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Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 50% of the mailing list is students, middle and high school and college, and 25% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 25% since, well, they're old. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

Our goal is mail in your mail box about 15 times a year. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk. We also distribute a daily email devotional.

Another part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for those on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. -- If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.

John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

Mar 18, 2008

Can I make you think in this issue?

Josh McDowell says we should know what we believe... and why. Paul wrote that we should be ready to give a reason for the faith that is in you. - Can you? Can you (a) describe what you believe and (2) have a reasonable defense for believing it. The Christian faith... on one hand yes, we walk by faith and not by sight. We don't have to see the future, we trust with a faith that doesn't have to "see" or know why. But it shouldn't be a faith with no basis. Do we have to know everything before accepting it? No. But too many never back up their faith with enough knowledge to defend it against the smallest aggressor. Satan will trip you up, deceive you, lie to you, embellish, trip you up with a question. He tripped up Eve in Genesis by asking, "Did God really say ...?"

Last Fall we took 6 HS students to the national Conference on Christian Apologetics in Charlotte put on by the Southern Evangelical Seminary. The kids (and the adults) came away excited. It was great watching young people engrossed in listening to "national caliber" speakers (Josh McDowell, Lee Strobel, Irwin Lutzer, ...) give logical, definitive defenses for the Bible and what it says.

When you don't know what you believe and why, it is easy to feel helpless, even stupid, when you are challenged. What's even worse is that you are vulnerable to being deceived and led astray and leave the truth.

In the next few pages I want to touch on a few articles and thoughts that hopefully will spur you on to greater depths of knowing what you believe and why.


In Christ, Rich

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? If not, and you want that, call me at 336-674-7564. -- With God, even if you have gone the opposite direction, you have never gone too far to turn around.

www.reasons.org has apologetic science articles related to the Bible, etc. Whether you are looking for scientific support for your faith or answers to questions about God and science, Reasons To Believe exists for you.

<http://www.icr.org/> In addition to ICR's free publications and web resources, the ICR Online Store is stocked with helpful books, DVDs, and other educational materials written and produced by creation science experts. The Genesis Flood Evidence for Creation ... is the book which many recognize as having started the modern revival of creationism and catastrophism. Although it has gone through over 32 printings, it is still the most definitive treatment of the Biblical and scientific evidences of the...

... religion is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of truth.

 **From the mailbox** (Letters may be slightly edited. We also remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too. *Rich*

My mail box has been empty lately. We'd love to hear from you.

Keep sharing the C&WC with your friends. Encourage them to send in the subscription information, we'd love

to add them to the list and put the C&WC in their mailbox. There is not much of a commitment... the C&WC is free. - Although we'd really like to have people feel enough of an obligation to let us know their new address when they move or to tell us to stop when they aren't interested rather than we print and pay postage to send it when they are going to just toss it.

*God bless you.
Rich*

"I love it when a plan [science] comes together."

Do you remember that line from the end of "The A Team" TV series? Maybe you're not old enough to have watched those guys. Mr. T and those guys had such complicated plans to foil the bad guys. As some look to science to disprove God's existence, they keep coming up with questions they can't answer – except the answer is: God. Like Henry Morris, engineer, hydrologist, who assembled a team to disprove the possibility of a worldwide flood (Genesis) and ended up founding the Institute For Creation Research after believing it really could have happened from the scientific evidence ... and he believes. Here Colson comments on science. How the more they discover, the more the THEORY of evolution falls apart. Read for yourself ...

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Big Mysteries, Tiny Organisms: Genome Sequencing Creates Challenges for Evolution

Do you think about microbes very much? – probably not. Most people pay attention to life's smallest creatures only when something goes wrong, but microbes are amazing organisms, full of scientific mysteries with deep implications for the question of the origins of life. Let me tell you about one such mystery.

Biologists have recently developed technologies that allow them to sequence, or read, large amounts of DNA. DNA carries the information to build proteins, the nano-level machines that do the work inside cells. Biologists can now "read" the entire genomes of microbes — their complete volume of DNA – and compare that information to other known genomes.

Think of this as comparing the words in a library of books. Just as we have dictionaries that contain the words in the English language, so biologists have computer databases that record the DNA sequence they've discovered. Anyone who wants to publish a newly discovered gene sequence records it in these databases.

One such database is called GenBank. If you've found a new gene, you can take that information to GenBank and look for matching sequences. Like a student who looks up unfamiliar words in the dictionary, biologists compare newly discovered genes to those already recorded in GenBank. The comparison then tells them what

their gene does. It may match the ones that make a protein for metabolism, or transport, or some other cellular job.

Now, here's the mystery. Many of the genes that biologists have discovered have no matches in GenBank. These are unique genes, and no one knows what they do. As biologists have compiled the "words" in the genetic library of microbes, many of them belong only to the species where they were found. These sequences have been dubbed "orphans." Russell Doolittle of the University of California notes that "In every genome examined so far, at least a quarter of the genes remain 'hypothetical,' in that no function can be ascribed." We don't know what these genes do in the cell.

Biologists are fairly certain that these orphan sequences truly are genes, because they share the features that identify known genes. The sequences, says Doolittle, "look conventional in every way," but, he adds, "where these unique sequences are coming from and what they do remain baffling mysteries."

You see, the main evolutionary theory for the origin of genes says that new genes arise from already-existing genes. But the orphan genes don't have detectable evolutionary parents. If they did, they wouldn't be orphans.

Where did these genes come from? No one knows. What do they do? No one knows. Evolutionary theory is stumped.

Scientific mysteries like this belong in the public classroom, because science thrives on unsolved problems. The best way to interest a kid in science is to pose just such a puzzle.

And the best way to keep evolutionary theory honest is to challenge it with the puzzles it faces. When we do so in this instance, we see the case for intelligent design, a Creator Who gave us these purposeful genes. The evolutionists don't like it, but it's real science and real education.

For further reading and information:

Visit the Discovery Institute's website for information on intelligent design <<http://www.discovery.org>>.

Learn about GenBank at its website <<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/index.html>>.

Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, DEVELOPING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW OF SCIENCE AND EVOLUTION (Tyndale House, 1999).

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Russell F. Doolittle, "Microbial genomes multiply," NATURE 416 (18 April 2002): 697-700. www.nature.com/cgi-taf/DynaPage.taf?file=/nature/journal/v416/n6882/full/416697a_fs.html

Daniel Fischer and David Eisenberg, "Finding families for genomic

FROG - Fully Rely On God

"I learned that church isn't just some thing to get in the way of your Sunday schedule, it's an important and vital part of my life."

As I dug in my resources, I ran across these articles from Chuck Colson from just a couple years ago and this one just *jumped up* because of the stuff I've read and written a couple *weeks* ago. -- Read and THINK.

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Oprahfication and Its Discontents: Our Mile-Wide, Inch-Deep Religious Culture

The weeks following the terrorist attacks [9-11-01] on New York and Washington saw a noticeable increase in church attendance. Americans who hadn't been in churches for years suddenly felt the need to go to church. Millions of Americans watched televised memorial services from the National Cathedral in Washington and St. Patrick's in New York.

This turning to religious faith caught the notice of many cultural commentators. Columnist Peggy Noonan spoke for many people when she wrote that "God is back." A new survey, however, paints a somewhat different picture.

Poll results recently released by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life suggest that the post-September 11 spike in religious influence has flattened out. According to the poll, the percentage of Americans who believe that religion's influence on American life is on the increase has dropped to pre-September 11 levels.

Yet while religion as a whole may have seen its perceived influence wane since September 11, one religion still seems to be benefiting from the post-September 11 surge: Islam. Fifty-four percent of Americans hold a favorable impression of Islam, "significantly" higher than at this time a year ago.

What's even more noteworthy is what Americans believe about the relationship between religion, morality, and truth. For instance, sixty percent of Americans believe that growing up in a religious home makes it more likely that a child will be a moral adult. Yet less than half say that a belief in God is necessary to be a moral person.

Similarly, more than three-quarters of all Americans agree with the statement, "many religions can lead to eternal life." What's even more distressing, according to Pew, nearly half of the "highly committed" evangelicals polled agreed with that statement — incredible!

The inevitable conclusion from these polling results is that religion in America has succumbed to what has been dubbed "Oprahfication," which takes its name from the talk-show host.

Columnist Terry Mattingly defines "Oprahfication" as the assumption that "all truth is based on human experiences, feelings and emotions . . . as opposed to the claims of religious doctrine, transcendent faith, or cultural traditions."

Thus, the important thing about a religion is how it makes us feel, not whether it's true. In fact, questions about truth claims are considered impolite, uncivil, and even intolerant. If a particular belief makes a person happy, who are we to judge?

As Mattingly has written, this is the direction that American religion, including evangelicalism, is headed, and the numbers bear him out. It's this worldview that causes people to see all religions, even those with diametrically opposed doctrines, as equally valid. And it may be why regard to Islam rose after September 11.

Christians need to help people understand religion is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of truth. Insisting that the truth claims of

Christianity, and of other faiths, be taken seriously isn't "intolerant." On the contrary, it accords them the respect they deserve — something our "Oprahfied" religious culture can't and won't do.

For further reading:

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Rod Dreher, "More Oprah," NATIONAL REVIEW Online, "The Corner," 20 March 2002. <http://www.nationalreview.com/thecorner/2002_03_17_corner-archiv.asp#75026141>

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LaTonya Taylor, "The Church of O," CHRISTIANITY TODAY, 1 April 2002. <<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2002/004/1.38.html>>

Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey, THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S CULTURE (Tyndale House, 1999). <http://www.pfmonline.net/products.taf?_function=detail&Site=BPT&Item_Code=BKCTC>

Has it occurred to you that nothing "just occurs" to God? God sees the last and the next five millenniums clearer that we see the last five minutes. God sees the last and the next five millenniums clearer that we see the last five minutes.

People will be more impressed by the depth of your conviction than the height of your logic

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Do you know what you believe? Can you spot a counterfeit immediately? Do you *know* what is *true*, so well, that you can immediately tell when something is *not* true?

This article has what the Bible says, and what others say that is counter to what the Bible says.

2/3/08 – Oprah and a new Jesus

by Dr. Richard Dymmel, (c) 2008

Be informed! – For the Super Bowl this past weekend, do you think the coaches and players studied their own game plan and play book? The quarterback calls a play and everyone knows exactly what move to make. – They also studied and watched tapes of the opponent’s games and studied each player they are opposite on the field. They know how he stands - with his left shoulder down, head tipped to the right, makes his first step with the right foot... whatever. - In “Hunt For Red October,” the U.S. CIA agent speaks Russian to the Russian Captain, The Captain questions, “You speak Russian?” He replies, “It is wise to study the ways of one’s adversary. Don’t you think?” – We need to know the enemy’s tactics: twist, deceive, lie, question, look good up front but hide the consequences, and changing the truth by adding to it.

On “Truth Talk Live” on the radio last week I heard a great defense/offense to use with Mormons. – “The message of the Book of Mormon is a different gospel. It’s a different way to be saved than what is in the Bible then, right?” (They should agree with that, that’s one way they are different.) “It was given by an angel, right?” (That’s their story, the angel Moroni revealed the gold plates and the special glasses so he could read them to Joseph Smith that became The Book of Mormon.) – They accept the Bible (sort of) and The Book of Mormon and 2 other books as scripture. Have them open to Galatians 1:6-9 (this is the NKJV): ⁶I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. And v8 from *The Message* reads: ⁸Let me be blunt: If one of us—even if an angel from heaven!—were to preach something other than what we preached originally, let him be cursed. And v8 in the NIV: ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

Now, here comes Oprah on XM radio...

Here’s an excerpt from an email I received, followed by an excerpt from the internet. You can verify this by doing a Google search for “Oprah “A Course in Miracles””.

óó Original Message óó

One of the most celebrated TV hosts and now one who is really pushing for one of the political presidential candidates is Oprah Winfrey. The following is an article that helps to uncover the blinding of America through what is being promoted by Oprah. Personally, considering the deceptions involved with the following, we need to be in prayer and be proactive in our Christian walk! In light of this, whatever else she is promoting needs to be carefully reviewed lest we become totally ensnared. Let us be informed about the truth. Lord Jesus, have mercy upon this nation!

ìOprah and Friendsî exposed millions to New Age Christ on XM Satellite Radio starting January 1st.

Oprah Winfrey let out all the stops on her XM Satellite Radio program this year. Beginning January 1, 2008, Oprah & Friends offered a year-long course on the New Age teachings of ìA Course in Miraclesî. A lesson a day throughout the year will completely cover the 365 lessons from the ìCourse in Miraclesî Workbook.

For example, Lesson #29 asks you to go through your day affirming that God is in everything I see.

Lesson # 61 tells each person to repeat the affirmation ìI am the light of the worldî.

Lesson #70 teaches the student to say and believe ìMy salvation comes from meî.

By the end of the year, Oprah & Friends listeners will have completed all of the lessons laid out in the ìCourse in Miraclesî Workbook. Those who finish the Course will have a wholly redefined spiritual mindset, a New Age world view that includes the belief that there is no sin, no evil, no devil, and that God is everyone and everything.

ìA Course in Miraclesî teaches its students to rethink everything they believe about God and life The Course Workbook bluntly states: This is a course in mind training and is dedicated to thought reversal.

Go back and read Galatians 1:9!

Know what you believe! Know your Bible! Know the Gospel! God has offered to save you from an eternity in Hell as punishment for sin, not meeting His standard of holiness, by having Jesus pay for your sin. By His grace, He offers to impute Jesus’ righteousness to us by believing and accepting that sacrifice. – Ephesians 1:7 NKJV: ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 2:5 NKJV: ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV: ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. †¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Or try the way *The Message* words it: Eph 2:4-5,8-10: ⁴Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, ⁵he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did

all this on his own, with no help from us! ... ⁸Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! ⁹We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! ¹⁰No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Or the New Century phrases it: Eph 2:5,8-10: ⁵Though we were spiritually dead because of the things we did against God, he gave us new life with Christ. You have been saved by God's grace. ... ⁸I mean that you have been saved by grace through believing. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. ⁹It was not the result of your own efforts, so you cannot brag about it. ¹⁰God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

It is not about you. It is all about Jesus and God's grace and mercy.

"Oprah and Friends" to teach course on New Age Christ

www.crossroad.to/articles2/007/smith-oprah.htm

By Warren Smith November 2007

See also [The twisted "truths" of *The Shack & A Course in Miracles* and From God's Truth to the "New Spirituality"](#)

See also [Reinventing Jesus Christ: The New Gospel](#)

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As a [former New Age follower](#) and devoted student of *A Course in Miracles*, I eventually discovered that the *Course in Miracles* was—in reality—the truth of the Bible turned upside down. Not having a true understanding of the Bible at the time of my involvement, I was led to believe that *A Course in Miracles* was "a gift from God" to help everyone understand the "real" meaning of the Bible and to help bring peace to the world. Little did I know that the New Age "Christ" and the New Age teachings of *A Course in Miracles* were everything the real Jesus Christ warned us to watch out for. In Matthew 24 Jesus warned about false teachers, false teachings and the false "Christs" who would pretend to be He.

When I left the New Age "Christ" to follow the Bible's Jesus Christ, I had come to understand that the "Jesus" of *A Course in Miracles* was a false "Christ," and that his *Course in Miracles* was dangerously deceptive. Here are some quotes from the

"Jesus" of *A Course in Miracles*:

- "There is **no sin**. . . " ⁹
- A "slain Christ has **no meaning**."¹⁰
- "The journey to the cross should be the last 'useless journey."¹¹
- "Do not make the pathetic error of 'clinging to the old rugged cross."¹²
- "The Name of Jesus Christ as such is but a symbol... It is a symbol that is safely used as a replacement for the many names of **all the gods to which you pray**."¹³
- "**God is in everything I see**."¹⁴
- "The recognition of **God is the recognition of yourself**."¹⁵
- "The oneness of the Creator and the creation is your wholeness, your sanity and your limitless power."¹⁶
- "The Atonement is the final lesson he [man] need learn, for it teaches him that, never having sinned, he has no need of salvation."¹⁷

Most Christians recognize that these teachings are the **opposite of what the Bible teaches**. In the Bible, Jesus Christ's atoning death on the cross of Calvary was hardly a "useless journey." His triumph on the cross provides salvation to all those who confess their sin, accept Him and follow Him as their Lord and Saviour. His victory on the cross rings throughout the New Testament. It has been gloriously sung about in beloved hymns through the ages and is at the heart of our Christian testimony.

I found the Jesus of the Bible to be wholly believable as He taught God's truth and warned about the spiritual deception that would come in His name. The "Jesus" of *A Course in Miracles* reveals himself to be an **imposter** when he blasphemes the true Jesus Christ by saying that a "slain Christ has no meaning" and that we are all "God" and that we are all "Christ." It was by reading the Bible's true teachings of Jesus Christ that I came to understand how deceived I had been by *A Course in Miracles* and my other New Age teachings.

Endnotes: [those for this excerpt and a few others of interest]

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1/30 – The sky is falling!

Monday, or was it Sunday evening, with the grandkids, we watched the movie “Chicken Little.” It’s what happens *after* the “The sky is falling” incident. A piece of a spaceship falls and hits him. It really is a funny, imaginative, good story. And it has a story line about a kid and his dad that’s good, too. And then this AP news story popped up on my screen. – And the sky IS falling! Chicken Little was RIGHT! Look out below!

I can’t see it. Are you sure that stuff is really out there? Are you sure all that NASA stuff and space labs and satellites are real? I bet it is all done in a secret movie studio and set. Just like the underwater scenes in the movie “Hunt For Red October” were done in a huge warehouse with 15’ long models of submarines and then computer generated backgrounds and all were added. None of that stuff is real.

And angels and demons? Never seen any of that stuff. That’s all myth and tales. It’s not true.

Well, I believe it’s ALL true. Including stuff falling out of the sky.

I think the coolest story about angels is in Daniel 10. To paraphrase... Daniel is praying asking for an answer. An angel finally shows up. He says, “I started coming as soon as you started praying. On my way I ran into the Prince of Persia and he picked a fight with me. We’ve been fighting for 21 days. It’s his fault I’m delayed. Then Michael came to take over the fight so I could deliver this answer to you.” And he tells Daniel the message. “Now, I have to go back and take over for Gabriel and finish the battle with the Prince. Bye.”

There are angels that have dominion over countries apparently. There are battles that go on in a realm and dimension we can’t see. There are battles that are fought to hinder God’s communications to us.

I searched for the lyrics, I couldn’t find it... I know there is a song, country maybe... that goes, “Oh, there are angels around us...” ... There are, you know. They’re real.

Have a blessed day.

Rich

You might find this website interesting:
www.angel-guide.com/angels-quote.html

The lyrics from “Angels Among Us” by Alabama:
http://www.lyricsfreak.com/a/alabama/angels+among+us_20005144.html

....
 Oh I believe there are angels among us.
 Sent down to us from somewhere up above.
 They come to you and me in our darkest hours.
 To show us how to live, to teach us how to give.
 To guide us with a light of love.

Here’s the AP story:
news.aol.com/story/_a/defunct-spy-satellite-falling-from-orbit/20080126173609990001?ncid=NWS0001000000001

Defunct Spy Satellite Falling From Orbit Posted: 2008-01-27

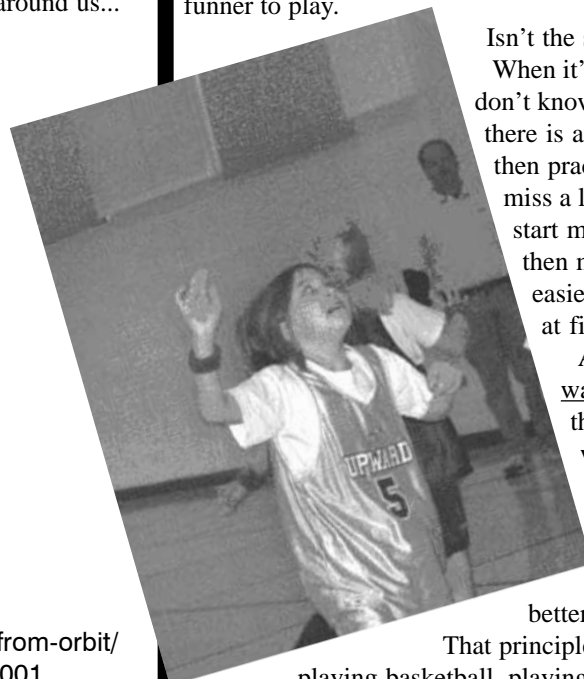
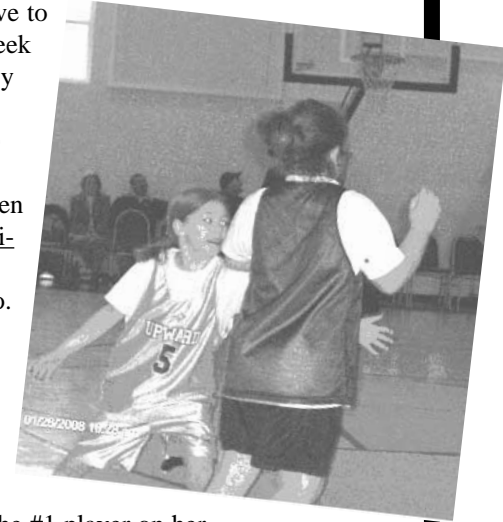
1/29 – Learn to do it

Sat morning was Lauren’s upward basketball game. She’s getting real good, (I have a few pictures... I won’t bother to show you. Well, maybe just a couple.)

She made about 6 baskets in Sat’s game. (In Upward Basketball they don’t keep score, it’s about learning skills... and they have to learn verses each week for practice, and they have a devotional lesson at half-time.) Last year, when anyone passed Lauren the ball, she immediately looked for someone to toss it to. I don’t think I saw her even take one step and dribble the ball. She got rid of it as fast as she could.

This year she is the #1 player on her team. She dribbles. She passes (teamwork). She shoots. She may dribble the ball and run it the full court and shoot. She actively guards her assigned player on the other team; hands up, arms out, blocking.

The difference? Maturity and desire and practice. She wants to. With practice, she’s built her skills. Now it’s funner to play.



Isn’t the spiritual life similar? When it’s “new” maybe we don’t know what to do. So there is a learning time. And then practicing. And so we miss a lot of shots, but we start making a few, and then more. And it gets easier. Everything is hard at first.

And desire. If we want to learn something, it’s easier to want to practice, right? Sure it is. And the more we practice, the easier it becomes and the

better we get at it.

That principle works whether it is playing basketball, playing the trombone, riding a bike, living a holy, pure Christian life, or telling others about Jesus.

Have a blessed day.

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