



2007 GRADUATION!

As reported by Dennis D. Frey, Th.D., President,
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The 2007 on-site graduation events held July 20, 21, were both a



spiritual and academic blessing! It is always hard to say "the best yet," but that is how it seemed. The traditional Friday evening banquet was changed this year in favor of an "indoor picnic" with great success. The large and accommodating gymnasium of First Christian Church in Newburgh, Indiana, made for a perfect event setting. First Christian Church, the home church of many of the Evansville, Indiana staff including President Dr. Frey, hosted the entire graduation event.



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America's Youth Don't Know Our History:

How You Can Help

By Peter J. Marshall , M.Div.



We Americans are in the midst of a grave and growing crisis---we are losing our national memory! The polls taken of our high school and college age young people indicate that their knowledge of American history is beyond abysmal---the ignorance is overwhelming. For example, in a recent American history telephone survey of more than 500 college seniors at 55 of the best universities in the country, conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut, only 23 percent of college seniors correctly identified James Madison as the "*Father of the Constitution*"; but 98 percent knew that Snoop Doggy Dog is a rapper. The multiple choice questions were on topics ranging from the Magna Carta to the Monroe Doctrine, from the Battle of Yorktown to the Battle of the Bulge. Sixty-five percent of the students---from such schools as Yale, Northwestern, Smith, and Bowdoin---failed to "pass" the test and only one student answered all 34 questions correctly.

Ninety-nine percent of the respondents, however, correctly identified Beavis and Butthead!

Forty-three percent identified the Declaration of Independence as the source of the phrase "*Government of the people, by the people, for the people.*" Sixty-three percent did not know during which war the Battle of the Bulge was fought. Twenty-three percent thought it was John F. Kennedy who said, "*I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.*"

Perhaps most troubling is that no significant differences were found between the responses of history majors and those of students pursuing other academic majors. Good grief! That is truly frightening.

Woodrow Wilson said: "*A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is*



(UC Berkeley Campus, photo by Paul Abramson)

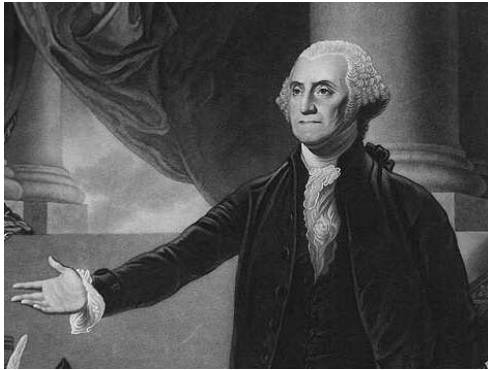
trying to do." And Karl Marx, the father of Communism stated: "*Take away the heritage of a people, and they are easily persuaded.*" How very true.

Worst of all, you can be assured that even the history majors at most of our colleges and universities are not being taught anything about the hand of God in our nation's past---the miracles He worked to



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keep this divine experiment in self-government we call America afloat. They are learning next to nothing about the Christian faith of the Founding Fathers, and their insistence that Christianity influence matters of public policy in the new nation. Cases in point: George Washington---"*It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God,*" and John Adams---"*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people; it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*" We can be quite sure that very, very few of our young people have ever heard of either quote.



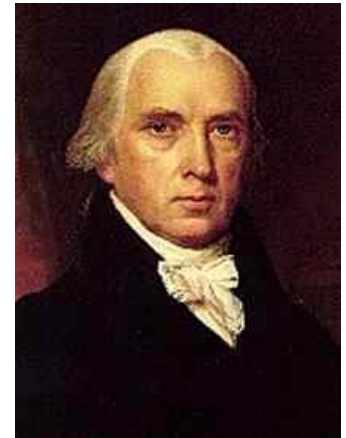
George Washington, 1732-1799

Students are often taught a warped and "politically correct" viewpoint about our history which omits all things Christian, promotes the idea that the white man's treatment of Native Americans was always horrible, continually denies any nobility of character on the part of past Americans, rejects the idea that our civilization has any moral superiority to any other, and claims that the attacks of 9/11 were somehow *our* fault. It's the "always blame America first" syndrome.

Woodrow Wilson said: "*A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do.*"

What can be done? I am devoting my life to obeying the call of God to help my fellow Americans recover the truth about our Christian heritage, and to help bring the nation back to God, before it's too late. This commentary is a call for action, a plea for you to help me with a specific ministry project designed to teach our young people the truth about American history.

When my stepfather, Len LeSourd, died he left to me a substantial annuity to be used for non-profit ministry. This was used to create a non-profit corporation entitled *Renewing America*, and in turn design and fund an educational American history website for young people, the address of which is: 4America.com.



James Madison, 1751 - 1809

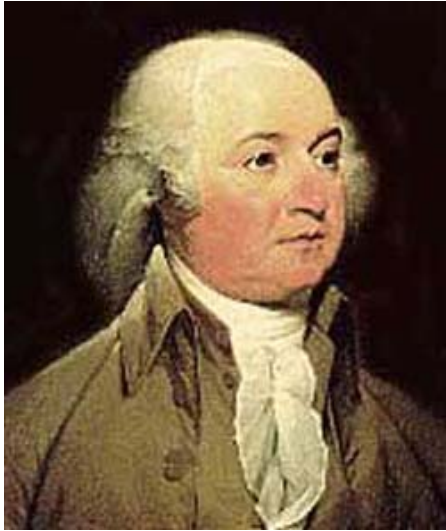
Please take this opportunity to visit the website, and see the quality of American history teaching that is available there to our youth. If you explore the site you will find that we ask the young people questions that are designed to apply the lessons of American history to their own lives, which is one of our important teaching objectives. The website is getting a huge amount of hits and visits every month, and the numbers are steadily increasing---now averaging over



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100,000 hits per month and over 15,000 solid visits per month!

That means that we have a wide-open door into the minds of young people through this website, but we are at a crisis point.



John Adams, 1735-1826

The money that has supported this ministry is just about gone---we have less than \$10,000 dollars now. That will last us about a year if we do nothing but maintain the site.

The problem is that website technology has improved so greatly that we would like to upgrade the site, in order to attract today's youth and get them interested in the content of the teaching. It will cost at least \$10,000 to do the upgrading, and we simply don't have the money. So that you will understand the kind of changes we have in mind, please visit the Community of Jesus website. Just use Google and type in Community of Jesus, and you will see it immediately. I'm sure that you will agree that their website is beautifully done, and we would like to utilize that kind of technology on our 4America.com site. But, we need your help.

We are hoping and praying that someone will be led by the Lord to make a donation of \$10,000 to cover the cost of the website revision. Or, if the Lord puts on your mind a possible donor to whom you should forward this email, please do so. Of course, we would be overjoyed to have any and all smaller contributions toward helping our young people get the truth about American history.

If you would like to be a part of this vital and important ministry to our youth, make your check out to The Renewing America Foundation, and send it to: Peter Marshall Ministries, 81 Finlay Rd., Orleans, MA 02653. I and the board would be deeply grateful to you.

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ARK ROCKERS



MOVIE GUIDE FOR CHRISTIAN DUMMIES

Christians go to lots of movies. Movies must be good for Christians (good as in wholesome, enlightening, up lifting, ennobling, and inspiring); otherwise, they would not go to so many.

It must be so, since Christians believe in the Bible, and in doing what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches us, for example, to be involved with, and immersed in, the good stuff. Stuff like Paul mentions in Philippians 4:5 and 8, *“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand (5). Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things”* (8) (KJV). The movies must be full of that stuff!

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I am possibly living on another planet, or in a time warp, because I have been having trouble finding movies filled with the stuff Paul lists. I am having no difficulty finding movies filled with the other kind of stuff. You know, the kind of stuff that Christians are suppose to disengage from. I’d like to take my family to some of the good movies that other Christians seem to find in ample supply.



Lacking the finesse to find the good ones, I have decided that Philippians 4:5 and 8 makes up a pretty good *Movie Guide for Christian Dummies* like myself. Dumb as I am, I need something to help me locate the good movies. So, I have been applying my *Dummies Guide* to the “regular” movies. So far, I have not had much luck finding truth, honesty, justice, purity, loveliness, goodness or virtue as the main theme or even a subplot of the movies I have tested.

This moderation thing Paul recommends is proving to be a challenge for me. However, since I am confident that, *“The Lord is at hand.”* I think I’ll stick with being a dummy, and try to keep my thinking occupied with the stuff I can praise without embarrassment.

Come to think of it, in the end, that may not be not such a dumb idea after all.



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THE GLORY OF THAT NAME

By Ronald E. Frazier, Th.D.

*Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



Introduction: Names - I don't know about you - but I have great difficulty remembering names! Names! Get my three sons together at the same time and in the same place and I will call them each by the wrong name.

Each of us has a name. Names are important to us, they identify us, they describe us. Names are powerful revelators. Nobody likes to be called (inappropriate) names. I even remember not liking it when someone would call me by my last name.

Names can tell much about a person's past. How about names like: Timothy McVeigh, Jeffrey Dahmer, Adolf Hitler, or Judas Iscariot?

However, the text in Philippians 2 reveals to us that there is one name that is above every name. It is a powerful name; a beautiful name; a glorious name; a name that prompts the Angels of Heaven to stand still, or to shout in loud celebration - crying Holy, Holy, Holy! This name was even uttered in the caldrons of Hell, whose occupants tremble at the mere mention of That Name.

It is a powerful name; it's the sweetest name on earth. It is The Name that brings help to the helpless, peace to the tormented, rest to the restless, hope to the hopeless, deliverance to the captives, healing to the blind, and comfort to the comfortless. This name when spoken has cooled the fevered brow of a sick child, brought deliverance to the addict, a name that has set captives free.



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The one who bears this name has been called: Wonderful, counselor, the prince of peace; the mighty God, and Savior! That Name is the one that is above every name under heaven, on earth, and under the earth. I am referring to the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. ***His name shall be called Jesus, Immanuel, and God with us!***

Ponder this for a moment. Search your heart, and if you do not know the person who wears this name. You can meet Him today and settle the account. If you already know Him, but you are not living as close as you should - you can get that fixed also. And, if you love Him already, and if you know Him, you will have even more reason to just give Him glory...right now as you speak His name. *Jesus, Jesus...there is something about that name!*

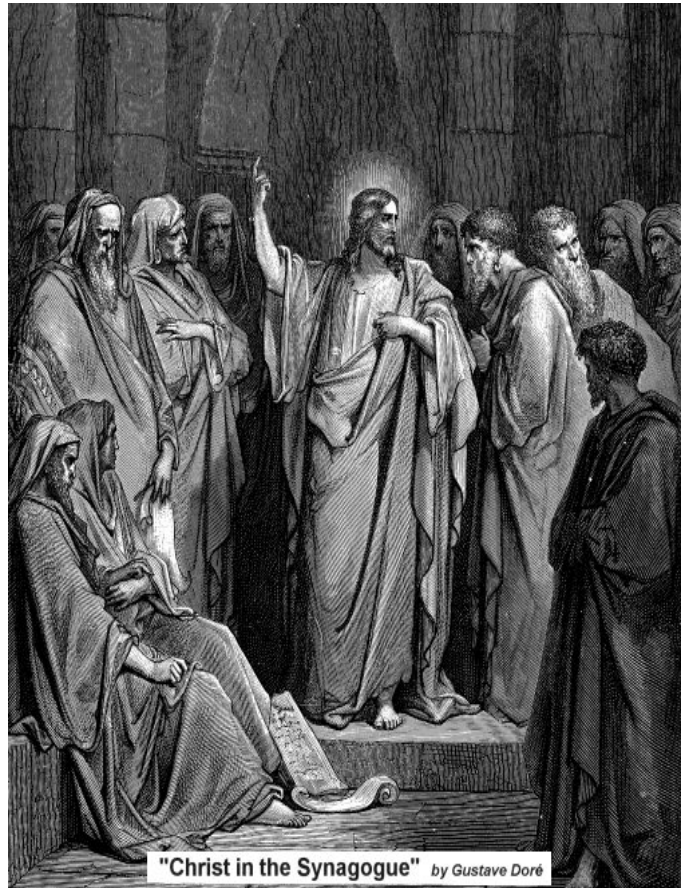
So let us begin by looking at the glory of that name.

FIRST, WE SEE THAT IT IS A NAME OF SAVING GLORY – A glory that was His, and always has been His. Exalted means raised to the highest heights!

All over the world, with every tick of the clock, men and women curse and despise the name of Jesus. Yet; it is the only name that brings forgiveness of sins. *“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in HIS NAME, beginning at Jerusalem”* Luke 24:47

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME under

heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” Acts 4:12



SECOND, WE SEE THAT IT IS A SINGULAR GLORY – A Name that is above every name - beyond, above - an exalted Name.

There are millions who have identical names as mine all over the world...In Scotland 1997, the first ever gathering of the family Fraser Clan (including: Frazier), in both Glasgow, and Fraserburg, over 35,000 Fraser's had gathered from around the world, all having the same last name!



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But there is only one Jesus. Only He is the Son of God, and the Son of Man at the same time. Only He can take the vilest sinner and make them whole again. Only He can take an alcoholic, and set Him free. Only He can take a Hell bound sinner and reconcile Him to God.



"Christ Feeding the Multitude" by Gustave Doré

THIRD, WE SEE THE REASON FOR THIS GLORY: - Wherefore, for this reason also, (from our main text) Philippians 2:9 refers back to the reason why God has given Jesus this place of exaltation and glory.

(Philippians, chapter 2) Vs.6-7 HIS STATION – That this same Jesus, the Jesus that Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost as he cried out, *“Therefore let all of the house of Israel know assuredly that God*

hath made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified both Lord and Christ” Acts 2:36

“And He is the radiance of His Glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the Word of His Power, When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more, excellent name than they” Hebrews 1:3-4

What Christ grasped at the incarnation was not divine Sovereignty but obedient service...*“taking upon Himself, the form of a servant”* Philippians 2:7

It was not that Jesus was not unable to assert Equality with God; it was that He was able not to assert it.

Look at the powerful lessons we can learn from:

We learn that He counted humility His prize and so He laid aside [emptied] His Pre-existent state – became man [likeness of man] taking upon Himself the nature of man.

From chosen expression – Not identity to divine Essence. But He identified Himself – as its natural and appropriate expression – the perfect expression – the perfect essence.

Jesus is the expression of deity through human nature vs. 7 – This form [morphe] not being identical with the divine – but dependent upon the divine essence.



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If Jesus would have come in all of His splendor and glory, the glory that He had with the Father, we would all be amazed, but not saved.

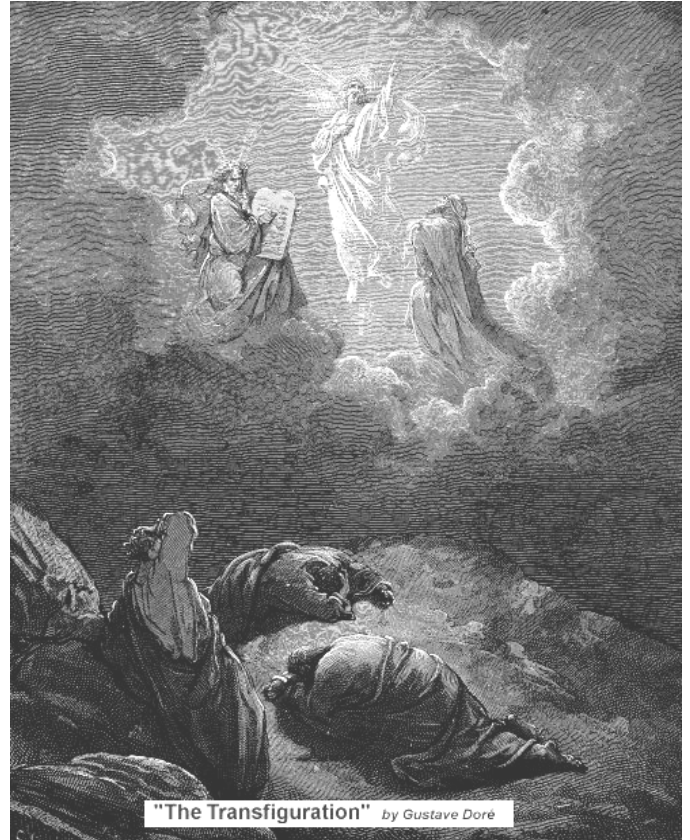
He thought it not robbery: (1) The act of Robbery (2) The thing robbed, (3) the prized thing – to be grasped.

We learn of His chosen manifestation – His humility – the incarnation became His chosen mode of expression – He resembled what men are – However this likeness of man did not express His whole being – the totality of His being could not appear to men – for that would have involved the form of God.

What Christ was essentially and eternally to men – He, Jesus, God in human flesh, tabernacled, pitched His tent – Immanuel – God with us! He was not identical to men because there was an element of His being, His person which did not dwell in men – Equality with God

These verses declare for us the truth, that Jesus Christ is absolutely God. *”In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God”* John 1:1

Jesus emptied Himself – the state is the same, the form or expression of the state is the same. The water in the pitcher, is still water. And when poured into the glass, it is still water. What is different is the chosen container, His humanity.



He was and is always God, yet God the Son took upon Himself a different container – humanity, born in Bethlehem Matthew 1:21-23. Imagine, the creator dependent upon a mere creature. He did not come as king, wealthy, or as a ruler. But as a servant, as a man so that He might die for all men.

We learn of what we became in His humility – Others (vs.4)

In the Old Testament, God reveals to Moses the manner and the instruments of the Tabernacle and its detailed construction. *”be sure that you make all things according to the pattern that was shown unto you”* Hebrews 8:5b



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The shittim wood used was to be covered with gold. The wood is representative of His humanity; the gold represents His deity.

He was wood enough to nurse at the breast of His mother, yet gold enough to turn the water into wine. He was wood enough to weep at the grave of His friend Lazarus, but gold enough to raise him from the dead. He was wood enough to sleep in the bow of the boat during the raging storm, yet He was gold enough to speak to the storm, "peace be still!"

FOURTH, WE SEE HIS SUBMISSION AND HIS MISSION:

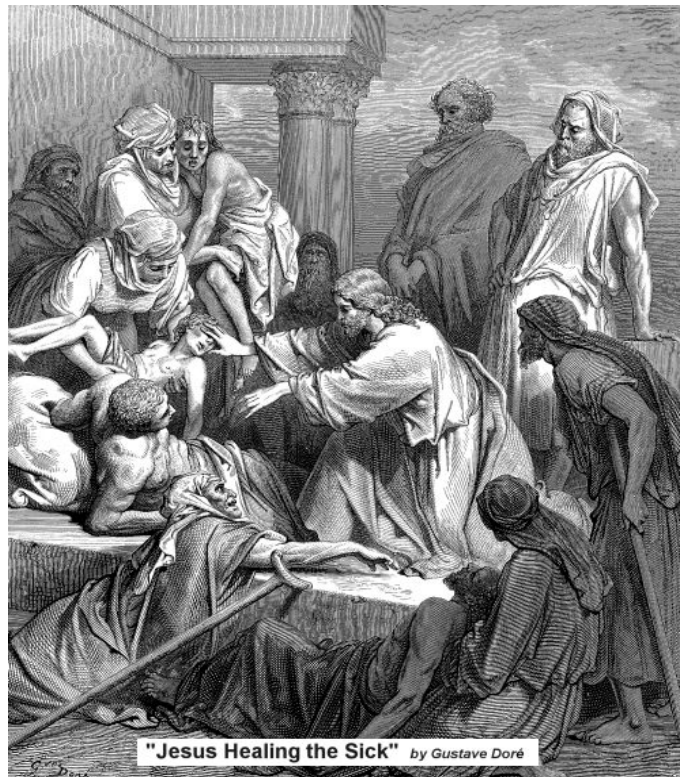
Jesus willingly, surrendered His Will to the Father, "*not my will, but thine be done*", He willingly laid down His life. The innocent lamb slain by God from the foundation of the world. The just for the unjust, for the guilty, the fulfillment, the covering of Adam and Eve, the prophecy of Genesis 3:15. He bruised the head of the serpent.

We see His humility of the incarnation, becoming as man. Unto the obedience of the Father in death, but not to just any death, but the death of a Malefactor, on the Cross. His death was not something that was sanitary, or a painless affair. He did not die in a hospital with drugs flowing through his veins to dull His pain. When He died, it was on a cross.

And because of this, "*For this reason also, God has exalted Him, and give Him a name that is above every name*" Phil. 2:9

FINALLY, WE SEE THAT THERE IS A RIGHT RESPONSE TO THAT NAME:

Philippians 2:10 & 11 "should" indicates to us purpose, that there is a response that is

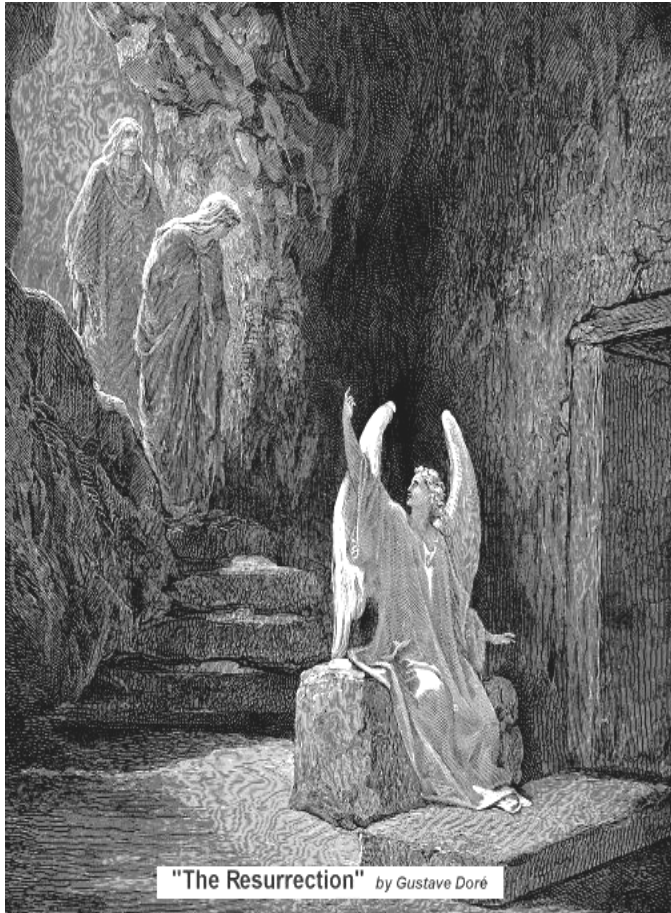


expected when that name is encountered.

Every person, every believer, and every non-believer, every atheists, and every agonistic, will one day be called upon to bow in confession and submission, and surrender to that name. If you have never confessed the name of Jesus. Let me clue you into something - You will confess Him one day. Take it to the bank!



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Every creature, even to those who love to straddle the fence, those who love playing with fire, those who enjoy play acting as a Christian, a day is coming when every angel, every demon, every sinner, even those who say that its not wrong to live together without marriage, or those who believe that same sex marriage is ok and so forth:

Proverbs 14:12 *"There is a way that seems to be right unto man, but the ways are the ways of death."*

Yes, you can even find people who practice such unnatural things, believing that they are okay. Even finding someone who will encourage them in their sinfulness. Those who will even applaud them while they practice such, *but there is coming a day...*

By then it will be too late: *"In flaming fire, taking vengeance upon them that know not God, and those who have not obeyed the gospel"* II Thessalonians 1:8

Have you confessed the name of Jesus? This is not about repeating a rehearsed confession, but about living out that confession, which means a life in agreement with His.

Maybe you have never responded to that name. You can do that simply by faith, trusting in Jesus Christ, believing that God raised Jesus from the dead, repenting of sin, and obeying the gospel of Christ, being buried with Him in baptism, *in the name* of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus...Jesus, there is something about that name...Master, Savior, Jesus...

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Evidence of Design: Beloved Numerologist

By Chuck Missler

The numerical structure of the Bible has been studied closely, being the subject of numerous volumes in the past.¹ But none are more provocative than the works of Dr. Ivan Panin.²

Ivan Panin was born in Russia on December 12, 1855. Having participated in plots against the Czar at an early age, he was exiled and, after spending some years studying in Germany, he came to the United States and entered Harvard University. After graduation in 1882, he converted from agnosticism to Christianity.



In 1890 he discovered some of the phenomenal mathematical designs underlying both the Greek text of the New Testament and the Hebrew text of the Old Testament.

He was to devote over 50 years of his life painstakingly exploring the numerical structure of the Scriptures, generating over 43,000 detailed, hand-penned pages of analysis (and exhausting his

health in the process). He went on to be with the Lord in his 87th year, on October 30, 1942.

The Heptadic Structure

The recurrence of the number seven - or an exact multiple of seven - is found throughout the Bible and is widely recognized. The Sabbath on the seventh day; the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine in Egypt; the seven priests and seven trumpets marching around Jericho; the Sabbath Year of the land are well-known examples. Also, Solomon's building the Temple for seven years, Naaman's washing in the river seven times, and the seven churches, seven lamp stands, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls, seven stars, and so on in the Book of Revelation, all show the consistent use of the number seven.

But there turns out to be much more below the surface. Ivan Panin noted the amazing numerical properties of the Biblical texts - both the Greek of the New Testament and the Hebrew of the Old Testament. These are not only intriguing to discover, they also demonstrate an intricacy of design which testifies to a supernatural origin!

Vocabulary

One of the simplest - and most provocative - aspects of the Biblical text is the vocabulary used. The number of vocabulary words in a passage is normally different from the total number of words in a passage. Some words are repeated. It is easy, for example, to use a vocabulary of 500 words to write an essay of 4,000 words.



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An Example

The first 17 verses of the Gospel of Matthew are a logical unit, or section, which deals with a single principal subject: the genealogy of Christ. It contains 72 Greek vocabulary words in these initial 17 verses. (The verse divisions are man's allocations for convenience, added in the 13th century.)

The number of words which are nouns is exactly 56, or 7×8 .

The Greek word "the" occurs most frequently in the passage: exactly 56 times, or 7×8 . Also, the number of different forms in which the article "the" occurs is exactly 7.

There are two main sections in the passage: verse 1-11, and 12-17. In the first main section, the number of Greek vocabulary words used is 49, or 7×7 .

Why not 48, or 50?

Of these 49 words, the number of those beginning with a vowel is 28, or 7×4 . The number of words beginning with a consonant is 21, or 7×3 .

The total numbers of letters in these 49 words is 266, or 7×38 - exactly! The number of vowels among these 266 letters is 140, or 7×20 . The number of consonants is 126, or 7×18 - exactly.

Of the 49 words, the number of words which occur more than once is 35, or 7×5 . The number of words occurring only once is 14, or 7×2 . The number of words which occur in only one form is exactly 42, or 7×6 . The number of words appearing in more than one form is also 7.

The number of the 49 Greek vocabulary words which are nouns is 42, or 7×6 . The number of

words which are not nouns is 7. Of the nouns, 35 are proper names, or exactly 7×5 . These 35 names are used 63 times, or 7×9 . The number of male names is exactly 28, or 7×4 . These male names occur 56 times or 7×8 . The number which are not male names is 7.

Three women are mentioned - Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. The number of Greek letters in these three names is 14, 7×2 .

The number of compound nouns is 7. The number of Greek letters in these 7 nouns is 49, or 7×7 .

Only one city is named in this passage, Babylon, which in Greek contains exactly 7 letters.

And on it goes. To get an indication of just how unique these properties are, try the examples given.

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Gemetria

There are even more features in the numerical structure of the words themselves. As you may know, both Hebrew and Greek uses the letters of the alphabet for numerical values. Therefore, any specific word - in either Hebrew or Greek - has a numerical value of its own by adding up the values of the letters in that particular word. The study of the numerical values of words is called gemetria.

The 72 vocabulary words add up to a gametrical value of 42,364, or $7 \times 6,052$. Exactly. If one Greek letter was changed, this would not happen.

The 72 words appear in 90 forms - some appear in more than one form. The numeric value of the 90 forms is 54,075, or $7 \times 7,725$. Exactly.

We will defer other examples of gametrical properties of the Biblical text for subsequent articles, but it becomes immediately obvious that hidden below the surface are aspects of design that



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cannot be accidental or just coincidence. Remember, the rabbis say that "coincidence" is not a kosher word!

Other Implications

There are words in the passage just described that occur nowhere else in the New Testament. They occur 42 times (7 x 6) and have 126 letters (7 x 18). How was this organized?

Even if Matthew contrived this characteristic into his Gospel, how could he have known that these specific words - whose sole characteristic is that they are found nowhere else in the New Testament - were not going to be used by the other writers? Unless we assume the absurd hypothesis that he had an agreement with them, he must have had the rest of the New Testament before him when he wrote his book. The Gospel of Matthew, then, must have been written last.

It so happens, however, that the Gospel of Mark exhibits the same phenomenon. It can be demonstrated that it would have had to be written "last." The same phenomenon is found in Luke. And in John, James, Peter, Jude and Paul. Each would have had to write after the other in order to contrive the vocabulary frequencies! You can demonstrate that each of the New Testament books had to have been "written last."

There is no human explanation for this incredible and precise structure. It has all been supernaturally designed. We simply gasp, sit back, and behold the skillful handiwork of the God who keeps His promises.

And we are indebted to the painstaking examinations and lifetime commitment of Dr. Ivan Panin for uncovering these amazing insights.

Isn't God - and His remarkable Word - fun?

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Awards Ceremony A major highlight of each graduation is the presentation of the annual awards. The awards are presented at the Friday evening banquet. While every graduate is recognized as having achieved significant honor for completing the course of study leading to graduation, the administration selects a few individuals for special recognition. The 2007 Award Recipients were as follows.

Pastor Mose L. Eubanks, Academic Endurance Award



Pastor Eubanks enrolled in the Associate in Ministry in

Pastoral Ministry program in 2005 at the age of 83. At the age of 85, he realized his dream of earning a college degree, doing so with a 3.7 grade point average!

The Sischo Family, Yokefellow Award



This award goes to a family unit that demonstrates unusual unity and bond in

the study of Christian ministry. Ronald Sischo, husband and father, earned his Master of Ministry in Biblical Counseling (IABC); Pam Sischo, wife and mother, earned her Bachelor of Ministry in Christian Studies; Kallie Sischo, daughter, earned her Bachelor of Ministry in Christian Studies.

Holly J. Gillespie, Proverbs 31 Award



This award goes to the woman graduate

who demonstrates the highest level of personal and family commitment throughout the completion of her degree program. Holly earned her Master of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling (IABC) while serving as the full-time Director of Women's Ministries for her church, the faithful wife of her husband Chris, and giving birth to their two sons, Thomas and Joseph.



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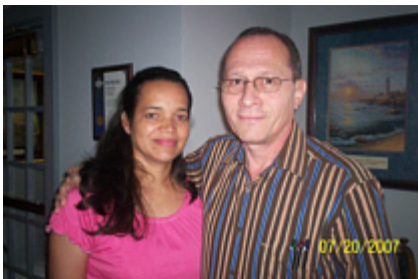
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Kaye E. Leazier, *Conquerors Award*



This award goes to the graduate who exhibits an exceptional overcoming spirit in the face of serious adversity during the completion of the degree. Kaye earned her Doctor of Biblical Studies in Interdisciplinary Studies while undergoing major surgery for breast cancer, and the death of her beloved brother Dean. Her husband Joe (left), provided strong support throughout her trials and triumphs.

Ismael Gonzales-Silva, *Outstanding Scholarship Award*



This award goes to the graduate who demonstrates the highest level of scholarly work in the completion of the degree. Ismael, earned his Doctor of Divinity Degree while serving as a full-

time parish pastor to his congregation in Puerto Rico. Because English is his second language, he had to rise to the highest standard possible in order to complete his work at a level that met the requirements for this difficult to attain award.

SATURDAY GRADUATION The actual graduation ceremony was held in the First Christian Church's beautiful new sanctuary. Graduates from across the United States and other countries came with family and friends to participate in the joy of the experience. While attendance at the annual on-site graduation event is not required, those who do elect to attend unanimously testify that it was a lifetime highlight.

Commencement Speaker: Dr. Arthur J. "Skip" Moen (continued) ... Born in Seattle, Washington, Dr. Moen has lived and worked in Chicago, New Jersey, Los Angeles, England, Switzerland, Grand Cayman, the Tonga Islands, Taipei, Hong Kong and the Dominican Republic. His studies with Francis Schaeffer at L'Abri after college graduation changed the direction of his life. Dr. Moen has noted: "I have pursued an understanding of God's truth for many years, often through crisis and personal challenges. My goal is to make the depths of God's words come alive for anyone who searches."



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2007 GRADUATION ... (Continued)

Dr. Moen has taught college level undergraduate, graduate and doctoral courses in religion, ethics, philosophy, and human sciences, and developed courses that explored the relationships between religion and the sciences, including foundations of social and behavioral sciences and philosophical inquiries in physics. He has taught business ethics in MBA curriculum, and graduate courses in Greek philosophy and philosophy of science. His teaching contributions included Drew University Graduate School, Kean College, University of Puget Sound, and Seattle Pacific College, and Master's International School of Divinity.

He established a successful independent consulting firm that provided human resources consulting to Fortune 500 companies, contributed to the development of national surveys on employee motivation and productivity with the American Productivity and Quality Center, and taught professional seminars on motivation and compensation design. Dr. Moen retired in 1996, and now devotes his energies toward the development of Biblical Leadership training programs, including his work as founder and Dean of the Department of Biblical Leadership at Master's International School of Divinity.

Dr. Moen's commencement address as well as the charge to the students, given



by Dr. David Tyler, Vice President of the Board of Directors, were a great

blessing and encouragement to the class of 2008. Both of these great men of God reminded the class of the wonderful opportunities for ministry that abound in our world. Dr. Moen challenged the class to trust God in each and every situation of life on the fact of His character, even when we do not understand His actions. Dr. Tyler reminded them of the solemn obligation that we all share to remain true to the sound doctrine given to us in the inerrant Word of God.

GRADUATION PICTURES All of the members of the graduating class were professionally photographed and presented with several options for personal and group pictures. As is the custom, the group picture will be posted on the Divinity School's online bulletin board (www.mddivs.edu/limelight.html) just as soon as it is received from the photography studio.

NEXT YEAR The date for the 2008 graduation weekend is July 18,19. If you are a current student, we strongly encourage you to make your plans to attend the 2008 event. You can do this even if you complete your degree program many months ahead of the annual on-site graduation event. As with the class of 2007, you will discover it to be a lifetime blessing



EDITORIAL

Accountability for Religious Politicians

By Bradley Mattes, M.B.S.



The problem is as old as legalized abortion. Elected officials publicly espouse deeply held religious convictions of opposing or even hating abortion. Then, after getting to Washington, DC, the state capital or city council chambers, not only do they sing the praises of abortion-on-demand, but also vote exclusively anti-life on issues ranging from cloning to euthanasia.

This hypocritical lip service to abortion is a constant source of frustration for pro-life and religious leaders. For years they have sought to achieve accountability from pro-abortion politicians who profess to be dedicated to the faith.

The effort to hold politicians accountable appears to be escalating, especially in the Catholic community. I believe we are witnessing an unmistakable awakening of the Catholic church leadership — to the resounding enthusiasm of the average church-going parishioner — that pro-abortion votes are contrary to biblical teaching and they are a vile, moral affront to Catholic doctrine. This awakening has been a long time in coming and it's reason for people of all faiths to rejoice.

I am one of many non-Catholics who welcome with open arms the more recent boldness and outspokenness of leaders of the

Catholic church, in the US and around the world, on abortion and the life issues as it relates to Catholic elected officials. Let's consider the evidence.



Pope Benedict XVI himself recently said that pro-abortion elected officials in Mexico City, by their vote to legalize abortion, have automatically excommunicated themselves and shouldn't receive communion. He reinforced earlier remarks by Cardinal Norberto Rivera of Mexico City.

The world media were indignant this religious leader had the audacity to speak out on a controversial spiritual issue. Leading the charge against the Pontiff were 18 pro-abortion Catholic members of the House of Representatives, who said the Pope's remarks did a great disservice to the church.

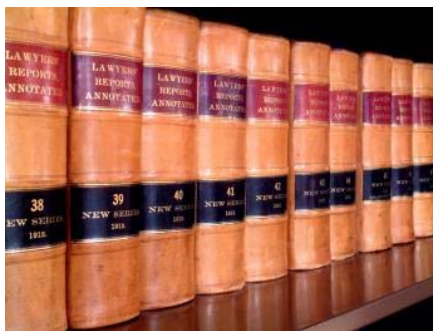


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Two of America's prominent Catholic pro-life leaders responded in a forceful and effective manner. Rev. Thomas Euteneuer, president of Human Life International (HLI), said, "This is what the Catholic Church teaches and what Catholics believe. If [they] believe otherwise, honesty and integrity requires they find another church that tells them what they want to hear." Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life responded to the gang of 18 by saying, "If they cannot muster the will to protect defenseless children, they should resign. We don't need public servants who can't tell the difference between serving the public and killing the public."

Around the world, Catholic leaders have been emphasizing the importance of living one's faith as an elected official. Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, archbishop of Westminster, England, told Catholic British politicians to bone up on the church's teaching on life issues. This, he said, would help them make informed decisions with consistency and integrity.



The not-so-subtle message is that, as professing Catholic politicians, you have no excuse to vote against your faith and innocent human life.

Cardinal George Pell of Sydney, Australia said that Catholic politicians who vote for the cloning of human embryos are acting against the teaching of their church and should not go to communion.

But even before this global attention, pressure on pro-abortion Catholic politicians like Senators John Kerry and Ted Kennedy had begun to take on a more public face. Many recall one of the first American voices crying out in the wilderness. That voice was Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis who preached the importance of prioritizing the issues of abortion and euthanasia over other political considerations. He said what millions of faithful Catholics believe, that pro-abortion elected officials and candidates should refrain from taking communion. His message was clear — you can't be pro-abortion and call yourself a good Catholic.

Archbishop Burke's words still ring in the ears of Catholics and non-Catholics across this great nation. A growing number believe that abortion is the "line in the sand" for candidates who want to wear the mantle of faith.

But this momentum didn't begin overnight. In large part it's due to tireless pro-life leaders like Father Pavone and Janet Morana of Priests for Life, as well as other articulate and driven leaders like Father Euteneuer of HLI. Well done good and faithful servants!



EDITORIAL

Accountability for Religious Politicians

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The fruits of their labors should motivate all of us to double our efforts to protect unborn babies. The religious, non-Catholic community enjoys the dedication of leaders like Dr. James Dobson, Dr. D. James Kennedy and Dr. Richard Land. May others join them in an ongoing mission to hold our elected officials accountable to their Creator.

May all of us, regardless of religious affiliation, work harder to encourage our nation's religious leaders to stand firm and speak out boldly for innocent human life. Without the church, our efforts to end

abortion are doomed to fail. The abolitionists of long ago formed a strong and unparalleled partnership with the shepherds of America's faithful. And like them, together we can end this modern-day holocaust called abortion.

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JUST A MINUTE!

FERVENT PRAYERS

“Lord, help me to be more considerate of others, particularly with those hypersensitive types.”

“Heavenly Father, I need to have more patience – and I need it now.”

“God, make me more responsible, even though it is usually not my fault.”

“Father, please get me to relax about trivial details, starting today at 12:51PM.”

“Lord, help me to have an open mind when I speak with my brother who is wrong about everything.”

A mother was trying to teach her young daughter the Lord's Prayer. Each evening during prayer time the girl was getting better and better at remembering and reciting the words.

After a few evenings of practice the daughter thought she was ready to try it all on her own. She did well. She got down to the end.... “And lead us not into temptation,” and concluding, “but deliver us from E-Mail. Amen.”



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A Journal on a Journey

By Paul Abramson



It was about one year ago when Master's International School of Divinity (MISD) began its Ezine journal: Master's Journey

I am both proud and humbled to become its new editor. I hope that with each new issue we will be able to introduce to you solid Biblical truths and timely new ideas that will help your own - journey with the Master!

This is a walk, of course. You were called to serve Him, just as I; every believer is on a walk where we learn lessons along the way.

The motto for MISD comes from the Walk to Emmaus:

Luke 24:32 *"And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?"*

The Master has chosen some to help tend to His flock. Graduates of MISD are among them. John 21:17b "Feed my sheep." The enemy wants to distract us or pull us down into sin and deception. The believer must stay close to the Lord in prayer in the Scriptures. We sincerely hope that Master's Journey (MJ) will be a periodic resource that you will want to read and refer back to.

I was recently comparing the three versions of Jesus' Olivet Discourse. Something

leaped out at me as I looked at all three together. Jesus is about to tell His Disciples what to look for as the end draws near. What is the *very first thing* He warned us to do?



"Jesus Teaching" by Gustave Doré

Matthew 24:4 *"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."*

Mark 13:5 *"And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you."*

Luke 21:8a *"And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived..."*



EDITOR'S CORNER

A Journal on a Journey *(Continued)*

We are living in a age when deceptions abound. Many want to try to re-write our history. Many want to deceive and to “put a spin” on information.! 2 Timothy 3:13 *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."* You and I need to take heed that we too are not deceived. The Master warned us that such times would come. *"Take heed..."*

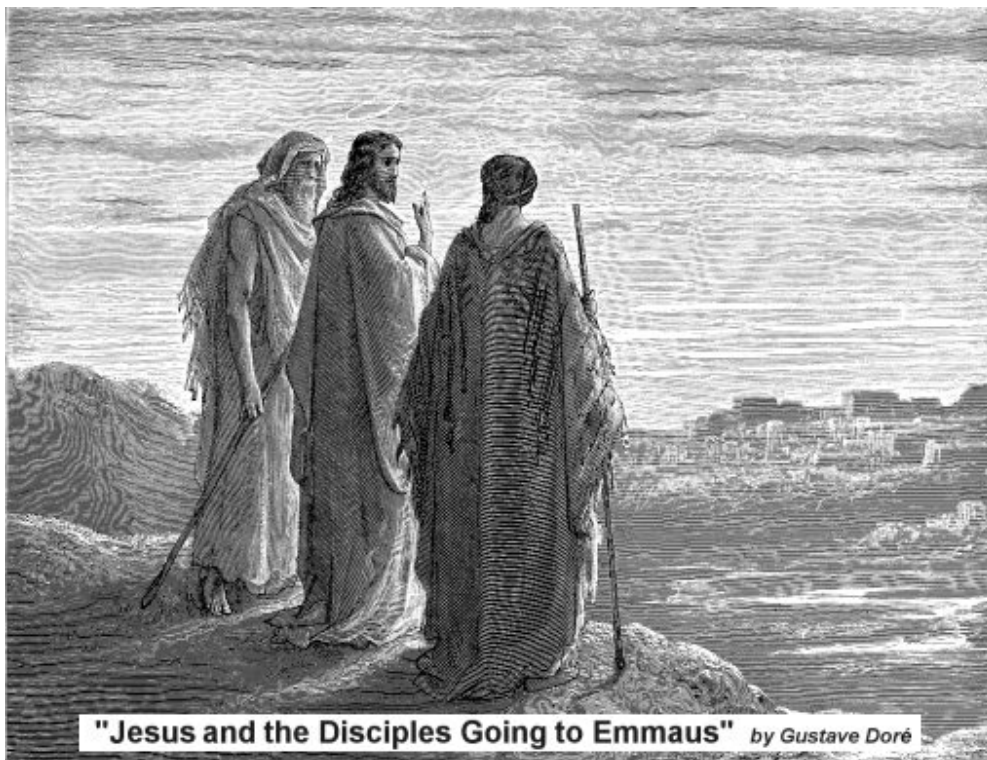
So many news sources want to “mold public opinion” rather than inform honestly. Media surrounds us with print, radio, TV, and the Internet threatening to drown us in information, both good and bad. Daniel 12:4 teaches us: *"But thou, O Daniel, shut*

up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Truly that day is today!

MISD students and graduates are now in some 70 countries around the world! Let us continue to follow our Lord and to fulfill the Great Commission, each as the Lord has assigned us to do.

Paul Abramson is the Editor for Master's Journal.

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"Jesus and the Disciples Going to Emmaus" by Gustave Doré

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