

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## In Search of the New

From the beginning of time man has been in search of something new. It appears that when God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He ignited an intrigue in man that has been almost impossible for man to rid himself of. As Americans it seems that this attitude is normal, especially when it comes to the Church. It seems that the Church is always in search of something different or new. The Church today is no different than the Epicureans and the Stoics of Apostle Paul's day. We meet every day in the Areopagus of life "spending time in nothing else. But either to tell, or to hear some new thing." (Acts 17) I think I understand now, how and why people can go off and be apart of other religions after being raised around the Christian Church. I have noticed that christianity seems to be always developing. It seems, especially at this particular time in history, that the Church has no enduring foundation to stand on. We say all the time that our foundation is Jesus Christ, but in all actuality the Church does very little of what Jesus taught. It appears that there is nothing that a person can really depend on. What may be true today, may or may not be true tomorrow. There seems to be no immutable discipline that we adhere to or even teach. The Church is always in a stage of development. This attitude of constant development may be accurate, when it comes to the individual believer and his/her personal sanctification, however when this attitude of constant development is incorporated into the corporate body it can become a dangerous device that satan uses to deceive people into believing that there are no Absolutes. I believe that what it all boils down to is this: In this modern era of the Church can we rely on God's word. Is it sufficient for the Church today? Does the Bible provide a sure foundation for the corporate body? Or should the Church have the same goal as the Starship Enterprise, to boldly go where no man has ever gone before? ■

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