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MARINE EARNS NAVY CROSS

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, CA--**Marine Capt. Brian R. Chontosh** received the Navy Cross Medal from the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, **Gen. Michael W. Hagee**, during an awards ceremony last month at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Training Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

Three other Marines received medals for valor at the same ceremony.

Chontosh, 29, from Rochester, N.Y., received the naval service's second highest award for extraordinary heroism while serving as Combined Anti-Armor Platoon Commander, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom March 25, 2003.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military award.

While leading his platoon north on Highway 1 toward Ad Diwaniyah, Chontosh's platoon moved into a coordinated ambush of mortars, rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapons fire. With coalitions tanks blocking the road ahead, he realized his platoon was caught in a kill zone.

He had his driver move the vehicle through a breach along his flank, where he was immediately taken under fire from an entrenched machine gun. Without hesitation, Chontosh ordered the driver to advance directly at the enemy position enabling his .50 caliber machine gunner to silence the enemy.

He then directed his driver into the enemy trench, where he exited his vehicle and began to clear the trench with an M16A2 service rifle and 9 millimeter pistol. His ammunition depleted, Chontosh, with complete disregard for his safety, twice picked up discarded enemy rifles and continued his ferocious attack.

When a Marine following him found an enemy rocket propelled grenade launcher, Chontosh used it to destroy yet another group of enemy soldiers.

When his audacious attack ended, he had cleared more than 200 meters of the enemy trench, killing more than 20 enemy soldiers and wounding several others.

"They are the reflection of the Marine Corps type who's service to the Marine Corps and country is held above their own safety and lives," said Gen. Hagee, commenting on the four Marines who received medals during the ceremony. "I'm proud to be here awarding the second highest and third highest awards for bravery to these great Marines."

"These four Marines are a reflection of every Marine and sailor in this great battalion," said Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, **SgtMaj. John L. Estrada**.

"I was just doing my job, I did the same thing every other Marine would have done, it was just a passion and love for my Marines, the experience put a lot into perspective," said Chontosh.

COMMANDANT'S COLUMN

Marines,

Where has the summer gone? We're in the "devil" dog days of August and I can't believe all the rain that has put a strain on the summer activities. My boat may as well be in dry dock.

Well, we had a lively meeting this month which seemed to drag on forever. Guess we had a lot of business to discuss. We brought on board a new member--**Eric Sanford**. Welcome to the best Detachment in the Department of Pennsylvania, MCL, Eric. Hope to make your membership an enjoyable one. As you can see, we get a little nutty at times. We had a ton of correspondence to cover which should appear in this month's newsletter, so no need to dwell on it. The hot topic of conversation was discussing plans for this year's Birthday Ball. **Junior Vice Jim Powell** has been on top of it already and has come up with some good suggestions. This year, November 10th falls on a Wednesday so the preferred date would be either the weekend before or the week after the 10th. I did not realize it at the time, but the weekend after (Nov. 12 or 13) the 10th will not be possible for me to attend. During the beginning of this year, my wife and I decided to go on a cruise out of Ft. Lauderdale and after returning from the cruise, we would then drive over to Naples and spend Thanksgiving with her sister and husband before returning home. I got on the horn right away to Jim Powell explaining the situation to him. I instructed Jim to choose a date that was in the best interest of the Detachment and I would support his choice. Should I be there? Yes! Do I want to be there? You bet! If the week-

end before the 10th does not work out, I will pitch in and do everything I can to see that it will be a success and **Senior Vice Don Gee** will have to do the honors and I know he will do a fine job. By the way, Don, you can put your eyes back in your head and pick yourself up off of the floor. I was only kidding when I suggested the Detachment provide the Commandant and his wife a limousine for the Birthday Ball. What I really want is a horse and carriage.

I have to commend **Past Commandant Bob Sundling** for the super report he gave on the activities of the Young Marines and their boot camp experience.

Guest Editorial

Who's An American?

[You probably missed it in the rush of news last month, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So an Australian dentist wrote the following to let everyone know what an American is, so they would know when they found one. (Good on ya, mate!!!!)]

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish or Buddhist or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person the pursuit of happiness.

Their formal graduation ceremony was held on August 14. My presence was requested for the event and to address the graduates. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to a business commitment and I asked Bob to stand in and say a few words of wisdom on my behalf.

Before I close, I want to remind everyone who chooses to do so, to submit their choice for Marine of the Year to the Nominating Committee before the October 13 meeting.

Semper Fi,

Bill Miller

An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in other world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country.

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

Americans welcome the best--the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every blood-thirsty tyrant in the history of the world since 1775. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

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Highlights

The regular meeting of the Central Bucks Detachment, Inc., of the Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc., was held August 11, 2004, at the Albert E. Atkinson American Legion Post #210, 315 North St., Doylestown, PA.

There were 18 members present including all officers. **Distinguished members in attendance included Past Commandants Don Gee, Budd Pearce, Bob Sundling, and Frank Yohe; Past Commandant of the Department of New Jersey Ed Hoth; and Marine of the Year Bob Cody.**

The Minutes of the July 2004 were unanimously accepted.

The Paymaster's Report was delivered by **Paymaster Bob Cody**. The report was unanimously accepted.

Marine Eric Sanford was unanimously accepted for membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

Commandant Bill Miller reported on correspondence the Detachment received from the Bucks County Department of Veterans Affairs pertaining to a planned bus trip to Washington, DC, on Sept. 13; a request for World War II veterans to submit their names for a special celebration on Sept. 11; a notice from the Military Order of the Purple Heart about its membership drive; and a notice announcing the Department Quarterly Staff Meeting, Oct. 1-3, in Plymouth Meeting.

Senior Vice Commandant Don Gee, PC, reported the Detachment strength at 54 including 21 Life Members, 28 Regular Members, and 4 Associate Members. We have one Complimentary Member. He stated he will not be able to attend the September Meeting because he will be in Scottsdale, AZ, for the Third Marine Division Association Reunion.

Junior Vice Commandant Jim Powell reported on preparations for the Birthday Ball. The Ball will be held on either Nov. 6 or Nov. 13. He will report further on the Ball at the September Meeting.

Adjutant Gary Smith reported he had received no correspondence besides that which was reported by the Commandant.

Judge Advocate Bill Jerrom reported the Detachment had no legal problems.

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Mickelson reported he had received a request for the Detachment Color Guard on Sept. 25.

Quartermaster Bob Duff stated he had nothing new to report.

The Public Relations Officer asked members with material for the September issue of Listen Up! submit it as soon as possible since he will be in Nashville for reunions of The Chosin Few and the USMC Combat Correspondents Association from Aug. 16-29. He also reminded the members that ads for Listen Up! are overdue and enjoined the members to solicit new advertising and/or renew the existing ads.

Chaplain Ed Hoth, PDC, reported his services were available but not requested since the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee--Junior Past Commandant Budd Pearce, who chaired the committee, reported the annual audit was completed and the Paymaster's records were exemplary.

Marine of the Year Committee--Marine of the Year Committee Chair Bob Cody announced the committee would vote on Marine of the Year nominations at the Oct. 13 Meeting and requested nominations be submitted as soon as possible.

Rifle & Pistol Team--Past Commandant Budd Pearce reported the Department Rifle Match will be held Sept. 24-26.

Young Marines--Young Marines Liaison Bob Sundling, PC, reported on the Young Marines Unit's "Boot Camp."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mess Sergeant Wil Haas reminded the members about his planned bus trip to the Marine Barracks at 8th & I Sts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004.

John Brown at Harpers Ferry: Marines Answer the Call

On the morning of October 17, 1859, panic gripped Washington D.C. as word reached the Capital that John Brown of Kansas and a group of armed abolitionists seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry Virginia and kidnapped several prominent citizens of the town. By noon, President James Buchanan had verified the facts of the situation and had taken action.

Troops from the Maryland and Virginia Militia were summoned to Harpers Ferry but the President wanted Federal troops to handle this situation. Accordingly, the 3rd US. Army Artillery Regiment at Fort Monroe was alerted however it soon became clear that army troops could not arrive on the scene for two days. Instead, Marines stationed at Marine Barracks Washington were pressed into service.

By 3:20 p.m., a detachment of 86 Marines commanded by 1st Lt. Israel Greene, USMC, boarded a train bound for Harpers Ferry. Greene was assisted by Major William Russell, USMC, Paymaster of the Corps, who was sent to advise the young officer.

Secretary of War John Floyd had other ideas regarding the overall commander of the operation. Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee U.S. Army was on leave in nearby Arlington Virginia preparing to report to the 2nd U.S. Cavalry in Texas. Orders were sent by courier to Colonel Lee.

The courier was Lt. James E.B. Stuart who was waiting to meet with the Secretary of War. Stuart offered his services to Lee as aide de camp and the two headed for the War Department.

As the Marines hit the rails to danger, the situation in Harpers Ferry rapidly deteriorated. The Jefferson County Militia exchanged gunfire with Brown's band and two failed assaults on the engine house resulted in heavy casualties.

The abolitionists killed Fontaine Beckham, the Mayor of Harpers Ferry, and the militia captured and killed Wil-

liam Thompson one of Brown's men.

The Marine detachment arrived at the Sandy Hook station near Harpers Ferry by 9:30 pm. Later in the evening they were joined by Colonel Lee and Lt. Stuart. By dawn on October 18th 1859, Lee, Stuart and Greene approached the arsenal and the compound was surrounded by Maryland and Virginia Militia.

Believing this to be a state matter, Lee offered both the Maryland and Virginia Militia the honor of storming the engine house where a dozen of Brown men and hostages were. Both commanders declined and Colonel Lee turned to Lt. Greene and his Marines.



Lt. Stuart was sent to make a surrender demand to John Brown. If it was rejected, he was to wave his hat as a signal. A force of 12 marines with sledgehammers would be sent to make an entry into the engine house.

Stuart made his demand and John Brown to make counter demands over the yelling and screaming of the hostages. The young cavalry officer lost patience with the situation and waved his hat.

Two large Marines with sledgehammer tried in vain to open the heavy doors to the engine house. Greene saw a large ladder lying near by and ordered 5 marines on each side of the ladder to ram the door. The door opened on the second attempt and Lt. Greene and Major Russell leaped through the breach fol-

lowed by Marines with bayonets. The inside of the engine house was covered in smoke. Lewis Washington, grand nephew of George Washington, assisted Greene in locating John Brown who was preparing to fire a rifle. Lt. Greene struck Brown on the back of his neck with his sword and then thrust it into Brown's side.

The abolitionist would have died on the spot if Greene had been wearing a regulation sword however, in his haste Israel Greene had brought his light dress sword which was not as deadly. Two of Brown's men, Jeremiah Anderson and Dauphin Thompson fell beneath Marine bayonets. Marine Pvt. Luke Quinn made the ultimate sacrifice while Pvt. Matthew Ruppert received a gunshot wound to the face. The entire conflict took less than three minutes.

Israel Greene and his Marines assisted Colonel Lee in searching for more of Brown's men in the surrounding countryside. The Marine detachment was back in their barracks in on the morning of October 20. Lt. Colonel Robert E. Lee wrote a letter to Marine Commandant Harris praising the action of the Marines at Harpers Ferry.

History well documents what happened to Robert E. Lee and Jeb Stuart in the coming years but it is interesting to note that Israel Greene left the Corps to become a Captain in the Confederate Marine Corps.

The Marine action at Harpers Ferry was more than an interesting footnote to history. Lt. Greene and his detachment were a rapid deployment team sent into a hostile situation.

This may have been the first time U.S. Marines were used in this capacity but it certainly was not the last. It would be a pattern seen throughout the 20th and into the 21st century.

(Information on this subject was gathered from The United States Marine Corps in the Civil War- The First Year by David M. Sullivan).

Seven Nominated for 2004 Darwin Awards

Nominee No. 1: James Burns, 34, (a mechanic) of Alamo, MI, was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police describe as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft!"

Nominee No. 2: Ken Charles Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, NC. Awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed instead a Smith & Wesson 38 Special, which discharged when he drew it to his ear.

Nominee No. 3: Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death. A police spokesman said Garry Hoy, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early Friday evening as he was explaining the strength of the building's windows to visiting law students. Hoy previously has conducted demonstrations of window strength according to police reports. Peter Lawson, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the Toronto Sun newspaper that Hoy was "one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man as-

sociation.

Nominee No. 4: A terrible diet and a room with no ventilation are being blamed for the death of a man who was killed by his own gas emissions. There was no mark on his body, and an autopsy showed large amounts of methane gas in his system. His diet had consisted primarily of beans and cabbage (and a couple of other things). It was just the right combination of foods. It appears that the man died in his sleep from breathing the poisonous cloud that was hanging over his bed. Had he been outside or had his windows been opened, it wouldn't have been fatal. But the man was shut up in his nearly airtight bedroom. According to the article, "He was a big man with a huge capacity for creating 'this deadly gas.'" Three of the rescuers got sick, and one was hospitalized.

Nominee No. 5: Michael Anderson Godwin made News of the Weird posthumously. He had spent several years awaiting South Carolina's electric chair on a murder conviction before having his sentence reduced to life in prison. While sitting on a metal toilet in his cell attempting to fix his small TV set, he bit into a wire and was electrocuted.

Nominee No. 6: A cigarette lighter may have triggered a fatal explosion in Dunkirk, IN. A Jay County man, using a cigarette lighter to check the barrel of a muzzle loader, was killed Monday night when the weapon discharged in his

face, sheriff's investigators said. Gregory David Pryor, 19, died in his parents' rural Dunkirk home at about 11:30 PM. Investigators said Pryor was cleaning a 54-caliber muzzle-loader that had not been firing properly. He was using the lighter to look into the barrel when the gunpowder ignited.

Finally, THE WINNER!!!

Two local men were injured when their pickup truck left the road and struck a tree near Cotton Patch on State Highway 38 early Monday. Woodruff County deputy Dovey Snyder reported the accident shortly after midnight Monday. Thurston Poole, 33, of Des Arc, and Billy Ray Wallis, 38, of Little Rock, were returning to Des Arc after a frog gigging trip. On an overcast Sunday night, Poole's pickup truck headlights malfunctioned. The two men concluded that the headlight fuse on the older-model truck had burned out. As a replacement fuse was not available, Wallis noticed that the .22 caliber bullet from his pistol fit perfectly into the fuse box next to the steering-wheel column. Upon inserting the bullet the headlights again began to operate properly, and the two men proceeded on eastbound toward the White River Bridge.

After traveling approximately 20 miles, and just before crossing the river, the bullet apparently overheated, discharged, and struck Poole in the testicles. The vehicle swerved sharply right, exiting the pavement, and striking a tree. Poole suffered only minor cuts and abrasions from the accident, but will require extensive surgery to repair the damage to his testicles, which will never operate as intended. Wallis sustained a broken clavicle and was treated and released. "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when Thurston shot his balls off, or we might both be dead," stated Wallis. "I've been a trooper for 10 years in this part of the world, but this is a first for me. I can't believe that those two would admit how this accident happened," said Snyder. Upon being notified of the wreck, Lavinia (Poole's wife) asked how many frogs the boys had caught and did anyone get them from the truck?

USPS Salutes Marine Icons

The United States Postal Service (USPS) announced the 2005 U.S. stamp program at the August American Philatelic Society Stamp show in Sacramento, CA. Key to the 2005 program for all Marines is the long-awaited debut of a Distinguished Marines block of stamps, which will be unveiled in the fall of 2004 and issued sometime in 2005. No image of the stamps will be available until the unveiling.

According to **Mark Saunders** of the media relations section of the USPS, the Distinguished Marines stamps will honor four Marine icons: **General John A. Lejeune**, **Lieutenant General Lewis**

B. "Chesty" Puller, **Sergeant Major Dan Daly**, and **Gunnery Sergeant John "Manila John" Basilone**.

Saunders also confirmed that these commemorative stamps will be printed only once and will be available for one year after being issued. This announcement has been long-awaited. Multiple Marine organizations and individuals have repeatedly requested a series of stamps honoring Marines and military personnel of the other branches.

This Distinguished Marines set is a follow-on to the 2000 Distinguished Soldiers series of four stamps. Persistence is rewarded.

GI Bill Celebrates 60 Years

WASHINGTON--Secretary of Veterans Affairs **Anthony J. Principi** marked the 60th anniversary of the "GI Bill of Rights" on June 22, calling it "one of the greatest pieces of legislation in American history."

"The GI Bill made home ownership and college education available to millions of Americans," Principi said. "By harnessing the talent and drive of America's veterans, it created six decades of opportunity for the men and women who served in uniform."

About 21 million veterans, service members and family members have received more than \$77 billion in GI Bill benefits for education and training since 1944. Administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the educational program has undergone several major changes over the years. The current version is the Montgomery GI Bill.

The GI Bill's home-loan guaranty program has been used by 17.5 million people for loans totaling \$830 billion. Last year, more than 90 percent of participants took advantage of the program's unique no-downpayment feature.

"VA is proud to play a part in holding open the door to the American dream for millions of veterans," Principi said. "We will continue this legacy by looking for new ways to adapt this marvelous program to the changing needs of veterans."

2004 **SCHEDULE** **OF EVENTS**

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8 SEPTEMBER
1930

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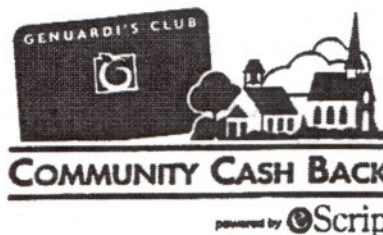
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'Semper Fi' Highway Dedicated in CA

MCAS, MIRAMAR, CA-- Marines past and present now have a stretch of American highway that they can call their own that honors their sacrifices and commemorates the contributions of the Marine Corps.

In a formal dedication ceremony at the Miramar Officers' Club July 2, **BrigGen. Carl B. Jensen**, Commanding General, MCAS Miramar, and dozens of guests and dignitaries joined **California Assemblyman Jay La Suer** and **House Armed Services Chairman Duncan Hunter** in the unveiling of the new sign announcing the "Semper Fi Highway" for the stretch of I-15 between Highway 163 and Miramar Road.

In designating the portion of the I-15, La Suer's Assembly Concurrent Resolution 121 recognizes the "positive impact" MCAS Miramar has had on California's economy and the Marine Corps' great service to America. "This is not about politics," said La Suer. "It is about the Marines today."

After lauding one of the ceremony's honored guests, Medal of Honor recipient, retired **Maj. Robert J. Modrzejewski**, the new Commanding General for Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area celebrated La Suer's efforts.

"We would not be here today if it were not for the tremendous efforts of Assemblyman La Suer who has done so much to make this happen," said Jensen.

"I know there are many of you who have worked tirelessly with him to bring this great cause to fruition. This genuinely means a lot. Every time a Marine or a Marine family takes a look at (the Semper Fi Highway sign) they will be filled with pride. It is a representative of the close relationship with the San Diego community and the surrounding area, and I look forward to building upon that here at Miramar. We are very honored by this and what you have done."

La Suer, an Army veteran who entered politics after a 31-year career in law enforcement, expressed great appreciation for the Marine Corps during the ceremony.

"Throughout the world today the Marine Corps is in every port and every land to make the presence of the United States

known, making sure that we remain free," expounded the Assemblyman from La Mesa. "The Marines are known, for their ferocity in battle and they have lost some Marines.

That's part of what this is for. But I will tell you this; they have taken a terrible toll on our enemies." La Suer was quick to single out in the audience his former high school teacher who was a Marine at the Chosin Reservoir before delivering lines from an anonymous poem to honor those who have given us our freedoms.

"It is the Marine, not the reporter, that has given us Freedom of the Press," read La Suer. "It is the Marine, not the poet, who has given us Freedom of Speech. It is the Marine, not the campus organizer, who has given us the right to demonstrate. It is the Marine, who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn our flag." Both Hunter and La Suer hope that anyone driving through the Miramar community will salute their Marine neighbors for being America's "finest citizens."

"Every person that drives by Marine Corps Air Station Miramar (along I-15) will see that they are driving on the 'Semper Fi Highway,'" said La Suer. "They'll know that they are passing by the home of 'The Few, The Proud, The Marines!' God bless our Marines and God bless America."

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As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's lawgivers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view -- it is Moses and he is holding the ten commandments.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and monuments in Washington, D.C.

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James Madison, the 4th President, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" stated "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."



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