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# INTRODUCTION

Years ago, when I was attending Bob Jones University (1949–1953), I encountered a strange religious phenomenon. At that time, I was still a “babe in Christ” (having only been saved about three years), and I did not fully understand the phenomenon. It affected five young men that I had constant fellowship with. All five of these young men were Bible-believing, witnessing, soul-winning, street-preaching ministerial students. After going out with them nearly every weekend for a year, I saw all of them dump the ministry, quit school, stop soul-winning and street preaching, and not one of them ever did anything again for the Lord in the next thirty years.

Whatever happened to these young men happened in one week. It happened during a revival held at a church in Greenville, South Carolina, where the pastor’s name was B. B. Caldwell and the “visiting evangelist” was a man named Rolfe Barnard. I later learned that both of these preachers had gotten the BJU students interested in buying a book called *The Sovereignty of God* by Arthur W. Pink, and had gotten them to subscribe to a newspaper called *The Baptist Examiner* being published in Ashland, Kentucky. At one time coeditors of that Hardshell Baptist publication were BOB ROSS and JOHN GILPIN.

This lethal combination (Pink, Ross, Gilpin, Barnard, and Caldwell) had knocked five young, healthy, intelligent, spiritual, separated, zealous, Bible-believing preachers slap out of the ministry—permanently.

Now, I do not profess to be particularly “sharp” or intelligent, let alone to be an “intellectual” or a “scholar.” “Godly scholarship” is not “my bag,” and I am not in the same “ball park” with the “good, great, godly scholars.” Coming from an Infantry background, through four generations, I do profess to be able to spot or detect an enemy, or sense a dangerous situation if either is present. The German author Erich Marie Remarque (*All Quiet on the Western Front*) says that Infantrymen have a “fine nose for such distinctions.” He made this notation while discussing the matters of being able to “sort out” the real from the sham.

While at Bob Jones University, I did not fail to notice FOUR teachings—I observed them firsthand with actual personal experiences—that put young men out of the ministry every year that I attended school there.

The first and foremost one of these lethal teachings was the teaching that the ASV (1901) was the best Bible available, and that if a student learned Greek and Hebrew he had the right to alter every WORD and every VERSE in an *Authorized Version* (1611) that he did not like or could not understand. (This was changed to “the NASV is the best Bible available” after 1960.) I would say that the ministerial students who were destroyed, permanently, by this Scholarship Onlyism decree would come to somewhere between fifty to one hundred ministerial students every year from 1949 to 1995. That is somewhere around 2,300–4,600 young men shot to pieces, shredded, and permanently damaged by having their faith in the Holy Bible transferred from the *Authorized Version* of the Protestant Reformation to the opinions and preferences of the BJU faculty members: Humanism.

You can imagine what these statistics mean when you add the “ministries” of Tennessee Temple University, Liberty University, Baptist Bible College, Wheaton, Furman, Moody, Stetson, Fuller, Judson, Baylor, BIOLA, Cedarville, Pillsbury, and Piedmont to the list.

The other three lethal doses of ministry-killing medicine were: Hyper-Calvinism (Ross, Pink, Gilpin, Barnard, et al.). Hyper-Dispensationalism (Stam, Bullinger, O’Hare, Baker, et al.), and the Charismatic Movement (Roberts, Hagin, McPherson, Allen, Ewing, Branham, Coe, Bakker, Swaggart, et al.).

As you know, Bob Jones University (BJU) has never been a Baptist university: it is an interdenominational university. BJU has never taken an open public stand FOR or AGAINST the following: the premillennial return of Jesus Christ, the immersion of adult believers in water, the eternal security of the believer, the pre-tribulation rapture of the saints, local church policy as found in the New Testament, or any FINAL AUTHORITY for “all matters of faith and practice” for the Christian. The last position is lied about constantly, from 1930 to 1997, by pretending that it is “THE BIBLE.” As anyone knows, who has tracked this piece of lying fraud down (see Ruckman, *The Last Grenade* and *The Christian Liar’s Library* [Pensacola: Bible Believers Press, 1990 and 1997]), the term “THE BIBLE,” as used by BJU, is never a reference to ANY Book that anyone at BJU has ever even SEEN, let alone read.

This “fluid” position of BJU was (and is) for purposes of enrollment (\$\$\$\$). They catered to Presbyterians, Lutherans, Charismatics, Brethren, and non-denominationalists, as well as Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, Church of God, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Episcopalians. That is why they didn’t dare take a clear stand on the issues listed above: it would have cut their enrollment in half, or more. Since then (1950), BJU has had to become (or appear to become) more “Baptistic” for the simple reason that 90 percent of the other denominations bombed out of sight after the NASV and RSV came out (1952–1963). BJU, as Pensacola Christian College, now has to make a living getting young people out of Independent Baptist Churches to pay them tuition.

This “flexibility” allowed the four lethal theologies I mentioned above to operate underground at BJU (1930–1990) every year since BJU opened its doors. The one that had “KOed” my five buddies was Hyper-Calvinism: an overemphasis on TULIP, the famous “five points” of Calvin’s “Credal” Christianity—which he substituted for BIBLICAL Christianity.

The other two were Hyper-Dispensationalism and the Charismatic movement. Here, we will be discussing only the Calvinist debacle. Those four teachings—Scholarship Onlyism, Hyper-Dispensationalism, Hyper-Calvinism, and the Charismatic “Promise Keepers,” etc.—can put ANY young man clean out of a New Testament Biblical ministry before he can get “**rooted and grounded**” in the Scriptures (Eph. 3:17). I saw it happen. I saw it happen over and over again, and I saw it happen more than a dozen times after I left BJU (1953).

I. Scholarship Onlyism teaches that the preferences, opinions and traditions of sinners, sitting in judgment on the text of the King James Bible, are the Christian’s final authority

(see William Grady, *Final Authority*, [Schererville, IN: Grady Publications, 1993] and Ruckman, *The Scholarship Only Controversy* [Pensacola: Bible Believers Press, 1996]).

Since all advocates of Scholarship Onlyism (Shelton Smith, Dave Hunt, John Ankerberg, Bob Jones III, Chuck Swindoll, James White, A. T. Robertson, B. B. Warfield, Kurt Aland, Bruce Metzger, Eberhard Nestle, F. F. Bruce, et al.) reject ALL translations of ALL Bibles (plus all copies of all Greek manuscripts) as “**Scripture**” (2 Tim. 3:16), they have no final authority but their own opinions. In plain, twentieth-century, Webster-Dictionary “Koine” this means they are PRACTICAL ATHEISTS (see *The Christian Liar’s Library*, 1997).

II. The Charismatic movement teaches the young man that he should judge and interpret all Scriptures by his own emotional feelings, instead of vice versa. It teaches him to ignore all Bible doctrines that deal with “**rightly dividing the word of truth,**” and it teaches him that he has the same power to perform the signs to Israel (Mark 16; 1 Cor. 1:22, 14:22) performed by Jesus Christ and the Jewish Apostles (2 Cor. 12:12). It also teaches that any Christian can go to Hell AFTER he is saved, and that love and “ecumenicism” (“coping” and “sharing”) are much more important than Bible study, preaching the Gospel, living a separated life, or even soul winning.

III. The Hyper-Dispensational movement teaches the young man that he can throw the entire Old Testament out the window when it comes to preaching the Bible. Further, he can relegate Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and 1 and 2 Thessalonians to a minor role in what he calls the “Age of Grace.” This absurd teaching came from saying that God gave Paul a period of time called “Grace” (Eph. 3), whereas the Scripture cited (Eph. 3:1–6) shows that God dispensed GRACE to Paul in order to understand a mystery. NO bigger “boo-boo” in theology has ever been made by ANYONE, since there would also have to be a “period of time” (given to Paul) called “GOD,” according to identical matching verses (whose wording matched) written by the same author (Col. 1:25).

But further, this ridiculous “wrongly dividing the word of truth” produces the insane teaching that after the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15; Gal. 2) Simon Peter was ANATHEMA (“Cursed by God”) for preaching “**another Gospel**” (Gal. 1:6), which Paul did not preach. Not content with this, Cornelius Stam and the “Berean” Boneheads taught that every soul-winning Baptist pastor in this age was a heretic, who made “**the cross of Christ of none effect**” (1 Cor. 1:17). That would include Hugh Pyle, Bob Gray, Jack Hyles, Lester Roloff, T. T. Shields, W. B. Riley, J. Frank Norris, John Rawlings, Beauchamp Vick, Wendell Zimmerman, Tom Malone, John R. Rice, Curtis Hutson, and scores of others.

Beyond this vale of Disney World Fantasy, the “Bereans” taught that water baptism was not “for this age,” and the Body of Christ did not begin till Acts chapter 9. (Some Hypers—we call them “Dry Cleaners”—say Acts 18, and still others say Acts 29.)

IV. The last lethal injection of theological poison is Hyper-Calvinism. This teaches the young man that all of the “elect” are predestinated to get saved regardless of circumstances, missionary efforts, sermons, personal witnessing, evangelistic preaching, or Bible reading (or distribution of tracts and Bibles). Further, it teaches that Jesus Christ

did not shed ONE drop of blood for any lost sinner who is now in Hell, or ever will be in Hell. He did not die for the sins of the WORLD, nor did He take **“away the SIN of the WORLD”**: He only did that for the “elect.” But still further, this madhouse of nutty nonsense teaches that a sinner is regenerated—against his will (without his consent)—before he can even repent and believe on Christ (Acts 16:30–31). That is, no sinner can obey God’s commands to “repent” or “believe” until God has saved him without the consent of his own will.

In THIS tractus I am explaining only “Why I am not a CALVINIST.”

First of all, it is because I have observed (first hand in actual experiences) that Hyper-CALVINISM always produces Hyper-ARMINIANISM. The followers of Jacob Arminius (1560–1609), the Dutch opponent of Calvinism, taught a man had to do works to stay saved. The Calvinists are much more Arminian than that: they teach that unless you do the works they think you should do you couldn’t have been saved to start with. They are Ultra-Arminians.

The way a Hardshell does this is by constantly repeating a Calvinistic cliché, which is called “Lordship Salvation.” The cliché runs as follows: “If Jesus Christ is not Lord of ALL, He is not Lord AT ALL.” Sounds impressive, doesn’t it? Real “Scriptural,” right? Wrong. When a Hyper uses that cliché he has something in mind that you would never guess unless, like myself, you had spent hours and hours hearing that cliché APPLIED to different congregations. IF the Hardshell told the truth—and they are notorious liars (see pp. 12–13) in every instance that I have had to deal with them— he would say: “If Jesus Christ is not completely dominating your personal life as your Lord, causing you to live LIKE I LIVE, you have never been elected or regenerated because you couldn’t get saved without YIELDING YOUR WHOLE LIFE COMPLETELY TO HIM AS YOUR LORD!”

That is called “Lordship Salvation.” It is like “The Full Gospel,” “The Sovereignty of God,” and “Sovereign Grace.” It is BAT FEATHERS.

All Hypers judge all conversions by WORKS (Arminianism). That is Jacob Arminius’ (1560–1609) followers, right to the “T.” That IS Arminianism.”

Simon Peter (after his conversion) says to his “Lord,” **“NOT SO, LORD”** (Acts 10:14).

Paul (after his conversion) tells His “Lord,” “I’m going to Jerusalem anyway” (Acts 20) after being told four times not to go. “Lordship” is it (Acts 20:23)?

If these silly twentieth-century Calvinists think they have always obeyed Jesus Christ as “Lord” even AFTER they were saved—let alone before they were saved!—they are simply hypnotized by their own worship of themselves: egomaniacs.

I have known, personally, four Calvinistic Baptists (1950–1997) who were raised on Calvin, Gill, Pike, Dabney, Kuyper, Hodge, Shedd, Berkhof, Strong, Shelton, and their “Credal Christianity” as found in “Confessions.” All four of them were the most lazy, conceited, self-righteous, pious fakirs you could possibly imagine. All four had the ministerial ethics of an alley cat. (Junk yard dogs specialize in “alley cats!”)

Not ONE of them was a soul winner, and all four of them ridiculed soul winners. I



suppose it is because the Holy Spirit said that soul winners were “wise” (Prov. 11:30).

I have also learned (since 1960) that not only does Hyper-Calvinism lead to Hyper-Arminianism, but it also leads to a Hyper-Arianism (two gods: Jehovah’s Witnesses). This came about by the twentieth-century Calvinists adopting the *NASV* and *NIV* Vaticanus reading of John 1:18 in order to prove Calvin’s philosophical guess that Jesus Christ was “eternally begotten” because all of God’s “decrees” had to be “eternal.” John 1:18, in the *NASV* and *NIV*, is the official Jehovah’s Witness doctrinal statement on two Gods, as found in their New World Translation (John 1:18). Judge Rutherford and Pastor Russell were pure Arians, and John 1:18 in the *NASV* and *NIV* is directly from Arius (A.D. 325). Arius taught that Jesus Christ was a “BEGOTTEN GOD,” whom God begat. (That is, He begat HIMSELF, after being UNBEGOTTEN, if you take Isa. 9:6 seriously.) Thus, John 3:16 should read “God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten God that....”

This is the theological madhouse that Calvin opened up when he tried to play “know-it-all” for the Predestinationists. The two Gods of BJU (they strongly recommend the *NASV*) and Moody Bible Institute (they strongly recommend the *NIV*) are:

1. A Begotten God (“God the Son”)
2. An Unbegotten God (“God the Father”)

That is pure Arianism from the fourth century A.D. It is now in print in Calvin’s “Credal Christianity” as the position taken by Arius’ opponent—Athanasius!

This is the kind of philosophical madness—it appeals to religious kooks and lunatics who have “gone ape” and “bananas”—one finds among Fundamentalists, Conservatives, and Baptists in the Laodicean church.

The booklet you are about to read describes how they got into the condition they are now in and why Peter S. Ruckman has never been, nor ever will be, a “Calvinist.”

## BJU, Spurgeon, And Calvin

Pastor Robinson of the Mayflower trip (1620) remarked that both Calvin and Luther were “precious shining lights in their day, but...” That statement is true. Biblical revelation is progressive. “Historic positions” are not only partial in many cases, but (in many cases) they prove to be FALSE with the passage of time. Pastor Robinson, a Separatist Baptist, grasped this truth. Sometimes the “Historic positions” taken by Lutherans and Catholics (and even Presbyterians and Baptists) turn out to be simply collections of non-Biblical opinions which were constructed by an elite group of Nicolaitans who thought they should rule the Body of Christ and dictate what a “real Christian” (like them!!) should believe. They thought the Body of Christ should be in subservience to a handful of stuffed shirts. The “historic” councils of Nicaea, Trent, Ephesus, Carthage, Chalcedon, Milevus, etc., all run on this race track. Modern examples are the “resolutions” passed by such outfits as the “World Congress of Fundamentalism” and the “Southwide Baptist Fellowship.” Bible revelations from the AV (1611) have advanced so far beyond the “historic positions” taken by these Laodicean outfits that the poor suckers who are in charge of them would have to study twenty years to catch up with the Book.

When I stood before the examining board for my Master’s Degree at Bob Jones University (around 1951–52), I was confronted with three, amillennial, baby-sprinkling, five-point (TULIP), Presbyterian Calvinists.

They were all raised on Calvin, Gill, Dabney, Hodge, Warfield, Machen, Robertson, R. D. Wilson, and Berkhof: two of them were graduates from Princeton University. They knew more about Calvinism than Andrew Sandlin, Rousas Rushdoony, James White, Booby Ross, Robert Scunner, Hot Dog Hymers, and Bob Jones III combined.

The first question they asked me was, “Mr. Ruckman, tell us what happens when an *irresistible* force meets an *immovable* object!” Shades of the Greek Stoa! What have we here? Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle? No? Possibly Epicurus, Zeno, and Pythagoras? Or could it be Thales, Empedocles, and Democritus? Here was the dwarf trying to get the Princess to guess what his name was (*Rumplestiltskin*).

Well, this cute little Calvinistic fairytale was a “bag and baggage” Calvinistic cliché. The *real* question was, “What on earth was such a conundrum doing showing up in the Graduate School of a “Bastion of Orthodoxy,” a “Fortress of FAITH!?” That was back around 1951. Can you imagine the shape that faculty is in NOW after forty-six years of “entropy” and expenditure of energy (the Second Law of Thermodynamics)?

Well, I figured this way: “If an irresistible force (it cannot be resisted) met an immovable object (it cannot be MOVED, by definition), then the irresistible force would be *deflected* without stopping, and the immovable object would be *shattered* without MOVING.”

It was then and there that I made another remarkable discovery. (Life is full of new

surprises every day, isn't it!?) I discovered that no seminary-educated professor, with an IQ of 130, would abide with Webster's *Dictionary* when dealing with the *English language*. I had given them the solution that honored the *meanings of the words* they gave me exactly as *they are defined* in a dictionary —any dictionary. But I had been a bad little boy! You see, my solution meant that God was deflected from His original purpose—to save the sinner. God could never be “deflected” from *anything* He “purposed” or wanted to happen! At least not in Calvin's philosophical system. No man could possibly frustrate “the will of God!”

THAT is John Calvin. That is Calvin in a “nutshell,” and I mean “NUT” shell.

All Calvinists live *sinless lives* because it is GOD (not them!) who WILLS *inside them* (Phil. 2:13) after He willed (not them) their salvation (Rom. 9:16). They cannot frustrate God, not even when they sin. They are 100 percent irresponsible. Christ didn't actually WANT Jerusalem to be saved (Matt. 23:37), because if He *had*, they would have frustrated His *purpose*, and His *purpose* was “irresistible.” **THAT IS JOHN CALVIN.**

Their “**YE WOULD NOT**” (Matt. 23:37) could not overcome His “**I WOULD HAVE,**” *even though it DID.*

Ruckman said God's will was DEFLECTED and their position was DESTROYED: A.D. 70, if you don't know *when*.

Once you take Calvin's cock-eyed, fanatical, radical, ANTI-CHRISTIAN view (Irresistible Grace), you must come to John Calvin's conclusion: every person on this earth who died and went to Hell did so *because God Himself directly willed it, ordained it, decreed it, and then carried it out by making sure that His Son didn't shed one drop of blood for anyone who was “predestinated” to go to Hell* (Limited Atonement).

Such are the ways of Christian *lunatics* who fall in love with their intellects.

Now, at this point, every five-point TULIP sniffer reading our comments will be having a conniption fit (original: cat on “cat nip”; the cat becomes Krazy Kat): “Slander!” “Misrepresentation!” “THAT is not what Calvin taught!” “Calvin didn't teach that!”

Intellectual crybabies have “a time of it” don't they?

*I misrepresented nothing.* I simply talked *plainly*. Hypers don't.

Of course, you can find somewhere, at sometime or another, where Calvin *contradicted* what I just said, but that is because a LIAR has to have a good memory and Johnny had a lousy one. If that is not the case, then Calvin was simply a split-tongued, two-faced hypocrite who talked out of both sides of his mouth at the same time. Charles H. Spurgeon was guilty of the first sin many times. I can show you in his *Treasury of David* where he is Premillennial, Amillennial, and Postmillennial depending upon what suits his taste. Like many of his brethren today (Hunt, Combs, Kutilek, White, et al.), he was a two-faced man-pleaser who tried to adjust himself to the AV and the RV (after it came out) at the same time. A lot of men-pleasers who want “**advantage**” (Jude 16) do the same thing today (John Ankerberg, Chuck Swindoll, Shelton Smith, Fred Afman, James Price, Arthur Farstad, Ron Minton, Bob Jones III, IV, David Hunt, James Melton, et al.).

Look at this “gem” by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, on Psalm 87.

“May it be OUR happy lot to be numbered with the Lord’s chosen (“election” above) ...let US PRAY, then, for the ADOPTION AND REGENERATION which will secure US a place among the heaven born!”

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was a *lost sinner* trying to get “elected” after he had been preaching for thirty years. *Go back and read him*. Don’t you accuse me of slander! He didn’t even know if he had been *adopted* or *regenerated*; that is, if you BELIEVED the fool! I would no more pray to be *adopted* (Eph. 1:5) or *regenerated* (Titus 3:5) than I would pray for my name to be written in the Lamb’s book of life (Phil. 4:3). Look at that “US” and “OUR” in that godless mess!

*Spurgeon classifies himself as an unsaved sinner who only “hopes” he will be saved.*

You can find somewhere else in some other place, can’t you, where he knew he *was* saved? *Two-faced*, split-tongued, or else his memory wasn’t operating when dealing with the greatest thing on this earth: NEW TESTAMENT SALVATION.

I invited L. R. Shelton Jr. to speak at the Pensacola Bible Institute a few years back, and when one student asked him to give his testimony on when and where he was “born again,” the pitiful critter was speechless. After being “**chosen in Him before the foundation of the world,**” and God overcoming him with “irresistible grace,” and regenerating him without his consent, L. R. could not tell you *when* he was converted to the Lord Jesus Christ, or *what took place* when he was converted to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip Schaff says that Calvin always had been a Christian *since he was born*, and was merely converted to “evangelical belief” (Ruckman, *The History of the New Testament Church*, Vol. I, [Pensacola: Bible Believers Press, 1982] p. 364). I will give Johnny the benefit of a doubt, and attribute Schaff’s remark to Schaff’s own lack of knowledge about the new birth. *He was the head of the ASV committee* (1901).

Now, Spurgeon’s outlandish request for God to adopt him and regenerate him (see above) is so typical of the kind of Hyper mentality we run into in dealing with Calvinists, as to be ignored. He said “US” referring to WHOM? Certainly not *me*. I was regenerated the 14th of March, 1949, in downtown Pensacola, Florida, at the corner of Gregory and Palafox Streets. Charlie said “OUR.” Who on earth is “OUR”? I’m excluded. I was adopted (Eph. 1:5) because I was *predestinated* to be *adopted* (Eph. 1:5) the moment I received Jesus Christ (John 1:12). Who on earth is this GROUP of people who are hoping God will “choose” them, and “adopt” and “regenerate” them? Well, Charlie said *HE WAS ONE OF THEM* (“us” and “our”)! Remarkable: absolutely awesome. Someone is trying to include YOU in their hallucinations and delusions.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon made those inane comments on Psalm 87 after telling you that the Church was “the mystical Jerusalem,” so it is “like the mountains round about Jerusalem.”

Make up your mind, stupid: is it the mountains or the city? I’ll tell you a funny joke: IT ISN’T EITHER ONE.

My Calvinistic professor in Theology at BJU told us that we had no business asking any sinner “when” he was saved, because if he was lost he couldn’t tell you, and if he were one of the “elect,” he was saved before Genesis chapter 1 (Unconditional Election, second point in TULIP). Strangely enough, the same joker told us that out in eternity, *before Genesis chapter 1*, there were “DAYS” on which someone *could be “begotten”* of God because Christ was begotten of God on “**THIS DAY**” (Psa. 2:7), and *that* was in eternity, before Genesis chapter 1. Do you reckon the Lord Jesus Christ knew what day “**THIS DAY**” was?

My Calvinistic professor in Biblical Archaeology said the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10) and the White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20) were the same judgment. Then he claimed the Judgment of the Nations (Matt. 25) was ALSO the same judgment. He didn’t have a brain in his head. His name was Barton Payne. He graduated from Princeton and the University of Southern California with a grade average of 98.5, and served on the NASV and NIV committees. I never met a bigger *Bible blockhead* in forty-seven years in the ministry. You couldn’t have found a more dishonest, naive, inexperienced, bungling perverter of Scripture if you had searched the Sahara Desert, the Arctic Tundra, the Russian Steppes, and the Okeefenokee Swamp.

My Calvinist Language professor (Dr. Brokenshire) said that Luke chapter 16 was a *parable* and the name of the rich man was “Dives.” Brokenshire was a five-point, Presbyterian Calvinist who believed *in sprinkling* babies to *regenerate them*. His church creeds gave Acts 2:38 as the means for regeneration, along with John 3:5. Dr. Charles Brokenshire willed me his Kittel’s Hebrew Old Testament before he died. I have had it for more than thirty-three years. It is right here on my bookshelf.

Now, the problem that none of the “Hardshells” like to talk about is, “How did ‘Ruckman’ endure six school years at BJU under a solidly Calvinistic-ASV-Hort-Nestle-NASV-Schaff faculty, and come out believing the AV was the Scriptures and that John Calvin was as blind a spiritual guide as ever led 100,000 dead orthodox theologians into a ditch?” They all know this happened, but how on earth did it happen? WHO WAS PRESENT WITH PETER S. RUCKMAN FOR SIX SCHOOL YEARS EVEN TO SHOW HIM THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE COIN? Remarkable phenomenon, wouldn’t you say?

Now, I will show you why I am a “one-point Calvinist.” I subscribe only to the “Perseverance of the Saints” (Point 5 in TULIP), with the clear understanding that if you convert this to “Predestination” you are talking about the predestination of a SAVED Christian who has already voluntarily received Jesus Christ (John 1:12–13) as his Saviour. No new birth (“the irresistible force”) comes to any “dead” man (Eph. 2:1–5) until the “*dead*” man *does* something (John 1:12). Note those verses carefully. If a dead man can be held responsible for rejecting Jesus Christ (and thousands of them do), then he can be held responsible for receiving Jesus Christ: the “will of God” does not automatically regenerate any “elect.” Note: “**He came unto his own and....**” And “**his own**” (“**the children of the kingdom,**” Matt. 8:12), and “**his own**” (see Heb. 10:30) wind up in Hell (Matt. 8:29).

The rich man in Hell says: “**FATHER Abraham,**” and Father Abraham replies

“**SON**” (Luke 16:25). An elect (John 8:39) son of Abraham in Hell!

I have here before me a tractus from “the horse’s (‘or jackass’) mouth.” This is John Calvin preaching (if you can call it that). It is actually a philosophical discourse sent to a certain Albertus Pighius designed to convince him that John Calvin understands all of the secret “eternal decrees” of God which He decreed before Genesis chapter 1. This tractus is called *On the Eternal Predestination of God*, so it purposely avoids the only two chapters in the Bible where the Scriptures mention the word: Ephesians chapter 1 and Romans chapter 8. Having eliminated Ephesians 1:5, 11 and Romans 8:29 for studying the word that occurs there (!), John substitutes for “adoption” and “conformed to His image,” the “daily steps” and “daily thoughts” of all men, including their rejection of Jesus Christ. I cite from a *Treasury of Evangelical Writings*, by David O. Fuller (Kregel Publishers, 1971, pp. 181–206). You never read a more coarse, gross, pagan, anti-Christian dissertation in all your life.

Calvin: “There is no more effectual means of building up faith than the giving of our open ears to the ELECTION of God.”

*Scripture?* You’ll have a long wait. Calvinists are Biblical illiterates. Johnny couldn’t find ONE verse in either Testament that even approximated his personal private interpretation of NOTHING. Jude said you build it up by “**praying in the Holy Ghost**” (Jude 20). Paul said you build it up by reading the “**word of his grace**” (Acts 20:32), and Peter said you build it up by partaking of the “**sincere milk of the word**” (1 Pet. 2:2). “Election” was never remotely connected with “building up faith” in either Testament, in any translation of any version of the Bible from any language.

Did you read *The Christian Liars Library*? Did you read *The Scholarship Only Controversy*? When did any highly-educated, intellectual, professing Christian (of ANY profession) ever have Scripture to back up the kind of nonsense that John Calvin preached?

Now, note again, Spurgeon’s famous “OUR” (see above), consigning all readers to the same godless, bottomless pit of ignorance that Calvin fell into. When trying to sell a lie, all fakirs use “we,” “our,” and “us” to sell the bill of goods. That is a “standard” in the Alexandrian Cult. You will find that gimmick used constantly (sometimes as many as 50 times in 100 pages) by people like James White, John Ankerberg, Zane Hodges, Wilbur Smith, Kenneth Wuest, Bob Jones Jr., Stewart Custer, Robert Scumner, Doug Kutilek, Harold Willmington, Sumner Wemp, and Bruce Metzger.

Calvin: “We were as much ordained to faith in Christ before the foundation of the world as we were CHOSEN to the inheritance of life in Christ.”

*Scripture?* Sorry, we’re fresh out, again.

Note that one can find more than forty bare assertions in James White’s work on *The King James Only Controversy* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 1995) after the old liar said “Ruckman merely ASSERTS such and such,” or “because Ruckman ASSERTS something does not make it so.” Calvin is “asserting”—he is asserting RUBBISH.

Biblical illiterates like James White, Bob Ross, John Calvin, Benjamin Warfield, Kurt Aland, Bruce Metzger, and Erwin Nestle are the greatest “asserters” on the face of God’s earth. Calvin’s “assertion” above doesn’t have ONE part of ONE verse in any Bible to reinforce it. It is a hollow, empty piece of theoretical guesswork given as an inspired dogmatic decree from “God”: i.e., Johnny.

No one in the Church Age “inherits life in Christ.” Your heavenly inheritance is in New Jerusalem (1 Pet. 1:4), and your millennial inheritance is earned by works (Col. 3:24; Luke 19:17). Calvin didn’t know what on God’s earth he was talking about. He was raving like a whirling dervish. I didn’t “assert” that. I corrected his “whirling” with book, chapter, and verse in the New Testament.

Johnny was simply flummoxed by Hebrews 1:14, where the reference was to people in the future who would be born “saved” after Revelation chapter 21 (see Heb. 1:14). This takes place in the New Heavens and New Earth, so Johnny couldn’t even quote the verse he wanted to use as a proof text! The word “*faith*” occurs twenty-two times in the Bible, not once does it state (or imply, or even suggest) that God “ordained” anyone to faith. The only time anything similar to it occurs is where the Holy Spirit wrote Acts 13:48: “**ordained to ETERNAL LIFE.**” But Johnny couldn’t handle that verse either because he used that verse to prove that some were predestinated to be saved on the basis of grace (misquoting Eph. 1:5–10, it read “salvation” instead of “**adoption**”), whereas every Gentile in Acts 13:48, who was ordained to eternal life, was **ORDAINED ON THE BASIS OF ROMANS 2:7: works.**

Imagine THAT, after every one of these Sovereign Grace PUNKS wasted your time repeating Romans 11:6 till it came out your ears! A whole chapter in the New Testament shows how Gentiles, who followed their conscience (Rom. 2) before Calvary, were ordained to eternal life (Rom. 2:7) on THAT BASIS. Read Romans chapters 2–3.

Calvin could not understand Acts chapters 10, 13, 20 or Romans chapter 2. He was not merely an “unsafe” guide as a Bible teacher: he was a monstrous TRAGEDY. Half the time he didn’t know what he was saying, reading, doing, or writing.

I am not a Calvinist.

I believe all of the Book. Calvin certainly did not. He superimposed his philosophical guesswork over more than three-fourths of it (he was Amillennial). Where he did believe the Book, he couldn’t understand or expound it properly.

Calvin: “If these clothe God with the garment of a tyrant, who refer the hardening of men [Romans 9:20] even to his eternal counsel, we most certainly are NOT the originators of this doctrine.”

You’re a bald-faced liar, kid. You most certainly *are* the originators.

You said all decrees were eternal and that included your “Decree of Reprobation.” In less than twelve lines of print I will have you quoting Augustine and saying that he is writing a confession of YOUR faith. Augustine says that it is God’s *directive will* to create lost sinners and damn them (see below). If by “we most certainly are not the

ORIGINATORS of this doctrine” Calvin meant “Augustine drummed it up before I adopted it,” then he told the truth, partially. But if he adopted it (and he did), then it is he and Augustine who “clothed God with the garment of a tyrant.”



# John Calvin and Augustine

Watch old Augustine, the first genuine Roman Catholic, clothe God in the Fascist robes of a Nazi, Catholic dictator!

“Augustine is so wholly with ME, that if I wished to write a confession of MY FAITH, I could do so with all fullness and satisfaction to MYSELF and to HIS writings.” Calvin now quotes Augustine in *The Predestination of the Saints*.

“WHO created the REPROBATE [the lost sinner whose sins were never paid for in Limited Atonement] but God? And WHY? Because He WILLED it. Why did He will it? Who art thou O man that repliest against God!”

There is the Nazi, Catholic tyrant, fully clothed.

God created sinners for the purpose of damning them eternally in the Lake of Fire, and you are forbidden to ask “Why?”

1. Augustine took Romans 9:20 out of its place and misapplied it to his own theory. There was no “**clay**” before Genesis chapter 1 (see Rom. 9:21).

2. Eternal fire was never intended for man when it was made. It was “**prepared for the devil and his angels**” (Matt. 25:41). Why would ANY man wind up there when God never made the place for man?

3. God never even created the “father” of the “reprobate” who blinds the “reprobate” (2 Cor. 4:4). The Devil (“**for the DEVIL and his angels**”) created HIMSELF. When God created him he was an anointed cherub (Ezek. 28:14), not a dragon or a serpent or a devil.

Philosophy destroyed Augustine’s mind. He was as Biblically illiterate as the priests and bishops in his adopted church.

That is “Calvinism” and “Augustinianism.”

And “Who art thou that repliest against Augustine?” Easy. I am someone who knows that Augustine pretended he was God and commanded me to believe that God was speaking when it was Auggy who was speaking. The crazy, silly baboon! Where in any Bible did God ever “will” the souls that he made (Isa. 57:16) to spend eternity in Hell or the Lake of Fire? Augustine couldn’t find one verse in either Testament of any version translated in any language on earth.

He was a Bible blockhead like Benjamin Warfield.

All he could find was a verse in Romans 9:20 dealing with God hardening Pharaoh’s heart AFTER Pharaoh hardened it (Exod. 3:19 and 5:1–10). God says “**I WILL harden Pharaoh’s heart**” (Exod. 7:3, FUTURE!) after the events of Exodus chapter 5. God made man with a free will (Exod. 35) which he still had AFTER the fall: see Ezra 7:13. “**Why hast thou made me thus?**” (Rom. 9:21). That which Augustine purposely omitted—he

quoted only HALF the verse (see Satan in Luke 4:10!)—is referring to a man’s ability to resist irresistible grace and do exactly what Pharaoh did. Pharaoh was “raised up” (Rom. 9:17), not “predestinated before the foundation of the world,” to demonstrate what you find in verse 22: **“To make his power known.”** Look at the two verses: verse 17 and verse 22. No “vessels of clay” are “made” before Genesis chapter 1 (vs. 21).

Now, the definitive work on this is by Dr. Laurence Vance. It is called *The Other Side of Calvinism* (Pensacola: Vance Publications, 1991), so we will not digress from Augustine here for very long. The point is, Augustine was a liar if we search the Scriptures to see what God Himself said (not Augustine) about “willing” men into Hell:

**“The Lord is...NOT WILLING that any should perish...”** (2 Pet. 3:9)

**“I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked...”** (Ezek. 33:11)

**“Who will have ALL MEN to be saved...”** (1 Tim. 2:4)

**“How often would I...but YE would not!”** (Matt. 23:37)

“Who art THOU, O Augustine who repliest against GOD?”!

Now, observe and learn! Notice what happens when a Catholic is offered a choice of two sets of “texts” in the Bible which may “conflict” or seem like discrepancies. (you judge men by their responses). See how all Cultists who worship Scholarship Onlyism will take the reading “father” over the reading **“Joseph”** in Luke 2:33; the reading “servant” over **“child”** in Acts 4:27, etc. etc. etc.

Augustine was offered four clear texts from the New Testament and the Old Testament which were so clear that no one could possibly misunderstand them, under ANY conditions. Opposite these four plain, clear statements by GOD HIMSELF, concerning His WILL regarding **“all men”** (see 1 Tim. 2:4), we find **“WHAT IF GOD...?”** (Rom. 9:22), which is Paul giving you a hypothetical situation, beginning with a subjunctive (or optative) QUESTION (see Gen. 3:1).

Response? You judge men by their responses (Josh. 24:15).

Don’t you know what Augustine would do? He would bet on the apostle’s hypothetical explanation instead of what GOD stated dogmatically about the matters.

That is Calvinism and Augustinianism.

Note Calvin said “Augustine is so fully with ME that...etc.” I thank God that Augustine is not with me, either “fully” or in part. That reprobate believed in non-elect babies going to hell, regeneration of babies by sprinkling water on them, persecuting Baptists (called “Donatists” in those days), that Rome was New Jerusalem come to earth, that the world would be converted to Christ by Catholic priests sprinkling Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, etc., and that the Second Coming of Christ was a process that was taking place on Catholic altars every Sunday morning, one piece at a time, in the “cookie.”

Calvin: “Augustine is wholly with ME.”

You take him, you goofball. My crowd is Bible believers.

Here, again, is the old pious Catholic philosopher denying the Pauline doctrines of

New Testament salvation.

“Faith...from its beginning...is the gift of God, and this gift is bestowed on some and not on others.”

Scripture? Scripture? What? Not ONE verse?

Of course not. When did ANY of these “great, good, godly, Conservative scholars” ever have enough Bible verses to back up ANYTHING they said that came out of their own noodles? Every unsaved Gentile on earth in Augustine’s day (A.D. 354–430) had been “**granted repentance**” by God (Acts 11:18), and every one of them had been given the “gift of faith” to the extent where it was in his HEART and (potentially) in his MOUTH (Rom. 10:6–8), whether he called upon the name of the Lord or not.

Aurelius Augustine was a Bible-denying GAS BAG.

What Scripture did he give for the godless, private interpretations he espoused? Do you have to guess, anymore? He, like John Calvin, invented handfuls of these blasphemous, philosophical, private interpretations to suit his own fancy. Augustine never found one verse (in a lifetime of “serious Bible study”) in either Testament that said God “bestowed faith on some” and refused to give it (“GIFT”) to others.”

Augustine and Calvin simply spouted nonsense.

“Why God delivers one from this condemnation (Rom. 5:16, 19) and not another, belongs to His inscrutable judgments and His ways ‘past finding out.’

You mean to a silly nut like you, don’t you?

John 3:16 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

John 3:36 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

John 5:24 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

First Timothy 4:10 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

Romans 10:3 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

John 1:12 told you WHY God delivered “some from this condemnation.”

And “why God delivers men from Adam’s condemnation” is “inscrutable” is it Auggy? The matter is about as “inscrutable” as why people die if they quit breathing, eating, and drinking. This time the old papal pagan quoted a verse, but my what a choice! (You judge men by their responses.) In an attempt to prove that God damned the reprobates that he created, Auggy quotes—I don’t believe it yet!—Romans 11:32! In Romans 11:32 no one is damned, no one is reprobated, no mercy is given just to “the elect,” no reprobate is “hardened,” and no “elect” are given faith. Read it. **“For God hath concluded them ALL in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon ALL.”**

That is Calvinism: sicker than a hippo with chapped lips.

That was Aurelius Augustine’s knowledge of the book of Romans where it described New Testament salvation. He was nuttier than a pecan pie. John Calvin said Augustine’s

confession of faith was his own confession of faith (see above).

Both of them must have been “reprobate!”

# God's Will

## And God's Decrees

“Augustine testifies that men are not chosen because they believe [John 1:12–13; Romans 10:9–13] but are chosen that they might believe.”

Too bad God didn't testify to that. Too bad the Holy Spirit refused to testify to it. Unfortunate it was, indeed, that “God the Son” never mentioned it in four Gospels. What Scriptures is Augustine reading? He never can produce one verse for anything he says!

“Augustine testifies,” does he? Then in view of the fact that not one member of the Godhead would authenticate (or even recommend) his testimony, why didn't he keep his stupid trap SHUT? He couldn't get one witness to corroborate his testimony, and he needed TWO (2 Cor. 13:1). The only one who would back him up was a deluded sinner just like he was: John Calvin.

Here is the final outcome of this vicious lying about New Testament Salvation:

“God...accomplished what he WILLED...the DAMNATION of those whom HE had justly predestinated to punishment, and to the salvation of those whom HE had mercifully predestinated to GRACE.”

Thank you Alice in Wonderland.

The word you used twice (“predestination”) cannot be found in one verse of any chapter in any book in either Testament of any version translated by anyone in the history of manuscript evidence. The only two times it occurs (Rom. 8 and Eph. 1), it is not remotely connected with ANYONE being “reprobate,” anyone being a “vessel of wrath,” anyone getting “hardened,” anyone rejecting Christ, or anyone going to Hell or the Lake of Fire.

The entire doctrinal confession of Calvinistic “Credal Christianity” is a SATANIC JOKE. Calvin and Augustine were so used to playing “God” to the Body of Christ, they made up His decrees for Him and then perverted His Scriptures (Eph. 1; Rom. 8) to enforce their own inventions. Two peas in a pod. Two clowns in a rubber room.

I am not a Calvinist.

At seventy-five I still have an IQ above eighty.

Augustine made no distinction whatsoever between the Directive Will of God (the Ten Commandments, for example) and the Permissive Will of God (1 Sam. 8:6–9; Acts 2:23, and Acts 7:42, for example). According to Augustine, everything God PERMITS is “according to His will” (Calvin, p. 185). If God permitted it, God DID it (ibid., p. 184). Auggy says:

“NOTHING, therefore, is done but that which the Omnipotent WILLED TO BE DONE, whether permitting it to be done, or DOING IT HIMSELF.”

And there it is “like a rotten egg.” You can’t “beat it,” but it sure stinks.

God committed the sins that the reprobates commit. That isn’t all. He commits all the sins that the elect commit AFTER they are regenerated because he “works in them” to “**do of his good pleasure**” (Phil. 2:13).

You can holler “slander,” “misrepresentation,” “false presentation,” and “lying” till you are red, white, and blue or black, green, and orange in the face, and it will do you no good. THAT is what Augustine believed, and John Calvin said that it was his own (John Calvin’s) confession of faith. All one can really say is that both of these pagan philosophers were so traumatic they didn’t realize what they were actually saying when they spoke or wrote (see above).

What John Calvin actually says is (and I cite him verbatim, word for word [ibid., p. 203]):

“It is more than evident that THIS [Psa. 115:3; Prov. 16:9] includes ALL THE ACTIONS of men [rape, child molesting, cursing, lying, swearing, cheating, torturing, sex perversion, blackmail, embezzlement, etc.] and this TRUTH is more clearly seen in special instances. Many...refer all these statements to the PERMISSIVE WILL OF GOD [rape, child molesting, sex perversion, sadism, masochism, lying, swearing, killing, cheating, etc.] BUT THIS SOLUTION APPEARS TO ME UNWISE. His will (God’s) is ONE and UNDIVIDED....”

Whereupon, realizing that he has dug his own grave, Calvin immediately contradicts everything he just said and claims that God is NOT the author of these crimes even though He GOVERNS “the passions[!] and PLANS” of the sinners involved (ibid., p. 203).

In short, John Calvin was a schizophrenic, paranoid LIAR without a spiritual bone in his body, at least where it came to dealing with God’s WILL.

“Nothing done in the whole world [rape, incest, sex perversion, lying, swearing, cheating, killing, abortions, kidnapping, sadism, etc.] is done otherwise than IN ACCORDANCE TO GOD’S PURPOSE” (ibid., p. 191). That time Johnny ducked Augustine, who would have said “according to God’s Will,” but since both of these crackpot fanatics didn’t know the first thing about conversion, or God’s Will, it really doesn’t make any difference.

There now follows (ibid., p. 191) four pages of “God’s Providence” about what happens to certain individuals in time, but there is not found one Biblical reference to anyone’s inner decision to sin or go against the commandments of God or resist the Holy Spirit or reject Jesus Christ.

Calvin quotes Proverbs 16:9 to prove that God’s eternal decrees do not “hinder us from exercising forethought for ourselves,” etc.

There are no “eternal decrees” mentioned in Proverbs 16:9. There are no “eternal decrees” mentioned anywhere in the Book of Proverbs. The decree regarding seas (Prov. 8:29) was not eternal, nor did it even last in TIME after time started. They overflowed the

earth (Gen. 1:2) after time started, they overflowed the earth again in Genesis chapter 6 AFTER time started, and they will be ERADICATED PERMANENTLY BEFORE “ETERNITY” STARTS AGAIN (see Rev. 21:1–3).

Going totally bananas on “eternal decrees,” old kooky Calvin says that Proverbs 16:9 shows that God set up eternal decrees before Genesis chapter 1 on every STEP that every man on earth takes! What on earth could be more ridiculous unless it would be James White trying to expound Acts 19:1–4? (Maybe it might be Stewart Custer [BJU] with his “wealth of material” on a B.C. “Septuagint” found in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Stu baby couldn’t produce one verse out of 31,000 plus verses in the Bible.)

I am not a Calvinist: which is the equivalent of saying “I am not yet ready for the Funny Farm.”

When given the clear, open, and plain Scriptures regarding these so called “eternal decrees” (Gen. 6:6; 1 Sam. 15:11; Jer. 18:8; and 1 Sam. 2:30) where God Himself changes His own decree—and none of them were said to be “eternal” to start with—we encounter this mincemeat hash from Calvin, which he dishes out as a “plain explanation” for what went on in those verses:

“God REPRESENTS Himself [dig that one baby!] to us NOT as He IS in Himself, but as He SEEMS TO US. God is not at variance with Himself [look at Hosea 11:8–9!] neither does His will change [see 1 Sam. 2:30!], nor does He PRETEND that He wills not the things which He Wills.”

Thank you Slick Willie! Man, what light we now have on the “will of God!” Boy, was that ever a “plain explanation!” Thank you Jabberwocky!

Calvin is a total bankrupt washout every time he opens his mouth about “the will of God.” It would seem that a man in such a dismal fog of confusion, misunderstanding, false private interpretations, and muddled nonsense would find it impossible to be in the “will of God” in his own life more than two weeks out of the year.

1. God told David that the Ziphites would deliver him up to Saul. They didn’t.
2. God told Nineveh they would be destroyed in forty days and night. They weren’t.
3. God “decreed” (and prophesied) the total destruction of Jerusalem (Jer. 21:4–8), and then made the “eternal decree” CONDITIONED on the free will of man (Jer. 17:21–27, 38:17). Man’s free will could alter the “decree,” even after it was PROPHESED.
4. God arranges the Tribulation and the Millennium so they could have occurred in the first century following Acts chapter 2 (Luke 2:14; Matt. 3:2; Mark 9:12–13, 13:32) or AFTER 1996 (Eph. 3:1–6), DEPENDENT UPON THE FREE WILL OF ISRAEL’S LEADERS.

Not ONE “decree” in the Bible was permanently fixed, permanently. Christ could have been born in Genesis chapter 5 and “bruised the serpent’s head” in Genesis chapter 6, and come back “**with ten thousands of his saints**” (Jude) as ENOCH PROPHESED IN THE DAYS OF NOAH. The Psalms had not even been written (Psa. 2:7) till long after

**“the days of Noah.”** There were no prophecies written regarding Christ’s birthplace or His name or His ministry or His betrayal or His death or His burial or His resurrection, before the birth of Abraham.

There are forty decrees recorded in the Bible that God did NOT make (2 Chronicles 35:5; Ezra 5:13, 17, 6:1, 3, 8, 11–12, 7:13, 21; Esther 1:20, 2:8, 3:15, 4:3, 8, 8:17, 9:1, 13–14, 32; Job 22:28; Proverbs 8:15; Isaiah 10:1; Jeremiah 5:22; Daniel 2:9, 13, 15, 3:10, 29, 4:6, 17, 6:7–9, 12–13, 15, 26; Jonah 3:7; and Luke 2:1.) None of these decrees were “eternal.”

The decree of Proverbs 8:29 is the perfect matchmeet to the identical one mentioned in Psalm 148:6. As we have noted, these decrees were not only not made in eternity, **THEY DON’T LAST IN ETERNITY.** This brings up an interesting question which all the Calvinists refused to deal with—the length of the “**BEGOTTEN Son’s**” life when He is said (in ETERNITY—Rev. 21–22) to **SUBMERGE HIMSELF BACK INTO THE TRINITY “THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL”** (1 Cor. 15:28). If you really want to screw your screwball intellect into an inscrutable left hand thread try **THAT** one “for size!” No Calvinist opened his mouth about it, and if he had he would have only confirmed the fact that he was a theorizing, bungling, stumbling, conceited **IDIOT** who thought his little, finite, pea-brained mind was capable of dealing with eternity.

Although the author of the decree in Daniel 4:17 was God (Dan. 4:24), it was no more “eternal” than Darius’ decree of Daniel 6:26. It was no more “eternal” than the decree of Psalm 2:7 where **“THIS DAY”** eternally divorces the decree from ever taking place before Genesis chapter 1. There is no **“day”** before Genesis chapter 1; not even as **“light”** in the absolute sense (Gen. 1:5), let alone **“day”** and **“night,”** as in Genesis 1:14.

It was **DAVID** who “declared” the decree of Psalm 2:7. It was decreed as a prophecy. The whole Psalm is prophetic: look at it. There is not **ONE** line of it dealing with anything that took place before David’s birth. David simply declared a decree God revealed to him, at that point; i.e., when he sat down to write. David doesn’t say one thing about **WHEN** God declared it before he **REVEALED IT.** Calvin just removed **“THIS DAY”** from the Psalm, and then filled in the blank space with something that would match his own “Decree of Reprobation.” Charles Wesley, the hymn writer, said of this bold piece of hair-brained bunko:

Oh horrible decree, worthy of whence it came! Forgive their **HELLISH BLASPHEMY** who charge it on the Lamb!

Augustine and Calvin charged it right straight to the Lamb’s account and made **HIM** responsible for it: see pp. 21–22.

And why did Calvin and his nutty companions make such a mess of Psalm 2:7? Easy: **“CALVIN IS THE LEAST SATISFACTORY OF ALL THE PROTESTANT LEADERS REGARDING PROPHECIES IN GENERAL”** (from *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Vol. II, p. 436).

Prophecy is the main proof of the divine nature of inspired Scripture (see Isa. 41:4,



20–24, 26, 42:9, 23, 43:8–13, 19, 44:7–8, 26, 45:11–12, 21–22, 46:9–10, 48:3–7, etc.).

No wonder Calvin was such a rotten Bible teacher.

In Job 28:26, God makes a decree that is not eternal (vs. 27). In the context He **“said unto MAN”** (vs. 28). *“Man”* was not on any earth in *eternity*. The “eternal decree” is NONSENSE. Too much pizza after 11 p.m. Too much “Blue John” (England, circa 1600). Calvin was simply determined—contrary to the DIRECT WILL of God!!—to “eternalize” all of God’s “decrees” so he could bolster his mythological “Decree of Reprobation” which damned some 4,000,000,000–10,000,000,000 sinners to Hell (permanently) BEFORE they were born.

Jeremiah 5:22 could be applied to oceans and seas on earth, but there is nothing “eternal” about any sea or ocean on earth staying “in bounds.” They will go “out of bounds” completely in the next few years (see Luke 21:25; Isa. 24:17–20). The seas and oceans went completely out of bounds in Genesis chapters 6–7, so any decree about them was not only not made in eternity, it couldn’t have had anything to do with ANYTHING that was “eternal.”

Micah 7:11 was a decree that has been **“FAR REMOVED,”** not established. This one has dual application, but since Calvinists are always the least satisfactory when it comes to the main theme of the Bible (the Second Coming of Christ in prophecy) they couldn’t handle it. (The “they” refers to TWENTY of the greatest, most godly, recognized “qualified authorities” on the prophets. All twenty are listed by name in the *Bible Believers Commentary on the Minor Prophets* [Ruckman (Pensacola: Bible Believers Press, 1979) pp. 458–460]. None of them could handle it.

The word for “decree,” by the way, in Micah 7:11, is the one used in Psalm 2:7 (Heb.—“choq”).

The decree is first applied to Daniel 9:25 and Nehemiah 2:8 to match the text **“in the day that thy walls are to be built.”** Then Jeremiah 32:29, 42–45 and Zephaniah 2:2 (and 3:8) apply the decree to a time when the wrath of God is poured out on Judah and Israel, and the nations who persecute them. After Origen, Symmachus, Theodotian, Aquila, Augustine, Jerome, Maurer, Matthew Henry, the Living Bible, Marti, Kroll, Freerkson, Nowack, Delitzsch, Harkavy, Willmington, Wemp, Williams, Gesenius, and the rest of them had made a perfect mess of the text, we find in THE BOOK that:

At the first restoration and rebuilding (Ezra and Nehemiah) the second application of the Decree is removed from it by more than 2,000 years. But when the walls are rebuilt the second time (Ezek. 40–48) the decree to rebuild them (Dan. 9:25) has been removed, again, from the first application by 2,400 years, for the Church Age intervenes between “The Decree” and its fulfillment. The AV text is exact: it presents dual fulfillment’s of one Decree and the two fulfillment’s are **“FAR REMOVED”** for they are 2,300–2,400 years apart.

The decree was no more given before Genesis chapter 1 than before Moses crossed the Red Sea.

Zephaniah 2:2 is a divine decree warning the Jew to get right before the decree goes

into effect (vss. 3–5). There is not the slightest indication *anywhere* in the whole Book of Zephaniah that this decree originated *anytime* before the reign of Solomon.

And there it is: forty decrees decreed by MAN, not God, and the seven that God decreed (two of them are identical) were no more “eternal” than Nineveh or Babylon. Calvin’s whole theological system was based on a *scatter-brained* theory that had no more substance than a Waterdog getting regenerated by applying Acts 2:38 through the city water system.

Ahasuerus altered his decree after he made it (Esther 8:5, 8) as Darius altered his (Dan. 6:7, 25–26). No King’s decree was “eternal.” They weren’t even fixed when stated to be permanent (see Esther 8:5–8).

I am not a Calvinist: I would be ashamed of myself if I was.

There are enough Biblical illiterate dumbbells in Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries in this century without a teacher in a Bible Institute joining the crew.

Calvin believed in sprinkling babies: I don’t.

Calvin believed in Limited Atonement: I don’t.

Calvin idolized Augustine: I wouldn’t have bothered to give the jerk the time of day.

Calvin denied the literal Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ: I don’t.

Calvin used John 3:5 and Acts 2:38 to prove Baptismal Regeneration: I think that proves he was either unsaved or else 80 percent Roman Catholic.

Calvin denied that all sinners have the capacity to repent and believe on Jesus Christ: I disagree—strongly.

Calvin taught that God purposely damned sinners before they were born, and “elected” them to Hell by making certain that not one drop of blood in Christ’s atonement was shed for them. He taught they were predestinated before Genesis chapter 1 to wind up in Hell. I think Johnny had rocks for brains.

Calvin would kill you (literally) if you disagreed with the way in which he WORDED his explanation of the Trinity. I think he was a paranoid psycho.

Calvin taught that conversion begins with the New Birth without any repenting or any believing on the part of the convert: repentance and belief occur AFTER the sinner is saved. I think Johnny was a fit candidate for a rubber room.

I repeat: “I am not a Calvinist.”

I believe in the Eternal Security of the believer because Paul taught it (Rom. 8), not because Calvin went around shooting off his mouth about Sovereign Grace and Eternal Election.

I wouldn’t call upon John Calvin to lead in silent prayer. I won’t ask Augustine to teach a DVBS class for fifteen-year-old children.

Anyone of my fifteen-year-old church members (there are about ten of them) knows more about Bible prophecy than John Calvin, Jerome, Aurelius Augustine, Benjamin Warfield, Louis Berkhof, and Charles Haddon Spurgeon COMBINED. If you’re a

“Calvinist,” that is your misfortune, not mine.

Has any Christian sat down for a minute and actually asked himself, “Why on earth did any professing Christian invent that peculiar cliché: ‘All of God’s decrees are eternal?’ Where on earth could such a cockeyed idea come from? It certainly never came from any copy of any version of any Bible in *any* language on this earth. No one having read the 47–48 places we just listed (p. 26), where the term is used, would have had one thought about “eternal decrees” entering his noodle. NOTHING was said (or even implied), in one reference out of forty-eight, about God “eternally decreeing” anyone to be lost or saved, resisting or submitting to the Holy Spirit, believing or not believing on Jesus Christ, or on Christ’s birth, death, burial, or resurrection. (The last four items were subjects of prophecy.) Not even Acts 2:23 is connected with any “decree.” That was simply part of God’s plans which He knew would be carried out (foreknowledge). Calvin was a blank on propheesy, so he failed to notice that no “decree” (let alone an “eternal” decree) was connected with Isaiah 53:1-10; Psalm 22:1-17; Acts 2:23, 3:18; Zechariah 11:12; and so forth. The sorry critter thought that God had to DECREE something before it came to pass. All He had to do was tell somebody He was going to do it, and then do it. “Calvin is the least satisfactory of all the Protestant leaders when it comes to Propheesy.”

**“THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY”** (Rev. 19:10).

Calvin must have not known much about the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

The **“Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”** (Rev. 13:8) was in God’s foreknowledge, but not even that act was preceded by any “eternal DECREE.” God, knowing what He is going to do (Acts 15:18), does not have to *issue any decrees*. He doesn’t even have to reveal to man what He is going to do every time. None of God’s purposes (Eph. 3:11) have to have “decrees” behind them in order to come to pass. Where did this mythological concept come from? Can’t you guess, after reading Esther and Daniel?

It is **KINGS** who make decrees: human kings. They issue orders to people. That is what Calvin wanted to be. He wanted to be a king, issuing orders to people. That is why he **WAS** in Geneva, and that is what he **DID**. He fancied the Almighty had to “do likewise” if the Almighty was a “King.”

He *created* a Sovereign after his own image **“in his own likeness.”**

Certain things in history are fixed ahead of time, but those things are the subject of prophecy if God reveals them ahead of time at all. They are **NOT** a subject matter for “decrees.” Thus, the Virgin Birth of Christ is prophesied (Gen. 3:15) in time, not eternity. Calvin is pretending He can read God’s mind in eternity, and is pretending that God’s **FOREKNOWLEDGE** cannot operate unless God **DECREEES** an action to take place. Notice how this leaves a loop hole for Johnny to say, “Well, by decree, I meant **HE WILLED IT TO TAKE PLACE.**” Those aren’t the same words in any Bible. And once that substitution is made you fall into the theological hellhole that all **TULIP** sniffers fall into: **GOD WILLED THE DAMNATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL SINNER BECAUSE HE HAD “DECREED” IT.**

Much of Christ’s earthly life is “preordained” ahead of time by the fact that God stated

(ahead of time) what would take place (Zech. 13; Micah 5; Psa. 22; and so forth). But none of these prophecies were DECREED in eternity: *they are revealed in time and written down in time*. Certainly God had *foreknowledge* of the future events to come before Genesis chapter 1, and this is evident from Titus 1:1–2 (which by the way gives NO specific events!). But the idea that He had to decree all of the events is nonsense.

A “decree” is something a man says or writes in order to produce action (check all forty-eight references). The reference in Psalm 2:7 was a *prophecy* exactly like the prophecies in Zechariah, Isaiah, Micah, Psalms, Genesis, etc. Calvin couldn’t handle PROPHECY.

When Calvin got ahold of Psalm 2:7, he saw a means of justifying his hellish Decree of Reprobation. He would *insert* the word “eternal” before the word “**decree,**” erase “**THIS DAY,**” and then *substitute* “the everlasting NOW” for it. Then (to “tie the rag on the bush”) he would alter “**begotten**” to “**ETERNALLY**” begotten.

I have never read in my studies (a book a day since I was ten years old) a more deliberate perversion of Biblical truth than John Calvin’s handling of Psalm 2:7. He would even give Madam Blavatsky or Pastor Russell a “run for their money.” Not content with correcting the AV text with the “original Hebrew” (or the “original Greek”), not content with divorcing the passage from the context, not content with misapplying the word in the verse, not content with refusing to compare the words in it with the Scripture, old John Calvin subtracted words, added words, substituted words, and then perverted words: that is, in one verse which only contained twenty-one words. He *did it* to prove a pet philosophical theory he had about unsaved sinners.

Let that truth sink down deep into your soul. A “Calvinist” will mutilate and pervert any verse in either Testament to prove his “*Credal* Christianity” is “Biblical,” when it is nothing but destructive revision of the revelations of God. If he cannot find “eternity” in a verse, he will *insert it*. If he cannot find “sovereignty,” he will insert it. If he does not like “**THIS DAY,**” he will remove it. That is what Calvin did. That is another reason I am not a Calvinist. I wouldn’t change one word in any verse, anywhere in THE BOOK, to meet the demands of anything I think, believe, teach, or practice.

I will give you two illustrations about God’s will and free will to show how any scholar who was stupid enough to follow John Calvin in his teachings on “free will” simply became immersed in Pixie Dust. I certainly will take this liberty after giving you forty-eight proof texts on God’s DECREES which Calvin used for “God’s WILL.”

Here is the first one. You sit down at a table to a game of chess. You are going to play God to see if He will get His WILL and WAY (which he “decreed!” Ho-ho!) or your WILL and WAY.

You are determined to win. Got it? Anything difficult about the set up? No? Alright! Off we go! Who wins the game? Do you have to flip a coin to find out? Do you have to “draw straws?” God wins every time: 100 out of 100 games in a row. No matter WHO plays Him, or under what conditions they play Him, He is always the winner. He absent-mindedly sacks 5,000,000 computer chess machines simultaneously, while simultaneously feeding 500,000,000 insects, 300,000,000 marine animals, 50,000,000 birds, and

6,000,000 mammals— daily. Right? Any problem?

Yes, there is a problem. As a matter of fact there is a problem that is so horrendous that BJU's little quiz program about the "irresistible force" and the "immovable object" looks like "Button, button, who's got the Button?"

Problem: How many times during, say, the first twenty moves in the game did God have to force you against your will (by "decree" or intimidation, or pressure, or ESP or auto suggestion or physical force, or by promise or threat) to make a certain move in order for Him to win?

Answer? Not ONCE. Every move was a freewill move—and He still won. To accomplish His purposes which He wills (whether "decreed" or not), God doesn't have to control any man's MIND or any man's WILL.

He'll win every time without messing with either one of them.

You will make your own plays according to what YOU think best, and you will be totally and solely responsible for every move you make. You could never claim that God forced you to make a move against your will until the game was so far gone that He could dictate what move you SHOULD make in order to avoid an immediate "checkmate."

Could He prophecy all your moves ahead of time? Of course.

Could you make a move He didn't have "foreknowledge" of? Of course not.

WHAT "DECREE" WOULD HE HAVE TO PASS TO GET YOU TO MAKE ANY MOVES? None.

And there it is again, just like one gigantic nuclear stink bomb.

Calvin and Augustine, BJU and Lewis Sperry Chafer, John Gill, John Gilpin, Benjamin Warfield, A. T. Robertson, Louis Berkhof, Arthur W. Pink, Booby Ross, Moody Bible Institute, Andy Sandlin, Dallas and Denver Theological Seminaries, Rousas Rushdooflunkey, et al., were crippled too high for crutches.

I will give another illustration, and if it does not shed more light in ten minutes than a book by any Calvinist running 600 pages, I will "decree an eternal decree" never to go mullet fishing again.

There once was a wise man who had the reputation of being able to answer any question that anyone asked him—"cold turkey," "on the wing." People would stand in line for hours waiting to ask him their questions. He never failed *one time* in a lifetime to give the right answer. One day a little boy about fourteen-years-old decided he would "stump the expert." So he got ahold of a tiny, newborn, baby sparrow, about the size of a chicken egg, and stood in line waiting to put the master "on the spot."

When he was about second in line, he cupped the baby sparrow between both hands so it could not be seen. Then when his turn came he presented his two folded hands before the face of the "Oracle."

"O wise man," he said, "What do I have in my hands? A LIVE sparrow, or a DEAD sparrow?" (His "game plan" was terrific. If the sage said "A live sparrow," he would crush the sparrow and kill it. If the sage said "A dead sparrow," he would open his hands and let

the birdling flop out! Got him! Got him, comin' and goin'! Had it made!)

The wise man smiled and then said quietly, “My boy, that depends entirely upon YOU.”

And there went Irresistible Grace, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, and “the Bondage of the Will” out the window into the dumpster.

Do you have a soul that is predestinated by an “eternal decree” to go to Heaven or Hell? “MY BOY THAT DEPENDS ENTIRELY UPON YOU” (just like the destruction of Jerusalem did—see Jer. 38:17–18 in the Old Testament and Matt. 23:37 in the New Testament).

If you don't like the “eternal decree” (see 1 Sam. 23:12), do like David did (1 Sam. 23:13): CHANGE IT.

God WILLED nothing: *you will it*. The little boy had no pressure on him of any kind to influence his decision one way or another. He wasn't being compelled by the wise man to DO (or THINK) anything. And YOU, sir, are perfectly capable of choosing either one—GOD OR THE DEVIL, HEAVEN OR HELL, LIFE OR DEATH (Deut. 30:19). Read Romans 10:8 and Acts 11:18. YOU decide, not God. Take Jesus Christ or reject Him. He atoned for the sins of false prophets and false teachers (called “dogs” and “pigs” in 2 Pet. 2), and His BLOOD “*sanctified*” (Acts 20:28) Christ rejecting Jews (Heb. 10:27, 30) who will wind up in Hell. Jesus Christ died for “**THE SIN OF THE WORLD**” (John 1:29), and the SINS of the world (2 Cor. 5:19), not “just the elect.” You are a dirty, lazy, lying, spiritual CRIMINAL to blame your own damnation on God after choosing damnation instead of salvation. All Calvinists blame God for the damnation of every Christ-rejecting sinner on earth. That can only mean one thing, if you know anything about personal work and human nature: it can only mean that all Calvinists desire to blame their own personal sins on God (Phil. 2:13) where He does NOT have His “will” and His “way” in their own lives.

They soothe their defiled consciences by inventing a “divine decree” where God is responsible for man's sins.

David, one time, inquired of God to get His decree on a matter involving life and death: “**Will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard?**” (1 Sam. 23:11).

The divine, infallible Oracle replied: “**He will come down.**” He does. Saul comes down (vs. 25) as “predestinated and foreordained” by the “determinate counsel” of an “eternal decree.” Since “ALL the actions of men” (see Calvin above) are controlled by a sovereign God, and He “directs all of their steps” (see p. 23), Saul's coming down was “decreed before the foundation of the world, etc.”

“**Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?**” Answer from the “eternal decree,” according to the “determinate counsel and foreknowledge” of the sovereignty of God's Eternally Begotten Wisdom (see p. 70): “**THEY WILL DELIVER THEE UP**” (vs. 12).

They don't. They didn't.

“How boot dot!!?”

The “eternal decree” smacked into a man’s freewill and COLLAPSED. David reversed it: he skedaddled. The prophecy was FALSE: the Ziphites did NOT deliver up David or his men (vs. 14). Did God LIE to David (Num. 23:19)? You are to spot a false prophet by what God said about them in Deuteronomy 18:20–22. That is what happened to God’s prophecy on David in 1 Samuel 23!

Will I go to Hell? Yessirree Bob! You are reprobated to spend eternity in Hell by a divine decree! “Sorry, I just accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour: see you in glory.” “Have I got a live sparrow?” “That depends entirely upon YOU. If you don’t like the ‘decree’ change it!”

“Eternal” decrees, is it? Chapter and verse?

Not one occurs anywhere in the Book concerning anyone’s salvation or damnation, spiritual or physical.

The names “**not written in the book of life**” (Rev. 17:8) were omitted AFTER Genesis chapter 1 (“**FROM the foundation, etc.**”) not BEFORE. They would be the names of ten demoniac kings (Rev. 17:10) and their offspring (Dan. 2:43: see Gen. 6:1–3). But since no Calvinist “**from the foundation of the world**” knew enough about Biblical Christianity where it dealt with prophecy to write a twenty-page booklet, they wouldn’t get the message no matter when it was “decreed.”

I am not a Calvinist, and I am not a “scholar.”

I am a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, Bible teaching Baptist pastor of a New Testament local church.

Don’t saddle me up with Calvin’s irreverent foolishness just because God used SOME of his writings to positively affect some eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Presbyterians, and some sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Puritans. Calvin was a precious, shining light “in his day,” but “his day” was never an “everlasting now” (John Gill’s alibi for an “eternal begetting).

# The Fruitfulness of “Anti-Calvinism”

After observing the fruits of the “Sovereign Grace” and “Lordship Salvation” eggheads for nearly half a century, I have come to the conclusion that I could enjoy fellowship with a Roman Catholic archbishop as quickly as I could enjoy fellowship with John Calvin.

I could no more have Christian fellowship with a batbrain like John Calvin or Aurelius Augustine than I could with a batbrain like James White or Stewart Custer.

Calvin believed that babies could be regenerated by sprinkling, and that water put babies into a covenant like “circumcision” had done, forgetting that no FEMALE could get into any covenant if circumcision was required!

He rejected all of Exodus chapter 35 on the grounds that no one had a free will, and no one’s **“heart”** could stir them up unless God did it (See vs. 5, 10, 21–22, 25, 29 where the Holy Spirit corrected John Calvin SIX TIMES in one chapter!) John Calvin denied the rapture and the literal promises to Israel (Gen. 13, 15, 22; Deut. 30), which he spiritualized and applied to his own church (Isa. 2, 11, 66, etc.). He denied the coming of the Son of Perdition (2 Thess. 2), the reign of Jesus Christ at Jerusalem on David’s throne (Luke 1:30–33), and the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10).

Ole’ TULIP Johnny taught “Theonomy”—you could make a city or country “Christian” by enforcing the laws of the Mosaic covenant on Gentiles, thus fulfilling **“thy kingdom come,”** etc. He taught that although a sinner was DEAD spiritually (and could not receive Jesus Christ), he was still held accountable for NOT receiving Jesus Christ: non-elect sinners had to go to Hell for failing to do something GOD PREVENTED THEM FROM DOING (see Augustine, p. 15). And ole’ Johnny the Speculator could no more explain how Old Testament saints were saved than he could explain “the everlasting now.” All Old Testament saints died in Adam (Gen. 5:1–4), not ONE of them was “made in the image of God,” and not one of them was **“quickened”** (Eph. 2:1–5) by ANY Spirit before, or AFTER, believing ANYTHING.

Am I a “Calvinist?” Not in ANY sense of the meaning of the term.

When I was asked by a board of five-point, TULIP Calvinists (BJU, 1952) whether I was an Arminian or a Calvinist, I replied, “I am an Arminian till I get to Calvary, and after that I am a Calvinist.” They didn’t like THAT one either (see p. 2–4)! Whining crybabies have “a time of it.”

But the greatest reason for taking a clear-cut stand against Calvinism, where it concerns “quickening” and **“regeneration,”** is the fact that the Apostle Paul clearly nullified Calvin’s entire theological system in 1 Corinthians 4:14, 9:22; and 1 Timothy 2:4, 6; and then told you to follow HIM (1 Cor. 11:1) instead of Johnny. Paul despised “eternal decrees”: he doesn’t mention the word “decree” one time in thirteen epistles. He didn’t waste two verses talking about Jesus Christ as a Begotten “God.” He didn’t waste



one verse on anyone being “begotten” before they were born (see p. 74).

While none of the Sovereign Grace boys (Shedd, Dabney, Kuyper, Chafer, Hodge, Strong, Berkhof, Machen, Shelton, Pink, Ross, Gill, Gilpin, et al.) obeyed 1 Corinthians 11:1 in example or ministry, it was Paul to whom God dispensed an extra dose of “Sovereign Grace” (See Eph. 3:2) that was given to him in order for him to understand a mystery hidden in the Scriptures—Eve, Asenath, Ruth, and Zipporah are all types of the Bride of Christ. This mystery was not revealed until God showed it to Paul (Eph. 3:1-6, 5:29–33). This grace was NOT extra grace “sovereignly dispensed” to an “elect chosen one” in order to get him saved.

Totally unlike Ross, Sandlin, Barnard, Pink, Garrett, Chafer, Mauro, Schaff, and Calvin, Paul included himself in the so-called “special calling” of “irresistible grace” (1 Cor. 9:22). Then, to further blaspheme the whole Calvinistic system, he included himself in the spiritual “begatting” associated with the new birth (1 Cor. 4:15) where the Holy Spirit “**quicken**ed” the “**dead**” sinner.

John Calvin would have had Paul burned at the stake (literally) if he had caught Paul writing those words. Calvin and Booby Ross would have burned Paul after tying him to the same stake with Servetus.

You cannot imagine the colossal CONCEIT of these puffed up ASSES who think that if you don’t accept their own personal, private interpretations, in the very words they use for wording them, you are to be killed. Calvin MURDERED a professing Christian who denied infant baptism, and claimed that Christ was “begotten” when He was born.

The Calvinists listed above are all notorious for a total lack of RESULTS in their ministries. They write and talk. If you think that is really “doing something” and “bearing fruit” then you will have to salute me before you salute them. I have written more than twice as much material as John Calvin and Augustine combined, and I have stood on my pins (preaching and teaching) on the average of twelve hours a week every September–May for thirty-one years, plus an average of six hours a week for another sixteen years —“year-round.” I have spoken more words in a month than Mauro, Shedd, and Berkhof COMBINED, spoke in four months.

Anybody can write and talk, so you may discount anyone who glories in it and then suddenly decides that in “Ruckman’s case” it is worth nothing. Paul “**laboured**” (1 Cor. 15:10), and that was not a reference just to talking and writing. Paul always gave God the credit for whatever God accomplished through him. Note the passages:

First Corinthians 13:11–13, 15:10; 2 Corinthians 10:12–18, 12:1–11; Galatians 2:6–9; Ephesians 3:1–9; Philippians 3:4–14, 4:13; Colossians 1:27–29; 1 Thessalonians 2:13–16; 2 Thessalonians 3:14–16; 1 Timothy 1:12–17, 2:7; 2 Timothy 4:6–8.

This is the evangelistic, soul-winning anti-Calvinist who said he “**SAVED**” sinners (1 Cor. 9:22) and “**BEGAT**” them (1 Cor. 4:15) through the Gospel. Note in that last verse, the identical word (“**begotten**”) used as found in Psalm 2:7—“**This day have I BEGOTTEN thee.**” Paul was talking about the ACT of birth. The One who conceived

Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:20) conceived the “**new man**” (Col. 3:10) in Paul’s converts (John 3:3–8).

Now, it is not accidental that all TULIP sniffers miss both of these two very important verses in 1 Corinthians. You see, all Hypers are deficient in street preaching, tract distribution, foreign missionary work, soul winning, personal work, and evangelistic preaching—especially the kind Paul engaged in (see Acts 24:25). Calvinism kills evangelistic zeal after the young man is told to “**do the work of an evangelist**” (2 Tim. 4:5). Twentieth-century Calvinists are totally DEFUNCT in all branches of soul winning and evangelism. They live off of the glory of a handful of Calvinists back in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They do not like to be reminded that although Spurgeon was a great Baptist preacher, he won less than half the number of sinners to Jesus Christ that Billy Sunday did, less than one quarter as many as Dwight L. Moody did, and less than one-eighth as many as John Wesley did. In spite of Spurgeon’s many sided “confessions of faith” (see p. 5), he was careful never to spend more than 1 percent of his sermon time preaching on the five points of TULIP. He knew “which side his bread was buttered on.”

In the twentieth century, not ONE Calvinistic preacher has showed up (a TULIPER) who ever won one-twentieth the number of souls to Christ that ANY of the following anti-Calvinists won: Hugh Pyle, Bob Gray, Jack Hyles, John Rice, Curtis Hutson, B. R. Lakin, B. B. Crimm, Fred Brown, Lester Roloff, Hyman Appleman, Bruce Cummons, Vance Havner, Bobby Ware, Wendell Zimmerman, Bill Alexander, John Rawlings, Beauchamp Vick, J. Frank Norris, Bill Pierce, Bill Haag, Oliver Green, Maze Jackson, Roger Vournas, or Dallas Billington.

No twentieth-century “Calvinist” is Pauline in preaching or in practice.

By “Pauline” standards, he is a heterodox HERETIC.

Now, THAT was my original Ph.D. thesis at Bob Jones University (1953). I stated that professions of orthodoxy, as found in the major “Creeds of Christendom” (Credal Christianity), “statements of faith,” and “historic positions,” were nothing but hypocritical coverups for theological deadbeats who had abandoned New Testament preaching and practice. Any apostate “Evangelical” or “Conservative” who hears the word but will not do it (James 1:22–23) is deceiving himself: “**deceiving, and being deceived**” (2 Tim. 3:13).

You can imagine how THAT “thesis” went over on a faculty at BJU composed of theological deadbeats!

The response of the whining, crybaby, Calvinistic Pablum Pukes to the soul-winning activities I mentioned above is “standard.” “None of the converts were really converted.” God had not “granted them repentance”: they had been talked into it. None of them had been “elected” or “chosen,” otherwise they would have all adopted Hyper-Calvinism automatically. None of them had been regenerated because their life styles and Christian activities didn’t match the life styles and activities of the Calvinists who had had the “Special Calling,” and a choice, exclusive dish of “Sovereign Grace.” At least nine out of ten people led to Christ by soul-winning evangelists and pastors and personal workers are fakes, according to ALL TULIP SNIFFERS. They are cast off immediately as “Arian” and

“Pelegian” counterfeits of “Unconditional Election” and “Irresistible Grace.” The truth of the matter is that all of these Calvinistic Hardshell crybabies are “dead in the water.” They are not winning one out of ten, or even one out of 100,000. Bobby the Booby, for example (The Predestinated Failure), claims that no born-again Christian was ever led to Jesus Christ by ANYONE if the soul winner failed to teach him the “eternality of the Son” as “begotten as a generation” in the “everlasting NOW.” Every backslidden, orthodox hypocrite who followed John Calvin believed that theological correctness in SPEECH (correct according to them!) was more important than the Biblical preaching of the Apostle Paul (Acts 17:23–31, 20:21, 24–26, 32, 24:25).

They are all envious, jealous hypocrites, as powerless as a pile of floss candy.

Now, I will demonstrate this. I am going to purposely irritate (be “abrasive,” according to the late David Otis Fuller, a great defender of the *Authorized Version* and the Textus Receptus) the TULIP sniffers. I am getting ready to rustle their feathers, raise their hackles, upset their tummies, destroy their peace of mind, and cause them to have theological spasms in an effort to justify their own powerless, prayerless, barren, fruitless WRITING and SPEAKING. To do this I am simply going to list the fruits of anti-Calvinism in my own life, while giving the credit and the glory (naturally) to the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:7–8) who produced this fruit (Gal. 5:22).

The following is what no whining, crybaby “Sovereign Grace” nut can tolerate. It is Pauline. It matches the heart of the New Testament, not some official “Creed” constructed by a handful of Nicolaitans who wanted to be “big shots” and play Holy Spirit for the Body of Christ.

Here are the fruits of anti-Calvinism, rejecting 90 percent of what Calvin and Augustine taught about salvation—in the twentieth century (1947–1997).

I. Eight thousand sinners led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by preaching **“the gospel of the grace of God”** (Acts 20:24), and demanding a clear cut, first-time decision from each sinner to receive God’s Son as his (or her) Saviour: the “SON” found in Romans–Philemon. I did not tell one convert, while leading him to Christ, that Jesus Christ was an “eternally begotten God,” or that He was a “unique God” while His Father was an “ununique God” (*NIV, NASV, etc.*). I do not teach POLYTHEISM to saved converts *or lost sinners*.

II. Of these 8,000 converts, nearly 3,000 of them were grown, adult MALES, over twenty-one years old. About 3,000 children were included in the total (between six and eighteen years of age), and then about 1,000 were grown women over twenty-one years old.

*Everyone* of these 8,000 converts was told that the way for anyone of them to be “saved” was to realize that their own righteousness (however “righteous”) could not save them in the Day of Judgment (Rev. 20). They were told that God did not want to send them to Hell (“elect” or “non-elect”!) so He sent His only begotten Son down to earth to die for their sins: to take their place as a “sinner.” They were told He died for their sins and was buried and rose again the third day from the dead, **“according to the scriptures”** (1 Cor. 15:1–5, Gal. 1:8–12). I told them that if they would put their hope of salvation in

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 10:1–5) instead of *their own*, they could get out of eternal condemnation (even if they were not “*chosen in Him before the foundation of the world,*” etc.!) according to John 5:24 and Romans 4:6–8. They were then instructed to “**call upon the name of the Lord**” (Rom. 10:13) with THAT purpose in mind: accepting His righteousness instead of their own.

I’ll tell you a funny joke. If Augustine and Calvin were not “saved” according to those Scriptures, they are in Hell right now, and Booby Ross and the men who taught him are either there or “on the way!”

I wouldn’t waste two seconds with the Hardshell’s “Lordship Salvation”: “If Jesus is not Lord of ALL, He is not Lord AT ALL!” That is the cliché of a proud, self-righteous, pious FOOL who resents sinners getting saved. Paul disobeyed “THE LORD OF ALL” (Acts 22:18). Simon Peter disobeyed “THE LORD OF ALL” (Gal. 2:11) and argued with Him while calling Him “**LORD**” (Acts 10:14). Calvinists don’t read the New Testament. They just use it occasionally as a textbook for proving theological gobbledygook.

Every self-righteous, bloated up, puffed up, egotistical Calvinistic dead beat—and boy! can they feign “Humility!”—has rejected the Lordship of Jesus Christ in his own life so many times, AFTER his conversion, it would take one hundred pages of writing to describe it. When it comes to salvation, anti-Calvinism is solidly Biblical: it is Scriptural (Rom. 10:13). The OBJECT of getting saved (Luke 23:42) is TO GET SAVED (Acts 16:30–31).

Such things as Fellowship, Discipleship, Lordship, and Friendship (see James 2:23 and 4:4) come AFTER salvation. The Hyper-Calvinistic cliché (above), when translated into the contemporary living language of twentieth-century America, is simply: “If Jesus Christ doesn’t control every individual action of *your life*, like He does MINE, you cannot be saved because He is not Lord of all of your individual actions, *LIKE HE IS MINE!*” That is “Lordship Salvation.” It invariably leads to a Hyper-Arminianism. You judge all conversions by comparing their works with your works: WORKS —Arminianism! I don’t know of one exception to this rule in 400 years.

I got a letter this year from some cock-eyed, half-baked nut in Texas who puts out a tract on “Lordship Salvation.” He claimed that the “missing element” in 90 percent of ALL conversions these days was the lack of “repentance.” Granted that preaching on repentance is a rare thing, one must never forget that when a deadbeat TULIP sniffer says “repentance,” he really means “did the convert give up what I gave up, and does he now live like I live!” (Works: Arminianism!) If he did and does, then he is converted: if *not*, he is still “**dead in trespasses and sins.**”

At any rate, this spaced-out, dead orthodox theologian wrote four pages on what “real” conversion is (according to Calvin, Gill, Shelton, Pink, Gilpin, Barnard, et al.), and I read it carefully. When I had finished the four pages, I suddenly realized that not once in four (LARGE) pages of small print had he ever told any sinner to forsake his own righteousness and trust “God’s righteousness (Rom. 10:1–4). He was producing “converts” in his own ministry who followed his own pattern of WORKS after forsaking WORKS he thought were wrong while, at the same time, they kept THEIR SELF-

RIGHTEOUSNESS (Isa. 64:6).

If you haven't forsaken your SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom. 10:1–10), you are just as lost as a golf ball in high weeds, even if you dropped smoking, dancing, shorts, bingo, movies, mixed bathing, lying, swearing, telling dirty jokes, drinking, killing, cheating, laziness, and drugs in ONE day. No “Lordship Salvation” nut is able to tell when ANY of his “converts” have repented and when they haven't. If a man retains his self-righteousness instead of taking God's righteousness (see Job 40:8), the fact that he goes to church, is baptized, prays, tithes, reads his Bible, attends Wednesday night prayer meeting, assists the pastor, gives alms to the poor, pays his debts, is faithful to his wife, and PROFESSES ORTHODOXY will no more get him into New Jerusalem than a rocket shot out of Saint Kennedy (Cape Canaveral).

This explains Spurgeon's peculiar comments on Psalm 87. It was the cry of a lost man who was hoping he would get “elected” some day (see p. 6). It also explains L. R. Shelton Jr.'s inability to give a word of personal testimony in regards to his conversion (p. 5). It also explains Bobby the Booby Ross turning up his nose at the conversion of over one hundred fifty prisoners who occupied twenty-nine different prisons in Texas and Florida (1996), because after their conversion—when they were less than three months old in Christ!—they didn't walk and talk and act like a Hyper-Calvinist, Puritan theologian. All modern “Pilgrim-Puritan” theologians are ignorant ASSES.

III. I was able, by God's grace, to set up three, independent, Bible-believing, Baptist churches (Bay Minette, Pensacola, and Panama City) “from scratch.” They are all open and active today: operating full-time and winning sinners to Jesus Christ. They were taught that all Hyper-Calvinists were ignorant ASSES.

IV. The “**effectual working of his power**” (Eph. 3:7) enabled me to set up a Bible institute that has operated regularly for thirty-one years with all bills paid, when due. It produced sixty full-time, Bible-believing pastors, eight associate pastors, four full-time, Bible-believing, street preaching evangelists, four Christian authors, four full-time jail ministry pastors, and forty-three young men (1997) overseas, preaching the gospel of the grace of God in eight foreign languages, on seventeen different mission fields. (We have two more on “deputation” right now, preparing to leave the U.S.A.)

THAT IS THE KIND OF PAULINE STUFF THAT A DEAD ORTHODOX APOSTATE (A “CREDAL” CALVINIST) CANNOT, AND WILL NOT, TOLERATE.

Watch the old, pious fakir go completely overboard with “the need for humility!” Oh, how “godly” these silly ASSES get after they themselves consigned several billion souls to Hell (the Decree of Reprobation) WHILE ELECTING THEMSELVES TO SALVATION! Oh my, what HUMILITY! Are THEY saved? Sure, they are. It is YOU and your CONVERTS who don't get “elected!” (Don't you understand that yet?) They invented a decree so they wouldn't have to witness and win souls (the Decree of Salvation) and then invented another decree to deny the results of everyone who was winning souls to Christ! Demon Possession. Can't you understand THAT? Can't you see what is going on?

According to their own, stinking, anti-Biblical “ministries,” a sinner cannot really be

saved unless he accepts Calvinism. In that case, he was “*chosen in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world,*” so he didn’t have to do anything to get INTO Christ (John 17:21, 23). One day (without his knowledge or consent) God regenerated the sinner (without his own will in the matter), and then caused him to “repent and believe.” But woe be to the convert or soul winner who was saved by repenting of his sins and coming to Jesus Christ by faith, trusting His Righteousness to save him from Hell, and subsequently was granted a New Birth (John 1:13; Titus 3:5) by God, and “adopted” as God’s son (Rom. 8:15)! That was NOT Johnny’s “plan of salvation” (Ordo Salutis). Such a convert made a false profession of faith: he cannot be one of the “elect.” THE “ELECT” HAVE TO BE CONVERTED AGAINST THEIR WILL WITHOUT ANY HUMAN INSTRUMENTALITY BEING INVOLVED.

And what is the proof of this? Simple: they will live like the “elect” do according to how the “elect” think an “elect” should live: WORKS, pure Arminianism.

Haven’t you ever noticed that all of the Charismatics (McPherson, Allen, Gorman, Branham, Hagin, Coe, Kuhlman, Hinn, Tilton, Bakker, Swaggart, Roberts, et al.) teach that “you can lose your salvation,” but not once in one hundred years has one of THEM ever lost HIS salvation? Did you notice that? Ask anyone of those money-mad, lying (Rev. 2:2), false apostles (2 Cor. 11:8–14) how many times THEY lost their salvation, say in thirty years. They never did. “You” did.

Between the professional actors I just named (the Charismatics) one finds adultery, fornication, fraud, embezzlement, sex perversion, lying, blasphemy, and stealing, but not one Holy Roller in the lot ever lost HIS (or HER) salvation. They taught that YOU can lose YOURS.

That is the ethical and moral character of the modern, twentieth-century, “credal” Christian. They were “elected”—YOU weren’t.

Their converts were all “**chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world**”—YOURS weren’t.

Modern Calvinists are the epitome of unrepentant self-righteousness and unrepentant self-love. If God “granted them repentance” it was the kind He gave to Judas (Matt. 27:3).

IV. “**The grace of God which was with me**” (1 Cor. 15:10) enabled me to publish over one hundred twenty books and pamphlets with many of the books running over two hundred pages—and some of them running over four hundred pages; a half a dozen ran over eight hundred pages. In addition to this, I was able (by the grace of God: “Not I but Christ in me,” etc.) to print and distribute seven cartoon tracts in five foreign languages, while turning out two hundred, full-length, chalk talk sermons and more than four hundred, 30-minute Bible studies, PLUS more than one hundred sixty hours of verse by verse expositions of Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Daniel, the Minor Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, John, Acts, all of the Pauline epistles, and all of the Hebrew epistles.

IN TWO LIFETIMES, JOHN CALVIN AND AURELIUS AUGUSTINE (COMBINED) DID NOT TURN OUT THAT MUCH MATERIAL.

And that is the kind of talk that kills a “celebrity” like Bob Jones III, Chuck Swindoll, John Ankerberg, Shelton Smith, Fred Afman, James Price, James Combs, Bobby Scunner, Hot Dog Hymers, Booby Ross, Zane Hodges, Arthur Farstad, and Harold Willmington. They were ALL taught Calvin’s Systematic Theology. I was taught it at BJU. It just “didn’t take.” I found out that a good militant, positive, aggressive, open anti-CALVINISM bore ten times the Biblical “fruit” (Gal. 5:22) than came from Calvin’s “decrees” and ridiculous “Sovereign Grace.”

V. Paul deliberately “rubbed it” into the great “humble,” godly predestinationists of his day, who wouldn’t think (darling!) of praising God for their visible RESULTS! He said, **“It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory”** (2 Cor. 12:1). **“That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many [Calvinists and Charismatics, probably!] glory AFTER THE FLESH [see Col. 2:20–23], I will glory also”** (2 Cor. 11:17–18).

I am seventy-five years young. I am still able to pastor more than six hundred people of whom about one-third are the families of Bible students. At seventy-five, I am still (like Caleb and Joshua) able **“to go out, and to come in”** (Josh. 14:11) to the airports at Atlanta, Frankfurt, Chicago, Manila, Los Angeles, Key West, Moscow, Ft. Worth, New York, Honolulu, Detroit, Guadalajara, Odessa, Bombay, and Denver, four times a month, twelve months a year, preaching in churches anywhere from 200–12,000 miles from Pensacola, Florida. I am still able (by the Grace of God ONLY—2 Cor. 9:8) to preach anti-Calvinism world-wide just as long (and as loudly) as I preached it in 1950, forty-seven years ago.

Anti-Calvinism, anti-Lordship Salvation, and anti-Sovereign Grace describe the greatest and grandest **“gospel of the grace of God”** that can be preached on this earth.

No Calvinist has one iota of the grace of God manifest in his life or ministry when it comes to getting sinners saved. Paul had spiritual results from his ministry all of his life, and he talked about them and thanked God for them. He gave the credit and the glory to God for them. Paul did not spend 90 percent of his life talking and writing: he DID things—he was “active.” He set up local churches (see No. 3), he traveled hundreds of miles (see No. 5), he made tents (Acts 18:3), he preached on the streets, he got jailed, he got beaten, he got whipped, and he got shipwrecked.

He did not write theological dissertations on the Trinity: not even ONE. He did not waste time rebuking any Charismatic, Campbellite, Catholic, J.W., or Seventh-day Adventist more than TWICE (Titus 3:10). Paul was a literalist who believed the entire Old Testament, and he never said “The word unfortunately is translated as such and such” or “A better translation should be” or “The original Greek text says” etc. There is not to be found, in one Pauline epistle, any discussion of anybody being “eternally begotten,” nor are there three verses on the “eternality of the begetting.” Paul was too busy winning sinners, helping converts, and setting up New Testament local churches to mess with a pack of Alexandrian hoodlums who were trying to take over the Body of Christ by SPECULATING on the nature of the Trinity.

“Anti-Calvinism” is one of the most powerful, Biblical, fruit-bearing theologies a

Christian preacher can adopt. Get active: start winning sinners to Jesus Christ (see Ruckman, *Memoirs of a Twentieth Century Circuit Rider* [Pensacola: Bible Believers Press, 1992]). Organize local churches (Rom. 16:16). Study the Bible instead of some half-baked nut like Rushdoony or Sandlin. Get you a *King James Bible* instead of some grossly corrupted abomination like an *NIV* or an *NASV*. Till the garden, run errands for your wife, break up rocks, split kindlin', dig post holes, make a swing for the kiddies, rotate the tires on the truck, go fishing, do personal work, learn how to play an instrument, or learn how to cook, but for God's sake DO something! ANYTHING! Just "do it"! Your pen (word processor, typewriter, etc.) and your mouth are not proofs that you really BELIEVE anything in the New Testament: what do they PRODUCE?



## A Typical Twentieth Century Calvinist

I have been harassed, for years, by nasty little mosquitoes, gnats, and “chiggers” who have nothing to do but land on someone else’s work in order to get attention. Everyone of them turned out to be a lay “ministerial reject” who never did anything in a lifetime but read books, study books, write books or articles, talk, argue, debate, fuss and complain, and promote himself as a great intellectual or a very wise “Bible teacher.” If you added up what these “kings of the road” (America, circa: 1930 “hobos”) actually accomplished during a life span of ten to fifty years you could describe it on the backside of a postcard.

I will refer to only one out of several score. This one is very typical of the whole crew, although perhaps a little more innately stupid than your average “chigger.” This bird was from Pasadena, Texas. He wasted, literally, years of his life trying to get someone to notice him. The way he did this was by challenging “all comers to take him on” in debates about different subjects, which HE chose. This particular immature child—attention was all he craved all of his life—was the five-point, TULIP Calvinist who helped John Gilpin (for several years) to edit *The Baptist Examiner*, a Hardshell Baptist publication out of Ashland, Kentucky. He was an ultra, super, hyper-predestinated Calvinist.

This particular backslidden, powerless, fruitless, barren bullshooter—he was not a pastor, evangelist, Bible teacher or even Sunday School teacher, nor was he a missionary or a personal worker or a soul winner—wanted attention so badly he would take on Waterdogs (Campbellites) in debates so he could get an audience. Being single, with no family to raise, and not being a member of any local church (or attending one regularly in twenty years), he had plenty of time on his hands, so he became a bookseller: he beat the drum for Charles Haddon Spurgeon—the UNADOPTED, UNGENERATED, “hope so,” “pray so” Calvinist you read about on page 5 of this work. But he was too “low profile.” Nobody was anxious to buy his books.

He then got rabid and began to compile a list of names of all the Christian leaders he could find who WERE getting attention (Shelton Smith, Bob Gray, Gail Riplinger, Jack Chick, Texe Marrs, et al.). He then tried to get them to debate with him so he could utilize their congregations, supporters, and “fans.” They took him to be nothing but a silly clown, and never gave him the time of day. (The nut thought this meant that all of them were AFRAID of him! It never occurred to this brainless TULIP sniffer that since he had DONE nothing in a lifetime, he was so unimportant that no one wanted to take the time to fool with him.) They all laughed at him—ten of them whom he tried to lure into a “debate” so he could get enough attention to sell some of his books.

We gave this self-deceived child a chance to exhibit his ignorance of the Bible back in 1992. His name was Bob Ross. We refer to him, affectionately, as “Booby Ross, the Predestinated Failure.”

We gave him a two-hour Bible session where he could “field questions” from young Bible students—many had no high school diplomas—and gave him as much time as he

wanted to answer every question, with no interruptions. We videoed his performance. It was a catastrophe. He bombed out in less than fifteen minutes. After the debacle, he whined, complained, griped, howled, bellyached, and made false accusations about the performance steadily, for TWO YEARS. Booby Ross didn't have the grace of an alley cat. For a man who believed in "Sovereign Grace," he didn't have enough "grace" even to tell the truth about his own miserable performance: he blamed the whole thing on us! He had no "grace" at all.

On April Fool's Day, 1998, Bobby the Booby will appear at the Bible Baptist Church in Pensacola for a two-hour debate on Limited Atonement. He will prove that Jesus Christ didn't die for the sins of any sinner who ever went to Hell or who is going to Hell. I am going to prove Booby is paranoid.

I am not a Calvinist. I think that Limited Atonement is about as "orthodox" as Baptismal Regeneration, the Perpetual Virginity of Mary, Holiness "Oneness," or a Baptist "Bride." I believe that Calvin's Limited Atonement is one of the most anti-Scriptural, God-forsaken HERESIES that ever damned a man, a city, a state, or a nation.

THAT heresy is part of the Credal Confession of John Calvin's "Credal Christianity." To Hell with it (Charles Wesley, p. 28).

So, the question naturally arises, "Why did we give this jughead another chance to make a perfect ass out of himself?" Why did we volunteer to take on this powerless, prayerless, graceless, whining BRAT? The answer is "We did NOT volunteer." After being challenged to a debate (1960–1996) by some incompetent wimp, every other time I published a book, I got tired of it. I cannot slap gnats and mosquitoes and play nursemaid to twenty-five unattended, bawling babies in a nursery while I am trying to fulfill the ministry God gave me (Col. 4:17). So, to shut their mouths and get them out of my eyes and ears (and nose), I published a "Standard Reply" to all challengers. It is a well known fact (for over forty-five years) that I never challenge ANYONE to debate on ANYTHING. I don't have to "take anyone on," as I have already clearly stated everything I believe on more than one hundred occasions (in pulpits and in books) and I am no more interested in what ANYONE thinks about my beliefs than if they lived on another planet. I have always had MORE attention and publicity than I wanted, or needed. My problem, in life, has been how to get away by myself long enough to paint, write, and go net fishing!

But I no sooner got the "Reply" in print—two weeks to be exact—than old Bobby the Booby (just mentioned) signs the reply form saying that he will debate me anytime, anywhere, on my conditions and terms, which I would set up. The Standard Reply obligated me to give any man a date if he signed his John Henry to THOSE conditions.

I (honest to God!) thought that there would not be, alive on this earth, any depraved idiot who would be stupid enough to assent to a proposition like that! But boy! Was I ever mistaken!

I figured I had finally brushed off the gnats and the chiggers, but no! Here, in the twentieth century, was a backslidden ministerial reject who swore by all five points in TULIP, and the miserable critter was so far gone and so starved for attention that he would sign his own death warrant and then brag about it!

Remarkable: absolutely “awesome.”

When you pick up anything that Booby writes, it makes no spiritual “impact” on you at all; it doesn’t even leave any Biblical impression. The contents of his articles are of no interest to anyone who knows the Bible, and they are of no interest to an active Christian who is on the “front line” or the “firing line,” so to speak. Poor ole’ Booby fancied that he was a Christian celebrity because he debated with Charismatics and Campbellites. Who would want to debate in public with such a religious BLANK? Well, some Charismatics and Campbellites might. They, too, are always suffering from lack of attention. Having never been called to preach, they are always trying to invent some sideshow to get an audience.

Now, I will give you a typical sample of Booby’s “methods,” which will show you what he is “up to” every time he writes anything. Here, you can see the results of a debate which Booby had with some Pentecostals over the Trinity. His object was to prove that their “Oneness” doctrine (Jesus is the Father, Jesus is the Holy Ghost, Jesus is the Son, etc.) was a heresy. Booby wrote a book on it. It took him 279 pages to prove his “affirmations.”

Any Bible-believer could sack the Pentecostal “Oneness” doctrine with FIVE VERSES OF SCRIPTURE. Why take 279 pages to do it? Easy. The lazy loafer had nothing to do for months before he got into the debate. Easy. Having no place to preach, with no one even slightly interested in hearing him preach about ANYTHING, he had to unload himself of forty sermons on one “chance opportunity.” Easy. Two hundred seventy-nine pages would give him an opportunity to display his ignorance on a vast scale by delving into a dozen subjects that had nothing to do with the Trinity. So Booby went into the history of Pentecostalism, the tongues and healing movement, the opinions of Christian scholars, women preachers, baptismal formulas, the church fathers, Alexandrian Greek texts, the *NIV* and the *NASV*, credal confessions, sanctification, the eternal “Sonship,” and Daniel chapter 7. The spook was simply advertising himself as a great Bible teacher: “thoroughness!” He had to tell you everything he knew in one publication. (I think he succeeded in doing it!)

I can THOROUGHLY refute “Oneness” without quoting one church father, without appealing to any historian, without discussing anyone’s “eternality,” without quoting any Creed or Christian’s denominational belief, or without referring to any Bible version but the *Authorized Version*. It can be done with five verses of Scripture: Matthew 3:16–17; John 14:28; Psalm 2:7; and 1 Corinthians 8:6. What is the need for 279 pages of bullshooting, unless you are just trying to get someone’s attention?

Do you know why ALL “ministerial rejects,” who fancy themselves to be Bible teachers, do that same kind of thing? Simple. They don’t want you to rest on the Scriptures. The Scriptures cannot be sufficient to guide you: YOU MUST HAVE THEM. Get it? You need Booby and his knowledge to “overthrow the heretics.” Five Scriptures do not have the authority that HE has. Ah yes! Ah, Alexandria, here we come! Right back where we started from (Origen, Clement, et al.). That is what James White did with Acts 19:2, remember (*The Scholarship Only Controversy*, pp. 195–198)? That was the lifetime ministry of A. T. Robertson, Kenneth Wuest, Marvin Vincent, Spiros Zodhiates, Fred

Afman, Stewart Custer, Harold Willmington, Richard Trench, R. B. Thieme, B. F. Westcott, F. J. A. Hort, Kurt Aland, Bruce Metzger, F. F. Bruce, and the “gang.”

Two hundred seventy-nine pages to present a case for the Trinity? Ridiculous!

Any man who could not defend a Bible doctrine he believed, in less than fifty pages, ought to retire to the South Seas. Any man who needed more than forty minutes to prove a Biblical doctrine he believed in, NEVER BELIEVED IT TO START WITH. He just wants a place to preach so he can shoot his mouth off in front of a congregation. Frustrated egomaniacs are a penny a dozen in 1997.

If you picked up Booby’s Booby House on “Oneness” (it is called *The Trinity and the Eternal SONSHIP of Christ*), do you know what tremendous Scriptural revelations you would find on 279 pages that have nothing to do with the Trinity or the “Sonship” of Christ?

Well, here is one:

Booby says that the “**principalities**” and “**powers**” in Ephesians chapter 6 are nothing for you to worry about: you are to obey them because they are the same “**principalities**” and “**powers**” Paul mentioned in Romans 13:1–7. Booby says they are not *demoniac*: that is, they have nothing to do with Satan.

Did you know that the “**principalities**” and “**powers**” of Ephesians 6:12 are not even located on this earth? They are above the solar system, and located there, according to Isaiah 24:21. They are even called “princes” (as in “**principalities**”) in Daniel 10:13–20. They are not “ministers” (Rom. 13) sent out to collect “**tribute**” (Rom. 13), and they have no more need of bearing a “**sword**” (Rom. 13) to “**execute judgment**” (Rom. 13) than they would need a shotgun or a billyclub.

Booby Ross is a Biblical illiterate. He is not fit to teach a twelve-year-old the Bible.

Now, Booby tells you that the Holy Ghost had nothing to do with Christ’s conception (Ross, p. 85, “initial impregnation”). You want to see a heretic teaching “heresy?” Compare *that* rubber room theology with what the Holy Ghost told Matthew to record in Matthew 1:20!

In an effort to prove the “indivisible nature of God” Booby cites 1 John 5:7 for a proof text (Ross, p. 135). First John 5:7 cannot be found in either of the translations that Booby cites to prove the “eternal Sonship of Christ.” To prove the eternal BEGATTING (not “Sonship”) of Christ, Booby appeals to the *NIV* and the *NASV* readings for John 1:18. *There is no 1 John 5:7 in the NASV or the NIV.* When trying to lie his way out of the godless mess he made of things—making Christ a begotten God instead of a “Begotten SON” (*AV*: the eternal “SONSHIP,” not “begatting”), the great Bible teacher says, “THE GREEK TEXT of John 1:18 refers to Him as the “only begotten God.”

Of course it doesn’t. Booby lied like a dog.

Any second-year student knows “THE” Greek text is a SPOOK. No “sech of a thang” exists on this earth. Booby is a lying Booby. He has never read (or even SEEN) “THE” Greek text, and when he cites John 1:18, he is citing the two foulest, most corrupt deprivations of Scripture known in the history of manuscript evidence: Sinaiticus and

Vaticanus (see *The Scholarship Only Controversy*, pp. 116–149). There are more than twenty-four Greek texts that have been published. Booby lied to you. He trusted you wouldn't check him to see if he was telling you the truth. He wasn't. He is a liar. Erasmus and Elzevir had A Greek text; Beza and Stephanus had A Greek text; Nestle and Aland had A Greek text; Souter and Alford had A Greek text; Mill and Walton had A Greek text; Fell and Weiss had A Greek text; Tischendorf and Griesbach had A Greek text; Von Soden and Vogels had...Had enough, yet?

“THE GREEK TEXT” is it, Booby? Shut up, you old hypocrite.

In our past dealings with Bobby the Boob, we have caught him lying five times about one day's activities. Two of the lies dealt with MONEY.

When he gets around to trying to explain the Trinity, the Boob picks up Psalm 2:7. Booby tells us that “heretics” twist, distort, and pervert Psalm 2:7 to prove that Christ's BIRTH was when He was begotten (Ross, p. 42). Whereupon, Booby follows their example to the letter. First he erases two words (“**this day**”) from the text. For those words, he substitutes Calvin's “eternity” (Ross, pp. 83–93). Then, seeing that he still has not distorted the Holy Scriptures enough, he lays his lying, dirty, defiled hands on the word “**begotten**” and adds a word to change its meaning. In its stead, he inserts Calvin's “ETERNALLY begotten.” He then tells us this is necessary to do because “**begotten**” is a NOUN not a VERB (Ross, p. 90). It is a reference to a “*generation*” (a noun).

THE WORD “**BEGOTTEN,**” IN EVERY HEBREW TEXT EXTANT, IS A VERB (Heb.—“yalad”).

Then, having looked at “eternity” (which he had substituted for “**this day**”), Booby decides some explanation is necessary (!) so he defines “eternity” as “THE EVERLASTING NOW” (citing John Gill, p. 89). That is the character who said “heretics” twist and distort Psalm 2:7!

Now, you get into the real deep water. Completely oblivious of the teachings of Mary Baker Patterson Eddy (Christian Science) on “Love is God,” Booby runs into a lady called “**wisdom**” in Proverbs 8:1–10, and claims that since Jesus Christ was “**the wisdom of God**” (Luke 11:49—notice he had to ADD “*of God*” to Proverbs), that WISDOM IS JESUS CHRIST: he deifies wisdom. So did every unsaved Greek philosopher from Thales to Aristotle.

The expression “**the wisdom of God**” is not to be found anywhere in Proverbs chapter 8, which deals with a WOMAN.

Once he was committed to this Satanic reversal (Christ is Wisdom—Wisdom is Christ), Booby had to duck every place in the passage where “**wisdom**” could NOT be Jesus Christ. These places were verses 12, 24, 26, 29, and 31. (To tell the truth, it was Prov. 8:24 that triggered the Nicene controversy about the “eternality of Christ” and His position in the Trinity. The theological speculations on Prov. 8:24 began in Alexandria Egypt. Athanasius was an Alexandrian.)

Once the Scripture said that Wisdom was “**brought forth**” and then was said to be “Jesus Christ,” the question naturally arose “WHEN” was He “**brought forth?**” All you

are told in the passages is that it was at some time before Genesis chapter 1. Well, when was it? Booby said (as Calvin) that **“brought forth”** meant “begatting” (Ross, p. 87). But this was Calvin’s fatal mistake, for **“brought forth”** is the exact expression used for the BIRTH of Jesus Christ in time, 4,000 years AFTER Genesis chapter 1 (see Matt. 1:25). In order to confuse you, so you would not check the references, Booby takes you to Genesis chapter 1 and tells you that the word “reproduced” should replace **“brought forth.”** But in Proverbs chapter 8 his sins find him out. Christ was begotten at SOME TIME (note: **“Before the mountains were settled...WAS I BROUGHT FORTH”**) before Genesis chapter 1 (note: **“While as yet He had not made the earth...”**) if he was the LADY spoken of in verses 1–3.

Now, Psalm 2:7 is what “sparked” Nicaea (A.D. 325). If Jesus Christ was BEGOTTEN (**“brought forth”**) before Genesis 1:1, WHEN was it? The passage in Psalm 2:7 said it was **“THIS DAY.”** The two words were removed from all Hebrew texts by Calvin, Gill, and Ross. Note that **“bring forth”** and **“begat”** and **“begotten”** and **“brought forth”** are all verbs that refer to BIRTH, if you are dealing with *man* or *mammals*. If Jesus Christ was a “Person” (and Booby swears he was a Person, before Gen. 1, p. 16) SOMEONE GAVE BIRTH TO HIM. At least according to **“wisdom”** (Prov. 8:23 and Gen. 5:1–20).

This was the theological madhouse that the bishops of the early church (less than one third of them!) got into when they tried to figure out the mind of God in eternity by taking a prophetic passage on the birth of Christ—all of Psalm 2 is prophecy—and trying to pretend that it had taken place *before* Genesis chapter 1. To prove their theory (invented by Christian “thinkers”), *they had to get rid of three words in Psalm 2:7* and then add the word “eternal” to **“decree”** in the same Psalm: FOUR PERVERSIONS OF SCRIPTURE IN SEVENTEEN WORDS.

That is Calvinism. I am not a Calvinist.

The “lady” in Proverbs chapter 8 is obviously ONE of God’s attributes used to picture Jesus Christ: she certainly is NOT Jesus Christ. To prove that Jesus Christ was a FEMALE, Booby claims the Lord “applied the lady to Himself.” Then she could not be Him. You can’t apply *yourself* to *yourself*. **“God is love,”** but love ain’t God by a sight, unless you are crippled too high for crutches. The lady is a personification of ONE of God’s attributes. She is no more “God” or “Jesus Christ” than Mother Shipton or Mother Teresa. Going further and further with his destructive perversion, Booby Ross pretends that **“justified of her children”** (Matt. 11:19) shouldn’t be in the Bible. It should read: “Wisdom is justified of those who KNOW the Lord” (p.112).

John 1:18 altered, Matthew 11:19 altered, and PSALM 2:7 altered to prove a SPECULATIVE THEORY OF A BIBLE-PERVERTING PHILOSOPHER.

In his haste to get into the philosophical discussion that originated in Alexandria (see Ruckman, *The History of the New Testament Church*, Vol. 1, pp. 132–133), poor ole’ blind Booby forgot what he should have learned in the fifth or sixth grade: **“A METAPHOR IS A FIGURE OF SPEECH, that makes an implied comparison between things which are not LITERALLY alike.”** It was that simple. Sixth-grade English pitched poor Booby into the

Booby hatch. He was so stupid that he failed the *sixth grade*, and then set himself up as an authority on the English Bible! Could anything on earth be more pitiful? Webster's dictionary: "Personification—to endow inanimate objects, or ABSTRACT IDEAS [Wisdom] with HUMAN ATTRIBUTES."

This pitiful, whining, crybaby, Pablum puke took one look at Proverbs chapter 8 and went into a tailspin and crashed upside down into a garbage pit screaming that Jesus Christ was a WOMAN before Genesis chapter 1!

That is how Proverbs chapters 8–9 began. Look at it: "**Wisdom**" is standing (vs. 2), crying out (vss. 1, 3), and *she* finishes by building a house (9:1) and preparing a meal (9:2–3). I have a book 996 pages long on *Preaching from the Types and METAPHORS of the Bible* (Kregel Publications, 1972). The Bible uses more than two hundred metaphors. Poor, blind, blithering, "big bang" Bobby Ross fell into the same trap that Arius (the "heretic" at the Council of Nicea) had fallen into when he got to verse 24. And he emerged with the same two gods Arius invented: a begotten God and an unbegotten God (see *NIV* and *NASV* in John 1:18). Poor, old, lying Bobby Ross used the words "**begotten**" and "**brought forth**" as interchangeable in an effort to prove an "eternal BEGATTING" (not an eternal "Sonship"). His reason was that he did not want you to think that the Holy Spirit could have BEGOTTEN the Son. (As we said before, the Holy Spirit used both terms to indicate PHYSICAL BIRTH.)

Now, pick up THE BOOK, and this time instead of letting some depraved Calvinistic dumbbell warp your brain, read Isaiah 46:3, 44:2, 24, 49:5, 45:10, and 66:7. Israel was said to be God's "**son**," even His "**firstborn**" (Exod. 4:22) the very expression used for Jesus Christ (see Psa. 89:27 and Heb. 12:23). Jesus Christ, as Israel, was "**FORMED IN THE WOMB**" (Isa. 44:2, 24) and "**CALLED...from the womb**" (Isa. 49:1, 5). Observe that the first reference was to Israel as God's servant (vss. 1, 3), but the second one was to Jesus Christ (vss. 5–6). Both of them had MOTHERS (see Psa. 69:8).

Ross refused to show you the Scriptures that interpreted the Scriptures: instead, he removed two words from Psalm 2:7, altered another word, and then added a word. Imagine doing that simply because you thought Jesus Christ was a *woman*! In 1850, Bullinger (*Companion Bible*, 1964) made the following notation to Proverbs 8:1 "Wisdom: Heb. *chokmah*—wisdom PERSONIFIED.")

Not having the education of a sixth-grader, Bobby could have at least led you to Isaiah chapters 44–46, 49, and 66 for help. But egotistical asses like Hyper-Calvinists want you to lean on THEM for knowledge: not the Scriptures. So Bobby missed Exodus 4:22; Hebrews 12:23; Colossians 1:15, 18; Romans 8:29; and ALL references in Isaiah. THAT IS CALVINISTIC "SCHOLARSHIP." Here is what Bobby failed to show you:

1. "**Borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the WOMB**" (Isa. 46:3)
2. "**That MADE thee, and FORMED thee from the WOMB**" (Isa. 44:2)
3. "**He that FORMED thee from the WOMB**" (Isa. 44:24)
4. "**What BEGETTEST thou?...What hast thou BROUGHT FORTH**" (Isa. 45:10)

5. **“SHE BROUGHT FORTH;...she was delivered of a MAN CHILD”** (Isa. 66:7)
6. **“BRING FORTH in one day?...and be BORN at once?”** (Isa. 66:8)
7. **“Bring to BIRTH,...and shut the WOMB?”** (Isa. 66:9)
8. **“That formed me from the WOMB”** (Isa. 49:5)

Notice the last speaker is Jesus Christ Himself —not a “metaphor.” Thus, if “Wisdom” was Jesus Christ (literally, as Booby hypothesizes), He (or “She!”) had to be literally born and “BROUGHT FORTH” from a WOMB (note **“bowels of my MOTHER,”** Isa. 49:1).

The Scriptures settled the problem of **“brought forth”** in Proverbs or anywhere else. It refers to BIRTH. **“Begotten”** in Psalm 2:7 was a BIRTH, not Calvin’s “generation.” Arius said that Christ was BEGOTTEN “some time before Genesis chapter 1.” Athanasius, the great Augustinian, Calvinistic “champion of Orthodoxy” (A.D. 325), said Christ “had always BEEN begotten” before Genesis chapter 1. You can now understand what kind of a goofball idiot any Christian bishop would have been to get involved in such a maelstrom of psychotic confusion. He would have to have been a lazy, philosophical, pseudo-intellectual who had made the common mistake that all such dingalings make: the mistaken notion that if a man doesn’t spend his time reading, writing, and studying books he cannot be INTELLIGENT. Any intelligent man with a third-grade formal education could see through this Augustinian-Calvinistic-Athanasian FARCE like he could see a full moon on a cloudless night.

Athanasius was a blatant heretic. (See Ruckman, *The History of the New Testament Church*, Vol. I, pp. 131, 133–134.) Not as heretical as Augustine, but almost!

Had enough? That is about one tenth of the anti-Scriptural hot air you will get from “Pilgrim Publications” via Bobby the Booby Ross.

He couldn’t even find **“prudence”** (Prov. 8:12) where “wisdom” lived. And with TWO CREATORS of the earth at work, **“wisdom”** and **“understanding”** (vs. 14), he let one of them (**“understanding”**) drop out of the Trinity (or Quantity, or whatever). Ross, as every cloned robot in the Calvinistic churches (Hardshell, Primitive Baptist, Reformed, Presbyterian, etc.), didn’t know what he was doing the entire time he was writing, reading, or talking. He was not even reading the chapter (Prov. 8) he was quoting, and he couldn’t even find the Biblical cross references to the words he was expounding. Biblical illiterate: just as stupid and as dimwitted as Clem Kadiddlehopper (Edgar Bergen’s dummy: 1940).

After justifying Polytheism in the two most corrupt “Bibles” on the market, and then using a proof text for the Trinity which neither of them had, this ridiculous “Bible teacher” made a female out of Jesus Christ, and then tells you that there are no demons connected with the **“principalities, against powers”** of Ephesians 6:12. Now he “challenges all comers to debate him!” Quick, call Daffy Duck and Speedy Gonzalez!

The funniest part of this tragedy is that this incompetent, sophomoric buffoon fancies that he is such a profound intellectual, and such a great “Bible expositor,” that every modern Christian leader who is getting headlines (Billy Graham, Shelton Smith, Gail Riplinger, Texe Marrs, Laurence Vance, Sam Gipp, Herb Evans, et al.) is afraid to “take



him on.” He, honest to God, believes that.

A more pitiful case of a ministerial castaway (1 Cor. 9) putting on a show for the grandstand doesn’t exist on this earth. He is a Calvinist. Thank God, I am not.

The end of this mischievous madness is the teaching that Jesus Christ could not have been begotten by the Holy Ghost (Ross, pp. 87–88) because the Holy Ghost can only produce **“after his kind,”** and since **“his kind”** is spiritual, He could have nothing to do with Christ’s physical birth. But the physical body of Christ that came from Mary had life in it and **“the life of ALL FLESH is the BLOOD”** (Lev. 17:14). Jesus Christ got His BLOOD from GOD, if you have a King James text (see Acts 20:28). His blood was physical. You mean the Holy Spirit had nothing to do with it when the **“SPIRIT AND THE WATER AND THE BLOOD...agree in ONE”**?

WHEN did Jesus Christ get His blood, even it came from the Father and not the Holy Spirit?

No Calvinist on earth ever dared discuss the matter. He was too “intellectual!”

Booby Ross didn’t even tell you where Jesus Christ GOT His eternal life from after the Scriptures told you that He was **“the true God and ETERNAL LIFE”** and **“THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS THE BLOOD.”**

After insisting that Christ was a real person before He was born, Ross ran into three strange Scriptural passages: He refuses to even mention them. In Genesis 3:15 (prophecy) Christ was spoken of as a NEUTER (“it”). In Romans 1:3 He was called a neuter again (**“seed,”** as in Gal. 3:16), and in Luke 1:35 He is called a **“holy THING.”**

Wanna try out your intellectual “deductive” powers on the Trinity? Try that one. When you get through you will be twice as confused as when you started, and anyone stupid enough to follow you will be four times as confused as they were before you showed up.

The great Calvinistic “theologian,” the great Orthodox Trinitarian “defender” of credal Christ-endom, converted the Trinity into two gods and then de-sexed one of them on the grounds:

1. That he never mastered fifth-grade English.
2. He wanted you to think he was intelligent.
3. He wanted you to think he was a Bible teacher.
4. He was too lazy to look up the Scriptural comments on Scriptural texts.
5. He wanted to call Pentecostals “heretics.”
6. He wanted to accuse soul winners of denying the “Deity” of Christ.
7. He was too stupid to understand a “figure of speech” which occurs so many times in the Bible (See Psalms 114, 124, 137, 77, 98, etc.) that any child could spot one.
8. He was 100 years too late to shed any light on Psalm 2:7 or Isaiah 9:6. Bullinger had done it before Westcott and Hort sat down to replace the Textus Receptus with an African text.

Booby is a “Calvinist.”

He is a five point, dead orthodox TULIP sniffer.

Thank God, I never was a Calvinist and never will be.

## Polytheism, Decrees, and Calvinists

Since the “**last days**” of the Church Age (2 Tim. 3:1) will sport the largest array of boobies, loonies, spooks, and spaced out “air cadets” the Body of Christ ever contained, we should not be surprised to find that Calvin’s mystical “eternal decrees” finally produced TWO GODS for the Body of Christ to worship. One is an “unbegotten God” called “God the Father.” The other is a “begotten God” called “God the Son.” (More careful poker players say “a unique God” and an “ununique God”). After this you are told that the “begotten God” is really the FATHER (citing Isa. 9:6) and the unbegotten God is also the Father: He CANNOT BE THE “SON,” unless you state openly, clearly, and plainly in a Congress of Calvinism, that: “Thou art my God, this day I have begotten MYSELF.”

Now, consider what a remarkable metamorphosis takes place when this Calvinistic mish-mash is applied to two dozen verses in the New Testament that deal with the first and second members of the Trinity:

“Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the GOD Jesus Christ”; “Blessed be God, even the Father of our God Jesus Christ”; “That the God of our God Jesus Christ, the Father of glory...”; “Grace be with all them that love our God Jesus Christ in sincerity”; “Patience of hope in our God Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father,” and finally, “Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is God, to the glory of GOD the Father.”

Thomas did say “**My Lord AND my God,**” did he not?

He was “**God was manifest in the flesh,**” was he not? (Well no, He wasn’t in the NASV and NIV, but what do those two false witnesses amount to but book sales?)

Then, why not put the two Gods of the NIV and NASV (John 1:18) into all of the verses? My, how that would bring “added glory and honour” to the “eternal Sonship” of Christ! My, how it would magnify His “Deity” if you were James White, BJU, Gary Hudson, Booby Ross, and every member of the NIV and NASV committees.

John 1:18 in the NASV and NIV is identical to John 1:18 in the *New World Translation* of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. It is recommended by Stewart Custer (BJU), Fred Afman and James Price (Tennessee Temple), Woodrow Kroll and Harold Willmington (Liberty University), and Ron Minton, James Combs, and James Melton (BBC), along with John Ankerberg, Chuck Swindoll, Barton Payne, Arthur Farstad, and all BOOK SELLERS.

Imagine! “And again when He bringeth the first begotten GOD into the world...” (Heb. 1:6). Imagine! “The glory, as of the only begotten GOD of the Father” (John 1:14). Imagine! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten GOD...” (John 3:16). Imagine the nerve of these hallucinating simpletons creating TWO GODS—a

begotten God and an unbegotten God! Are you sure you aren't leaving a loophole somewhere for **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4) WHO WILL BE BORN AS A **“SEED”** (Gen. 3:15) so that he is a **“Son”** (2 Thess. 2:3)?

Think about THAT!

Imagine! “He that believeth on the name of the only begotten God” (John 3:18). Imagine! “Thou art MY God: this day I have begotten THEE!” (Heb. 1:5). You substituted “GOD” for “SON” in John 1:18, why not in Psalm 2:7 since you insisted that “begatting” took place in the past? Why didn't the NIV and NASV carry out what they believed in? No manuscript evidence? I wonder why not? With more than 6,000 manuscripts available (see Kenyon's updated list), why couldn't they find ONE that applied the corrupt reading of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus in John 1:18 to two dozen like passages in the New Testament? You don't have to guess. Some Alexandrian philosopher (like Athanasius, who was a contemporary of the scribes who wrote Sinaiticus and Vaticanus) got ahold of a Byzantine (King James) text and “doctored” it up to suit the D.D.s (Dumb Dogs) on the faculty. He fixed it up so it would be “tailor made” to suit his guesswork on Psalm 2:7. He wanted to insert his anti-Scriptural hypothesis that there was an “eternal begatting in the everlasting now” so it would fit into his second anti-Scriptural hypothesis: that “all of God's decrees are eternal.” The blasphemous text he invented to prove his own theological misadventure was adopted by philosophers just like Origen, Athanasius, Clement, Augustine, and Arius. Note! When Athanasius and Arius showed up at the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325) to argue Psalm 2:7 out, it was ARIUS WHO ADOPTED THE ARIAN READING OF JOHN 1:18 FOUND IN THE NASV, NIV, AND JEHOVAH'S WITNESS “BIBLE”.

So, the Roman Catholics at that council adopted the readings of Arianism (Sinaiticus and Vaticanus) while professing to believe the teaching of Athanasius. Par for Alexandria. False profession. False professions (see two dozen cases documented in *The Christian Liar's Library*, and four dozen documented in *The Scholarship Only Controversy*) make up the standard “life style” of every apostate Conservative, Evangelical, and Fundamentalist in the Laodicean age (1901–1997).

You will find seventy-nine of these Alexandrian lies (documented, not “asserted”) in 271 pages of James White's work called *The King James Only Controversy*.

Booby the Ross had to retranslate **“brought forth”** and **“bring forth”** in the AV text of Genesis. He had to get rid of **“this day”** in the AV text of Psalm 2:7. He had to ignore the word **“conceived”** in the AV text of Matthew chapter 1. He had to add the word “eternal” to the AV text of Psalm 2:7. He had to eliminate two words (**“prudence”** and **“understanding”**) to convert Jesus Christ into a woman, and he had to cover up twenty references in Isaiah to teach these ridiculous false doctrines.

Alexandria. That IS the “Alexandrian Cult.”

They are destructive Bible CRITICS.

Old Bobby the Booby is as “Cultic” and as Alexandrian as Hort, Schaff, Robertson, Wuest, Ramm, Farstad, or any unsaved Liberal in the National Council of Churches. His “profession” equals that of James White. IT DOESN'T MEAN ONE GOD FORSAKEN

## THING ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH.

James White lied seventy-nine times on 271 pages. If Booby had written that many pages he would have lied 542 times: you see, we have already caught him lying TEN times on four sheets of paper. (I have the correspondence here at my house.)

A real Bible believer judges all creeds, all confessionals, all “propositions,” all credal councils (and statements), all “resolutions” passed in “congresses,” plus the opinions, theologies, guesswork, preferences, suggestions, recommendations, and all assertions of ALL Calvinists (saved or lost) by THE BOOK. That term (THE BOOK) is a reference to the *Authorized King James Version* of the English Protestant Reformation.

I am a Bible believer: not a “Calvinist.” Don’t cuss me out with that dirty word!

What John Calvin didn’t know about decrees, regeneration, atonement, eternity, freewill, predestination, prayer life, soul winning, the Rapture, and the Second Advent would fill a library shelf. He (as Luther) was certainly “a precious shining light in his day.” His day was over in A.D. 1611. Those Christian theologians who were stupid enough to follow his theology—not some of his devotional material: some of it is excellent—bogged down completely during the revivals of Wesley and Whitefield, and they never got back on the “black top” again. Spurgeon carefully avoided preaching more than one sermon out of one hundred on Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, or Unconditional Election. Spurgeon knew God would “draw the line” on his conversions if he gave Calvin much time in his pulpit at the Metropolitan Tabernacle. There are no soul-winning TULIP sniffers in the twentieth century. The “fish stringers” of John Gilpin, L. R. Shelton Jr., Bob Ross, Eddie Garrett, and Arthur W. Pink don’t contain enough bream or catfish to feed lunch to a five-year-old.

God moves forward, and His revelations are progressive. He will not waste time messing around back in the sixteenth century with theologies that contradict the text of the *King James Bible*. He doesn’t even go back to 1971 or 1969 or 1901 to mess with the English translations that contradict the King James text. (See Gail Riplinger, *New Age Bible Versions* [Monroe Falls, OH: A.V. Publications, 1993].) You can find forty-two advanced revelations in a King James text that no scholar, living or dead, was able to find in an RV (1885), an ASV (1901), an NASV (1971), an RSV (1952), a *New RSV* (1994), or an NIV (1978).

The NIV and the NASV contradict God, blaspheme the doctrine of the Trinity, and make a liar out of the apostle John in John 1:18 according to the third criteria for translating, adopted by ALL revisors and ALL translators on ALL committees: the “style of the author” is a major consideration in choosing texts for a “doubtful reading.” John’s “style” is God’s “SON” in 1:34, 42, 49, 3:16–18, 35, 36, 5:19–23, 25–27, etc. Imagine! “RABBI, THOU ART THE GOD OF GOD!” (John 1:49). How is this one? “For God sent not His God into the world to condemn the world...” (John 3:17), or better still: “The Father loveth the God” (John 3:35). Here’s a real NIV and NASV “goodie” (if they followed through with John 1:18!): “DOST THOU BELIEVE ON THE GOD OF GOD?!” (John 9:35).

Note how every Calvinist who was stupid enough to follow the blind lead of Calvin,

Augustine, Gill, Hodge, Shedd, and Co. on the infamous “begotten God” of the Jehovah’s Witness *New World Translation* ran pell mell, helter skelter, hand over fist into a bomb shelter when his favorite word (“**begotten**”) from Psalm 2:7 showed up in a Pauline epistle in 1 Corinthians 4:15! You talk about hypocrisy! Boy, when that old black-backed, sixty-six caliber AV loaded up with the same word (identically) that they used for God begatting a God (see 1 Cor. 4:15), the whole crew clamed up tighter than a Swiss bank safety vault. When that round was fired it pierced the “**joints and marrow**” (Heb. 4:12–13) because it discerned “**the thoughts and intents of the HEART,**” not the HEAD (2 Tim. 3:4).

The following men, according to their own credal confessions which they professed to believe (the ones they adopted from “Credal Christianity”), never led ONE soul to “Jesus Christ” or one soul to “Christ” or one soul to “God’s Son” or one soul to the “Son of God”—Calvinists are sticklers for the correct wording of theological concepts!—in a lifetime of fifty to ninety years:

Benjamin Warfield, Robert Dick Wilson, A. T. Robertson, Kenneth Wuest, J. Gresham Machen, John Gilpin, John Gill, Kurt Aland, Bruce Metzger, Eberhard Nestle, Erwin Nestle, John Calvin, Louis Berkhof, Philip Schaff, Henry Alford, Alexander Souter, Bernhard Weiss, Richard Trench, Joseph Thayer, Frederic Kenyon, F. F. Bruce, L. R. Shelton (Jr. or Sr.), Gerhard Kittel, or Eugene Nida.

They (all of them) were about as “Pauline” (1 Cor. 9, 4:15) as Pope John Paul II or Fidel Castro.

Calvinism? Take it and ram it, slam it, cram it, and jam it.

I am not a Calvinist.

If you are, help yourself; it’s a free country. “I pray thee, have me excused.” I still have an IQ above eighty in spite of twenty-two years of formal education, five earned degrees, and a five-foot shelf of books that I authored. (After all, anybody can talk and WRITE! Right? You bet your booties!)

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