



"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved." Hab. 2:1

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CCM is Permeated With False Christs and False Gods -

by *David Cloud*

(H)ow serious is it for Independent Baptist Churches to adapt CCM music for use in their services? It is very similar to Israel in the Old Testament adapting the worship methods of Baal's priests to the worship of the LORD God. Softening the beat of CCM to an acceptable level does not change the theology of the composer. And what he/she believes will filter through and destroy the message of the gospel. - Ed)

The fact that the CCM crowd typically worships a different kind of God than the "old-fashioned" Biblicist, is why they are perfectly comfortable using music that has been identified as sexy by the secular world.

“... that is what rock is all about--sex with a 100-megaton bomb, the beat” (Gene Simmons of KISS, Entertainment Tonight, ABC, Dec. 10, 1987).

Note that Simmons was not referring to the words of rock music; he was referring to the music itself and particularly to its backbeat rhythm.

Music researchers Daniel and Bernadette Skubik, in their study on the neurophysiology of rock music, warned:

“Whether the words are evil, innocuous, or based in Holy Scripture, the overall neurophysiological effects generated by rock music remain the same. There is simply no such thing as Christian rock that is substantively different in its impact” (“The Neurophysiology of Rock,” an Appendix to Ken Blanchard’s Pop Goes the Gospel, pp. 187ff).

The reason that statement doesn’t bother a CCM defender is because he sees Jesus as a rock & roll party Dude who loves a good time.

“Those who envision God as a special friend, a kind of lover, with whom they can have fun, see no problem in worshipping him by means of physically stimulating music. On the other hand, those who perceive God as a majestic, holy, and almighty Being to be approached with awe and reverence will only use the music that elevates them spiritually” (Samuele Bacchiocchi, The Christian and Rock Music).

They are worshipping a different god.

(To read more, go to <http://www.wayoflife.org/files/d7bee109bc3ae38eddacfb0b312bdafa-844.html>)

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Does the Pope Claim to Be God? -

(These are the claims of Rome about Il Papa. Born again Christians have nothing in common with Roman Catholicism. - Ed)

“The pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man (...) he is as it were God on earth”

“The pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man (...) he is as it were God on earth, sole sovereign of the faithful of Christ, chief of kings, having plenitude of power.” - *Lucius Ferraris, 'Prompta Bibliotheca', 1763, Volume VI, 'Papa II', pp.25-29*

“And God himself is obliged to abide by the judgement of his priest and either not to pardon or to pardon, according as they refuse to give absolution, provided the penitent is capable of it.” - *Liguori, "Duties and Dignities of the Priest", p.27*

“The supreme teacher in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds, therefore, requires (...) complete submission and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself.” - *Leo VIII, "On the Chief Duties of Christians as Citizens", Encyclical letter, 1890*

“God separates those whom the Roman Pontiff, who exercises the functions, not of mere man, but of the true God (...) dissolves, not by human but rather by divine authority.” - *'Decretals of Gregory IX', Book 1, Chapter 7.3*

“Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of heaven and of earth and of the lower regions (infernum).” - *Lucius Ferraris, "Prompta Bibliotheca", 1763, Volume VI, 'Papa II', p.26*

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Deacon True Sez -

* "You don't need much muscle to carry a grudge."

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Which Specs Do You Wear? -

There is no such thing as a neutral approach to the Word of God. When I pick up my Bible to read it, I wear tinted glasses. So do you. We all have presuppositions, and those presuppositions are the prescriptions for our glasses. They are a fact of life. In fact, our presuppositions are so pervasive that they determine how we see every thing in life.

Honest men are those who confess that they are "permanently bespectacled". Wise men do their dead level best to "wear God's specs". They diligently seek to view God's Word and world as God views them.

These old sin-blinded eyes need God's help to see clearly. Neither our natural faculties nor great knowledge obtained through education give us the eyesight we need.

Concerning one's view of the Bible, David W. Norris wisely observes: "We have a clear choice between one of two diverging pathways, the road of faith or the road of human reason and unbelief. Do we begin with the Word of God or do we begin with the word of men? This is the question and it has in the first instance little to do with texts, but with the faithfulness of our God. ... For it to be of any use, textual study must be grounded upon what the Bible already says about itself. If we do not begin with the Word of God, we shall never end with it!" (**Norris, The Big Picture**).

Recently, our church had a Bible Conference with Bro. David Cloud. In one of the meetings he introduced the sermon with a statement of EIGHT BIBLICAL PRESUPPOSITIONS FOR APPROACHING THE BIBLE VERSION ISSUE. He said,

1. I BELIEVE IN THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
2. I BELIEVE IN THE SOUL LIBERTY OF THE BELIEVER, (Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 2:15-16; 1 Thess. 5:21).
3. I BELIEVE IN THE SIMPLICITY OF SOUND DOCTRINE (Mat. 11:25; 1 Cor. 1:26-29; 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Jn. 2:20).
4. I BELIEVE THAT ALL THINGS SHOULD BE DONE UNTO EDIFYING (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Cor. 12:19; Eph. 4:12, 16, 29)
5. I BELIEVE IN THE REALITY OF THE DEVIL (1 Pet. 5:8).
6. I BELIEVE IN THE PRE-EMINENCE OF FAITH (Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17; 14:23).
7. I BELIEVE IN TREMBLING BEFORE GOD'S WORD (Psa. 138:2; Prov. 30:6; Isa. 66:2; Rev. 22:18-19).
8. I BELIEVE IN THE NECESSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 2:12-16; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27).

(For a fuller statement explaining these, write me at smiletex@bigpond.net.au)

These presuppositions are good glasses to wear when we read our Bibles. They are a statement of God's prescription for clear vision regarding every issue, including the Bible Version issue. The Holy Scriptures contain the very eyeglasses we need to read them with understanding.

Some of the readers will recall seeing many years ago those strange oversized sunglasses. They were a passing fad. They were so large they must have been designed for Goliath. Just so, most pastors who have been to seminary learned to wear eyeglasses as large as the egos of their teachers. The frames come in every colour of the rainbow, and the lenses are ground to a critical, sceptical prescription. It is a very ancient prescription first offered to Eve by the Serpent, and if you look closely, you will see engraved on the edges of the lenses the words, "Yea, hath God said?"

(Check 'em out, matey. You may be wearing the eyeglasses of unbelief when you study the Book God wrote to gender faith.)

One of the strangest forms of hypocrisy is taught in many Bible colleges and seminaries. It haughtily uses the Bible to condemn anyone who uses the Bible to evaluate the modernists who use rationalism to attack our Bible.

Buddy Smith

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Cartoons for the Wise -

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Contradictions in the Book of Mormon -

Here is a list of contradictions in the book of Mormon. This might come in handy in witnessing to Mormons. The contradictions are grouped in pairs. On one side of the page the book of Mormon teaches one thing and on the other side of the page their book contradicts its own teaching. Click on any one of their scriptures below and it will take you to a web page with all the contradictions.

This is from Sandra Tanner's site, who is an ex Mormon.

Contradictions in LDS Scriptures

1. One God

Book of Mormon

- [Alma 11:27-39, 44](#)
- [2 Nephi 31:21](#)
- [Mormon 7:7](#)
- [3 Nephi 11:27](#)
- [Testimony of Three Witnesses](#)

Plural Gods

Doctrine and Covenants

- [Section 121:32](#)
- [Section 132:18-20, 37](#)

2. God is a Spirit

Book of Mormon

- [Alma 18:26-28](#)
- [Alma 22:8-11](#)

God Has a Body

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 130:22](#)

3. God Dwells in Heart

Book of Mormon

[Alma 34:36](#)

God Does Not Dwell in Heart

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 130:3](#)

4. Creation - One God

Book of Mormon

- [2 Nephi 2:14](#)
- [Jacob 4:9](#)

Pearl of Great Price

Book of Moses

[Chapter 2](#)

Creation - Plural Gods

Pearl of Great Price

Book of Abraham

- [Chapter 4](#)
- [Chapter 5](#)

5. God Cannot Lie

Book of Mormon

- [Ether 3:12](#)
- [2 Nephi 9:34](#)

God Commands Lying

Pearl of Great Price

Book of Abraham

[Chapter 2:22-25](#)

6. God's Word Unchangeable

Book of Mormon

[Alma 41:8](#)

God's Word Can Change

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 56:4-5](#)

7. No Pre-Existence of Man

Book of Mormon

- [Jacob 4:9](#)

- [Alma 18:28, 34-36](#)

Man Pre-Existed

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 93:23, 29-33](#)

Pearl of Great Price

Book of Abraham

[Chapter 3:18, 21-23](#)

8. Death Seals Man's Fate

Book of Mormon

- [Mosiah 2:36-39](#)

- [Alma 34:32-35](#)

Chance After Death

Doctrine and Covenants

- [Section 76:106-112](#)

- [Section 88:99](#)

9. Heathen Saved Without Baptism

Book of Mormon

- [Moroni 8:22-23](#)

- [2 Nephi 9:25-26](#)

- [Mosiah 15:24-27](#)

Baptism for Dead

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 128:5, 17-18](#)

10. Heaven or Hell

Book of Mormon

- [2 Nephi 28:22](#)

- [1 Nephi 15:35](#)

- [Mosiah 16:11](#)

- [Mosiah 27:31](#)

- [Alma 41:4-8](#)

- [Alma 42:16](#)

Three Kingdoms in Heaven - Most Saved

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 76:43, 70-112](#)

11. Murder Can Be Forgiven

Book of Mormon

[3 Nephi 30:2](#)

No Forgiveness For Murder

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 42:18](#)

12. Polygamy Condemned

Book of Mormon

- [Jacob 1:15](#)

- [Jacob 2:24](#)

- [Jacob 3:5](#)

- [Mosiah 11:2](#)

Polygamy Commanded

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 132:1, 37-39, 61](#)

13. Against Paid Ministry

Book of Mormon

- [2 Nephi 26:31](#)
- [Mosiah 27:5](#)

For Paid Ministry

Doctrine and Covenants

- [Section 42:71-73](#)
- [Section 43:12-13](#)
- [Section 51:13-14](#)

14. Corrupt Churches Promise Forgiveness For Money

Book of Mormon

[Mormon 8:32](#)

Church Members Who Tithe Will Not Burn

Doctrine and Covenants

[Section 64:23](#)

15. Adam in America

Doctrine and Covenants

- [Section 107:53](#)
- [Section 116:1](#)
- [Section 117:8](#)

Adam in Old World

Pearl of Great Price

[Book of Moses 3:8, 10-15](#)

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Interesting Links, Methinks -

* Flying Without A Plane. In 2006, Swiss pilot Yves "Jetman" Rossy became the first man in history to fly like a bird, albeit with fiberglass and carbon fiber wings powered by kerosene-fueled engines. Since then he has crossed the English Channel and, most recently, flew over the Grand Canyon. Rossy can fly at speeds of up to 190 miles per hour and to a height of 3,000 meters (9,842 feet).
<http://timetosignoff.com/video/?id=16545>

* Cheap power through cold fusion? - <http://wattsupwiththat.com/2011/08/04/andrea-rossis-e-cat-fusion-device-on-target/#more-44578>

* Storm Clouds - <http://www.darkroastedblend.com/2011/08/tsunami-in-sky-storm-cloud.html>

* Medicare and Medicaid fraud - <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/271006/entitlement-bandits-michael-f-cannon?page=1#>

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Surprises From Real Science (Can a platypus live in salt water?) -

Saltwater platypus surprise!
by *David Catchpoole*

On the windswept ocean beaches of Kangaroo Island, off the southern coast of the Australian mainland, it was just another ordinary day.

The island is renowned as a place where you can get close to local fauna such as seals, kangaroos and koalas. Some international tourists aimed their video camera [actual image available only in *Creation* magazine] at one of Australia's most famous native animals as it emerged from the sea and made its way up the sandy beach.¹

Yes, the creature certainly matched the well-known descriptions of it which had for so long intrigued sceptical biologists: fur like velvet, a beaver-like tail, a bill that looks like a duck's, and clawed feet useful for digging.² The tourists were delighted and excited to be able to see for themselves a real live platypus in its natural habitat.

Or was it? 'In the wild', certainly, but was this platypus really 'in its natural habitat'? Accompanying the tourists on the beach at that time was their Australian tour guide. In stark contrast to the visitors from overseas, Campwild Adventures tour guide Ben Combridge was dumbfounded ('spun out') to see this platypus come in to the shore, 'riding in on a small wave', and waddle up the beach. While the tourists were excited to experience what they thought was a standard encounter with local wildlife, the Australian knew better. As he told a news reporter: 'I was—like—"That's not meant to be here!"'¹

Indeed. As an Australian myself, I was always taught that platypuses live in fresh water, not seawater, and are most usually found in mountain streams and creeks in eastern Australia—nowhere near a seashore environment.³

But when biologists heard of the seashore encounter with the Kangaroo Island platypus, their comments indicated that the platypus is a species that scientists still know little about.

'When you think you know what they're doing—they do something different', said one platypus expert, describing this latest observation as 'incredible'. Another expert who has successfully bred platypuses in captivity for more than 10 years, Dr John Wamsley, was just as candid. 'I've never known of them going into the salty water', he said. 'Whether they can survive in salt water or not, I haven't got a clue.'¹

Well, clearly platypuses can and do frequent seawater without any apparent ill effects, for since this first witnessing of a platypus emerging from the sea, Kangaroo Island tour guides have reported other sightings of platypuses in saltwater rock pools in the area.

This discovery adds to the weight of evidence showing that many amphibians and water-dwelling creatures (e.g. crocodiles, salmon, eels, starfish) can tolerate large changes in salinity—thus helping to explain why both saltwater and freshwater creatures (which were not on board the Ark) were able to survive in the waters of the global Flood (Genesis 6–9).⁴

It is likely, though, that Noah took a pair of platypuses on board the Ark, as, although they are known to be able to spend up to 10 hours in the water,⁵ much of their time is spent on land. They dig their burrows on dry land, usually taking care to dry themselves before entering, and they will not enter a burrow if the entrance is below the waterline. Finding that platypuses can tolerate saltwater gives us further insight into how they managed to spread out from the Ark's landing place in the mountains of Ararat—by swimming and walking

their way to Australia. In the light of this new report, it's possible that their migration route might have even included significant stretches of ocean.^{6,7}

So, for Christians, we need not be surprised on hearing of yet another amphibian or aquatic animal, previously thought of as living exclusively either in fresh or salty water, being discovered to tolerate both. But having been an atheist once myself—a believer in evolution and completely ignorant of the Bible—I can understand why many are surprised when findings like this are announced. In fact, I remember in my younger days going on a holiday to Kangaroo Island, and standing on the bank of an estuary just a few hundred metres from the sea, looking out over the calm water and seeing something like a mole or a rat rise to the surface momentarily a few metres away from me, before submerging again. Puzzled and startled, I remember thinking, 'What was that? Surely not a water rat here in salt water—but what else could it be?' It never occurred to me at that time that I might have been looking at a platypus ...⁸

So I can well understand the tour guide's astonishment as he stood on the beach with his group of tourists: 'We didn't take much notice at first—it just looked like a bit of seaweed coming in on the wash', he said. 'But as the water washed back, it kept on coming.'

References and notes

1. Littlely, B., The platypus with a taste for the sea, The Advertiser, 19 July 2003, p. 11.
2. Also, the platypus and spiny anteater are the only two mammals that lay eggs. See Doolan, R., Mackay, J., Snelling, A. and Hallby, A., The Platypus, Creation 8(3):6–9, 1986.
3. The platypus' s range extends from the Annan River in northern Queensland through New South Wales to far-south Victoria and the island state of Tasmania. They are only occasionally found on the South Australian mainland—in the Riverland area of the Murray River. The Kangaroo Island population is actually descended from animals introduced from other states (Victoria and possibly Tasmania) since European settlement. Platypus in Country Areas, < http://www.rainforest-australia.com/platypus_in_country_areas.htm >, 29 July 2003.
4. See chapter 14 in: Batten, D. (Ed.), The Answers Book [now The Creation Answers Book], Creation Ministries International, Brisbane, Australia, 1999.
5. Platypuses breathe air through their nostrils, and when in water, come to the surface at least every 10 minutes. NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service—Platypus, < <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/ThePlatypus.htm> >, 29 July 2003.
6. We should also remember that, as the saltiness of our seawater is increasing all the time, ocean salinity was likely to have been lower in the first few centuries after the Flood, around 4,500 years ago. Sarfati, J., Salty seas—evidence for a young earth, Creation 21(1):16–17, 1998.
7. A common belief is that the platypus evolved in Australia. However, fossil platypus teeth have been found in South America, prompting one leading Australian palaeontologist (and atheist), Dr Michael Archer, to say, 'This should shatter our warm conviction that the platypus was uniquely Australian.' The Weekend Australian, 23–24 January, 1993, p. 10.
8. I have since seen platypuses many times in mountain streams of Queensland and New South Wales, and when I read this recent news report (ref. 1), I remembered that the form and swimming behaviour of the Kangaroo Island 'mole' -like creature I saw was consistent with that of a platypus. Interestingly, in 1797, when early European settlers in the Sydney area first encountered a platypus, they, too, described the animal as a 'watermole'. Ref. 2.

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Poems that Preach -

T'was a sheep

*T'was a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown up sheep that had gone astray
From the ninety and nine in the fold.*

*Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
T'was a sheep the Good Shepherd sought.
And back to the fold, safe to the fold,*

T'was a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

*And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,
And so earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger if they go wrong,
They will lead the lambs astray.*

*For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray.
Where the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they*

*And so with the sheep we earnestly plead
For the sake of the lambs today.
If the sheep are lost, what a terrible cost
The lambs will have to pay.*

- Author unknown

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Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

* President Obama's approval ratings are so low now, Kenyans are accusing him of being born in the United States ..."

* It is not that Christianity has been tried and found wanting. It is that it has been found to be difficult and left untried." *G. K. Chesterton*

* If there be no way to find Christ than by leaving the Laodicean church, then the sooner it be left the better. *G. Campbell Morgan*

* As you go out into the world...remember that I, an old man, who has known only science all my life long, say to you, that there is nothing truer in all the universe than the scientific statements contained in the Word of God. *Professor J.D. Dana*, at the time the greatest living scientist, addressing a Yale U. graduating class

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So What About Preachers Who Begin Every Sermon With A Joke? -

"Preachers telling jokes to "warm up the crowd" is one of the most offensive things to be found in Baptist churches. I once heard an American preacher begin his sermon by telling fifteen minutes of jokes. I told him afterward that since we had 30 people there that day, that he had not wasted 15 minutes of our time telling jokes. He had wasted 15 minutes for each of the 30 people in attendance. That equalled 450 minutes of our time and the Lord's time he had wasted. Seven and a half hours he had wasted telling us silly jokes instead of using those precious minutes to preach the Word of God! - contributed by Bert Ferraro

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There really is Climate Change, Virginia!!!!!!!!!!!! (A letter sent to the Quadrant magazine recently)

by *Very-Anonymous-Scared-to-Stand-up-and-be-Counted-Denier*

August 10, 2011

Dear Quadrant Online,

How can you, in all conscience, allow Geoffrey Luck to mock that poor little empty-headed innocent from Canberra on your website? Everyone knows there really is Climate Change.

It normally happens twice every day. During part of the day it is light and there is a bright shiny object in the sky. During that part of the day (often referred to as “day”) the climate is generally warmer (although the IPCC insists there is no evidence to causatively correlate that relative warmth with the bright shiny object).

During the rest of consecutive 24 hour periods (often referred to as “night”) the bright shiny object disappears (although sometimes replaced by a less bright shiny object) and the climate is generally cooler and darker (in the absence of a thing called “lighting” but that involves ANTHROPOGENIC intervention which is not to be discussed in front of the children).

Now, it is true that sometimes the bright shiny object and the less bright shiny object appear to be obscured from our vision by a manifestation in the sky that does not exist because the IPCC’s GCM’s do not recognize such manifestations. Some people have hallucinations about these non-existent manifestations which they call “clouds”.

Your correspondent from Canberra is probably a lost cause but the rest of your public deserve an explanation and apology. Shame on you (and Geoffrey).

Anonymously Yours,

Very-Anonymous-Scared-to-Stand-up-and-be-Counted-Denier
[Kindly forwarded by Michael Wright]

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Therapy For The Funny Bone -

A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant and he noticed a beautiful young lady sitting at the next table he had been admiring her beauty ever since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it

back to her. 'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman said, as she popped her eye back in place. 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you.'

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went for a walk in the park. They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest, and he listened to her.

As they were about to say goodbye, she asked him if he would like to do this again tomorrow night. He agreed and they met again the next night and again, they had a wonderful, time. As the evening came to a close, she ask him if he would like to come to her home the next night for a delicious gourmet meal, to which he agreed.

The next evening he went to her home and enjoyed the loveliest gourmet meal he had ever eaten. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so wonderful! He then said to her.....

'You know,' 'you are truly a wonderful woman. Are you this nice to every man you meet?'

'No,' she replies. . . . 'You just happened to catch my eye.'

(Don't blame the Editor for this one. It was received from Jerry Wilhite)

Seen outside a cafe.- " Unattended children will be given espresso and a free kitten!!!!

Overheard on an Air Traffic Controller radio frequency -

ATC:

"Ah, Cascade 123, Seattle Center; what do the clouds look like for you out there?"

Cascade 123:

"Well, let's see -- there's one at 12 o'clock that looks like a fat little bunny and another at 9 o'clock that looks like a big pony with a really long tail."

ATC:

[no reply]

When a little Cessna 152 aerobatic two seater crashed in a cemetery in Dublin, Ireland, it was reported that the local police recovered 216 bodies.

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Eddy-Torial -

A New Breed of Sheepdogs

The old breed is almost gone.

Border collies, Kelpies, Blue Heelers, and “Bitsers” (bits of this and bits of that) are seldom seen herding the sheep any more. Instead of Old Blue guarding the flock, we see a new breed that is part poodle and part Basenji. Poodles are soft and rather effeminate and Basenji can't bark. They can yodel and howl, but they can't bark.

Isaiah 56:9-12 is the only text in the Bible that deals with sheepdogs. It describes **“dumb dogs (that) cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber... greedy dogs which can never have enough, that cannot understand, they all look to their own way, every one for his gain.”**

A better description of the toothless, spineless, voiceless shepherds of God's flock could hardly be found. We hear from them no warning growl to alert the flock of approaching apostasy. We hear no bark of authority from the pulpit. We see in them no fierce defenders of the lambs. Gone are the fangs, and the lightning attacks on ravening lions and wolves in sheep's clothing.

How long is it since you saw a pastor with backbone and grit who was set for the defence of the gospel? We might as well admit it; most of them have been pensioned off and replaced by a poodle/Basenji cross. They don't bark, but they can put on a pretty good show. They've been to the hairdresser and been permed and perfumed, petted and pampered. They've been trained to pirouette and beg and roll over and play dead. But barking is no longer part of the course.

Christianity Today (magazine) recently printed an article on the “Attack Dogs of Christendom.” The article was intended to be an expose' of the few preachers who still know how to bark. If you read it you will hear a “basenjipoodle” yodeling because of a well aimed stone. It could be that Old Blue nipped a lapdog in his pocketbook. Or maybe he wakened it from its nap. Maybe he rebuked a cute and cuddly clergyperson for welcoming a unitarian wolf into the flock. Somebody is going to howl if Fido eats Fifi's beefsteak.

It might pay, the next time you hear one of the Pope's lapdogs howl to ask why?

If you listen to Christian radio and TV broadcasts, you will soon hear the yodel of a “basenjipoodle.” It is a whiny sound that appeals to the megachurch crowd, and fits right in with the beat of CCM. But it has no resemblance whatsoever to the barking of Old Blue.

It isn't easy nowadays to find an old sheep dog who still knows how to bark, but there are still a few around. If you come across one, hold on to him. They are the ones that obey the Good Shepherd, and will die for the sheep in order to protect them.

Just like their Master.

Bro. Buddy Smith