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## **DBS' THIRTY-FIRST YEAR IS HISTORY**

It's that time of the month again when Dr. Waite and I catch you up on what we are doing here at THE BIBLE FOR TODAY in Collingswood, New Jersey. I shall begin by reporting on the 31st annual meeting of the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY. The dates were July 22-23, 2009. The Society met at the RAVENSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH in CHICAGO. Pastor Phil Stringer holds the fort there with his efficient staff. The church address is 4455 North Seeley Ave. Chicago, Illinois (773-561-6576). Both days were "streamed." We heard from people in Guatemala, Brazil, and South Africa. GOOD NEWS: ALL THE DVD'S ARE UP NOW ON OUR WEBSITES (www.BibleForToday.org and www.DeanBurgonSociety.org) Now you'll be able to catch-up on all the speakers! There were 18 speakers—and that doesn't count the five women who spoke at the Wednesday morning gathering! Oh, I nearly forgot to mention the QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIODS scattered here and there between the speakers. They were excellent!

## **HIS MASTER'S VOICE**

I'll try to remember some of the speakers as I think of them today. DR. BOB BARNETT from Michigan is one of our DBS Vice Presidents. He was extra good this year. He spoke on GOD'S VOICE TO ME (BFT #3422TP (Barnett) @ \$4.00 +\$1.00 S&H). He remembered "His Master's Voice" dog that advertized Victrola years ago. (I think it was.) In fact, that "dog" is on a big window in nearby Camden here in South Jersey. He told of his experiences with his G.P.S. All he has to do is obey it and he can go almost anywhere. Do you have one? He reminded us that we should listen to God's voice as intently as we do our directional device.

## THE MIRACLE OF INSPIRATION

This year we had two speakers that had two sessions each. It was good. <u>DR. H. D. WILLIAMS, one of the DBS Vice Presidents, from Georgia, gave lectures on THE MIRACLE OF INSPIRATION</u> (BFT #3422TP (Williams) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H). You better view this or you'll be missing a treat! He left no doubt concerning the subject of BIBLICAL INSPIRATION. If you do not have his book by the same name, GET IT! (BFT#3392 @ \$20.00+\$5,00 S&H.) YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT THERE IS A RAGING BATTLE GOING ON AS TO WHAT BIBLICAL "INSPIRATION" REALLY IS.

## TRENDS IN THE CRITICAL TEXT

#### OF THE GOSPELS OF MARK & JOHN

DR. KIRK DIVIETRO from Massachusetts is an original language researcher. You must get his messages, "TRENDS IN THE CRITICAL TEXT OF MARK AND JOHN." He had two sessions also. I liked these "two sessions" speakers myself. They really could get into more depth in their talks. I hope the DBS does this again next year.

## AN ANSWER TO JAMES PRICE

My husband, DR. D. A. WAITE'S topic was "AN ANSWER TO JAMES PRICE" (BFT #3422TP (D.A.Waite) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H). I suppose you have ordered his NEW book on the subject, A CRITICAL ANSWER TO JAMES PRICE'S KING JAMES ONLYISM by D. A. WAITE, (BFT #3375 @\$11.00 + \$5.00 S&H).

## DAVID AND GOLIATH MISUNDERSTANDINGS

JAMES GRUMBLATT, from Michigan, gave us an excellent lesson on who killed Goliath, etc. His talk was called "DAVID AND GOLIATH." (BFT #3422TP (Grumblatt) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H) He always gives us much to think about. His talk was one to which other speakers kept referring. Also many are not aware that David did not kill Goliath with the stone from the slingshot. There are two Hebrew words for "kill" in I Samuel 17:50-51: ("smote" & "slew"). This definition distinction is noted in THE DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE (BFT #3000 @ various prices) footnotes. By the way, most of the "footnotes" in the DKJB are defined from an English dictionary, not Greek or Hebrew.

## **AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLES #2** THE CHOCTAW BIBLE

Last year PASTOR PAUL RENO challenged us concerning the Native American Bibles in their own language. This year was a follow-up talk from last year. The subject was AMERICAN INDIAN BIBLES #2 (BFT #3422TP (J.P.Reno) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H) We learned that some original Indian texts have been found!! It was thrilling to hear that the nationals were emotionally overwhelmed when they saw their "old" original language in print. What an opportunity to get the Scriptures into the hands of the American Indians. DR. BOB DOOM from North Carolina followed up in his talk on the American Indian Bible theme with his report on the CHOCTAW INDIAN BIBLE. (BFT #3422TP (Doom) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H) In case you have forgotten, the motto of the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY IS "IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS." The Society is interested that ALL LANGUAGES have the Bible translated accurately from the proper Greek and Hebrew Texts.

## THE NEW SPANISH BIBLE

### THE REINA-VALERA-GOMEZ

WE HAD TWO TALKS ON THE NEW SPANISH BIBLE. It is called THE REINA-VALERA-GOMEZ. In just a short two-year period, there are many thousands in print. It is remarkable how God has blessed this Bible. Both DR. HUMBERTO GOMEZ from Mexico and MANNY RODRIGUEZ, a missionary heading for Puerto Rico, spoke on the Spanish Bible issue. You probably are aware of the flaws in the Spanish 1960 and 1909. Dr. Waite has several messages on that subject. They were given in Mexico two years in a row and in Dallas, Texas earlier this year. If interested, ask for them. Both are on audio or DVDs.

## QUOTES FROM WESTCOTT

#### PRINCETON TEXT BEFORE WARFIELD

There were many other speakers such as DANIEL WAITE from South Jersey who gave quotes from WESTCOTT. He got them from an old book he found in a thrift store a few years ago. I never heard those quotes before, He spoke on THE CANON OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (BFT #3422TP (D.S.Waite) @ \$4.00 + \$1.00 S&H). Other speakers such as MARK RENO, PHIL STRINGER, ROB WINOGRAD, & DON JASMIN gave excellent talks. Also we viewed a DVD from ENGLAND'S JACK MOORMAN, on KJB'S TRANSLATORS TO THE READER, as well as CLINTON BRANINE on THE PRINCETON TEXT BEFORE WARFIELD. STEVE ZEINNER and KEN RAINEY gave us their views, too. ALL OF THESE SPEECHES MAY BE ORDERED FROM THE BIBLE FOR TODAY or THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY. Call 1-800-John 10:9. (By the way, these men came from Maryland, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, & South Carolina.)

## THE DBS WOMEN BLESSED MY SOUL MIRIAM'S THREE PHASES OF LIFE

Maybe it is because I don't get out much to other women's meetings, but I think our DBS WOMEN SPEAKERS are a real blessing. At least they are to my soul! This year CINDY STRINGER welcomed us to RAVENSWOOD where her husband pastors. She opened up the life of MIRIAM, Moses' sister, in a new way. She covered all three stages of MIRIAM'S life-childhood, young womanhood, and old age. Miriam may have lived to be ninety. A new slant on Moses' marriages was given. Cindy feels he was married twice. If that be true (it makes sense), it helps answer several questions about Moses' marriage or marriages. As you can tell, I found MRS. STRINGER'S TALK VERY INTERESTING and a blessing.

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## A CATHOLIC NUN COMES TO CHRIST

Then CORAZON ESCOBAR gave a stirring testimony. She had been a NUN in the CATHOLIC CHURCH in the Philippians. She told how "good works" were her way (not God's way) to Heaven-and she was never sure they were good enough. (Of course they weren't. Jesus did all the work at Calvary!) When she came to this country, after searching for the TRUTH, she found JESUS CHRIST, the WAY, the TRUTH, and THE LIFE. Her life was changed. She was born-again. It is a thrilling account of what the Lord Jesus Christ is still doing in the life of someone who seeks Him.

## THE MAKING OF GOLD

SHEILA DOOM always blesses my heart. This year she continued to challenge us on "WORDS" that we find in the Bible. She has an old dictionary that reflects Bible language in its definitions. Those definitions enrich her Bible reading. One word she spoke of was "precious." (I Peter 1:7) The Christian is "precious" to the LORD. She reminded us that to be "precious" like gold, there must be much refining to take away the dross. We do not know WHY the LORD permits some of us to suffer (physically & emotionally), but as we look into the refining fire, we can see the "gold" coming to the top. It is shining forth in all its purity. I remember FRANCES HAVERGAL'S question, "I wonder what God will do with all the GOLD when He brings it forth?" I know you'll be blessed when you order this talk.

#### **IMELDA GOMEZ SINGS**

After Sheila spoke, IMELDA GOMEZ-from Matamoros, Mexico-gave her testimony and sang for us. IMELDA has a lovely contralto voice and sings in Spanish. It is so soothing-speaking to the heart. EVEN THOUGH WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HER WORDS, WE CAUGHT THE HEARTBEAT OF HER SONGS! I was moved to tears. Her love for Jesus Christ came to our souls as she raised her voice in praise. It was her heart singing to our hearts that morning! You must order the 2009 DBS WOMEN'S DVD today. All the women are on one disc. (BFT #3422DVD @ \$15.00 + \$2.00 S&H)

## THREE HUSBANDS & TWO DIVORCES

Then I got up before the microphone and gave an ANNOUNCEMENT of sorts. It was something I felt I had to say. It was difficult for me to do so.

## A PHONE CALL TO GAIL RIPLINGER

In October 2007, I called GAIL RIPLINGER asking her about the rumors that were going around the email world, along with three copies of three marriage licenses. WAS IT TRUE? The e-mail said she had been married three times and divorced twice. I had to know if it were true. So I called Mrs. Riplinger and asked her, "Have you ever had any other husband than Mike Riplinger?" My husband got on the phone, too. She testified to us that day that she had had only one husband. I believed her. My husband believed her. So if anyone asked us about Mrs. Riplinger's several alleged marriages, we could truthfully answer them, "She only has had one husband!" We believed this to be true. After all, we asked her personally and she denied the rumors.

#### GAIL & FRANK KALEDA LIVED IN A TRAILER

It was not until sometime in 2008, that I began to doubt Gail Riplinger's denial of more than one husband. For the following reasons her answer did not ring true: my husband and I had a friend who had a friend who knew her and her second husband very well. It was during the time when she and Frank, her second husband, lived near Kent University in Ohio. They lived in a house-trailer there. They attended a Pentecostal Church-then a Baptist one there. They were a part of some kind of campus Bible study. They appeared to be a happily wedded couple. (But I know one can't always tell by looking.) In fact, Gail wrote six books while at Kent, writing under her married name Gail Kaleda. When I heard all this, I was greatly troubled!

## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

So, in the early part of 2009, another friend of ours met, by way of e-mail and phone, a former relative of Mrs. Riplinger's second husband. WE HAVE A PICTURE OF HER AND FRANK ON THEIR WEDDING DAY. That picture proved beyond a shadow of doubt that Mrs. Riplinger had lied to us. IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR ME TO

REALIZE WE HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY LIED TO BY GAIL!! Her first and third husbands are living. She has been married to Mike Riplinger for about twenty-five years. They have an adult daughter, and-according to the daughter—they are very happy together. (But once again "happiness" can't always be proven by looking. But I have no reason to believe they are not happy.)

## RIPLINGER'S DAUGHTER DEFENDS HER MOTHER TWO MARRIAGES NOT CONSUMMATED!

Because I don't search the internet much at all, I was not aware that Mrs. Riplinger's daughter was writing a book about her mother until someone sent me this information. From what I understand from the internet, a few paragraphs of that <u>contemplated book</u> are found under Mrs. Riplinger's pastor's explanation of the three marriages and two divorces. <u>To my surprise, it was almost a verbatim copy of part of an e-mail letter (July 21, 2009) I received from the daughter.</u> The daughter had responded to my <u>July 9-14, 2009</u> letter which I sent to Mrs. Riplinger's daughter's house by mistake. (I thought it was her mother's house. I can explain all this mix-up of <u>why</u> the UPS two-day-letter was sent to the wrong house--but not at this time.) In that daughter's letter, she says that the two marriages were marriages <u>only on paper</u> ("non-consummated"). I know the second husband has died. <u>According to the daughter</u>, he left "unsaved" Gail to pursue his "homosexual lifestyle"; but, the witness at Kent said the Kaledas lived together as a couple in their trailer-home, going to church and Bible studies and having friends. (I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE YET WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE FIRST HUSBAND, BUT I AM TOLD THAT HE IS LIVING IN A HOUSE WITH A WOMAN.)

So Mrs. Riplinger (according to the daughter who was not there, anymore than I was) does not consider herself to have been married before at all. This is difficult to jibe (as I said before) with the information received from my friend's friend that for several years the second-marriage couple lived by Kent University in a trailer, went to church together, and were active together in various activities, etc. (Once again I reiterate, one can't tell the happiness of a marriage by looking.)

(Just a <u>personal</u> comment: I knows a few women who have been fooled by husbands who never consummated their marriages. This is VERY sad! But for a woman-if true--not to recognize the signs of such a man twice is beyond me.)

# NOT THE MARRIAGE & DIVORCE ISSUE NOT THE INSPIRATION OF THE KING JAMES ISSUE

I do not want to go into all this any more than I have to. It is rather sordid and <u>very</u> sad. I had no idea that the pastor in Hammond, Indiana (whom I have never met or spoken with) was investigating on his own some of this situation. (I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN.) I only gathered this from what was written on the <u>HACAlumni.com</u> web page written by the Riplingers' pastor in Virginia. He implored the Indiana pastor <u>to call</u> Gail personally. Well, I did-and she lied to me. I get no thrill over this news.

## IT'S THE LYING ISSUE

This whole thing, FOR ME, has nothing to do with the "MARRIAGE & DIVORCE" issue or the "INSPIRATION OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE ISSUE." It has to do with the truth. Her three marriages and two divorces are a separate question. I just wanted to know the truth. It appears to me that she has made "lies her refuge" (Isaiah 28:15). It seems that "hail" has swept away her "refuge of lies" and "the waters" have overflowed her "hiding place" (Isaiah 28:17) How much better if Gail Riplinger had answered truthfully my question, "Have you ever been married before?" when I asked it when all the rumors first began to surface. It may have been difficult to answer. The truth and its explanation would have been received–understood or not understood. But it would have been the truth. You can ask to see the letter I sent her by e-mail and UPS mail. (BFT #3420 @ \$3.00 + \$2.00 S&H)

Well-this has been a different kind of UPDATE. To be perfectly honest-I am glad that I am at the end of the page. For the entire 21-page letter and attachments, CLICK HERE

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