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Polygenosy

An Allegory

by — Stephen Hill

The year is 2021, and the world has reached an unprecedented era of ungodliness. The signs of the End Times spoken by the Apostle Paul are more evident now than they have ever been. The United States, still hailed as a powerful beacon of hope by many, is leading the crusade against righteousness while hiding behind a guise of purity and freedom.

The U.S. government has passed the Defense of Parent – Child Equality (DOPE) Act, and claims that the law will put an end to the unfair discrimination between parents and their children and ensure that children are no longer victims of a cruel and archaic system.

DOPE prohibits parents from having more than one child – a practice known as “polygenosy,” from the Greek *poly* meaning “many” and *genos* meaning “offspring” or “generations.” Lawmakers unanimously support the legislation, reasoning that 1) a child with one or more siblings will inevitably struggle with unfair feelings like jealousy and abandonment; 2) parents with more than one child are forced to neglect their children at least part of the time; 3) parents cannot possibly love all of their children equally; 4) a child will lose his or her sense of identity and not realize his or her full potential if they are not their parents’ sole focus; 5) it is unfair and discriminatory for parents to be able to have multiple children while kids cannot have multiple sets of parents; and 6) parents who desire more than one child are selfish and clearly just want more kids to serve them.

Christendom as a whole supports the DOPE legislation and upholds it as biblical, stating that 1) having one child is not biblically a sin; 2) Jesus was the *only*

begotten Son of God, so God’s ideal family model must be one child; 3) Paul prefers that people remain single, so no Christian should get married and have any children at all, let alone more than one; 4) the practice of polygenosy is “immoral”; and 5) having multiple children was okay and common in ancient, Old Testament times, but is too hard and not practical or ideal today.

Since abandoning their long-held beliefs of parents having multiple children, Christians have made it their mission to preach and demand the practice of monogenosy (parents having only one child) throughout the world. In many other countries and faith groups, polygenosy is still frequently practiced, and Christian missionaries are working tirelessly to eradicate the practice, demanding that polygenostic families abandon all of their children but their first-born. Families are being torn apart as fathers (known as “polygenosts”) cannot bear abandoning their children, but fear spending eternity in hell if they don’t

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obey what the missionaries claim is God’s command.

Because DOPE prohibits any set of parents from having more than one child, millions of orphans – only able to now be adopted into childless homes – remain parentless and cost tax payers countless extra tax dollars. Still, the government and majority of citizens reason that it is better for these orphans to remain without parents than the “abusive” alternative of being placed in plural-child homes.

Many parents, recognizing the absurd and unbiblical nature of DOPE, have multiple children in secrecy. The government only recognizes children with a legal birth certificate as legitimate, “real” people and threatens to imprison any set of parents with multiple licensed children under a third degree felony; so plural children families have all of their children beyond their first child at home without the government knowing. As a result, these “victim” children are forced to battle the daily struggle of concealing

their happiness and true identity from the rest of the world, including their closest friends and extended family members.

Of the thousands of secret polygenostic families, two bizarre families that abused their children have made the news, and these two families now exist in society’s eyes as the perfect and true reflection of the plural child lifestyle. A small group of “victim” children have left their plural child families and have written books and done interviews painting the polygenosy lifestyle in an awful light as manipulative, abusive and immoral.

On the other hand, one brave and healthy polygenosy family (a true example of the plural child norm) has taken a great risk and contracted with a popular television network to film a reality show in an effort to fight for the decriminalization of DOPE. Public response to the show is extremely varied. Many view-

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We will attempt to take an honest, fresh look at the subject of the family from a Biblical perspective, and to recover truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding, and fear (Mark 7:7, 13). Readers are encouraged to be as the Bereans and search the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-11; I Thessalonians 5:21). This publication is not intended to provide personal or legal advice.

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Love Bestows Loveliness

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Women are naturally beautiful creatures. Exceedingly beautiful, in fact. When we speak of their beauty we do not limit it to the outward, for ultimately true and lasting beauty radiates from the inside out.

Have you ever noticed the superior beauty of a woman who is loved? Love bestowed upon her radiates out.

We have all known women who were, by cultural standards, not considered all that “beautiful”; but when loved they began to radiate with a unique beauty all their own.

Other women, already deemed as beautiful, in the presence of love, glowed with even greater beauty. Questions such as, “Wow, what are you doing differently?” are commonly asked. Such is the very nature of love.

Doug Wilson addresses this point:

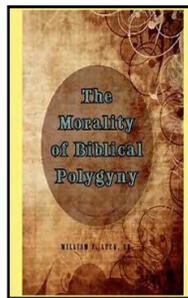
There is nothing wrong with wanting a lovely garden; there is a great deal of folly in wanting a lovely garden that will tend and keep itself. The Bible teaches that a Christian husband is responsible for the loveliness of his wife. Before she is married, her father is responsible for that loveliness. When she marries, her husband assumes this responsibility. The husband’s example in this loving is Jesus Christ.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

God therefore requires husbands to love their wives *with effect* ... I will discuss the importance

of *inward* beauty ... but because we live in a culture that is obsessed with external beauty, Christians have sometimes reacted and thought that any consideration of physical beauty is “worldly,” and that Christians should be concerned solely with spiritual qualities ... Yet in fact, this is not spiritual Christianity at all ... it is Gnostic disparagement of the material world ...

A brief consideration of many scriptural passages demonstrates that there is such a thing as feminine beauty.



The Morality of Biblical Polygyny

by — William F. Luck, Sr.

28 pages, PB. \$5

This is an amazing, courageous, contemporary work. William Luck is the son of Moody Bible Institute’s Dr. G. Coleman Luck, Sr, Chairman of the Department of Theology, and a capable biblical scholar in his own right.

“God didn’t ask me my opinion about the issue. He expected me to represent His. I’ve tried. If you can prove I’m mistaken, I’ll be the first to thank you. But I’m not holding my breath in the meanwhile.” – the Author, from the Introduction

“To date [over twenty years after its original publication], I find the arguments ‘pro’ quite superior to those ‘con.’” – the Author, from the Conclusion

- The Background
- Laws That Imply the Moral Propriety of Polygyny
- Passages That Appear To Prohibit Polygyny
- The Association of Polygyny with Other Evils
- Alleged Prohibitions of Polygyny
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Abraham, for example had a beautiful wife.

He said unto Sarai his wife, "Behold now, I know that you are a fair [beautiful] woman to look upon" (Genesis 12:11).

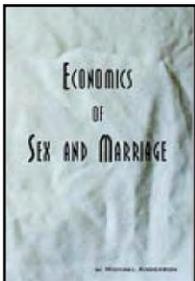
Isaac also married a beautiful woman:

And the damsel was very fair [beautiful] to look upon (Genesis 24:16).

Jacob also loved a beautiful woman.

Rachel was beautiful and well favored (Genesis 29:17).

When husbands undertake the assigned responsibility of loving their wives in such a way that they grow in loveliness, they need to understand that the results will be visible. This does not mean that, with the right husband, all women could be equally beautiful. Some women have the advantage of a greater natural beauty, and others had exceptional fathers – men who treated their daughters right; but it *does* mean that a man who marries biblically should expect his wife to be visibly lovelier on their tenth anniversary – and if
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Economics of Sex and Marriage

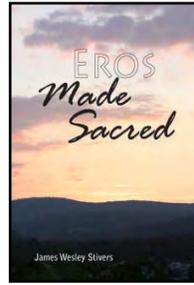
by — Michael Anderson
86 pages, PB

We can look all around us and observe many things about human behavior regarding sexuality and marriage.

Using the logical deductive approach of the Austrian economists, this book attempts to provide a unified theory explaining some of the major phenomena of human mating relationships. The seemingly “pro-polygamy” conclusions presented here are bound to make this work controversial, but this was certainly not the author’s intent.

These conclusions inescapably follow when the basic principles of economics are applied to human sexual behavior.

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Eros Made Sacred: or

The Biblical Case Made for Polygamy

by — James Wesley Stivers
(originally published in 1991)
74 pages, PB. \$13

This book presents a clear biblical justification for polygamous marriage as sanctioned by the Holy Scriptures. The issue of polygamy is used to contrast current moral biases with those found in the Bible. First published more than 15 years ago, this thoughtful work has gone unrefuted. Provocative, instructional, challenging, edifying. The book chapters are:

- Polygamy: A Biblical Custom
- Objections Answered; In Favor of Polygamy
- The Ministry of the Patriarch
- Polygamy as a Tool of Christian Dominion
- Feminism, Monogamy and Witchcraft

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ers hate and despise the “weird” and “cultish” family due to fear from their mere lack of understanding for their lifestyle, while many others see that the family is loving and happy in spite of their departure from societal norms and that they do not pose a threat to them in any way.

For now, the majority of U.S. citizens remain supportive of the DOPE legislation, and plural-children families do not expect the law to be overturned any time soon. The cry of the populace is “one set of parents, one child!” In the meantime, countless children remain alone, uncared for and dependent on a corrupt, oppressive, ungodly system. The question now is, will they realize how simple and obvious the answer to their many problems is – the answer found in Scripture? **¶**



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God's Solution for Single Mothers

by – Marvin George

In America, about half of our kids are being raised by a single mom.

I think that the problem is slightly worse in the evangelical churches than among the unchurched, and it is far worse among the Navajo people to whom I was ministering. The problem could be virtually eliminated if the Church would believe *and act on* what the Bible says about marriage. Biblically speaking, those kids are orphans and their moms are widows. James 1:27 and Psalm 68:5 to me is a mandate from God that His Church must take action. ...

The leadership of evangelical churches won't even discuss it. Their attitude is, "Polygyny? A possible answer to our kids being lost? You pervert! Are you a Mormon? What we need is another 'Christian rock' concert [substitute your favorite imitation of the world's entertainment] to bring in more kids so they can hear the Gospel."

Apparently, in their minds, the Pope settled the issue 10 centuries or so ago when he officially replaced God's Word on marriage with the doctrines of pagan goddess-worshiping cults, so why should anyone even waste time studying biblical teaching about marriage? **¶**

Marvin lives in Colorado Springs, CO; a former Church of God minister (denominational HQ in Cleveland, TN), he was fired from his position as an Assistant Pastor, followed by a defrocking and excommunication for refusing to recant the statement, "The Bible does not say it is a sin for a man to have more than one wife."



Bible Polygamy

Biblepolygamy.com features the straightforward teaching ministry of Brian Kelson. Here is a sampling of many topics found:

- Why teach the truth of Polygamy?
- Why is truth suppressed?
- Polygamist men and women in the Bible
- Early church and Martin Luther
- By the power vested in me?
- Fear & Hypocrisy

When the apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians he had been painted in a negative light by those opposing him. His apostleship had been put in question, his gospel had been ridiculed and his person had been defamed.

Paul's vigorous appeal to his friends was ultimately ignored and in his last letter to Timothy we read that "all in Asia had turned away from him." ... This very Paul warned that in the last days, sound doctrine would not be endured and Christians would ever learn but never acknowledge the truth.

Many attempts will be made to discolor the truth of polygamy, but this site appeals to all readers to examine the Word of God against popular theology.

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she is not, he knows *he* is the one responsible. As the one responsible, he has to know where true beauty begins.¹ **¶**

1. Douglas Wilson, *Reforming Marriage*, pp. 53-57.



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The "Disturbing" Truth About Polygamy

by – Pastor Chris Linzey

Here's the tough truth – there is no biblical mandate against having multiple wives. Suffice it to say, the Bible never comes out and says polygamy is sin.

Interestingly, in the OT, polygamy was not about getting more nookie, but about preserving the clan/family line and protecting women. With no male child a family line might die out. Multiple wives made possible the

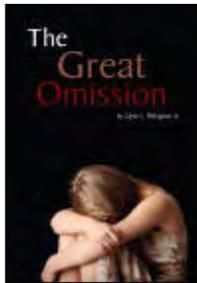
preservation of the family line ... Polygamy allowed for women to be taken into a family and cared for when they might not have been okay otherwise. 

The Bible Blogger
(Excerpt)



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The Great Omission: *Christendom's Abandonment of the Biblical Family*

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

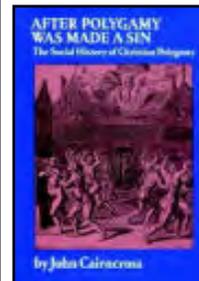
204 pages, PB. \$15

This book presents twenty years of study, taking a candid look at the issue of multiple wives in Scripture and society. The book chapters are:

- The Problem: The Sad, Ignored Epidemic
- The Divine Provision
- The Marital Gift
- The Old Testament Scriptural Precedent
- The New Testament Scriptural Precedent
- The Religious System's Destruction of the Biblical Family
- The History of Its Practice
- The Cultural Issue
- The Benefits of Plural Marriage
- Who Is Immoral?

This book also has 14 appendices.

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After Polygamy Was Made a Sin

The Social History of Christian Polygamy

by — John Cairncross

260 pp., PB. \$30

Cairncross contends in this fascinating historical analysis that it was when the Church became centered in Rome that "polygamy" became a "sin." Based on rigorous research he demonstrates however that there is a strong underground polygamous Christian tradition, including support from such prominent figures as Milton, Newton, Spinoza and others.

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South African Department Minister Defends Polygamy

The government cannot stop a woman from entering a polygamous marriage, because it is protected by the constitution, said Lulu Xingwana, the *Minister of Women, Children and People with Disabilities*:

South Africa is a diverse and multi-cultural society as articulated in Chapter 2, Section 9 of the constitution, that (prescribes that) the state may not discriminate on the basis of culture, religion amongst others. Polygamy is not a crime in this country, and therefore the minister cannot prevent an adult woman of sound mind who makes a conscious decision and choice for such a marriage.

Xingwana said that the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act of 1998 recognized that polygamy was practiced in certain cultures and religions.

To highlight her point, the minister cited the right of women and children to inherit from their husbands or fathers' estate. **H**

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March 4 2014
Cape Town



Lulu Xingwana
South African Minister of the Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities



Biblical Families

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Biblical Families is a ministry dedicated to encouraging and strengthening Biblical marriages, including, but certainly not limited to, plural marriage. We see plural marriage as a good, and caring, option for believers – ensuring that no one need be left without a family.

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- Discussion Boards
- Newsletters
- Retreat Information
- Local contacts
- Links to other helpful resources



Man and Woman in Biblical Law

by — Tom Shipley

268 pages, PB. \$30

The goal of this book is to lay the foundation for the establishment of a truly biblical social order, especially within the community of Bible-believing, Christ-honoring families. The subject matter is patriarchy. The biblical exposition contained herein is devoted to establishing the proposition that it is patriarchy which was and is mandated by God ever since the original creation of man and woman. The scriptural discussion on polygamy here serves as a supporting role to the fundamental proposition of God-ordained and mandated patriarchy.

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Decriminalization of Polygyny Is Essential

by – Brian Kelson

Bigamy is the act of ... having more than one spouse at the same time, which is against the Law in most countries.

Polygyny, in most cases, is de facto/common law marriage and is thus not “against the Law” since no legally binding contract is signed.

The fact stands that Law enforcement agencies in the USA do not prosecute folk for practicing polygyny. Warren Jeffs was not tried for polygyny, Tom Green was not prosecuted for practicing polygyny, and the group in Texas was not pursued for practicing polygyny. Hopefully the American public has more understanding than some media groups who see polygamy on trial whenever a perpetrator within such marriages is on trial for his/her infringement.

Polygyny must be decriminalized immediately for at least these reasons:

1. Polygyny is not against God’s Law, so why legislate contrary to God? Aren’t we supposed to embrace freedom of religion?

2. To legislate against those who, in all good conscience, seek to serve God and His laws, is a denial of human rights and discrimination. It marginalizes those who have as much right to be recognized as any other member of society. America supposedly embraces the Word of God but would be obliged to condemn Abraham and most of the Old Testament saints because of its failure to acknowledge polygyny.

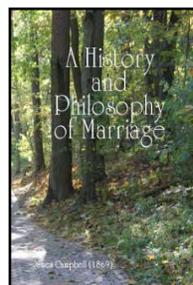
3. Not all individuals (or cultures, societies) are monogamous, and to legislate against such individuals is manifestly intolerant by those who espouse tolerance.

4. To legislate against folks within our own society who may not structure their families exactly like we do, and to demand that they comply with our position, has been proven historically to be a pointless exercise.

5. Failing to recognize what exists legally [without harm to others] facilitates ignorance by limiting freedom to present points of view without prejudice.

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS

Slavery lives under many guises. Polygyny is not the mother of abuse; lack of legal protection is the catalyst for abuse. Perhaps we need a wide publicity campaign to assure that those living in restrictive FLDS polygynous communes can embrace the Law for their own protection.



A History and Philosophy of Marriage:

Polygamy and Monogamy Compared

by — James Campbell
(originally published in 1869)
142 pages, PB. \$20

A reprint of Christian philanthropist James Campbell’s classic work, originally published in 1869 in Boston, Massachusetts.

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It must be said that decriminalization of polygyny certainly would open up many areas of action for the law enforcing agencies to prosecute abuse in such families.

Decriminalization of polygyny would also enable any practicing polygynous family to live fearlessly and in peace before the law and their community. Husbands and wives who embrace polygyny would do so knowing that they had legal obligations before the Law and not live under the vagaries of an appointed religious authority. It would also provide them with all of the protection that the law affords against those who would abuse or ridicule them for their choices.

Polygamy is not sin, never has been, never will be. 

[Edited, abridged]



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Polygamist Cultures

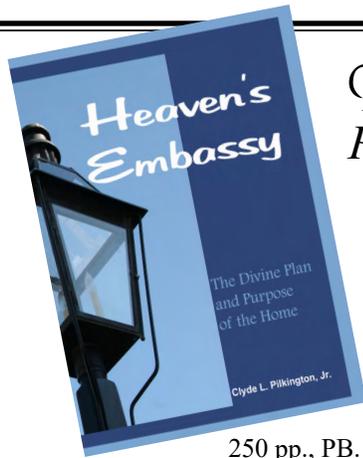
by – Joe Carter

Out of 1170 societies recorded in *Murdock's Ethnographic Atlas*, polygyny (the practice of men having more than one wife) is prevalent in 850. Even our own culture, which has an astoundingly high divorce and remarriage rate, practices a form of “serial polygamy.” 

On the Square



Joe Carter is Web Editor of *First Things* and the co-author of *How to Argue Like Jesus: Learning Persuasion from History's Greatest Communicator*.



Heaven's Embassy – The Divine Plan & Purpose of the Home

by – Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it (Psalm 127:1).

This book represents many years of work. The author believes that it is one of the most important books that he will ever be privileged to write, simply because it is about one of the most vital scriptural subjects that could ever be addressed.

The home is central to all of God's dealings with man throughout the course of time. It is His Divine “institution” and “organization” on the earth; and for the believer, it is the *Embassy of Heaven*. An embassy is “**the residence or office of an ambassador.**” Since the believer is an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:14-21), his home is thus the *Divine Embassy* of heavenly ministry.

Pauline ministry is centered in the homes of believers. This is even the true sphere of the Body of Christ; for this reason our apostle speaks of “*church in thy house.*” This book doesn't focus upon the *external* specifics of the ministry of *Heaven's Embassy* (such as *hospitality*); that will be saved for another volume. Instead, it looks at the inner-workings of the *Embassy* itself, focusing upon its very nature and *internal* purpose and function.

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The Benefits of Polygamy?

by — Leroy Seat

Opponents of same-sex marriage, using the slippery slope argument, sometimes say that recognition of such marriage would lead to approval of polygamy also. I have argued, correctly I think, that those are two completely separate issues and the slippery slope argument is not valid.

Yet recently I have thought more about the subject of polygamy and have, surprisingly, come to the conclusion that perhaps it should be legal in this pluralistic country.

There has been no legal polygamy in the Western world for centuries. Perhaps, to a large degree, this has been because of Christianity; but maybe there should be some provision for polygamy in the U.S. now.

As we know, there was widespread polygamy in the

Old Testament, and because of that there have been some instances of polygamy in Western history. For example, in the 1530s polygamy was practiced in Münster (in what is now) Germany.

Under reforms made by Jan van Leiden, the self-proclaimed King of Münster, polygamy became mandatory, because it was the practice of the Old Testament and thus sanctioned by God. (Also on a practical level the woman/man ratio was something like 3 or 4 to 1, so there was an overabundance of women in the city). Leiden would take 16 wives for himself.

There was also approval, in 1540, of the bigamous marriage of Philip of Hesse, one of the most important among 16th century German political leaders. His taking of a second wife had the approval of some of the leading Protestant theologians of the day, including Martin Luther's reluctant consent.



Still, in most “Christian” nations, bigamy/polygamy has overwhelmingly been recognized as being opposed to the teachings of Christianity and made illegal.

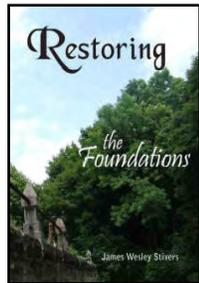
Yet there are other ways to look at the issue. I came across a most interesting article that gives many reasons why the practice of polygamy is superior to monogamy. Let me share just one:

Polygamy protects the interests of women and children in society. Men in Western society make the laws. They prefer to keep polygamy illegal because it absolves them of responsibility. Legalized polygamy would require them to spend on their additional wives and their offspring. Monogamy allows them to enjoy extra-marital affairs without economic consequence. 

The View from This Seat
Edited and abridged



Born in Grant City, MO in 1938, Seat graduated from Southwest Baptist College (Bolivar, MO) in 1957 (A.A.), from William Jewell College (Liberty, MO) in 1959 (A.B.), from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY) in 1962 (B.D., equivalent of M.Div.). He also received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in theology from SBTS. He was a Baptist missionary to Japan from 1966 to 2004, a full-time faculty member at Seinan Gakuin University (Fukuoka, Japan) from 1968 to 2004, Chancellor of Seinan Gakuin from 1996 to 2004 and Adjunct professor at Rockhurst University (2006-), and pastor emeritus of Fukuoka International Church.



Restoring the Foundations: Essays in Relational Theology

by — James Wesley Stivers
(originally published in 1995)
94 pages, PB. \$13

A companion book to *Eros Made Sacred*, this is a study of the Christian Man’s relation to God, woman, his children, his firstborn, social order, etc.

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Why Do You Believe That?

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