

PANTHEISM

An aerial photograph of a dense, vibrant green forest. A river or stream winds through the center of the forest, reflecting the surrounding greenery. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of natural beauty and tranquility.

Mother Earth

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*Let all on earth
Their voices raise,
To sing the great
Jehovah's praise,
And bless His holy name.
His glory let
The people know,
His wonders to
The nations show,
His saving grace
Proclaim.
He framed the globe,
He built the sky,
He made the shining
Worlds on high,
And reigns in glory there.
His beams are
Majesty and light;
His beauties, how
Divinely bright!
His dwelling place,
How fair!*

Pope Francis' Pantheistic Exhortation: "Jesus is in the River, the Trees, the Fish and the Wind"

There are several reasons why Christianity is losing its biblical distinctiveness. One of the main reasons is that the church in the West is embracing the philosophies of the East. Through ecumenism and inter-faith worship the Christian faith is being intertwined with pantheistic teachings. Rome is leading the way to promote the same New Age Eastern concepts as are found in Buddhism, Hinduism and other indigenous religions.

The Vatican has published an apostolic exhortation called 'Querida Amazonia' (Dear Amazon), signed by Pope Francis on February 2, 2020. This apostolic exhortation is the final report and conclusion to the Synod of Bishops for the Amazon region, which was held in Rome October 6-27, 2019. Pope Francis lays out his pantheistic vision for the region and beyond in this 'Querida Amazonia,' document which contains 111 sections in 4 chapters.

In Section #74 the Pope promotes ancient spiritualism, earth worship and animism. He basically says the Creator is in all things; God is one with the materialistic



world. According to what Pope Francis says, Jesus is equal to creation and one with nature. Now I quote:

“Similarly, a relationship with Jesus Christ, true God and true man, liberator and redeemer, is not inimical to the markedly cosmic worldview that characterizes the indigenous peoples, since he is also the Risen Lord who permeates all things. In Christian experience, all the creatures of the material universe find their true meaning in the incarnate Word, for the Son of God has incorporated in his person part of the material world, planting in it a seed of definitive transformation. He is present in a glorious and mysterious way in the river, the trees, the fish and the wind, as the Lord who reigns in creation without ever losing his transfigured wounds, while in the Eucharist he takes up the elements of this world and confers on all things the meaning of the paschal gift.” [1]

This claim by Pope Francis is simply not true. This statement contradicts the clear statements of God’s word. The Pope’s apos-



tolic exhortation is promoting classical pantheistic teachings. This is pure Mother Earth worship. Creation is being worshipped on the level of the divine just as Paul said: “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools ... 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, 25. (See the whole context of Paul’s sermon on this subject in verses 18-25.)

Due to ecumenism, Christianity is being inundated with pantheistic teachings from the East. On every side, Eastern spiritualism is conquering the church. Why is this happening? What is the attraction? Why are the masses flocking to the “God-is-in-everything” philosophy?

Part of the reason: there isn’t a lot of moral emphasis. People are free to be whatever they want to be. All are one. New Age Eastern philosophy allows people to embrace anything and everything. You can pray to Buddah, Jesus, Mohammed or Brahma because they are considered to be one and the same being—just different names for God. And since God is connected to all nature, you can pray to a rock, a mountain, a river or a fish because they too are all one. Why? Because God is in everything and everything is therefore a part of God.

In addition to embracing Eastern philosophies, churches are also

engaging in Eastern rituals and practices. Ecumenism is Eastern philosophy on full display. All religions are one. All are equal. God is in every one of them. All religious faiths are just different expressions of the same God or path. No one is excluded. Not even witchcraft. [2] These ecumenical engagements are leading the world to worship at the altar of multiculturalism.

The Solution to Pantheism and Ecumenism

The Bible rejects pantheism. God is not equal to nature, and we don't honor God by worshipping His creation. Part of the last warning message that must reach every nation, kingdom, language and people is a call to worship the Creator, not His creation:

"Fear God, and give glory to **Him**; for the hour of His judgment is



come: and worship **Him** that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" Revelation 14:7. Notice, it does not say to worship the heavens, the earth or the fountains of water.

The Bible also rejects ecumenism. God doesn't embrace all spiritualistic expressions. We cannot honor the Creator by engaging in multi-god worship

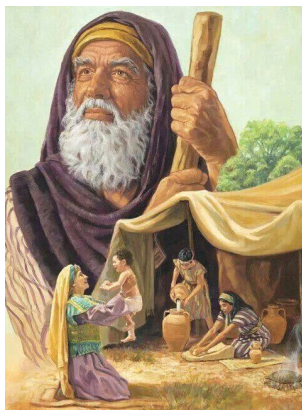
services. Part of the last warning message to be given to the world is a call to leave the ecumenical family called Babylon – a community that has become the habitation of demons.

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. ... And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues**" Revelation 18:2, 4.

"Ecumenism" is Babylon's "habitation." All are included. All are welcomed. All are equal. Even demons are allowed. The modern ecumenical movement has truly become the Babylonian family of Revelation 18:1-5. **God's command in Revelation 18:4 is a call to divide and draw distinction, not a call to dialogue and embrace compromise.** If dialogue leads to division then praise God! But if dialogue leads to endless interfaith worship services, then we need to understand that we haven't yet grasped the urgency of God's message. God is calling for

division. He is calling us to come out, to separate from, to cease being a part of!

Abraham didn't embrace ancient, pagan, Babylonian rituals. God called him to **come out of Babylon** (Genesis 12:1). God didn't allow Israel to continue living in idolatrous Egyptian society. **He called them out of Egypt** (Exodus 13:3). Jesus and the apostles never allowed Greco-Roman pagan rituals to form part of the Christian church. They **have called us to separate and come out of the world** (See Matthew 10:34-36; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17).



Clearly, the final warning message for this time is to come out of Rome's last-day, apocalyptic, Babylonian family. God's people must remain separate from Eastern, pagan, spiritualistic liturgy and rituals that prevail in this modern ecumenical movement. (Revelation 18:2, 4).

[1] http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20200202_querida-amazonia.html

[2] <http://adventmessenger.org/adventists-witches-pagans-catholics-and-protestants-engage-in-interreligious-unity-and-solidarity/>

Contact Us!

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The Vatican Praises Its Interconnection with Buddhists as a ‘Source of Blessing for the Planet’

The Feast of Vesakh is the most solemn religious festival celebrated by Buddhists and Hindus worldwide. On this day participants celebrate the birth, the enlightenment, the death and reincarnation of Buddha. These solemn events in the life of Buddha are commemorated when worshipers



sing, pray, meditate and ask forgiveness for past mistakes. [1]

The Vatican never misses an opportunity to push its green agenda to connect people to Mother Earth. On April 2, 2020, Rome gave their blessings to Buddhists worldwide as they prepared to celebrate the Feast of Vesakh this year in May. The Vatican’s pantheistic greeting was similar to the pagan eastern philosophies that teach us that everything is connected – God, man and nature:

“On behalf of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, we extend our heartfelt greetings and good wishes to you and to all Buddhist communities around the world as you celebrate the feast of Vesakh/Hanamatsuri.

“Thus, in consequence, we may more freely devote ourselves to fostering a culture of compassion and fraternity for the alleviation of human and ecological suffering. Everything is related. Interdependence brings us back to the theme of compassion and fraternity.

“As we, Buddhists and Christians, learn from one another how to become ever more mindful and compassionate, may we continue to look for ways to work together to make our interconnectedness a source of blessing for all sentient beings and for the planet, our common home.” [2]

This is a mixture of ecumenism (interdependency) and reverence for nature (pantheism). This is an attempt to mingle Buddhist meditation with Christianity. They are promoting the idea that we are all spiritually connected to the universe. According to the Vatican, this so-called nature-based interdependency between Buddhism and Christianity is the foundation for environmental activism. Because we are all “one” we must protect nature through activism, legislation and religion.

Notice how the Vatican did not hesitate to compare Buddha to the Catholic saint, Francis of Assisi:

“The Feast of Vesakh/ Hanamatsuri prompts us to recall that Prince Siddhartha (Siddhartha Gautama is another name for Buddha) set out in search of wisdom by shaving his head and renouncing his princely status. He traded his garments of Benares silk for the simple robe of a monk. His noble gesture reminds us of Saint Francis of Assisi: he cut his hair and traded his fine clothes for the simple robe of a mendicant.” [2]

This comparison between Buddha and Saint Francis of Assisi is very significant. The Vatican is trying to demonstrate that these two religions are similar. This is ecumenism in action. They are trying to show how the different religions have much in common. No one is wrong and no religion is false as long as we make genuine efforts to examine the beliefs of others with an open mind and focus only on our common ground: love, nature and the universe.

Below is a statue of St. Francis of Assisi in meditation. [3] The statue of the 13th Century monk is found at the Church of San Damiano in Assisi, Italy. San Damiano is a church with a monastery and it is the place where Saint Francis is said to have received his vision and call from God. [4] Why did Rome connect Buddha with Saint Francis of Assisi? Is it just a coincidence that Saint Francis is meditating in nature like Buddha? No way!

Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of ecology. [5] He promoted many of the pantheistic philosophies that are found in paganism. In his



canticle (song/prayer) to ‘Brother Sun and Sister Moon,’ Saint Francis advocates the same veneration to the earth commonly found in the non-Christian indigenous religions. Here is part of Saint Francis of Assisi’s pantheistic canticle:

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire.
Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Death. [6]

Saint Francis of Assisi and *Laudato Si’*

Saint Francis of Assisi, the 13th Century nature-loving monk, was the inspiration for Pope Francis’ encyclical on climate change – *Laudato Si’*. In fact, Pope Francis pays tribute to Saint Francis throughout his climate change encyclical by mentioning him 15 times. The name *Laudato Si’* comes from Saint Francis’ 13th Century nature-worshipping canticle (prayer/song). Notice the introduction of Pope Francis’ Sunday Law Encyclical ‘*Laudato Si’*’:

“*LAUDATO SI’*, mi Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs” (*Laudato Si’*, paragraph #1). [7]

Laudato Si’ is full of pantheistic references to nature worship. The Pope’s encyclical promotes St. Francis of Assisi’s veneration to Mother Earth.

“Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.” (*Laudato Si’*, paragraph #92). [7]

Spiritualism is becoming the new foundation for the coming, reli-



gious new world order. Nature will be the new truth. These will bring the churches into unity with each other and with the universe. It won't matter who you worship – Buddha, Jehovah, Mother Earth, the universe or some other god – in Rome's new world order everyone is interdependent with each other. We are all one. There used to be a time when Christianity denounced the false gods and teachings of the world. Not anymore. Thanks to the lovey-dovey propaganda of the ecumenical movement, now everyone is accepted and embraced. This is pure pantheistic spiritualism:

“Love (ecumenism) is dwelt upon as the chief attribute of God, but it is degraded to a weak sentimentalism, making little distinction between good and evil. God's justice, His denunciations of sin, the requirements of His holy law, all are kept out of sight. ... There are few who have any just conception of the deceptive power of spiritualism and the danger of coming under its influence” (*The Great Controversy*, 558).



This is the Omega of Apostasy that we were warned about. Pope Francis seeks to unite all the different religions under a single worldwide, pantheistic and ecumenical faith. By deifying nature

and promoting ecumenism, the Papacy is building common ground with all the false religious systems of the world (Revelation 17:5). By avoiding biblical doctrine and theology, Rome's ecumenical movement will transcend the true biblical God of the Bible and encompass all gods known to man.

According to the coming one-world religion predicted in prophecy, those who do not engage in this pantheistic ecumenism and worship are narrow-minded, prideful, self-righteous, hateful, intolerant and a threat to Mother Earth. Those who do not embrace false gods and who only want to cling to their own God and their own truth are the trouble makers. Ecumenism will end any discussion about truth or revelation because the environment, nature, pantheism, Mother Earth and the green eco-religion will be the focal point of praise and communication with God.

The solution to this Omega of Apostasy (nature worship, green Sunday law, radical environmentalism) that is invading all churches and re-

ligions, including the SDA Church, is to proclaim the three angels messages of Revelation 14:6-12 to the whole world, in a loud voice, without fear or wavering. The message that must be given is a call to people to fear God, reflect His character, obey His commandments, come out of Babylon, embrace His memorial to creation (the seventh-day Sabbath), refuse the mark of apostasy (the green Sunday law) and help others do the same. Seventh-day Adventists were never called to just “believe” in these messages. They were called to receive them and proclaim them with power to the world!

“Christ is coming the second time, with power unto salvation. To prepare human beings for this event, He has sent the first, second and third angels’ messages. These angels represent those who receive the truth, and with power open the gospel to the world” (*Bible Commentary*, 7:979).

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[3] <http://www.franciscans.org.uk/a-franciscan-view-of-creation-wisdom-for-a-world-going-mad-by-br-samuel-ssf>

[4] <http://www.sacred-destinations.com/italy/assisi-san-damiano>

[5] <https://www.uscatholic.org/church/2010/09/st-francis-patron-ecology>

[6] <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=183>

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Lord, of the Boundless Curves of Space

By Albert F. Bayley

Lord of the boundless curves of space and time's deep mystery,
To Your creative might we trace all nature's energy.

Your mind conceived the galaxy, each atom's secret planned,
And every age of history - Your purpose, Lord, has spanned.

Yours is the image stamped on man, though marred by man's own sin;
And Yours the liberating plan again his soul to win.

Give us to know Your truth; but more, the strength to do Your will;
Until the love our souls adore shall all our being fill.

Mother Nature can be Cruel and Terrifying and Must be Subdued, Not Worshiped

Environmentalism is the new religion that unites humanity with the natural world. It is being promoted everywhere. It is in the public schools and in the entertainment industries. It is found throughout society and even in the churches. The climate change message has become the basis for the new universal push for pantheism – a philosophy that equates God with nature.



Nature used to be in perfect harmony before sin entered the world.

The earth is being treated as something sacred and holy, while the Creator is ignored and His moral law is rejected. Earth worship has been rooted in the new environmental movement while the truth of God's word is being dismissed. Mother Earth is the new god, Greta Thunberg and Pope Francis are the new prophets, climate change is the new gospel, CO2 is the new sin, the green Sunday law is the new sacrament, tyranny is the new authority and climate change deniers are the new heretics.

The reality is that our world is corrupted and cursed by sin. This means that planet earth is not sacred or holy. The truth is that nature is not your equal or your friend. There are situations in nature that can kill you in an instant. Nature is not in perfect harmony as it was before. It is deteriorating. Nature is not taking care of us. Nature was created for the benefit of man and must be "subdued" (Genesis 1:28), not revered. This is not what nature worshipers want to hear, but it's the truth.

Perfect Harmony

There was a time when perfect unity and peace existed in our world. Humanity was in harmony with the Creator, and nature was in perfect order. No hurricanes, no tornadoes, no diseases, no droughts, no plagues of locust, no firestorms and no extreme weather patterns:

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" Genesis 1:31.

After Adam and Eve rebelled against God through disobedience, a curse was placed on earth and our world changed dramatically. The

effects of sin were observed in nature, and our world was no longer a perfect creation.

“Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou

shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” Genesis 3:17-19.

This turn of events meant that all living creatures would suffer pain, disease and eventually die. The planet also changed with the arrival of thorns and thistles. All nature was affected, including plant, human and animal life:

“And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered” Genesis 9:2.

Creation in Bondage

Our climate systems also changed as all of nature came under what the Bible calls a “bondage of corruption.” “For the creature (creation)



**Nature is beautiful and awe-inspiring.
It can also be brutal and merciless.**



God’s perfect creation was marred by sin.

was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of

God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now” Romans 8:20-22.

“Travaileth in pain” is a reference to “labor pains” or the “beginning of sorrows” that describes the signs of the end-times (Matthew 24:8). Natural and man-made disasters will become more intense and more frequent, just like the contractions of an expectant mother. These verses describe the thunderstorms, floods, tornadoes, winter blizzards, scorching heat, hurricanes and fires that are seen in nature.



Our world is deteriorating

If we don't subdue nature, nature will subdue us.

due to sin, and this is causing nature to reveal a sinister side. Nature is not our friend, and we must find refuge from these disasters. We seek heat to warm ourselves during the cold seasons. We seek shade to escape the heat of summer. We build structures to protect ourselves from tornadoes, hurricanes and torrential rains. Any of these phenomena of nature (cold, heat, flood, fire and wind) can kill us in an instant. We do not embrace these extremes of nature; we run away from them.

Then there are animals, beasts, viruses, plagues, poisonous plants and drugs and other humans that can kill us. We must protect ourselves from all these destructive forces of nature. The coronavirus is just the most recent curse of a thousand curses that has come into our world. COVID-19 should open our eyes about the absurdity of venerating a “cursed” Mother Earth. In fact, Mother Nature will perish while God, the Creator of the universe, will live on forever.

“Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: And the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment” Psalm 102:25, 26.

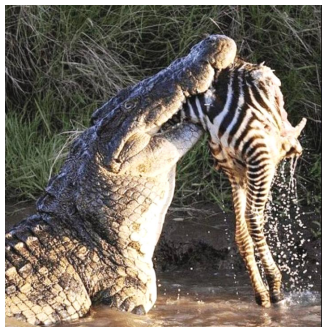
God's Warning Against Pantheism

“Be careful that you do not act corruptly and make an idol for yourselves of any form or shape, whether in the likeness of a male or female, of any beast that is on the earth or bird that flies in the air, or of any creature that crawls on the ground or fish that is in the waters be-

low. When you look to the heavens and see the sun and moon and stars—all the host of heaven—do not be enticed to bow down and worship what the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven” Deuteronomy 4:15-19.

When we try to make nature sacred by worshipping humans, animals or even plants, we corrupt our thinking and pervert our ways. We transgress God’s commandments and diminish His glory and truth:

“And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image



made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and

Being eaten alive is just part of nature. A crocodile devours a zebra while a hyena carries the head and front legs of a warthog.

worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator” Romans 1:23-25.

Those who seek to become one with nature, rather than the Creator, will imitate the natural world. Nature has no conscience and can sometimes be terrifying. Do we really want to become like the brute beasts of passion? Do rational human beings made in the image of God want to become “one” with them?

Man was created by God to be above the natural world (Genesis 1:28), but it seems that pantheism is reducing humanity to the law of the jungle. Do we want to resemble the destructive forces of nature or imitate its ways? In our broken world, every living creature seeks one thing: survival. The weakest is eaten by the strongest. Unfortunately, that is one of the gruesome realities of our corrupt, natural world.

Restoration of the Universe

Instead of turning to pantheism, why doesn’t this world turn to the Creator, who is so much higher, holier and more compassionate than nature?

“Worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters” Revelation 14:7.

“Turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven and earth, and the sea and all things that are therein” Acts 14:15.

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for

thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" Revelation 4:11.

Instead of moving further and further away from the Creator, why don't we embrace the One who has promised to restore our broken world with real peace and harmony?

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" Isaiah 11:6.

"And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox" Isaiah 11:7.

"And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp (cobra), and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's (viper's) den" Isaiah 11:8.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" Isaiah 11:9.

Instead of embracing the broken, unpredictable and foolish religion of pantheism, why don't we just worship the Creator? Our world, for the most part, does not follow biblical morality. There isn't much compassion because man is responsible for the current order of things: war, pain, suffering, death and terror.

The God who created the heavens and the earth is a God of love and compassion. He is a God of law and order. He has



given us a memorial to remember Him as Creator of all things. And in this memorial of creation He says: **REMEMBER—DON'T FORGET that I am your Creator. But the majority have forgotten! (See Exodus 20:8-11).** And He will restore everlasting righteousness when He comes again – very soon!

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful" Revelation 21:4, 5.

Report from Fiwagoh Orphanage in Kenya, East Africa

Last fall we sent a newsletter about an orphanage in Kenya. Our readers enjoyed the report and started sending very appreciated donations to help the nearly 300 children and staff to purchase a tractor and implements.

Even those in the prisons sent donations. Our hearts were truly touched by the sacrificial gifts that flowed in for these beautiful children who no longer feel rejected by family, society or because of the loss of their parents. The orphanage is a very good place and the children are loved and well cared for.

Here is recent information from Benson Nganga, the director:

“Our Kenyan Government is making new rules every month. It is a challenge to keep up with them but we are doing our best to follow all their directives. We had to send 3/4 of our working staff home because of the Corona Virus regulations but the virus has not affected us any other way. You can see that we are all well and happy! But for all these children we only have 12 staff on campus so it is a great challenge.”

“Perhaps you heard the news that told about the millions of locusts that were eating their way across Africa. Well, they came to Kenya too. When they finally landed in Nakuru County where we live the 2nd week of March and were only two kilometers (1.24 miles) away we knew we would need more than human help to save our gardens and orchards. The millions could devour all our bananas, kale, all our vegetables and other trees in minutes. All our children depend on the gardens to supply a major portion of their food as well as selling some to restaurants and

helping poor people in the surrounding communities.

“We called all the children and staff together and had an earnest prayer meeting. As we knelt and prayed for the Lord Jesus to



Even in the hardest times, “bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure” Isaiah 33:16.

help us—even as we were praying a very strong and great wind came down from the north and blew all those locusts away—clear down south to Victoria Falls. I learned later that the people in the villages near the falls grabbed nets and caught the locust and roasted them for food.

“The second swarm that came through a few weeks later were all south of us so still no locust damage to our gardens. We are praising the Lord! We have seen the Lord do many mighty miracles for this orphanage and for our outreach ministry.

“But the locust caused another serious issue. Because all fields around us were destroyed there are no grains for us to buy unless we pay a premium price. We have no funds for this extra expense. **Therefore, a man in the USA has promised to match whatever gifts are given for grains.** Please pray for us to have the funds to provide a healthy diet for the children.

“We advise: **Trust in God at all time and in all places. He has promised to never leave nor forsake his children on earth. God tells us to ‘fear not’ 365 times in the Bible. We can trust Him when we ask for His help!”**

If you want to help this worthy mission in Kenya, send your donations to the following address here in the USA. Tom & Marie Judd make sure all funds are forwarded on to the mission in Kenya.

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The Fiwagoh Mission Family on campus & in a portion of the gardens.



The Prison Chaplain

By Dick Duerksen

I couldn't read or write, so they threw me out of the second grade. A new teacher divided the class into sections. She started me out in the "advanced" section, but quickly moved me to a corner of the room and sat me all alone, forgotten, all by myself.

Those are the words of Air Force Sergeant Terry Johnson, who today is a successful minister, teacher, radio host, chaplain and spiritual leader. Terry is a second-grade failure whose life has been a hard trail of tragedies, failure and victories in Jesus. One of his good friends says, "Terry knows about salvation personally, and is a man God uses to share the good news of grace to the powerful and the weak. Get close to Terry, and he'll show you that God loves you personally and is eager to perform miracles in your life."

As an Air Force sergeant, I served in the president's honor guard for three United States presidents," Terry says. "Each of them knew I loved God."

Terry stumbled through elementary and secondary school and then into the Air Force, where he finally understood the learning disabilities that had kept him from learning. Determined to help others who faced similar challenges, he began taking speaking appointments during which he could encourage young people to succeed. On one of those appointments a friend asked him to speak at a local prison, the Oregon State Penitentiary in Portland, Oregon.

"A lot of these guys get into prison because no one helped them conquer their learning disabilities," the friend told Terry. "They just got discouraged, got into trouble and ended up here. Come talk to them."

Terry agreed, especially since Portland was his home, the city where he had been thrown out of second grade.

"When I got to the prison, Terry described the day, "they took me into the assembly area and told me they had decided to bring all of the prisoners together. The officer told me that the prison was full of gang members who hated each other, so they were adding guards for the event. Then the officer gave me the rules: you stand up and speak when we tell you. You quit when you're done. You stay on the platform. You do not come down to the prisoners. You do not pray, and you do not make a call for commitment or change. Just speak and leave. That will be all."

"OK," Terry answered.

The room quickly filled with hundreds of prisoners.

"When everyone was sitting down, three guards brought in one last prisoner - the worst case in the penitentiary. His legs were chained to-



gether, and another chain ran from his legs to his neck so that he could hardly move. They sat him in the very back far from all the others, and guards stood around him, guns ready."

Terry poured his soul out to the guys. He started with second grade and described his life of failures, trouble with the school, trouble with

the law and trouble with himself. He also told about the constant love and prayers of his mother.

"It finally hit me," Terry told the crowd, "that God loved me even when I was bad, and that He was always right there to help me live like I was His own son."

They listened. Rugged prisoners with tears flowing freely as they relived their lives through Terry's story. At the end Terry heard God telling him to pray for the guys, even for the guy in chains in the back. He didn't ask permission. He just raised his hands and reminded the men about how his mother had prayed for him every moment of his entire life.

"Most of you have a mother, a father, aunt, uncle, or someone else who loves you and has been praying for you the way my mother prayed for me," Terry said. "Now if you'd like me to pray for you, please stand right where you are and raise your hands high like this. Is that OK with you?"

The room was quickly filled with men who were standing, weeping, and raising their hands, begging for Terry to pray for them. Even guards stood, arms raised high to God.

"I prayed," says Terry. "Oh, I prayed! I used words I knew their mothers used when praying for them. We cried together."

As he prayed, Terry stepped off the platform and began walking back through the crowd toward the man in the chains at the back of the hall; toward the prisoner who had tried to stand, only to be shoved back down by armed guards; toward the weeping man who was struggling to raise his shackled arms to God.

Terry cannot tell this part of the story without pausing, his own eyes filling with tears. "The prisoners were crowding around me and thanking me as I walked through them toward the back. When I got to the prisoner in chains I asked everyone to stand aside and let me talk to the man. I crouched down, and he leaned into me, getting right in my face."

"You don't remember me, do you?" the prisoner asked. "But I remember you. Twenty years ago, back there in second grade, before

you were sent to the chair in the corner, I was the boy who sat next to you in the third row. You listened to your mother's prayers, and let Jesus pull you out. I didn't listen. By the time I was 15, I had been arrested 17 times. At 18 I started living on the streets, where I was known as the human calculator, because I could keep track of all the drug deals in my head. They finally caught me, and now I'll never get out. Terry, can Jesus love me here?"

The room filled with cheers as Terry shouted, "YES! He already does!"

Randy, the prisoner in chains, was baptized a few months later. Though he is still serving out his 60-year sentence, he is now called **the prison chaplain**, for the way he shares his new life in Christ.



How Great Thou Art

By Stuart K Hine, 1899

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!