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From The Director ENVYINGS (III)



CHARACTERISTICS OF ENVY

The study of what the Scriptures reveal about envyings and of the examples found therein shows the following characteristics of this deadly sin.

1. "It is a great evil under the sun that one cannot do well without exciting the envy of others."³³
2. "As love and light come from God, envy comes from Satan. As one who loves is begotten of God, so one filled with envy is a child of Satan."³⁴
3. Envy always tries to hide its true motive, whether its goal is slander, mistreatment, destruction of a good work or reputation, or murder. The Jews

did not ascribe their cruelties to him, their torture and murder of him to that cause [envy], but to blasphemy. They said their great loyalty to God led them to put to death the blasphemer.³⁵

Envy never recognizes or acknowledges itself. A bad man never attributes his wicked deeds to bad motives.³⁶

Judas is an example; he was not a thief; he just wanted to help the poor, he pretended. Envy flies under false colors. It is no surprise that at times envy mimics its father, Satan, posing as an "angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14) in order to gain an audience, cultivate followers, and bring about its devious, Satanic aims.³⁷ Why, it might even [supposedly] "save the church"!

4. Brother E. A. Elam described another characteristic of envy: One envies in others that which one aspires to be. A woman envies the beauty and charms of other women; a man envies the graces and courage of other men. A farmer does not envy the physician or lawyer, but his fellow farmers. Physicians envy physicians; lawyers envy lawyers; preachers envy preachers; politicians envy politicians; the man who makes some money envies other men who make more; and thus it goes.³⁸

This trait can be seen in almost all the Biblical examples above.

5. "Envy acknowledges the superiority of the one envied. One does not envy an inferior, but always a superior; hence envious feelings and actions are the acknowledgment of the superiority and excellences of the object envied."³⁹

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Co-Editor's Column A RENOWNED ATHEIST RENOUNCES ATHEISM Garland Elkins



From a news release from ABC News; New York, Dec. 9, 2004 entitled, "Famous Atheist Now Believes in God," I quote: NEW YORK: A British philosophy professor who has been a leading champion of atheism for more than a half-century has changed his mind. He now believes in God more or less based on scientific evidence, and says so on a video released Thursday. At age 81, after decades of insisting belief is a mistake, Antony Flew has concluded that some, sort of intelligence or first cause must have created the universe. A super-intelligence is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the complexity of nature, Flew said in a telephone interview from England.

According to ABC News, "A Methodist minister's son, Flew became an atheist at 15." The ABC release, among other things quoted an atheist relative to Flew, "Flew's name and stature are big. Whenever you hear people talk about atheists, Flew always comes up." Also, Fox News had a release under the Title: "Leading Atheist Philosopher Concludes God's Real" (Dec. 9, 2004). The ABC and Fox releases are almost identical, almost word for word.

THE WARREN-FLEW DEBATE

A significant debate took place on the North Texas State University campus in Denton, Texas, September 20-23, 1976. The disputants were Dr. A. G. N. Flew, Professor of Philosophy in the University of Reading, Reading, England, and Dr. Thomas B. Warren, Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Christian Apologetics, Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, TN.

Mr. Flew affirmed: "I Know That God Does Not Exist," and brother Warren denied that proposition. In the last half of the debate, brother Warren affirmed: "I Know THAT GOD DOES EXIST." And Mr. Flew denied that proposition.

THOMAS B. WARREN AS A GREAT CO-WORKER

Brother Warren and I worked together for seventeen years, and I count that as one of the greatest blessings of my life. He and I worked together in producing **The Spiritual Sword** for fifteen years. He was the Editor, and I was the Associate Editor. When I preached at Southaven, the **Power** magazine was started. Brother Warren was the Consulting Editor, and I served as the Editor. We co-directed fifteen lectureships, and co-edited fifteen books.

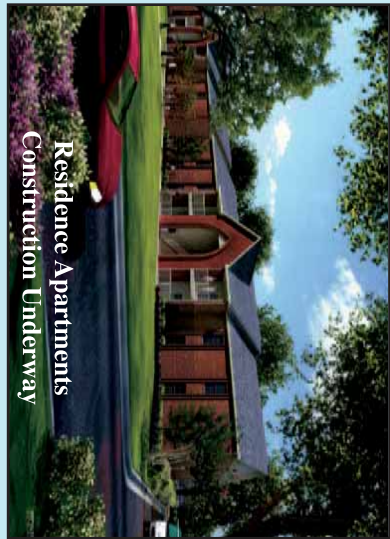
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Memphis. We walked together, and laughed and cried with each other. We were often on lectureships together, and when he left town by himself I often took him to the airport and met him there when he returned. Quite often, sister Faye Warren spent the nights with our family while he was away. After brother Warren's death, sister Warren called and said there was a condominium for sale in her building, and she urged my wife and me to purchase it so that we could live near each other again. We very much appreciated her desire that we move there, but we could not do so at that time.

Both Faye and Tom were great servants of God, and some of the dearest friends that Corinne and I, and our children, have ever had. Our memories concerning them are precious indeed! Like righteous Abel they "being dead yet speak" (Heb. 11:4).

BROTHER WARREN AS A DEBATER

Brother Warren was an outstanding debater, and there were many reasons why that was true. He was an outstanding Christian, and a faithful and able Gospel preacher. He was blessed with an abundance of natural ability, and he knew the Bible well, and also he was well prepared in academe, having studied to the highest level. He often told me that his major reason for his earning his doctorate in philosophy from Vanderbilt University was in order that he could meet the most capable of the atheists. I heard him debate three atheists, and his debate with Mr. Flew was the first one of them. In all of them, truth prevailed and brother Warren always conducted himself as a Christian gentleman.

I have attended and heard many debates, but I do not recall having heard a debate in which truth triumphed in a more decisive manner. For over ten years, I have taught a course concerning debating at the Memphis School of Preaching. Each year I show my class the videotape of the Warren-Flew debate, and point out to them that brother Warren is an example of a great debater.

Brother Warren told me that it was his purpose in his debate with Mr. Flew to convert him. If brother Warren were still alive, given the fact that Mr. Flew has renounced atheism, my belief is that brother Warren would fly to England and attempt fully to convert Mr. Flew. In my judgment, there would be a real possibility that he could have done it! I cannot prove this, but in my own mind I am convinced that brother Warren is one of the major reasons that Mr. Flew has now renounced atheism. Brother Warren told me that during his debate with Mr. Flew he walked over to his table and saw that Mr. Flew had a copy of brother Warren's book entitled, "Have Atheists Proved There Is No God?" Brother Warren said that the book was very worn around the edges indicating that Mr. Flew had used it much in his studying. Mr. Flew's change is a devastating blow to atheism. He is to be congratulated and commended for his change. He now needs to learn the identity of the God of the Bible, and obey Him and become a Christian.

I conclude with brother Warren's "Introductory Statement" in the Warren-Flew debate:

DR. WARREN'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

"I would just like to express my appreciation for the wonderful opportunity to be a disputant in this debate—and for the presence of so many which indicates an interest in things beyond the ordinary things, matters which transcend the purely physical. I am happy to be involved in this discussion because I have such high regard for the scholarship of the man who is my opponent in this discussion, and I assure you that every word that I shall speak will be from love and concern for *him* as well as for everyone else. I have not the slightest bit of animosity toward him personally. I have great admiration for *him* as a scholar, though, of course, you understand—from the very fact that we are here—that I do not agree with his position. He and I will agree, I take it, that every person should study the evidence and draw only the conclusion that is warranted by that evidence. That is in harmony with what it means to be a Christian and it is in harmony with what I will try to do throughout this discussion."

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6. Envy does its evil work and takes action by using excuses, which are dressed up in the skin of reasons. Brother Powell said: There is a mighty thin line between a lie and an excuse. Aesop tells of a hungry wolf which was standing by a stream, while below him was a little lamb. The wolf did not want to devour the lamb without some kind of excuse, so he said to the lamb, "Stop muddying this water." The lamb turned to the wolf and said, "Don't you see you are above me?" "Well," said the wolf, "you muddied it a year ago." "Ah," said the lamb, "but I was not born a year ago." "Well," said the wolf, "it doesn't make any difference, I did not like your father, and I am going to eat you." So you see, an excuse is not by any rule a reason. Unprincipled men deal in excuses and not reasons.⁴⁰

7. The objects of those guilty of envyings have done them no harm. What harm had the righteous Abel brought upon his brother, Joseph upon his brothers, David upon Saul, Daniel upon the other presidents, Christ upon Judas or upon the Jewish leaders and mob? The envious were motivated by an evil heart of insane hatred and jealousy (Prov. 14:30). "It is envy that causes most of the world's problems."⁴¹

8. Envy is intent in its aim to discredit, to remove, and/or to destroy its object. Brother Elam wrote,

Again, and worst of all, envy seeks to put out of its way the object which excites it, and stoops sometimes to the lowest depths and uses the vilest means to do so, as when Joseph's brethren sold him—a weeping and clinging lad, a tender and helpless child in their care and keeping, but also in their cruel power—into slavery and imprisonment. It is sly and sneaking, undermining and treacherous, or bold and arrogant in accomplishing its purpose. The enormity of this sin is increased when committed in the name of religion, professed loyalty to Jesus, and love for the church.⁴²

However, brother Elam observed later, "Envy never says: 'I want the object that excites and troubles, pains and distresses me, out of my way, if I have to destroy it.'" He continued,

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, and their company did not say: "We envy Moses and Aaron." They said, "Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of Jehovah?" (Num. 16:1-3). They accused Moses and Aaron of doing that which Moses and Aaron did not do, but that which they themselves wanted to do and made an effort to do. They attributed what they undertook to do in violation of God's law to their love for the rights of the people.⁴³

9. "What rust is to iron, and mildew is to corn, and the moth is to the cloth it breeds in, that is envy to the unhappy heart in which it dwells.' Envy will wreck one both physically and spiritually. We should never allow ourselves to be guilty of it for a moment."⁴⁴ Speaking of the wounding words of a talebearer and of "burning lips and a wicked heart" of a treacherous, hateful, deceitful person who has "seven abominations in his heart" (no doubt one of which is envy), Solomon appropriately warned, "his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation. Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him. A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin" (Prov. 26:22-28). Brother Cox wrote, "The false accuser loses the respect of his fellows, and soon finds himself in painful isolation."⁴⁵ (Continued Next Month)

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEMPHIS SCHOOL OF PREACHING LECTURESHIP

MARCH 27-31, 2005

THEME: "WHAT IS MAN?"

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005			Class 2:	What Is Man—According To The Theory Of Organic Evolution?	Andy Cates
9:30-10:20 A.M.	What Is Man—In View Of An Absolute Ethical Standard?	Jerry Martin	3:10-4:00 P.M.	Open Forum	Garland Elkins
10:30-11:30 A.M.	What Is Man—As Shown By The Providence Of God?	Barry Grider	4:00-7:00 P.M.	INTERMISSION	
6:00-7:00 P.M.	What Is Man—According To World Religions?	David P. Brown	7:00-7:30 P.M.	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING	
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2005			7:30-8:30 P.M.	What Is Man—As Created By God?	Paul Sain
8:30-8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL: Treasure In Earthen Vessels	Ralphelle Hubbard	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2005		
9:00-9:50 A.M.	God Created Male And Female—A Study Of Human Sexuality	Curtis A. Cates	8:30-8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL: Preparation For Life	Phillip Vanwinkle
10:00-10:50 A.M.	What Are The Roles Of Men And Women?	Don McWhorter	9:00-9:50 A.M.	What Is Man—In View Of His Senses?	Tommy Hicks
Class 1:	(Women's Class) What Is Man—In View Of Death?	Corinne Elkins	10:00-10:50 A.M.	How Does God Communicate To Man?	Cliff Lyons
Class 2:	What Is Man—According To Humanism?	Sean Hochdorf	Class 1:	(Women's Class) Man And The Stars	Irene Taylor
11:00-11:50 A.M.	The Benefits Of A Merry Heart	Billy Bland	Class 2:	What Is Man—According To Communism?	Dave Leonard
Class 1:	God Has Given Man Work To Do	Lane Dix	11:00-11:50 A.M.	Man And Civil Governmen	B. J. Clarke
Class 2:	What Is Man—In View Of Eternity?	Wayne Jones	Class 1:	What Must Man Do To Be Saved?	Jeff O'Dell
11:50-1:10 P.M.	LUNCH		Class 2:	What Is Man—As Unearthed By Archaeology?	Dan Cates
1:10-2:00 P.M.	What Is Man—In View Of An Absolute Moral Standard?	Dub McClish	11:50-1:10 P.M.	LUNCH	
Class 1:	(Women's Class) Man Is The Object Of God's Love	Annette B. Cates	1:10-2:00 P.M.	How Does The Personality Develop?	Allen Webster
Class 2:	What Is Man—As A Steward Of God's Blessings?	Keith Dixon	Class 1:	(Women's Class) Man And The Dinosaurs	Melinda Thompson
2:10-3:00 P.M.	Man Has A Spirit Within Him That Will Live Eternally	Gary Colley	Class 2:	How Did Man Come To Use Language?	Skip Andrews
Class 1:	What Is Man—In View Of His Dominion?	Anthony Hixson	2:10-3:00 P.M.	What Is Man—In His Relationship With God?	Michael Hatcher
Class 2:	Man's Relationship With Fellow Man	Gideon Rodriguez	Class 1:	Of One Blood God Has Made Man	Troy McNutt
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TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2005			7:30-8:30 P.M.	Man As A Servant	James Rogers
8:30-8:50 A.M.	CHAPEL: Workmen Approved Unto God	John Barker	THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005		
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CURTIS A. CATES' BOOK ON THE HOLY SPIRIT EXPANDED AND ENLARGED

"Hot off the press" is the book **Does the Holy Spirit Operate Directly Upon the Heart of a Saint? A Review of Neo-Calvinism Among the Lord's People** by the MSOP's director. Two very valuable addenda have been added on "The All-Sufficiency of the Scriptures" and the error of "Transferred Righteousness." These enlargements of the book refute such Calvinistic tenets as: Total inability, Imputation of Adam's sin to all mankind, Imputation of man's sin [those who are of the elect] to Christ, the Imputation of Christ's righteousness to the saved, the direct, supernatural operation of the Holy Spirit and baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the elect, grace alone through faith alone, the inability of the child of God to overcome sin, etc., all of which destroy man's free will and make the Bible a "dead letter." "It exalts the inspired Word as

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From November 23rd through December 9th, Billy and Terry Bland, Vada Rice, Ronnie Scherffius, Andy Cates, and Curtis A. Cates were privileged to make an evangelistic trip to Asia (Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore), in connection with the **Twentieth Annual Asia Bible Lectureship**, as well as gospel meetings and other evangelistic endeavors and/or teaching in **Four Seas College**. Please look for brother Bland's review of this trip's activities and success, in the February issue.