We've been burned too many times by preachers that own their churches via three-name non-profit incorporations. We need to redefine the church by getting the government out! The government intrusion into religion, with these three-name non-profit incorporations, has further complicated the status of both deacons and elders. What is the difference in their function within the local assembly? Do you know? Who cares?

We have our denominational Bible Schools and the IRS to tell us what a church is. The pastor is the president, the pastor's wife is the vice president, and the pastor's son is the secretary-treasurer who will inherit the preacher's "kingdom" upon his death. When the preacher absconds with the funds, the government is an accomplice to the crime.

Do You Know What An Apostate Teacher Is?

The Bible warns believers to be "*not slothful in business.*" (Rom. 12:11) If we ran our own business like the preacher does his, we would all be in the poor house. The only way the Rev. Henry Lyons, the ex-pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church was uncovered was by his own wife setting his \$700,000 waterfront home on fire. He was sharing the home with his mistress.

Neither color nor denomination has anything to do with it! But, it does have something to do with business. The deacons can't "deek," and the elders are not recognized. The only important person in the church is the pastor, and he has become "as god" to the people. After five years in prison, he is welcomed back to his former pulpit simply by a restoration ceremony.

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Do you know what an apostate is? "*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, IF THEY SHALL FALL AWAY, to renew them again unto repentance (by simply exchanging robes); seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*" (Heb. 6:4-6) Nelson translation of the above – Get Rev. Henry Lyons out of the pulpit!

Minister leaves prison and returns to the pulpit

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LAKELAND, Fla. - The Rev. Henry Lyons walked out of prison Sunday morning and headed directly back to the pulpit, telling worshipers he had erred but that time behind bars helped renew his faith.

Lyons served nearly five years on grand theft and racketeering charges for using his former role as president of the National Baptist Convention to steal millions of dollars to finance his lavish lifestyle. The scheme fell apart after Lyons' wife set a fire at a home he had bought with his mistress.

"I have suffered God's rod of correction," Lyons, 61, told the crowd crammed into First Baptist Institutional Church. "I stand here today to tell you I truly, truly repented of my sins."

During the service, about two dozen ministers gathered around Lyons for a restoration ceremony. An old robe, signifying the sins of the past, was removed from him, and a new robe wrapped around him.

"Christianity is about forgiveness, about love. It's about assisting someone who has fallen," said the Rev. Alex Harper Sr., pastor of First Baptist.

Lyons' fall came after his wife, Deborah, set fire to a \$700,000 waterfront home he co-owned with another woman, Bernice Edwards, in July 1997. Lyons and his wife divorced this year; Edwards died in prison in May of natural causes.

Lyons, former pastor of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church, bilked \$4 million from companies doing business with the National Baptist Convention, one of the nation's largest Black church organizations.

Lyons will remain on probation for three years on federal bank fraud and tax evasion charges and owes \$2.5 million in restitution. He said he will meet with authorities Monday to work out payment terms.

"I have no idea how to do it," Lyons said. "I don't have any money. The attorneys have all the money. I have an agreement with God: 'You make it available to me, and I have no problem paying it.' "

The Rev. Henry J. Lyons bilked \$4 million from companies doing business with the National Baptist Convention. If he were a Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) member like Jesse Jackson, he'd have gotten away with it. First you must join the right club, Rev. Lyons, to do Jesse Jackson antics!

How much of this \$2.5 million do you wish to contribute to Rev. Henry J. Lyons, who owes the government for federal bank fraud and income tax evasion? Believe me, Rome is only interested in getting their taxes. Yet, the IRS set you up for the fall by their definition of the church. Get the government out of the church!

Christians Can't Identify What A Church Is

The real problem is that the Christians can't identify what the church is. They look to a man as a god. I'd rather see that elders, deacons and "widows indeed" were restored to their rightful position within the Bethel Metropolitan Church, than merely the changing of robes. *"The elders which are among you...feed the flock of God...taking the oversight thereof."* (1 Pet. 5:1-2) Leadership in the local church is never a dictatorship. The elders, collectively, rule the house of God.

My pastor, C. (for Cash) Tom Patten, was found guilty of a similar charge: grand theft. He served 2½ years in San Quentin Prison for his crime. Part of his probation upon his release from prison was that Tom Patten, alias Jack Groves, was eternally barred from the pulpit. If it had been left to the parishioners, Tom would have been back in the pulpit bilking the senior citizens of any retirement money they had left. It is a terrible thing to say, but it was a blessing when he died a couple of years after his release from prison. *"For the wages of sin is death."* (Rom. 6:23) God becomes your ultimate judge. *"For LENGTH OF DAYS, and LONG LIFE, and PEACE, shall they add to thee."* (Prov. 3:2) Long life is much longer than "three score and ten" (or 70 years). I'll be 83 in January 2004, and have peace that you'd never believe!

Satan's first attack is to control your thought life. What do you think about? *"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and BE RENEWED in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man."* (Eph. 4:22-24) You have to

do it! Oh, you say, that is “works”! I’m saved by grace and can act like the devil and still go to heaven! This is what they teach in America as gospel: “Once saved, always saved, and can never be lost.”

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Rom. 12:2) My mind was renewed by a dream I received from God last week. I was looking at two sets of pictures which passed before me. These pictures seemed to be representative of pictures that I could choose between. Every time I put out a message, I was painting a picture. It took a lifetime of living for me to paint these pictures.

Two Sets of Paintings

My paintings were placed alongside the paintings of the popular preachers of today. Their pictures were much larger and more beautiful than mine. In other words, if I would change my message, it would be more palatable. Didn’t I think I could paint a picture similar to the ones so acclaimed today? like the prosperity message? “Send me \$1,000 and God will send you \$10,000.” You are giving to get. One plays the slot machines in a casino for the very same reason. I got mine (your \$1,000), now you trust God for yours! But who really profits?

I guess you can see by that last statement I have no intention of changing the message. God reminded me through this dream that Noah preached 120 years and never got a single convert. No one believed him. Noah only had one message, and it was of doom and gloom. Judgment is coming!

One Assassin’s Bullet Can Change Your World

George W. Bush has stimulated the economy by giving money back to the people. This is an unpardonable sin as far as the Democrats are concerned. We are entering perhaps the greatest economic recovery since Ronald Reagan gave money back to the people. Do you remember the Carter years and the 19% interest? Our news media never refers to those years of economic depression under Jimmy Carter, and his giving away of the Panama Canal. No guts Democratic policy! What a breath of fresh air George W. Bush has been!

But one assassin’s bullet can stop George Bush. Ever since the founding of our nation, every fourth President has either been assassinated or there has been an attempted assassination. You need to pray every day for our President.

Bill Clinton has such a record of unsolved murders attached to him that one more is irrelevant. If Bush was assassinated, Hillary Clinton could be in the White House in 2004. Do you really think these Democrats are going to put up with George Bush for four more years? You just don’t understand politics

if you're that naïve. Democrats don't care how they play the game. It's winning that's important! There is only one way they can win this one. Howard Dean will lose by a landslide and they already know it!

We are in an ideological warfare. It is a battle for the minds of the people. The entire nation is caught in the grip of this war. The Democrats started this war! Ted Kennedy has even made the announcement, "It is over!" and we won the war! No conservative Republican shall sit on the Supreme Court, nor any lower court, if they can help it. Ted Kennedy relegated the Bush philosophy to the age of the Neanderthal man. You don't like the frankness of Teddy-bear's statement? Democrats have no intention of loving you.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." (Matt. 5:13) Salt has a bite! Let us Republican Christian conservatives allow the left to feel that bite in November!

War in Public Schools!

This ideological war is raging in our public school system. No teacher is permitted to even say the word, "God," let alone mention His Son Jesus' name. They teach as a scientific fact that we all evolved from the monkey. End of subject.

Your kids come home from a public school and the ideological warfare continues. "Teacher said this! Teacher said that! Teacher is much smarter than you, Dad!" The school proves we came from the ape, says the 12-year-old child to his parents. Monkeys don't pray, so why should we? To what do you attribute such profound wisdom in your child? Get him out of the public school now!

Jesus said, *"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth (your earth family): I came not to send peace, but a sword."* (Matt. 10:34) It is iron against iron. We in the church lie to our congregations. Somebody is lying, and I'm sure it is not the Lord. *"For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household."* (Matt. 10:35-36) Did Jesus say it, or didn't He? Does Jesus know what He is talking about? Yet, in over 60 years in the church, all you hear about is all the "love and tranquility" in the home.

If you live for God, and send your kids to be brainwashed in the public school system, they will rebel against the authority in the home. My kids were adorable until they hit high school. It is all part of growing up. *"I came not to send peace, but a sword."* The sword represents division.

Your children acquired a sword of evolution to fight your sword of the Spirit. Iron meets iron, and something has got to give. You didn't crack under their sword. You were supposed to fold and join the

club of other parents who folded to the sword of evolution. We are monkeys! We plan to prove it! “There is no God. We are all animals,” the teacher said.

Parents Will die Prematurely Due to Stress

You will never know how many parents go to a premature grave because they could not wield the sword. And Jesus adds one more word, *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”* (Matt. 10:37) Love today is simply compromise! They need to learn “tough love”!

This is an example of just one of my paintings. It is entirely different from the “hirelings” painting. The hireling is totally dependent upon the family for his survival. All the world loves the hireling’s painting. There’s only one problem. This painting is a fraud. In Luke’s account, Jesus said, *“Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: for from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father...”* (Lk. 12:51-53) Read it! It’s in the Book!

Do you know what the word “foes” means? *“And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.”* (Matt. 10:36) In the Greek, “foes” means “to hate: hateful, hostile, an adversary, enemy.” *“And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”* (Matt. 10:21-22) Sorry, but your earthly family is not the kingdom of heaven, but a war zone! It surfaces when the captain of that ship lives for God.

Painting of Philippian Jailer

Now let us view a more beautiful painting that the church sucks up like a baby being breastfed. The story is found in Acts 16:25-34. It concerns itself with the conversion of the Philippian jailer. The Philippian jailer was the captain of his own ship, but needed salvation. He asked Paul and Silas, *“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”* Paul and Silas answered him, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, AND THY HOUSE.”* (Acts 16:30-31) In saving the Philippian jailer, the entire household living under this man’s authority was saved. If you’ll recall in the classic film, “The Ten Commandments,” when the death angel passed over Egypt, all that were in the house that had the doorposts brushed with blood were saved. “When I see the blood I will pass over you,” is a Christian song.

While the children lived in this house, under the authority of the captain of that house, every member is saved. This is the basis of Paul and Silas saying, *“Thou shalt be saved, and thy house,”* to the Philippian jailer. However, once they leave the captain’s house, they cease to be under his authority.

“For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: ELSE WERE YOUR CHILDREN UNCLEAN; but now are they holy.” (1 Cor. 7:14) The children receive “imputed righteousness” due to either the father or the mother’s sanctification. All the children are sanctified because a mother, a father, or both are Christians.

Oh, I know your pastor never lets you view the paintings of real life. But God told me through a dream I received from the Lord to keep on keeping on! Paint your pictures! Forget those beautiful paintings that are a fantasy. Those portraits are for those described by Paul, *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”* (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

Captain Prophecies to Wife

Spirits exist! God puts a hedge about every believer. I had prophesied to my wife of 25 years, “I’ve got a call on my life, and I’m not even sure what it is. But God is preparing me for the very end time. I’ll have a message for that generation. If you get in the way, God will take you out of the way!” I really didn’t realize that I was prophesying until I literally saw, *“those things which he saith shall come to pass.”* (Mk. 11:23)

My God, but there is power in the tongue! *“But speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”* Jesus marveled at the Centurion’s faith. *“Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.”* (Matt. 8:8,10)

Captain Prophecies Again!

In a similar manner, I am now prophesying unto you. “An attempt will be made on the President’s life, just as was made on Ronald Reagan.” Never has a man stood in the White House that is so loved by the masses, yet hated by the bureaucratic left. The Democrats already concede the election to George Bush. They believe George Bush, as an openly born-again believer in Jesus Christ, belongs in the Stone Age. Believe me, they may not know it, but the extreme leftists will ultimately try to send him there by a bullet. In fact, the Drudge Report reported of an unreleased tune by rapper Eminem called, “We as Americans” which contained the lyrics, “I don’t rap for dead presidents. I’d rather see the president dead.”

Hillary Clinton is caught between a rock and a hard place. There is an organization that I support called Judicial Watch. This group is officially filing a lawsuit against Bill and Hillary Clinton for fraud, conspiracy and unjust enrichment. To top it all off, Peter Paul, a former contributor to Bill and Hillary Clinton, is back from a jail in Brazil. He has the hard evidence to bring the pair to justice.

Here is the problem; Hillary can no longer wait until 2008 to run an honest campaign. She could be in a penitentiary doing time by then. Hence, she must make her move in 2004. Judicial Watch is like a hound dog on her trail! Hillary Clinton cannot win against George Bush. But if George Bush can be disposed of like Vincent Foster, she is then a shoe-in.

Lawyer Seeks Evidence of the Death of Vincent Foster

Recently, in the Arizona Republic was an article about Allan Favish, a lawyer, seeking the release of after-death photos of Clinton aide and suicide victim Vincent Foster. “Foster, a longtime friend of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, was handling several personal legal matters for them at the time, including their investment in the Whitewater real estate venture.” Vince Foster was murdered and his body moved. The so-called suicide gun was placed in the right hand of a left-handed man. Now Favish is being denied access to the photos to prove it was murder.

Clinton IRS Targeted Fox News Channel’s Bill O’Reilly

Judicial Watch

Throughout his presidency, Bill Clinton used the IRS as a battering ram to punish perceived political enemies, including Judicial Watch. In fact, JW recently obtained documents that prove the IRS’ audit of the organization was politically motivated. In his recent book, *Who’s Looking Out for You?* Fox News Channel’s Bill O’Reilly claims that he, too, was a victim of the Clinton IRS. “I was audited three years in a row during the Clinton administration,” O’Reilly writes. “The audits were not specifically targeted, just big fishing expeditions. I didn’t back down from the IRS.” Neither did Judicial Watch. JW has filed several lawsuits against the IRS on behalf of conservative clients who were illegally targeted and earned an important victory on behalf of one victim. Katherine Prudhomme, the woman who embarrassed Al Gore during the 2000 Presidential election by questioning him about Bill Clinton’s affair with Monica Lewinsky during a televised debate, was targeted immediately after her confrontation with Gore. The IRS backed down after Judicial Watch got involved.

Judicial Watch Launches Probe of Clark

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch is just now beginning important lines of inquiry into the background and questionable connections of General Wesley Clark (ret). General Clark was reportedly involved in the siege and final assault near Waco, Texas that killed at least 82 people including women, children and infants. In 1994, while directing strategic military planning for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Bosnia, Clark met and exchanged gifts, against the State Department’s wishes, with the notorious Bosnian Serb commander and indicted war criminal, Gen. Ratko Miladic. Furthermore, Wesley Clark, a man who many believe Hillary and Bill Clinton planted into the race for the Democrat presidential nomination, has surrounded himself with Clinton cronies.

Teddy Bear Declares “It Is Over!”

Ted Kennedy, a Chappaquiddick murderer, has declared “It is over!” That statement alone is indicative of an all-out war against Christians and Jews. Why not officially declare this war by the death of the President, the chief Christian among them? When that happens, the globalists will declare open season on the rest of us! It is then that your own children “*shall rise up against their parents, and cause*

them to be put to death.” (Matt. 10:21) This scripture doesn’t say your own children will do the killing, but will make the phone call to cause you to be put to death, because they tell the proper authorities that you are Christians. Already in the public schools your children are being trained as agents of the state to spy in the home. If they want an abortion, Big Brother is their friend. Parents are too ignorant!

“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.” (Jn. 16:2)

Christians Fear Being Labeled

This scripture could mean Christians who are impressed by the pictures that Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and John Hagee paint regarding a Jew on the hard left, such as Howard Dean. Americans are so fearful of being branded anti-Semitic, they’ll vote a devil into office. I believe the Antichrist could be a Jew of the tribe of Dan.

No one could possibly have worked harder than I did to elect Barry Goldwater to the office of President. When Goldwater only carried four states, you knew he was not a Zionist. To vote an extreme Zionist into the Presidency is almost as bad as voting in an Ayatollah of Islam as your leader.

The climate can change real quick for Christians, thus ushering in the “great falling away” predicted in the Bible in 2 Thess. 4:3. It is then Christians will be in wholesale denial that they ever heard the name Jesus. The far left are already aware of this.

In the news recently, the British Red Cross has banned Jesus from its shops for fear of offending minority faiths. Oh, Christians, you had better wake up! The peace and safety, or the freedom from want – the prosperity message, has put the entire Church to sleep. *“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made.”* (Matt. 25:5-6)

The Midnight Cry!

I’ve always wondered what that midnight cry was to wake up the Church. I know what really woke me up! The voice of Ted Kennedy on national television declaring, “It is over!” Wow! I literally saw sand falling off my eyes! Pieces of the puzzle of globalism were suddenly staring me in the face. The icing on the cake was when he reduced the entire Republican conservative movement as helplessly lost. We got you! We’ve taken over the Judiciary branch of government. No conservative will ever sit on the Supreme Court or any court in the land. He spoke as an apostle of the left and with such authority. Did it not have any impact on you when he announced, “It is over!” The dumb Christian never even knew an ideological war was going on. It was all “peace and safety and prosperity.” “Two chickens in every pot and a car in every garage!” (Herbert Hoover)

“Peace and Safety” Is The Sand to Lull Us to Sleep

Our beloved TBN preachers have been scattering sand to put us all asleep, snoring under the guise of the “peace and prosperity” message. *“Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry,”* (Ecc. 8:15) and to come to Arizona to retire under the sun. This is the wisdom of Solomon speaking as a natural man “under the sun.” Isaiah the prophet speaks to the church:

The Watchmen Cannot Bark! They’ll Lose Their IRS Status If They Do

“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.” (Isa. 56:10-12)

The watchmen don’t even understand. They cannot bark because the preacher will lose his non-profit status with the IRS if he does. God help us all!

“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” (Matt. 25:5-6) It is then, after they heard the cry at the midnight hour, that the foolish virgins (unspotted from the world) inquired of the wise virgins, *“Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.”* The answer the wise virgins gave was, *“Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.”* (Matt. 25:8-9) In other words, go get the oil the way that we did! from the Jimmy Swaggart’s, the TBN preachers, the Day Star evangelists. The church was gone in the rapture, but the dispensers of the oil were still here, selling the gospel.

Not Everyone That Says “Lord, Lord”!

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” (Matt. 7:21-23)