

## UK BIBLE STUDENTS NEWSLETTER

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### WALKING WITH GOD

*Jo Fullerton at the Women's Fellowship*

*What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6: 8).*

**A dog is one** of the few remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk — so said Canadian-American chemist and author, O.A. Battista. Have you ever noticed that half the folks strolling through the woods or along the canal have a dog or two in tow? So the towpath can still be regarded as being appropriately named!

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### THE LAW OF LIBERTY (PART I)

*By Will Resume*

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty – 2 Corinthians 3: 17*  
*So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty – James 2: 12*

**It is generally** accepted in modern democracies that all citizens have the right to freedom of thought and expression, though these liberties, at the level we now enjoy them, are of relatively recent origin. In times past, the State often felt obliged to prevent the dissemination of ideas which might work against the 'public good', shorthand for state control of its citizenry. However, unlike freedom of *expression*, it was not so easy to crush freedom of *thought*.

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### MUSINGS

If we consider, from the standpoint of Evolution, that all human faculties are the result of accumulated modifications caused by the interaction of the organism with its natural environment, we are justified in concluding, firstly, that there exist in the natural order certain categories of phenomena which have determined the growth of religious feeling, and that faith is as normal as any other faculty. Secondly, assuming the truth of the hypothesis of the development of simpler forms into more complex forms, the end to which these traits have progressed demonstrates adaptation of faith to the requirements of Life. In sum, we may reasonably conclude that religious feeling is in some way conducive to human welfare.

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### IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR: 1878

*'Bathing Costumes:* The bathing-dress should be made of flannel. A soft gray tint is the neatest, as it does not soon fade and grow ugly from contact with salt water. It may be trimmed with bright worsted braid. The best

style is a loose sacque or the yoke waist, both of them to be belted in and falling about midway between the knee and the ankle. Full trowsers gathered in to a band at the ankle, an oilskin cap to protect the hair, which becomes harsh in the salt water, and socks of the color of the dress complete the costume.’

*‘The Beard:* The style of hair on the face should be governed by the character of the face. Some people wear the full beard, not shaving at all; others long Cardigan whiskers; some moustache and whiskers or mutton-chop whiskers, or the long, flowing moustache and imperial of Victor Emmanuel, or the spiky moustache of the late emperor of the French. But whatever the style be, the great point is to keep it well brushed and trimmed to avoid any appearance of wildness or inattention. The full, flowing beard of course requires more looking after, in the way of cleanliness than any other. It should be thoroughly washed and brushed at least twice a day, as dust is sure to accumulate in it, and it is very easy to suffer it to become objectionable to one’s self as well as to others. If it is naturally glossy, it is better to avoid the use of oil or pomatum. The moustache should be worn neatly and not over-large.

‘In conclusion, our advice to those who shave is like Punch’s advice to those about to marry; “Don’t!” There is nothing so adds to native manliness as the full beard if carefully and neatly kept. Nature certainly knows best; and no man need be ashamed of showing his manhood in the hair of his face. The person who invented razors libeled nature and added a fresh misery to the days of man. “Ah,” said Diogenes, who would never consent to be shaved, “would you insinuate that Nature had done better to make you a woman than a man?”’

From *Decorum: A Practical Treatise on Etiquette and Dress of the Best American Society* (J.A. Ruth & Co., New York & Chicago)

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*Scottish MP Lardner disowned by Conservative Party for statements against homosexuality*

<<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2010/apr/10042802.html>>

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*‘Thank God for Lord Carey’*

<<http://www.melaniephillips.com/articles-new/?p=730>>

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