

Seek The Old Paths

"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths... and walk therein."

(Jeremiah 6:16)

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RELIGIOUS LIBERALISM

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We often hear the terms, "liberal" or "liberalism." Just what is religious liberalism?

"Liberal" is defined by Webster as "not restricted to the literal meaning; free and unconfined..." As we view religious liberalism, we may say that it is characterized by a loose-ness toward the Bible, toward doctrine, and in life — being unbound and unrestrained!

It is abundantly clear that we do NOT have the right to add to the Word of God, that is, to make laws or bind laws that God did not make or bind (Prov. 30:5-6; Deut. 4:1-2; 2 John 9). That is law-making! On the other hand, neither do we have the right to LOOSE what God has bound; to bend, change, loosen, relax, or undo the laws of God is also wrong (Deut. 4:2; 5:32; Gal. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:19). That is LIBERALISM — *taking liberty with God's Word!*

We cannot make the Lord's Way more narrow or more broad than what God has made it (Matt. 7:13-14) lest we replace God's wisdom with man's philosophy.

Consider some expressions of liberalism we see about us today:

1) LOOSING what God has

said about the one New Testament church of Christ, and making that church of Jesus Christ equivalent to denominations. Thereby, God's eternal plan of revealing his wisdom through the church which Jesus would build (Eph. 3:10-11) is undone by liberalism. The one New Testament church promised by Christ (Matt. 16:18), built by Christ, bought by Christ (Acts 20:28), and owned by Christ (Col. 1:18) is NOT the same as the various divided religious denominations in our world today.

2) LOOSING what God has said about the restrictions of fellowship and extending New Testament spiritual fellowship to all religious groups in plain violation of the limitations God has placed upon fellowship (cf. 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11).

3) LOOSING what God has said about Creation and the beginning of all things and substituting for it the modern theories of evolution. By this expression of liberalism, words of the Bible are faulty (Gen. 1-3) and Jesus Christ himself is found untrustworthy, for Jesus was a creationist (cf. Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6)!

4) LOOSING the very words of Jesus himself, and questioning

their truthfulness, validity, authenticity, and accuracy. Organizations as the "Jesus Seminar" (and such like) who change, distort and delete the words of Christ plainly loose what he said in John 6:63 and John 12:48.

5) LOOSING God's teaching on worship, and adding to worship schemes and devices of men (what Jesus called "the commandments of men," Matt. 15:9) based on man's desire only.

6) LOOSING God's teaching about the purpose of baptism (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16), and instead, substituting the theories of men pertaining to what is acceptable baptism.

The list could continue but we have the idea: the religious liberal, whether he be a Catholic "free-thinker," a Protestant denominationalist, or even one in our own brotherhood, is a danger to the purity of primitive, New Testament Christianity.

Let us be determined to live by Book, chapter and verse: what the Bible says, ONLY what the Bible says, NOTHING MORE than what the Bible says, and certainly NOTHING LESS! Let us avoid the pitfalls of liberalism!

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THE PROPER MOTIVE FOR WORSHIP

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The Bible clearly and plainly states that God's people are to worship Him *"in spirit and in truth"* (John 4:24). The proper "spirit" refers to the right attitude and "in truth" refers to the right manner. In order for worship to reach the throne of God, one must worship God sincerely and correctly.

But how many times does one consider *why* he worships God? What motivates a person to honor God and worship Him *"in spirit and in truth?"* Is it because: 1) It is one's required duty (Heb. 10:24-25); 2) A person fears God (Matt. 25:46); 3) God expects worship; 4) Parents expect such from their children (Eph. 6:1-3); 5) The spouse wants one to go and it will make things easier; 6) A person has nothing better to do; 7) Everyone else is worshipping God; 8) Or one enjoys gospel preaching, Bible study and praising the name of Jehovah?

Now, not all of these motives are bad motives for worshipping God. We are commanded to worship. God expects our worship. One should obey his parents, especially in that which is right. One does not want to discourage others. On the other hand, some of these motives are bad motives. To worship God because one has nothing better to do indicates the heart is not sincere. If one attends worship services because mom and dad forced him to do so, his worship is in vain. And, even if everyone else is worshipping God, that is not what makes it right or acceptable. So what is the real and proper motive for God's people to worship Him? If one lacks this motive, then it may be that his worship has become mechanical and lost its meaning. Why does one worship God *"in spirit and in truth?"*

GOD COMMANDS WORSHIP TO BE "IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH"

God deserves our worship — after all, He is our Creator (Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:1; Eph. 3:8). He is our Sustainer of life (Acts 17:28). He is the Giver of all blessings (James 1:17; Eph. 1:3). He has given the greatest gift to mankind — His Son (John 3:16; 1 John 4:10).

God desires our regular worship. No one else is worthy of our worship. *"Thou shalt have no other gods before me"* (Exodus 20:3). Men do not deserve nor should they desire our worship. Peter told Cornelius to stand, not bow unto him, for he also was a man (Acts 10:26). Paul did not want the Corinthian church to divide over him (1 Cor. 1). Neither Elijah nor Moses deserved tabernacles built for them (Matt. 17:1-5). Angels do not deserve nor desire worship (Heb. 1:13). If God desires our worship, then the more we worship, the more we please Him. Therefore our attitude should not be "What do I have to do," but "What can I do?"

God demands our worship. Our worship honors and glorifies God. We worship God every Lord's Day (Heb. 10:25; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Acts 20:7). Our worship proves our steadfastness and our godliness (Acts 2:42; 1 John 2:3-4).

God describes our worship. The "true worshipper" prepares himself for worship. He will get enough sleep on Saturday night lest he be too tired and too sleepy to worship God properly. He will pray unto God and study His Word during the week so that his heart is prepared properly. He will worship with a pure heart and conscience (Heb. 10:22).

GOD DENOUNCES VAIN WORSHIP

Vain worship is worship which lacks the proper spirit (sincerity). One who lacks sincerity may be at the assembly, he may wait on the Lord's table, he may lead a prayer or participate in the worship in some public way. But those activities do not guarantee acceptable worship. One who lacks sincerity does not get much out of worship. He may be bored or wish he were somewhere else. He may watch the clock and be anxious to leave. And, he might as well, if that is his attitude.

Vain worship is worship which lacks truth. In the Old Testament we read of Jeroboam changing the worship. He changed the authorized *place of worship* from Jerusalem, to the unauthorized cities of Dan and Bethel. He changed the *object of worship* from Jehovah to a golden calf. He changed the *time of worship* to the eighth month. And, he changed the *priesthood in worship* by choosing priests from tribes other than Levi.

In our society, there are many people who may have sincerity, but they lack truth. They allow women to usurp authority. They add a mechanical instrument to the worship. They change the partaking of the Lord's Supper from every first day of the week to Thursdays or perhaps just quarterly or annually. Jesus said, *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"* (Matt. 15:8-9).

Vain worship is the worship of those: 1) Who are outside of Christ (Eph. 2:12; Prov.

28:9); 2) Who are unfaithful to Christ (1 John 1:8-10); 3) Who have offended others (Matt. 5:23-24).

**WE WORSHIP GOD
BECAUSE WE LOVE GOD WHO
FIRST LOVED US**

It is because we love God that we gladly worship Him (1 John 4:16-18). "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). Worship motivated by love enables the child of God to pour out feelings and emotions of the heart in sincerity. The spirit of the true worshipper must be in tune with God to reach His throne of grace and mercy. The love of God motivates man to honor God and worship Him "in spirit and in truth."

It is because of our love for God that the acts of worship acquire deeper and richer meanings. The Lord's supper is properly understood and takes on its special significance. Giving is truly a privilege and grace. The teaching or preaching of God's Word is an avenue of spiritual growth and maturity. Singing praises unto God is more than holding a tune or making a melody, but the words of the hymns are important to us. Our prayers are not vain repetitions, but devout and sincere petitions and thanksgivings unto a merciful God.

It is because of our love for God that fear is cast out. Fear is a valid motive for obeying God (Heb. 10:31; 2 Cor. 5:10-11). But love is also a motive — the ultimate motive. The "goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). "God is love" (1 John 4:8). "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). But one should grow and mature to the point when "love casts out fear." "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in

love" (1 John 4:18).

Some motives are not bad motives for worshipping God, but they are not the perfect (complete) motive. "Love casteth out fear." If we acquire this love for God, then the preacher would never have to preach on forsaking the assemblies, immorality,

and try to put the "fear of God" in our hearts, because we would already be living right and worshipping right.

Friend, what is your motive in worshipping God?

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RECEIVING A FALSE TEACHER

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“Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ; hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house. Neither bid him God speed; for he that bideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 9-11).

ELDERS SHOULD BE MORE ALERT

Most of my brethren would not deliberately and purposely approve false doctrine or endorse a false teacher. Sincere and faithful elders who accept their God given responsibility would not permit wolves to attack the sheep or grant them access to the sheepfold, but sad to say many elders have not prepared themselves to recognize and reject false teachers, although specific warnings have been given by inspired apostles relative to the appearance of many false prophets, who pose an ever-present danger and threat to the Lord's church. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Most elders are so busy trying to supervise all the social programs and meet the budget, and entertain and hold the young people, that there is little time for anything else.

BE SURE YOU SHOOT THE WOLF

There is an effort being made to introduce wolves into the National Parks in the western states, but the sheep growers are strongly opposed, saying that the wolves would pose a dangerous threat to their flocks. They evidently plan to shoot the wolves and defend their flocks, but I hope the sheep herders can identify a wolf better than some of our elders can recognize a false teacher. We have had some sheep shot because some trigger happy leader mistook a sheep for a wolf and shot the prey instead of the predator. The New Testament is very clear in warning Christians against giving any support, encouragement, or bidding "God speed" to any false teacher (2 John 9-11). "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth

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Receiving A False Teacher...

"IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS"

Jimmy B. Hill

Our love for the Lord and one another must not evaporate or desiccate in compliment and flattery, but must discover itself in a strict observance of all the commandments of Jehovah God.

The title of this article is a statement from our Lord as found in John 14:15. Given the context of this verse, we understand the Lord to be saying to his disciples, "Don't show your love to me by sorrow, mourning, and being troubled for my departure; but show it by your obedience to what I have commanded you." This same conditional statement applies to the Lord's modern day disciples as well.

Our love for the Lord and one another must not evaporate or desiccate in compliment and flattery, but must discover itself in a strict observance of *all* the commandments of Jehovah God. This is the only proper evidence and confirmation of our love to Jesus. Mere profession is no proof of love at all. But, that love for Him which leads us to do *all* of His will, to love each other, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross and to follow him completely through the bitter and the sweet — that is true attachment.

How do we know when a child truly loves its parents? It is evident when that child is willing, without hesitation, without contradiction, or without murmuring, to do all that the parents require him to do. So the disciples of Christ are required to show that they are attached to Him supremely, above all others, by yielding to all of His requirements and by patiently doing His will in the face of opposition and

ridicule (1 John 2-3).

The continuation of God's work (in Christ) is based upon His disciples' love for Him. Love for Him is to be the motive in our lives. Obedience to Him is to be the standard for all of our activity (1 Cor. 13:1-3; 16:14; 2 Cor. 5:14; Gal. 5:6). The test for genuine love is the keeping of His commandments. Those who do not keep the commandments of the Lord shall suffer destruction (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Our Lord presses obedience to His commandments as a means, and indeed the only means, by which we can declare our love to Him. Our obedience is the fruit of our true love for Christ.

Now, can we truly love the Lord and not obey His commandments? Suppose He commands us to admonish one another (Rom. 15:14)? Suppose He commands us to reprove and rebuke our brethren who are in sin (2 Tim. 4:2)? Suppose our Lord commands us to discipline the unruly members of the body of Christ and finally withdraw fellowship from all of those who continue to walk disorderly and will not repent (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Thess. 3:6)? Would this be unloving? Or, would this be the fruit of our true love for our God and the Christ?

God will provide goodness and spiritual prosperity for those who abide in His will (2 Thess. 1:11-12). However, He will also

recompense severity and destruction for those who do not abide in His will (Rom. 11:22). Who would dare call Jehovah God unloving?

When we obey the commandments of Christ, we are showing our love for Him and for one another! When we let the sins of our brethren go unnoticed, when we overlook, cover up, or even take up for their sins, we do not show our love for Him but we show our contempt, our disdain, and our hauteur for the love of God and His word (1 Cor. 5:2,6-7; 2 John 9).

Our Lord knew that obedience to the Father would not always be pleasant for His disciples (Matt. 10:16-24). And, even though He personally would have had it otherwise, He gave His life in obedience to the Father (Luke 22:42; Heb. 5:8-9). Jesus always obeyed the will of His Father (John 6:38). And, at His death he lost His friends, He lost His family, all because of His love for the Father. But He knew that the resurrection was sure and that heaven would be worth it all. When we fully realize that heaven will be worth it all, then, and only then, will we display our love for Christ, and for one another, and obey *all* of His commandments, even those we deem unpleasant (1 John 5:1-3).

Do you really love Jesus? If so, keep His commandments.

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A WAY TO DETECT A FALSE TEACHER

As elders we must accept our responsibility in overseeing the flock where we serve (Acts 20:28-31). The church has many false teachers who are active in dividing congregations and bringing havoc upon the Lord's church. For a number of years here at East Corinth, we have been able to detect several false preachers and teachers by sending out a questionnaire containing several questions that can be answered by use of the Bible. Preachers can preach and debate the Word all over the world, but elders can do something about false teachers by stopping their mouths (Titus 1:9-11).

We have found that those who preach error are very critical of answering the questions. On the other hand, those who preach the Truth are very anxious to have the opportunity to answer each question according to scripture. We received one reply from a preacher that didn't want to answer the questions saying his elders told him not to answer them. If they did, what were they hiding? This is one of the reasons we have so much error getting by the elders — they are afraid to know the Truth about those among them! Some answer the questions in a very negative way and you can tell they are offended by the questions. It is proof that many are ashamed of Christ and his Word (Mark 8:38). We keep the answers on file and try to teach those that are in error, but most of the time they are so involved with an ego complex that they are unwilling to repent. Some elders have caused the preachers they oversee to have the complex. We need to compare each other to the Truth found in God's Word instead of comparing them to popularity among the brotherhood.

There are more false teachers today than many elders are willing to admit. Many elders are just not qualified to oversee the flock. We must awake to the important need to oversee the flock (Acts 20:28-30) before the devil enters and doesn't spare the flock. Just because some call themselves "sound" doesn't make them "sound." Preaching and obeying all the Truth will make them sound.

When we first began sending out questionnaires several years ago we had been for several years supporting 12 different preachers in 12 different locations. We received all twelve questionnaires filled out without complaint. We had two returned that were not qualified to be teaching others. If we had continued supporting those two in their work we would have used the Lord's money to teach error. This is the reason we are having to go back and re-teach many in the world today. In the rocky mountain region of the United States we oversee Charles Pledge as he preaches and teaches others to teach the truth. When brother Pledge first entered this work with us he found a very deplorable condition existing in that seven state area. Congregations had died, false teachers were having a field day by being able to teach every wind of doctrine they pleased. Now, things are improving. Some are returning to the Truth. Preachers of truth are entering the area, men in the area are now able to preach the Truth, and things are improving to the point that those in error are asking what they must do to be in fellowship with the Truth-loving Christians.

The church shouldn't be burdened with support of those who are teaching error. We must start marking false teachers (Rom.

16:17-18; Eph. 5:11) and support each other in avoiding them when they come our way. Don't bid them God speed (2 John 9-11). We should all be of the same mind (1 Cor. 1:10). First Peter 3:15 teaches to *"be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."* If you are not aware of all the error that is being taught today, please send a questionnaire to those you support and see where they stand.

We have been shocked during the Cross Roads Movement by men we had confidence in that slipped away from the Lord and fell into the hands of error that will damn the soul. The Boston house-church concept is now making headway into congregations everywhere. They set a goal to do it and elders allow them to do it. Elders have often sat idly by and let the true organization of the church slip away. Many have hired directors to do their work for them. We receive requests for support of interns and youth directors. What happened to the parents and where are the elders that are shirking their duty in directing the affairs of the church? Do you ever wonder why the apostle Paul never mentioned some of these innovations to the churches or told young Timothy that he should go preach to the youth only because he was a youth director? If elders would only use the mental ability God gave us, we could stop a lot of digression that is running rampant today.

I hope these few lines have helped you dear elder. I write these lines from past experience. I would like for you to write me if you know of any thought you have of keeping the church pure from the errors of men. The forces of satan have made it necessary for us to question each other and

make work changes from time to time. We must answer to God and we must be a good watchman (Acts 20:28-31). Far too many elders have no desire to "contend for the faith" (Jude 3). Israel was told to "ask for the old paths...and walk therein" (Jer. 6:16).

In future columns I will be taking each question on our questionnaire and dealing with it and some of the answers we have received from some that we can no longer walk with and support. Thanks for all your comments we receive and we hope we will always speak the same things and be of the same mind.

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"SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH"

The Holy Spirit instructed Paul to warn us that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons" (1 Tim. 4:1). He later tells us in 2 Timothy 2:17 of Hymenaeus and Philetus, who were teaching "the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some." He adds to that list of apostates his co-worker, Demas, who forsook him "having loved this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). No doubt in your own experience you could name several who once were faithful but no longer walk with us, and we weep over their departure. Judas Iscariot was once a disciple of Christ, and Benedict Arnold was once a citizen of the United States; and, in my 86 years I can name several men who were once faithful preachers of the Gospel who have departed from the faith.

We first met brother Rubel Shelly years ago when as a young man he came to Memphis. Everyone was singing his praises because he was a young man with unusual ability having a great personality, a gifted speaker, and one who preached the gospel with power and fervor and contended earnestly for the faith. Brother Shelly has returned to Memphis, after several years absence, to lecture our young people, but he is now far different from the Rubel Shelly we once knew. We still love him as a person, he still has great potential, but he has "gone out from us" (1 John 2:19). Some brethren still use him and will not believe that he has changed. They evidently have not read his articles in his magazine "Wineskins," listened to his taped sermons, or heard some of his recent lectures. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the FACTS. Some of his former instructors have vocally rejected his views, and brother Willard Collins, former president of David Lipscomb University, regrets having hired him to teach at the School and now repudiates his teaching. SHOULD WE URGE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HEAR HIM??

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Theme:

The Seven Churches of Asia - Revelation chapters 2 & 3

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 9:45 The Historical Background of the Seven Churches *Windell Fikes*
- 10:35 Where Satan's Seat Is - Descriptions of Satan (2:9,13; 3:9) *Jim Blankenship*
- 7:00 I have Not Found Thy Works Perfect Before God (3:2) *Garland Robinson*
- 8:00 The Church Today Is Seen In The 7 Churches of Asia *Ed Casteel*

MONDAY, JULY 29

- 9:00 He That Hath Ears To Hear, Let Him Hear (2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22) *Nat Evans*
- 10:00 The Doctrine of Balaam (2:14) *Wayne Smith*
- 11:00 He...Who Walketh in the Midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks (2:1)..... *Ken Burleson*
- 1:30 Them Which are Evil...Thou Hast Tried Them (2:2)..... *Ronnie Whittemore*
- 2:30 I Know Thy Works - Jesus Knows (2:2,9,13,19; 3:1,8,15) *Wayne Cox*
- 3:30 That Woman Jezebel And Her Influence (2:20)..... *Alan Adams*
- 7:00 Fear None of those Things Thou Shalt Suffer (2:10)..... *Gilbert Gough*
- 8:00 When Jesus says... "Thou Art" (2:5,9; 3:1,15,16,17) *James Boyd*

TUESDAY, JULY 30

- 9:00 The Spirit Sayeth: Inspiration (2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22) *Richard Carlson*
- 10:00 To Be Like God We Must Love & Hate (3:9,19; 2:6,15)..... *Virgil Hale*
- 11:00 Digression Update '96 *Wayne Coats*
- 1:30 I Will Fight Against Them With The Sword of My Mouth (2:16) *Terry Joe Kee*
- 2:30 Strengthen The Things Which Remain (3:2) *Jerry Joseph*
- 3:30 As Many As I Love I Rebuke & Chasten (3:19)..... *Toney Smith*

- 7:00 Thou Hast Left Thy First Love (2:4) *Eddy Craft*
- 8:00 Remember From Where Thou Art Fallen (2:5; 3:3) *Wayne Coats*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

- 9:00 Thou Hast A Name that Thou Livest And Art Dead (3:1)..... *Jimmy Bates*
- 10:00 I Have Set Before Thee An Open Door (3:8) *Dean Fugett*
- 11:00 I Will Give Unto Everyone Of You According To Your Works (2:23) *David Morton*
- 1:30 Repent or Else (2:5,16) *Terry Cole*
- 2:30 Difficult Expressions: The Angel of the Church (2:1,8,12,18; 3:1,7,14), Tribulation 10 Days (2:10), Deeds & Doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (2:6,15), Come Quickly (2:5,16; 3:11), New Name (2:7; 3:12), Great Tribulation (2:22)..... *Richard Guill*
- 3:30 Thou Shalt Not Know What Hour I Will Come Upon Thee (3:3) *Phil Jenkins*
- 7:00 I Counsel Thee (3:18) (When Jesus Counsels We Better Listen) *Sidney White*
- 8:00 I Stand At The Door & Knock (3:20)..... *Charles Blair*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- 9:00 Be Watchful (3:2)..... *Everett Spencer*
- 10:00 Thou Hast Kept The Word Of My Patience (3:10) *Don Tate*
- 11:00 Thou Art Lukewarm (3:16)..... *Steve Fishel*
- 1:30 Be Zealous Therefore (3:19)..... *Calvin Pugh*
- 2:30 The Hour of Temptation (3:10)..... *David Lemmons*
- 3:30 A Few...Which Have Not Defiled Their Garments (3:4) *Daniel Wolfram*
- 7:00 Faithful Unto Death - Hold Fast (2:10,25; 3:3,11) *Ken Burleson*
- 8:00 He That Overcometh - Rewards of the Righteous (2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21) *Charles Leonard*

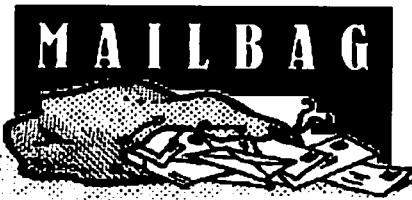
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