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TEXT: Ephesians 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein **I may speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all them that **love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity**. Amen.

Philippians 1:9 And this I pray, that **your love** may abound yet more and more **in knowledge and in all judgment**;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

Amos 5:10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

Proverbs 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

"...there is not one word (of Scripture) true according to the letter...In this book, no new thing is told...Intution, then, is that operation of the mind whereby we are able to gain access to the interior...to possess ourselves of the knowledge...Paul gives the clue to the source and motive of his doctrine concerning woman...substituting the Letter for the Spirit...Paul degrades the mystic Scripture from its proper plane... it is not until [woman] is, on all its planes, exalted, crowned, and glorified, that humanity, whether in the individual or in the race, can attain to Christhood...On this subject Jesus himself had spoken very explicitly, though **only in writings labelled 'Apocryphal'** are the utterances recorded. Of these, one, given by Clement, declares plainly that the kingdom of God can come only 'when Two shall be One, and the Man as the Woman.' In the other, - recorded in the Egyptian gospel, - Jesus, speaking mystically, says, '**The kingdom of Heaven shall come when you women shall have renounced the dress of your sex'**'..."

(Anna Kingsford, Edward Maitland, *The Perfect Way, or The Finding of Christ*, 1890)

Jude 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh** in the children of disobedience:

"What is the feminine Christ? I pose this question because **this is what is rising now** in humanity."
(New Age mystic)

- Clune, *The Coming of the Feminine Christ*.

Isaiah 56:10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Luke 7:24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? **A reed shaken with the wind?**
25 But what went ye out for to see? **A man clothed in soft raiment?** Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and **live delicately**, are in kings' courts.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, **and waxed strong in spirit**, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

"Boy Scouts say no to lesbian mom - Despite mounting pressure, Scouts standing firm on leadership standards. With temperatures surpassing 100 degrees outside the Boy Scouts of America Museum, the 7-year-old Tiger Cub Scout sweating under a hot sun on July 18 couldn't come up with an answer as to why his mom was holding a press conference...'The BSA values the freedom of everyone to express their opinion and believes to disagree does not mean to disrespect.' **That notion was lost on nearly all of the media representatives, most of them preferring to rely on a tiny group of protesters standing on the edge of BSA property to represent the 'family values' argument.** Hoisting signs listing groups destined for hell, **the independent Baptists** from Mansfield **applauded the BSA decision as 'a stand for biblical morality' and 'that which is normal.'** Joined by three laymen from his church, Pastor Joey Faust...[says] **his concern is for the Boy Scouts of America to remain true to their convictions in spite of widespread protest by homosexual activists...**Long-time Southern Baptist scouter **Chip Turner of Fort Worth isn't a bit surprised that only a handful of folks showed up to support the decision of scouts.** **'Opponents to these policies are relentless and highly vocal,' he told the TEXAN. 'Unfortunately, the silent majority remains largely unheard.'** Turner hopes Southern Baptist churches and individual members **will seize the opportunity** by sending a note of affirmation to BSA for the moral and ethical commitments to which they have remained true for more than a century. Turner, [is] past national president of the Association of Baptists for Scouting..."

(<http://texanonline.net/news/boy-scouts-say-no-to-lesbian-mom>)

"Too long have we been waiting for one another to begin! The time of waiting is past!...Should such men as we fear? Before the world, yes, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we will dare to trust our God, we will venture our all for Him, we will live and we will die for Him, and we will do it with His joy unspeakable singing aloud in our hearts...And when we come to this position the battle is already won...We will have the real Holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts; we will have a Masculine Holiness, one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ."
(C.T. Studd, 1860-1931)

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"A lost reputation is the best degree for Christ's service..."
(C.T. Studd)

R. W. Conant, *The Manly Christ: A New View* (1904):

"...what is there in the personality of Christ, **as usually presented**, to attract the interest or inspire the enthusiasm of hard-headed practical men...the men who do the world's rough work...? Consider the conventional Christ, as presented by Christian art and Christian preaching...an expression of sweetness and resignation, eyes often down-cast, soft hands gently folded, long curling hair brushed smoothly from a central parting - all feminine, passive...smooth lineless features...no character, no virility...The **Feminizing of Christianity** is the real reason [true] men are not interested...Abraham, Moses and David were aggressive, manly men. Was Christ any less manly because he was free from their...moral blemish? A gentleman is not necessarily effeminate. There is altogether too much popular inclination to assume that goodness cannot be thoroughly manly, and so we have much twaddle from those who should know better about 'boys will be boys,' and 'a young man must sow his wild oats'!...Christ stands for the highest type of a strong, virile man, and there was nothing effeminate about him...[Masculine virtues are] courage, 'nerve,' force (physical, mental, or moral), 'squareness,' foresight, sound judgment, persistence, endurance, self-reliance, resourcefulness...organizing and executive ability...generosity, and ability to talk and argue convincingly...He is not simply courageous; the 'nervy' man finds in danger and conflict a pleasing stimulus, opposition and difficulties only inspire him; nothing ever 'rattles' him...A leader of men must have force...physical weakness *may* be overlooked provided he has mental or moral force sufficient to make up for the deficiency... 'Squareness' means incapacity for doing or saying anything petty, mean, or small...Did Christ fill those requirements for a leader of men? Yes... Read that terrific outburst beginning 'Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!...'...Think you that Christ looked meek and lowly and feminine then as he poured forth those scorching words? Why have we no Christ of the Denunciation, towering majestic, tense with righteous wrath; the eye flashing, the arm stretched forth in judgment- the impersonation of masterful virility! Are the painters and preachers afraid of it?...There were other occasions when Christ got angry with cause, but little is said about them...men of action, men with good red blood in their arteries, feel drawn toward a Christ who had the manliness to whip the rascally brokers out of the Temple, hurling their tables right and left and scattering the money over the floor as he cried, 'It is written, 'My house is the house of prayer;' but ye have made it a den of thieves'! How his eye must have flashed and how terrible his wrath when before his single arm the whole crowd ran... they did not dare put up a fight even to save the money which they loved better than their souls. If they had, can we have any doubt whether Christ would have proved himself a good fighter?...while he loved peace, he was no Prince of Peace-at-any-price...no pride of power, authority, or learning could 'bluff' him for one moment, no taunt betray him into losing his temper... [The Lord's] three favorite Disciples [Peter and the 'sons of thunder'] were exceptionally bold men, brave to the point of rashness, warmhearted...And so his choice of close companions affords double proof that there was nothing weak...about Christ...Christ was always...ready to reason with the

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reasonable, [but] He was stern and terrible to the evilminded...[As a] reaction from the harshness of past theology...the pendulum has swung to the other extreme...It is human nature, after emerging from the cruel indifference of barbarism, to swing to the other extreme of a benevolent sentimentalism...a gentleman is not always or necessarily a gentle man...While he is cordial and hearty, he is never mushy...You know instinctively that you do not know him...While he gives you freely so much of himself as you are entitled to according to your degree of intimacy, there is an invisible barrier to any intrusion...Sometimes even a gentleman is obliged to use harsh language and loud tones, though he will avoid them if possible..."

-Edward M. Lewis, pitcher of the Boston baseball team (1800s):

"Christ was not effeminate. He was a manly Christ."

"There is some danger of falling into **a soft and effeminate Christianity**...Christianity was born for endurance; not an exotic, but a hardy plant...it is kindly, but firm; it is gentle, but honest...It does not fear to speak the stem word of condemnation against error, nor to raise its voice against surrounding evil...it does not shrink from giving honest reproof, lest it come under the charge of displaying an unchristian spirit...The religion of both Old and New Testaments is marked by fervent testimonies against evil. To speak smooth things in such a case may be sentimentalism, but it is not Christianity..."
(Horatius Bonar, 1818-1899)