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ROOTS!

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Alex Haley's bestselling book, Roots, became a blockbuster mini-series on television. I know of no other television series to hold an audience as this well acted drama.

"And (God) hath made of ONE blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." Acts 17:26. Evolution is man's attempt to teach man about his "roots." It was only a theory proposed by Charles Darwin while he was still in college studying to be a scientist. No one could be more surprised than Charles Darwin that his theory was so enthralling to the then scientific world. In man's desperation, he will grasp at straws to have an explanation for "roots."

Someway, our Baptist-Presbyterian doctrine of "once saved always saved and can never be lost," is not a doctrine at all, but a theory. This theory has undermined the church just as Darwin's theory has undermined science. Darwin died a Christian, debunking evolution as a hoax!

Every generation receives a slightly different approach to "roots." In my science class, we were taught the earth detached itself and flew off from the sun. After billions of years, it finally cooled. Everything real scientific is always in terms of billions of years. "Vas you dere, Charlie?" Charlie doesn't live that long to verify the latest scientific "roots."

If the earth came off the sun, how come the earth's surface is three-quarters water? Too many unanswered questions with this theory on "roots."

Currently, it is the "big bang" theory on "roots." Does this theory propose a better explanation of why the earth's surface is three-fourths water? Too many unexplained questions. Science will yet have to write another theory on "roots." Even science has a problem with its own theories, yet in the classroom the students are made vulnerable to believing a lie because the teacher presents evolution as a scientific law.

Evolution is the single biggest lie taught in the classrooms of our public educational system to explain to every student this ambiguous theory on "roots." Supposedly, all life commenced in the water with the simplest form of life, the amoeba, a single cell, as "roots." From this amoeba, through a process of osmosis, the single cell became a two-celled creature. The two cells then divided similarly and

produced a four-celled creature, and so forth, and so on. Unless there was a Designer to this whole thing, all you would have would be a big blob!

After several more billion years these cells evolved into a polliwog. Another billion years will pass before the polliwog will develop fins and swim like a fish. Several billion more years will pass, and our fish gets brave, leaping out of the water to dry ground.

The first time a film of this nature was shown my daughter in her public-school classroom, she burst out laughing as the fish sprung legs as it hit the ground. "It was funny," she said to me, "I couldn't help laughing!"

You know the rest of the story, how the fish creature that sprouted legs begins to climb trees. We are all cousins to the baboons; the basis for the "animal rights activists."

Belief in reincarnation is why in India people starve to death before killing a sacred cow. The cow could be a cousin or aunt! Most of the earth believes in evolution and/or reincarnation. Only the truth of Jesus Christ can take man back to his original "roots" of creation by God. *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."* Genesis 1:26. Isn't that so much easier to believe? The very moment you accept Christ, you know you have been fed a big fat lie in the name of public education.

It was in the hands of my science teacher in the public school during my vulnerable years, 7th and 8th grade, that I became an atheist. The damage inflicted by a teacher of biology and science should be compensated in a court room by a "class action lawsuit." Christians beware! This is where you are losing your children.

Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow Coalition are suing Texaco over racism. All our children's minds are being assaulted in the classroom by humanism. Who will represent us who are parents in suing the National Board of Education for brainwashing our children? Satanism can now be taught in a public-school classroom, according to a recent news report. It is their First Amendment right! Christians, however, cannot display a cross, a nativity scene, or the Ten Commandments on public property.

The government wants to nationalize the oil companies. They failed in the Alaska pipeline crisis, according to Lindsey Williams' best seller The Energy Non-Crisis. By controlling the energy, the government can better control you! Will Jesse Jackson, a CFR, succeed where the government failed in Alaska? Does Smog II's harassment pressurize the public into buying GM's electric car? You will buy one of these no-good, rotten, inferior cars! It is your Christmas present from Bill Clinton, because he cares!

“Remember Lot’s wife.” Luke 17:32. “And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city (Sodom). But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.” Genesis 19:14.

Lot and his wife were believers. One-half of that family went to Hell! Lot’s wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. Why? She had daughters who married unsaved men of Sodom. Lot’s wife was a typical grandmother. She loved her grandkids. If your son or daughter are determined to go to Hell, you’ll not stop them. All that will transpire will be, like Lot’s wife, their dragging you to Hell with them.

“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:37. “Think not that I am come to send peace (or save every member of your household) on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.” Matthew 10:34. “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.” Luke 12:51-52.

The church makes the words of Christ to be a lie, by their interpretation of Acts 16:31 to the Philippian jailer, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

As the male head of a family, every member is saved while under his umbrella, *“else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.”* 1 Corinthians 7:14. Your children are holy while living in your house. Once they leave the house, they are not holy. They must stand on their own salvation through the “new birth.” Baptism is for the infant after it has grown up and left the father’s house. When Sodom was destroyed, the baby Sodomites went to the same Hell as their parents.

When the angel of death came through Egypt to smite the first born, all in the house where the blood was applied to the doorpost were saved. This is the true meaning of *“thy and thy house shall be saved.”* Everyone in the house is saved as long as they remain under the authority of the head of that house. The children of the Egyptians were all lost. But, those abiding in the house with the blood on the doorpost were clean. *“Else were your children unclean.”* 1 Corinthians 7:14.

Now, I wish to touch upon a subject that has been greatly misunderstood and, by a wrong interpretation, caused much pain: Ham was never cursed by Noah. This is a misconception of all “White Supremacist” groups and the Ku Klux Klan. Isn’t it strange that false cults try to establish “part of their faith” on the Bible.

“And Noah began to be an husbandman.” Genesis 9:20. In the Hebrew, it depicts a single man, a very conspicuous person in the earth. *“And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.”* Genesis 9:28. The Bible does not tell us how long Mrs. Noah lived after the flood. After the death of

Mrs. Noah, realizing he was at the prime of his life, maybe Noah entertained getting married again! *“And he (Noah) drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered (naked) within his tent.”* Genesis 9:21. He could have been a single man, or else put a tent in his vineyard to sleep off a drunk.

The world partakes of wine and a steak dinner prior to having sex. Wine is a stimulator of the sex glands. Ham stumbled into the tent of his father without knocking first. Ham caught Noah drunk, naked, and with an erection from the wine he drank. Marilyn Hickey says that the first act of homosexuality transpired within the tent. Invariably, a white woman invoking the Noahic curse on Ham! The Ku Klux Klan teaches the same doctrine! The Word-Faith folk need a positive confession that they are not “little gods!” Walk in that light, and God will reveal more! Seldom are these Word-Faith teachers right about anything. I believe Mrs. Noah was dead. Stimulated by the wine he drank, Ham caught Noah masturbating.

Who was Ham? Ham was one of only eight souls to survive the flood. 1 Peter 3:20. He was one of the three sons of Noah. *“And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”* Genesis 6:10. Ham was the father of four sons, *“And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.”* Genesis 10:6. The youngest son of Ham, Canaan, was the only person to receive the Noahic curse. Even Nimrod escaped the Noahic curse due to his father being Cush.

“And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.” Genesis 9:22. What was the sin of Ham? He told his brothers what he saw. Ham would never again respect his father as a holy man. *“And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.”* Matthew 10:36. *“A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.”* Matthew 13:57.

“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.” Genesis 9:24. *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches”* Proverbs 22:1. By telling what Noah did, Noah’s name was destroyed in his household. None of his three sons would ever view their father again as a holy man. He was no longer a captain of his own ship.

Apply your *“thy and thy house”* doctrine to the lives of Noah, Daniel, and Job. *“Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.”* Ezekiel 14:20. Noah was successful in saving his household from the flood, but apparently lost all of them after the flood. Men soon forget a miracle!

Please take note of the big lie of Satan. A white man reads into the scripture something that is not there! “Cursed be Ham!” Because of Ham’s involvement, we assume Noah cursed Ham. Wasn’t he the

one that deserved the curse? He SAW the nakedness of his own father, Noah. Be that as it may, the Bible records, *“Cursed be Canaan.”* Genesis 9:25.

The Hollywood version of a film entitled, The Bible, shows Nimrod atop his ziggurat tower into the heavens. Nimrod is shown holding a clenched fist up to God. In the film God returns the clenched fist with lightening, and shows Nimrod being the first man to see the pigment of his skin change to black. There is nothing in the Bible that associates the color of a man’s skin to the curse of Noah. This, of course, is the sin of misunderstanding, and not *“rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 1 Timothy 2:15.

Our “Roots” go back to the building of the Tower of Babel, as well as Noah. God wanted this city and tower stopped. *“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”* Genesis 11:1. *“Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”* Genesis 11:6.

“And hath made of ONE blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.” Acts 17:26. There was no Noahic curse connected with the Tower of Babel. All of that is a big lie! *“Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”* Genesis 11:7. It is here that the yellow race, the brown race, the black race, the white race has its “Roots.” Along with the change in the language, evidently a change of skin color also transpired. God loves color, or else He would never have created the rainbow.

If you remember one thing about “Roots,” I want this fact burned into your brain; Noah did not curse Ham! Black is beautiful. It is not a sign of servitude.

We clearly see the “generational curses” that followed Canaan, this youngest son of Ham. *“Hereby shall ye know,”* said Joshua, *“that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and the Jebusites”* Joshua 3:10. All these “ites” possessed the land flowing with milk and honey. They became slaves to Israel upon being defeated, as Noah predicted, *“Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants (slaves) shall he be unto his brethren.”* Genesis 9:25.

The Abrahamic “curse or blessing” covenant was not over land, but of the people’s attitude toward the promised “seed of the woman.” *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, but thou shalt bruise his heel.”* Genesis 3:15. Through this “seed of the woman” we can put our foot down on the head of the serpent.

The “promise of the Spirit” was the evidence of the receiving of the “blessings of Abraham.” You are now circumcised in your flesh through the *“baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire!”* (Matthew 3:11) referred to by John the Baptist. “Speaking in an unknown tongue” is not a curse, but a blessing. It

is a type of being circumcised in your flesh! Because the Bible says, they *“began to speak”* (Acts 2:4), therefore it is your flesh speaking! How could it be of God? If you don’t get your flesh to praising God, you won’t have to worry about the second part, *“as the Spirit gave them the utterance.”* If there is any truth to this lifting of generational curses, it can only come through receiving the *“baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire.”*

The Tower of Babel represents the One World Religion, probably what today is called “New Age,” and we will be hated of all men because we won’t conform to the doctrines of Babel. The New Age religion is similar to Nazism, only they reversed the order of enemies #1 and #2. Instead of the Jews having top priority, Christians are listed as the #1 enemy.

“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the earth, and hath determined the times (Gk.-opportunity, an occasion in due season) before appointed, and the bounds (Gk.-boundary line, border) of their habitation.” Acts 17:26. Even in the spiritual realm, we have two boundaries that we are to respect; the “saved,” and the “damned.” One of the worst sins a Christian can commit is not to respect that borderline. *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be SAVED; but he that believeth not shall be DAMNED.”* Mark 16:16. Why would you want to marry the “damned,” pray tell? This is THE SIN that brought on the flood and destroyed the world except for eight souls.

“The sons of God” (lineage of Seth) rejected the boundary God hath set (to marry the daughters of Seth) and *“SAW the daughters of men (Cain, the damned) that they were fair (Heb.-beautiful, or a good thing) and they took them wives of all that they chose.”* Genesis 6:2. They married extreme opposites!

This is the sin of our two leaders of evangelism today, Billy Graham and Oral Roberts. Neither respects the “boundaries” that God hath set by their affiliation with the “damned,” the World Council of Churches. The platform of the World Council of Churches was identical to that of the Communist Party of Russia. Why would one seek ordination of the “damned?” No other evangelist in the history of the church every sought out the approval of the “damned.”

The word “damned” is scriptural theology, meaning, the unbeliever. No one in the Bible is as blunt as St. Mark. *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”* Mark 16:16. How do you forbid Christians to marry the “damned?” You are not a saviour! You cannot save anyone by marriage. In effect, quite the opposite is what happens. You become a guarantor with Satan for the damning of the “damned.” Due to St. Mark’s blunt language to describe a non-believer, is it any wonder that modern theologians want to eradicate the last 12 verses of the last chapter of his book from the Bible?

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” 2 Corinthians 6:14. It says exactly what it means! These kinds of sins will carry on unto the third and fourth generation. You are “damning” your own children and grandchildren.

My father, a son of a Baptist preacher, married the “damned.” I know what it is like to be raised in a home that is one-half free and one-half slave. God destroyed a world over this sin. I destroyed a name, not only as a reprimand of my father’s sin, but also as a message to this generation that this is sin. Why do Christians commit the very same sin that God destroyed the world over? God recognized the family as the only means of propagating the truth; before the church ever existed.

Are the damned so beautiful *“that the sons of God (descendants of Seth) SAW the daughters of men that they were fair (Heb.-beautiful); and they took them wives (daughters of Cain) all of which they chose.”* Genesis 6:2. Through the eyes of television (wearing those binoculars) the “damned” are made to appear beautiful. Talk about deception! This is the second most important choice you’ll ever make. If you rely solely on your eyes to choose a wife, you will be deceived. Of course, the first most important choice is making Christ your Saviour. You tell me. How do we get this message across to the church?

I am acquainted with such a woman that married the “damned.” Her two daughters followed their mother’s example, and today are on drugs. What do we teach our children? You teach by example! Just don’t do it! These two girls are into drugs over the poor example their mother presented in marriage.

Man, in his rebellion, doesn’t respect God’s boundaries; in or out of the church. If I was stupid enough to marry the “damned,” believe me, the very first time they committed adultery, I’d file for divorce. The committing of adultery is the same as death, and ends any marital contract. It is not an easy choice for a woman to divorce the damned, even though he beats her and commits adultery. We become dependent on the damned for a living, especially if our reason for marrying the damned was for financial security. It is like a boil that festers! The longer you wait, the more difficult it is to cut out!

God set boundaries for our *“habitation”* (Acts 17:26) within the church, also. A sailor once told me this story, “I was dating a Jewish girl. I had dated her a few times. We were comfortably relaxed, sitting on her front porch, when out of the house comes her father, and said, ‘Before this friendship goes any deeper, young man, I want to inform you that my daughter is a Jewess, and as such she will marry a Jew. It is our religion!’ I never dated that girl again!”; thus respecting her father’s frankness.

According to Catholicism, you are living in adultery unless married by a Catholic priest. Every religion seemingly has boundaries, except the Protestant religion. Protestants make the biggest boast about God, and apparently are free to marry the Devil himself if he were but “flesh and blood.”

Pentecostalism is the most notorious of all the religions to violate these “boundaries” God hath set in the church. But, Pentecostalism sets boundaries by saying you cannot have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost without speaking in tongues.

There is no mention in the Bible, not one time, of an elder or apostle being a woman. The women of the Catholic religion are demanding to be priests due to disrespect for the boundaries God hath set.

In the area of abortion, as well, she is defying God relative to the boundaries and rights of the unborn. We have murdered five times the number of babies (30 million) as Hitler killed during the Holocaust (6 million).

Love demands an object. That object, in an absolutely normal individual, is God. Any substitute for God is idolatry. *“No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and (the) mammon (god - idolatry).”* Luke 16:13.

An individual without God, directs his love toward a creature. *“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.”* Romans 1:22-24.

Without God, you have no plumbline! Your priority list is haywire! You regard no boundaries that God has set. Unknowingly, we are now made vulnerable to loving even harlots and whoremongers; serving the creature rather than the Creator. *“Wherefore God also gave them up.”* Romans 1:24.

Has God given up on you? God gave up on Esau the fornicator! *“For he found no place of repentance, though he sought it CAREFULLY (Gk.-search out, or seek after) with tears.”* Hebrews 12:17. Did Esau have “unconditional eternal security?” *“He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy (Heb.-no cure to heal).”* Proverbs 29:1.

If God gave up on Esau, and he was a heterosexual, how much will he endure from homosexuals? God expressed his attitude of sodomy by the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone. *“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.”* Romans 1:26. Even their women!

A woman has always been on a higher plane, morally, than a man. I am 76 years old at the end of January 1997. The only reason I was able to keep my chastity until I married at the age of 27, is that I’m from a generation prior to the pill. The women I dated, just said “No.” But in Romans 1:26, Paul is referring to the end time when *“even their women!”* will no longer say “No.”

I feel sorry for every young man growing up in today's society. Sad to say, that "No" must come from the male sex today. Males no longer have the luxury of relying on a woman's "No." If you listen to Oprah Winfrey and the women she interviews, many have been given over to a "reprobate mind." You can see they have no regard for God's boundaries that God placed on the human race that we might be able to distinguish people from the animal kingdom. "I am a female locked into a male body. What do I do, talk-show host?"

Many will think what follows is taken (God help their stupidity) from the platform of the Republican party. In reality, it is the law of God as given to Moses:

- *"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul."* Leviticus 20:6. (God even set boundaries on witchcraft.)
- *"For everyone that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death."* Leviticus 20:9.
- *"And the man that committed adultery with another man's wife...the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death."* Leviticus 20:10.
- *"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death."* Leviticus 20:13.
- *"And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death."* Leviticus 20:15.
- *"And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast."* Leviticus 20:16.
- *"And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them."* Leviticus 20:23.
- *"But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people."* Leviticus 20:24.

"Ye shall inherit THEIR land." What a promise! In the New Testament, those who claimed to be Jews (spiritual Israel) by virtue of circumcision (type of tongues), were found to be liars. Revelation 3:9. In the Philadelphia church, others "inherited their land." *"The first shall be last."* *"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."* Revelation 3:9.

God set the boundaries by the law of Moses. To possess this land flowing with "milk and honey," one must regard the boundaries God has set. In Romans 1:26 and 27, *"Women did change the natural use into that which is against nature (became lesbians): and likewise also the men, leaving the natural*

use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense (Gk.-wages) of their error which was meet."

"God gave them (their wages--a reprobate mind, venereal disease, AIDS, and a new religion) over to a reprobate mind, to do those things (S.F. bathhouses) which are not convenient...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death (the wages of sin is death), not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Romans 1:18-32. Please read it all.

Now for the \$64,000 question (as hosts on TV often say), "What is the reprobate mind?" It most certainly is the opposite of the "mind of Christ" that a Christian receives upon being "born again."

The church is dependent upon the human race for converts! It is a spiritual kingdom! We do not increase by procreation! It is a "one by one" mission to *"go ye into all the world."* In a sense, the gay society is not increased by procreation either. They too, are predators on the human race. Equipped with this reprobate mind, they set about to straighten up society after having "seen the light." A spiritual new birth must transpire once they become participants in the continuous act of sodomy. Do homosexuals, gays, transvestites, feminazis, have the reprobate mind of Romans 1:28? The Greek word for reprobate means, rejected, cast away, worthless, unapproved. *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (transvestites), nor abusers of themselves with mankind (sodomites), nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners (lords over God's heritage), shall inherit the kingdom of God."* 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

America is the "melting pot" of the nations. In other words, a "melting pot" is on record of not recognizing any boundaries. We are all "melted together as one," as though God had never set the boundaries and borderlines for the nations!

Promise Keepers is another "melting pot" of its own, fully endorsed by the spirit of ecumenicalism. Like a Billy Graham crusade, it encourages men of all varieties to come together regardless of religious conviction. Christian, Mormon, Catholic, Free Mason and even gays are made to feel comfortable in these meetings.

Europeans are more conscious of "borderlines" than in America. My father always wanted me to marry a Swedish girl. I became an old man before I would recognize the wisdom in his words. My father had enough sense to marry a Swede, and is the main reason the marriage lasted "until death do us part." He died a very happy man in the arms of a Swedish immigrant that landed in Boston at the age of fifteen. She couldn't speak a word of English. In my own stupidity, I would pride myself that I never dated a Swedish girl. My father did! He never regretted it!

Your own ethnic group can understand you better than anyone else on earth. Disregard of the “bounds” that God hath provided is a reason why marriage is on the way out. The “damned” no longer even try to make it work! They look at the statistics of a meltdown of the nations in America. The odds on the ponies at the race track are more favorable than the mystical vows to go the distance in marriage.

God set boundaries at the Tower of Babel when He confused the ONE language of the earth. They would not scatter and “fill the earth” as He commanded. God can still make man willing to obey. Suddenly they appeared yellow, brown, olive, black and white folk with a corresponding different language. They knew where they each belonged by the language and color of the skin.

The nations of the earth were built on this premise, “to build a one world government and church.” They needed to have the great “melt down” that is going on right now to bring Antichrist into power. At the forefront in the “melt down,” is the Women’s Liberation Movement, the pro-abortionists, the NAACP, New Agers, and the World Council of Churches. They have come to once again build our 20th Century Tower of Babel. Revelation 17.