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DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

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"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" Matt. 19:3

This was a loaded question presented by the Pharisees. Even the law did not say, *"for every cause."* But in practice, and through Rabbinical interpretations, the Jewish tradition permitted Rabbis to sanction divorce to put away their wives *"for every cause!"* Matt. 19:3.

What the law actually said in this regard is recorded in Deuteronomy 24:1. *"It came to pass that she found no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some (physical) uncleanness (Heb.-blemish in her nakedness; discovered after marriage she had one breast removed, no nipples, too fat) in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house."* In practice, a woman was a man's chattel and possession. She had no rights! In fact, in most of the earth, nothing has really changed in two thousand years. In Muslim countries you judge a man's wealth by the number of wives he is able to support. In oil rich Iran, the sheiks still have their harems as indicative of wealth.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." Matt. 19:4. God made a female to be a "help meet" (Heb.-to protect, surround or aid) for every male. One is supposed to believe this! We are not to rely on our five senses in choosing a mate. God created someone just for you, as He created Eve for Adam. We are to pray to God and ask Him who He created just for us. The "dating game" simply is not in the Bible. Do you think Isaac dated Rebecca before he married her? How many dates do you suggest for your daughter before marriage? Thirty? Fifty? Or is she a fit bride after one hundred dates? How many abortions prior to marriage? The child is to decide whether to have an abortion without parental consent, says the law. You, as a parent, will never know the number of abortions your daughter underwent prior to marriage--if they marry at all. The state is unconcerned whether your child is ever married. In fact, marriage is an encumbrance due to the increased tax load levied by the state.

I never dated the mother of my three children. All the dating I did do, only convinced me the more of how incapable I was in the selection of a mate. There again, it is Hollywood that so blurs the vision that we make choices according to lines and numbers; 36-24-36. You'd think we were out shopping for a new car.

Any harlot meets the requirements of lines and numbers! Finally, in desperation, I cried out to God to reveal to me the one He had chosen for me. I'll admit I wasn't all that happy over His choice.

Why? Because we've all been to the movies! Let's face it, Hollywood has been our teacher about the dating game, and has been compounded by her cousin, television. When I first became a Christian, all Christians believed Hollywood was of the devil, and anyone attending would surely go to hell. If you believe the message these atheistic Jews are sending to the American family via Hollywood and television, you'll literally see the entire family go to hell in your life time.

The first movie the mother of my three children ever saw was on a television that I brought into the home. We didn't understand it then, but I brought home the new babysitter for the children. Television keeps each child's attention upon the babysitter. Admittedly, I got so mad at the kid's babysitter, I picked the thing up and smashed it on the concrete floor of our family room. At least I had their attention for a change! (P.S. I found out later I could have killed myself. A television is a highly volatile, explosive machine, to be handled with care for your own safety). As parents, being as how few of us have graduated from Dr. Dobson's psychology class and instructed from Dr. Spock's book on how to correctly rear children, we have made some mistakes along the way.

Why divorce? *"Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?"* In answering this question, Jesus takes the Pharisees back to God's original intent for mankind. *"And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave (Heb.-cling or adhere, be joined [together]) to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."* Matt. 19:5-6. First of all, marriage is a holy institution created only for those planning to go to heaven. The fear of hell is what motivates a believer to accept marriage.

If there is no hell, you'll create your own by marriage. It is, by far, the worst possible relationship two people can choose, due to the factor of "trust." You can only fully "trust" a true believer that believes marriage is a commitment "until death do us part." The heathen commitment is only as long as we can get along--so why marry? The male is the real loser. She gets the car, the house, the bank account and the kids with child support until 21, provided they are in school.

The only exclusion to this is the Mafia. They have no divorce; only "'til death do us part." Regardless, they make family, the Catholic church, and marriage work. Many of you watched the recent television series about the Mafia called "The Don." The reason marriage works in the Mafia, and not in the rest of society, is because the woman is dispensable, she is not #1. In Christian marriage, the male becomes the dispensable one, through the biased divorce laws favoring the female. Again, with Hollywood as our teacher, husbands

have been conditioned to accept their teacher's views on love. Like on a drug, they never can figure out how they finally end up on skid row with only their bottle to cuddle them in at night.

The woman was created for Adam to be a "help meet," to protect and surround him, to keep his eye "single" as far as other women are concerned. Admittedly, he is the weaker vessel in regards to sex, thus needs a "help meet" for that task. You can hire a help mate! Help mates can be hired to work because they are hirelings. When the woman is in rebellion to both God and her husband, she refuses "to please her husband," thus making him vulnerable to "sexual promiscuity." Prostitutes claim they'd be out of business if dependent solely on single men. It is like the old adage, which came first the chicken or the egg? Which came first Jacqueline Kennedy's self-centeredness, or John Kennedy's promiscuity that literally turned the White House into a whore house, and has continued to plague all the Kennedy's from Massachusetts to this hour.

Why divorce? *"Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? They said unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives; but from the beginning it was not so."* Matt. 19:8-9. Jesus starts out by answering their question, how it was "in the beginning." In the beginning man believed He was a special creation by God. God saw that, *"It is not good that MAN should be alone. For Adam was first formed, then Eve."* 1 Tim. 2:13. The Wo-man was created for the man, not vice versa, as it is today. *"And thy desire (to please) shall be to thy husband,"* (Gen. 3:16) is a part of the curse! A woman despises this the most! In these last days, she has reversed the curse through the help of the divorce laws hanging over every husband as a sword of Damocles. If he fails to please her, she'll divorce him and get one that does! Whoever the state favors in these no fault dissolution laws becomes the ruler of the house. This is the reason men have refused to marry. I can understand why a man would refuse to marry purely from an economical standpoint. What I don't understand is why a woman would refuse wedlock to give her children a Christian name? She would if he were wealthy. The real loser in marriage "heathen style," is to the one possessing materialism. You can't obtain blood from a turnip, hence no incentive to marry the poor.

Television, society, and Hollywood have left its mark on the "X generation." The baby boomers are now fifty, and will begin to swell the Social Security, along with Clinton's immigrants taken in illegally just to vote him into office. Social Security was never intended for the welfare of the nations, but insurance for the workers of America. This bubble will burst about the same time the stock market crashes. Then you'll wish you were in Australia or Europe. The filthy rich are escaping to Europe and Australia at the present time. Rupert Murdoch is already in Australia to be joined by David Rockefeller. America is the one place on earth you'll never want to be very soon. Your President says he is to undergo another round of Air Force and

military base closures. Have we already surrendered to the one world government forces? Who are these empty military bases being prepared for?

Rev. Louis Farrakhan spoke on national television from a Baptist church in Houston, Texas. He claimed there were 13,000 people inside the church, with 15,000 outside. What is amazing is the number of men followers. Men simply have treated church as a women and children's institution. Rev. Louis Farrakhan is to the blacks what the Promise Keepers is to the whites. The only thing really different is that Louis Farrakhan does not cater to gays, transvestites, and queers. On the telecast from a Houston Baptist pulpit, Farrakhan was giving instruction to young blacks on how to be an entrepreneur and go into business for themselves. First step is to start out small by limiting yourself to only stealing hub caps off of cars. Gradually you build your business to where you now take radios, computers and electrical gadgets stolen from cars. Finally, you step up to a driver and simply ask for his car. If he opens his mouth, you stick your gun down his mouth and pull the trigger. The Rev. Farrakhan goes on about guns! You all have your guns! You know you are going to need your guns!

I ask you, in the name of God, "Is this truth being presented through ABC, NBC and CBS news as a reason why white America better hold on to their guns? Read the book, Phillip Dru, Administrator. It was written by a Jewish international banker born in Texas. It was first published in 1913 by Col. E. Mandell House. The climax of the book is how dictatorship (under the fictitious Phillip Dru) comes to America. On the heels of a race riot, spurred on by the news media, the people welcome martial law and dictatorship imposed by the government for the sake of peace. The race riot simply proved democracy did not work. We tried and failed.

Many of you have tried marriage and failed. Often you wondered why? *"Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement and to put her away? Moses, because of the hardness (Gk.-destitution of [spiritual] perception) of your hearts suffered you (men) to put away your wives. In the beginning it was not so."* Matt. 19:8. Adam's heart was soft. God can only communicate with a man that has a soft heart. Jesus said, *"You cannot serve God and (the) mammon (god)."* Matt. 6:24. The love of money makes the heart as hard as the mammon (god) you serve. *"And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."* Mk. 4:19. Sin hardens man's heart.

David was a man after God's own heart. He had a soft heart. God could still communicate with David. A soft heart does not mean spiritual perfection, but, quite the contrary, *"a broken and a contrite (collapsed) heart."* Ps. 51:17. King Saul's heart became hard. *"And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by the prophets."* 1 Sam. 28:6. King Saul was a backslider on the road to hell. The only thing, he knew was, this "unconditional eternal security" was over for him! He lost his salvation through pride, which wouldn't allow him to confess his sin.

As king of Israel in upholding the law, he used to kill witches because the law said, *"Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."* Ex. 22:18. *"Back slider in heart shall be filled with his own ways."* Prov. 14:14. Once you can no longer *"inquire of the LORD"* for direction, you are left with *"your own ways,"* or *"the carnal mind is enmity against God."* Rom 8:7.

"Then said Saul unto the servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her." 1 Sam. 28:7. Indirectly, this is what the men of America have done; sought out a woman to be the high priestess of the home. *"I'm a man. I must go hunt caribou! You take the children to church, honey, while I watch the Bulls!"* God help us!

Finally, when men wake up, it is not the voice of the Lord God ever crying out, *"Where art thou Adam?"* Gen. 3:9. You Adam's are hypocrites! Like the Pharisees of old have *"loved the praises of men more than the praises of God."* Jn. 12:43. Whenever it becomes popular, you'll wake up to the tune of the Pied Piper Farrakhan, or the Promise Breakers. No one kept the law but Jesus! *"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion (error, or straying from orthodoxy), that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned."* 2 Thess. 2:11-12.

"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision." Rom. 15:8. *"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."* Jn. 1:11. Jesus died for the world, but was sent to earth as the King of the Jews.

If we are going to teach on divorce from the teachings of Christ, you must understand He is a *"minister to the circumcision."* He is teaching them that hold the law of Moses sacred. In fact, this entire question was provoked by, *"The Pharisees also came unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?"* Matt. 19:3. Even the law never granted that they could *"put away for every cause."*

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for (spiritual uncleanness) fornication (the law allowed them to divorce for physical uncleanness. De. 24:1) and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and who marrieth her that is put away committeth adultery." Matt. 19:9.

Under these stringent new rules, even his disciples realized the difficulties involved married to a woman that they could *"not put away for every cause."* His own disciples accused Jesus of destroying marriage! Who in his right mind would marry? *"If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry."* Matt. 19:10. Today, under "no fault divorce," the wife can suddenly put away her husband incited by an Oprah Winfrey telecast.

Fornication is from the Greek word "porneia," from which pornography stems. It involves the entire gambit of spiritual uncleanness: adultery, fornication, incest, whoredom, transvestites, murder of the unborn, homosexuality, sodomy, witchcraft, venereal disease, A.I.D.S. In Old Testament days, the Jews would have

stoned you until dead for any of the above, hence, the death of any contractual agreement or vow made before God. The guilty party was stoned until dead, and the guiltless was free to marry again, “*only in the Lord.*” 1 Cor. 7:39.

“*Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her (except for fornication). And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.*” Mk. 10:11-12. Walter Martin only recommended one book on the subject of divorce. I fully endorse the reading of Guy Duty’s book entitled, Divorce and Remarriage. In this book, the author deals with marriage as a contractual agreement between two parties. As in any contract, to withhold information pertinent to the contract is to make the contract “null and void.” This is particularly true in second and third marriages. A lawyer should be involved in every second time around so that both parties understand what they are bringing to the table.

Often when a full disclosure (prior to marriage) is overlooked, that failure becomes the reason for yet another divorce. In the initial state of love it seems almost sacrilegious to discuss such a cold, hard subject as money. Hence, so much is assumed and taken for granted under the spell of love, that when reality finally sets in another divorce is all that seems plausible. That’s the reason you need a lawyer. What is a very simple thing to correct before marriage, one minute after becomes a monstrosity. One cannot lie in taking your nuptial vows before God and man. You take each other for better or worse, provided a full disclosure was manifest prior to marriage. No creepies coming out of the closet. Understand?

“*And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Matt. 16:18. Some Bible teachers teach “the rock” was the confession Peter had just made, “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God*” (Matt. 16:16), while other teach “the rock” was Peter; thus beginning an apostolic succession of Pope’s, identifying the only true church, Catholicism.

What Jesus Christ was really saying was this, “*Thou art Peter* (Gk.-Petros, a piece of a larger rock), *and upon this rock* (petra; a [mass of] rock) ...” Peter was only a part of the massive rock of twelve Apostles, referring to Christ’s government of a ruling hierarchy that would represent the church. The gates of hell could not prevail against an existing brotherhood that stood as one against the devil.

To such a Rock (the presbuteros-elders) “*I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.*” (Only the Rock should bind people in marriage. The Justice of the Peace has no such authority to bind Christians in marriage.) Marriage is only for the church! Let the heathen go to the Justice of the Peace! “*And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth (divorce is on earth) shall be loosed in heaven.*” Matt. 16:18-19. Jesus set the example by building the Rock-His organization of thirteen, including himself, shook the gates of hell! The Mormons have a government of

twelve apostles. The Russian Politburo governs with a body of thirteen. The Jews require a minimum of 10 men, called a “minyan.” Without a “minyan” the Jews cannot hold a service or build a synagogue. Jesus reduced this number to “two or three” elders. Matt. 18:20. *“Let the elders (Gk.-presbuteros) rule.”* 1 Tim. 5:17. To follow a hireling designates Laodicea (Gk.-rule of the people), for the people must hire their preacher. When you follow a “lord” over a church, you’re being conditioned to accept a “lord over the universe”; the beast. Government has become unimportant to you as you’re following one man.

The fact that the Mormons, the Politburo, the Jews and even Catholicism’s 70 cardinals all practiced a different government from the church with no apparent problems, is proof that this type of government works. But the church of Jesus Christ has never been challenged and that was the reason for the prayer of Jesus in the 17th chapter of John. What I’m telling you right now is literally a fulfillment of that prayer of Jesus that the church would wake up and see the government that Jesus established when He was here on earth. In John 17:11, is this prayer He was praying for this presbuteros to be one. He instigated it. It is only with this vision in mind does Christ’s prophecy literally come to reality, *“I will build my church.”* Matt. 17:18. Jesus Christ cannot build His church upon man’s foundation. Jesus’ prayer of John 17 is being literally fulfilled this day as you’re reading the *RIVERBANK NEWS*. This day is the understanding of the 17th chapter of John made manifest to the church. *“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”* Lk. 4:21. It is up to you, now, to repent of the hireling and the lord type of government practiced in your church.

Another fulfillment of prophecy recorded in Daniel 2:44 could also be in the process of fulfillment if the church will repent of these ungodly governments. *“And in the days of these kings (10 horns) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom (built on His government), which shall never be destroyed.”* Dan. 2:44. The gates of hell shall not prevail against this government. These ten kings are rulers of the earth and are even now being identified by Texe Marrs, Dennis Cuddy and various Christian researchers. We are now living in the days of these kings and they precede the coming of Antichrist according to scripture.

The denominations are founded by some man classified in scripture with the “mother of harlots.” All her daughters have suddenly decided to come home ever since the signing of *Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium*. Whereas the Philadelphian believer is admonished, *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.”* Rev. 18:4-5. Why this sudden rush on the part of Protestants to return to Rome? When they do, they are lavishly rewarded. *“I am rich, and increased with goods.”* Rev. 3:17. The devil is not afraid of one isolated man casting out devils! The disciples found such a man and came to Jesus about it. *“Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name...and we forbade him.”* Mk. 9:38. He had to be a Pentecostal preacher that the disciples found. Only a

Pentecostal preacher is stupid enough to believe in a “one man show.” Unquestionably, this “loner” owned his own church by virtue of a “sole non-profit religious incorporation.”

A.A. Allen went through the county casting out devils and healing the sick. All alone like he was, the devil claimed him before he died. He was saved as an alcoholic. He was arrested on the streets of Phoenix, Arizona for drunk driving when the Assemblies of God dropped him.

Some rancher donated hundreds of acres to A.A. Allen to create Miracle Valley, Arizona. *“Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name!”* It seemed cultic to the disciples who were always sent out two by two by Jesus. *“We forbade him.”* Mk. 9:38. Who knows where Miracle Valley is at today? Upon Allen’s death, his alcohol and drugs were present on a nightstand by his bed. *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.”* Jn. 15:16. Nothing remains for posterity to even remember you ever lived, after a loner dies!

“Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD: Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, say thy people, the remnant of Israel”. Jer. 31:6-7
