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## Tax Exempt Status An Answer To "What Is The 'Inspired' Word Of God?"

We are praising the Lord for His answering our prayers in the awarding of our Dean Burgon Society, Incorporated, a **Tax Exempt Status!!** In a letter dated March 7, 1979, from Mr. Cornelius J. Coleman, the District Director of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, located in Newark, New Jersey, we were informed, based on the information we sent to IRS, that:

"Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are **EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX** under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

Our "foundation status" under section 509 (a) of the Code, was given an "Advance Ruling Period" to end with December 31, 1980. In the meantime, they stated: "However, we have determined that you can reasonably be expected to be a publicly supported organization described in section 509 (a) (2). Accordingly, you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation, during an advance ruling period."

What they have told us is that we are a **TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION** without any "ifs," "ands," or "buts." They have tentatively ruled that we are a "**PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION**" rather than a "**PRIVATE FOUNDATION**," and they will be making up their mind on this

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 16-17

Watertown, Wisconsin

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday and continue on Tuesday as time permits.

(Written by Dr. Edward M. Panosian, Chairman of the division of history at Bob Jones University, as printed in **FAITH FOR THE FAMILY** February, 1979, pp. 1, 3-4)

By Rev. D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.  
President, The Dean Burgon Society

We plan, in the next several months of our **Dean Burgon News** to make a reply to the article entitled "**What Is The 'Inspired' Word Of God?—A Look At The Textual Controversy**" by Dr. Edward M. Panosian, Chairman of the division of history at Bob Jones University, which appeared in **Faith For The Family**, February, 1979, pp. 1, 3-4. We also plan to make reply to a similar article which appeared in **The Sword Of The Lord** recently, as time and space permit after we have finished with our answer to Dr. Panosians' article.

We have received numerous inquiries concerning the BJU article from our many **Dean Burgon News** subscribers and **Dean Burgon Society** Members these past weeks, and, since there certainly is another side of this question, we intend to devote

particular point between now and December 31, 1980.

We have ordered our own printed, numbered receipts for **The Dean Burgon Society**, and hope to have them in operation within the month of March or early April! We praise God for this, another evidence of His hand upon us for blessing and for expansion into the areas of our desired purposes and many needful goals! Keep praying and praising! We have a great God!

some time and space to giving that "other side."

### I. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

**A. Our Purpose.** We do not mean to demean or to put down Bob Jones University for all of its fine and great stands for the fundamentalist and separatist causes through the years, for we are very much in favor of the major part of their programs and have been for many years now. We stand together on the fundamentals of the Christian Faith, and we also stand together on the great cause of Biblical separation and in opposition to the compromises of **NEO-EVANGELICALISM** and similar dangers facing our church world today. Having said that, however, we do not believe we would serve the cause of truth properly if we would remain silent in the face of the many puzzling items in Dr. Panosians' article as it appeared in this **Bob Jones University** magazine, **Faith For The Family**, and so we hasten to make our answer and reply to it. We do so, however, in the spirit of love for the truth of God's Word, and with the realization that the strong errors of the Westcott and Hort position on the Greek Text of the New Testament have been taught to many (if not **MOST**) of our great fundamentalist leaders, including Dr. Panosian, no doubt, even as they were taught me at **Dallas Theological Seminary** when I attended there from 1948 to 1952 and again from 1952 to 1955 to complete my graduate studies.

**B. Our Attitude.** Our attitude, therefore, as we approach this answer to Dr. Panosian's article, will be to deal—not with personalities, but—with principles as they

*THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY, INC. proudly takes its name in honor of Rev. John William Burgon (1813-1888), the Dean of Chichester in England, whose tireless and accurate scholarship and contribution in the area of New Testament Textual Criticism; whose defense of the Traditional Greek New Testament Text against its many enemies; and whose firm belief in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible, we believe, have all been unsurpassed either before or since his time!*

are to be discovered within the article itself. We write in the spirit of love and understanding, wishing only to shed some LIGHT on the subject at hand, without, if possible, generating an excessive amount of HEAT, though it is often impossible to avoid a little HEAT while attempting to shed some LIGHT. We feel very definitely that it is within the province of our purposes as a Dean Burgon Society to give explanations, and defense when it comes to the principles of our Society which are under attack, not only among the liberal and apostate circles, not only among the Neo-Evangelical circles, but also among many of our sister-fundamentalist organizations, groups, churches, schools, and pastors. We realize that it would be expecting too much to see men "Back down" from their positions after having espoused them in writing for the entire Christian world to behold, however, we would hope that in the future, such brethren might be somewhat more charitable at least to a position which they do not presently hold but which many of the rest of us equally sincere Bible-believing fundamentalist and separatist brethren continue to hold to and even to a greater degree the more we continue to read and study on these issues which face us.

**C. The Importance Of These Issues.** There have been some of our friends who have written to our Dean Burgon Society in a very honest and sincere manner, telling us they think we're going off on a side-track, a hobby, a tributary, and not sticking with the things that really matter in today's theological issues, when we have openly and solidly taken our position in favor of a Bible which is not only plenary and verbally inspired of God, but also is, in the original writings, infallible and inerrant in all matters of which it speaks. To us, this is THE major issue facing Christianity today as it has been facing Christianity throughout the years of Church History! There can be no greater issue to defend! There can be no greater stand to take! There can be

### "REVISION REVISED"

**REVISION REVISED**, by John William Burgon (1883) (549 pp.) giving Three article of John Burgon, reprinted from the *Quarterly Review*: (1) The New Greek Text; (2) The New English Version; and (3) Westcott and Hort's New Textual Theory. It is one of the finest works anywhere in defense generally of the Traditional Greek Text, and the English Authorized Version, as well as a scholarly attack on the falsities of the Westcott and Hort theory and Greek Text! Yours for a GIFT to the DEAN BURGON SOCIETY of \$12.00.

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

# "IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?!!"

## (Continued From Last Month)

**The Invitations Went Out.** With names supplied by men who were invited, the list of invitees grew to sixty-one in number, from all over the United States, Canada, and even New Zealand. The first letter went out in August, 1978, and the meeting of organization was scheduled for November 3-4, 1978, in the Best Western Airport Motel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There were a total of 20 men who attended this historic meeting. We began Friday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m., adjourned for supper, and then went on into the evening with over seven hours of work involved. Saturday, November 4, we began at about 8:15 a.m. and adjourned about 11:15 a.m. for another 3 hours of work. This was a total of 10 hours of meeting and taking care of the necessary organizational matters.

**The Organizational Meeting.** We had a season of prayer and then began a point by point discussion of "DRAFT #5" of our tentative "Articles of Faith, Operation, & Organization" which had been written, then revised five times before the meeting in various areas as some of the men expressed their feelings about certain matters. There were still more amendments, refinements, clarifications, and changes in the document until the final form which was printed in the first issue of *The Dean Burgon News* was finally accepted. On Saturday morning, November 4, 1978, we formally moved to organize into The Dean Burgon Society, Incorporated, taking as our organizing document

nothing of greater importance for us today! For if the BIBLE be under attack, and if the very WORDS OF INSPIRATION be denied, questioned, or otherwise doubted, where is our doctrine of inerrancy? We do not believe there is another single issue, in other words, of any greater moment or import than this issue which The Dean Burgon Society has raised for all to consider! We feel that Dr. Panosian's article, and that which also appeared in *The Sword Of The Lord* recently demand an ANSWER, and, by God's grace, and with His enablement, we wish to offer at least this personal ANSWER as an opener. There are, perhaps, many others who will want, in the future, to make reply as well. We welcome such answers into the arena of truth and public opinion. We invite you, our readers, to follow this continued article from month to month, and to get all of your friends to follow along with us also.

[To Be Continued]

the "Articles of Faith, Operation, & Organization" we had just adopted.

**Officers Elected.** The first item of business was to have each man sign the Membership Application, give his \$5.00 gift to The Dean Burgon Society, and thus become a member of the Society. Then, with these men having become members, we held the first General Meeting and proceeded to take nominations for Executive Committee Officers. The following men were elected: (1) Rev. E. L. Bynum, Lubbock, Texas; (2) Rev. P. C. Fedena, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania; (3) Mr. E. W. Fowler, Scarsdale, New York; (4) Rev. F. A. McQuade, Glen Mills, Pennsylvania; (5) Rev. G. D. Mellish, Weston, Ontario, Canada; (6) Rev. H. L. Morgan, Elmer, New Jersey; (7) Rev. R. V. Paulson, Copemish, Michigan; (8) Mr. J. T. Roberts, Arcade, New York; (9) Rev. D. L. Vucish, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania; (10) Mr. M. E. Nettles, Palatka, Florida; (11) Rev. E. A. Griffith, West Chester, Pennsylvania; (12) Rev. M. J. Hollowood, Watertown, Wisconsin; (13) Rev. D. O. Fuller, Grand Rapids, Michigan; (14) Rev. D. A. Waite, Collingswood, New Jersey. After the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS were seated, we had a ballot vote from each of these men for the one man they thought should fill each of the five offices of President, Two Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer. The acting Secretary appointed two tellers who then counted the ballots. The results were: for Treasurer, M. E. Nettles; for Secretary, Rev. E. Allen Griffith; for the two Vice Presidents, Rev. D. O. Fuller, and Rev. M. J. Hollowood; for President, Rev. D. A. Waite.

**Who's Who On The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE?** Some of the information on the above-mentioned Executive Committee Officers is as follows:

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1. Rev. E. L. Bynum, B.D.; Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, since 1961; editor of Plains Baptist Challenger.

2. Rev. P. C. Fedena, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.

3. Mr. E. W. Fowler, B.S., layman from First Baptist Church, New York City, New York; a retired civil engineer; church clerk, treasurer, deacon, and trustee; Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, PA; formerly with the New York Bible Society; lives in Scarsdale, N.Y.; Greek student.

4. Rev. F. A. McQuade, Th.M., Pastor, Fellowship Baptist Church, Glenn Mills, PA.; formerly, on the teaching staff at Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, PA.

5. Rev. G. D. Mellish, graduated from Toronto Bible College and attended McMaster University; Secretary of the Trinitarian Bible Society in Canada; formerly a missionary (1938-1958) in Liberia, West Africa under Baptist Mid-Missions, and later Canadian Representative of the mission.

6. Rev. E. L. Morgan, B.A., M.Div., Th.M.; Pastor, Grace Bible Church, Elmer, New Jersey; Army Reserve Chaplain.

7. Rev. R. V. Paulson, attended Moody Bible Institute and Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary; Pastor in Baptist and Independent Bible Churches for over 40 years; presently associated with Which Bible? Society; author.

8. Mr. J. T. Roberts, attended Syracuse University, Bible Baptist Seminary, & Elohim Bible Institute; Baptist layman with the Associated Gospel Churches, and with the I.B.B. Mission.

9. Rev. D. L. Vucish, Associate Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Fairless Hills, PA.

10. Mr. M. E. Nettles, A.A., Layman from Palatka, Florida; Substitute Teacher in his Baptist Church; Commander of AWANA Youth Club at his church; President of Morningstar, Inc.; operator at the Hudson Pulp & Paper Corporation; Editor of the Florida Fundamentalist.

11. Rev. E. A. Griffith, B.S., Pastor, Bible Baptist Church, West Chester, Pa; Presently the President, American Council of Christian Churches of Pennsylvania.

12. Rev. M. J. Hollowood, B.A., Th.B., D.D., Professor in Christian Philosophy and Theology at Maranatha Baptist Bible College, Watertown, Wisconsin; Formerly editor of the North Star Baptist (1958-66); and of the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship Information Bulletin (1964-75); many years of pastoral experience.

13. Rev. D. O. Fuller, A.B., B.D., D.D., President, Which Bible? Society; for over 30 years Pastor of Wealthy Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan; editor of three books in defense of the Received Text and the King James Version—Which Bible?, True or False?, and

Counterfeit or Genuine?; speaker on the King James Version and the Received Text throughout the country.

14. Rev. D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D., Director, The Bible For Today since 1971; former Baptist Pastor; former Navy Chaplain on active Duty; former Professor in Greek and Speech in various Christian schools and secular Colleges; Editor, Bible For Today Newsreport since 1971; Teacher in Language Arts in a Junior High School in Philadelphia since 1970; publisher; author of various booklets and reports on a variety of subjects pertaining to areas of the Bible; resides in Collingswood, New Jersey.

**Committees Appointed.** The following committees were formed from those volunteering to work in the areas suggested, with the President being *ex officio* member of each committee: (1) Planning Committee; (2) Public Relations Committee; (3) Membership Committee; (4) Editorial Committee; (5) Finance Committee; (6) Texts Committee; (7) Legal Committee; (8) Canadian Tax Exempt Committee; (9) Educational Relations Committee; (10) Bible And Literature Supply Committee; (11) Equipment And Facilities Committee; (12) Prayer Committee.

**The Articles of Faith.** Under the general headings (as printed in the first issue of *The Dean Burgon News*) of The Bible, The Trinity, The Person of Christ, The Birth of Christ, The Death of Christ, The Resurrection of Christ, Salvation, Heaven and Hell, Spiritual unity, Purity of the Church, Separation, and Creation, the ARTICLES OF FAITH were drawn up. This is a fundamentalist doctrinal standard which is general enough to allow various denominational groups to be included so long as they concur with these basic articles of faith. A strong plank for the verbal, plenary inspiration and consequent infallibility and inerrancy in all things of which it speaks was included on the Bible (See Article II-A). There is also a strong position taken favoring three basic "Traditional" Texts: (1) the Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text for the Old Testament (that which underlies the King James Version); (2) the Traditional Received Greek Text of the New Testament (that which underlies the King James Version, as published by The Trinitarian Bible Society in 1976); and (3) the Traditional King James Version of the Bible. For our purposes, we do not feel that these texts should be tampered with, but should be let stand as they are in their entirety. There is a strong fundamentalist position on Christology, on Salvation, on heaven and hell; on spiritual unity, and the purity of the church. The statement on Separation [Cf. Article II-K] contains three areas of separation: (1) from the worldiness; (2) from ecclesiastical apostasy; and (3) from "disorderly" brethren (2 Thessalonians 3:6, 11, 14-15). The doctrinal

#### "DEAN BURGON'S METHOD"

**DEAN BURGON SAID IT:** "The method I persistently advocate in every case of a supposed doubtful Reading. (I say it for the last time, and request that I may be no more misrepresented,) is, that an appeal shall be unreservedly made to Catholic [that is "universal"] Antiquity; and that the combined verdict of Manuscripts, Versions, Fathers, shall be regarded as decisive."

[Revision Revised p. xxvii]

#### "BURGON'S DESIRE FOR INTERPRETATION, BUT THE NEED FOR CONTROVERSEY"

**DEAN BURGON SAID IT:** "But I more than long,—I fairly ache to have done with Controversy, and to be free to devote myself to the work of Interpretation. My apology for bestowing so large a portion of my time on Textual Criticism, is David's when he was reproached by his brethren for appearing on the field of battle,—'Is there not a cause?'"

[Revision Revised, p. xxix]

position on Creation takes a stand for the creative days being six solar days without any evolutionary process of any kind, either naturalistic or theistic.

#### The Operation & Organization.

**Membership.** Membership is open to those who sign annually that they accept the "Articles of Faith, Operation, and Organization" and who contribute a donation of \$5.00 annually.

**Officers.** The Officers are called the Executive Committee, from whose numbers are elected each year five Titled Officers: A President; two Vice Presidents; a Secretary; and a Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall also elect three or more Trustees from their number. The Executive Committee Officers must fulfill four qualifications:

(1) they must be in full agreement with "The Articles of Faith, Operation, and Organization" annually as indicated in writing. (2) they must have their membership dues paid to date. (3) They must show evidence that they understand and agree with the principles and work of the Society and endeavor to promote the work in their area. (4) They must also evidence that they are "in sympathy with, and will have fellowship with only those Christian movements and organizations whose leaders and/or sponsors are not connected in any way with religious apostasy." This positionalizes THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY LEADERSHIP in a definite way as being separatist in theology and fellowship.

(CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)

# Our Readers Write

**FLORIDA:** I received word from my good friend, . . . . . that an organization of King James Bible believers is being put together. I praise the Lord for this! It's about time someone did it.

**MICHIGAN:** Praise God that there is a movement like this to defend the K.J.V. which we feel is truly God's word to us. We pray that peoples minds will be opened to the "other" versions and Satan's desire to water down what God hath said.

**CALIFORNIA:** I believe the Dean Burgon News has come at the right time. Please enroll me as a subscriber.

**PENNSYLVANIA:** I am certainly pleased to learn of this Bible Society which will take its stand for the Received Text and therefore, the King James Version over against all of the new versions and perversions that are among us today. I would very much like to become a part of this Society.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA:** Please send me information and current literature concerning the Burgon Society. We would like very much to have your permission to re-print articles in our paper here in Canada. Could you extend this privilege to us. We are totally committed to the Received Text and the Hebrew of the Masoretic Text as the Divine Originals!

**PENNSYLVANIA:** In a day when there is so much confusion going on we need to take a stand on the Word of God.

**MARYLAND:** Thanks for the stand — outside the gate. I

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know God's pleased.

**WISCONSIN:** Praise the Lord! for this Society.

**DELAWARE:** I rejoice that this new group is now organized, and I know the Lord will bless the efforts because He has promised He would preserve His Word; and we are His only instruments of use toward this end.

**TEXAS:** I read of your new endeavor and will be proud to be on your mailing list. I agree completely. The King James Version is a wonderful Bible.

**UTAH:** We were thrilled when we learned that a Bible Society was being organized in defense of the King James Bible and the Textus Receptus.

**ILLINOIS:** Am looking forward to the first issue of The Dean Burgon News.

**ALASKA:** It has given me much heartache and pain to realize that all our Bible Societies seemingly have left the sound Fundamental Word of God and have compromised and are now modernistic in principle and practice. I have so much enjoyed having literature and books from such fundamentally sound men as Fuller, Waite and several others who have been the means of showing the great corruption and deviation there is in general with all these modernistic versions being circulated.

**CALIFORNIA:** I am 100% with the cause of this Society.

**EVANGELIST WRITES:** I certainly praise the Lord for you and for your stand on the preserved inerrant, infallible Word of God.

**NEW YORK:** Am thrilled there are yet men willing to contend for the faith and truth.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Thank you for contending for the faith.

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**NEW YORK:** We are thankful to God that in these desperately wicked days the Dean Burgon Society has been formed.

**WISCONSIN:** I sincerely hope this society will strengthen many Christians' faith in the King James Bible.