Would any man sell his birthright for a bowl of pottage (soup)? (Gen. 25:32) Or would any people sell their birthright (the DoI) for supposed security (Obamacare, Social Security, Entitlements, etc.)? These things occur when one despises his birthright. Can it be said we do not know how we began and have despised our freedom and sold our liberty for security.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness [property, for who can be happy without property]. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, (DoI, para. 2)”

Our government was instituted to protect God given (unalienable) rights. Yet we have become increasingly more the slaves of the government we allowed to enslave us? How? By trying to create rights, rather than protect them. Today 47% of Americans do not pay federal income taxes. Our GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is $15T and government is spending 44.7% of it. When the new health care system comes, government will be larger than society! It is socialistic (Communism without the gun). For all the talk about fighting for rights, we have failed to protect the real ones.

This is a transition from depending on the Creator of Nature (Nature's God), to Government. We hope government is making our nation rich, not realizing they are making our nation poor (government does not create anything; they tax everything!). We can’t get something for nothing. The power of government is going to the interpreters of the laws they make. The people are then, self-made slaves, having given their freedom away.

Life continues to be one of sowing and reaping, death and taxes, perhaps giving and receiving. Socialists give but a little, but take a lot. We have some important decisions to make. Perhaps getting

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Scientific Truths of the Bible Part 14:  
The Tower of Babel  
By Mark Jurkovich

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9); was it just an interesting little side story in the Bible? I used to think so, and therefore did not give it much thought. But in recent years, I have come to understand its deep significance. For it was the last event in human history that all nations have in common, and will have in common until Christ comes again.

But did it really happen? Is there evidence supporting this event? What are the implications of the Babel story? We will look at four key implications.

I will briefly start with archeological evidence. In building a ‘tower that reaches to the heavens’ (v.4, NIV), it would be surprising if no evidence of the tower remains. Dr. Andy McIntosh suggests that Birs Nimrud (Lat 32.391997, Long 44.341688) in modern Iraq is a strong candidate for the remains of the tower of Babel. Secular scholars have dated it at least back to ancient Sumer. (http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/cultural/09476/iraq05-029.html). There are a number of ancient ziggurats in that region, with at least one of them was also identified in the past as being the possible tower of Babel, including one that Alexander the Great tried to rebuild. Though there is no definitive evidence, one of these is very likely the site of the Babel tower.

More telling of the truth to the Tower of Babel story are the after effects. Evolutionists want you to believe the great civilizations of ancient times developed gradually. But the evidence is that each one suddenly ‘exploded’ on the history’s stage. And the order in which these civilizations appeared tend to be in an increasing radius from the tower! The first was Sumer, followed by Egypt, Elam (Persia), Greece, Indus Valley (India), China, and later the Central and South American civilizations.

As they each retained knowledge they shared before being forced to spread out, one would also expect them to retain knowledge of the event itself. While not as common as flood stories, stories of confusion of languages also exist worldwide. For example, from the Gaikho tribe in Myanmar, “the people determined to build a pagoda that should reach up to heaven... When the pagoda was half way up to heaven, God came down and confounded the language of the people, so that they could not understand each other. Then the people scattered”. Accounts also come from ancient Egypt, Hindu, Buddhist, China, Polynesia, Maya, North American Indians and East African cultures.

Finally, what are the implications from Babel on linguistics? Evolutionists expected all languages originated from one language. Whereas the Biblical account indicates there are many ‘original’ languages that all modern languages descend from. What has the study of linguistics determined? That modern languages did NOT originate from a single language. “Secular theories fail to explain the many distinct language families throughout the world. The biblical account of Babel is the only...” (Continued on page 3)
American Minute with Bill Federer

Alexander Solzhenitsyn was born in Russia, DECEMBER 11, 1918.

He was arrested for writing a letter criticizing Joseph Stalin and spent 11 years in prisons and labor camps. He began writing and eventually received the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Solzhenitsyn stated on June 30, 1975, in Washington, D.C.:
"At the height of Stalin's terror in 1937-38...more than 40,000 persons were shot per month...

Over there people are groaning and dying and in psychiatric hospitals. Doctors are making their evening rounds, injecting people with drugs which destroy their brain cells."

Solzhenitsyn continued:
"There is another Russian proverb: 'The yes-man is your enemy, but your friend will argue with you.' It is precisely because I am the friend of the United States...that I have come to tell you...

You know the words from the Bible: 'Build not on sand, but on rock'.

Lenin's teachings are that anyone is considered to be a fool who doesn't take what's lying in front of him. If you can take it, take it. If you can attack, attack. But if there's a wall, then go back.

And the Communist leaders respect only firmness and have contempt and laugh at persons who continually give in to them..."

Solzhenitsyn concluded:
"I would like to call upon America to be more careful with its trust and prevent those...because of short-sightedness and still others out of self-interest, from falsely using the struggle for peace and for social justice to lead you down a false road.

Because they are trying to weaken you; they are trying to disarm your strong and magnificent country in the face of this fearful threat...

I call upon you: ordinary working men of America...do not let yourselves become weak."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn stated:
"If we don't know our own history, we will simply have to endure all the same mistakes, sacrifices, and absurdities all over again."

Quotable Quotes

Who made the following quotes?

− If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.
− Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.
− No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.
− The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.
− There is no distinctly native American criminal class--save Congress.

(answer: They were all made over 100 years ago by Mark Twain)

So is there evidence for the truth of the Babel story? Yes! Absolutely!

For further study, ask for these at Arky’s Store:
Dr. Andy McIntosh, Genesis, Babel & the Chinese Language (DVD), Answers in Genesis, 2004
Tower of Babel issue, Answers magazine, Vol 3, No 2, Apr-Jun 2008
Donald Chittick, The Puzzle of Ancient Man, Creation Compass, 1997
Bill Cooper, After the Flood, New Wine Press, 1995
Dr. Allan Steel, Languages: the Bible vs. Evolution (DVD), Answers in Genesis
Satan called a worldwide convention
(Written By: Geraldine Harris and Kristen Maddox ©Copyright 1998 - 2008, Satan's Agenda. All Rights Reserved.)

In his opening address to his evil angels. He said, we can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from conservative values. But we can do something else. We can keep them from forming an intimate, abiding experience in CHRIST. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. That is what I want you to do, angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day.

How shall we do this shouted the angels?

Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent un-numbered schemes to occupy their minds, Satan answered. Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, then borrow, borrow, borrow. Convince the wives to go to work and the husbands to work 6 or 7 days a week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon, very soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work.

Over stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive, to keep the TV, the VCR and their CD's going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that fellowship with Christ. Fill their coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail order catalogues, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering, free products, services and false hopes.

Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead. And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip, and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions. Let them be involved in soul-winning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from CHRIST. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family unity for the good of the cause.

IT was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing the CHRISTIANS everywhere to get busy, busy, busy and rush here and there.

HAS the devil been successful at this scheme? YOU BE THE JUDGE...

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The Investigators – Part II

In our last episode, we looked deeply into the family history of our friend Jerry, who’s brother was plagued with a dreaded disease that was life threatening. The Investigators uncovered a history of great men who had paved the way for Jerry’s family to succeed in a variety of jobs but had also been plagued by the deadly disease. If history repeats itself, Jerry’s family is doomed!

It was evident from all of the gathered data that Jerry was a potential victim of the same disease. It was hereditary. This illness was probably predicted by previous ancestors since they dealt with the same symptoms; feelings of restlessness, fatigue, loss of vision, hopelessness and helplessness. These symptoms contributed to other losses, such as a loss of family togetherness, energy, and focus. How could Jerry or his brother press on towards their future goals with such losses?! Wait a minute. Didn’t somebody say that there was a cure for this particular disease? The symptoms he was experiencing and the symptoms his ancestors had to deal with were exactly the same! The hidden secrets were slowly being revealed which could lead to a full recovery for Jerry’s entire family! This would not only reduce the risk of spreading the disease but would affect generations to come! This could be the breakthrough The Investigators were looking for.

As they continued to return to their ancestral heritage, looking through the written records of generations gone by, they saw a clue on page 77 in the record book. Seventy seven is the perfect number so it made sense to the P.I.’s that this was a true clue and a possible answer to their problem. The pages were so tattered and torn that it was hard to read. It appeared that others had sought out the same answers. We wondered if they had been successful. We needed to know if someone had found the answers we desperately needed. But how could we track them down? How could we know what they uncovered? Were we willing to accept the truth, the real truth about Jerry’s ancestors? What if the same disease was in our own families and we uncovered it in the process of helping our friend? Could we bear to find out?

There was one missing element that the P.I. team had neglected to include in their investigation: prayer. You see, each team member is a Believer in the Mighty One. The One Who was and is and is to come. He knows all and sees all and could help the team to uncover the secrets of the past. And the past is where the answers lie, just waiting for us to uncover. So, we stopped and we prayed. “Lord, help us to find the answers that we need. Help us to accept what You will reveal to us. Give us wisdom with the information we uncover and help us to attain the knowledge we desire. You are able to do all that we ask. Help us to lean on You and Your understanding while we seek the truth in this matter. We need you, Lord. We want you, Lord. In all that we do and say, may we glorify You and accept Your answers. In Jesus name we pray, amen.”

Now, maybe, we will have success in our search.

Page 77 revealed partial information that might be our first real clue. The page said, “…what can wash away my _____...” The rest was for us to fill in. Where would we start and how would it help us? This was a starting point and from there we could possibly find the next clue. Meanwhile, Jerry’s brother continued to be more sick and reveal numerous complications as his disease progressed. Time was running out. Jerry was beside himself about what to do for his brother. He was almost numb, kind of in a frozen state. He didn’t know which direction to turn which made it all the harder for him to help us with the investigation. We were a team, but we still needed the family input in order to put the puzzle pieces together about Jerry’s family’s past. Their historical record was vital to healing and personal growth. We had to decipher the information given on page 77 and tie it into the symptoms, then link it to the past, present and future generations of Jerry’s family. Could we accomplish all this in enough time to save a life? We didn’t have the answer to that question, but one thing was for sure. We were going to try and put all of our energies into accomplishing that goal.

More answers and clues will be revealed in the next issue of The Investigators. Until next time, kids, it’s TJ signing out
ARKY’s Calendar of Events
(as of 04/01/11)
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Jan 9: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD: Evolution is Religion - NOT science - with Dr Mike Houts at ARKY’s House. This six-session DVD examines the claims of evolutionary science in relation to true science: 1. Evolution is Religion, Not Science; 2. True Science is the Enemy of the Evolutionist (part 1); 3. True Science is the Enemy of the Evolutionist (part 2); 4. Ambiguous Arguments, Fossils, and Other Discussions; 5. The Age of the Universe: Should We Distort Scripture to Accommodate Contemporary Theories?; 6. The Age of the Universe: Evidence and Assumptions.

Jan 10: 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Institute on the Constitution (IOTC) course with Ron Cooper at ARKY’s House. If you can’t come to the evening classes on the IOTC course, you now have an option! I will be teaching the IOTC course in 6 classes of 3 hours each starting Jan 10 and ending Feb 14 (if we have no snow days). This is the same 18 hours of the 12 classes of the 1.5 per weeks. It will be a bit more intense because of the shorter period. Class size will be limited to a max of 30. If you have children in school, this is your chance to do this while they are at school. If you are working 2nd shift, you can now have a time to get-er-done in the morning. In 6 classes, your knowledge level and your ability to be an informed citizen with be transformed! If you want an evening course there are 5 listed at http://www.arky.org/Constitution/IOTC/Classes.htm. You MUST register soon! Workbook is only $35.00. The course is FREE! Email me at History@arky.org as soon as possible!

*Feb 13: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD: We The People: The Character of a Nation at ARKY’s House. Travel back in time through the eyes of America's unsung patriots to experience the trials and victories that have formed our nation's destiny and secured the blessings of liberty for future generations. The character of a nation is defined by the collective achievements of its people -- ordinary people of extraordinary faith and vision who give beyond themselves for the greater good. In this series you will meet a diverse cross section of people who have all played a role in our nation's history. Each episode presents a phrase from the Preamble with examples of people whose lives embodied that ideal.

*Mar 12: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD: Four Centuries of American Education with David Barton at ARKY’s House. For four centuries, imparting the three essential elements of religion, morality and knowledge was the core of America’s educational system. In recent decades, secularization of education has become the new American paradigm. In this title, learn about the effects of both philosophies as well as our early educational heroes.

*Apr 9: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD: Maker of Heaven and Earth: with Dr R Albert Mihrer, Jr at ARKY’s House. “Maker of Heaven and Earth” is the Keynote address given at ICR’s 40th anniversary banquet in Dallas, Texas by a leading evangelical intellectual in America who is known for his no-nonsense approach to confronting the challenging issues of our culture in light of biblical truth. Also contains a brand new historical vignette about Dr Henry Morris and the founding of ICR.

Apr 19-21: morn until even. Midwest Homeschool Convention with Speakers at Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH. ARKY exhibiting.
**Financial Statement 2011**

**General Fund**

**Balance 1/1/11** $8,406.91

**Receipts**
- Memberships/Newsletters 1,578.00
- Donations 505.02
- Speaker Gifts 400.00
- Projects 0.00
- Children's Ministry 10.00
- Special Events /Banquet 475.00
- Equipment Sold 5.50
- Savings Withdrawal 4,503.06
- Kroger Gift Cards 1,478.54
- Loan Proceeds 200.00
- Reimbursed 357.70
- Misc 105.00
- Non-Tax Sales 1,880.06
- Taxable Sales 19,598.91
- Sales tax collected 1,343.06
- Total 40,846.76

**Disbursements**
- Newsletter/CC 161.99
- Projects 0.00
- Office 725.12
- Telephone 954.67
- Children's Ministry 142.21
- CEF-Collins 0.00
- Exhibiting 5,831.31
- Web 669.40
- Inventory 15,515.43
- Equipment 1,593.95
- Supplies 469.02
- Insurance 1,602.67
- Professional Fees 936.15
- Sales Tax Paid 1,807.93
- Speaking/Events 0.00
- Misc. 120.99
- Tithes&Gifts 0.00
- Museum Trailer 0.00
- Reimbursed 95.70
- Refund 109.54
- Savings/RE Tax Escrow 0.00
- Total 30,736.08

**Balance 11/30/11** 10,110.68

**Building Fund**

**Balance 1/1/11** -6,250.46

**Donations** 17,110.97

**Expenses**
- Mortgage 6,678.87
- Building 12.46
- Utilities 2,153.97
- Real Estate Taxes 9,897.53
- Advertising 0.00
- Repairs 0.00
- Total Bld. Expenses 18,742.83

**Balance 11/30/11** -7,882.32

**Net Balance, Both Funds** 2,228.36

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Prayer Requests
Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.
- For Ricki Pepin and the ongoing Institute on the Constitution classes.
- For Ark’s finances which are extremely tight now.
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord.
- For Ron and Brenda as they travel to many Christian venues on behalf of ARK.
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark’s resources.
- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations.
- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.
- For Ron’s and Brenda’s encouragement.

On the Lighter Side
Su Wong married Lee Wong. The next year, the Wongs have a new baby. The nurse brings over a lovely, healthy, bouncy, but definitely Caucasian, white baby boy.
"Congratulations," says the nurse to the new parents.
"Well, Mr. Wong, what will you and Mrs. Wong name the baby?"
The puzzled father looks at his new baby boy and says, "Well, two Wong’s don’t make a white, so I think we will name him Sum Ting Wong."