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Maurry

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“Pathfinder of the Seas”

Huguenots

- The Huguenots were Protestants in the 1500s who claimed the authority of the Bible over the authority of the Pope.
- They opposed Catholic teachings not found in the Bible, such as relics, purgatory, indulgences, special saints and pilgrimages.

Huguenot Growth

- Huguenot numbers grew rapidly between 1555 and 1561, chiefly amongst nobles and city dwellers.
- By 1562, there were an estimated 2 million Huguenots in France.
- Roughly one eighth of the population.
- Their protests against the un-Biblical teachings of the State Church increased.
- The state-church was incensed at the challenge to authority.

Follow God Rather Than Man

- “Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.” Matthew 22:21
- “Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” Acts 5:29

Huguenots Slaughtered

- In what became known as the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 24 Aug – 3 Oct 1572, Catholics killed thousands of Huguenots in Paris.
- Similar massacres took place in other towns in the weeks following.
- Historians record that an estimated 25,000 Huguenots were slaughtered.
- More were slaughtered over the next year.

Non-State Religion Made Illegal

- In 1685, by the Edict of Fontainebleau, Protestantism was declared illegal. Louis XIV sent armed soldiers to occupy and loot the homes of the Bible believers.
- Then the state closed the Bible believers' schools and excluded them from favored professions.
- The state forbade non-state church services and required all children to be educated in state run schools.

Mass Exodus of Huguenots

- Hundreds of thousands of Huguenots and other Bible believers fled France to avoid persecution and to have freedom of religion and education.
- Many went to other European nations such as England and Holland.
- Thousands migrated to North and South America.

The Maury Family of Virginia

- Several hundred Huguenots settled in the colony of Virginia.
- Among the Huguenot families that settled in Virginia was the Maury family.
- In 1806 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, God gave the Maury's a baby boy named Matthew F. Maury.

Christian Education

- Matthew Maury's grandfather, Rev. James Maury, taught at a private Christian school. Three of his students (Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe) became future Presidents of the United States.

Maury Learned The Bible At Home

- Maury had known of the Psalms of David since childhood. In "A Life of Matthew Fontaine Maury" pages 7-8,
- Matthew's father was very exact in the religious training of his family, now numbering five sons and four daughters. He would assemble them night and morning to read the Psalm for the day. Matthew became so familiar with the Psalms of David, he could cite a quotation, and give chapter and verse, as if he had the Bible open before him.

Psalm 8:8

- Matthew Maury served as a U.S. naval officer before suffering an injury which forced his retirement. He was then placed in charge of the Depot of Charts and Instruments of the Hydrographic Office of the Navy from 1841 to 1861. He was a Christian who loved the word of God. One day while reading Psalms, he was struck by Chapter 8, verse 8. There he read that God had given man dominion over “the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through **the paths of the seas.**”

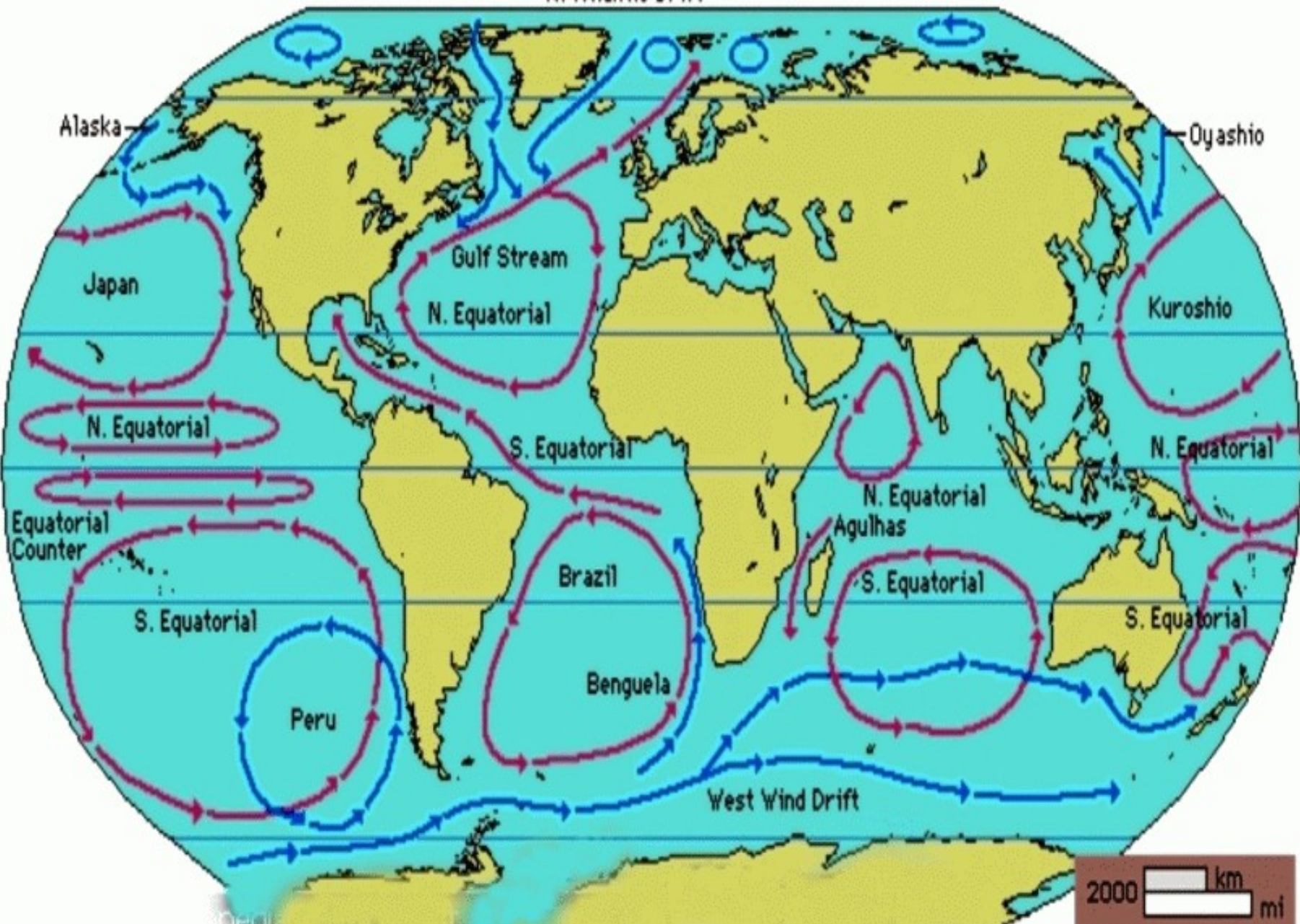
Ecclesiastes 1:6

- In studying about the paths of the sea, Maury also discovered the circuits of the winds established in God's creation.
- He immediately saw the great practical significance of that verse, recognizing that there must be currents of water in the oceans, just like vast rivers, as well as in the atmosphere.

Following The Bible

- With confidence in the accuracy of the Bible, Maury determined to discover the paths in the seas and the global wind circuits, utilizing the charts and log books he had at his disposal. He did discover and plot the great Gulf Current, 40 miles wide and 2,000 feet deep that comes out of the Gulf of Mexico into the Atlantic; the Japanese Current, the California Current, and others.

N. Atlantic Drift



Maury “Pathfinder of the Seas”

- He was nicknamed "Pathfinder of the Seas" and "Father of Modern Oceanography and Naval Meteorology" and later, "Scientist of the Seas," due to publication of his extensive works.
- *Physical Geography of the Sea* (1855), was the first extensive and comprehensive book on oceanography to be published. Maury made many important new contributions to charting winds and ocean currents, including ocean lanes for passing ships at sea.

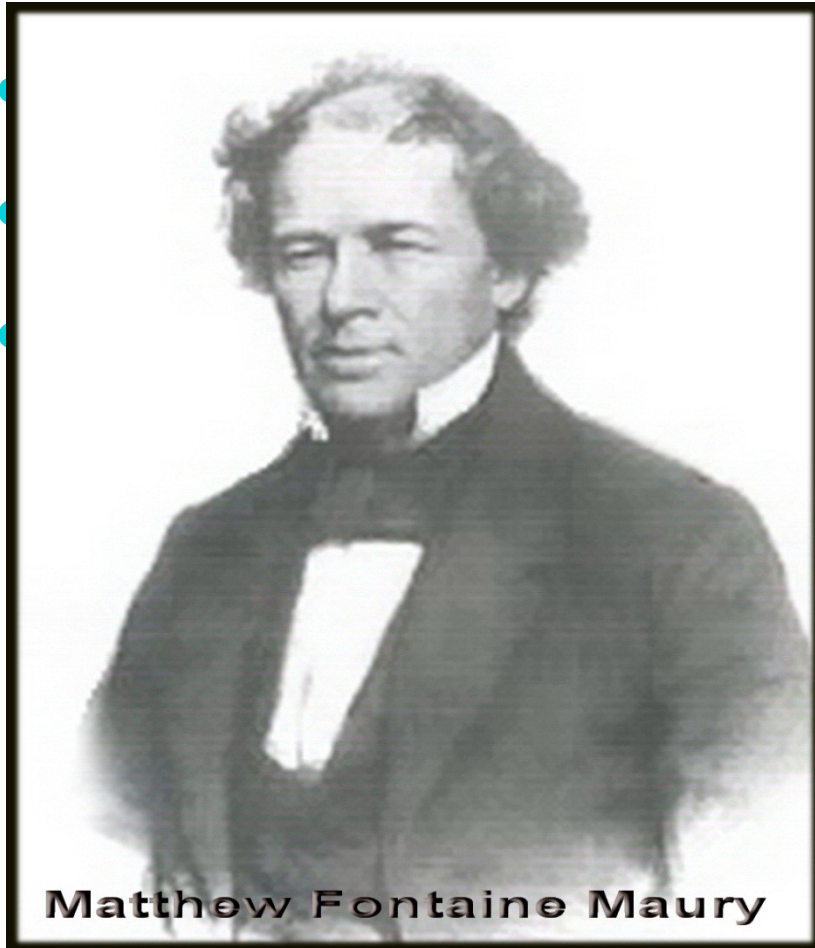
Benefits of God's Paths

- Utilizing Maury's information, based upon the Bible, the sailing ships of his day plied these currents and wind circuits to great advantage, reducing by as much as three weeks the time required to cross the oceans.
- A trip by sea from Baltimore to Brazil took 120 days.
- Applying Maury's findings 75 days (saved 45 days at sea)
- You can save a lot of time and money following Bible paths.

His Later Life

- Maury did not believe in slavery, but he was loyal to his native home of Virginia.
- With the outbreak of the Civil War, Maury, a Virginian, resigned his commission as a U.S. Navy commander and joined the Confederacy.
- Following the war, Maury accepted a teaching position at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.
- He died at his home in Lexington in 1873.

Pathfinder of the Seas



Matthew Fontaine Maury

(died July 1, 1873)

Historian, oceanographer,
navigator, author, geologist, and

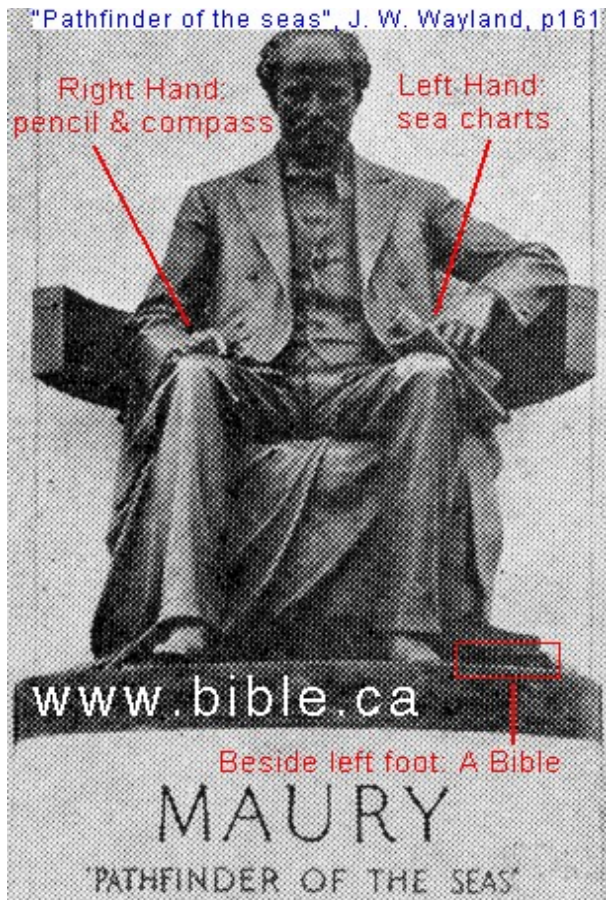
Matthew F. Maury Monument



- in Richmond, Virginia

- “Pathfinder of the Seas”, whose work was based on the Bible and who made world-records in oceanographic and atmospheric

Monument Today



- The inscription reads:
"Matthew Fontaine Maury, Pathfinder of the Seas, the genius who first snatched from the oceans and atmosphere the secret of their laws. His inspiration, Holy Writ
- Psalm 8:8
- Ecclesiastes 1:6."

“All Is Well”

- On his death bed the Bible believers last testimony.
- He raised his hands into the air, ready to be taken to a better place.
- His last words were, "All's well", a nautical expression telling your Captain of calm conditions at sea.

God's Paths Are The Best

- For thousands of years men travelled without knowledge of God's paths of the seas.
- Through Bible study, Matthew Maury learned of God's paths. As he told others about God's paths, mankind benefitted immensely.
- Man's paths are inferior to God's paths.
- "The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing and perish." Job 6:18
- God gives his paths to replace man's paths, because he is not willing that any should perish.

Job 8:13

- So are the **paths of all that forget God**; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish.

Psalm 17:4

- Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the **paths of the destroyer.**

The Alcohol Path

- 100,000 annual alcohol related deaths
- 500,000 injuries (half of all auto accidents)
- 50% of all murders
- 3 million receiving treatment
- 1 in 10 people who ever taste alcohol will become a hopeless alcoholic.
- 50% of all police work due to alcohol abuse.

The Drug Path

- 16 million illicit drug users
- 6 million children live in a home where one or both parents is an addict
- Since 1980 annual drug deaths rose 540%

The Gambling Path

- 600% increase in gambling in past 10 years
- Casinos take in 60.4 billion per year
- State lotteries 24 billion
- 48% of gamblers considered suicide
- 13% have tried suicide

The Immorality Path

- 19 million new STD cases each year in America
- 1 in 4 college students have an STD
- Relationships specifically against word of God becoming more and more acceptable, e.g. coed dorms
- God's path, he who commits fornication sinneth against his own body, getting a wound and dishonor.

The Abortion Path

- Over 1 million abortions per year in America
 - 1% after rape or incest
 - 6% to protect life of mother or child
 - 93% because children not convenient
- Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
- True religion is taking care of children and widows.

The Violence Path

- As we speak, wars in
- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- Libya
- Yemen
- Terrorists world-wide
- Wars in politics, sports, families, churches
- Violence in movies, TV, video games
- 11/3/11
- God's path – The Prince of Peace in each heart

The Materialism Path

- Individuals, businesses, governments are on an irresponsible spending binge.
- Personal and government debt is enormous
- 13 trillion
(30,000 plus for every man woman and child in America)
- Nothing is being paid to the principle, only to the interest.
- Gods path – Owe no man anything (Romans 13:8)
- ^{11/2/11} If any man love the world, the love of God is not in

Psalm 23:3

- He restoreth my soul: **he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness** for his name's sake.

Psalm 25:4

- Shew me thy ways, O LORD; **teach me thy paths.**
- Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

God's Paths Jeremiah 6:16

- Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see , and **ask for the old paths, where is the good way**, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.
 - The old way included Christian education.
 - The old way honored the Ten Commandments.
 - The old way honored parents
 - The old way children were not inconvenient

Micah 4:2-3

- And many nations shall come , and say , Come , and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and **we will walk in his paths**: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, **neither shall they learn war any more.**

Proverbs 2:6-9

- For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
- He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
- Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, **every good path.**

Proverbs 3:16-17

- “Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.”
- “Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and **all her paths are peace.**”

Matthew 3:3

- For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying , The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

Hebrews 12:13

- And **make straight paths for your feet**, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way ; but let it rather be healed .

Isaiah 2:2-3

- And it shall come to pass in the last days, that... many people shall go and say , Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and **we will walk in his paths**: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 59:7-8

- Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; **wasting and destruction are in their paths.**
- The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: **they have made them crooked paths:** whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Isaiah 58:12

- And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called , The repairer of the breach, **The restorer of paths** to dwell in.