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Update 12/31/2013

As I watch the statistics of the growing interest for this website, I have been quite surprised during the last few months to see the many new inquirers from the Ukraine. Interest there has even surpassed hits from the United States, which generally has more hits than all other countries combined! Welcome aboard, Ukrainians! We are praying for you!

Update 12/24/2013

It has been a great surprise to most observers to learn that a court decision has recently overturned the expressed desires of Utah's citizens to order permission for gay marriages to be granted in that state. However, for those more familiar with the history of Mormonism, it is no great surprise.

Not only could a man be "sealed for eternity" to his wife or wives in the secret Temple ceremonies, but Joseph Smith and Brigham Young also taught that men could be "sealed for eternity" with other men in similar ceremonies. It was called "the Law of Adoption," and Brigham Young even explained that this was a "great and glorious doctrine." (Journal of Discourses, vol. 9, page 269)

This practice took place in early Mormondom before it was officially banned in 1894 by President Wilford Woodruff, soon after the revocation of the doctrine of multiple wives in 1890. (Isn't One Wife Enough? 1954, pp.279-281)

Update 10/19/2013

My wife and I have recently retired from our full-time jobs. She served as a hospice nurse at a local hospital. I am continuing on, however, as Adjunct Professor at Oral Roberts University. We are still adjusting to life in retirement. I have also volunteered to serve for one year as the Director of Hispanic Churches in our local Pentecostal Holiness conference, and am enjoying ministering and teaching Bible courses in the Spanish churches once again. Please pray for us as we relax a bit and look to the Lord for what He would have us do in our remaining years.

Update 9/27/2013

I just visited my sister and her husband near Hartford, Connecticut. Among other places we went, we visited Yale University. It is quite impressive. What a shame to think that all those massive and beautiful buildings were built by Christians to educate young people for Christian ministry and now their beautiful project has been hijacked by an educational system that for the most part makes fun of Christianity.

Update 11/11/2013

A young man recently admonished me to "refire" and get back into the full-time ministry! I don't exactly know what that would entail more than I am doing presently, but you can pray with me that I will certainly continue in the work the Lord has called me to do. Note that soon the Urdu translation will be added to the list of languages describing "My Visit With Two Mormon Missionaries."

Update 12/4/2013

In response to the challenge that the young man gave me to "refire," I have decided to start relating anecdotes from my past years of ministry and giving insights into what the Spirit-Empowered ministry is like. They are found in the right and left columns with yellow headlines. I hope you like them!

Update 12/8/2013

Due to the response I have already received to the two articles I posted a few days ago of my experiences in the healing ministry, I have decided to share here a few more of those experiences:

Getting Started in the Healing Ministry

It was hard enough to get the healings flowing in my own ministry, and the following is how I was able to get my elder son, Aaron, who is now a missionary in Brazil, got started in his ministry of ministering to physical needs through the power of the Holy Spirit:

The year was 1981. I was holding a revival in a small Assemblies of God church in Covelo, California, accompanied with my family while on furlough from the mission field in Chile. My son, Aaron, had recently experienced a wonderful move of God in his life which was evident to all. The pastor conferred with me and suggested that I include having him accompany me as I prayed for the people for healing.

After the preaching and altar call, we then offered an opportunity for those in need of healing to come forward. I said that my son, Aaron, would do the ministry to the sick that night. The first person to come forward was a lad of 8-years-old. We noticed that one foot was turned inside at a right angle to the other one, and he walked with a notable limp.

As instructed in such cases, Aaron had the young man sit down in a chair and elevated both feet by the ankles until his legs were straight out. Everyone could see how the leg was twisted.

It turned out that he had been injured in a car accident about a year before, with the leg being broken in three places. It was put in a cast, but when the cast was removed, it had healed in this position, and he could now walk, but not run, or he would stumble over this foot sticking in sideways.

As my son prayed for, the foot visibly moved back into proper position! And the boy got up and ran up and down the center aisle! He could run and play now just like normal!

And interesting aftermath to this healing came during the following week: A few days later, his foot suddenly moved back into its previous awkward position. Following instructions he had been given, he spoke to the foot in Jesus' Name and commanded it to be restored! Then, lo and behold, it moved back to its normal position and stayed there from then on! Praise God!

Tome, Chile: Pastor Vilches had asked me to come and prepare his church for a series of healing and salvation meetings which I would be holding there the following week. My primary instruction after much preparation in the scriptures was:

“If you are prayed for the first night and don't receive your healing, come up for prayer the next night. If you don't receive your healing then, come again for the healing prayer on the next night. If necessary, come up for prayer all five nights! But each time you come up, just forget about being prayed for without results before that. Each time you come up, act as if it is the very first time, so that the previous nights don't impair your faith.”

Many people were being healed each night, but one young man about fifteen came forward each night for prayer who had a pronounced limp. It was obvious to me that one of his hip bones had not been formed properly at birth. Night after night he came forward, and I prayed with all the faith I had, but each time he walked away with the same limp. The same thing happened again the last night. I was crushed, but kept on praying for the people's needs.

About the third one in line after him was a young mother with a child in her arms. She said he was eighteen months old, and had the same affliction as the young 15-year-old lad had who had just limped away. This really set me back, and I reasoned within myself that the Lord wasn't going to heal this child either, and if I told her to test the child's healing, it would just set everyone's faith back again. But I laid hands on the child and asked the Lord to heal him and went right on to the next people in line without testing the baby.

But just a few minutes later, there was a stirring in the crowd, and I looked up to see the mother leading her child by the hand and he walked perfectly with no limp. God had miraculously created a hip bone in him! That was a glorious meeting.

Pastor Vilches told me later that due to the child's healing, all his relatives came to know the Lord. Here I had been worried about the 15-year-old not getting healed, but God was more concerned with the salvation of the child's family. The 15-year-old was already saved! At least, that is the way I understand it.

Santiago, Chile: There was political unrest in Chile at the time. But the church was packed that night. In Chile, most of the congregations consist of people in the local neighborhood, so the people all know each other. Anyhow, the service had not been going too long when the lights went out. It so happened at those times that the youth would throw up chains to short out the high-voltage wires, cutting of the electricity until some adults would come and carefully remove the chains from the wires to restore the electricity.

The first time the electricity went off that night, I was giving the scripture reading from the pulpit. Promptly, someone stood up with a flashlight and that allowed me to finish reading the passage. From then on, the lights would go off sporadically, but then candles were brought out and put in candlesticks which lined the walls. After a bit, one brother drove his car up to the door and turned on his headlights to give light when needed.

Anyhow, when time came for prayer for the sick, one of the young ladies about 12-years-old came up, supported on each side by a girl about her age. I learned that she had never been able to walk by herself, but her friends helped her go wherever she needed to go, and everyone knew it. So I laid hands on her and asked the Lord to heal her. However, I did not test her, again fearing that that might lessen the faith of those who were watching. As in the above case, however, there was soon a stir in the congregation, and there she was, walking by herself down the aisle. Her legs were not bending at the knees properly, and her feet were kind of slapping the floor when she walked, but she made it up to the front of the church and back with no help from anybody. That was a great night!

I like to think about how that neighborhood was impacted the next day and from then on, each time the neighbors who had been busy protesting against the government would see this girl walk by who had been healed by the power in the Name of Jesus Christ while they were outside protesting!

Ingeniero Huergo, Argentina—I had been assigned to teach in pastors' conferences on the cults, but had been invited on a free night to go with some of the pastors to visit a family of the church who owned a cattle ranch nearby. The special request of the man and his wife was that we pray for her elderly father-in-law who was paralyzed due to a stroke.

Knowing ahead-of-time about the need for a great miracle, I spent several hours praying in tongues in order to build myself up in the Spirit. However, we had not been at this home very long when it turned out that the man had been unfaithful to his wife about 20 years previously, and she was so torn up about it and he so repentant and sorry that she just went on and on about how terrible he was and how hurt she was. This continued for about three hours, until I said, "Okay, let's just pray that God will heal your marriage! Then we can pray for your father-in-law."

We did just that, but the father-in-law showed no evidence of being healed. A few years later, the pastor of that church, Elías Vera, was in a meeting where I was and told me that the marriage had indeed been healed. The couple had been like on a second honeymoon ever since! The father-in-law had since passed away.

I knew that we could intercede in tongues, but I thought my tongues had been for the father-in-law. However, while one may say that God healed him by taking him home to heaven, I believe that, unbeknown to me, I had been praying in tongues for that marriage, for the scriptures point out that praying in tongues is directed by the Holy Spirit! Obviously, I had not been interpreting my own tongues! (See 1 Corinthians 14:2, 14, 18; Jude 20)

Malabo, Ecuatorial Guinea--A young pastor brought his mother for prayer. She had suffered a trauma four months earlier and lost her hearing. I put my fingers in her ears and prayed for her to be healed, and when I removed my fingers, she heard perfectly!

Pastor Endge later informed me that a 9-year-old boy was about to be operated on for his kidneys, but was healed. He had had to stop playing soccer with his playmates due to this problem, but was able to play normally again. Praise God!

God's Surprises

God has a way of reminding His instruments that it is He that is doing what He wants, and His gifts are not granted simply for the whims of the person being used in that gift. Some neat examples of this in my ministry are as follows:

San Bernardo, Chile: At a Christian grade school, about 250 students came to a meeting for the chapel service where I was ministering. The director, who was also pastor of the church, had invited me there to minister healing to the students. I spoke on what the Bible says about healing and then started praying for the students with needs one-by-one. About half-way through, the janitor came up and said that he needed prayer for deafness. His hearing was quite impaired.

The children had been getting their healings one-after-the-other with very little difficulty, and I felt sure that the janitor would get his, too, in an atmosphere of such great faith. However, though I worked with him for about five minutes in front of all the student body, he did not experience any improvement in his hearing. This was frustrating to me, but I continued ministering to the students, and they continued receiving their healings very quickly and easily.

At the close of the service, after all the students had departed, the janitor came up to me and said, "I can hear now. I got my healing, too!"

When I heard this from him, I started grumbling to the Lord. I said something like this: "Why didn't you heal him in front of all those children. That would have been great!" And then in my spirit I heard the Lord say to me, "This is not just for show. You do not have control over my healing power. It is all Mine, and I will glorify Myself when and how I want."

Update 9/5/2013

I'm kind of proud of my son, Matthew, who is a missionary in Amsterdam. Here is some of what he reports from Holland, where he set up a booth in a psychic fair to win people to Jesus:

Summary of Paranormale Beurs (Psychic Fair) Outreach, August 31 & Sept. 1, 2013 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

In two days at the Paranormale Beurs (PB) here in Amsterdam, I experienced so much of the love and supernatural power of God. The first testimony is about my partner on the first day. I had asked God to send someone to help me and he did just that. The day before the PB,

I met Jurjan, a 24 year old evangelist from Ede, whose passion is approaching people on the street and offering them healing or a word from God. He has seen a paralyzed person walk after 7 years of sitting in a wheel chair, seen a blind eye opened and deaf ears opened, broken bones repaired through simply praying a short prayer for people on the street or at psychic fairs in the name of Jesus. He has quite a bit of experience already at PB which was evident when he walked in and a medium went and gave him a hug and the people all around me greeted him as if they had seen an old friend. That is wonderful.

First, Thomas came who was a friend of Jurjan who just came to see what we do because he would like to do this kind of ministry as well. We prayed over him and he shared that what we were saying was totally in line with what God was saying to him now.

Then came a woman walking with a crutch. She was with her husband and son and told us she had problems with her feet. Jurjen treated her feet with prayer in the name of Jesus. He did not even lay hands on her feet, but from a distance motioned his hand in the direction of her feet. He asked her, "Do you feel heat/warmth?" Which she said, "Yes." The Holy Spirit was touching her feet. She felt better and a couple hours later her husband came back and asked if we could treat his shoulder. We treated (prayed for in the name of Jesus Christ) his shoulder and the pain left completely.

There were five services which we offered to people who stopped by our table. Nearly everybody at the fair has a price of 15-20 euros (20-25\$). Our services are free. They include: Physical Healing, Spiritual Advice, Spiritual Cleansing, Dream interpretation and a short workshop on how you can receive a word for yourself from our source, Jesus Christ. Behind us we had a large banner with the words, "Come to me if you are weary and I will give your rest: Revelation, Healing, Freedom, and Rest."

The next people who stopped at our table were sisters. One apparently had some exposure to church the other not. Both of them received healing for pain they had in their body. Both of us ministered to each individually at the same time. As Jurjen led one in asking Jesus to speak to her, she saw a large light. She then said that she had seen this light in a Dream where Jesus Christ had appeared to her and said it was safe, she could follow him. We then switched persons we were praying for and she asked me how she could ask Jesus to come into her heart. It was then that I had the privilege of helping her ask Jesus into her heart. It was pretty amazing!! I got her telephone number and plan on following up on her and her sister.

The medium/psychic who sat across from us was not getting any clients so he asked us to treat him. We started prophesying and speaking God's word over him and he said it was not coming in. Then he repeated this prayer, "Jesus, come into my life and touch me now." As we reached our hands out to him he said he was experiencing a lot of energy. He went on to tell us where he was feeling this heat/energy. Throughout the weekend several people described energy/heat coming out of our hands. This is to be expected as the Holy Spirit is described in the Bible as fire so his presence can definitely be experienced as energy/warmth.

Other people, couples came to our table and were touched by what they experienced. I ran into one woman we had ministered to who comes to find out has a sister who lives in our own neighbourhood. Hopefully they will come to our church soon as well.

The highlight of the day was the "reading" that I gave. First I told the group of 12 people stories about the supernatural power of my source, Perfect Love. I told them my testimony of being healed from cerebral palsy and how my source can heal. Three people came forward for healing and were all healed. The first two women had problems in their hips and could not walk correctly. They could after we prayed for them. The third woman, had all kinds of problems. She felt heat running through her body and was able to lift her arms higher than before we had started praying for her. Then I revealed our source, Perfect Love has a name, it is Jesus Christ. Then I explained the gospel and told them how much God loved them. Then I asked if they wanted a personal word from Jesus. Jurjan and I went ahead and prayed for every person present. The other thing which everyone got was a book called "Bron van leven water" (Source of living water) by Jolande Bijl. This is a book written to explain the gospel in a way that people who are involved in the occult can understand.

As we were leaving to get to our 16:00 church service, more people came to us. One woman picked a card and told me that she was a Christian who had spiritual gifts but that no one in her church could help her develop these. This is why she comes to the psychic fair to learn more about this, but that she picked a scripture card, the light went on. I hurriedly prayed for her and let her know she could come to our church and we would gladly help her develop her "spiritual gifts" through Jesus Christ.

Conclusion: We live in a context where many people are hostile to Christianity, but presenting Jesus to people through healing, prophecy, words of knowledge, etc at a psychic fair is effective. People are open to spiritual things and we have the Holy Spirit, the greatest Spirit in the world. Our first reaction to a psychic fair is discomfort and worry about going into a dark place where dark occultic activity is taking place. What a wonderful place to shine the light of Jesus; deep in the darkness. True holiness does not keep us away from darkness, but leads us into the darkness to be his hands and feet. The people at these events are searching for answers. What a pity if someone can't be there and introduce them to the answer for all of their lives questions...Jesus Christ.

Update 8/7/2013

The fragility of our modern electronic and satellite-based technology was dramatically described in the latest issue of Astronomy magazine ((Vol. 41, Issue 9). In the article "Our Crazy Sun--How Solar Storms could shut down Earth", Bob Burman describes in detail the "hiccups" scientists have discovered taking place periodically on the sun and how at any time, all the electronic systems on earth could be disabled simultaneously by a large geomagnetic storm aimed directly towards earth.

Such disruptions have taken place previously when they were not understood. The first such storm in modern history took place on August 28, 1859. Only telegraph lines in the U.S. and Europe existed at the time, but they started making crackling noises through the wires, frightened telegraph operators away from their posts and, in some cases, even knocked them senseless.

In such a storm in March of 1989, Quebec's electrical system collapsed and the U.S. electrical grids were nearly shut down. Satellites were seriously affected and had to be revived after the storm was over. Had it been a storm of the magnitude of the one in 1859, it would have caused an damage estimated to be in the trillions of dollars and taken years to recover from.

The article concludes by stating "The Sun remains violent and fascinating, and it affects us far more than any other celestial object in the universe. And, for all the billions of dollars we spend, it still can disable our fancy technologies at a whim, at any time, and in a way that will take the unaware public and mass media by utter surprise. (p. 27)

For those of us who study Bible prophecy concerning the end times, it reminds us of the passage in Obadiah 4 which says, "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord."

We believe that events preceding the Second Coming of Christ will include such earthly disasters as God deals with mankind to repent and come to Christ. (See Revelation 6:12-17; 16:8-9)

Update 5/12/2013

Trouble in the Mormon Church

The Mormon Church is finally acknowledging through some high officials that they are experiencing severe membership losses. Marlin K. Jensen, official historian of the LDS church, admitted in January of 2012 that the Mormon church was losing members in droves. This started in the 1990's with the advent of the Internet, Google in particular.

It also seems that Mitt Romney's candidacy for the presidency of the United States caused people, Mormons in particular, to more closely scrutinize the peculiar teachings of Mormonism and reject it. The Mormon leadership found itself unwilling, even unable, to reply to disturbing questions about its early leaders and within its own scriptures. (See Journal of Discourses, vol. 3, p. 360; Doctrine & Covenants, sec 132; Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 5:21, 22)

Then there is the gay-marriage issue: The suicide in 2000 of Stuart Matis, a young gay Mormon, on the steps of a Mormon chapel in Los Altos, California, brought the anti-gay position of the LDS church to the public eye. Its massive support to get Proposition 12 prohibiting gay marriage passed in California succeeded, but caused an incredible backlash from within the Mormon church.

Latest news is that the LDS church has softened its dealings toward the gay community. The inability of leaders to control the minds of an informed citizenship has presented new problems for those leaders who would demand blind obedience in this 21st century!

Update 4/20/2013

ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE GOD

by Dr. Dean Helland

“Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter’s clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? Or shall the thing framed of him that framed it, He had no understanding?” (Isaiah 29:16)

The Bible makes it clear that every person on earth who has matured sufficiently to have reasoning faculties will one day have to stand before our creator God to give account of all things done while here on earth. We all start with a God-given conscience and an awareness of our choice to do both good and evil acts. How we make those choices will largely determine our eternal destiny in the hereafter.

Refusal to accept this simple truth will result in chaos, both in our individual lives and in society. The simplest way to improve life here on earth is to ask when making our choices in life, "What will God think of this?" Asking that kind of question, if we are guided by the teachings of the True and Living God, should result in wholeness for the spirit, mind and body. The only reliable measure for truly knowing what is good and evil before God is found in the Bible, especially in the New Testament. That is why immersion in constant Bible study is so important.

Refusal to accept this simple truth leads toward corruption of the whole of mankind. Chaos that results from laying aside the Bible's teachings has produced the following incredible results:

- 1) Some scientists actually have reverted to the medieval concept of spontaneous generation to explain the whole of creation!

- 2) Some sociologists actually look to the animal world for moral guidelines!

- 3) Some politicians actually follow the polls instead of their consciences when making laws!

- 4) Some in the medical profession actually accept the extinguishing of human life under certain circumstances as moral and good!

Where are our true leaders? Where are those who champion justice, compassion, true love and compassion for our fellow man? Where are those who would restore the paths of righteousness for those young people who will soon be replacing today's leaders for tomorrow's generation?

For us Bible-believers, we already know how things will turn out in the end. We already know how wayward the human heart is and how flawed the human character is when left unguided by God. And we know that God has already drawn a line beyond which the human condition will not be allowed to degenerate. Meantime, we are called to point others to the path of repentance and obedience to the principles laid down by Jesus Christ. It requires recognition and acceptance of Christ as our personal Savior and Lord.

The person who seeks to please God will recognize the need for repentance. That person will ask God for forgiveness in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ. That person will seek to right the wrongs previously committed to the best of his or her ability. That person will seek to replace his corrupted

thinking and behavior with that taught by God's Word, especially in the pages of the New Testament. That person will also honor the Old Testament and the people of Israel, for Jesus Christ created both it and them and made them into the cradle into which Jesus Christ, the Savior of the whole world, should come.

Just take a moment to meditate on these thoughts from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament: (See Isaiah 58:5-11; Romans 11:33-36, KJV)

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor?

"Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.”

Update 4/19/2013

That explosion of the chemical plant in West, Texas, made the bombs of the terrorists in Boston seem like firecrackers! Yet even while America is under attack, enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are trying to label Christ's followers as "Public Enemy Number One!"

It reminds me of that scripture in Isaiah 29:16: "Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as a potter's clay!"

Update 4/16/2013

The terrorists have struck again! This time in Boston. Our prayers go out for the victims and for the first responders who are going after the culprits!

Update 4/12/2013

THE COUNCIL FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Last night, I went to the 2013 Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration meeting at the B'nai Emunah synagogue here in Tulsa. Several thousand people from the local community were in attendance.

The speakers were Margaret and Kurt Goldberger. They had been participants in the Kindertransports project launched by the British government in 1938-1939 to rescue Jewish children from Germany and Austria before the outbreak of World War II. He was born in Austria and she in Berlin, Germany. The story of this effort has been related in the movie *Into the Arms of Strangers*.

Update 3/26/13

Why a Christian Girl Should Not Marry a Muslim Man

The following was written up and given to me by some devout Christian leaders who are immigrants from Muslim countries, one of whom was formerly a Muslim. It reflects their counsel when young women who are followers of Jesus Christ ask their advice when considering marriage to a Muslim man. Needless to say, their names are not provided here. My own experience with those from that kind of background tends to confirm what is indicated below:

1. "Notice the historical tendencies of such a relationship. Often, marrying someone of a different religion may work out well for a while, but such marriages nearly always end in divorce after 10 or 15 years.
2. "A Christian girl will not emotionally survive the marriage, and it will never be in line with her cultural understanding. It is like mismatched kidney transplant or blood transfusion with the wrong blood type. For example:
3. "Muslims have a different perspective than Christian on just about everything concerning marriage.
4. "A Muslim man can have four wives and does not have to tell his wife or ask her permission to marry other women.
5. "A Muslim husband can lie to his wife about an extra-marital affair. Lying is allowed in Islam in three different types of situations and one of them is to your wives. A wife is not even permitted to ask her husband if he is having an affair or if he has another wife.
6. "A Christian girl will have to convert to Islam to marry a Muslim man, which means she must also confess to believe in Allah. It creates an artificial situation. Read the Koran and you will see that if you can accept Islam just for yourself, and not just for your boyfriend, in any future conflicts, he will always love Allah and his family more than you. Otherwise he would have converted to Christianity.
7. "In Islam, the children automatically become Muslims and will be raised in a state of confusion. If the husband senses family trouble may be coming such as a divorce, he can return to his home country with the children, and the mother will not be able to get them back. This comes as an unimaginable shock to mothers.
8. "A Christian girl will lose her sense of worth from the very day she marries a Muslim man. According to Sharia law, her value is but one fourth of a her husband's. Moreover, Allah says that women are

inferior to man, and the devil is always working through women. Mohammed said that in his vision he saw that hell was full of women.

9. "In Islam, a wife is just made for sex. Women are for their husband's pleasure.

10. "The Koran gives permission for husbands to hit their wives.

11. "If a woman does not produce offspring or produces a girl instead of a boy, a husband can divorce her and take another wife or wives according to the commandment of Allah.

12. "Islam puts a curse on parents who educate girls. Only boys are given an education and an inheritance.

13. "After marriage, wives are treated as slaves. Wives have many restrictions. For example, she can't phone or talk to male friends. Muslim men have total control over their wives in the marriage relationship.

14. "In conclusion, if you are a Christian girl who is marrying a Muslim man, you will find it to be the biggest mistake you will ever have made. Islam and Christianity are not at all compatible. Although Islam may recognize Jesus as a prophet, in practice it disregards and denigrates virtually all of His teachings.

15. "Islam rejects the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, Monogamous marriage, Jesus' teachings on divorce, Jesus' teaching concerning no marriage in Heaven, Jesus' teaching on forgiving and loving one's enemies, the Apostle's teachings on the passing away of the Mosaic law, Jesus' forgiveness of sin, salvation, etc....

16. "The beliefs of the two religions are diametrically opposed to each other. If you love and trust Jesus as your Savior (the real Prince of Peace), you will want to remain loyal to Him and not get involved with a person in a religion that opposes and undermines everything He stood for."

Update 3/16/13

Be sure to check out the "Quotable Quotes" section. I just added the "Thirteen Principles of Jewish Faith" by Maimonides, the great Jewish philosopher of the Middle Ages. These are highly honored in all current branches of Judaism and should be familiar to every Mormon scholar.

Update 3/13/13

My wife and I saw the comet shortly after dusk last night here in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was a beautiful sight to behold!

As the new and powerful telescopes are seeing more and more in outer space, it seems that the U.S. government and the NASA space program are basing their future plans on Bible prophecy.

Scientists now assure us that the earth will be hit by objects from space on the future which will have great impact on the earth. It seems that they have been reading biblical passages like the following:

Revelation 8:8-11: "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

"And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

"And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

"And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."

Update 3/7/13

Yesterday afternoon, I attended the special memorial service for T. L. Osborn in Christ's Chapel at Oral Roberts University. After the preliminaries, brief reflections were offered by an cast of international pastors and evangelists that was truly dazzling. A list of their names included the following people whose lives were deeply touched by his life and ministry:

His grandsons, (1) Tommy and (2) Donald O'Dell, (3) Malcolm Bull of England, (4) Natasha Schedrivaya of Russia, (5) Robert Kayanja of Uganda, (6) John T. L. Maasbach of The Netherlands, (7) David Shipley of the U.S., (8) R. R. Soares of Brazil, (9) Dodie Osteen of the Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas, (10) Kenneth Copeland, also of Texas, (11) Margaret Idahosa of Nigeria and (12) LaDonna Osborn, his daughter, from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The closing featured a parade of flags from the 104 countries where T. L. Osborn preached crusades to crowds sometimes approaching 300,000. Especially remembered was his wife of 53 years, Daisy Osborn. I salute them, realizing that their ministry played a key part in my own life, causing me to really dig in to find God's purpose for my life, which I have been living joyously ever since I went forward at his altar call at Phoenix College on December 9, 1961. May God continue to bless the work of Osborn Ministries International!

His books, sermons, and other materials in many different languages may be obtained at Box 10, Tulsa, OK 74102 USA or www.osborn.org. The ministry is located at 555 S. Memorial Ave., Tulsa, OK 74112. Their telephone number is 918-743-6231.

Update 2 25/13 -- Baseball !

The National Baseball League is enjoying the spectacle of a race between two gifted young players, Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels and Bryce Harper of the Washington Nationals.

Of special interest to this website is the fact that Bryce Harper is a devout Mormon! Keep your eyes on these two players for some excitement in coming years in America's most popular sport!

Update 2/18/13

T. L. Osborn

World Renowned Evangelist Tommy Lee Osborn passed away on February 14th at the age of 89.

I mourn the passing of this man who, with his wife Daisy, dedicated their lives to speaking face-to-face to people about the gospel of Jesus Christ. He succeeded in speaking personally to more people than

any other person in history in over 100 countries and to crowds sometimes surpassing 100,000 people. The hallmark of his ministry was Divine Healing, with every type of healing recorded in the New Testament and many more.

I particularly miss him because it was on December 9, 1961 when, at the age of 18, I attended one of his meetings at the auditorium of Phoenix College. I was the first one to go forward at his altar call and shortly thereafter dedicate my own life to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ "with signs following." Over the years, I was able to share with him many of the miracles I had experienced in my own ministry which were inspired by his example.

I have no doubt that many millions of people will go to heaven instead of hell due to his magnificent ministry. May God bless them all in this moment of our loss, but heaven's gain.

It took me four years after that to drop out of Mormonism, but I was so glad to be able to share with him that he was used of God to cause me to search the scriptures deeply while attending Arizona State University (1961-1965), serving as a counselor at Teen Challenge (1966), and end up going to the new seminary at Oral Roberts University (1969).

He was deeply gratified to know that I have been obeying the call of the Lord on my own life, not only to minister the gospel "with signs following" in different languages in many different countries, but also to obey the call of the Lord on my life "to never to forget my own people, the Mormons." May God continue to increase to the fruit of his ministry "'til Jesus comes!"

Update 2/14/13

The Mormon Church is the largest faith-based organization which includes the Boy Scouts of America as an integral part of its program. Reports say that in the U.S., 17% (over 400,000) of its members are Mormons. Other important faith groups with over 100,000 members are the Methodists, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and Lutherans. While the Boy Scouts are very good at training young men in important skills preparing them for manhood, they also include values that fit neatly into their preparation for subsequent membership in the Masonic Lodge, though there is no direct relationship between the two.