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But Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good. And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve the LORD! So Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him. And they said, We are witnesses! Now therefore, he said, put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel. And the people said to Joshua, The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" (Josh. 24:14-24).

300 years before Joshua, Jacob had issued a similar command to the professed people of God. The nation was facing impending danger, for some of the family leaders had wickedly slaughtered an entire group of people near them because of the rape of Jacob's daughter by the neighbouring leader's son. Jacob learned afterward of the revenge led by two of his sons, and knew they were all in grave danger. Jacob had the entire group, known as "the 12 tribes of Israel," to remove and discard their earrings and all similar items, as they were directly connected to idolatry. Jacob wanted to be entirely rid of anything that was even remotely related to unfaithfulness to God, for he knew they could only survive through His protection. It worked. This is a powerful and ever-contemporary lesson, for individuals and nations.

Jacob was faithful to God and spiritually alert to see the looming peril. In a sense, Jacob sang to God, Please

Release me, let me go. But in this case, Jacob would be referring to "release" from almost certain extermination of them all. Jacob knew how to hold on to God until God told him to release Him! Jacob replied, "No! I won't let You go, unless You bless me!" (Gen. 32:26). Jacob meant business, so God meant business! The same principle applies today. Yet, God is faithful even when man is not!

Another thing to learn is that though Jacob gave this command (regarding the earrings and jewellery), the lesson was forgotten by succeeding generations. For example, Moses' brother, Aaron, later made that infamous golden calf with the people's earrings. Gideon, whom God used to save Israel (after Moses and Joshua) soon failed by using golden earring gifts from thankful Israelites to make an idolatrous object, thereby failing God. However, during Moses' time, many Israelites gave golden earrings, etc. in order to make needed parts of the famous Tent of Worship prior to entering the Promised Land. For self or for God?! The greatest "gold" to dedicate to God is genuine, obedient faith (1 Pet. 1:7 cf. Rev. 3:18; Job 23:10).

Worldliness cannot be "dedicated to God!" It brings Him no glory. The man, Achan, hindered the entire nation and caused many to get killed by his disobedience regarding this matter (Josh. 6 & 7). Israel's first king, Saul, did similarly (1 Sam. 15). Achan desired gold, silver and items of fashion for himself. Saul blamed the people, and said that they had decided to dedicate to God items that God said to destroy. In each case, these men were terribly wrong. Oh, the consequences! God means what He says, today, too!

Our cry to God should be "Release Me," from sin that I may fully love YOU! Release FROM and Release TO. Yes, "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," indeed! FREEDOM!

**"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed'" (Jn. 8: 31,32,36). Jewish listeners protested, claimed they were Abraham's descendants and that they were never servants/slaves of anyone. Pride blinds the eyes, mind and heart. They "forgot" their history, and buried the truth in a ridiculous lie. "RELEASE ME" is conditional to eager obedience to God. R U Ready?**

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"'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' is a well-known phrase in the United States Declaration of Independence." So states the internet's Wikipedia. Adam and Eve originated that "pursuit." They tragically called the wrong side of the coin and lost the gamble. Consequences, as always, came with their choice. In this case, their loss had global impact, not only for the human race...which was an enormous-enough impact...but also on the environment. All creation has been groaning ever since (Romans 8:22).

The opening quote, above, depicts a wonderful desire, but only if it is desired and pursued in a proper way. "Good things" can be perverted. Our

first parents (Adam and Eve) reasoned selfishly and "forgot" their Creator's clear warning. The subjective (how they felt; how they thought) eclipsed the objective fact of God's "Declaration."

God already had a Rescue Plan in place, since He knew man's weakness and Satan's power (1 Pet. 1:20; Rev. 13:8). Many people criticise God's manner and methods, but I say "Yes" to His infinite wisdom and love.

In His Sovereign Strategy to save man from sin, God "called" Abraham. From Abraham, God made a nation, Israel, through which He would send His long-promised, international, and one and only Saviour: Jesus Christ.

Excluding the details of God's Law given through Moses, and perhaps a few other portions, the entire Old Testament is packed with vivid and repeated examples of Israel's rebellion against God. The Old Testament often exposes Israel's compulsion to be like everyone else around them. Rebellion against God is tricky. Sin, Satan and

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**The London Christian Standard is of "old-fashioned" Methodist roots. Methodist Founder, John Wesley, spoke out for holiness in heart and life, and spoke out against the prevalent sins ("issues") of his day. I wrote against the same-sex law back in 2005, and have since then. I said that "beastaphobic," may be created and used to refer to any who would speak against a person having relations with their pet. A week later, a London Jewish woman married a dolphin in Israel! Now "experts" want dolphins, etc to have "a bill of rights"; another example of perverted "progress." We've had pets for years. We also love nature and go camping yearly, but nature is not God. Nevertheless, "Fracking" in the UK is being pushed by the government and "the big boys," though it has already destroyed natural fresh water supplies all across America. Evil reeks and wrecks everywhere! We need heaven-sent revival! We must return to the God of the Bible! No substitutes nor "helpers," including Sharia Law!**

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selfishness are a “trinity” that can fool the most *apparently* clever people in the world. Look at how *self* and *sin*, alone, caused Lucifer (Satan) to fall. Then he joined in to destroy Adam, who was created *without* sin. And people today think they are more clever and strong?!

**The overwhelming cry of Israel toward God is well-reflected in the words of that old #1 Hit, “Release Me.”** It was written in 1946, but was made popular in 1954; the year I was born. Mr. Humperdinck—*What names they come up with!! His real name is Arnold George Dorsey*—even knocked **The Beatles’ Strawberry Fields/Penny Lane** off the #1 UK slot in 1967. When “Engelbert” did “Release Me,” it sold 85,000 copies a day at the height of its popularity. Why tell you all of this?

Let’s look at the words of the song.

*Please release me let me go,  
for I don’t love you anymore.  
To waste our lives would be a sin.  
Release me and let me love again*

*I have found a new love, dear,  
and I will always want her near.  
Her lips are warm while yours are cold.  
Release me, my darling, let me go.*

*Please release me, can’t you see  
you’d be a fool to cling to me?  
To live a lie would bring us pain.  
So release me, and let me love again.*

To desire to love and be loved is basic to human experience. Yet, like my opening quote regarding “*life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,*” love is a pre-eminent target for perversion and abuse of all sorts.

**The Beatles had “revenge”** on Humperdinck’s #1 victory of early 1967 by their own **All You Need Is Love**, not much later that same year. My first LSD “trip” in 1969 was while listening to Hendrix. I also followed the Beatles, Clapton and a host of others, whose

views on Love were such as led their listeners in a horrible direction morally and spiritually. The music industry, along with the movie and fashion industries, were already making moral and spiritual degenerates by their continuous cluster and carpet-bombing of the souls and minds of man long before the 1960s. Satan uses *these* and other means for his concentration camps where he deteriorates, demeans and destroys souls by the untold millions. I use this warfare analogy without apology. It is no exaggeration, for eternal damnation is worse than the grave. Jesus agreed.

Demoralising industries could argue: **“We’re just giving them what they want!”** This takes us back to Old Testament Israel. Most of the time, Israel was basically saying to God: **“Please release me, let me go, for I don’t love you anymore!”** As with that old Hit song, Israel had found another lover...actually, *many* of them! This was thanks to their idolatrous neighbours and their own rebellious hearts. Any individual or nation that fails to keep their focus on genuine love and commitment to God sets themselves up for destruction. Yet, Israel often denied their failure. They told God they hadn’t done anything wrong. (e.g. Mal. 2:17; 3: 8, 13). They even argued that things were, in fact, *better* for them and the nation when they were worshipping false gods! (e.g. Jere. 7:18 with Jere. 44: 17-19, 25). **IS love blind? It sure can be!**

Yes, long before the 60s, Britain, the U.S. and others were on the fast-track of moral and spiritual decay. Ungodly sources contributed in the deterioration of a people whose spiritual leaders, like Israel of old, were sleeping in the same bed with the world.

1800s **“Evolution”** added greatly in attracting man from God, like an adulteress. The church, not wanting to appear stupid in the face of so-called science, adopted what they called **“Theistic Evolution;”** that God exists and is in control, and uses evolution as a manner of “advancing” His world. Many

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within the church then referred to Genesis (*with its accounts of Adam and Eve, and Noah, etc*) as allegories, legends or tales. Oh!...so Christ’s genealogy traces back to Adam, whom *they* call a “fairytale!” This and other examples remind me of those in the Old Testament verses that say: **“So they feared the Lord, and yet served their own gods after the rituals of the nations.”** If you look at those verses (2 Kings 17: 32-34), it adds **“To this day they continue practicing the former rituals: they do not fear the Lord, neither do they follow their statutes, nor their ordinances, nor the law and commandment which the Lord commanded...” Did you see it!** The verses do not contradict themselves saying **“they feared the Lord and served their own gods,”** and then saying **“they fear NOT...NEITHER...”** This shouts to us that if you try to serve both God AND the world, you end up a pointless and hypocritical blob.

**Though Humperdinck’s hit sold 85,000 records a day,** sin sells far, far more, as it draws people away from the “Lover of their soul,” as Wesley’s song calls Him. But man can be ever-so religious when he wants to be! **“Release Me” says “To waste our lives would be a sin.”** God doesn’t consider Man a waste! A poster of a little boy has the caption: **“I Know I’m Somebody, ‘Cause God Don’t Make No Junk.”**

**“Release Me” continues: “You’d be a fool to cling to me,”** yet God clings in love to man as Jesus clung to the Cross in a Love that provides \*rescue from sin and hell. The song states **“To live a lie would bring us pain”** You’d better believe it, and God has the *greater* pain! However, God doesn’t want us to lie to ourselves or to Him. Yet most people lie to themselves and others *anyway*, even while they are reject or displace God with false, empty, temporary, substitute, rival lovers.

The remedy is simple, though surely radical. London, with its diversified millions, can lead the way in crying out to God: **“Release Me”** from the entirety

of my sin... **“Release Me”** from all sin and sinning so that I can love You the way I should... **“Release Me,”** so that I can focus on doing the positively *holy* and *righteous* things that I should do, in the individual, family, local, national and global arena... **“Release Me,”** that I will go “all-out” against all of the evil that has “evolved” as a direct result of man’s foolish, inward, self-seeking and *original*, sin-causing cry: **“Release Me.”**

The church *should* lead the way back to God in genuine repentance unto true spiritual life and holiness, which will have enormous *practical* application. Jesus said **“No man can serve two masters”**- (Matt. 6: 24). **Elijah, the prophet of fire** from the Old Testament, reasoned with Israel, **“How long will you hop and limp between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.’ But the people answered him not a word.”** (2 Kings 18:21). **Don’t be afraid or embarrassed if people go quiet on you.** Elijah wasn’t.

But long before *Elijah*, Moses’ successor, *Joshua*, likewise reasoned: **“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the [Euphrates] River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. So the people answered and said: Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.**

\* “He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.”  
From the song, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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