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How have you prostituted yourself?

By Ute Galloway

What? Did I read this question right? What does she mean how did I prostitute myself? I never.....

For those of you who are sitting currently in the Truth Project with Dr. Tackett and for those who already been through it, you know exactly what I mean by this question. How have you prostituted yourself away from God?

In Numbers 15: 39 *And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring;*

To follow your own heart, that is what it means. How have you wandered away from God? Instead, to hold fast to Him who is your sword to protect you from yourself?

There have been two times in my life I have been prostituting or whoring myself away from God, and both times I regret for my own heart caused nothing but heartaches and pain. Not just for myself, but for the people around me. I can see that now, however I also have to deal with the consequences of my actions, and consequences are always painful and long lasting. As those

of yourselves who have been there, you know that consequences always outlast the five minutes it took to make these bad choices.

When I was between 16 and 20, I found myself in a stage of my life where I was following the right of passage. Living in Germany, not having grown up in a Christian family, never being close to God, I thought my life was okay. Things, which were important to me, were boys, being liked by the in crowd, clothes, stuff, all of which got me into trouble. When I finally got invited to parties, (I never had been one of the popular kids, and understanding now when God makes you an individual stop trying to fit in, God will find your crowd) I found myself involved in the group of people who were sparklers and nothing but socially inclined, and what all do you owe. So I bought items I could not effort to impress the status quo, I dated guys to find love and found sex, and the end result was that I was still alone. What followed was a call to my friend who was ten years older than me, who came rushing to my side in the middle of the night who kept me from taking my life.(Looking back upon that situation, that was a poor attempt from the Devil to keep me away from my Heavenly Father who saved me in Korea.) Then I left for Korea, and God brought Meg into my life and with her came the Truth about love, and (through family, and my Lord Jesus Christ. The next years were spend in the word of God and He changed me from a sparkler to a candle building up the foundation; which would bring me through my second rebellion I would go through only a few years later. A foundation which kept me in prayer even when I did not want to join a church for most of them were just involved in church politics instead of personal growth and loving people as God directly told us to do. I rebelled against God for the next 12 years. I never left His presence, I prayed, I practiced my faith, however, I refused to go to Church. I did not need the fellowship of my Christian brothers and sisters. I also continued to follow my heart and once again prostituted myself away from God. I drank heavenly and smoked pot, and partied with people who had no substance in their lives. I explained my behavior all away with

Mark 7:15: ¹⁵*There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.*

In 1998, it came to a point in my life where I did not want to live like this anymore, and I prayed to God to help me change the life I was living. Events took place in my families, which changed my life. Shortly after this, we came to Trinity, and over the next couple of years God proved to me repeatedly that He and I are one, that my Christian family is my true family, and that I do not need alcohol or pot or partying with shallow people anymore. What I need and always search for ~~his~~ Him, the Word of God, and Christian fellowship. So now, I try my best to stand as a candle made with a strong foundation, leading a life by example for the glory of God. I know I am a work in process, however going through the Truth Project has brought it home again, and I only can encourage you. You too can accomplish the same goal. What ever it is that you prostituting yourself to due to your own desires, you too can be on with God. He is waiting for you. It is well worth it.

The Truth Project

By Tyler Crow

Words can NOT even begin to describe this Bible study and what it has done for me personally as well as for my family. The Truth Project has sparked a hunger in me to become a better man, husband, and father through Christ based on TRUTH – GOD’S WORD. The Bible study is a video series that takes your mind, heart, and soul on a journey that you never want to end. It makes you think on such a deep level within your soul, that you begin to examine yourself on a fine tuned scale. Isn’t it just amazing that the God of the universe, our Lord and Savior lives within us and wants to have a direct personal relationship with us? What peace and fulfillment we can find as we grow, and develop a closer relationship with Him.

This video series is deep, insightful, profound, and very educational. Dr. Del Tackett leads the study, and I can honestly say he is one of the best, Biblical teachers I have ever had the privilege of sitting under. One statement he has used from the very first class has stuck with me – “we are going to gaze upon the face of GOD.” What an amazing, honorable, unfathomable privilege we have to be able to do this through His word.

The study discusses worldview in such an amazing way, that you begin to see how our society as a whole has shifted away from God. From marriages to our churches today, onto our government and the visions upon which our forefathers founded

this country; Satan has began to attack and corrupt each one of these areas aggressively because these areas are the very thumbprints of God. Our worldview as Christians must be in tune with how God created us and that is to have a direct relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. This Bible study has challenged me in an intense and massive way to get back into the Word of God, focus on the TRUTH, and focus on my role as a husband and a father through the renewing of my mind. We have an awesome blessing knowing and having the TRUTH at our very fingertips, through His Word. I would encourage anyone who has the chance to take this study – to jump aboard as fast as you can. It will be life changing. I can PROMISE you that. I can’t even begin to unveil what God has done to me through this series. I am grateful for this class, because it has begun to transform me at the most PERFECT timing in my life. What a blessing this has been for my wife and I.

The Truth Project with Dr. Tackett

By H. Hartley Graves

As we grow older, we humans have a tendency to become cynical in our point of views of our experiences and how we perceive them. This is an important part of our maturity. More importantly, it is how we react to them.

The Truth Project with Dr .Tackett, presented at Trinity Evangelical Free Church on Monday evening at 6:30 by Donna Arthur and Fred Rohrdanz, has opened my mind to an enormous void, spiritually speaking. His in-depth studies of the 12 tours such as Veritology, Philosophy & Ethics, Anthropology, Theology. Science, History, Sociology, Unio Mystica, the State, the American Experiement, Labor, and Community& Involvement have pricked my brain to be more vigilant in my study of God’s Word. The studies have also awakened my senses to explore who God is and how our relationship with Him relates to our existence. It’s a wonderful study that I know I will be viewing and reviewing for quite sometime. This, I believe is a necessity because of the vast amount of knowledge that Dr .Tackett presents. It’s not an “over night” study guide. I believe it is to be a “lifetime” guide. I believe this is what God wants us to do; Have a “life time relationship” with Him, to know Who He is and what we are to Him His children

We need the refreshing or renewing of our minds as the Word states in Romans 12:2. Paul tells us to no longer be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed

by the renewing of our mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--- His good, Pleasing and perfect will.

Got Truth?

By Troy Lee

Isn't it wonderful that, as Christians, we are privy to the Truth? It is easy to under-appreciate that we are, at all times, in full possession of the Truth- the truth about our origins, our Creator, our human condition and our destiny. What does it say about God's love for us when we consider His assurance that, no matter the circumstances, we have the Truth?

So, why do we find the Truth so tough to defend in a fallen and miserable world full of lies and falsities? Why do we not spread the Truth with freedom and certainty? What is it about the Truth that inhibits us from turning each human interaction into an opportunity to enlighten them and fill their lives with the Truth? Is it because we feel the Truth is too big? Too bold? Too simple?

God has made it clear. We are to be emboldened by the Truth and motivated to claim the Truth. God is depending on us to be advocates and lovers of His Truth.

We must live, breathe and walk the Truth for one reason: the enemy is wily and beguiling, a master crafter of alternate philosophies that constantly bedevil and dissuade God's most beloved creation from coming into the light of the Truth. What follows is an example of the type of misleading theologies and philosophies that lead people further from the Truth right here in our community.

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I picked up Velocity magazine the other day and read a number of ethereal stories that amused my mind but rattled my spirit. For those who don't know, Velocity magazine is a free, locally-published magazine that exhorts and extols the virtues of what I call "self-Deism" (sD)- the notion that you and I are deities whose true identities are merely masked and encumbered by the incessant annoyance of being human.

Velocity magazine touts itself as "Central Florida's Green and Conscious Living Magazine". It is fair to say that, when it comes to the Truth, the fusion of these two theologies, modern environmentalism and the New Age movement, makes for a tainted stew of kookery seasoned with a generous amount of silly, self-empowered, self-justifying benevolence.

Article after article appears, each with its own sweeping yet insubstantial statements and platitudes, unashamedly encouraging readers to "self-realize", "self-actualize," and "self-legitimize". The lure is, of course, that no other interpretation of life's meaning is half as profound as your own current concoction. In essence, the Truth is what you want, need or believe it to be.

That brings me to the point of this article- Got Truth. For the past 8 weeks, our church has hosted The Truth Project. For those who may not know, the Truth Project is a Christian philosophy class that touches on all aspects of our lives- socially, metaphysically, biologically, etc. Each video session is called a tour and consists of a topic. Some example topics are Who is God? Who is man? And Is Evolution real?

Put simply, each tour, with its central thesis and resulting questions, is measured against the Word of God, the Truth. As such, The Truth Project should be required fare for each Christian life because the tours thoroughly repudiate secular teachings and paradigms, and serve to strengthen the belief that, as special as you and I are, God is even more so. To wit, we need Him a lot more than He needs us- and that's the Truth, nothing but.

In Velocity magazine, however, profundities like the Truth are elusive at best and inconceivable at worst. The perpetual frustration of not knowing the Truth about the inner self, or anything else for that matter, is explained away as an inconvenient "veil" that is placed across each heart, thereby inhibiting the "inner Light" from shining through and illuminating the rest of humanity with "self-actualized goodness". Velocity peddles bumper sticker metaphysics; making simplicities like "You can't spell G-O-O-D without G-O-D" appear as heady as one of Apostle Paul's sermons.

When reading Velocity, the reader does not have to wait long for the assault on the Truth to begin. In an apparent avoidance of being upstaged by contributing writers, the editor leads the charge in her opening piece entitled 'The Light Behind the Curtain'.

The editor's name is Purusha K. Radha, which is ironic only in that she looks like a Sally Smith or a Mary Green. Nevertheless, her undoubted pseudonym notwithstanding, Ms. Radha is the real deal when it comes to borrowing the Truth long enough to strike it to smithereens and replace the missing pieces with bloviated nonsense, thus proving

once and for all that only a small portion of truth is necessary to create a really big lie.

Ms. Radha invokes the story of the Crucifixion to help guide her article's thesis, which is succinctly sub-captioned as such: "There is nothing to become. We have only ourselves to unveil." Unencumbered by her superficial understanding of the Christian gospel, she focuses on the tearing of the temple curtain when Jesus, known as Yeshua Ben-Joseph to Ms. Radha and her ilk, expires. Ms. Radar's own words best illustrate her wayward thinking. "Along with Yeshua calling out to his Father and giving up his spirit, the curtain tearing in two graphically and spectacularly demonstrates the effect of true surrender, for now the Light in the temple of our being is exposed. Victory is won". Victory in the world of Velocity readership, however, is not in Christ but in self. In short, Ms. Radha's article is the original lie as told in the Garden, re-spun and re-packaged to lead a desperate world far from the Truth.

While it is hard to stomach the philosophical abuse of one of the most pivotal moments in mankind's history, second only to the Resurrection in my opinion, Ms. Radha does not seem to mind perverting the Truth of Christ's mission for cheap and narcissistic enlightenment. Indeed, she's only warming up, telling her readers later in the article that we can overcome life's difficulties by coming to "our Selves in the Temple". According to her, this self-empowered act will enable us to be "immediately peaceful" as our inner light "spill(s) out and pour(s) forth".

The danger here, of course, is that some people read Velocity magazine for something more than material for a church newsletter article. In fact, some people- dare I say, many people- believe this equivocating tripe to be substantive enough to help guide them through this complex and mystifying life.

Sadly Velocity, with its dazzling array of writers who are also acupuncturists, tarot readers, karma "stokers" and spiritual coaches, is peddling not the Truth, but the pursuit and purchase of a cheap substitute. It is this, which provides for their lifestyles and income.

Sadder yet is how many people are ready to believe that knowing, sharing, and loving the Truth can be reduced to a consumable and rote exercise of human will- as attainable as fine piano playing should one purchase the time of a good tutor and apply enough energy in practice.

How much more superior then is our Truth? The Truth we have is free, purchased by a single payment of unfathomable love. We never have to pursue it or purchase it. We never have to wonder if it is changing or hiding. We simply have it.

In addition, as Velocity proves, there is a world hungry for it, waiting and wanting to hear, see and feel the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth.

Prayer Corner

Sent in by Eileen Johnson

A prayer for the United States as we celebrate and remember the founding of our country.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We **praise** You O Lord God, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Your Omnipotence, Sovereignty and Faithfulness has led, guided and preserved our country since 1776.

We **thank** You for the freedoms we have been given by Your Hand: the freedom of worship and the freedom of speech, to proclaim Your Truth and the Gospel.

We **thank** you for our Judeo-Christian heritage, which has laid a moral foundation for our country and our representative government.

We **ask** Your forgiveness for not being "salt and light" in a culture, that is rejecting Your moral standards.

Forgive us for not proclaiming Your Truth and the Gospel, as we should.

Forgive us for loving the "things" of this world rather than the "things" of God.

We as Your people **humble ourselves** before You, our Holy, Righteous God.

We **seek** Your face and we turn from our sinful ways (our pride, our self-righteousness, our self-sufficiency).

We **turn** to You in humility, depending on Your righteousness and trusting in Your sufficiency.

We **ask** you to pour out Your Holy Spirit on us Your people.

We **ask** You to send revival upon Your people and in our country.

We **ask** You to restore us spiritually and morally. Protect us from our enemies.

Make us a nation worthy of Your Blessings.

2 Chronicles 7:14 In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen!

Get to know me

By Ute Galloway



Patricia Andrews

Ute: How long have you been coming to Trinity?

Patricia: About three and a half months.

Ute: What brought you here?

Patricia: A very dear friend from work, whose obedient witness put God first.

Ute: What kept you here?

Patricia: I saw Trinity as a place where I may contribute.

Ute: Contribute how?

Patricia: Wherever I am needed. He laughs at my stupid jokes...`seeing I'm like a colon in the Body, isn't it natural I should be cleaning toilets in Your House? It is much easier for me to serve and abase myself. He knows this, because it is there no one will hate me--this is false humility and selfishness. Therefore He asks me to overcome and do the most difficult things for me to do, that only He can do...He asks that I put myself in positions of vulnerability, a place of judgment, to boldly serve only Him. "You are a light in your Father's House, a rock that cannot be moved, a very fruitful bough."

Ute: What are your spiritual gifts?

Patricia: Prophecy.

Ute: Would you like to give an explanation on that statement please?

Patricia: The Spirit testifies that the words given to our three Pastors are from Him for all of us. Listen to them on trinityfree.com if you missed them, or to review them again, take the messages to heart and do them. What friends, families, enemies, and acquaintances of yours were missing from that empty seat next to you? Invite them all to hear the word of the Lord. The Spirit says to our body, "Come away with me into the desert." Separate yourself from distractions like TV, movies, worldly fiction, music, and games. Our Lord earnestly calls you and longs for your consecration. The Spirit says we shall get our affairs in order. Ask the Lord to help you bring your offenses to remembrance one at a time, no matter how old. Go back and repent, make amends with people we have wronged, used, taken from, lied to...however, we made a reproach to our witness of Jesus, go and submit ourselves humbly seeking forgiveness. Ask that person what will satisfy them. Give the credit for your change of heart to the words of Jesus, "God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

In another way, we minister to individuals on a personal nature. A word is specific for them; sometimes it is a quick vision, feeling, or word. This gift is in small measure in me, so that if I can be trusted with it, then the portion will be increased as He sees fit. We are responsible for proper use of the gifts. They are more precious than any riches on the earth, and they are personally tied to One who is sensitive, perfect and fully appreciates their cost and effect. I yield to the Holy Spirit and He allows me to assist Him in many, many different expressions of love. I cannot minister from the flesh, which contaminates His wooing. I am in a place where I am less about people...sounds anti-Christian, I know. Let me explain. I am less about people and more about Jesus. When we focus on people we tend to seek other people's approval about the things we do or say, but when our focus is on Jesus, then what is done is how He wants it done, when and for whom. He is perfect...His voice, His sentiment, His sensitivity, His timing. I struggle with timing, like wild horses needing a bridle and a rider. I lean toward impatience and want to say what I hear and do what I see, but sometimes He says, "not yet." He is waiting on someone else or something to happen, but He positions His pieces for an execution that will not fail. I must decrease and He must increase. To see with the eyes of the

Spirit is to close your own eyes of judgment, for it is for His glory and His pleasure. Jesus wants us to love and honor others as we would Jesus, Himself, as if it were He standing there. So the more Christ-focused I become, the more I hear and follow the Spirit in reaching out in love to others, no matter who they are.

Ute: Is your outreach more related to the Church or the community?

Patricia: My first ministry priority is to the Lord. I minister to Him with obedience, worship, and tithes and offerings. My second ministry priority is to my family, friends, enemies, acquaintances, or whoever I meet and talk to. That could be anywhere...at the post office, school, tire store, neighbors, someone who has despitely used me, doing laundry...whoever I run in to daily. No person, including a child, is exempt from my responsibility to witness; everyone is brought to me by God for a reason. It is always exciting when I find out the why inside of the matter...like cracking the shell of a walnut and no two are the same-- I always learn more about Him.

Ute: What about the third ministry?

Patricia: I have it on my heart to play games with the neighborhood children and through them, impact families. Many children in our community must stay out of the house and entertain themselves in the streets. They are lost without one who will carry Christ's love to lead them, counsel and comfort them, instruct them or stand up for them. I want to show them Jesus would play with them and not consider it a waste of time or be beneath Him. I may also offer free voice and acting lessons, so we might evangelize through worship and theatre, which He has allowed me to do. The Lord has named me a "father" to encourage me, that He shall draw many disciples unto Himself through me, including children. I repeat it to you to encourage you as well. We are the same, and I identify with you as Christ identifies Himself with me. I think of each child as a fully-grown spirit and heir, who needs training for everlasting positions. The importance of a child's soul and spirit-man cannot be overstated. The Lord very much desires to save all children. They are so easily convinced one way or the other. A soul is a soul. We shall not neglect the children of our community. I am trusting the Lord for a full-time position in His ministry, so that I may spend my time, effort and heart on what is eternal...souls. Everything else is loss and vanity to me.

The Holy Spirit and I also will labor to host a Minister's Boot Camp this summer and hold it every three months. It would be open to all Pastors, Co-Pastors, Worship leaders, Deacons,

Intercessors, Priests, no matter what denomination, if they are willing to come...let them come. In this way, I might serve those who are serving the beautiful body of Christ in this area, however the Spirit leads us. The body of Christ shall work together in cooperation and learn from one another, help one another, seed into one another. We are one. As the Lord pours His Spirit upon all flesh, the unity of the body will glorify Jesus. In the past, we have allowed divisions to testify of what to the world. They see it and want no part of it. The Lord has put it on my heart, therefore I humbly obey and without too much thinking. Better for me not to use my own inferior wisdom. It is not difficult to impact many for Jesus...just yield. Sometimes I think a child would do so much better than I, because they obey, believe, and repeat what they are told. Perhaps the more childish and yielded I become, the more He may allow me to assist Him in His outreach? I have no pride problem being childish and simple. (Laughing out loud.) He is perfect in all His ways. I am extremely excited about His vision, how the Spirit is working in our hearts together to accomplish His plans. For example, so amazing how similar, yet different our two callings are, Ute, how you have been given to do the Lake County Christian Fair--a huge and visible witness of unity in the body to our community. You need the help of many co-laborers to assist you as well. There is so much to do. Remember, the unified body of Christ glorifies Him.

Ute: What is your favorite worship song?

Patricia: "Purify my heart. Let me be as gold and precious silver...Refiner's Fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord...ready to do Your will."

Ute: What about a scripture?

Patricia: **Matthew 25: 44-45** "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You? Then he will say to them, 'I tell you with certainty, since you didn't do it for one of the least important of these, you didn't do it for me.'"

International Cuisine

Cowboy Spud and Veggie Medley

from FamilyFun Magazine

Any cowboy can tell you that it takes more than meat and marshmallows to make a campfire meal. Here is a side dish perfect for rounding out the menu. Family members can

easily customize the recipe to their own tastes by choosing which ingredients go into their servings.

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

1 pound small red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed ■ 4 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled and coarsely chopped ■ Assorted fresh vegetables, such as green beans, broccoli, summer squash, carrots, and cherry tomatoes ■ Salt and pepper ■ Chopped fresh basil or pesto ■ 3 to 4 tablespoons butter ■ 1 1/3 to 2 cups chicken broth

For each helping, shape a 16-inch-long piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil into a bowl. Cut the potatoes into bite-size pieces and pile some in the center of each sheet. Add a chopped garlic clove to each pile. Cut or snap the vegetables into bite-size pieces, then add them to the potatoes and sprinkle on salt and pepper.

Add 1 tablespoon of fresh basil or pesto to each packet. Top with a thick pat of butter and pour 1/3 cup of chicken broth over the veggies.

Seal the packets tightly, then place them on the grill over the fire. Check the packets after 10 to 12 minutes, being careful to avoid escaping steam, to see if the vegetables are tender. If not, reseal the packets and heat for another few minutes. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

From the left field

From: Renné Dismore M Dismore

This is for all the Ministers!

A Few Words

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

Favorite Verse

Ephesians 2: 13-22:

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace who has made us both one and has broken down in his

flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were^(d) far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,^(a) but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Editor's Comments

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The biggest thing I learned over these last weeks is that God loves us, that the word of God is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help me God. And that we have to study the Word of God even more to totally understand what God wants us to know and to learn. So pick up the Bible, open it up start reading, use it, underline the passages, which stand out to you, it is not meant to sit inside your bookcase just to look pretty or to collect dust. No it is the one and only manual you need to use, mark up get some donkey ears in it, and show that it used - what it was designed for; The day-by-day handbook of our life.