

Finding Inspiration

From Ronald L. Dart's Program Notes

One night, I found myself wishing I had something inspirational to read. There are times when a book, or an article that is inspirational, will lift a person and help him get his eyes off the ground to see higher and better things. But I couldn't find a thing in the house that I felt met this need that I had not already read. This bothered me. Why? Because I had a Bible close to hand, and I did not feel like picking it up and reading it *for inspiration*.

Over familiarity was doubtless part of the problem. When the Bible is your life's work, it is easy to let familiarity breed boredom. But there was more to it than that. And I have had a lot of people express this same need and desire.

What is it that we are looking for and not finding? And how is it that we might not find the Bible our number one source of inspiration? Here is an illustration that may lead us to the source of the problem.

Consider a man who is consumed with the idea of doing a great work for God: He is going to build a house for God, a place where God can rest and put up his feet. He is going to do many religious acts in God's name.

"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth

is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For *all those things hath mine hand made*, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, *and trembleth at my word*" (Isaiah 66:1-2).

As far as the Bible is concerned, for too long we have ceased to tremble at the Word of God. We are suffering from a massive loss of respect for the Word of God. It is almost as though we think that being religious is good enough. Or that having knowledge is all that it takes.

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Isaiah continues: "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their

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It's a Team Effort . . .

CEM is a small, dedicated organization trying to do big things. In and of itself it is very limited. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples that from here on out it would be a team effort. They had the specific responsibility to go make disciples. They were to impact the lives of others. That same *Great Commission* applies to you. There are many ways you can impact the lives of others including working with CEM. Your donations help us keep the program on the radio and provide the materials we mail *FREE* each and every week. We need your prayers for wisdom and guidance. And you can also sponsor the *Born to Win* broadcast in your own community. Call Cathy Gibbons of GG Media Productions, our media agent, at 903-839-7070 to discuss how you can team up with CEM to multiply the impact you have on others by sponsoring the *Born to Win* program. Thanks for being part of our team.

Teaching Creation

By Linda Benton

Secular scientists reject the Creator and the testimony of his Word, much like Charles Darwin who rejected God and believed that “deity” was the mind of man.

Today most schools teach the theory of evolution and reject the concepts of intelligent design or creation. Our society has accepted Darwin’s theory of evolution in spite of scientific and mathematical evidence that evolution is just that, *a theory*. It is mathematically impossible for natural selection and mutation to evolve into the complex systems that exist in our universe. The existence of complexity is evidence of God and creation. “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: He calleth them all by name by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power; not one faileth” (Isaiah 40:26).

Why would our educational system want to reject science and fact to teach a lie? It is because our nation is worshiping the “deity” of Darwin—SELF. According to a 2009 Gallup poll fewer than 50% of Americans believed in evolution. Yet we are too busy seeking our own will, pleasure, and ideas to zero-in on what is being taught in our schools or the impact it will have on our future.

Right now America is seeing Romans 1:18-32 become a reality: “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by

their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

“Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the

knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant, and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them” (NIV).

To avoid succumbing to the world around us we must be vigilant in teaching our youth about the Creator God. We must educate ourselves so we can educate them. There are many websites such as *The Institute for Creation Research*, www.icr.org and the *Creation Evidence Museum of Texas*, www.creationevidence.org that contain considerable information that can help you teach yourself, your children, and others. CEM also provides YEA lessons that cover creation—go to www.borntowin.net to find out more or call us at 1-888-242-5344. This year during the 2014 Feast of Tabernacles CEM has the opportunity to tour *The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas*. This museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit, educational museum that provides

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abominations. *I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not*” (Isaiah 66:3-4).

Imagine a church that is afraid of false doctrine and division. So afraid that they disfellowship people for talking to people who might be confused about doctrine.

Is it possible that God might choose from a selection of delusions that ends up bringing upon them the very thing they fear the most?

But why would he do that? Because he called and no one answered.

Is his call so faint that we cannot hear it? Maybe, if the TV is turned up too loud. Maybe, if our minds are elsewhere. Maybe, if we are not listening for him, actively.

Remember Elijah and the still small voice? God: Why should I have to shout to be heard?

“Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed” (v. 5).

We took a lot of consolation in this passage back in 1978 when our brethren, quite literally, hated us and cast us out.

What will God do?

“A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompense to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before

her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

“Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

“For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

“For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine’s flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the

LORD. For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory” (vv. 6-18).

“And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall *your seed and your name* remain” (vv. 20-22).

Who is this written to? “*Ye that tremble at his word.*”

Isaiah continues: “And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh” (vv. 23-24).

Now here is a real test for you

Can you find inspiration in a Scripture like this? Or would you rather argue about new moons, and immortal worms? Or would you prefer to remake your brother in your image? Is your heart so hard that you cannot find beauty in a passage like this?

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“Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away” (Hosea 4:1-3).

As they were increased, so they sinned

“Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. Therefore

shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame” (vv. 4-7).

Have you lost your desire and capacity for inspiration from the Holy Word?

Have you become so consumed by this world and its goods and charms that your heart is no longer capable of being inspired? Can you find

inspiration in that passage of Scripture? Or would you rather argue with the priest, or pick your brother apart?

But where do you find Inspiration?

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scientific evidence of creation to thousands of people each year. Every year, new artifacts and documents are added to the museum’s collection and their focus is to:

- Provide a creation science message opposing the evolutionary theory.
- Educate children about the scientific and biblical principles of our earth, as opposed to the evolutionary theory that is taught in the public school system.
- Lead efforts to introduce new and exciting evidences further proving God’s design.

CEM’s tour during the Feast of Tabernacles will be led by Dr. Carl Baugh, the founder and director of the museum and a renowned

scientist and educator. He is an international lecturer and has appeared on the CBS TV Network Specials: *The Incredible Discovery of Noah’s Ark* and *Ancient Secrets in the Bible*. He has also appeared on the NBC TV Network Special: *Mysterious Origins of Man*. This is an *opportunity of a lifetime* for you and your children. This alone, is reason enough for you and your family to attend CEM’s Feast in Granbury, Texas. You can see scientific evidence of the creation and also see a replica of Noah’s Ark and hear the science behind it straight from Dr. Baugh. It will fortify your faith!

Other activities and projects at this year’s Feast will focus on creation evidence such as a visit to Dinosaur Valley State Park to see actual dinosaur footprints. We will

also be reinforcing creation with YEA Feast lessons and seminars. Join us for an exciting and educational Feast of Tabernacles in Granbury, Texas. Call me, 1-888-242-5344, for additional information or check out www.cemfot.com. Don’t miss this fabulous opportunity. See you in Granbury!

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