



Billy Graham's Christian Gospel



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THE REV. BILLY GRAHAM spiritual adviser to our President and world renowned evangelist of modern Christianity has once again revealed to us the true meaning of Our Savior's eternal message:

If you catch a rapist says the Rev. Mr. Graham, cut off his testicles.

"That," said the Reverend with pardonable relish "would stop him pretty quick."

The Reverend has obviously taken the text of his little sermon from that lesser-known chapter of the Bible, "The Gospel According to St. Pontius," which is such a great comfort to all practicing Christians these days. Chapter and verse follow.

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AND SEEING the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when his disciples came unto Him, he taught them, saying,

Blessed are the proud in spirit, for they won't coddle criminals.

Blessed are the self-righteous, for they make excellent executioners.

Blessed are the poor, for they cannot afford tricky lawyers.

Blessed are the peacemakers, particularly the B-52s.

And I say unto you, whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, chop off his hand. Whosoever shall commit arson, set him afire. Whosoever shall perjure himself, cut out his tongue. Whosoever shall jaywalk, amputate his legs.

That, I say unto you, would stop him pretty quick.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, which neighbor shalt thou love?

Thou shalt love thy neighbor if he

groometh hisself neatly, cutteth his hair short, keepeth up his property and voweth to uphold law and order. And from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away but check his credit rating.

And it came to pass that when He had ended his Sermon on the Mount and was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And He organized them into vigilante committees, saying unto them:

Render unto God that which is God's. And should you catch a purse snatcher, render him, too — limb from limb.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day revenge on those who molest our persons or our property. Forgive us our wishy-washy impulses, lead us not into merciful temptation and deliver us from bleeding hearts. For ours will be the kingdom, and the power, and the glory of law and order, forever. Amen.

And I say unto you, remember above all The Golden Rule: Do unto others as they would do unto you. And do it to them good.

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AND THE FAME and popularity of His teachings, particularly with the authorities, spread. He became spiritual adviser to King Herod and Governor Pontius Pilate. And He grew old in years, rich in wealth and respect.

And on His death bed, He spake prophecy, saying, one will come after Me who will spread my teachings to the multitudes. And he will be a world renowned evangelist and a spiritual adviser to the great. And he will be hailed as the most famous true Christian of his times.

And, lo, so it came to pass.