

Either the world molds your mind or God renews and transforms you

In Romans 12 Paul tells us not to be conformed to this world, but to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good, acceptable and perfect.”

In this simple statement Paul reminds us that the world is constantly trying to push us into its mold. As a result we will be conformed to this world, unless our minds are renewed. But more than this, it is only when our minds have been transformed that we will be able to see the will of God for what it is; good, acceptable and perfect.

Unfortunately, Christians have not heeded Paul’s warning. Instead, contemporary Christianity seems to be fitting very comfortably into the world’s mold. As a result, modern Christians tend to think just like the rest of the culture; those with biblical world views are rare.

There are, no doubt, many reasons for this, but I think part of the problem has to do with the fact that we neglect the Old Testament.

The Old Testament teaches us many vitally important things. For example, the law – the Torah – teaches us God’s unchanging standards of right and wrong. From the law the believer learns that his neighbor has a right to be secure in his person and to enjoy the fruits of his labor. From the law the believer learns that he has a right to his wages, but not a right to wealth he did not labor to create. In fact, the law teaches him it is a sin even to covet prop-



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erty which belongs to another.

But at the same time, the law teaches us that those who have prospered have a responsibility to share a portion of their wealth with those who have not been so fortunate. This is part of what the law has in mind when it says that we should “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

Failing to understand God’s standards of right and wrong is dangerous. Failing to understand it can result in the believer affirming things that God has condemned, so that he is calling good evil and evil good. It can result in a believer’s being drawn into sin that will destroy his life. It can result in the embracing of world views and philosophies that are contrary to the righteousness of God by their very nature.

From the historical narratives, the believer has an opportunity to observe thousands of years of human history from a divine perspective. From these narratives the believer comes to realize that history is about a battle between good and evil that has raged almost from the

beginning. From these narratives the believer comes to realize that history moves in a predictable pattern; “that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” and that “the wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God.”

Lacking a biblically-based philosophy of history is dangerous. It leaves the believer vulnerable to false views of human history. It leaves the believer bewildered and unable to understand his or her own times or the politics of the day. Ignorance of God’s unchanging moral standards and of His dealing with previous generations leaves the believer unable to discern God’s hand in his own times. It leaves the believer open to deception and worldly philosophies that sound new, but are really ancient lies that have killed in the past and will kill again if we embrace them. Unfortunately, many Christians, lacking a biblical world view, are embracing them.

So I would challenge you to read the Old Testament, to do what the Psalmist recommended and meditate on it day and night. Then we will be like a tree, planted by streams of water, “which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf will not wither; and in whatever ... will prosper” – Psalm 1:3b.

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Free breakfast burritos show morning menu

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Taco John’s of Colby, 625 W. Willow, is showing appreciation to its customers by giving away breakfast burritos Wednesday.

Free meat-and-potato breakfast burritos will be offered from 7 to 10 a.m. One burrito will be given away per customer.

Aside from “a customer appreciation-type deal,” Taco John’s franchise owner Jeff Krzycki said, the promotion was intended to make people aware of the restaurant’s breakfast menu, which was started

here a couple of years ago.

“There’s just a lot of people out there who don’t know we have breakfast,” Krzycki said. “People walk in and say, ‘I didn’t know you have breakfast.’”

As for their sometime chicken mascot, Krzycki said that he’ll be inside during the promotion, but he might find a kid to wear the suit.

“I’m working on it,” he said. “We might have the chicken out.”

For information, call Taco John’s at 460-8226.

Senior Progress Center

Come enjoy backgammon with friends Tuesday at the Senior Progress Center.

Activities for the week: **Monday:** 10:30 a.m. shuffle board. **Tuesday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. backgammon. **Wednesday:** cupcakes. **Thursday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 a.m. pinocle. **Friday:** 10 a.m. exercise; 10:30 pool game.

Menus for the week: **Monday:** ground beef stroganoff, green beans, beets, mandarin oranges. **Tuesday:** country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, mixed fruit.

Wednesday: harvest turkey soup, strawberries and bananas, crackers, cookie. **Thursday:** Waikiki meat balls, broccoli, pears, rice, birthday cake. **Friday:** roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned carrots, watermelon.

The Thomas County Nutrition Center invites anyone 60 and older and to lunch. Home delivery is available. A contribution of \$3 per meal is suggested.

Make reservations at (785) 460-2901 by noon the day before.

Red Barn

Activities for the week: **Sunday:** Lee Luna’s birthday. **Monday:** 1:45 p.m. blood pressure clinic; 2 p.m. Barnswallows. **Tuesday:** Frank Dingwerth’s birthday. **Wednesday:** 10 a.m. ladies’ Bible study. **Thursday:** 2 p.m. Come On Down; 6:30 p.m. Spuds ‘n Splits. **Friday:** 9:30 a.m. Koffee Klatch; 10:30 a.m. board meeting; 2:30 p.m. Stitch and Chatter.

State Fair to have show for cow-calf pairs

All Kansas commercial cow-calf producers are eligible to exhibit cattle in a special show Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. The Super Cow-Calf Show will feature pairs in pasture condition, with no fitting allowed.

An entry consists of one cow and her natural calf. No bull calves are allowed. The age of the

cow and birth date of the calf must be known and provided by the exhibitor.

Cows and calves will be judged on type, structure, muscling, natural fleshing and soundness of udder, eyes, feet and legs. Cow weight and the calf’s projected 205-day adjusted weight will be given to the judges.

A two-judge system will be

used. Judges will independently score each cow and calf. The total score of both judges will be used to rank pairs in the respective divisions.

The grand champion pair will win \$600 plus five straws of ABS semen, while the reserve will earn \$400 and five straws of ABS semen. Third place wins \$250, fourth place earns \$150 and fifth

place is worth \$100.

All cows and calves must be unloaded and processed by 11 a.m. Sept. 12. The show begins at 2 p.m. All entries must arrive and leave the same day.

Entry fee is \$25 per pair. Entries are due by Wednesday. For information, go to www.kansasstatefair.com or call the fair office at (800) 362-3247.

Corrections

An obituary for Floyd E. Carter on Page 3 of the Thursday, Aug. 9, edition of the *Colby Free Press*, the name of his wife, Mary (Ward) Carter of Colby, was omitted from the list of survivors. This was omitted from information provided to the *Free Press*. A complete,

corrected version will be printed in the Monday paper.

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Thank You Vendors

The Thomas County Clerk’s office and Primary Election Poll Workers would like to extend a huge “Thank You” to the following vendors that contributed food and beverage for the election workers on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Primary Election: McDonalds, Dillons, Daylight Donuts, Wal-Mart, Village Inn, Taco John’s, and Subway East.

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BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m.. Pastor Mark Carlton, Youth Pastor Ben Phillips. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

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