

The higher birth rate outside the Empire, and the higher standard of living within it, made immigration or invasion a manifest destiny for the Roman Empire.

- 20- Last Summer I was asked by R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries to revise the Colonel's book entitled Witnessing. In that rewrite, I researched the Colonel's teachings on the movement of the Pivot from the time of Paul until it came across the Atlantic to North America. I have recently been informed that the manuscript has now been sent to the printer and the book formally entitled Witnessing will soon be reissued under the title: Evangelism: Past, Present, and Future. There is one section of that manuscript which is pertinent to our study here and points out the fact that our Western European ancestors were wild, undisciplined and barbaric peoples.

Thieme, R. B. Jr. Evangelism: Past, Present, and Future. Edited by Joe Griffin. Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr. Bible Ministries, 1992, pp. I/6.10-18.

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- 21- From all of this a principle arises: Ideas have consequences; thought changes lives; knowledge of truth changes history.
- 22- The thing that gives you power to change your life for the better and to have historical impact in your generation is knowledge of truth.
- 23- The more truth you know the broader your understanding of life around you.
- 24- The Romans had a proverb for it in the Latin: VIVERE EST COGITARE: to live is to think.
- 25- In the 17th Century, French philosopher Rene Descartes rephrased this thought to read: "I think, therefore I am," and it became known as the Cartesian Principle.
- 26- But Descartes promoted the development of scientific reason as the only pure approach to identifying truth. The Protestant Reformation rediscovered that Scripture was the only valid source for identifying truth and its principles must first be accepted by faith.
- 27- When the Pivot crossed the Atlantic its gene pool was a mixture of those wild, Teutonic barbarians who once roamed the European landscape.

\* BEGAN WITH: BUCHANAN, PATRICK J. "YES, A CULTURAL WAR IS RAGING," ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 13 SEPT. 1992, PLUS COMMENTS ON "CULTURE" (CD/1165-A).

- 28- The only thing that made them stop and form a civilization was their good sense to give the Gospel a hearing and then learn the teachings of the Bible.
- 29- It was the Word of God which transformed these hoodlums into citizens, honorable men with great virtue, integrity and probity.
- 30- Over the centuries these Teutonic peoples put together the most sophisticated civilization in all of human history and has come down to us as the Judeo-Christian ethic within the Anglo-Saxon culture.
- 31- It is this culture which is under assault today within the classrooms of this client nation.
- 32- Such has not always been true. Our ancestors considered the preservation of our Western European heritage within the minds of their youth the most important priority.
- 33- Great efforts were undertaken to train their children, your great grandparents, in the knowledge and understanding of this great culture.
- 34- And as an integral part of that instruction it was understood that Biblical truth must be foremost, otherwise proper appreciation for the rest of the curriculum would be missed.
- 35- The Prefaces of William H. McGuffey's Eclectic Readers point out this fact. I read from the original 1837 editions:

The time has gone by, when any sensible man will be found to object to the Bible as a school book, in a Christian country; unless it be on purely sectarian principles, which should never find a place in systems of general education. Much less than, can any reasonable objection be made to the introduction of such extracts from the Bible as do not involve any of the questions in debate among the various denomination of evangelical Christians.

The Bible is the only book in the world treating of ethics and religion, which is not sectarian. Every sect claims that book as authority for its peculiar views.

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TRUTH - 'why' & 'how'

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From no source has the author drawn more copiously, in his selections, than from the sacred Scriptures. For this, he certainly apprehends no censure. In a Christian country, that man is to be pitied, who at this day, can honestly object to imbuing the minds of youth with the language and spirit of the Word of God.<sup>1</sup>

- 36- Consequently, civilized actions require civilized thought. Without it the social fabric rots.

And so the first verb in verse 16 is the present active participle of the verb:

**PhRONE'W** = to think; TXL: "be thinking" ★

pres = Progressive; indicates persistent action. "Be thinking continuously"

act = Believer produces the action.

part = Imperative use; a command

- 1- The Romans of the first century are commanded to "be thinking." This same command was later obeyed by the Teutonic barbarians who, once they comprehended the Gospel, began to think doctrine.
- 2- Once this occurred they ceased to be the heathen and begun establishing Western European civilization.
- 3- Just as the Romans and the Teutons before us, we also are issued this same command through the Scriptures. And what is it we are to keep thinking?

**A>UTO'S** = the same; TXL: the same things, i.e., mental attitude.

- 1- Obviously we are not to think the very same thoughts. This denies the fact everyone has a different set of experiences every day, not to mention a different personality, likes and dislikes, and background.
- 2- But our thinking toward each other should be based on the same set of principles: Bible doctrine.

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<sup>1</sup> McGuffey, William H. The Eclectic Third Reader and The Eclectic Fourth Reader. Cincinnati: Truman and Smith, 1837.

- 3- The thing that converts a wild and disorganized group of people into an harmonious unit is not rights or equality but doctrine.
- 4- The Teutonic hoards of fourth century Europe were far more ruthless than the gangs which populate the larger cities of our United States. What converted our barbaric ancestors can also convert our nation's minority groups.
- 5- And if it can work on them then it surely can work on people in a local church.
- 6- Rodney King asked the question following the Los Angeles riots, "Can we get along"? Paul went further than this in Ephesians 4:
- v 25 = Having laid aside the lie (while simultaneously putting on the truth) each one of you speak truth with his fellow believer, since we are members of one another.
- 7- This is a command to the believer to think honor code principles to fellow members of the royal family.
- 8- He communicates the very same thing to Roman believers in Romans 12:
- v 16 = Be thinking the same mental attitude toward each other. *RFHC (TR)*
- 9- The doctrines one thinks toward each other are summed up in the royal family honor code and respects the privacy of the priesthood and the principle of live and let live.
- 10- With honor code principles on the FLOT Line, the believer is enabled to "get along" with everyone in a congregation.
- 11- This does not imply that you will be friends with everyone in a church. It does implore you to deal with them in ~~such~~ a manner that is free of personal antagonisms and respects their right to worship on an equal basis with you.
- 12- This requires genuine humility, brought out by the second use of the present active participle of:
- E-9/15*  
*B-9/17* **PhRONE'W** = thought, plus the negative **Mn'**; "Do not be thinking"