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“I bring you good news of **great** joy that will be for all the people.” An angel of the Lord Lk 2:10

Here’s wishing you a very Merry CHRISTMAS!

We love writing letters like this. It brings us **great** joy! What is Christmas for you? Is it really a celebration of God coming to the earth He built? People would never expect God to come to the earth. They would never expect Him to come in a tiny, single cell, inside a peasant woman. We’re talking about the God who created the entire physical and spiritual universes. Who flung the billions of stars into space with His fingers and calls each one by name. *That’s why this is so fascinating.* God, who created trillions of suns, that are millions of times bigger than our sun, slipped almost unnoticed into the stream of human history.

It’s called simply *Christmas!*

Think of this: God first created angels and other heavenly beings so they could watch Him, with spell binding fascination, create the entire physical universe OUT OF NOTHING. Amazing. Then the same Creative Genius set out a plan to redeem the fallen universe. That plan is Christmas, when Christ came to earth.

Imagine Jesus looking at all He designed and built. But now how different it must look through His eyes as a man. He sees the Sea of Galilee, which He designed and built. He sees the stars, mountains, plants and animals that He designed and built. He talks with people He created! *They had no idea this was their Creator talking to them.*

“For unto us a child is born...and He will be called **Mighty God, Everlasting Father!**” Isa 9:6 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**” John 1:1 “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14 When did the Word become **flesh** and dwell among us? In the God-man JESUS! “For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. **All things** were created by Him...” Col 1:16

To know Jesus is to know God. Jn 8:19; 14:7 To see Him was to see God. In John 14:9, Philip said to Jesus, “Show us the Father.” Jesus said, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has **seen me** has seen **the Father.**”

- To believe Him was to believe God. Jn 12:44;14:1 Only God can forgive sins. Jesus forgave sins. Lk 5:20
- To receive Him was to receive God. Mk 8:37 To honor Him was to honor God. Jn 5:23
- Only God can stop a storm at sea. Lk 8:24 “Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided and all was calm.” It’s no trick. Only **God** can stop a storm!

Classical Christmas Music (composers) 1185

What would it be like if it was always **winter** and never **Christmas**? Winter would just drag on and on. What would it be like without Christmas music? Yet public schools censor out Christmas music – even instrumental Christmas music. Some censor out red and green colors, even Christmas trees, and don’t even call it Christmas, but “winter break.” Ironically, while banning *Christmas* they permit secular holiday songs as well as songs for Hanukkah. They even allow Islamic holidays in public schools.

It’s ironic that public schools censor out any music that mentions Jesus as Lord, yet the greatest musicians were Christians. Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Handel... were born again Christians who loved our Lord. **Dr Patrick Kavenaugh**, author of *Devotions from the World of Music*, and *Raising Musical Kids*, gives some fascinating details into the lives of the world’s greatest composers and some great ideas on

how to help your child develop a love for good music. What do you say when your little Mozart wants to quit his music lessons?

The Joy of Christmas 1186

Famed actor **Bruce Marchiano** portrayed Christ in the *Gospel According to Matthew*, and is the author of *In the Footstep of Jesus*. In Bruce Marchaino's book, *Jesus Wept*, he wrote:

I will never forget it. We were filming in Morocco, and the man who played the blind beggar really was a blind beggar. The director called, "Action!" and the filming began. Suddenly I found myself down in the dirt with this filthy, blind, beggar, face-to-face, eye to eye, just as Jesus undoubtedly was when the encounter took place two thousand years ago.

I was so overwhelmed with this man's brokenness that I started to *cry and cry*. My heart shattered, and all I could do was cry. What really hit me was Jesus' *heartbreak over him* and the **depth** of Jesus' compassion for this man and how desperately Jesus must love him. I knew about Jesus' love for people in pain before that day, but I never really "got it" until that moment. For the very first time, with every tear that I cried as I knelt in that Moroccan sand, I understood that Jesus was crying a thousand more. He loves that man so much – streams of tears must have flowed from Jesus' eyes because His people are destroyed. I just broke completely. I pulled the guy into my arms, and long after the camera stopped rolling, I cried and cried and cried. You could have heard a pin drop; the cast and crew were frozen. I will never forget what one cast member told me while watching the footage later: "I've known Jesus a long time, but I don't 'think I ever really KNEW Him until now."

An Election Day Prayer 1178

What happens WHEN our nation declares bankruptcy? Having presided over the most reckless spending spree in U.S. history, the President and irresponsible Congressmen passed *unconstitutional* legislation that they admit they never even read. The damage may be irreversible and guarantee the bankruptcy of our nation. We play cuts of Congresswoman **Michele Bachman** warning how our colossal debt has put our national sovereignty at risk. We are at risk of losing our independence as a free nation as we become simply a state in the new world order.

As scripture says, "Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is the slave of the lender," Prov 22:7 so our nation is becoming enslaved by the nations we are indebted to. Pastor **Charles Stanley** dramatically lays out the facts about this economic crisis that has grave implications for a national disintegration. Pastor **Neil Trivasano**, of *Calvary Chapel Mission Viejo*, says pastors have a responsibility to teach the Word with specific responsibility in times of moral and spiritual crisis.

Statistics that will shock you:

- Ten years ago, the U.S.A. was ranked number one in average wealth per adult. Today it's 7th.
- Once we had the highest proportion of young adults with post-secondary degrees. Today, we're 12th.
- The economy of India is projected to become larger than the U.S. economy by the year 2050.
- Economists predict the Chinese economy will be three times larger than the U.S. economy by 2040.
- The television manufacturing industry began in the United States. So how many televisions are manufactured in the United States today? The grand total is zero.
- American 15-year-olds do not even rank in the top half of advanced nations in math or science.
- Since the Fed was created in 1913, the U.S. dollar has lost over 95 percent of its purchasing power.
- Please share these statistics & this newsletter with others. America is in decline and the situation is getting worse by the day. We changed Congress, now let's change the direction this nation is heading.

Our government has done what no enemy could do – bankrupted our nation. The GROSS national debt (at this very minute) is **\$13,788,917,366,232** and going up **\$3,778,120** every 70 seconds! In just the next few seconds it takes you to read this sentence the national debt is up almost 4 million dollars. Every second of ever day, day and night... on and on... until poof!! BANKRUPTCY!

Reclaiming Liberty 1179

This nation is so deeply in debt, **13 trillion dollars**, that it will be impossible to **ever pay it** off. *How did it happen?* Who is directly responsible for the biggest assault on American freedom and liberty in US history? Democratic Socialists in Congress have squandered our wealth and treated the people and our Constitution with contempt. But Americans are waking up and confronting their tyrannical employees in the federal government, who have been clearly *hell-bent* upon forcing a Marxist agenda and are directly responsible for the biggest assault on American freedom and liberty in US history. Many Americans were surprised to learn that the Communist Party and Socialist Party leaders established the Democratic Socialists of America, and they share a common ideology which is now the platform and mantra of today's DNC - The Socialist Party of America announced in their October 2009 newsletter that 70 Congressional democrats currently belong to their caucus. From JB Williams: <http://www.canadafreepress.com/index.php/article/13696>

But the people have responded in this past election. Inspirational cuts of Cong. Mike Pence saying the problem is not just economic but moral and spiritual. **Robert Thorpe**, author of *Reclaim Liberty - 3 Step Plan for Restoring Constitutional Government*, says our Founders gave us the tools to reclaim our liberties and restore this imperiled Republic. It's God, not government, who will save this nation.

Will food become a luxury? NIA Projects Dramatic Food Price Increases

The National Inflation Association predicts *next year*... A single ear of corn will cost \$11.43. A loaf of bread: \$23.05. A half-gallon of orange juice: nearly \$46. And a can of coffee \$77.

The National Inflation Association announced their projections for food prices will dramatically increase due to the massive monetary inflation created by the Federal Reserve's \$600 billion printing of new money to pay for the debt. This is the last refuge of failed economic empires and banana republics before they collapse. The report says **food inflation** will take over in 2011 as America's greatest crisis, a crisis that could soon turn into hyperinflation with a possible complete societal collapse.

A Korean War Hero 1180

How can we raise heroes to defend our freedoms, if young people don't know the price others paid to win them in the past? This inspirational program features a captivating account given by Korean veteran **Ed Reeves**. Ed fought for his life in minus 30 to 40 degree temperatures, so cold that the bullet holes in his body froze shut and kept him from bleeding to death. He later had to have his hands and feet amputated. Even after almost all the others were killed, **Ed Reeves** clung to his faith and small Gideon Bible, and fought on despite his life-threatening wounds and no ammunition. This miraculous account is spell binding. It's as if you are there.

Field Trip To Mosque 1181

Here is a classic case of how public schools are being used to evangelize students into Islam. If this isn't, what is? Sixth graders were taken out of their public school class on a field trip to a mosque, supposedly to learn about another culture. Islam is another culture but it's also a religion. We have a mother telling how she was misled about the trip because some of the boys actually joined Muslim men in bowing and praying to Allah. Where's the supposed separation of church and state? None of the teachers stopped it. Please see the video on our website www.issuesineducation.org.

Chaplain and educator **Austin Miles** tells how public schools across the nation, through textbooks and classes, promote Islam and denigrate Christianity. As our nation's schools turn from the Christian foundation, we will continue to lose our freedoms and prosperity. A former PLO terrorist, **Kamal Saleem**, came to this country to recruit students into Jihad but instead was converted by a supernatural encounter with Christ. Ironically, he boldly goes into Mosques to convert Muslims to Christ. God supernaturally appeared to Kamal Saleem and miraculously changed this PLO terrorist into an "on fire" Christian. Schools seem "hell bent" to change Christians into Muslims while God is "heaven bent" to change Muslims into Christians.

The power of this radio program, Issues in Education, is seen in this report:

Dear Friends Bob and Geri, Just got an email from someone who found the link on my website to the program on *Issues in Education* where I was your guest regarding the 6th Grade Field Trip to a Mosque. She said she had NOT heard about this story and her "blood was boiling." Result, she has a child getting ready to enroll in school and she immediately began checking out Christian schools, chose one and when her second child gets to school age, she will do the same. This is the kind of thing Issues in Education is accomplishing. Cheers! Blessings... Austin Miles

Jihad To Jesus 1184

Most Americans are unaware of how pervasive Islam has become in our schools. Schools only give one side to students without telling them how intolerant and cruel Sharia Law is or that it was Christianity that gave this country the freedoms we have. Christianity is the only source for freedom. Look anywhere in the world, the only free countries are where Christianity has made its mark. Remove Christianity and freedom disappears.

Islam can't be fought simply with just force. It needs to be combated ideologically and spiritually. Ex-Muslim [Jerry Rassamni](#), author of *From Jihad to Jesus*, tells how the hate he had for Christians was all consuming. He became an animal who loved killing Christians in Lebanon. He was addicted to the smell of death and gunpowder. But through God's love, a miraculous change turned Jerry Rassamni away from Islam, which he was *willing to die for*, and to the Savior, who *he is now living for*. This magnificent program is filled with compassion and told with Biblical wisdom. It will bring tears to your eyes. This is one of the best programs we've ever made. Listen to it.

Soul Physicians 1182

How do you handle suffering and pain? What do you tell someone who is very depressed, who has lost everything or someone who has a fatal disease and feels they have no hope? What did Christians do before modern counseling to help people? [Dr Bob Kelleman](#), author of *Soul Physicians*, gives God's profound answers and comfort to hurting people. Worldly wisdom and self help books won't come close to the Divine comfort and healing your loving heavenly Father offers you.

Just as a woman in childbirth can suffer, knowing her suffering is for a reason, so getting an eternal perspective can ease suffering, bringing comfort and even joy. God is the master craftsman getting us ready to live with him in heaven as He perfects our character and faith through our experiences.

Signature in the Cell 1183

Teaching Intelligent Design at school is not a religious issue - it's a scientific issue. The intricate design and function of the cell show inspired design. Imagine someone hearing beautiful music and thinking it *just composed itself*. What an **insult** to the Creator to believe creation *just happened* without Him.

Some areas of science have become forbidden for open investigation and debate. Teachers are not allowed to even mention valid scientific discoveries validating Intelligent Design. We play cuts from Ben Stein's excellent movie *Expelled- No Intelligence Allowed*, which shows scientists punishing anyone who doesn't believe the evolutionary party line.

[Dr Stephen Meyer](#), a scientist and author of *Signature in the Cell*, is shaking up the scientific community with new discoveries scientifically disproving Darwinism. Why do schools continue to teach Darwinism as gospel truth when it contradicts science? Evolutionism has become a religion. Call it blind faith. But don't call it science. There's no evidence to scientifically support their theory.

Knowing God's Will For Your Life 1187

God has a plan for your life but how can you find out what it is? Making the right decisions determines our future, whether filled with joy or regrets. Which career is best for me? Who should I marry? Dr Gordon Jackson, author of *A Compact Guide to Discovering God's Will*, gives five ways to know God's will for your life that will make

decision making easier. David and Laurie Callihan, authors of the *Guidance Manual for the Christian Home School*, give suggestions for determining a person's aptitude for college and/or career.

Actual Bulletin Bloopers

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church. Evening message – 6 pm. For those of you who have children and *don't know it*, we have a nursery downstairs. Ushers will eat latecomers. (Instead of "seat".) Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

The choir will meet at the Larsen house for fun and sinning. Remember in prayer the many who are *sick of our church* and community.

Missionary from Africa speaking. Name: Bertha Belch. Announcement: "Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."

Christmas – What other time of the year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

Donations have been down this year. We would greatly appreciate your consideration for a **year-end donation**.

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