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than to hear
that my children
walk in truth."

III John 4

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for spring planting

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SCIENCE FICTION HORROR STORY

BY MICHAEL PEARL

**Which word in the title is erroneous:
Science—Fiction—Horror—Story?**

It's the word *fiction*. The food you eat is no longer the food God made for the human body. Evolutionary scientists have irreversibly changed the DNA of plant, animal, and human cells. They are *uncreating* God's creation, rendering staple foods unfit for human or animal consumption.

I recently read two books, and the following article contains quotes from those books (indicated by quotation marks), with some of my own observations. You need to buy and read both of them: *Seeds of Deception* and *Genetic Roulette* by Jeffrey Smith. The converging lines of evidence in these books indicate conclusively that genetically modified (GM) crops are inherently dangerous and may be responsible for the unfolding health disaster in the U.S.A.

All living organisms, whether plant or animal or human, are constructed of cells. Each cell contains the entire DNA chain of information that constitutes an organism—what it is—and differentiates it from all others. Each cell is made of billions of atoms, intelligently designed and arranged to contain and dispense complex information that assures the function, adaptation, survival, and procreation of the species.

Genetic engineering is the process of artificially tampering with these God-given, natural genetic blueprints. Genetic engineering (or bio-engineering) is a technique to splice, delete, add, isolate, and recombine or transfer genes from one organism to another that may be totally unrelated. Alteration of genes and chromosomes causes disruption and disturbance in the biochemical structure of species (plant or animal) and can result in species mutation.



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“The discovery in the mid-1970s that scientists could transfer genes from the DNA of one species into that of another was heralded as a major scientific breakthrough. Plants, animals, and other organisms could now become equipped with genes that could never occur naturally and exhibit traits not previously found in their species or even their kingdom.

“Scientists have since worked on some interesting combinations. Spider genes were inserted into goat DNA, in hopes that the goat milk could contain spider web protein for use in bulletproof vests. Cow genes turned pigskin into cowhides. Jellyfish genes lit up pigs’ noses in the dark. Arctic fish genes gave tomatoes and strawberries tolerance to frost. Potatoes glowed in the dark when thirsty. Human genes were inserted into corn to produce spermatocides.

“The single dominant GM trait is herbicide tolerance. Crops are engineered to survive an otherwise toxic dose of weed killer.

“The second popular GM trait is a built-in pesticide. The plant produces pesticidal toxins in every cell. Monarch butterflies are killed when feeding on the corn. If a plant kills bugs, do you want to breathe its pollen, eat honey made from its nectar, or ingest the plant?

“Virtually an entire Filipino village of about 100 people living adjacent to a large field of Bt corn [genetically altered to produce

a toxin that kills bugs] were stricken by a disease. The symptoms, which appeared at the time the corn was producing airborne pollen, included headaches, dizziness, extreme stomach pain, vomiting, chest pains, fever, and allergies, as well as respirator, intestinal, and skin reactions. Many if not all of the villagers exposed to the GM-maize pollen in 2003 have remained ill to this day. Furthermore, there have been five unexplained deaths in the village. In total, 96 people got sick. In addition, nine horses, four water buffalo, and 37 chickens died soon after feeding on the GM maize.”

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Proponents of creating Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) try to sell us the lie that what they are doing is just hybridization by a different method. Not so. Genetic engineering is not in any way similar to hybrid plants or selective breeding. “Plant breeders have worked with this system (selective breeding of plants) for thousands

of years, selecting parents with desired characteristics, such as yield and disease resistance, in the hope that the offspring expresses both. With genetic engineering, however, a single gene is removed from the DNA of one organism and forcibly inserted into another. This doesn't happen naturally.

“A pig can mate with a pig and a tomato can mate with a tomato. But there is no way a pig can mate with a tomato. Using genetic engineering, however, pig genes can be inserted into a tomato and vice versa.” This transfer of genes across the natural barriers established by God at creation is an arrogant and reckless confusion of nature. It is introducing chaos into perfect order.

“Another problem is that inserted genes may transfer from food into gut bacteria or internal organs. Animal studies demonstrate that ingested DNA can travel through the body, even into the fetus via the placenta. Trans-genes from GM crops fed to animals have been found in their blood, liver, spleen, and kidneys. The only published human feeding trial on GM food verified that genetic material inserted into GM soy transfers into the DNA of our intestinal bacteria.”

Manufacturers of genetically modified organisms assure us that the genetically modified cells are destroyed in the stomach when eaten and cannot be transferred to the host. However, Sidney Pierce spent 20 years studying the green sea slug that eats algae and somehow transfers the plant genes into its body. The slug then possesses the algae's ability to produce chlorophyll from sunlight—a universal trait of plants but not of animals. The young slugs must eat algae until they accumulate enough of its genes to begin manifesting the plants' ability to convert sunlight into energy. The slug can then be sustained on sunlight alone, like a plant, without further eating. Pierce says, “It certainly is possible





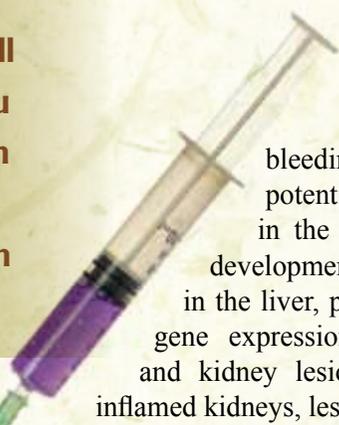
Genetically altered soy, corn, cotton, and canola and their derivatives are found in 70% of all processed foods. If you have ever eaten a corn chip, corn flakes, or a tortilla, you have eaten GM organisms.



that DNA from one species can get into another species, as these slugs have clearly shown, but the mechanisms are still unknown.”

Scientists have discovered genetically modified cells present in the organs of animals fed GM food. Corrupted DNA never becomes uncorrupted. It is passed on to future generations.

“Lab animals tested with GM foods had stunted growth, impaired immune systems, bleeding stomachs, abnormal and potentially precancerous cell growth in the intestines, impaired blood cell development, misshapen cell structures in the liver, pancreas, and testicles ... alerted gene expression and cell metabolism, liver and kidney lesions, partially atrophied livers, inflamed kidneys, less developed brains and testicles, enlarged livers, pancreases, and intestines, reduced digestive enzymes, high blood sugar, inflamed lung tissue, increased death rates, and higher offspring mortality. About two dozen farmers report that GM corn varieties caused their pigs or cows to become sterile. 71 shepherds say that 25% of their sheep died from grazing on Bt cotton plants (altered to be toxic to bugs), and others say that cows, water buffaloes, chickens, and horses also died from eating GM crops. Filipinos in at least five villages fell sick when nearby Bt corn was pollinating, and hundreds of laborers in India report allergic reaction from handling Bt cotton. Soy allergies skyrocketed by 50% in the United Kingdom soon after genetically engineered soy was introduced; and one human subject out of the few tested showed a skin prick, allergic-type reaction to GM soy, but not to natural soy. In the 1980s, a GM food supplement killed about one hundred Americans and caused sickness and disability in another five to ten thousand people.”



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Tomatoes were genetically engineered to have a shelf life of months instead of just days. Great for farmers, right? Except that when they fed laboratory rats a diet of GM tomatoes, many of them quickly developed lesions in their stomachs, and about a fourth of the rats died within two weeks. The control group of rats fed natural tomatoes did not manifest any of the negative reactions experienced by the GM-fed rats.

By now you might be thinking, “Well, I will just avoid corn, soy, and canola oil, and eat squash and papaya instead.” They are reengineered as well! Do you avoid sugar, relying on artificial sweetener? Aspartame is the product of genetic engineering. Do you ever drink milk or serve it to your children? What about cheese or yogurt?

Cows are injected with genetically engineered growth hormones. It so speeds up their milk production that the cows are used up and discarded in about two years. Many farmers testify that twenty-five percent of their herds don't live that long. They suffer from infections in their udders, making it necessary to constantly inject them with antibiotics. What do those same growth hormones do when ingested by humans? Just examine the statistical rise in breast cancer in the last 20 years.

Eat more chicken? It, too, is injected with GM organisms. As the breasts on chickens get bigger, so do the breasts on young boys eating the chicken, and breast cancer continues to rise.

Wild animals will repeatedly reject the GM crops in preference for natural corn and soy. Deer and elk will walk through a large GM field to get to a small plot of natural corn. If geese, squirrels, rabbits, deer, elk and rats have an aversion for GM crops, should humans eat them? What do the animals know that we don't?

What does God say about modifying his creation?

“So God created man in his *own* image, **in the image of God created he him**; male and female created he them. And God said, Behold, **I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.** And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw **every thing** that he had made, and, **behold, it was very good**” (Genesis 1:27, 31).



Can you believe it? God designs his human creation after his own image, tailors the

plant and herbs to the exact food specifications humans and animals require, and then pronounces that it is all *very good*. And what do scientists do? They say, “It is good, but not good enough; we can do better,” and then proceed to re-create what God created. It produces havoc, and they forge ahead undaunted in their “mission.” They are like four-year-old children dismantling a computer to improve upon it.

I say with the Psalmist, “I will praise thee; for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. My **substance** was not hid from thee, when I was **made in secret, and curiously wrought** [*like needlework*] in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and **in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned**, when *as yet there was none of them*” (Psalm 139:14-15).

If the above verse says anything, it says that before we were born, God designed the very substance of

our beings, recording the design in a book, and then fashioned us after that secret design. We are awesome and wonderful in design, a marvelous work of God. Who could dare to improve upon the master design of the God of creation?

Clear prohibition against modifying God's creation.

“Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the **fruit of thy seed** which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be **defiled**” (Deut 22:9).

Note, God did not want his original seeds mixed so as to cause them to lose their inherent uniqueness. *The result of mixing seeds produces a seed that was “defiled”.*

“Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt **not sow thy field with mingled seed**” (Leviticus 19:19). Again, God is concerned to maintain the seed's and the cattle's original character.

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God saw that **it was good**” (Genesis 1:11-12). God designed everything to bring forth after its *singular* kind, and neither a mixed kind, nor a new kind.

We live in strange times, when man has begun to move into God's laboratory and is attempting to sabotage his design and change the very structure of creation. They dream of cloning humans, mix human and animal genes, throw in a few plant genes and come up with a Frankenstein monster. Science fiction has become a vision for tomorrow.

There was an earlier time, about 1800 years after creation, when men pooled their knowledge and built a city and a tower to *reach unto heaven*. “And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and **now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**” (Genesis 11:6). This is a fascinating verse. God concedes that when many people combine their knowledge, they will not be restrained from accomplishing their wildest imaginations. So he divided them into diverse language groups to prevent them from conferring and sharing their knowledge and skills. That language barrier God put into place is now obsolete. Scientists of the world cooperate and share their knowledge. We are again at the place where “nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”

But God will have the last say in the Great Tribulation “which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” (Rev. 3:10). “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest **destroy them which destroy the earth**” (Rev. 11:18). I have never been sure what this passage referred to—“God destroys them which destroy the earth.” Surely it is not killing the snail darter or wiping out the buffalo that has angered God to the point of exercising “great wrath” upon all flesh. Nothing man has ever done is one percent as destructive as permanently changing the DNA of God's creation. Look out Monsanto, Dupont: here comes the Judge!.

What can you do?

First, you must be informed. The military-industrial complex is little more than a local gun store compared to the agricultural-industrial complex. When media outlets have attempted to publish the facts concerning GMOs in our food chain, they have been intimidated into silence by their largest advertisers—the producers of genetically modified foods. When politicians get wise to the conspiracy to control the food chain,

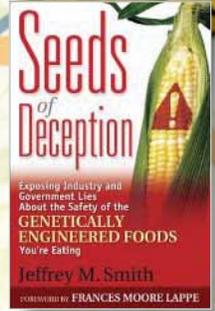
they are silenced by the fear of losing large gifts to their campaigns. You must get informed. Purchase the book, *Seeds of Deception*, and become acquainted with the issue. Go online, and read about GMOs. Stop buying foods that have been altered. Write to the manufacturers, and inform them that you will not eat their GMOs.

All we ask is that the government mandate labeling of GM foods. Just put a label on the product that says *Genetically Modified*. There have been many failed attempts to force labeling. The industry knows that once products are labeled, the public will ask, "So, what's the difference?" and it will all be over for the agricultural-industrial complex. Labeling. Demand labeling.

In the meantime, grow your own food. If the grocery store labels food as organic, it is not genetically modified. Learn which plants have been altered and which ones maintain the integrity God gave them. GM tomatoes and potatoes have been removed from the market due to obvious health tragedies. Rice and beans are not modified, and, to my understanding, neither are any of the salad vegetables. Wheat, rye and barley are still good. Avoid all cooking and salad oils, and all prepared foods containing canola, corn, or soy. Avoid bread, crackers, chips, cakes, pies, and cookies containing corn, soy, or oils or derivatives of the same. Avoid milk, cheese, yogurt, cream cheese, sour cream or any food prepared with milk products. Avoid meats from animals that have been fed GMO grains or injected with GMOs.

You do realize that you won't be able to eat at your standard restaurant, don't you? If in the process of throwing out all processed foods you cease eating all corn syrup and sugar, within three days to a week you will see a remarkable improvement in your family's health and in the temperament of your children.

You can go online and purchase *Seeds of Deception* by Jeffrey Smith, or you can order it at a discount from The Bulk Herb Store, BulkHerbStore.com or 1-877-278-4257. Check out their heirloom seeds, too. 🌱

A close-up photograph of a person wearing blue nitrile gloves using a pipette to transfer a clear liquid into a small, clear plastic vial. The background is slightly blurred, showing a laboratory or greenhouse setting with green plants and soil. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange and green box on the right side of the image.

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The Kingdom of God is not the Kingdom of Heaven

Mr. Pearl,

I gather from your teaching that you are of the “once saved, always saved” persuasion, though I have never heard you say it in just those words. How then do you handle passages like Matthew 25? It says the kingdom of heaven is like five foolish virgins who ran out of oil, which I take to represent the Holy Spirit, and were turned away from the wedding. When the virgins beg to enter they were told that they should have watched—I take that to mean watched for the second coming of Christ. And there are many more passages similar to this one. Take for example Matthew 8:12. It says, “But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Michael Answers:

My doctrine is better summed up as “Once lost, once saved, twice lost, never saved again,” but that is for another time. Get my messages on the Security of the Believer, as they address that subject in a good bit of detail.

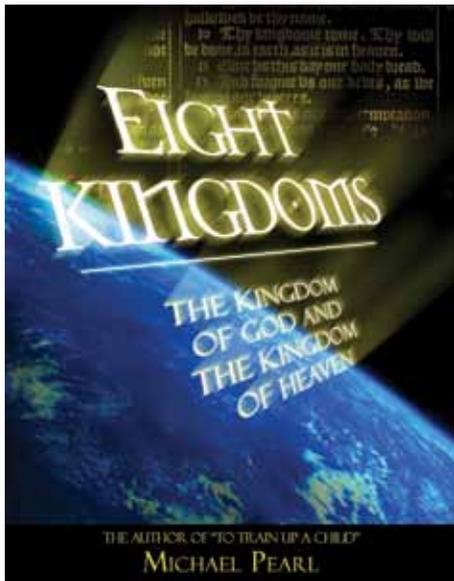
As to the passages you mention in Matthew, I assume you think the “five foolish virgins” and the “children of the kingdom” are Christian believers. The text bears out that they are not.

Notice how Matthew 25 begins: it dates the parables with the first word: “Then [following the events of chapter 24] shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins...” Chapter 24 was Jesus’ long answer to the question the disciples asked in 24:3, “what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?” The answer dwelt on the Great Tribulation, which culminated with the second coming of Christ in verse 24:27-30 and the day of wrath that follows (v. 29). The rest of the chapter is a

warning to watch for this day of judgment and not be caught unaware, like the five foolish virgins or the drunken servants, lest one be appointed his “portion with the hypocrites” and “there be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The very next verse is, “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins...” The ten virgins are children of the kingdom (as in Matthew 8:12) who survived the tribulation, Christ’s second coming and the day of wrath. That much is clear.

The one still misunderstood truth is that the kingdom of heaven (The context of this passage—“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be like...”) and the kingdom of God, to which we in the church belong, are *not* the same. No Christian is or ever will be in the kingdom of heaven. None of the “children of the kingdom” during the tribulation are in the kingdom of God. The kingdoms are different, containing

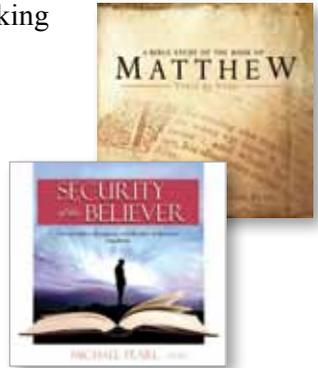


different subjects, and only meet in the Millennial reign of Christ upon the earth.

In short, the kingdom of heaven is the physical kingdom promised to Israel and contains both believing and unbelieving Jews during the tribulation. Both the five wise and the five foolish virgins were in the kingdom, but at the second coming of Christ, the good fish and the bad fish are separated from the same net, just as the virgins are separated. At that time the children of the kingdom—the Jews—who are not watching and walking in truth will be cast into outer darkness and be damned.

I spent more than 25 years of my life studying the difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. I finally wrote a definitive book on the subject. It covers every mention of these two kingdoms in the Bible and clearly spells out their differences. You can also get an MP3 on Matthew where I teach verse by verse through all its kingdom passages.

Approach the Bible with an open mind and become a student “rightly dividing the word of truth.”



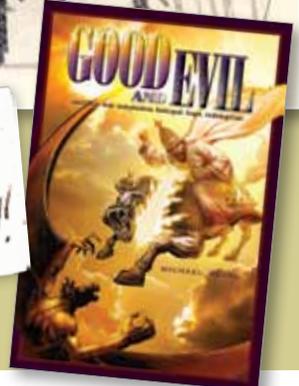
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A Young Reader Writes:



I really like good and evil I
read it about almost every day!

- Kayla B.



NEW BOOK!

Preparing To Be A Help Meet

By Debi Pearl

Being a good help meet starts long before marriage. It is a mindset, a learned habit, a way of life established as a young unmarried girl—or at least that's the way it should be.



Nearly every wife will confess that the first year or two of married life was...how shall I say it...a frustrating learning experience. Most girls spend plenty of time planning for their wedding, but make no preparation for the weeks and years to follow. Many wives are provoked to bitterness during the first year and never get over it. All this could so easily be avoided with simple instruction. It was with good reason God said let the aged women teach the younger. Trial and error is not the best teacher when it comes to marriage. It is much less painful to learn beforehand what God has to say about your role as a help meet to that special man God will bring into your life. It is the older women who have experienced

the joys of a good marriage whom God has appointed to pass along his instructions. That is what I have done in this new book *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*.

Preparing To Be A Help Meet contains six sweet love stories written by wives sharing their experiences about how God taught them to be the help meets they are today. Three of the stories are from wives that have been married over 40 years. Three stories are by new brides who, before marriage, were trained to be the help meet God intended. All the love stories are beautiful, and will show you how wonderful it is to walk together in God's light.

In addition to the six personal testimonies, this book is full of short stories from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Funny tales, ideas of how to gain a good man's attention, and even a tragic testimony all teach important lessons. You will meet "Grabbers" and "Hidden Flowers", and discover how to avoid being either. The chapter on "Antsy Babes" will remind you why patience is so important. You will be warned as you read stories of how texting, emailing and other forms of cyberspace have destroyed many budding relationships and even marriages.

An important part of this book is instruction on preparing for your future by saving money, developing skills, gathering information on cooking, health, and many other topics. Girls will see how one wise young woman planned her wedding God's way. Along the way the reader will learn what to pack in her Heavenly Hope Chest.

A shy girl—Hidden Flower—who has never had a man interested in her, will learn how to become visible to godly men. Brassy girls—Grabbers—will be shown a mirror so they will see how good men view pushy females. Impatient girls—Antsy Babes—will learn patience.

Girls will be instructed on how young men seek out a wife and what they are looking for in a possible mate. They will discover what turns young men away and what causes a young man to consider a girl. In the last chapter, several men speak up to say what they really appreciate in their wives. And of course, several single, wife-hunting males speak out here and there to give their opinion of what I have written.

On a more sober note, the age-old question, “How do I know if this man is the will of God for me?” will be answered through Scripture, wisdom, and example.

As I was finishing the manuscript, three young women read and evaluated *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*. They all said the book was captivating and that they would be better daughters and wives for having read it. Several married women who read the rough manuscript said of this new book that any lady that enjoyed *Created To Be His Help Meet* will LOVE *Preparing To Be A Help Meet* and they will learn as much from it as they did from *Created*.

As the author, I believe the girl or married woman who reads *Preparing To Be A Help Meet* will close the book knowing that God answers prayer, that He wants to bless her and that marriage God’s way is indeed glorious.

At the back of the book, my daughter Shalom Pearl Brand put together an extensive Teacher’s Guide. Shalom and Kristen Abart taught a girls’ Preparing to be a Help Meet class last winter using the book’s draft as it was being written. Through the teaching of the Word the girls grew into righteous young women. Some of the girls said they just didn’t understand that God meant for them to start being a Proverbs 31 female NOW, training to be a help meet before becoming one. Shalom used the notes from her class to put together the Teacher’s Guide. It has **ice breakers** to get the girls laughing and talking, **questions** from the chapter they are studying, **verses** to look up to see what God requires, and **challenges** to obey God. Anyone with a heart to do so could use these step by step directions to teach a Help Meet class for singles or married ladies.

Even a young man reading this book can come to better understand how girls think and how better to approach a girl for marriage. So if any of you young men are wondering how... read and see!

Move over, *Created*...here comes *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*. 🌿



PRE-SALE Within *Preparing To Be A Help Meet* will be an extensive Teacher’s Guide put together by Shalom Pearl Brand. The book has a \$19.95 retail and will also be available in case quantities. Each case contains 24 books. The expected release date is April 15, 2010. The two specials we are currently offering will apply to *Preparing To Be A Help Meet*. (See back cover.)

SPECIALS At retail the price would be \$478.80 per case. You may preorder these from 2/12/10 through 3/31/10 at a **60% discount** bringing the price to \$191.52 per case. This discount applies to cases only.

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VISION MOVIE (part 2)

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC, GENERAL MANAGER, NO GREATER JOY MINISTRIES

In the previous magazine we wrote about the meeting we had with Manny Edwards, a Christian man who happens to be a movie producer, writer and director.

Manny's previous movies are: *Come What May* (www.comewhatmaythemovie.com) and *Mysterious Ways* (www.mysteriouswaysthemovie.com). Manny will be the producer of *The Vision* movie www.thevisionfilm.com.

In December Manny came to NGJ to meet with Mike and Debi. Together we all discussed the storyline and the goals and objectives of *The Vision* movie, and how the movie could benefit No Greater Joy (www.nogreaterjoy.org) as well as Brightline Pictures (www.BrightlinePictures.com).

We also want to integrate another goal in the process: to train the next generation of Christian filmmakers in all aspects of filmmaking from the artistic end, technical end, and financial end.

In January we went to the next level of talks. Manny and I attended a meeting with other film professionals to discuss various aspects of the production. Afterwards, NGJ asked Manny to give us an update:

Q&A with Manny Edwards

Q: How do you feel about the prospects for *The Vision* as a movie?

A: Excellent. It's an emotionally and visually compelling story, an action movie about evangelizing the world. A human drama on a global canvas! It doesn't get more exciting than that. This kind of story has cinematic appeal and we're exploring ways to finance the development of the novel into a movie.

Q: What kind of production value are you shooting for?

A: If we can't make this a great movie, we won't bother doing it at all. The Christian audience has always been sophisticated. Most people who watch Hollywood's normal fare describe themselves as Christian. With "Christian" movies, though, they've winked at sub-standard production values because they want to encourage the production of more movies that honor Jesus Christ instead of offending him -- and them. But they won't wink for long. We need to keep getting better technically and artistically. If anything, we Christian movie makers should be the best story-tellers of all.

Q: Is it going to be like a studio production?

A: In result, yes—in process, no. The studio project development process is different than the independent production process, but as far as the quality of the end result, there are actually some things that work in our favor. We have more flexibility and autonomy than a studio and all the internal politics that go with it, so as long as we put the same skills and technical resources to work, we can make just as good a product.

Q: What are you doing right now as far as getting the movie made?

A: Movie-making is amazingly complex; but we've passed the first hurdle already, which is coming up with a movie concept from the novel and getting approval from Mike and Debi. The next stage is to get money for development. This is where we'll assess available resources, prepare a budget, write the screenplay, do some early location scouting, and raise the funds for production. After that we'll begin pre-production, which is refining the screenplay, storyboarding, scheduling, casting, and locking down locations, crew, and equipment. That's just a basic overview, and there's a lot of moving parts in just these general categories.

Q: How long will it take?

A: Eighteen to thirty months.

Q: Can you be more specific?

A: Short answer, No. It all depends on how quickly we can raise production money. We don't yet have a feel for how long it will take. Figure a year once we have the money in place.

Q: Are you concerned that you'll have to compromise Biblical values in order to make the movie a financial success?

A: Absolutely not. If I had to compromise Biblical values to make movies, I'd find another job. Movies are like computers and knives—they can be used for good or ill. We use them for good. Movies can be used for good or ill, and we use them for good.

Q: What's the benefit to making *The Vision* into a movie?

A: Film and the media in general are the most influential forms of communication today. In 2002 the Barna Research Group reported after a year-long study that the leading influencers in our culture are movies, television, the Internet, books, music, and so on. The Church was not even in the top dozen. Making *The Vision* into a movie will take its message to a broad worldwide audience; and the profits will further No Greater Joy's global ministry, and more importantly help restore the Church to its place as the most influential body in our culture.



Q: How will you promote it?

A: We have several options. The basic concept is to join with churches and ministries that have an interest in evangelism, since that's the theme of *The Vision*, and run a grassroots campaign to build awareness and excitement about the movie. All this happens during the runup to the theatrical release, and by then we hope to have churches and ministries buying out entire showings all across the country.

Q: How will it directly help No Greater Joy?

A: Benefiting No Greater Joy is an essential aspect of this production. We are structuring a funding package in which No Greater Joy will retain a share of the profits to further its mission of evangelizing the entire world. This project is investor-financed. Producers and investors alike will contribute an equal amount of their shares to constitute No Greater Joy's share. Accredited investors interested in this mission can visit www.thevisionfilm.com and request more information. Even if they're not accredited, your readers can visit the website and make a donation targeted to this production.

Q: How can NGJ minister with the movie?

A: The purpose of the movie is to subsidize and generate awareness of NGJ's *Good and Evil* project. Ministries and churches can show the movie and encourage people to purchase *Good and Evil* books or even to sponsor its translation into a new language, like it's being done with the *Jesus* film.

Q: You're releasing a movie called *Hero* later this year. How will this affect *The Vision*?

A: We're still looking at ways to cross-promote. Basically we feel that the relationships we're building with organizations interested in *Hero* will create a platform to build awareness of *The Vision* as well.

Q: Are you willing to use inexperienced people in the production?

A: Certainly. I'm all about training Christians to work in this field, and the best way to learn is to get on the set and get to work. We hire professional cast and crew, of course, but we've had outstanding success with interns and assistants.

Q: Kind of like a film school?

A: When we're filming, no. In this business more than any other, time is money, so we rely on people who already have the skills. Think of it as an apprenticeship. On the set you're learning from people who really know what they're doing. Making a movie is extremely demanding; hard workers quickly distinguish themselves, and non-starters get sent home to make room for someone else. I do it in a gentlemanly way, but we have to protect the investors.

Q: How can our readers get involved?

A: Go to the movie website, www.thevisionfilm.com, and register for updates about the project. When we get to the point of putting cast and crew together we'll make an announcement and take applications.

Q: Will the movie be in theaters?

A: The story and the production will yield a movie worthy of theatrical release, but we're building this project so that it will further NGJ's mission and maximize the potential for profitability whether it goes to theaters or not.

Q: Will the movie have the same title as the novel?

A: We're keeping *The Vision* as a working title for now. It could change. 🌿

Like Father, Like Son

BY MICHAEL PEARL



The other day, I was downtown, which in our neck of the woods means two blocks of stores on the highway and half of them empty. I had gassed up at one of the two stations and I was about to get into my car when I noticed a duo emerge from the store. I had to stop and stare at the beautiful humor. Father and ten-year-old son were so identical you could have matched them up out of a thousand daddies and a thousand sons. They sported the same pointed noses and rounded chins. Their blushed cheeks and tall foreheads were perfect copies. Their dark, narrow eyes finished out their common genetic display. They even walked the same, each carrying a Coke and some snack. Their dirty, work-worn pants sagged beneath their bellies in the same manner, and the only difference between their rounded shoulders was proportion—a two hundred pounder and a seventy-five pounder. I wondered how the boy escaped getting any traits

from his mother. He looked like a clone of his dad.

As I stood there smiling, I remembered the many good times I shared with my young sons—and daughters—all the stores we entered, rides in old pickup trucks, chores performed together, helping me on the job, going fishing or hunting, or just stopping at a pawn shop to browse.

And then the bell started ringing again, the bell in my head that goes off when I see an example of what is missing in families today. That little ‘cloned’ ten-year-old was emotionally as sturdy as a cedar fence post. I could see relaxed contentment written all over him. He was not a troublesome kid who did things to get attention; he was a little man with responsibility. He respected his daddy and his daddy respected him. They were a team, something even a mother could never understand or share.

Fathers, there is no substitute for time spent with your sons. Boys do not want to sit in front of you and have serious talks. They will scratch you off like a chigger bite. Boys will talk when all eyes are focused on the yellow and white lines on the highway. They will talk when they have a splitting maul in their hands and you are stacking the fire wood they split. Words about duty and doing the right thing and being responsible mean little compared to the example you manifest day after day and year after year. Some of these old country fathers never knowingly try to teach their boys anything, but they manage to duplicate their own character and personality in their sons by means of fellowship.

I say it again: “More is caught than taught.”

“Like father, like son.”

“The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.”

Life begets life. Living begets living. Righteousness and peace beget righteousness and peace.

The greatest privilege and opportunity this life affords a man is a second, third, fourth, fifth chance (depending on how many kids you have) to mold a man fit for the kingdom of God. Our personal mistakes and shortcomings can be corrected in our sons. We can give God a better childhood, youth, and manhood than our own. We make an indelible contribution to eternity. What an incredible responsibility! ❧

Little Things

BY JOHN TAYLOR, SR.

John is a new addition to NGJ staff, working in maintenance and the order department.

window was installed, I mentioned how nice it looked and how it feels good when you're working and it starts to come together. He agreed with me and said, "You know, it makes you feel even better when you know it makes Mama happy".

I had never said anything about making Mama happy, but it sure made me happy that he enjoys doing the work, and also pleasing his mother. "Where did he get that attitude?" I wondered. I'm not the kind of guy that does a lot around the house. I don't wash dishes very often, or sweep the floor, etc. But I enjoy doing things that make my wife happy. Thankfully, she is not a demanding woman—very patient. But on those occasions when I do get around to a home project and have her look at it, when it makes her happy it makes me happy. As I thought about it, I concluded that that's the way we ought to be, doing things that please the ones we love.

I was telling my wife later about our conversation, and of course it made her so proud that he wants to please her, doing little things like that. It's important that we instill good work ethic in our children, and the only way to do that is plain old work, doing something that's constructive. It really gives children a sense of worth. When they get out and accomplish something, and it results in lots of happiness for everybody, it makes them want to do more. 🌿

Dear Debi,

Hi! I just wanted to tell you how much you've helped my family. I was raised in a very dysfunctional family and never saw a "healthy" relationship. I got married and repeated what I knew. I had difficulty expressing my love toward my husband due to my childhood abuse. After reading *Created To Be His Help Meet* my marriage has changed! I have referred this book to every friend and church member. I wish I could give one to everyone I know because this can change your outlook on your marriage and life! I am happy to say I am a stay-at-home mom and can say that raising children is challenging. To Train Up A Child has been a tool and an encouragement. I have 3 children and hope to adopt a child who needs a good family. God bless! Melissa, Chicopee, MA

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Military: Let Mr. Pearl know there is a chaplain here in the sandbox of the Middle East preaching the Word and leading soldiers to Christ. I was in Afghanistan in '05 and received material from Bro. Pearl and distributed it to my soldiers. These materials were appreciated and will be used. You all are such a blessing.

- Chaplain Kevin Winemiller



Military: A few months ago my husband was away in Iraq and you sent a box of items to him and me. I didn't have access to a computer at the time which never gave me an opportunity to express my gratitude.

All the books you have sent us have been a blessing. I am an avid reader. Although my husband hates to read, he enjoys listening to me read from the Bible you sent him and from the various books you sent me. I read *Created To Be His Help Meet* while he was away and was truly blessed and encouraged to continue to grow in the Lord and show my love toward my husband through honour and submission. We are now expecting our first child and I have begun to



read *To Train Up A Child*. - Sarah H.

Hi Pearls,

We want to thank you for your ministry to families. We appreciate you all so much! I have read *Created To Be His Help Meet* six times- I am not kidding! I've decided that I'm going to read it in a continuous loop every few months until all of the stubbornness is worked out of me-It might take a while! ☺ I'm actually taking it on vacation with me! You've saved my marriage and I wish so much that I would have had it from the beginning. The Lord has used that book to show me - me and I wasn't the lily white martyr I thought I was for so long. Thank you so much! Please use this offering for the care boxes that you send to our soldiers and their families. They need so much support and we appreciate the part you are playing in that. The Lord bless you!
-the Bean family



About a year ago, I gave a copy of *Created To Be His Help Meet* to a married female co-worker who said her marriage was on the rocks. She is a believer. She told me a while back that she was implementing things she learned into her life and her marriage was getting better. Last week, we worked in the same building, and she told me that she gave the book to a friend of hers. Her friend became a believer afterward and is attending church now.
- Alvin

Dear Pearls and Staff,

I thought you might enjoy some pictures of my family: my REAL MAN doing some real work, my 9-year-old Ben, who is a man-in-the-making, and the rest of the bunch. Ben is Dad's right hand man, always one step ahead of what Dad's doing...getting the next board ready for the chopsaw, unplugging the extension cord from the skillsaw to the sander, grabbing up the next shingles for him, down one ladder and up the next to hold soffit...all of it pure pleasure for Dad to have such a competent and mindful helper. Over the summer, during barn construction, Dad shifted a beam right onto his hand and fell suspended by his wedding ring. (I was in town with the girls.) Dad called to Ben, who hopped into the Grad-all and followed Dad's instructions, turning it on and raising the beam off him. He broke two fingers pretty badly, by the way. I had him sit for a couple of hours every day with a comfrey poultice on them and they totally healed without pain or disfunction! With the milling scraps from the barn construction and a few tools, Ben built his own little house without any help.



It is amazing
to see lives
transformed!

Our Introduction to No Greater Joy

Our oldest girl, Hannah, is now 13. It was when she was 18 months old that I first began to realize that I had a real problem on my hands. I wanted to homeschool her because we were travelling for Scott's computer job, but I honestly couldn't stand to be around her.

She was a real terror! It is shameful to watch the videos from that time. Scott, my husband, had obviously had enough, too, as he went so far as to make an appointment for a vasectomy consultation. He never went through with it, but it shows the state of our little family back then. I had no wisdom or knowledge about how to be a good wife or mother, but I did have God, and I knew that He had answers. I began to get on my face in my closet and beg Him to help me! I still remember the first two things that He told me to do. Stop having Hannah watch TV all day, and LOVE Scott when he got home from work. Then, 10 years ago we came across your ministry when someone we didn't even know told us about *To Train Up A Child* at a birthday party we attended. Our growing family has, thankfully, never been the same since! The kids are a wonder to everyone that meets them, and an incredible joy to Scott and I. After *To Train Up A Child*, Scott got your Romans teaching and the Bible version book, and he took over spiritually. He took away

my NASB that I grew up with, he took away my bad doctrines, and he stole my heart. I had no idea that I had such a man on my hands!

Several years ago, Scott quit computer programming and we moved to north Idaho. We lived off of savings while he built our home. He then decided that he'd rather be in construction, which meant less money, but had the side benefit of allowing him to work with the boys as they grow.

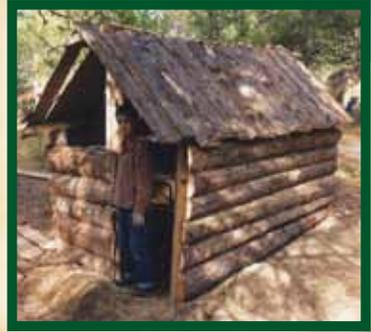
He teaches us Bible every night, which is our favorite time of the whole day! He also began going to the jail a couple of years ago as a chaplain. When scary looking guys began coming up to us in Wal-Mart and tearfully shaking Scott's hand because of a message that he gave when they were in jail, I knew that he'd found his ministry. We get letters from inmates, and Scott works to disciple them after they get out of jail. We had a guy with an 8-inch Swastika on his belly praising God while he helped Scott sheath the barn roof. It is amazing to see lives transformed! The jail also gives the children a realistic view of what sin really does to a person as they hear the stories.

Scott is still stealing my heart on a daily basis! Since God has used you so much in our lives, I wanted to share this.

I know that I am the luckiest woman alive!

Thankfully, Arlene Herndon

P.S. Personally, I have been especially blessed by your Romans teaching on 6 & 7 in realizing that I didn't have to let sin have it's way, the Hebrews teaching which was just so much joy to me, and Galatians in giving me wisdom as law-keepers were new to me up here!



Because we need Him

BY MICHAEL PEARL

The other day Deb and I were entertaining, or better said, we were being entertained by four-year-old Jocelyn, one of our 16 grandkids. She is very empathetic by nature, which made her a good subject to examine the long scar on my arm and wrist where the doctors had inserted two metal plates and nine screws. They were put there to repair the mess I made of it by doing a back flip off the scaffolding while working on my house. As I pointed to the healing incision and explained how the long metal screws went all the way through the bone, Jocelyn looked properly pained, and her little body drew up and quivered in shared suffering for me.

Suddenly her countenance changed to that of a storyteller about to deliver a most salient point. She said to me, “Jesus had nails driven in his hands and feet.”

“Yes, he did,” I replied.

Continuing, she mused, “And it hurt,” again looking pained.

“That’s right, it did,” I agreed.

“And he died,” her voice trailing off as her eyes and countenance dropped in sadness.

There was a pause I dared not interrupt, as deep thoughts stirred in her four-year-old heart.

Slowly her eyes rose to mine and she said most emphatically, “But he didn’t stay dead.”

“No, he didn’t,” I said with the fervency of a deacon in the amen corner of the church.

A smile came to her face, and she asked a question: “Do you know why he didn’t stay dead?” I felt like a student.

“Tell me,” I gushed.

“Because we need him.”

Knock me over! “A little child shall lead them.”

“Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, thou hast perfected praise.” Matthew 21:16

“Except ye be converted and become as a little child...” Matthew 18:3

“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:16

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.” Isaiah 28:9

Now, I have answered that question before in many sermons, “Why must Jesus have risen from the dead?” I even remember answering it on one of my papers in theology class in college, but in hours of words and pages of text, I never even got close to the depth of those four words uttered by a four-year-old—“Because we need him.”

Yes, let’s say it together, “Because we need him.”

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, **there ye may be also.**” John 14:3

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may **abide with you for ever...**” John 14:16. ❧



Hundreds of prisoners write requesting *Good and Evil* books

BY MICHAEL PEARL

Every letter you see here is an unanswered letter from a prisoner requesting a copy of *Good and Evil*. As we were putting the final touches on the magazine, I walked in and saw John sorting the letters according to prisons. When we have 25 or thirty requests from an individual prison, it is much cheaper to ship one box of books and allow the Chaplain to distribute them to the 25 guys. That way we save about one hundred dollars over the cost of individual shipping. If you know of a State Prison or Juvenile facility in need of the *Good and Evil* books. Contact us with all pertinent information.

- * Get permission from the Prison,
- * Name of the Chaplain (to receive),
- * Prison Name,
- * Address,
- * City , State, Zip code
- * and a Phone Number

We will gladly send them a case of the *Good and Evil* Books. Also, if you would like to be a part of this great mission send in your donations to the Prison Ministry. Lives are forever being changed!!!

Back in September I ordered two cases of the *Good and Evil* books, and I am very happy to report they are a smashing success. I have had many youth report they have read the book cover to cover, and for many, that is the longest book they have ever read. They say that after reading the comic book, they initially understand the message of the Bible. I have had several officers in the facility ask me to bring more books in as soon as possible.
- John Duebel

As a Senior Chaplain at Tamms Correctional Center, I would like to express my appreciation for the donation of the *Good and Evil* books last month. Inmates really enjoy them. They are very easy to read and makes the Word of God come alive through the pictures. I'm sure many are spiritually strengthened through this ministry. God bless you and your ministries. Faith, Hope, Love - in Christ
Carl H. Miller, Senior Chaplain



The Bottom Line

By Shoshanna Easling

By now, most New Year's resolutions have fallen by the wayside—and perhaps the bottom, if your resolution was to lose weight. Maybe your approach was wrong. Dieting is usually not effective in the long run. Low calorie diets will enable you to lose weight fast, but they will also almost always lower your metabolism. What's wrong with that? Lower metabolism means your food will not burn off as fast. Your body will be expecting less calorie intake because of the diet. Then you stop your diet. As soon as you stop it, you will gain weight faster than ever before.

How can you lose it and keep it off?



Clean your colon out. Try Detox +, cayenne, aloe, ginger, garlic, psyllium seed, and other cleansing herbs. Keep everything flushed daily. Drink lots of filtered or spring water and daily take in fiber, flaxseed, chia seed, oat bran, rolled oats, whole grains, whole wheat.

Get your liver and kidneys working right. If they function properly, your body can better process foods and eliminate waste. Look to milk thistle, burdock, dandelion root, fennel, bilberry, and of course plenty of filtered or spring water.

Accelerate your metabolism with herbs and exercise.

Get your heart pumping. Exercise at least three times a week, at least 30 minutes each time. After exercising, drink a big glass of an energy herb like green tea, ginseng, nettle, or all three mixed.

Curb your appetite. Feed your cells richly with vitamins and minerals. It is believed to reduce cravings. Try nettle, fennel, bilberry, and chia seed. Taking a teaspoon of psyllium mixed well in seven ounces or more of water or juice 30 minutes before you eat will curb your appetite, making you eat less. It also helps regulate movements.

Feed your cravings. If you know that you always start craving something sweet around a certain time, then plan on feeding it with something that will satisfy it and help you lose weight, like a cup of hot or cold herbal tea with honey and a dab of milk. Creamy and sweet! Try spiced chia tea, green tea, jasmine green tea, or Double E Immune Booster (one of my favorites with honey and milk). Carrots are pretty sweet too!

Eat whole foods high in fiber and lean protein, like beans, whole grains, raw nuts, seeds, fruit, vegetables, wild game, and more. Stay away from processed foods. They are fat makers. You are going to eat some processed food, but remember, even if it doesn't seem like a lot of food, it is *fat* food. Things like potato chips and cookies are highly processed and highly fattening.

Why these herbs?

Bilberry is known to be an anti-aging herb. It helps purify the blood, promote healthy liver and kidney function, increase circulation to the brain, reduce inflammation and pain, relieve muscle spasms, strengthen blood vessels, improve night vision, and more.

Chia seed is one of the richest plant sources of omega-3 fatty acids. It is a rich source of protein, antioxidants, potassium, calcium, manganese, phosphorus, zinc, and copper, and it has six times more iron than spinach. Chia seeds are great in breads, granolas, mixed in smoothies, and more. Chia is great for your skin, blood sugar stability, endurance, energy, and it promotes healthy intestines.

Nettle is very high in many vitamins and minerals. From Vitamin C to silica nettle, it is one of the richest of herbs. It is also a wonderful diuretic that will purge your body of toxins while nourishing your cells. It is also believed to curb hunger.

Psyllium and flax help your colon regulate and flush out waste faster. Holding waste makes you gain weight. They can also be used to curb your hunger. Mixed in water or juice, they can expand up to five times in bulk. Flax is an excellent source of protein, fiber and many vitamins, stabilizing blood levels and strengthening your immune system.

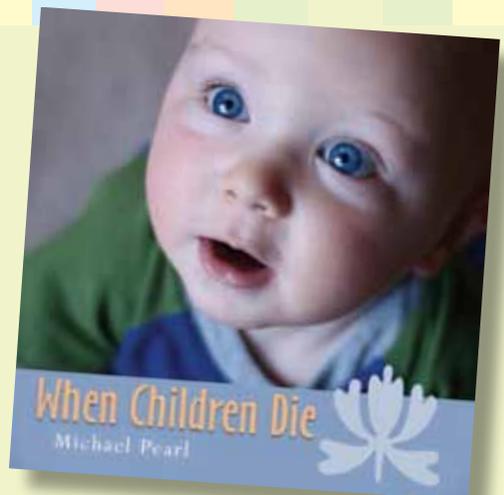
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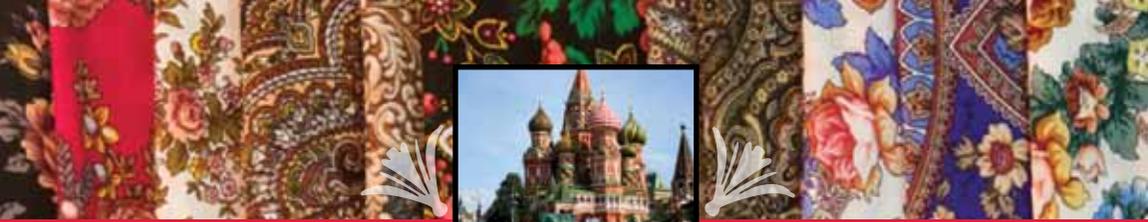


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RUSSIAN LANGUAGE *GOOD AND EVIL* UPDATE

BY MEL COHEN, CFP, RFC, GENERAL MANAGER



After evaluation by two independent translators, the almost finished Russian translation that we have been working for several months was determined not to be up to our usual standards. We had to go elsewhere to put out a high quality Russian translation.

Pastor Andrew Ryzhkov of Byelorussian Mission www.byelorussianmission.org agreed to start from scratch and translate *Good and Evil* into the Russian language within eight weeks. He is working closely with our coordinating missionary on the layout and graphics part of the book.



Both Andrew and his wife Inna are firmly committed to having *Good and Evil* widely distributed not only in Russia, but to Russian speaking people throughout the former Soviet Union and the U.S. What is different about this translation compared to the previous ones, is that they are fully funding this themselves, allowing the *Good and Evil* funds on hand to be used for other translations.

Pastor Andrew wanted to meet my assistant, Chuck, and I. So after he met with our coordinating missionary, Andrew drove to where we were exhibiting at the International Christian Trade Show in Atlanta. There we discussed a going forward strategy. Part of the strategy is to make the Russian *Good and Evil* available for sale through NGJ.

If you have any questions on this or any other of the translations we are working on, be sure to email me at mcohen@nogreaterjoy.org. Our goal is to have 10,000 copies printed by May 1, 2010.

If you would like to contribute to this project you can make a contribution to No Greater Joy; in the memo section of your check write “Russian,” and your contribution will become designated to funding this specific project. Following is a testimony from Inna Ryzhkov. – Mel

***“Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments, and his ways past finding out!”*** (Rom. 11:33)

When I became a Christian in 1992, my Byelorussian-Jewish family and relatives were all shocked and strongly apposed my decision. “You will be expelled from the University and end up in the prison for teaching children religion,” reasoned my communist grandfather. “I know life!” He had much personal experience and good reason to be concerned. He lived during the times of the worst Soviet regimes. But it was me who knew life, for life is

Jesus! The Lord had mercy, and my grandfather repented ten years after my conversation.

Marital issues were the main concern of my mother. “I’ve been to your church. It’s mostly old ladies, and you will have no chance in finding a smart man there. What’s more, you spend all your time with those orphans. How will you find a husband?” When my loving mom realized how futile it was to try to change the direction of her stubborn 20-year old daughter, she sighed, “Well, if you want to be a Christian, go to America – everyone there is a Christian. They will welcome you! And why shouldn’t they? After all, you were born on the Fourth of July.”

On the day of my engagement to Andrew Ryzhkov, she accepted the Lord and began singing a new song, “You know, there is God on this earth!” Andrew was a student of Toccoa Falls Bible College at that time, and he came to Gomel, the second largest city in Belarus, to help reach out to orphans in our very first VBS ever.

Andrew and I were married and I joyously followed Andrew to the USA, where the Lord blessed us as we started our family, a church, and a mission. Amazingly, we discovered a vast, ripe, mission field right here in Atlanta. We met many Russian speaking people from all over the world, many of them Jewish intellectuals. Presently there are nearly 75,000 people from the former Soviet Union in the Atlanta area, and about 5,000,000 in the United States. This presents a unique opportunity to reach such people, people who would have been very hesitant and unlikely to go to church while they were still living in the Soviet Union.

When our firstborn, at the age of one, started showing off his indifference to public opinion, we cried out for help, and were given Michael Pearl’s revolutionary *To Train Up a Child*. Since that time we have been using No Greater Joy publications in our family and in our church. However, we always have had to translate these materials into our native language to reach the hearts of our people. An emigrant can learn to speak conversational or professional English, but it takes one’s own native language to touch the strings of their soul. That is why for the last few years we have been praying about translating *Good and Evil* into Russian.

And what about all the Russian speaking people in Belarus, Ukraine, Russian, Moldova, Kazakhstan and elsewhere? It would be a sin for us to forget our countrymen who are living in a post Soviet society, where availability of the Gospel is still so limited compared to much of the West. Two to three times a year Andrew organizes crusades and goes to Belarus along with groups of American Christians. What a wonderful gift *Good and Evil* would be for those attending the crusades in hospitals, orphanages, schools, prisons and colleges! Excellent Bible presentation and fine illustrations are treasured among the very artistic Russian culture. We plan to give local pastors *Good and Evil* to use as an evangelistic tool.

Please, pray for us as we work on translating *Good and Evil* into Russian. In April, Andrew will be flying to Minsk, the capital of Belarus, where the arrangements have been made, to print full color copies of *Good and Evil* for \$5.00 each.

We have \$21,346 to start, but we hope to expand this outreach so we can continue to distribute the book among the Russian Orthodox and Catholic Churches, and far and wide in Belarus and other Russian speaking countries. Our goal is to raise enough money to print 10,000 copies for the first edition and many more thousands in the future.

Please pray with us for this large endeavor, and also consider joining us on a mission trip this year in either July or September!

God bless you!

Inna Ryzhkov

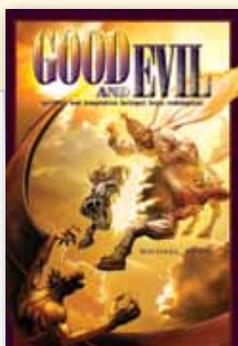


Building Trust: I just got through reading the "Building Trust" article Shalom wrote in the new newsletter. Thank you for bringing out this issue! I have three wonderful children, ages 7,5,and 2. I couldn't put my finger on what was so unsettling and irritating about hearing my children scream "Mom! Elijah's climbing on the couch again!!" or something to that effect. I would always take care of the offender but never realized that their were two offenders! I knew I didn't like it but couldn't figure out how to put it into words.

Thank you for the wonderful insight you bring to training our children. I absorb everything I can read to make our family better and wonderful in God's eyes. You and your family are an enormous help to bringing issues into light and I am forever changed by No Greater Joy's books and articles.

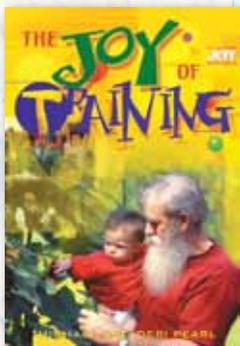
Forever grateful,
M.S., AL

NGJ Calendar: Thank you for the directions for making the rubber band guns. My husband made them for our 3 children for Christmas. The guns were their favorite gifts!! Mom & Dad even had fun in a few "battles". It just goes to show, less is more when it comes to the gifts that kids enjoy most! Just a side note, this cautious mother does require the wearing of safety glasses when the guns are being used. :)
- Thanks again, L.L., WI



Good and Evil: My son was recently put in jail for 21 days and came across your book *Good and Evil*. He is 19 years old, raised in church, and his mom thought he understood the word of God. I had no idea he couldn't imagine what the word of God was saying to him. After his release he began telling me stories about how *Good and Evil* brought the word of God to life for him. ... Thank you for being a willing soul to help those understand the word of God. God Bless You!! If you hadn't written the book my son would still not have realized the word and its meaning.

- Thank you!! - T.S.



Joy of Training: I am a young mother to four children 4 and under. My husband and I greatly appreciate your material on marriage and child training. I recently ordered some DVD's and when they arrived, I put them on our desk. A little while later my 4 year old son came to me holding the DVD "The Joy of Training" and said "Mom, can I watch this movie about Santa Claus"? Boy did we laugh! So, Mr. Pearl, you are now our Santa!!!! Thanks for all the great things you've given our family through your teaching. Merry Christmas!! - M.S., PA

Created: You probably hear this all the time, but I wanted to write and thank you for your ministry! My husband and I both thank you for your child training books. (They helped us "tweak" what we were doing, causing a big difference in our results.) And I - well, it would really be both my husband and I again - thank you for your *Created To Be His Help Meet* book. Again, amazing how with a few "tweaks" in understanding and perspective, God can completely change a household and a marriage! I am especially thankful that I found your ministry at this time in my life. Our family is very young: my husband and I have only been married for three years; our children are one and two, and we're expecting our third in early August. Our family is very blessed to have a strong foundation in the Word, and I believe that coming across your ministry at this early stage in our lives only pours onto that blessing. Your wisdom has been received while I am young and still learning how to serve my husband and family best. I deeply thank you for your example and wisdom! Many blessings! - Karilynn, WI



Created: I have just started reading *Created To Be His Help Meet* this week. My husband and I have been married for almost two years. We had our first child 7 months ago and have been struggling in our marriage. I truly could not understand what was going on, but a couple of months ago, resolved to seek the Lord about it. Things slowly got better, but reading your book this week has radically changed things. We have had so much fun together this week despite the fact my husband had to work lots of extra hours (he's in the ministry). Little ideas or thoughts I had about quickly forgiving or being thankful even when he sins now seem necessary for a healthy marriage. I am so grateful for the wisdom you have shared in this book. I really really cannot thank you enough. You say hard things that every woman's soul needs to hear. - J.S, TX

Created: I just wanted to say thank you so much for your *Created To Be His Help Meet* book. I wish I would have found it so much sooner. I have been married a little over 17 years. I spent the first 15 trying to change my husband's many faults and vices and make him into the man I thought he should be. This only led to disaster as it turned him away from me and into an emotional relationship with someone else. That is when I began to look at me instead of him and asked God to change me and make me into the wife He wanted me to be. My marriage has seen miracles I never thought possible since then and I am happier and more fulfilled than I ever thought I could be just by learning to be the help meet God intended me to be and that my husband needed. Thank you so much for sharing your book and teaching other women so that we too can have the marriage God intended us to have. - Many Blessings, T.C.

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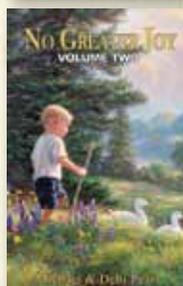
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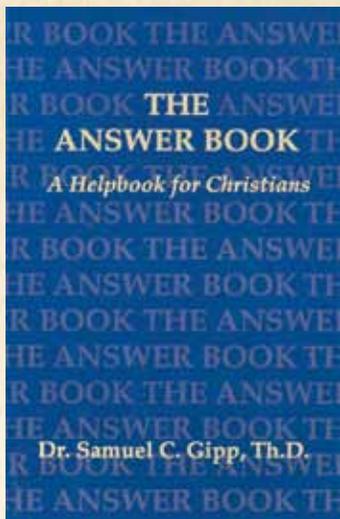
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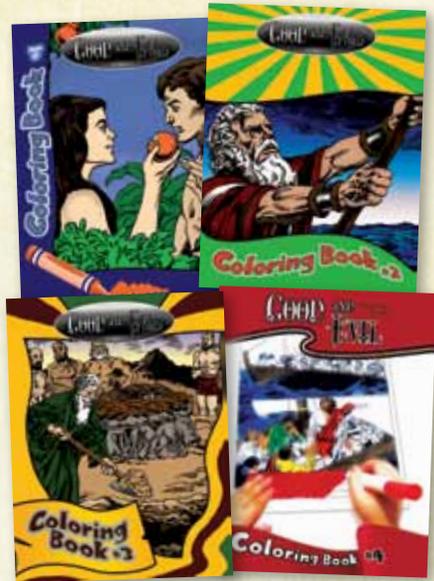
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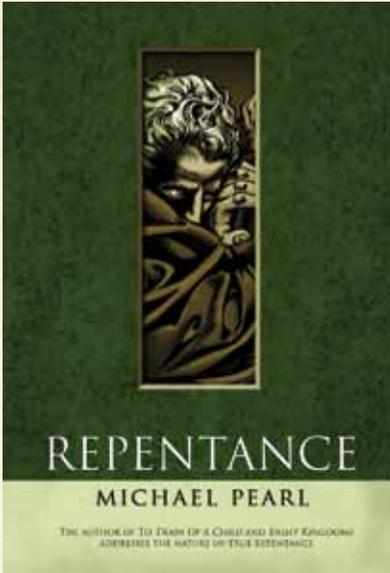
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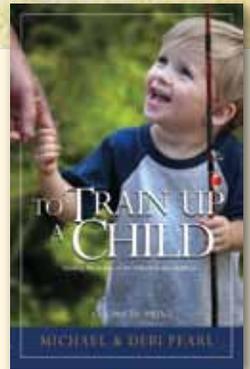
No complaints, threats, or questions. I just wanted to drop you a note and say thank you for this ministry and the material you produce. I have been married for about two and a half years and now have a 10 week old little boy. We are saved, bible-believing, baptists.

Our friends have 5 boys and they are the best behaved, most helpful, most obedient, and happiest children I have EVER seen. When we inquired on their methods they pointed us in your direction. I have and am currently reading **To Train Up A Child** and it simply makes sense. It is the best book on the subject I have ever read or heard of. It is so simple and practical. Until now I had no idea that training and discipline were two different things. With both my wife and I coming from broken (divorced) and completely dysfunctional families ourselves we were concerned that we would continue to propagate the bad 'training' we had. But with the Lord, the Bible and your books, videos and information we believe we have a good chance at raising good, godly, obedient, and productive children.

Please be aware there are people out there (even on the other side of the world) who appreciate your ministry and pray for you with the trouble you go through with naysayers and 'the powers that be'. I have just been reading about some things you've been going through (stoptherod.com) and see they have no idea and love to take everything out of context. I hope all is going well with the ministry. And pray this little note is a blessing and encouragement to you.

We look forward to raising our child (children) for the Lord and now have some practical information.

Thanks, Dan Searle, NSW, Australia



GOOD AND EVIL UPDATE

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MOVING FORWARD

There are no new languages in print to announce, but there are many languages moving closer to completion. A missionary in Southeast Asia has committed to another 20,000 print run in Simplified Chinese and is supplying all the funding, allowing NGJ to fund other *Good and Evil* projects. The Chichewa translation, a widely spoken language of the Bantu people in south-central Africa, is completed and awaiting printing. Hindi and Japanese are now in final proofing, and translation work has begun on the Tongan language and the Urdu language of Pakistan.

I invite you to join NGJ as we continue to reach more language groups with the Gospel message through the translations of *Good and Evil*. Your support through the purchase of NGJ material and your sacrificial donations make it possible for the Gospel to be “published among all nations” (Mark 13:10). Go to the NGJ website at www.nogreaterjoy.org to order or donate. For additional information contact me by phone at 931-593-3115 or by email at cjoyner@nogreaterjoy.org.

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Vietnamese
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