



Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

WELCOME TO APRIL AD 2009 EDITION....

WELCOME & EDITORIAL

Rev Peter Rahme – Salt & Light Editor

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest and most vital truth taught in God's Word. It is an established fact of history and not a fable thus making it an essential factor in salvation.

The meaning is simple, complete satisfaction to God.

The message is detailed, 1 instant salvation,- the key is to be born from above, for the world and the unbeliever, and 2. constant sanctification for the church and the believer, - the key is to set your mind and seek those things which are above.

Just as it was binding and natural that Jesus should rise and be raised from the dead, in order to complete, fulfil and seal his mission on earth, so it is with each one of us. (Rom.6:4-5) even so we also should walk in newness of life...in the likeness of his resurrection: (Rom 6:4b,5b)..... to do his will working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, ...(Heb 13:21b)

CHRIST IS RISEN!!! ...HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

BIBLE DEVOTION

Rev Peter Rahme – CDP Deputy President

Life According to a Resurrectionless Theory *If Christ be not risen, then what?*

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

Theories about the resurrection of Jesus Christ are nothing new. Over the years, there have been a number of incredible and unbelievable (in the true sense of the word) theories proposed as alternative explanations to the resurrection.

- ❑ *The Conspiracy Theory* – i.e. the disciples stole the body.
- ❑ *The Swoon Theory* - i.e. Jesus was not completely dead when taken down from the cross. In the tomb, He gained His strength, unwrapped Himself, moved the stone, and escaped.
- ❑ *The Wrong Tomb Theory* – i.e. the women & eyewitnesses went to another tomb with no body in it.
- ❑ *The Hallucination Theory* – i.e. everyone hallucinated an image of Christ

Then last year Dan Brown in his best selling fiction and Movie The Da Vinci Code resurrected the debate about a Resurrectionless Theory -

if Christ be not risen, then what?

Let's ask Apostle Paul what he thinks of A *Resurrectionless Theory*. After all his encounter with the Resurrected Christ on the road to Damascus changed him from a Saul - a dangerous persecutor of Christ's followers to Paul a dedicated proponent of the Christian Faith -From Saul - the hard Line Pharisee to Paul the Apostle of Grace.

In 1 Corinthians 15:14-19 he gives 5 major problems with a Resurrectionless theory.

To read the full study please click/cut& paste
http://www.saltandlight.org.au/editors_page_files/Life_in_a_%20Resurrectionless_World.doc

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rev Fred Nile MLC - CDP Founder & President

1. A TRIUMPHANT EASTER

May Easter be a time of inspiration and blessing as we celebrate a Triumphant Easter, when Jesus Christ conquered sin by His precious blood shed on the Cross of Calvary and conquered death as He rose triumphant from His tomb – a physical, bodily resurrection! As the hymn states:

Up from the grave He arose;
 With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
 He arose a victor from the dark domain,
 And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
 He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. THE SAVING BLOOD OF CHRIST

At every Communion Service we repeat the words of Jesus Christ from the Last Supper, when He said "This is my blood, which is shed for the remission of sin". It is therefore very alarming that some Clergy and some Christians seem embarrassed by references to the blood of Christ. Some are reluctant to sing the powerful hymns like:

What can wash away my sin?
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 What can make me whole again?
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

We need, in faith, to accept Almighty God's plan of redemption from Genesis to Revelation and not be confused by the wisdom of men. "Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed" (1 Cor 5:7), refer to Rev Dr Peter Barnes' excellent article "The Blood of Christ".

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<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Salt%20&%20Light%20PRESIDENT'S%20REPORT%20April%2009.pdf>

BRANCH NEWS

The next NSW CDP Council Meeting - Sat 18th April @ 3pm

*(Please note -Changed from the 2nd Saturday because of Easter) @ 9 Exeter Rd Homebush West
The dates for the rest of the year are; May 9; June 13; July 11; Aug 8; Sept 12; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec
12 -Christmas*

KIAMA BRANCH - Lesley Kadwell (President)

The Kiama Branch meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of February, April, June, August, October starting 7:30pm at John & Lesley Kadwell's, 8 Moona Ave, Kiama Downs. Dates for the rest of 2009 are 27 Apr; 29 Jun; 31 Aug & 26 Oct. For more details contact Max Cracknell 4237 7186

HORNSBY BRANCH

The Hornsby Branch meets 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every Even month except December 2009, at the Mount Colah Community Centre Pierre Close Mount Colah.

HUNTER BRANCH

A Christ filled Easter to you all
reflect upon
the extent of God's Grace
reflect upon
the extent of your freedom
reflect upon
what Christ did to grant you your freedom
reflect upon
how personal God's love is to you
reflect upon
how you can make a difference

The next meeting of the Newcastle, Wallsend and Charlestown Branch of the
Christian Democratic Party

The 19th of April commencing at 1.30pm At Islington Baptist Church Maitland Road Islington

All are welcomed

We will continue to discuss the policy development of Immigration and Transport.

Proposed policies are on my web page; www.miltoncaine.com

If you cannot be at the meeting and wish to make a submission please mail it to
milton@miltoncaine.com

It is your party and your policies being developed.

Other items of business include report from State Council ;report of plans for Fireproof; General
business

For more information please contact Milton on 0410 027 593 or Jim on 4952 9651
Hope to see you there - God Bless you all

NEWCASTLE BUSES

by Milton Caine-

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I spent a lot of time with a friend of mine who is recovering from a health issue that happened when driving a bus for Newcastle Buses and I am concerned about the processes in use since I finished working there in 2002.

The developments on that day as far as I understand are as follows. (I must withhold his name as I do not want to bring his job into question). The driver was travelling between the Newcastle University and John Hunter Hospital when the health issues arose. While approaching Bluegum Road Jesmond he felt strong pains in the left side of his chest and so he activated the bus radio communication system, as there was no immediate response and the pain subsided he proceeded to operate the bus. While in traffic the radio room responded to his radio but as he cannot use the hand set while driving he proceeded to remove the bus from traffic to answer the phone and by that time the radio room had deactivated his call. He attempted to contact the radio room again and waited for response but as passengers were edgy as he waited he again decided to proceed. Soon after this again while in traffic a response came and again he left the traffic to take the call but again it was terminated. The pain returned more intense and so again he activated the radio and after some time again began to proceed as the pain again subsided and response again came while in traffic so he again got out of traffic to take the call but again it was terminated before he could take the call. This was to continue several times until the pain was so bad he was feeling unsteady and asked the passengers alight to get another bus as he was calling for a replacement bus and driver. When contact was made the radio room after being told that a replacement driver and ambulance were required he was asked several questions as to the state of the passengers and their numbers, he was also asked how much damage was done to the bus instead of asking why the ambulance was required and so precious time was continuing to be wasted. Almost unable to speak he told them that he needed to go to the hospital and so then the ambulance was dispatched and other arrangements were made. I must concede that this driver does normally have difficulties in speaking English at the best of times.

The driver vaguely recalls his removal from the bus, the trip to the hospital and the examination at emergency department as he was now only semi-conscious at this time.

I understand that he had a artery blockage near the heart. He survived and that is good.

The staff cut backs at Newcastle buses has meant that in the morning the inspector runs the depot by himself while when I was working there was a radio room operator and at least one inspector on duty from about 6am but sometimes two inspectors were there in the early hours of the day. I believe that safety has been compromised by this staffing cut back. From my information a first time heart problem may not be correctly determined by the person having the health problem and so he may not be aware of the danger that he is facing and so better systems need to be put into place. It also seems that if a person makes several attempts to contact the radio room then some important issue is happening; as well if an ambulance is requested then the purpose is the most important question so the question should "Who needs the ambulance?" or words to that affect.

I did raise this matter with the Minister for Transport over the phone and asked if the process in place could be checked as I consider urgent action is needed, and I was told to send it in writing and then I could expect a reply between 6 to 8 weeks. I consider this too long a wait as lives are at risk in the Newcastle area by this poor penny pinching policy of State Transit.

For any more details my phone number is 0410 027 593.

Thank you
Milton Caine

KAREN'S KORNER

by Karen Goderie (Pender)

Please prayerfully consider how you can become more politically active to help the CDP, we need every type of volunteer. The time has come to make an active commitment - all welcome - remembering

1 Corinthians 12: ¹²The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹⁴Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ... ¹⁸But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body

FWN EDITION

APRIL ISSUE

The '**Family World News**' is a monthly Christian newspaper edited by Rev Fred Nile. Now in its 15th year of publishing, FWN's mission is to keep you informed of how Government and politics affect you and your family. In the April 09 issue just out some excellent articles have been provided by senior Church Leaders whom I thank for their personal support and friendship - Rt Rev Robert Benn, Australian Moderator of the Presbyterian Church; Rev Dr Ross Clifford, retiring President of the Australian Baptist Churches; Pastor Brian Houston, Leader of the Assemblies of God Australian Christian Churches; Rev Dr Peter Barnes, NSW Presbyterian Theological College Annual Subscription @ \$36.00 incl.GST.....Special Concession @ \$30.00 Incl. GST (Pastors, Ministers).To subscribe, please send your name, address & credit card details FWN GPO Box 1566 Sydney 1005.

To read the April 09 issue Click /Cut & paste
http://www.saltandlight.org.au/family_world_news_files/April%202009.pdf

CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Monthly Forum

Wednesday 6th May AD 2009

Hosted by the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC

Join us as we Celebrate the 61st Anniversary of the
Establishment of the Modern State of Israel in May 1948

Special Speakers - Pastor Gregory and Mrs Judith Willis
Founders -Timeline Ministries

Topic: Israel – Where Heaven Meets Earth!

We will also be graced with a visit by a “Royal Personage”

~ Special Celebratory Afternoon Tea ~

\$5 pp for afternoon tea

And a love offering for the work of Timeline Ministries

<p>12 Noon – 2.30 pm Jubilee Room NSW Parliament House Macquarie Street Sydney</p>
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Bookings Essential – Limited Seating

Contact Pastor Peter Rahme 1300 667 975 or (02) 9746 5817

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The 'Christian Worldview' monthly forum - an initiative of the Christian Democratic Party , aims to equip , empower and encourage the CDP members & supporters to be Salt and Light in our world.

Hosted by CDP Founding President, the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC, and led by CDP Deputy President, Pastor Peter Rahme, the meeting is held in the NSW Parliament House on the first Wednesday of the month between 12 noon-2pm

COMING EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH

Join together in witness to our city this EASTER SUNDAY. 2pm Gather at Russell Sq, James St, Northbridge for March preparation. March through Northbridge & return for Easter Celebration www.awakening.org.au/

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING May 30

The National Day of Thanksgiving is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation and to demonstrate the God given values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude towards our fellow man that have made us the great nation we are.

It is a day for us to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted but which really make our lives worth living. Let us use this day to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us during the past year. FOR MORE DETAILS CLICK <http://www.thanksgiving.org.au/>

HERE is a link to my 'National Day Of Thanksgiving' certificate that you can print & use
http://www.saltandlight.org.au/images/National_Thanks_Certificate.pdf

FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE Campaign Month of April

Sun 19th , 6pm. @ Jesus Reigns Int'l Ministries Corner Oxford & Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn , Pastor Edwin Antonio 0417 717 821

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Thurs. 23rd , 7pm @ Yagoona Christian Assembly, Corner Rock & Wycombe Sts, Tony Khoury 0419 644 922

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Fri 24th , 7pm @ St Andrews Anglican Church, 9-11 Littleton St Riverwood Rev Neil Mayhew (02) 9596 1996

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To book a free screening at your Church Contact Pastor Peter Rahme on 1300 667 975 ; (02) 9144 4568; 0418 249 989; editor@saltandlight.org.au

YOUR SAY

Dear Editor,

Thankyou for Salt and light.

Regarding Gordon Moyes. Anytime he attacks fundamentalists and creationists, he should be reminded that they are the people who put him into parliament. I was co-ordinator of he Hawkesbury electorate that year and I can assure you that the folk who letterboxed and worked on polling booths were almost exclusively what he would classify as fundamentalists and creationists. I have been co-ordinating ever since Fred went up for parliament and know most of the volunteers well enough to know where they stand. When they are approached over the phone, there is often an exchange of views and concerns.

On the other side of the ledger, over the years I have received almost no response or interest from the mainline churches which Gordon believes the CDP should represent. Even the local Uniting Church minister, an evangelical, was not interested even when Gordon, a fellow minister of his denomination, was standing for parliament.

I feel I can say these things because I have already emailed Gordon personally. He needs reminding that if a building collapses, it is a bit rich for the white ants to blame the architect.

Jim Wi, Kurrajong.

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Dear Peter

Thank youWill keep you all in prayer.

Heather

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Thank you ... Peter.

Christian Love and congrats at all the good material you are producing.

God bless you in this ministry

Earl & Julie H

Thank you.

David Mitchell

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Excellent!

Appreciating all you do, Peter.

Best regards,

Andrew

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Thanks Peter
Bob D

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Hi Peter,
Thank you for keeping me informed....
Much appreciated
Conrad Sampson

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Hi Peter
You are doing us proud, my brother - THANK YOU!
We will be supporting you in prayer daily.
Meanwhile, we look forward with great anticipation for what God has in store for the future of
CDP.
Blessings
Esther K

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Hi Peter!
Thanks for your report. It's great to see what has been happening!
One in Christ,
Ian & Helen H

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Dear Peter
Thank you for all the great work you have been doing.
We had a wonderful night showing the "Fireproof" DVD here in Grafton and catching
up with Graham and Max.
Wishing you blessing
Margaret & Murray Mc

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