

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

The Old Ship of Zion

Ministry of Cpt. Gordon Nelson 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 GIFT OF "DISCERNING OF SPIRITS" (1 COR. 12:10)

By Cpt. Gordon Nelson

Dear Caryl,

This computer I often refer to in our conversations at the spa can be likened unto the breastplate of judgment that only the high priest, Aaron, wore. "And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually." (Ex. 28:30) A priest with Urim and Thummim was also present in the days of Ezra (Ezr. 2:63) and in Nehemiah's day (Neh. 7:65) By the children of Israel inquiring unto these stones on the breastplate of the High Priest, they would receive divine direction in their wars against the heathen nations.

It is not uncommon in scripture to recognize such a priest. "And the Tirshatha (Persian governor of Judah) said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim." (Ezr. 2:63) All I know for sure is that I heard the audible voice of God screaming out of heaven at high noon, "From henceforth know we no man after the flesh!" (2 Cor. 5:16) No person on earth was more surprised than I was when I discovered these exact same words in the Bible.

It was following this experience that I believe God gave me the gift of "discerning of spirits." (1 Cor. 12:10) From that hour some forty years ago, I've been able to name spirits. Seldom, if ever, do I recall naming a sinner's spirit. Their spirits are "dead in trespasses." (Eph. 2:1) "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." (1 Tim. 5:6) I do not profess to name dead spirits that are still walking around in the flesh.

Man is body, soul and a dead spirit!

Man was created on the same level as that of an animal, with no God-consciousness. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 51:5) For your spirit to be resurrected from the dead, "Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:7) Caryl, you are born again, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. (Matt. 28:19, 3:11) You are a special person chosen for this end time. God will give you a testimony for the end of the age. This is the reason the Holy Spirit is placing you into this computer of mine. I wouldn't take it lightly. The Bible instructs us plainly, "But be not ye called Rabbi...and call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matt. 23:8-9) The Catholic priests are called "Father." Capital "F". We continue to obey our traditions rather than God. The titles, Rabbi, Father and Reverend are all condemned in Holy Writ.

This is the Captain attempting by pen to communicate what he failed to accomplish by mouth over the phone to open up your mind. As I've said previously, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (enemy) against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." (Rom. 8:5-8)

I graduated from a three-year Bible College and Seminary to become a Reverend, only to discover it was a title only given to God, and blasphemous for a man to bestow on himself. "Holy and reverend is his name" (Ps. 111:9), not yours! The title is not only blasphemous, but shows his position as a "hireling" over the flock, as well! (Jn. 10:12)

God called me to be a Captain when He called me to preach. "I give unto you a ship and you are the Captain. You are to call it the Old Ship of Zion and have the same government that is aboard a ship." Man called me a Reverend. God called me a Captain. One title is of the flesh, while the other is of the Spirit. God told Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5) Imagine some woman aborting such a child as Jeremiah?

This letter is directed to Caryl, who came to me believing she had devils. We then had a meeting in my home, where God convinced me she had no demons, but was tormented by drugs. God named her spirit as that of the woman of Samaria. This letter is the result of that understanding. Please read John 4 again before you continue reading this letter.

Samaritans were half-breeds

In this story of the woman of Samaria, she stumbles upon a Jew who is sitting on top of Jacob's well. "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water." (Jn. 4:7) There was no synagogue or church involved. Their discussion was over water: ours is over a computer. I asked certain questions to feed into my spiritual computer to acquire the answer I sought. "Who are you? What is your name?" Finally, I informed Caryl by phone that I require no more questions. I know your name. By knowing who you are, I've literally pulled the fig leaves of religion off your body, and the spirit is naked before me. It has no place to hide. It is only then "shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Cor. 13:12) It is the only cure for loneliness, man's worse enemy. Did you know that Marilyn Monroe was a lonely person? Your natural "flesh family" is not a determent to loneliness. One can be married and be lonelier than ever. Whatsoever spirits "God hath joined together" (Matt. 19:6), solves loneliness. Cain is the father of loneliness, which is why he built a city.

Let us all examine who these Samaritans were together. They are a type of us Gentiles.

After the death of Solomon, his son Rehoboam succeeded him as King. But he lacked the skill to keep Israel united as previous kings had done, nor would he listen to advice. So ten tribes rebelled against him, and a second kingdom was formed with Solomon's former servant, Jeroboam, as king. The

Northern Kingdom of Israel consisted of these ten tribes over which Jeroboam ruled, while Rehoboam ruled over Judah and Benjamin from David's throne in Jerusalem.

In the course of time, the Assyrian armies conquered this Northern Kingdom of Israel by the sword, and deported part of the population, and other peoples from the Assyrian Empire were resettled in Israel. The Jews of the "ten lost tribes" never fled to Europe as Herbert W. Armstrong preached, but were assimilated in marriage to these heathens.

The Samaritans were half-breeds, and is the reason why the Samaritan woman was suspicious of the motives of this Jew, Jesus. Jesus, sitting on top of Jacob's well, started a conversation with the woman, "Give me to drink." She knew that "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (Jn. 4:7-9), except they had a physical need, for she was a very beautiful woman, having had five husbands and was presently "shacked up." This woman actually believed she was being propositioned by this Jew.

The kingdom divided

Did you know this spirit of Jeroboam and Rehoboam never leaves the church? Jesus is attacking this spirit as He is talking to this woman of Samaria. The Samaritans believed that Abraham was their father. They also believed that God wrote the Ten Commandments with His finger on Moses' tablets of stone, but they listened to their leader, just as you Pentecostals!

It was not religious beliefs that separated the Jews and Samaritans as much as it was blood. In today's vernacular, we'd call these Jews racists, "for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." (Jn. 4:9) In a similar manner, in our own culture Americans were not to marry Native Americans, or Indians. In the slave trade, the prospective buyer would first have the black slave open his mouth and stick out his tongue. If there was a trace of white blood in the slave, the buyer knew he'd be rebellious and refuse to buy him.

What separates a Baptist from a Pentecostal? The Baptists "have no dealings with the Pentecostals." This is the spirit that Jesus was dealing with in his discussion with the woman of Samaria. Jesus would tell these religionists of today the same message, "You're both wrong!" It doesn't take much of a Bible student to prove that the doctrines of both Arminianism and Calvinism theology are fabrications of man. "But the hour cometh…when the true worshippers" will be neither be Calvinists nor Arminianists, but "shall worship the Father (not the Son, who is but the Door) in Spirit and in truth." (Jn. 4:23).

The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." (Jn. 4:20) In theological terms, the Vatican of Protestantism, Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) calls half of the kingdom of God, "Arminianism." The Vatican of Fundamentalism has split the church into two kingdoms, the Arminianists and the Calvinists. Which are you? Pray tell me you can see the same thing in natural Israel through these two kings, Jeroboam and Rehoboam.

"Jesus saith unto her (the Samaritan woman), Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye (Samaritans) worship ye know not what." (Jn. 4:21-22) King Jeroboam set up a golden calf at two sites, Dan and Bethel, and appointed

feasts in their honor. Calf worship is what man turns to when he turns his back on "the spirit God." Jeroboam wished to keep his followers from visiting the temple in Jerusalem, hence the golden calves. We Pentecostals are like the Samaritans. "Ye worship ye know not what."

We have "the golden calf" worship set up in the Laodicean church in the prosperity gospel. We are "rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." (Rev. 3:17) The founder of this "prosperity gospel" is Oral Roberts, and Kenneth Copeland became the first apostle.

John the Baptist, William Branham, Peter and John, came with another gospel. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." (Acts 3:6) What I have, Caryl, is a gift from God. "Freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:8) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." (Prov. 22:1)

There are only two gods!

Do you realize that there are only two gods? We have many religions, but still only two gods exist. The great Rabbi told us this in two of the four gospels. "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. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Lk. 16:13 and Matt. 6:24)

This is the big deception going on over Christian television—one can have it all! Only you can decide who is lying to you. Our flesh reacts to the worship of the mammon (god) depicted by the golden calves at Dan and Bethel. In the calf worship of Samaria, not only did the Jews of the Northern Kingdom assimilate in marriage with the Assyrians, but also in their worship. In calf worship one tolerates many gods in the name of love, of course. TBN has a logo very similar to the shield of Prince Charles (possibly the Antichrist). Tim Cohen, a Messianic Jew, tells of the Queen's blessing on TBN.

Christians today are much like our own Republican Party. We can't find a true conservative among them. Trent Lott, Senate Republican leader, is a prime example in his lambasting of talk radio after Bush's Amnesty Bill failed to pass Congress. John McCain was a prospective choice of John Kerry for Vice President if he became President. Shouldn't that alone have shown us voters how comfortable John McCain is in his courtship with wolves? "But John Kerry is my friend," was his remark when McCain refused the offer. Lindsey Graham is demanding the "Fairness Doctrine," also. He and Jon Kyl asked Ted Kennedy how they should vote on amnesty.

On the surface it appears that the longer one stays in the Senate, the more like Ted Kennedy one becomes. Senators should be limited to two terms just like the Presidency. In addition to blasting talk radio, Trent Lott blasted the new junior Senators who hadn't become one of the "good ol' boys" yet. All these preachers on TBN own their own individual dioceses.

"Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." This is true whether in Washington DC or the church. The people without a leader go whoring after strange gods. Isn't it strange, but invariably the people return to the worship of the beautiful bull calf?

¹ "The Antichrist And A Cup of Tea," by Tim Cohen

A bull calf stands at the entrance to the NY Stock Exchange

Do you know a molten bull calf stands proudly outside the New York Stock Exchange building? This mammon god beacons all who worship the almighty dollar to come to the largest church in America. These worshippers can believe every word and have such faith in this mammon god of the New York Stock Market that can only promise them wealth. Of course, if this mammon god failed to deliver, one can jump out of buildings as in the Stock Market crash of 1929.

Are you into young bull calf worship? "And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him." (Ex. 32:1) Have the Pentecostals in particular, strayed from the God of Azusa Street and William Branham, that we now believe He is dead, hence have reverted to calf worship?

Aaron's golden bull calf

Aaron, the brother of Moses, then ordered the people, "Brake off the golden earrings which are in the ears," and he made a molten calf. Aaron, who would become the first High Priest, then declared, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." (Ex. 32:2-4)

Why would Aaron form a young bull calf that was pure gold? Why not a bird, a reptile or a fish? It is because Aaron knew the form that Lucifer chose in order to deceive Eve, the mother of all the living. One of the gods acceptable to Egypt was the calf.

If we closely scrutinize the scriptures, the scripture tells us, "Now the serpent was more subtil than any BEAST." (Gen. 3:1) A beast is a four-legged creature! When God cursed this beast, the scripture further identifies the particular kind of beast; a member of the cattle family of animals. "Thou art cursed above all CATTLE." (Gen. 3:14) God called this young bull calf a serpent because He knew his end. This bull was coming off his legs and "upon they belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." (Gen. 3:14) God knows the beginning and the end.

There are only two gods: the Spirit God, and the flesh god. We make the choice whom we will serve. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal. 6:8) Just as God knew that the bull calf would ultimately be a serpent. God already knows the choice you are going to make! Just because God knows, doesn't mean you didn't have a choice.

Sign of Christ's coming--deception

In answering the disciples' request to "Tell us...the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world" (Matt. 24:3), Jesus answered them with one word—deception. "Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matt. 24:4) "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!" (Isa. 5:20) This is another way of saying, "No absolutes," which is a foundational stone of John Dewey's influence on our public education. We have a society that is thus versed in "no absolutes"! Nothing is absolutely right or absolutely wrong. It just

depends on the situation. Hence, we birthed what is now taught in every classroom as "situation ethics." We have raised an entire generation with no fear of God.

In this hour of deception, I'm trying to help you by equipping you with knowledge. The beginning of wisdom is to first acknowledge that there are only two gods. You are serving either the Spirit God or the mammon god. It is important that you ask yourself this question, "Which God do I worship?" "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT." (Matt. 7:13-14)

The devil didn't do it!

The devil gets blamed for so many things. You don't much like your "spirit name." You're not alone; few do. The "spirit name" is there to help you to become an overcomer. If we ever meet someone that is exactly like ourselves, we'll have a problem. I have a daughter exactly like me. I pray extra hard for her. The rest is up to you! God forgives, but you must forgive yourself! You're a victim of the cult of Pentecostalism. "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." (2 Pet. 2:19) I was a victim for twenty years. I know where you are living. It's like children condemning themselves after they have been the victim of a rape or abuse. "What did I do wrong?"

Caryl, through ignorance of what the Bible teaches, you came under the law for justification. After that horrible dream from Satan, you ran to the law. You were caught listening to another gospel, one of the works of the law. "Which is not another; but there be some that TROUBLE you (If you don't stop smoking, you'll go to hell), and would pervert the gospel of Christ (smoking cigarettes will just get you to heaven sooner). But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:7-8)

We've murdered 40 million babies in America. "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground." (Gen. 4:9-10) The voice of innocent blood cries from the ground unto God. God heard the voice of Abel's blood crying out to avenge. What must the voice of 40 million babies screaming into the ears of Almighty God be like? God will avenge the murder of these babies by American women!

It was Billy Graham's wife who said, "If God doesn't soon bring judgment upon America (because of her homosexual lifestyle and the murdering of the yet unborn), He'll have to go back and apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

We've allowed 20 million illegal aliens into our country already. With the passage of this amnesty bill, another 20 million will automatically receive citizenship, driver's licenses and social security numbers. America is replacing the 40 million unborn babies we murdered with 40 million illegal aliens. America is drunk and needs to suddenly wake up! Are you sending an email to your representative in Congress condemning Bush's amnesty bill?

Thank God for talk radio. This bill is now dead. If it had passed, we'd have 50 million more illegals coming.

Fig leaves of religion to cover our nakedness

When I was probing you with my questions, I was ripping away the fig leaves of religion you were unconsciously using to protect your nakedness. It is only then can I see the real you. It is difficult to help anyone until you first know his or her name. "The first man Adam was made a living soul; and the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." (1 Cor. 15:45) The first Adam named animals; the last Adam names spirits. "Who are you? What is your name?"

In the Garden of Eden, after sin entered, "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." (Gen. 3:7) Speaking in tongues, and our religiosity, are only fig leaves that we've sewed together for our justification. Those fig leaves represent our religion, our attempts to keep the law, and our self-effort by works to gain entrance to heaven.

A whirlwind of the LORD

"Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD hath gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: IN THE LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it perfectly." (Jer. 23:19-20)

When this whirlwind from the Lord is gone forth (in the latter days), who would you rather be, Caryl, or "the woman of Samaria"?

The giraffe or the raccoon may have objected to the name Adam gave them, but nonetheless, the name stuck! "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Cor. 13:11-12) In order to survive together through the first $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of Daniel's 70^{th} week, we cannot make it alone. We must "know even as also I am known" who we are trusting because "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." (Matt. 24:13)

Woman of Samaria, who is she?

She is a Gentile woman.

Jesus had finished preaching up in Judea. "He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee." But on his return home He left His disciples, "And he must needs go through Samaria." (Jn. 4:3-4) Samaria is really a type of the world where you and I once lived. Aren't you glad that Jesus went out of His way to find you, as a sinner?

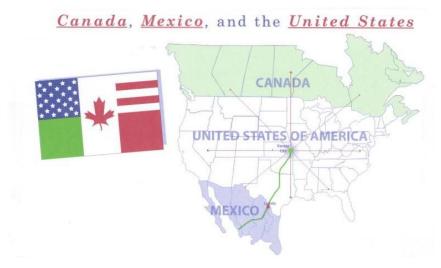
"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God." (Rom. 3:10-11) "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." (Matt. 18:11) This woman of Samaria is a type of the bride. It is the Gentile bride that He chose. As in

every Jewish wedding, she must next be presented to the Father. It is not until you receive "the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4), the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, are you "sealed unto the day of redemption." (Eph. 4:30) Until then, you are still wandering in the wilderness of religion where all those who came out of Egypt died, except Joshua and Caleb.

The pre-trib rapture doctrine bypasses the Father's approval completely. The promised Comforter, or Holy Ghost, that Jesus promised to send (Jn. 14:16) is Elijah's chariot of fire. You must climb on board or be damned. Your religion will fail you.

Love ya, The Cpt.

Please read Jeremiah 23:19-20 on the whirlwind!



The Planned North American Union (NAU)

Does this Amnesty Bill, or Immigration Covenant of Death to America, represent the judgment of God for the wholesale slaughter of the unborn by the women of America? Trent Lott (R) this past week has blamed talk radio for the failure of Congress to pass George Bush's amnesty bill. Then he had the audacity to declare, "We'll have to deal with that problem!" This is a Republican leader in the Senate talking!

George Bush, a Skull and Bones fraternity member of Yale University, desired NAU's formation as part of his legacy for being President for eight years. It is in their second term that a President's true colors are revealed. Following Arizona Senator John Kyl's reelection for six more years, he boldly joined the Ted Kennedy, Charles Schumer, Nancy Pelosi camp of politics. God save America! Your politicians have proven they only want to be reelected by the Latino vote in six more years. We are marching toward One World Government!

Thank God the American voter woke up this time! But, those politicians will be back after November 2008. The cry for slavery under the umbrella of Corporate America and Big Labor Unions was soundly defeated. This is the real war to be won. But, the church continues to be silent while Rome is burning!