IT IS WRITTEN

CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

IT SEEMS THAT NONE OF OUR CHURCHES HAVE BEEN "ACTING";OR AT LEAST,NONE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO DATE FOR THIS ISSUE OF "IT IS WRITTEN".

I HAD HOPES THERE WOULD BE SOMETHING DEFINITE TO REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CARLSBAD NEW MEXICO MEETING,BUT TO DATE I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY DEFINITE ACTION OR NOT.THERE ARE MANY PLACES WE SHOULD CARRY THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO A LOST AND RUINED WORLD;AND BRETHREN,WE SHOULD MAKE THE BEST OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE BEFORE US.

JESUS SAID;"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE"--MARK 16:15. ALL THE WORLD IS LOTS OF PLACES;AND "EVERY CREATURE" ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE WE MUST PREACH THE GOSPEL T TO.

WHAT AN ENORMOUS TASK THE LORD HAS PUT BEFORE US,AND HOW LITTLE I AM ACCOMPLISHING. IT SEEMS TO ME I AM ALMOST MAKING A FAILURE OF THIS TRUST BROTHER;HOW ARE YOU COMING WITH THE JOB?DO YOU FEEL PERFECTLY SECURE WITH YOUR PRESENT ACTIVITIES?

THE BIBLE SAYS,"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS,THAT THEY MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO THE TREE OF LIFE AND MAY ENTER IN THROUGH THE GATES INTO THE CITY".REV.22:14.THESE BRETHREN,ARE GOSPEL FACTS.

AGAIN THE BIBLE SAYS; GOD WILL TAKE VENGENCE ON THEM THAT KNOW HIM NOT AND OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL- 2 THES.1:8.

AGAIN JESUS SAYS:"THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU WILL JUDGE YOU IN THE LAST DAY"- JNO.12:48.

YES,I EVEN TREMBLE AT THESE FEW THOUGHTS;KNOWING THE TASK BEFORE US--"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE"--MARK 16:16. AND GOD WILL TAKE VENGENCE ON THEM THAT DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL-2 THES 1:8;AND THE "WORD WILL JUDGE US IN THE LAST DAY"-JNO.12:48. HOW WILL I STAND IN THAT GREAT DAY?

BROTHER,DO YOU FEEL PERFECTLY SECURE THAT ALL WILL BE WELL WITH YOU WHEN YOU MEET EVEN THESE THREE SCRIPTURES IN THE JUDGMENT?

THINK IT OVER,AND IF YOU ARE NOT OBEYING THESE AND OTHER SCRIPTURES THAT WILL MEET US IN THE JUDGMENT;LETS YOU AND I GET BUSY AND DO ALL WE CAN WHAT FEW DAYS WE HAVE IN THIS WORLD.

THE REWARD WILL BE WONDERFUL IF WE DO;BUT THE CONSEQUINCE WILL BE AWFUL IF WE DO NOT.

TIME IS SHORT;THE JUDGMENT IS COMING ON;GOD WILL VERIFY EVERY THREAT AND PROMISE HE HAS MADE.MAKE NO MISTAKE.

O! HOW ANXIOUS WE ARE THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OBEYS HIS LORD IN BAPTISM; SHOULD WE NOT BE JUST AS ANXIOUS TO OBEY OUR LORD IN THIS MATTER?

COME ON LETS YOU AND I;ALL OF US WHO ARE FAILING IN THIS DUTY-HELP THOSE OTHERS WHO ARE REALY DOING THEIR BIT IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD; AND WHAT A WONDERFUL HOME WE WILL HAVE BEYOND DEATHS TURBULENT STREAM.

GOD BLESS US ALL THAT OUR "CHURCH ACTIVITIES" MAY BE ACCORDING TO HIS HOLY WORD.

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GROWTH.

IN DAN.2:31-45; WE FIND NEBUCHADNEZAR'S VISION OF THE UNIVERSAL EMPIRES AND THEIR BEING BRIKEN UP AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE MAIN POINT HOWEVER,WE WISH TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TOO IS ITS SMALL BEGINNING AND ITS GROWTH.
IT IS LIKEN TO A STONE BEING CUT OUTOF A MOUNTAIN WITHOUT HANDS AND ITS SMITTING THE IMAGE AT ITS FEET AND DESTROYING IT;AND THE STONE GREW INTO A GREAT MOUNTAIN AND IT FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH. DAN.2:34-35.
IN DAN.2:44-45;WE HAVE DANIELS APPLICATION OF THIS LESSON TO GOD'S KINGDOM,SHOWING THAT IT WOULD BREAK IN PIECES AND CONSUME THESE KINGDOMS AND STAND FOREVER.
BY READING THE NEW TESTAMENT WE CAN SEE THAT GOD'S KINGDOM DID HAVE A SMALL BEGINNING.JOHN HERALDED THE COMING OF JESUS;JESUS TOOK UP THE TASK AND FOR ABOUT THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS HE TAUGHT,HEALED SICK FOLKS,AND PREFORMED MANY WONDERFUL DEEDS;AND AT LAST DIED THE DEATH OF THE CROSS BEING BETRAYED BY ONE OF THE TWELVE. BUT HE CAME FORTH FROM THE TOMB A MIGHTY CONQUERER,AND ON THE FIRST PENTECOST AFTER HIS RESSURECTION HE SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT AS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED IN JOHN 14:16-17; 14:26; 16:7-16; LUKE 24:49; ACTS 1:4-8;AND INSPIRED THE APOSTLES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO A LOST AND RUINED WORLD. SEE ACTS 2:-.BY FOLLOWING THE APOSTLES THROUGH THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS,WE SEE THE WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THIS INSTITUTION,THE KINGDOM OF GOD.BUT IN ALL ITS SPREADING FORTH THERE WAS BUT ONE THING THAT WOULD REPRODUCE,AND KEEP THIS KINGDOM GROWING;AND THIS WAS THE "SEED OF THE KINGDOM",THE WORD OF GOD.LUKE 8:11. A MIXTURE,OR A PERVERTED GOSPEL (GAL.1:6-12),WOULD NOT REPRODUCE THE GENUINE KINGDOM OF GOD ANY MORE THAN MIXED SEED WOULD REPRODUCE A PURE STRAIN IN OUR VEGATABLE KINGDOM.
LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AND THEY GREW BY,"SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE,MAY GROW UP INTO HIM IN ALL THINGS,WHICH IS THE HEAD,EVEN CHRIST FROM WHOM THE WHOLE BODY FITLY JOINED TOGATHER AND COMPACTED BY THAT WHICH EVERY JOINT SUPPLIETH,ACCORDING TO THE EFFECTUAL WORKING OF EVERY PART,MAKETH INCREASE OF THE BODY UNTO THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE". EPH.4:15-16. YES, THE TRUTH,"THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM",CAUSED GROWTH. NO OTHER SEED WOULD ANY MORE THAN PLANTING COTTON SEED WOULD PRODUCE CORN. BUT THE SAME THING THAT WOULD REPRODUCE THIS KINGDOM AND KEEP IT GROWING;WOULD ALSO REPRODUCE ITS COMPONANT PARTS AND KEEP THEM GROWING, WHICH ARE THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THIS INSTITUTION.SEE EPH.4:15-16.
AS INDIVIDUALS OUR ENTERING INTO THIS INSTITUTION IS DESCRIBED AS A BIRTH. 1 PETER 1:22-23;JOHN 3:5.BUT WE AS NEW BORN BABES DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD THAT WE MAY GROW THEREBY". 1 PET.2:2.
"SINCERE"--MEANS;TRUE,HONEST,GENUINE,FRANK.(WEBSTER). THE MILK OF THE WORD COULD NOT BE "SINCERE"-"TRUE"-OR "GENUINE" AND YET BE MIXED. HENCE,WE SEE-SINCERE-TRUE-.OR GENUINE MILK OF THE WORD IS THE GOD GIVEN DIET WHEREBY BABES IN CHRIST MAY GROW.1 PETER 2:2.
AND BROTHER,DON'T FORGET THAT BABES MUST AND DO GROW.THEY ARE NOT FULL GROWN AT BIRTH,BUT MUST DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD THAT THEY MAY GROW THEREBY.SO WE SHOULD NOT BE READY TO DISFELLOWSHIP THEM FOR THE THE MISTAKES THEY MAKE--NOT KNOWING THE WILL OF THE LORD;THEY CANNOT BE MATURE CHRISTIANS WITHOUT GROWTH.THINK BROTHER,HOW LONG IT TOOK YOU TO GROW TO YOUR PRESENT STATURE IN CHRIST-AND YET YOU ARE STILL GROWING. DON'T EXPECT A BABE TO BE FULL GROWN AT BIRTH. I THANK GOD THAT CHRISTIANITY IS A GROWTH;FOR IF IT WERE NOT ,WHAT A MISERABLE FAILURE I WOULD BE.AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF GROWTH I AM STILL A DWARF. TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF BROTHER;HOW ABOUT YOU? NO WONDER THE LORD REQUIRES US TO BE LONGSUFFERING ONE WITH ANOTHER.EPH 4:2;GAL 5:22;2 TIM.4:2;COL.3:12-13.
THE PROPPER DIET,"THE SINCRE MILK OF THE WORD"(1 PET 2:2); MUST BE FED TO THOSE BABES BY GOD'S FEEDERS.ACTS 20:28;1X PETER 5:1-3.AND IF FED-T THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD;THEY WILL GROW.1 PET.2:2. YES,IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD--2 PETER 3:18.AND THEREBY OUR FAITH WILL GROW 2 THES 1:3;FOR FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. ROM.10:17.

AND IF EVERY PART EFFECTUALLY WORKS IN ITS MASURE, THE RESULTS WILL BE"MAKETH INCREASE OF THE BODY UNTO THE EDITYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE". EPH.4:16.BUT DON'T FORGET THAT THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED ONLY BY SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE-.EPH. 4:15.READ EPH 4:14-16.

THE TRUTH, GOD'S WORD, THE SEED OF THE KINGDOM, IS THE SPIRITUAL DIET THAT WILL GET RESULTS: A PERVERTED GOSPEL WILL NOT.GAL 1:6-12.THERE IS A BROAD DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CHILD OF GOD IN THE PROSCESS OF GROWTH, AND A HERETICK.A GROWING CHILD OF GOD WILL TAKE TEACHING AND GROW--WHILE A HERETICK IS SET IN HIS WAYS AND ADMONITION IS IN VAIN.SEE TIT.3:10 AND ALSO TIT.1:15-16. HERE AGAIN I WISH TO WARN EVERY ONE NOT TO THINK THAT HE CAN REASON OUT WHAT IS RIGHT BY THE SCIENCE OF LOGIC. SO CALLED LOGIC IS AS FULL OF HOLES AS MAN AND HIS LANGUAGE ARE FULL OF MISTAKES.

TAKE YOUR LOGIC BROTHER, AND SEE PAGE AFTER PAGE WARNING AGAINST THE PITFFALLS OF ERROR.

THERE ARE 64 MOODS OR COMBINATIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL AFFIRMATIVE, THE UNIVERSAL NEGATIVE;AND THE PARTICULAR AFFIRMATIVE, AND THE PARTICULAR NEGATIVE;ONLY ELEVEN OF THESE COMBINATIONS ARE VALID.THE UNSCRUPULOUS WOULD USE THEM ALL.THEN THERE ARE FOUR FIGURES THROUGH WHICH EACH OF THESE GOMBINATIONS MAY BE CARRIED THROUGH;MAKING A TOTAL OF 256COMBINATIONS.AND THERE ARE ONLY 19 CORRECT USEABLE COMBINATIONS.WHAT A MAJORITY FOR THE CHANCE FOR ERROR! THIS IS DANGEROUS FOOD FOR ANYONES GROWTH, MUCH LESS A BABE.NO WONDER THE LORD SAID, "MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS-IS.55:8.NO WONDER THE LORD SAID ,"NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS"-IS.55:8. YET THE SCRIPTURES MAKES US "PERFECT"-"THROUGHLY FURNISHES US" 2 TIM.3:16-17.BY IT HE "GAVE US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS"-2 PETER 1:3. THESE "INFERENCES"ARE PRESUMPTION PURE AND SIMPLE.ONE OF THE DEFINITIONS TO "PRESUME"-IS TO "INFER".YET, MY WILL STOOP TO USE THEM TO THE DIVISION OF THE CHURCH, WHEN WE HAVE THE PLAIN WORD OF GOD. PRESUMPTION WILL BRING DEATH-- DEUT.18:20.

SEE WEBSTERS DICT.(UNIVERSAL) THIRD EDDITION, PAGE 1958.

BASED ON "PROBABLE" GROUNDS WITHOUT A DIRECT STATEMENT;OR CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCEHOW DARE ANYONE INSINUATE GOD LEFT AN ESSENTIAL TO BE BASED ON SUCH EVIDENCE.ANY TIME GOD REQUIRES ANYTHING OF HIS PEOPLE HE STATES IT IN PLAIN UNMISTAKABLE LANGUAGE.

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE RESULT OF SUCH REASONING IS FOUND IN BRO.WARRERS BOOK-"THE COMMUNION"ON PAGE 17 WE HAVE;-"BY LOGIC OF INDUCTION, WHEREBY WE DRAW FROM PARTICULAR CASES GENERAL PRINCIPLES, WE ARRIVE AFTER STUDYING THE ABOVE SCRIPTURES AT THIS INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION AND PROPOSITION;THE BREAKING OF BREAD IN THE COMMUNION IS AN ACT PERFORMED BY EVERY COMMUNICANT".---- NOW BROTHER SUPPOSE HE DID AS HE SAID--BUT HE DIDN'T.THE RESULT OF A LOGICAL DEDUCTION IS AN "INFERENCE" --"AN INFERENCE"IS ONE OF THE DEFINITIONS OF "PRESUME".THIS ADMISSION IS SUFFICIANT TO KILL HIS DIGRESSION WITH ALL WHO RESPECT THE TRUTH. WHEN A MAN ADMITS SO MUCH YOU KNOW HE HAS NOT A DIRECT STATEMENT FOR HIS DOCTRINE; HENCE, RESORTS TO "INFERENCE"(PRESUMPTIOM) FOR HIS PROOF.SEE DEUT.18:20.

THE PRACTICE AS IT OBTAINS AMONG THOSE BRETHREN, IN WHICH THE ONE SERVING PARTAKES OF EACH OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE SUPPER BEFORE PASSING THEM OUT TO THE AUDIENCE, WHICH DIVIDED THE CHURCH;HE WILL NOT--NOR CANNOT BE INDUCED TO AFFIRM IN ORAL DISCUSSION. THESE "SEEMETH RIGHT" TO MEN BRINGS DEATH--PROV.14:12.YES, SEEMETH, INFERED, PROVEN CIRCUMSTANTIALLY.

NO WONDER PETER SAYS;"SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD" FOR BABES 1 PETER 2:2.

THE WORD OF GOD MAKES US PERFECT-THROUGHLY FURNISHES US-2 TIM.3:16-17.

WE STAND PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN ALL THE WILL OF GOD--COL.4:12. WE ARE TO "ONLY LET OUR CONVERSATION BE AS BECOMETH THE GOSPEL--PHIL.1:27.

GOD SUPLIES ALL OUR NEED THROUGH CHRIST--PHIL.4:19. EVERY THOUGHT IS TO BE BROUGHT TO OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST--2 COR.10:3-6.

NOT ONE TIME ARE WE TOLD TO "INFER";NEITHER ARE WE COMMANDED TO OBEY ALL THINGS "INFERED".BUT PRESUMPTION(TO INFER) IS CONDEMNED THROUGHOUT GOD'S HOLY WORD.

WHY WILL BRETHREN RESORT TO THIS HUMAN WISDOM WHEN IT WILL NOT STAND THE ACID TEST OF GOD'S HOLY WORD?

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING QUOTATIONS WHICH CONDEMS ALL SUCH HUMAN WISDOM.

GOOD WORDS AND FAIR SPEECHES DECIEVE-ROM.16:17-18. BY WORLDLY WISDOM WE CANNOT KNOW GOD-1 COR.1:21. PAUL DID NOT USE THE WISDOM OF MEN -1 COR.2:1.PAUL DID NOT USE THE ENTICING WORDS OF MANS WISDOM-1 COR.2:4. OUR FAITH MUST NOT STAND IN THE WISDOM OF MEN-1 COR.2:5; BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD- 1 COR.2:5;ROM.1:16.THE APOSTLES DID NOT SPEAK THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE-1 COR.2:6.THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD WILL COME TO NAUGHT-1 COR.2:6. GOD'S WORD ABIDES FOREVER- 1 PETER 1:25. MAN CANNOT KNOW THE THINGS PREPARED FOR GOD'S PEOPLE,ONLY AS THEY ARE REVEALED-1 COR.2:9-10.THE GOSPEL WAS NOT SPOKEN IN THE WORDS WHICH MANS WISDOM TEACHETH- 1 COR. 2:13.BUT ON THE CONTRARY THEY TAUGHT THAT WHICH WAS REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT- 1 COR.2:13.STILL MEN WILL FEED THE BABES IN CHRIST SUCH TRASH AS THEY "INFER", INSTEAD OF THE "SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD THAT THEY MAY GROW THEREBY"-1 PETER 2:2.

IF WE SPEAK,WE MUST SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD-1 PETER 4:11.THOSE THINGS WE HAVE BOTH LEARNED RECIEVED,HEARD,AND SEEN IN THE APOSTLES ARE THE THINGS TO DO- PHIL.4:9. IF WE MINISTER WE MUST DO IT AS OF THE ABILITY WHICH GOD GIVES- 1 PETER 4:11.NOT THE THINGS WE GUESS,"INFER", THINK; THOSE SEEMETH RIGHTS BRINGS DEATH-PROV.14:12.BY THE USE AND TEACHING OF THIS WORLDLY WISDOM WE INSULT THE WISDOM OF GOD AND DESTROY THE UNITY AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE.PAUL EMPHATICALLY DECLARES THAT IN CHRIST DWELLS ALL THE TREASURE OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE- COL.2:3;TO RESORT TO GUESSES OR THINGS WE "INFER" IS TO CAST A DOUBT ON THE ABOVE SCRIPTURE.IN COL.2:4 PAUL CONTINUES;"AND THIS I SAY,LEST ANY MAN BEGUILE YOU WITH ENTICING WORDS".IN THE 8 TH VERSE HE SOUNDS ANOTHER SOLEMN WARNING;"BEWARE LEST ANY MAN SPOIL YOU THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN DECIET,AFTER THE TRADITIONS OF MEN,AFTER THE RUDIMENTS OF THIS WORLD AND NOT AFTER CHRIST". NO AMOUNT OF EXPLAINING OR ENLARGMENT COULD DRAW THE LINE PLAINER BETWEEN THE WISDOM OF MEN AND THAT REVEALED TO US BY OUR GOD.HOW DARE ANY OF US "SPOIL" OURSELVES OR THE BABES IN CHRIST BY TEACHING THEM THIS TRASH,THE WISDOM OF MEN, AND NOT THE WISDOM OF GOD.

"EVERY WAY OF MAN IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES"-PROV.21:2.BY OUR WAYS OF REASONING WE CAN JUSTIFY OURSELVES IN ANY COURSE WE MIGHT WISH TO PERSUE. MANY MORE SCRIPTURES COULD BE USED TO SHOW THE ALL SUFFICIANCY OF GOD'S WISDOM AS REVEALED IN HIS HOLY WORD;AND THE DAMNING EFFECT OF THAT WHICH "SEEMETH RIGHT TO MAN"(PROV.14:12);BUT THIS IS SUFFICIANT TO SHOW THAT THE MILK AND MEAT(HEB.5:11-14) OF GOD'S ETERNAL WORD IS ALL WE NEED TO DEVELOP INTO STRONG MEN AND WOMEN IN THE LORD.

IN GOD'S HOLY WORD IS A WEALTH OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE UNDREAMED OF; AND A BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY OF SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR ALL,BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, WEAK AND STRONG;AND WE MUST NOT RESORT TO THE WISDOM OF MEN WHICH IS CONDEMNED IN GOD'S WORD. THE WISDOM OF MEN ARE THE THINGS WHICH MAKE FOR DIVISION;WHILE THE WISDOM OF GOD MAKES FOR PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE.

MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER BLESS US ALL IN ATTAINING TOO,AND MAINTAINING THAT UNITY FOR WHICH OUR LORD PRAYED.

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