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The Anglican Way Institute

Summer Conference

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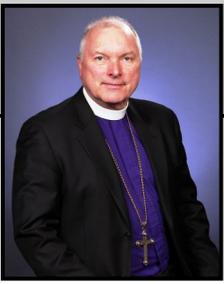
HUGE success !

Our best Summer Conference ever !

**Over 175 people attended the Workshops and Plenary Sessions.
Our Keynote Speaker was renowned author Dr. Peter Kreeft.**



RECTOR'S PAGE



Many of you know that for a number of years Bishop Grote has been dealing with lower back and leg pain caused by spinal stenosis.

At the end of June, it was discovered that this condition had worsened and had advanced. The solution is a surgical procedure called a Laminectomy coupled with a spinal fusion. After the surgery, Bishop Grote will be unable to travel for about a 5 or 6 week period.

Adjustments will be made to his Episcopal Visit Schedule as a result. He will be out of the office from August 4 to August 30. During that time, special needs can be directed to Bishop Sutton.

+Ray R. Sutton

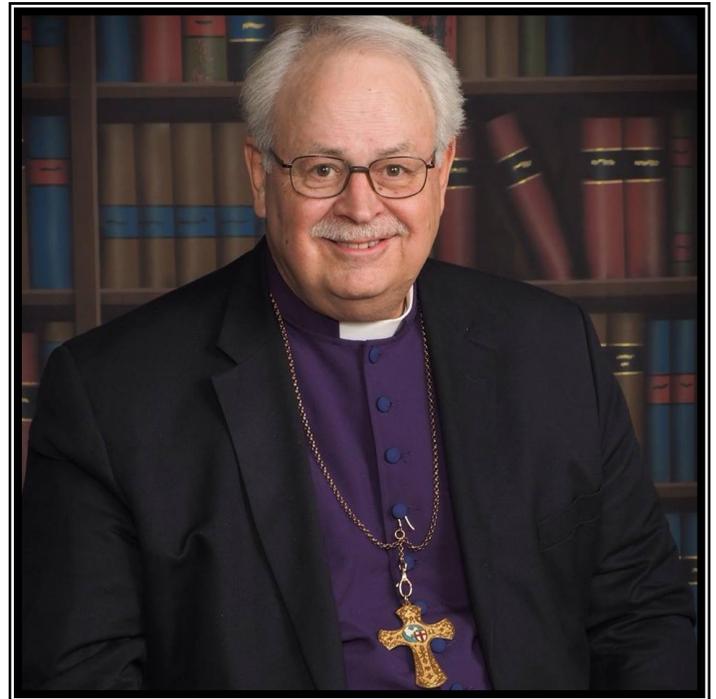
Update on Bishop Royal Grote

On Tuesday, August 5th, Bishop Grote had back surgery (3 Laminectomies and a Spinal Fusion) to relieve ever-present and ever-increasing pain that he was experiencing. The surgery went very well, and Bishop Grote was able to come home from the hospital two days later on August 7th. It does appear that the doctors were able to relieve the cause of his pain.

Bishop Grote will be at home and spending the

next several weeks recovering and rehabilitating. It is expected that he will be able to start traveling again in September.

Bishop Grote has asked that his gratitude and love be expressed to all those across the country (and globe) who are praying for him and who have contacted his office asking about him.



**The Most Rev.
Royal U. Grote, Jr.**

On Sunday, July 13th we celebrated Bishop Sutton's 15th year as a Bishop!



Our Medical Missionary family, Dr. Jon and Amanda Fielder and their children visited CHC on Sunday, June 28th.

Dr. Fielder talked to the congregation about their missionary work in Africa: what is happening with the medical mission to help AIDS patients and some changes he is making in his ministry.



Our Lenten Offering raised over \$3600 for the Fielder's Medical Mission. Bishop Sutton gives Jon a check.



August 2014 ANNIVERSARIES

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| Nick and Tibet Pollard | August 4 |
| Mike and Madonna Russell | August 8 |
| Fr. Kasey and Karla Gage | August 9 |
| William and Bobby Bass | August 9 |
| Mark and Rae Hall | August 11 |
| Guido and Gennie Verbeck | August 13 |
| Stephen and Donna Casey | August 14 |
| Jeff and Patsy Hurt | August 17 |
| Philip and Diane Prier | August 19 |
| Al and Barbara Wagner | August 19 |
| Russell and Kerrie Smith | August 20 |
| Marcus and Melissa Bell | August 22 |
| Sam and Suzette Seabury | August 25 |
| Gray and Jean Gardner | August 26 |
| E.G. and Candace Fish | August 27 |
| Dan and Sandra Fay | August 28 |



The Anglican Way Institute Summer Conference

took place at CHC ... July 16—20, 2014.
It was one of the best we have ever had !

Our Keynote Speaker this year was renowned author, Peter Keeft,
who led discussions on “The Inklings” ...
C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, J. R. R. Tolkien, and Dorothy Sayer.





Prime Timers' Trip to the George Bush Library



PrimeTimer, Betsy Bloodworth, sitting behind the President's Desk in the Oval Office at the Library.

The CHC PrimeTimers had a great "excursion" to the George Bush Library in July.

Wynell Esson, who is a docent at the library, did a wonderful job of showing 25 CHC parishioners and friends around the Library. Besides the historical exhibits, they viewed the special Oscar De La Renta Dress Exhibit ... which features designs from the beginning of de la Renta's career in the 1960s to present day. It is arranged by themes, from gowns inspired by de la Renta's love of gardening to those showing the Spanish influence on his works to gowns worn on red carpets and by first ladies, including Laura Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Nancy Reagan.

Habitat for Humanity: PARISH HABITAT DAY

Our Parish Day at Habitat was "painting day" ...



Jack Brady and Bishop Sutton with the homeowner.



Chris Hoyt and Bishop "rolling on the paint."



Philip and Diane Prier work beside the homeowner. The people who buy a Habitat for Humanity house must put in 200 hours of "sweat equity" on their house.



Tom Wooten shows up to volunteer almost every Saturday. Way to go, Tom !!!

Latest Anglican News ...

Contributed by Rudy Schenken



The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) has a new Archbishop



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, bishop of the ACNA Anglican Diocese of the South has been elected to succeed ACNA's founding Archbishop Robert (Bob) Duncan, who is retiring and returning to be the Bishop of Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Archbishop Beach previously served in the Episcopal Church (TEC), but left in 2003 following the consecration of V. Gene Robinson, the outspokenly gay bishop. In fact, he gained some notoriety on the Sunday following Robinson's consecration. He set aside the sermon he had prepared, and simply read the BCP's "The Order of Service for the Burial of the Dead", signifying the death of the Episcopal Church. This was not a popular move within TEC, coming from one of its pulpits. He has also clearly stated his opposition to women's

ordination.

At the ACNA Provincial Assembly, when asked about ACNA's relationship with Archbishop Justin Welby and the Church of England, Abp Beach said that while he respected the Archbishop of Canterbury, "I'm not sure we want to be in communion with the Church of England." He then added, "We are in communion with 50 million of the 70 million Anglicans in the world. Our mission is to reach people for Jesus Christ,"^[1] One blogger noted that picking him would be something of a "next generation" move that would pass over the older bishops who are TEC veterans and have long histories with each other^[2]. Of note; Abp Beach has already received welcoming congratulations from the GAFCON Primates.

Dr. Beach previously served as Rector of Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville, Georgia from its founding in February 2004 until December, 2013. On October 9, 2010, he was consecrated as the first Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South and he serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Anglican Council. Married for more than 30 years, he and his wife, Allison, make their home in the Metro-Atlanta area. They have two grown children.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We're making Pocket Prayer Shawls ... for you or anyone you know who needs one. Please take one as needed.

Look for the basket in Lunt Hall containing Pocket Prayer Shawls knitted and crocheted by the ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

These small shawls, which have been blessed by a priest, may be carried in a pocket, or used in situations where a large shawl is not appropriate.

They are "prayers you can hold on to."



"We pray that as you use this shawl you may receive from God the help you most need as may be best for you. We pray that you find in this shawl a place of comfort and strength."



Provided by
Fr. Kasey Gage

Articles of Religion

Part 9

We are publishing monthly commentaries on the 39 Articles of Religion using all or portions of a work produced by an English priest serving in South Africa named The Rev. Dick Begbie. The author served in the Royal Engineers from July 1939, being mentioned in dispatches in 1944, made an M.B.E. in 1945 and an O.B.E. in 1958, until retiring as a Lt. Col. in 1958.

He was converted in 1947 through the ministry of the Officers Christian Union and was an active Christian worker ever since. Since coming to South Africa in 1958, he was active in the Church of England in South Africa and was ordained in 1969. He founded several new churches and served as a volunteer chaplain in the South African Army for 12 years. He was also awarded the Pro Patria medal for spells of duty on the South West African Border. The Rev. Begbie went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 12th, 2011.

9. OF ORIGINAL OR BIRTH-SIN

9.1. ARTICLE 9. Original Sin standeth not in the following of Adam, (as the Pelagians do vainly talk) but it is the fault and corruption of the very Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and damnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated; whereby in the Greek words 'the lust of the flesh', which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some affection, some the desire, of the flesh, is not subject to the Law of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized, yet the Apostle doth confess, that concupiscence and lust hath of itself the nature of sin.

9.2. INTRODUCTION

Like the creeds, many of the articles are drawn up to refute error. So this article begins by refuting Pelagianism. But first let us define what we mean by original sin.

9.3. ORIGINAL SIN

The phrase 'original sin' is not Scriptural. By original righteousness we mean the state of Adam before he fell. He was liable to sin and eventually did sin, but he had in his nature no tendency to sin, no bias towards sin. He was created righteous without the tendency to sin. He was therefore innocent before the fall. But when he did disobey God he immediately had a tendency to sin again. For instance:

- o Having disobeyed God he hid from God instead of owning up.
- o He was aware of his guilt.

o He tried to put the blame on God; 'the woman thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat' (Genesis 3:12) These actions are symbolic of the change that had taken place in Adam's nature. He now had a tendency to sin, to pass the buck, and to deceive. He had lost his original righteousness. His nature had changed and it had become defiled. Then, somehow or other, this defiled nature has been passed on to all Adam's progeny like an inherited disease. So 'inborn sinfulness', or as it is commonly called 'original sin', 'is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness' and is of his own nature inclined to evil.

So every man and woman who walks this earth has an inborn tendency towards evil. Humanists talk of the inherent good of human nature. That is not true. That is a complete denial of the Word of God. In effect it is tantamount to saying the Cross was a bloody mistake. The humanistic view of human nature is itself a form of rebellion against God. The truth is that every little child is born with this spiritual disease. But when children are very young they cannot be held responsible for their actions. 'For where no law is, there is no transgression' (Romans 4:15). So if they die before advancing further they die without guilt and so are admitted to God's heaven, whether or not they have been baptized. When a bereaved parent asks me how could God let this happen to my baby, my reply is 'perhaps he (or she) was born with such a fine nature that he did not have to pass through the trials and tribulations of this life'. God graciously accepts little children into heaven as they are, and I quite expect to find little children who have died young as the princes and princesses of heaven. Jesus said, 'except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven' (Matthew 18:3).

From the very first this inborn sin is evident. It shows in the tendency to squabble, to throw tantrums, and to disobey. As the children grow older they become conscious of the law of right and wrong. They become aware of their responsibility to obey the law. They become conscious of their guilt when they break the law. 'Therefore', the article goes on, 'in every person born into this world, it (i.e. inborn sinfulness) deserveth God's wrath and damnation'. Or as Romans 5:12 puts it, 'By one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men'. So the verdict on the nature of sin, let alone sin actually committed, is death. Moreover since everyone is infected with 'inborn sinfulness' everyone commits sins. So both the nature and the acts become culpable once reason dawns and people become responsible. So Romans 5:12 takes us further, 'By one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin, for that all have sinned'.

So we need to be clear in our minds. We have this original sin, or sinful nature, or inborn sinfulness, whichever you wish to call it, which is itself an offence to God, which causes us to commit sins of omission and commission, and which is a fatal disease because it leads to death. So Christians are described as those who were dead, or dying, in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1).

9.4. PELAGIANISM

Now I must explain the first phrase of the article, 'Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam (as the Pelagians do vainly talk)'.

As we saw in the previous chapter in which we considered the creeds, Church Councils during the first four centuries were occupied in clarifying the truth concerning the nature of God and the Person of Christ. However it was not until the 5th Century that the results of the fall, and the necessity of the grace of God to deal with those results, were challenged. In order to emphasize man's free will Pelagius denied the ruin of the race and the consequent necessity of grace. This was not only something novel, it is utterly opposed to Christianity.

So the struggle against Pelagianism became in fact a struggle for the Gospel itself. In simple terms Pelagianism developed into this hypothesis:

- 1). Adam was created mortal and would have died anyway even if he had not sinned.
- 2). The sin of Adam hurt only himself.
- 3). Children are therefore born just as Adam was before the fall, i.e. they were born with original righteousness.
- 4). Therefore man is able to keep God's Commandments if he will.
- 5). So all men may be sinless if they choose, irrespective of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 6). When they commit sin they merely follow the bad example of Adam. Their sin stands in the following of Adam's bad example.

It is true that the Pelagians spoke of grace. But the Pelagians did not mean by it the supernatural provision in Christ which enables man to cope with original sin, or inborn sinfulness, because they said 'original sin standeth not in the following of Adam'. The teaching of Pelagianism was convincingly refuted by St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in Tripoli, in the beginning of the 5th Century. Notwithstanding St Augustine's efforts Pelagianism has survived particularly as semi-Pelagianism to this day.

Semi-Pelagianism holds that when Adam sinned he lost, or was deprived of, his original righteousness, but that his nature did not become depraved. He was still able to choose to do right. So the semi-Pelagians hold that the illegal inner desires and lusts from which we all suffer do not result from inborn sinfulness but from concupiscence (Oxford Dictionary - a consuming desire for the things of this world). On the contrary the Scripture clearly states 'by the offence of one judgement came upon all men to condemnation' (Romans 5:17).

So our article concludes, 'The Apostle doth confess, that concupiscence and lust hath of itself the nature of sin'. That means that concupiscence and lust are manifestations of inborn sin. In other words Scripture teaches us that by the fall not only man became deprived, he also became depraved by nature.

9.5. RESULTS OF ORIGINAL SIN OR INBORN SINFULNESS

The first result is deprivation, 'man is very far gone from original righteousness'. The second result is depravation, man's nature has become totally depraved. This latter truth is supported by numerous Scriptures, e.g. Genesis 8:12 'The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth', Isaiah 64:6 'We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags', Jeremiah 17:9 'The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?' and Romans 8:7 'The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be; so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God'.

Total depravity does not mean the absolute loss of every vestige of good but that evil has infected every part of our nature and that nothing has remained untouched by it. Our nature is like a cup of water to which a few drops of poison have been added. It has become poisonous throughout but is not as poisonous as it could be. So at the least every man retains at least something of the Divine image however poisoned it may have become. Even so every man, whatever his race or creed, must be treated as representative, however tarnished, of God on earth. This is why 'who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man' (Genesis 9:6) is mandatory for a godly society or nation.

The third result of the fall is permanence. Inborn sinfulness is a permanent affliction of man even after he is converted. Paul tells us this, even though it is unwelcome news, 'for that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate that I do' (Romans 7:15), and 'I know that in me dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present within me; but how to perform that which is good I find not' (Romans 7:18).

This inner struggle must go on 'for this is the will of God even your sanctification' (1 Thessalonians 4:3). So, says Paul, 'this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:13-14). From all this we get the devotional language of the Book of Common Prayer, 'There is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders ... O God make clean our hearts within us and take not thy Holy Spirit from us ... We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God ... Though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy mercy loose us ... We have no power of ourselves to help ourselves ... We can do no good thing without Thee ... And if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us'. So says the article, 'This infection of nature doth remain yea in them that are regenerated; whereby the lust of the flesh which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some the affection, and some desire, is not subject to the law of God'.

9.6. JUSTIFICATION

But I must end on a note of good cheer. It is the Biblical doctrine of justification. For says the Word of God, 'As by the offence of one judgement came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous' (Romans 5:18-19).

As Isaiah said, they become clothed in a robe of righteousness, a garment of salvation. They are covered in the righteousness of Christ. Sanctification is a life-long process of becoming ever more holy by the power of, and by obedience to, the indwelling Holy Spirit. So let no one imagine he is justified unless he is on the path of sanctification. You cannot leave sanctification to another day and imagine you are justified now. You cannot say I would love to wear the gorgeous uniform of the Brigade of Guards unless you are prepared to be a guardsman. You cannot say you are justified and saved unless you are striving in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead a holy life.

Because of inborn sinfulness you can never become a Christian by trying to be one. You only become a Christian by repenting from living an unholy life, by believing on Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you, and by claiming for yourself all the provision God has made for your spiritual well-being especially the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then having become a Christian by repentance and faith you can and you must try to be a good one by obedience to, and by reliance on, the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

9.7. CONCLUSION

How necessary it is for each of us to see the nature we are born with as God sees it day after day; a nature which is not only deprived of innate goodness but is also depraved by God's standards in every part. How necessary it is to see that with inborn sinfulness we cannot hope to save ourselves for we cannot even perform a good act which is altogether untarnished by sin. Of no little comfort it is to know that we are all in the same condition from the greatest saint to the meanest sinner. Yet God so loved this whole world of sin diseased men and women that he made a wonderful plan of salvation at agonizing cost to Himself to save to the uttermost everyone who will truly repent and believe.

How necessary it is for each one of us to have done with the last drop of pride and independence from God. How necessary it is for each one of us to be able to say from the heart with Augustus Toplady, 'Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling'.

For God has promised a broken and a contrite heart He will not despise. No one ever became a Christian by trying to be one nor by religious observances. You can only become a Christian by true repentance and committal of your life to Christ as your Saviour and your Lord. Then having become a Christian you must try to be a good one as the Holy Spirit guides and enables you to conduct your life in accordance with God's Word written.

Vacation Church Camp was the BEST !!!

“I AM the Resurrection and the Life”



ST. James Brotherhood is sponsoring an “outing” for CHC parishioners ... and families.



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Cool Thursdays Concert Series



**September 18 * 7:00 – 9:00pm * Featuring Dallas’ Favorite Big
Band, *Hunter Sullivan***

Thanks to the men of St James Brotherhood, we have a great CHC Family Event planned for September. Join us for a wonderful evening under the stars at the Dallas Arboretum’s *Cool Thursdays Concert Series* on September 18th featuring *Hunter Sullivan*, Dallas' Favorite Big Band.

Please sign up in Lunt Hall and make your payment (cash, checks, or credit card) through the church office.

For more information contact Trace Furniss at tracefurniss@hotmail.com.

DETAILS ON EVENT

- September 18, from 7:00p-9:00p at Martin Rutchik Concert Lawn | Gates open at 6 p.m. | 5 min walk from front gate
- Food Trucks on Site by Pompeii (Italian Cuisine) & Cup Cakin' (Cupcakes)
- Guests are permitted to bring picnic baskets, food, coolers and beverages. Alcohol is permitted, but will not available for sale.
- **Ticket Pricing: Adults \$25 | Children \$10 (3-12 yrs.) | Infants/Toddlers Free (0-3)**

Vacation Church Camp Counselors’ Party at the Brady’s house.





New Chalice and 2 Ciboria

Deaconess Mary Jane Matthieu has generously donated these new Altar items to the church.

She gives them “to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for God’s blessings for renewing her health.”

They have been blessed by Bishop Sutton and are now in use.



Holy Communion Christian Academy

Pre-School and Kindergarten

has a place for your child, grandchild, or friend’s child.

*Our school is proud to be accredited by the highly respected NAEYC
(National Association for the Education of Young Children)*

NEW:

We now offer an *Infant Program*
We accept infants beginning at 6 weeks old.

We offer Extended Hours

Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm

Days: Monday-Friday

Term: Academic Year or Year Round

Curriculum: Our extended day program will offer enrichment activities that focus on important facets of education; science, math, language arts, social arts, as well as social and spiritual activities. These activities will allow for your child(ren) to continue learning even after the part-time preschool hours are over!



Ages: 6 weeks—through Kindergarten

HCCA office: 972-248-761 Monica Dalton, Director

Mark your calendars ...

- *** Sunday, September 7th Homecoming/Education Sunday: ONE SERVICE: 10:00am.
A “finger food” Brunch will follow. All CHC groups will have exhibits on display.
- *** Saturday, September 13th HCW “New to You” Sale; 10:00am in Lunt Hall.
Catered Brunch is \$10.00.
- *** Sunday, September 28th CHC Golf Tournament; 1:00pm. Details will follow later.
- *** Sunday, October 5th “Blessing of the Animals” 4:00pm (rain or shine)