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history, and all the normal rules of historical-grammatical interpretation confirm that this is what it is, its historicity is continually under attack like no other historical section of the Bible — mocked, evaded, discredited, or allegorized out of recognition, including by many who claim His Name.

Nearly all opposition to Genesis history occurs in the name of science, something we understandably associate with undeniable “facts,” things that work and are real. The irony is that when trying to point out how strongly coherent the facts of the real world are with Genesis creation, it is often easier when dealing with someone well trained in science (and, preferably, logic and the philosophy of science). Those with just a lay understanding are more likely to rely upon their “gut impressions,” which are strongly conditioned by the culture. “Science” enabled rockets to the moon, so if “science says” the world was created over millions of years rather than six days, who are they to consider the matter further? Especially if their church’s leadership has already told them it is a “side issue,” or has otherwise shown its displeasure.

### Enemies advancing

For over a century now, the church has to a large degree backed away from where this battle rages. Even before Darwin, as our film *The Voyage that Shook the World* documents, the church in England had largely compromised with millions of years of uniformitarian geology. So it is no surprise to see the forces arrayed against historic, biblical Christianity, both inside and outside “the camp,” emboldened as never before. In addition to old-fashioned liberal theology, we now see the amorphous “emergent church,” with much the same arguments, trying to hold onto the forms of godliness while evading and blurring the issues that give the gospel its life-transforming power. The atheist movement, encouraged by much of the media, has gone from occasional sniping to a frontal assault on all forms of Christian belief that have the slightest whiff of anything supernatural.

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In the past, preachers and evangelists could expect that their unbelieving audiences would at least share

a general respect for the pronouncements of the Bible, and the absolute authority of at least its moral commandments; but no longer. After all, the public constantly gets the message that the “facts of science” plainly contradict the Bible. And if leading church spokesmen are frequently seen distancing themselves from what the Bible says about **history**, thus undermining its *truth and authority*, how can we be surprised if the culture increasingly distances itself from what the Bible says about **morality** (cf. Jesus’ comment to Nicodemus in John 3:12)? Most of the modern world believes that we are just reorganized pond scum that has emerged via the animal kingdom through millions of years of struggle and death. In such a worldview, there is no objective standard of behaviour from which to depart, so the idea of “sin” loses its meaning. Thus, what sense can there be to the gospel?

### Genesis is where the battle rages fiercest

All of this is why Creation Ministries International fights this battle for the “**issue of issues,**” *the truth and authority of the Bible*, at the foundational level, the level of Genesis creation. If this history in Genesis is unreliable, then the Bible **does** contain error, and all the rest collapses anyway, even if it takes a few generations to wake up to that. Genesis is also where the battle rages fiercest, and the attacks come the hardest. This is unsurprising, because it is the seedbed in which the doctrines of the gospel are all firmly planted. If the gospel is about anything, it is about God’s solution to the problems of **sin and death**. And if there is one overriding theme to Genesis 1-11, in addition to the simple fact of God as Creator, it concerns the origin (and hence the meaning) of these problems, **sin and death**. Genesis also reveals the Serpent’s ultimate strategy which continues today — to cause people to doubt the truth (and hence authority) of the Word of God: “Yea, hath God said ... ?” Did God **really** say that?

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*Faithfully in the Lord  
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*



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(2 Tim 3:1)

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### SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

	27 Jun (6 pm)	4 Jul (6 pm)
<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Victorious Living In Perilous Times</b>	<b>The Jewish People In History and Prophecy</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	“Who Will Inherit God’s Kingdom”	God Calls Abraham
<b>Preacher:</b>	Dr SH Tow	Dr SH Tow
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Elder Goh Kee Tai	Elder Chew Chong Kiat

My dear readers,

Concluding “*Issue of Issues*,” from the pen of Dr Carl Wieland:

### Love in action—from the Bible

This applies to even the great issues of *agape* love, including compassion and aid to the sick and poor. If you concede that the Bible might contain error, who is then to say that the recorded examples of Christ commanding or doing such things are not erroneous reports? The great accounts of past missionaries risking all in hostile lands would not likely have happened if those concerned had accepted the idea that the Bible might contain error. Once Christians cease **presupposing** that God’s Word to mankind is infallible, the whole plot unravels and the entire game is lost, even if we don’t realize it yet. Christianity loses any semblance of its claim to being **the** truth behind the cosmos, and is at best just “a truth” in some fuzzy postmodern sense.

Now, one can disagree (hopefully with gracious respect) with other believers over the **meaning** of certain parts of the Bible. (Even Peter said that Paul’s writings contained “some things hard to be understood” – 2 Peter 3:16). But when we do so, there is an unspoken mutual agreement that it is **possible** to find

real, objective truth in the words of Scripture. And this means that we presuppose that God has reliably and truthfully revealed Himself in the Bible. Otherwise, there would be little point in even discussing what a particular passage teaches. But with the bulk of Christendom today unsure that we can trust the Bible’s history, such internal skirmishes start to take on a lesser significance compared to this crucial issue of *the truth and authority of the Bible*.

### Fighting where the battle rages

Well before the turn of last century, a number of Christian luminaries were correctly referring to the “battle for the Bible” (meaning for its truth and authority). They recognized that if that is lost, all else is ultimately meaningless. If anything, that war has heated up substantially this century. In this struggle of cosmic significance, there is one crucial battlefield, the one area in which the Bible is attacked more than any other—the first eleven chapters of Genesis. This is perhaps the most straightforward, easy-to-understand portion of Scripture, and is referred to more often than any other by Jesus Himself and the NT writers. Even though they take it as straightforward

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**A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**

## PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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**10.00 am**    **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**  
**Today:** Elder Goh Kee Tai; N/W: Preacher Lek Aik Wee

**10.15 am**    Pre-Service Singspiration: **Today:** Dn Milton Ang; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat

**10.30 am**    **Lord's Day**

**Today**        **Worship Leaders**    : Preacher Ko Linggang / Dn Vincent Teo  
**Speaker**                : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew  
**Message**                : "That Love May Abound" ( Phil 1:9-11)

**Next Week**    **Worship Leaders**    : Elder Goh Kee Tai / Elder Jeffrey Cheong  
**[Church**        **Speaker**                : Dr SH Tow  
**Anniversary]** **Message**                : "Pressing Toward The Mark" (Phil 3:1-14)

### Last Week's ( 20.06.10 ) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,146
Junior Worship		138
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	160
Mandarin JW		31
SGBF	6.00 pm	387
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	127

### Lord's Day Activities

ABC	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
Library	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm,	Room #03-04
AV Library	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Room #02-02
Choir	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Tracting	1.45 pm,	Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)

### Lord's Day Duties

	<u>27 June</u>	<u>4 July</u>
<b>Musicians</b> <i>Morning</i>	Ko Lingwei / Eileen Hia	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim
	<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i> Suzanne Sim / Zhongyan	Lois Teo / Rachel Han
<b>Greeters</b>	Janice Tan & Elizabeth Li	John Wong & family
<b>Welcomers</b>	William & Lynette Fang	Mr & Mrs NK Hazra
<b>Lunch Coupon Sale</b>	Mark, Susan Woo & family	Margaret & Joy Ng
<b>Kitchen Duty</b>	Mark Woo & family, Philip Quah & family, Samuel Chiang & family	YAF
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Timothy Tan, James Lim, Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun	Choir

In the high priestly prayer before his crucifixion, Jesus Christ, the Son of God prayed to God the Father with these words "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:22). The apostle Paul described the believer's spiritual journey with these words "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom 8: 29 – 30). By his foreknowledge even before the foundation of the world, the omniscient God prescribes for the believers the spiritual blessings of predestination, salvation, justification and ultimately glorification. This glorification includes the glorious rapture of the saints, the glorious reward by the Master and the glorious eternal rest in the presence of God.

### **The glorious rapture**

The Lord Jesus who is the Lord of lords and the King of kings shall usher in the glorification of the believers with the announcement of His glorious return from heaven with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God (1 Thess 4: 16a). At the glorious return of the Lord who is the resurrection and the life (Jn 11:25a), the dead in Christ shall rise first to meet the Lord in the air. All the graves which were the resting places of the bodies of the believers throughout the centuries cannot hold the dead. Each body of a believer shall be reconstituted by the power of God and transformed into the glorious body like unto that of the resurrected body of the Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. What a glorious salvation it will be! This glorious sight shall be succeeded by another

stupendous sight – the believers who are alive shall also be caught up (rapture) together with the dead in Christ to meet the Lord Jesus in the air (1 Thess 4: 17).

### **The glorious reward**

The glorious reward awaits every faithful believer. "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev 22:12). The believers shall appear before the judgment seat of Christ for the judgment of the works performed by the believers after his salvation. Performing good works is not an option in a believer's life. Just as salvation of a believer is predetermined by God, the life of good works of a believer is also pre-ordained by God. Paul described a believer's life of good works in Eph 2:10 "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." To Titus, Paul wrote that the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:15).

The King of kings and the Lord of lords shall preside at the judgment seat. The Lord Jesus shall judge every believer based on the faithfulness of the service and constrained by the love of Christ. Paul expressed the service in these words "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor 4: 1 -2).

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Cor 5:10. Every man's work shall be tested by fire whether it shall be "gold, silver or precious stone, wood, hay and stubble" (1 Cor 3:12b).

<b>SGBF Singspiration</b>	Dn Chia Chung Seng	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
<b>SGBF Ushers</b>	YAF	Choir
<b>SGBF Greeters</b>	YF	Samuel & Irene Tham
<b>SGBF Welcomers /</b>	Heng Khuan & Christine	Patrick & Hwee Ping
<b>Dinner Coupon Sales</b>		
<b>SGBF Kitchen Duty</b>	YAF	Choir

**Activities for the week ( 28 Jun - 3 Jul )**

- Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
- Friday 1.30 pm **GOLDEN YEARS CARE GROUP BIBLE STUDY** in the home of Mrs Evelyn Ong. Add: 682 Choa Chu Kang Crescent, #11-526. Tel: 67654456. Friends of Pandan and volunteers are welcome
- 8.15 - 9.30 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY (AFBS):** Room #02-10 Bible Study on 1st, 2nd & 3rd John Rev Dr Pradhudas Koshy  
*All Adults are welcome to join*
- 8.00 pm **G62 Contact Group** in the home of Henry & Mann Yee. Add: Blk 62 Toh Tuck Rd, #07-01  
A Christian's Speech Dn Milton Ang
- Saturday 2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)
- 5.00 -8.30 pm **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary Showing Love to YFers through Encouragement Pr Ko Linggang  
*Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm*
- 7.00 - 9.00 pm **MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP:** Room #04-05

**HOME News & Announcements**

- DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.
- SR PASTOR** is preaching at Tabernacle BP Church this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
- PREACHER LEK AIK WEE** is preaching at Berith BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
- BELIEVER'S / INFANT BAPTISM/REAFFIRMATION/TRANSFER** will be held on 4 Jul. Please meet the Elders in the Office today for interview (Believer's Baptism/ Reaffirmation / Transfer). For Infant Baptism, please meet Pastor Quek today in the Sanctuary.

**Preaching Schedule for the Month of Jul 2010**

Date	Speaker	Topic	Chairman	Pianist/Organist
4	Dr SH Tow	"Impact of Biblical	Eld KT Goh	Adrian Ho
	[Church Anniversary]	Courage" (Phil 1:12-14)	*Eld Cheong	Sharon Lim
11	Dr SH Tow	"Always Rejoice when	Pr AW Lek	Michelle Chiang
		Christ is Preached?"	*Eld CK Chew	Lois Teo
		(Phil 1:15-18)		
18	Pr Lek Aik Wee	"Christ shall be	Dr SH Tow	Ong Su Ling
L/S		Magnified!"	*Joe Chan	Rachel Han
		(Phil 1:19-20)		
25	Rev Dr SY Quek	"To live Christ,	Dn James Fu	Ko Lingwei
		to Die Gain"	*Eld KT Goh	Eileen Hia
		(Phil 1:21-24)		

**31st Church Anniversary Lunch - 4 July 2010**

Subsidised price of \$2.50 (Cost price: \$5)

Get your coupon outside the main Sanctuary today!

- NEW BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE CLASS** for those seeking Baptism / Reaffirmation / Transfer and those who wish to know more of the Christian faith will commence on 11 Jul in the Cry Room at 12.15 pm. Application Forms are available from the lobby and office.
- YPC** - Practice is on today at 1.45pm in the JW Sanctuary.
- CHURCH VISITATION FELLOWSHIP** will be visiting on **Sat 10 Jul**. Those minded to serve in this ministry, please meet in Room #02-10. All are welcome!
- COMBINED AF SEMINAR "Be Not Unequally Yoked - Whose Responsibility?"** on 3 Jul (Sat), 5.00 to 7.30 pm, 3rd level Sanctuary Speaker: Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew . Dinner tickets at a subsidized price of \$5.00. *Register today!*
- GIFT BOOK - "The Greatest Hoax on Earth?"** - Closing date for collecting your copy is today.
- CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** is looking for a full-time English teacher to teach Nursery or K1 classes from mid-June/early July 2010. Academic & professional requirements are :  
\* 5 GCE O level passes including a B4 in English  
\* Diploma in Early Childhood Teaching  
Some teaching experience in a preschool setting would be advantageous. Please call Lilian at 65603884 for an interview or email your CV to [cpk@calvarypandan.org](mailto:cpk@calvarypandan.org)

**BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE BY FEBC**

*Evening classes commences on 19 Jul @ 7.30 pm*

*Venue: 9A Gilstead Road*

The Book of Second Kings by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew commences on Monday 19 Jul

The Book of Second Corinthians by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commences on Thursday 22 Jul

*Forms are available from Tabernacle Books and Tract Rack at Lobby*

Come to this **special Seminar "Be Not Unequally Yoked - Whose Responsibility?"** on Saturday 3 July 2010, 5 pm - 7.30 pm held in the New Sanctuary, on level 3, followed by a fellowship dinner (at a subsidized rate of \$5 per person).

This seminar has been organised for both parents and children. Pastor Quek Suan Yew will expound from God's Word on this important subject and also address your concerns and questions.

We encourage you to attend this seminar with your whole family that you may benefit richly as we examine the responsibilities of the church, parents and those who will be making decisions on the choice of a life partner.

Please register early for this seminar. Registration booths outside the main Sanctuary will be open after morning Church service and SGBF today.

The believer whose work passed the test of fire shall be rewarded. The believer whose work is burnt shall suffer lost but not his/her salvation (1 Cor 3: 13 – 15).

### **The glorious eternal rest**

Through our human experience, we understand the need and importance of rest for our physical mental and spiritual well being. There is that daily rest called sleep; there is the weekly rest called the Sabbath Day rest for which God gave as the fourth commandment, *“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it”* (Ex 20: 8 – 11).

The epistle to the Hebrews states *“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest”* (Heb 4:2 – 3a). The salvation rest described in these verses is promised only to those who believed through the preaching of the gospel. But the word preached to the children of Israel of entering the Promised Land (i.e. the Canaan rest) was received with unbelief by all except for Joshua and Caleb. To a believer, these type of ‘rests’ form the basis of the object lesson of the eternal rest (i.e. heaven rest) to come. What a glorious eternal rest awaits the believer especially for the believer who have been zealous in good works to the Lord. The epistle to the Hebrews exhorts that *“he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest”* (Heb 4:10, 11).

### **Conclusion**

The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God became the Son of Man in order that we the sons of man may become the sons of God. Jesus prayed that the glory He received from the Father is ascribed to the believers. *“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”* (Rom 8:17 – 18). But glorification belongs to those who not only believed in Christ but is willing to suffer with Him. So Paul gives us the persuasion that the present suffering if they come our way cannot be compared to the glory that God ascribed to us. To the faithful, steadfast child of God there awaits him the glorious rapture, the words of commendation by God the Father and the bliss of eternal rest in heaven. May the Lord enable us to be steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. Amen.

*N/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

*F/W: Pr Lek Aik Wee*

