

Do different religions each have their own ‘truth?’

Many people feel there can be no religious truth. It's common to feel that different Christian religions simply interpret the Bible in different ways. And non-Christian religions simply have a different idea of who God is.

Is the Bible really so ambivalent? Would it really be improper to admit that some religions are simply



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wrong in their beliefs?

Jesus told his followers that reli-

gious truth is attainable. He said at John 8:32, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

At John 4:23, Jesus told a Samaritan woman, "Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father with spirit and truth, for, indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ones to worship him."

Since Jesus said religious truth exists, what accounts for the different religious beliefs today?

Jesus prophesied in Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-40 that an apostasy would take place. In explaining his illustration of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus said the Devil sowed "weeds" in the field of "wheat," true Christians. He said the wheat and weeds would grow together until the harvest.

Paul prophesied at 2 Timothy 3:13, "But wicked men and impostors will advance from bad to worse, misleading and being misled."

The purpose of an impostor is to

appear to be the real thing. These wicked men and impostors Paul refers to aren't those obviously wicked, but rather, those who appear to be Christians but who are misleading others.

The only way it is possible to recognize religious deception is to have a point of reference, a source of religious truth. That source is the Bible; it tells us how to know the difference between true Christians and impostors.

Matthew 7:15, 16 says, "Be on the watch for the false prophets that come to you in sheep's covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will recognize them."

Jesus acknowledged with these words that false prophets would look good on the outside, but their fruits would give them away.

What fruits? Hebrews 13:15 says, "Through him let us always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name."

Philippians 1:10-12 says, "that you may make sure of the more important things, so that you may be

flawless and not be stumbling others up to the day of Christ, and may be filled with righteous fruit, which is through Jesus Christ, to God's glory and praise. Now I desire you to know, brothers, that my affairs have turned out for the advancement of the good news rather than otherwise."

Preaching the "good news of the kingdom," as mentioned in Matthew 24:14, is a requirement for Christians, not a suggestion. Those who do not advance the good news are not true Christians; the Bible says so.

How do we know what is required of us as far as preaching that good news? Jesus set the example, as 1 Peter 2:21 says, "In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely."

What example did Jesus set? Luke 8:1 says, "Shortly afterwards he went journeying from city to city and from village to village, preaching and declaring the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him."

Acts 28:31 says, "preaching the kingdom of God to them and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with the greatest freedom of speech, without hindrance."

True Christians preach about the kingdom and teach, from the Bible, those who are interested in learning about that kingdom. Those, in turn, preach to and teach others. The Bible says this is required to be a Christian.

The religious truths they teach are from the Bible, not from man's ideas. Jesus told the Pharisees and scribes, religious leaders in his day, at Mark 7:13, "and thus you make the word of God invalid by your tradition which you handed down."

Is it really too much to ask that a religion claiming to worship the Almighty God teach the truth about him?

Jesus taught his followers the truth and taught them how to teach others. Religious truth is attainable, but to have it, we must have a good knowledge of the Bible and learn from a Christian who is preaching and teaching in imitation of Jesus' example.

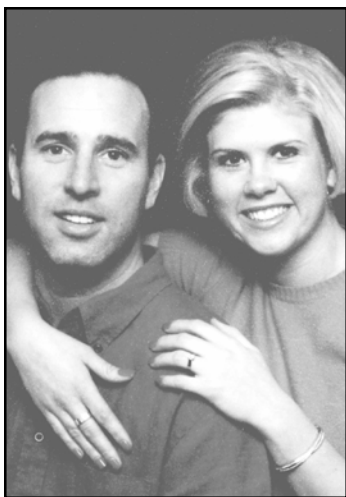
Couple to marry in the fall

Kandis Lovelace of Goodland and Daniel Mong of Columbiana, Ohio, plan to marry Saturday, Sept. 27, 2004, at Something Special in Newnan, Ga., with Gary Gregg officiating.

Gary and Linda Lovelace of Goodland are the bride-elect's parents, and James and Janet Mong of Columbiana are the prospective groom's.

Barbara and the late Forrest Lovelace of Goodland and Clara and the late Clarence Tubbs of Colby are her grandparents. Jean and Guy Gregg of Little Rock, Ark., and Lela Covert of Salem, Ohio, are his.

The bride-elect graduated from Goodland High School and from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Business Ad-



Mong and Lovelace

ministration in marketing. She is a flight attendant for AirTran Airways.

The prospective groom graduated from South Range High School in North Lima, Ohio, from Youngstown State University with a business administration degree and from Beaver Community College with a professional pilot degree. He is a pilot for AirTran Airways.

matters of record

Divorces Granted

The following divorces have been granted by the Sherman County District Court:

Randal Osban of Goodland and Julie M. Osban of Clifton, Colo.

Greg A. Doll and Cheryl L. Doll, both of Goodland.

Real Estate

The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:

Keith and Judith P. Coon to Shirley E. Pearson and Ronald P. Busse the NW/4 and the W/2 of the NE/4, Sec. 12, T6S, R38W.

Roger R. and Melissa L. Zweygardt to Grace E. Zweygardt an undivided one fifth interest, Sec. 7, T6S, R42W.

Gale A. and Mary C. Waltz, co-trustees of the River Valley Ranch Trust No. 1 and 2, to Gale A. and

Mary C. Waltz to Ronald R. Bowman, trustee of the Ronald R. Bowman revocable trust, one half interest and Gail J. Bowman, trustee of the Gail J. Bowman revocable trust, one half interest, a tract of land in the S/2, Sec. 8, T6S, R42W.

Leo W. and Annie M. Welch, of Jefferson County, Colo., to The Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas, of Shawnee County, a tract of land in the NW/4, Sec. 7, T10S, R39W.

Marsha C. Smith quitclaim to Marsha C. Smith and Joni J. Smith the north 50 feet of Lot 15, all of Lot 16, 17 and 18, Block 40, Second Addition to the City of Goodland.

Shirley Shull quitclaim to Shirley Shull and Rebecca Sue Peters the W/2 of Lot 4, all of Lots 5 and 6, Block 7, First Addition to the City of Goodland.

Sunflower Contest

RULES

- Write down as many words (at least 3 letters) that you can think of using the word "Fertilizer"
- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 9th

Winners will be announced in the Friday, August 13th edition

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4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
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Youth Minister: Doug Bean
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:45 am
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Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm

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1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
(719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am

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Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm

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Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: John Park Winkler
Eighth & Arcade • 899-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
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399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am

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Pastor: Bob Willis
Third & Caldwell
899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am

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109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)

First Baptist Church

Pastor: John Meckling
Fifth & Center • 899-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
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13th & Center
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Pastor: Bob Snyder
Residence: 890-0134
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am
Worship Service: 11 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

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1160 Cattletrail
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Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am

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Sunday: Christian eduction/fellowship:
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