



## WHAT'S THE COST OF SMOKING?

Suppose a person who is 18-years old began smoking today. He smokes one pack a day and does so until he is 70 years old.

Here are the assumptions I am using in this illustration:

- The person smokes one pack a day for 52 years.
- The person pays \$4.50 per pack including taxes.
- The price remains the same for 52 years. (No way that this would be accurate, but for the "assumption" let's live in la-la land.)
- The person lives to age 70. (One cigarette cuts 5.5 minutes off of your life span, which is 27 days each year. Over 52 years statistics show 1,450 days would be cut off of a smoker's life.)
- It assumes that the person saves the money at interest.

### What did it cost him in money?

Well, if he earned 5% interest he would have saved \$382,312.00.

If he had earned 6% interest it would be \$541,575.00.

This does not take into account the following expenses:

- ✓ Smokers average 15% more in doctor visits, have 10% more hospitalizations than non-smokers, and make less money (probably due to sick days).
- ✓ Over a lifetime, they average \$16,650.00 more medical costs than a non-smoker.
- ✓ If they purchased a two hundred thousand dollar 30-year Term Life Policy at age 35, they pay \$626.00 a year more than a non-smoker does. That's \$18,780.00 more overall.

Why does it cost more? Because actuarial tables are based on the difference between the two insured.

- ✓ Health premiums, car insurance, and homeowners' premiums are more costly.
- ✓ The resale value of their homes, cars, and possessions are lessened due to the smell that is retained due to smoke damage and the discoloring of the fabrics in them.
- ✓ Dental costs are greater.

Now in light of this, it is easy to see that if an 18-year old began to smoke today, and the price ascended as it has in the past, he would be burning up a half a million to a million dollars.

So what would you do if you had an employee with an expense account that ripped off, for non-business use, a half a million bucks over the 52 years he worked for you?

Remember, you are a steward of what God has entrusted to you and must give an account of your stewardship. What will God say if you burn up a half a million dollars of His money?

If the one talent man who hid the money in a napkin in the ground (**Matthew 25:24-30**) was called wicked, and was cast into outer darkness for not investing the money at interest, what will He say to someone who burns it right under his nose?

Do you think you had better consider this before you start such a filthy habit?

Don't you think that, as a Christian, you ought to quit it?

You would call a man "a fool" who rolled up a \$10 bill and burned it just for the fun of it. What if it was half a million dollars?

I used to tell my smoker friends, "You are not a smoker, you are just a sucker. "

How about it?

Do you want to go to the "Smoking" or "Non-Smoking" section in eternity?



## PRAY FOR OBAMA

I did not vote for Obama like over 63,000,000 Americans did, but I will pray for him.

### FIRST:

Because we are told to pray for our leaders. (I Timothy 2:1-2)

### SECOND:

Because we are told not to speak evil of our leaders. (Acts 22:5)

### THIRD:

Obama desperately needs prayer for wisdom with all the decisions he has to make.

### FOURTH:

President Bush said, "We all wish him success!" I am praying that he will not have success to fulfill his campaign promises. I pray that God will turn his heart away from his stated agenda. **Proverbs 21:1**, "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."

Obama is about **CHANGE**. Here are a few of his agenda items:

1. Overturn the Defense of Marriage Act. (Man and woman)
2. Overturn the military rule on homosexuality; "Don't ask, don't tell."
3. Overturn Bush's lower tax law in 2010 and raise the Capital Gains tax to almost double.
4. The Supreme Court will be changed and his appointees will be more subjective. He will appoint judges who can have empathy with a single mother. He wants mercy and not justice. He wants to "break free from the essential constraints of the Founding Fathers in the Constitution". This means liberal judges. He may be able to name 3 such judges.
5. He holds the Constitution to be a living document and must be read in the context of an ever-changing world. The foundations of our nation will be eroded.
6. America will further lose its respect for life. Abortion, Stem cell research, and euthanasia will greatly increase by change of laws.
7. Unions will become strong and non-secret votes will be the order of the day in whether employees should vote to be unionized.
8. There will be no oil drilling, as the decision to drill will be reversed.
9. He promised to end the war in Iraq, which may result in things growing worse there.
10. Hundreds of thousands of new government employees will be added, which means more Big

Government. He has mentioned creating 3 million more jobs, 600,000 of which would be government employees.

11. Welcome back something like Roosevelt's WPA where people are hired to do infrastructure.
12. Illegal aliens will not be pursued, thus weakening our Nation.
13. The taxes of taxpayers will increase. Tax welfare gifts will be given to non-taxpayers as he plans to redistribute America's wealth. He promises 95% of Americans will get a tax cut but this includes checks to non-tax payers.
14. Socialism will increase.
15. He speaks of Universal Healthcare or National Healthcare. This will cost billions each year!
16. A Military-like National Youth Police Force will supposedly give us Internal National Security. Both genders 18 – 25 will have to serve their country in some way and free tuition up to a certain amount will be given. This will be a Civilian Service Organization (Shades of Hitler).
17. Environmental wacko's will make many new laws that will affect the air, man, domestic animals and wildlife. Millions, if not billions, will be spent on alleged Global Warming.
18. Gun restrictions will occur, taking away our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment liberties.
19. The "Fairness Doctrine" will return, limiting the media of TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, and talk show hosts.
20. Education will change so much in the next few years that there will be a new restriction added to the Nation's education system. There will not only be Reading, Riting, and R'ithmetic, but we predict restriction of Home Schooling.
21. The Church will lose its ability to speak out on issues of a moral issue. I predict Christianity will not be allowed the freedom of expression on homosexuality, nor will the Church be exempt from having to hire them.
22. Minimum wage laws will be increased, thus killing small businesses.

All in all, in light of the above, we should not only pray for wisdom for Obama, but for wisdom for ourselves on how to survive as a Christian and as a Church in a socialistic society. God's Will is for us to have a quiet and peaceable life. The above does not lend itself to that.

Obama will be supported by a Congress who gave themselves a raise when all others were told to turn down the heat in their homes and make sure to put more air in their tires to conserve gas.

Dear God, we have sinned. Have mercy on the American Church for Her iniquities and Hedonism.

Amen.



## SOME QUOTES I'VE BEEN READING....

*"Now, isn't that noble and generous of the Bay State!"*

The first state in the union to have legal Sodomite marriages has now 'opened the door' to lawsuits all over the country by repealing a law preventing out-of-state perverts from getting hitched in Massachusetts if it wouldn't be legal in their home state (on the books since 1913). The idea is to marry in MASS, then go home and start legal battles to have it recognized there!...

Doctor Death could be elected governor of Oregon! Believe it or not, the Oregon Health Plan told Randy Stroup – a 53-year-old cancer patient – that it would not cover his chemotherapy, but it would pay for his death by a physician-assisted suicide.

Earlier it had told a 64-year-old Barbara Wagner it wouldn't pay for drugs to fight her lung cancer, but would underwrite the physician-assisted suicide.

HAVE THEY GONE MAD IN OREGON?....."

--Robert L. Sumner

"UN Declarations are considered 'soft' international laws, but they set standards for all nations. And since a growing global 'collective' already embrace this ideology, 'Christians' around the world are pressured to adapt.

Some – like 'emerging church' leader, Leonard Sweet, claims it's the only option: 'Reinvent yourself for the 21<sup>st</sup> century or die'

Ed. Sweet was the key speaker at the closed \$250,000.00 convocation of the LCMS this year. The convocation was closed to the press. Dr. Samuel Nafzger, a leader of the convocation, told CN that the LCMS paid Sweet his standard \$3,700.00 fee plus expenses.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, also had Sweet speak at the seminary.

Nafzger told CN that the LCMS did not receive any objections to Sweet's theology. After corresponding with Sweet, CN said Sweet was a liberal Methodist, futurist, and universalist who did not believe Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven.

Those responsible for inviting Sweet ignore what CN says."

--Christian News

P.S. – George L. Faull:

I regret to tell you that Crossroads College (formerly Minnesota Bible College) just had Sweet in to speak to our young people.

It will probably not be the only College in the Restoration Movement to have him to speak, as gurus usually make the rounds in our schools!

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### MORE APOSTASY

"Millennium Development Goals: 'The Tony Blair Faith Foundation will organize a global campaign to mobilize young people across religious divides....The foundation....will promote understanding between the major faiths, and increase understanding of the role of faith in the modern work with Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists.'

Tony Blair: ".... religious faith is a good thing in itself, that so far from being a reactionary force, it....should be a force for progress. But it has to be rescued...from the extremist and exclusionary tendency within religion today."

"The Tony Blair Faith Foundation will fight extremism..." 'There is a new reality...And it implies...peaceful coexistence or catastrophe, said Blair....The group's advisory council includes evangelical megapastor, **Rick Warren**....Ismail Khud, Al-Shatti, an adviser to the prime minister of Kuwait; and world Baptist and Jewish leaders."

### Rick Warren, the Interfaith Activist:

(Interview at the Clinton Global Initiative) 'Warren consistently used the language of a religious pluralist. He spoke of 'mosques, temples and churches' as central to the life of villages in the developing world....

Those people of faith can be trained to be the arms and legs of any development plan...This is a big deal, because it signals an important turn in the American Evangelical tradition – **from viewing people of other faiths primarily as lost souls requiring conversion, to viewing them as partners in the plan to make earth more humane...."**

--The Biblical Evangelist Newsletter

P.S. – George L. Faull:

**Warren's books are used extensively in the Church of Christ and Christian Churches. Then we wonder why our churches are so weak.**

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### Margaret Thatcher:

"The problem with socialism is that you eventually run out of other people's money."

*"If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us! – But passion and party blind our eyes, and the light which experience gives is a lantern on the stern which shines only on the waves behind us."*

--Coleridge:

*"As liberalism overtook the colleges and universities, 'The old-time teacher-scholars of the 1920s and 1930s were now regarded with scarcely concealed disdain, bordering on contempt; anachronisms and embarrassments...."*

--Charles J. Sykes

*"The most isidious subversion is that which leaves intact the structures of an institution, while stripping them of meaning."*

--Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

**It's happening in our colleges, universities, and camps....**

--George L. Faull

*"The current of a river never stands still. For a boat to stay in a particular place, it must be anchored. The currents of the religious world likewise never stand still. They constantly flow away from the Bible, God's one and only source of Spiritual truth and light. Their eventual destination is the great restless ocean of human thought and confusion where every kind of ignorance and error mingle together. For a body of people to maintain their Bible-based faith and practice, they must have a strong anchor firmly attached to Christ and His Word."*

*The author of Hebrews uses this very analog. 'We may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: which we have as an anchor of the souls, a hope both sure and steadfast...' (Hebrews 6:18-19).*

*Today, currents within our brotherhood are rushing by us heading first for the great cataracts that will break in pieces any person or congregation that is swept over them. With their faith and conviction smashed, they will be swept into the churning sea of total error.*

*Our anchor has two great arms – Christ and His inspired Word.*

*The cable that ties us to that anchor is our knowledge of, and faith in, the Lord and His message. The minute our faith in either is shaken, or that we turn our eyes away to some spiritual mirage, or that we fail to honor the Master by obedience to His Word (Matthew 7:21), we are in great jeopardy.*

*Churches of Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are faced with several options.*

- *We can cut loose our anchor and allow the current of today's postmodern religious thinking sweep us away.*

- *We can boldly embrace the worldly thinking and values of our materialistic, hedonistic, and secular age and be rejected for it.*
- *We can plunge over the cataract of religious skepticism.*

*Most of the older Protestant bodies have made this plunge into oblivion. Rather than teach men how to be saved, worship and serve God, and get to Heaven, their liberal ministers teach them to doubt and question not only the Bible but Christ and even God. How tragic.*

*Some of our professors are already caught in this current."*

--John Waddey

**He said it 206 years ago....Quote of the week:**

*"I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless and the contingent their fathers conquered."*

--Thomas Jefferson 1802

## Summit's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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## It's a New Year, Let's Remember:

**"...neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour."**

**--I Corinthians 3:7-8**

**What on Earth are YOU doing for Heaven's sake?**





## Dear Brother Faull,

Regarding the Old and New Covenants - when did the New Covenant go into effect; at the cross or at Pentecost?

**Here is the line of reasoning.**

1. We know that the Old Covenant was finished at the cross.
2. There had to be a covenant. There could not be a time period without one.
3. So, the time period between the resurrection and Pentecost HAD to be covered. Was it covered with the New or Old Covenant?

## ANSWER

A covenant goes into effect at the death of the testator.  
**Hebrews 9:16-17**

Let's suppose I died. My will would be in effect, but those who were going to be my heirs do not know the terms of my will.

At the reading of the will they will hear the terms of the will and who the heirs are and under what conditions. It will also tell who is excluded and who will serve as those in authority to carry out my will. Once appointed by my will they then will carry it out in the heirs' favor.

In my personal will I have excluded anyone from inheriting who would try to call in doubt or file suit against the will. They are automatically disinherited.

Jesus died.

That was the requirement for the Will to have force. Jesus then sent out the apostles with the terms of the Will.

On Pentecost they were endowed with power and were the announcers and the authority who was to see that Christ's Will was known and obeyed by those who desired to be heirs.

I believe that those who believe and are baptized shall be heirs and whosoever believeth not shall not inherit. They cannot enter into the Kingdom's inheritance because they were not born of the water and the Spirit. **John 3:5**

Just as those under the preaching of John rejected the counsel of God by not being baptized of him, those who will not enter into Christ are outside of Christ and therefore are not heirs according to the promise.

A personal illustration may help.

My uncle wanted my four sisters and me to inherit his money. He put us as beneficiaries to an Annuity. It was mailed on December 18th. He died on December 24th. It did not reach the insurance company until after he died and therefore the insurance company would not give us the inheritance.

The second wife of my cousin, whom my uncle never met, received a great part of it. In fact, more than his intended heirs.

This is because if you do not have a will, it goes to your wife, children, father and mother, brothers and sisters. He had none of these as they had all died. So the law insists it go to his sibling's children equally.

So one third of his money went to one of his sister's deceased son's daughter (that he saw once in his life), one third went to his sister's other son (whom he did not want to get any, and did not because he died a week before the inheritance was issued, so his new wife got it), and one third went to his brother's kids (which was whom he intended to have all of the money).

You see, if you do not have a will, you have a will by State law. The above is how the State of Illinois determines who gets the inheritance.

The point is, for a while I thought I was going to get one fourth of all he had. As it ended up I only received a fourth of a third of his money.

The death is essential and the valid will at the time of death must be determined.

If I would have gone out and bought a new car, thinking that I was going to get the larger amount, I would have been in trouble because I was not heir of a fourth of the whole but only a fourth of a third of the inheritance.

The Jews thought they would inherit just because they were the physical descendants of Abraham.

Those living between the death of Christ and Pentecost were obviously in a transition period.

Many on Pentecost thought they were saved and were not and were told they had to repent and be baptized in order to receive the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:38**, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Suppose an assumed heir finds at the reading of the Will that he is not really an heir to the house he is living in, the car he is driving, or that the money he is spending cannot or will not meet the terms of the Will.

He may have assumed he would inherit them but finds he must move from the house, give up the keys to the car, and spend no more money.

So likewise, once the terms of the Will of Christ were made known, those not complying with the Terms of the Will forfeited any rights to the inheritance. It is those "In Christ" who are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

**Galatians 3:27-29**, "27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

I hope this helps.

## Dear Brother Faull,

I confronted my preacher about his lack of mentioning baptism. I am not sure that any newcomer understands how to be saved when visiting my church. I think baptism particularly is diminished from its proper place into an act that is symbolic of salvation, but not actually part of it; I don't subscribe to that. I want the simple Bible truth to be preached and obeyed without any kind of philosophic mumbo-jumbo.

I was told to preach Christ, not baptism. In my understanding, I am preaching Christ. I only call up the issue of baptism because it is precisely what seems to be de-emphasized inordinately.

## ANSWER

Phillip preached unto the Eunuch "Jesus" and the Eunuch said "here is water what doth hinder me to be baptized." Wonder how he knew he had to be baptized just because he preached unto him Jesus. "Just preach Jesus" is a cop out. When you preach Jesus you surely tell his promise "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned."

Who would talk about a Savior and not say what the Savior said you had to be do to be saved?

He said, therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye **believe** not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." **John 8:24**

He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **believeth** on me hath everlasting life." **John 6:47**

He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and **believeth** on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." **John 5:24**

He said, "...if you do not **confess** me before men I will not confess you before my father in Heaven." **Luke 12:8-9**

He said, "If you do not **repent** you will likewise perish". **Luke 13:3**

He said, "**Except** you are born of the water and the Spirit you **CANNOT** enter into the kingdom of God". **John 3:5**

He said, "Whosoever **believes** and is **baptized** shall be saved". **Mark 16:16**

He said, "Whosoever is ashamed of me **AND MY WORDS** of him I will be ashamed". **Luke 9:26**

Those who will talk about the Man and will not tell THE PLAN OF THE MAN is OBVIOUSLY ASHAMED OF THE MAN AND HIS WORDS. Such a man is in a precarious position. It is one I would not want to be in for any amount of money, praise, acceptance, approval, salary, excuse, or numbers who hear me preach.

God knows what men need. He put baptism in the plan. Baptism is the point of pardon and if a preacher will not tell people where the point of pardon is, he is not a faithful preacher. He is no better than a doctor who would not tell a person of a cure for cancer when he knew of the medicine that would cleanse them of the disease.

People have a sin problem and baptism into Christ is where one receives the remission of sins and the Gift of the Holy Spirit. In Christian baptism we get rid of the **guilt** of sin, the **consequence** of sin, and the **power** of sin.

A man who will not tell sinners that, is no preacher of Jesus Christ.

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## The Bible: Fact of Fantasy?

By John Drane  
The Courtland Call

I was once run down by a car in the streets of Edinburgh, Scotland. I was not seriously injured, but since I was on the crossing controlled by traffic signals, the driver was duly summoned to appear in court. I had to go and give evidence – along with the defense lawyer, the car driver and others who witnessed the scene.

A policeman was also called to present evidence. He spoke of the time, as well as giving an account of the precise width of the road, the car's dimension, and how all that related to where I was standing when the car struck me. Whatever else he said, he was undoubtedly recording the "bare facts". My recollections were completely different, and certainly did not include things like the dimensions of the car or the road. The driver's story was different again.

When the judge reached his decision, he took all this into account. He did not say, "Because I have several stories of what happened, this accident cannot possibly have taken place."

Nor did he go on to conclude that there was a fair chance that the car and the road – even Edinburgh itself – did not exist either. To do so would have been absurd, and we all know that. Yet this is exactly the sort of crazy conclusion that otherwise intelligent people seem prepared to reach when talking about the New Testament. "The four Gospels are not word-for-word the same", we say; "their writers make valuable judgments about what they report."

So the only safe conclusion must be that these things never happened, and maybe Jesus never existed! If we lived our everyday lives on this set of assumptions, we would all be in a big mess.

The Gospel writers were actually far more sophisticated than we give them credit for. Luke wrote a follow-up volume to link the story of Jesus to the story of His early disciples. This is the Book of Acts. One of the striking things about it are that it tells the same story three times.

Paul's dramatic spiritual experience on the road to Damascus appears in **Acts 9, 22, and 26**. All three versions are different. Why? Because Luke had no idea what actually happened? Because he was making it all up? If he had been doing that, he would certainly not have produced three distinctive versions.

As it is, he adapts the same story at different points in his narrative to present varied aspects of the meaning of what he reports. If one writer could do that within a single book, why should we be surprised when different writers utilize the stories about Jesus in different ways?

## Meditate on These Things....

By Joshua Welch  
The Courtland Call



Children are known to argue and fuss over silly things. Preacher's kids, or PK's as some refer to them, are no different. Take, for example, my own darling daughter.

My wife spends quite a bit of time during the day breaking up arguments between our 5, 3 and 1-year old. Once I return home, it is my turn to become the "chief peacekeeper".

Well, one day a while ago, I was just plain tired of it. I did not feel like repeating the nightly phrase, "(S)he had it first...play with something else and when (s)he puts it down you can play with it." If I am ignored, this is followed by the question, "Do I need to get the spoon?"

So, as Samuel and Zoe fought over bubble wrap (yes that's right, packaging material), I decided to take a different approach.

As Sam said to me, "Dad, Zoe won't let me have it." I replied, "Then get it from her."

He looked at me very strangely, but then, went over to his sister and wrestled the wrap out of her hands. With great effort, she did the same thing.

This tit-for-tat process went on for about twenty minutes in our living room growing more violent in the process. As time grew on, it became obvious the children did not care about the bubble wrap anymore. They cared more about winning the war!

In fact, after we put a stop to it, we asked each child why they wanted the bubble wrap so badly? Their replies, "Because I want to win" and "because I don't want her to have it." What honest answers!

We understand that children do these things, but how sad to see adults who never rid themselves of such "childish" behavior! Some, even in the Church, are jealous of another's "position" or envious of the praise another receives. A few demand a pat on the back and cut others down who receive the glory they feel they deserve. Such behavior starts wars.

To this James replies, "...where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits..."  
**James 3:16-17**

Think about it.



Newton, Illinois. We went nosing into it.

It was full of interesting old things strewn all over the floor. The furniture was all gone but there was an old suitcase full of cylinder type records. (They would be worth a fortune today). I didn't take anything but I did copy the following from an old book lying on the floor. I've used it in a few of my sermons and it is very thought provoking.

### The Calf-Path

By Sam Walter Foss (1858 – 1911)

One day, through the primeval wood,  
 A calf walked home, as good calves should;  
 But made a trail all bent askew,  
 A crooked trail, as all calves do.  
 Since then three hundred years have fled,  
 And, I infer, the calf is dead.  
 But still he left behind his trail,  
 And thereby hangs my moral tale.  
 The trail was taken up next day  
 By a lone dog that passed that way;  
 And then a wise bellwether sheep  
 Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,  
 And drew the flock behind him, too,  
 As good bellwethers always do.  
 And from that day, o'er hill and glade,  
 Through those old woods a path was made,  
 And many men wound in and out,  
 And dodged and turned and bent about,  
 And uttered words of righteous wrath  
 Because 'twas such a crooked path;  
 But still they followed — do not laugh —  
 The first migrations of that calf,  
 And through this winding wood-way stalked  
 Because he wobbled when he walked.  
 This forest path became a lane,  
 That bent, and turned, and turned again.  
 This crooked lane became a road,  
 Where many a poor horse with his load  
 Toiled on beneath the burning sun,  
 And traveled some three miles in one.  
 And thus a century and a half  
 They trod the footsteps of that calf.  
 The years passed on in swiftness fleet.  
 The road became a village street,  
 And this, before men were aware,  
 A city's crowded thoroughfare,  
 And soon the central street was this  
 Of a renowned metropolis;  
 And men two centuries and a half  
 Trod in the footsteps of that calf.

Back when I was a teenager I used to love going into old abandoned houses. There was an old such house down the road from my best friend, Glen Babbs, in

Each day a hundred thousand rout  
 Followed that zigzag calf about,  
 And o'er his crooked journey went  
 The traffic of a continent.  
 A hundred thousand men were led  
 By one calf near three centuries dead.  
 They follow still his crooked way,  
 And lose one hundred years a day,  
 For thus such reverence is lent  
 To well-established precedent.  
 A moral lesson this might teach  
 Were I ordained and called to preach;  
 For men are prone to go it blind  
 Along the calf-paths of the mind,  
 And work away from sun to sun  
 To do what other men have done.  
 They follow in the beaten track,  
 And out and in, and forth and back,  
 And still their devious course pursue,  
 To keep the path that others do.  
 They keep the path a sacred groove,  
 Along which all their lives they move;  
 But how the wise old wood-gods laugh,  
 Who saw the first primeval calf!  
 Ah, many things this tale might teach —  
 But I am not ordained to preach.

## GEORGE L. FAULL'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Jan 13-16	Florida Bible Conference
Feb 17	Men's Institute West Unity Church of Christ West Unity, OH
Feb 21-22	East Carolina Bible Institute
Feb 24	Preacher's Meeting Mount Vernon Central Church of Christ 1005 Harcourt Rd - Mt. Vernon, OH
March 2-4	Falls Mills, VA
May 12-14	Men's Clinic – Hillsboro, OH
May 15-16	Preaching Camp – Hillsboro, OH
July 27-30	Family Camp – Hillsboro, OH
Sept 20-23	Central Christian Church Corner 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Riggs St.- Cynthiana, KY
Oct 8-10	Men's Round-Up – Freedom, IN
Oct 13-15	National Prayer Clinic – Grundy, VA