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“Keep that which is committed to thy trust...”

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“There is a lot of debate and confusion surrounding the man-made term ‘King James Onlyism.’ It has been popularized in recent years by men who claim they are concerned about a dangerous and cultic view of the King James Bible. Rarely do they carefully define the term, though, and as a result a wide variety of Bible-believing men are labeled with a nebulously-defined term.” Page 10.

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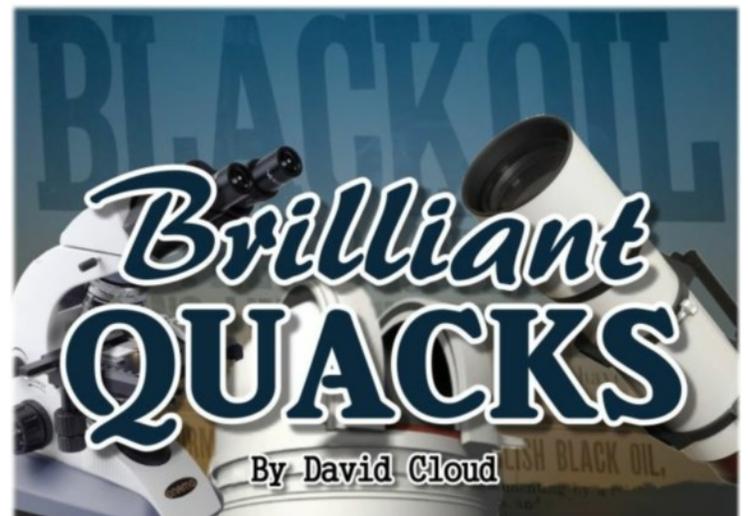
BRILLIANT QUACKS - By David Cloud

Being deceived by quackery is not always an issue of intellect and education. It happens to the educated as well as the non-educated, to the credentialed as well as the non-credentialed, to the experienced as well as the inexperienced.

It is easy for a man to be deceived. This is a fallen world filled with spiritual darkness under the control of an angel of darkness who manifests himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).

And the Bible warns that the human heart is “deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

The fallen human heart is not ultimately committed to truth. It believes what it wants to believe, and there are many motives for believing a lie, including financial gain,



pride, prestige, conformity, and security or avoiding trouble. Thirty-three times the New Testament warns about deception.

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4).

“For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple” (Romans 16:18).

“That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive” (Ephesians 4:14).

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Timothy 3:13).

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him”(Revelation 12:9).

I learned the power of deception as a young man when I was deceived by the claims of reincarnation promoted by the Self-Realization Fellowship Society. I was deceived by testimonials and by a technique of hypnotism that seemed to provide objective evidence. I saw later that I had been motivated to believe in reincarnation by my rebellion against the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is possible to believe a lie and to believe it with all of one’s heart.

Following are three brilliant men who were deceived into seeing what they wanted to see.

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PERCIVAL LOWELL

Percival Lowell (1865-1916) was born into a wealthy, high-society Boston family, graduated from Harvard, was a brilliant mathematician and successful businessman, traveled widely in the Far East, learned several languages, and kept company with affluent, influential people.

Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* was published when Lowell was a boy, and he accepted the doctrine of evolution wholeheartedly.

Later Lowell’s imagination was stirred by Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli’s 1893 book *Life on Mars* and the report of supposed “channels” on the red planet. Seeing this as proof that life existed on other planets, Lowell set out to bring this “evidence” home for the evolutionary cause. He used his wealth to construct an astronomical observatory with a 24-inch telescope in the American west near the Grand Canyon. It was completed in 1894, and from then until his death 22 years later, he studied Mars and published reports and books.

Eventually Lowell “saw” and named 700 canals on Mars and came to believe that Martians were building the canals in an attempt to save their planet. He even deduced many fascinating details about the lives of the Martians.

The one small problem with all of this is that there are no canals on Mars, and there are no Martians. This has been proven by more powerful telescopes and by space exploration since the first successful flyby of the planet by NASA’s Mariner 4 probe in 1965. Currently there are five orbiters circling Mars and two NASA exploration vehicles crawling on the surface. There are no canals or Martians.

How could an intelligent, well-educated man see canals and alien civilizations that do not exist? The answer is that he saw what he wanted to see.

The same phenomenon that allows an atheist to see evidence for Darwinian evolution allows someone to see evidence for a quack cure.

ANDREW IVY

Andrew Ivy (1893-1978) was one of the most prominent medical doctors in America in the first half of the twentieth century. His Ph.D. and M.D. were from the University of

Chicago. He was the head of physiology and pharmacology at Northwestern University Medical School, vice president of the University of Illinois, and president of the American Physiological Society for three years.

The author of 2,000 scientific articles, he was once the most cited scientist in the world. His textbook on peptic ulcers remains a classic. He was famous for helping to prosecute Nazi doctors accused of torture and murder. He was said to have been “the most famous doctor in the country” (Jonathan Moreno, *Undue Risk*, p. 266).

Beginning in 1949, after meeting Stevan Durovic of Yugoslavia, Ivy began promoting a new cancer treatment called krebiozen. Durovic claimed that it was made with a serum collected from horses injected with a bacterium called *Actinomyces bovis* (Paul Offit, *Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*, p. 168). He claimed to have successfully tested it on dogs and cats with cancer.

Ivy was convinced that the cure was real, because he had studied dogs with cancer and believed that they produced a natural anti-cancer substance, though he couldn't find it. Now he was convinced that Durovic had found the missing substance.

Though Durovic refused to reveal to Dr. Ivy how he made the extract, claiming that it was a commercial secret, Ivy soon began trials on humans. In March 1951, he announced at a press conference that he had treated 22 patients with krebiozen and had found “dramatical clinical improvement.” He failed to say that 10 of the patients had died of cancer!

Ivy trusted Durovic's supposed test results, but he was lying. For example, Durovic claimed in 1959 and again in 1961 that a Mr. Taietti was “well and active,” yet Taietti had died of bladder cancer in 1955.

More than 4,200 cancer patients were treated with krebiozen, but studies began to find that the treatment was worthless.

A study by the FDA of the Krebiozen Foundation's records of 1,526 patients found only three that *might* have shown slight benefit from the treatment, and these were questionable.

When the National Cancer Institute and FDA analyzed the content of krebiozen, it turned out to be nothing more than mineral oil. A powder supplied by the Krebiozen Foundation was composed of creatine monohydrate, “a normal constituent of muscle and a common laboratory compound purchasable for \$.30 a gram, approximately \$10 for a 1-ounce bottle.”

By trusting krebiozen treatments instead of traditional care, patients died of treatable cancer. For example, Orme Moritz refused surgery for breast cancer and accepted treatment with krebiozen for a year. By the time she had an operation, it was too late. The cancer had spread, and she soon died (James Holland, M.D., “The Krebiozen Story”).

In 1964, Durovic moved to Switzerland and lived off of the money he had stashed away in a Swiss bank account.

Until his death in 1978, Andrew Ivy remained convinced that Krebiozen was a cure for cancer.

LINUS PAULING

Linus Pauling (1901-1994) taught at the California Institute of Technology for more than 40 years and was the first person to be the recipient of two unshared Nobel prizes. He also won the National Medal of Science, the Medal for Merit, awarded by the U.S. President, and received honorary degrees from Cambridge, the University of London, and the University of Paris. He appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine and was “hailed as one of the greatest scientists who had ever lived.”

At age 30, Pauling won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his research into chemical bonds. That year he received the Langmuir Prize for the most outstanding young chemist in the United States and became the youngest person elected to the National Academy of Sciences. “Paul's idea revolutionized the field, marrying quantum physics with chemistry” (Paul Offit, *Do You Believe in Magic?* p. 49). When asked to comment on Pauling's findings, Albert Einstein shrugged his shoulders and said it was too complicated for him.

In 1949, Pauling discovered that the hemoglobin in sickle cell anemia has a slightly different electrical charge that affects how it reacts with oxygen. This marked the birth of molecular biology.

In 1951, Pauling demonstrated that proteins in the cell are folded.

In 1962, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in pushing the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

But at age 65, Pauling became the proponent of taking mega doses of vitamin C for health and longevity.

He was influenced by Irwin Stone, a man who called himself a doctor but was credentialed only through a non-accredited correspondence school.

Stone recommended that Pauling take 3,000 milligrams of vitamin C a day for longevity.

Pauling testified that he felt much better and didn't suffer colds, so he increased his daily intake of vitamin C to 18,000 milligrams.

In his 1970 book *Vitamin C and the Common Cold*, Pauling recommended 3,000 milligrams daily and claimed that the cold would be eradicated. He saw vitamin C usage as "a step toward a better world." The sale of vitamin C exploded. "By the mid-1970s, 50 million Americans were following Pauling's advice" (Paul Offit, *Do You Believe in Magic?* p. 52).

But multiple medical studies have failed to find any correlation between vitamin C and the cure of the common cold.

"Researchers at the University of Maryland gave 3,000 milligrams of vitamin C every day for three weeks to eleven volunteers and a sugar pill (placebo) to the others. Then they infected volunteers with a common cold virus. All developed cold symptoms of similar duration. At the University of Toronto, researchers administered vitamin C or placebo to 3,500 volunteers.

Again, vitamin C didn't prevent colds... In 2002, researchers in the Netherlands administered multivitamins or placebo to more than 600 volunteers. Again, no difference. At least fifteen studies have now shown that vitamin C doesn't treat the common cold" (Paul Offit, *Do You Believe in Magic?* p. 53).

Not only did Dr. Pauling continue his campaign for vitamin C as a cold killer, he went on to claim that it can cure 75% of cancer cases. Cancer patients began to demand high doses of vitamin C.

Again, extensive medical tests found no benefit from vitamin C for cancer patients. Charles Moertel of the Mayo Clinic, who performed two different tests, said, "We were unable to show a therapeutic benefit of high-dose vitamin C."

Not only did Pauling not accept the results of the tests, he consulted lawyers about suing Moertel.

Next, Pauling claimed that mega doses of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, plus selenium and beta-carotene, could treat most diseases, including heart disease, hepatitis, polio, tuberculosis, chickenpox, meningitis, arthritis, diabetes, strokes, tetanus, typhoid, leprosy, rabies, and AIDS.

This is contrary to the finding of dozens of tests.

In fact, multiple, extensive studies have shown that those taking vitamins and supplements, particularly in mega doses, were "more likely to die from lung cancer or heart disease than those who didn't take them" (Paul Offit, M.D., *Do You Believe in Magic?* p. 59).

This was the conclusion of a 1994 study of 29,000 Finnish men, a 1996 study by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center of 18,000 people, a 2004 study by the University of Copenhagen of 170,000 people, a 2005 study by Johns Hopkins School of Medicine of 136,000 people, a 2007 study by the National Cancer Institute of 11,000 men, a 2011 study by the University of Minnesota of 39,000 older women, and a 2011 study by the Cleveland Clinic of 36,000 men. In the latter study, those who took vitamin E had a 17 percent greater risk of prostate cancer.

A 2005 study examined 9,000 people who took high-dose vitamin E to prevent cancer. The study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that those who took the supplement were "more likely to develop heart failure than those who didn't."

The aforementioned University of Copenhagen study concluded, "We could not find evidence that antioxidant supplements can prevent gastrointestinal cancers; on the contrary, they seem to increase overall mortality."

The University of Minnesota study found that those who took multivitamins and supplements "died at rates higher than those who didn't."

A 2008 review of all existing studies involving more than 230,000 people "found that vitamins increased the risk of cancer and heart disease" (Offit, p. 59).

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOUL & SPIRIT

By David Cloude

The following is from the *BELIEVER'S BIBLE DICTIONARY*. This volume, the product of forty years of study, is based upon the King James Bible and is written from a dispensational, Baptist perspective. The studies are thorough, practical, devotional, and designed to be used by preachers, teachers, and homeschoolers. The *Believer's Bible Dictionary* is designed to be more affordable and transportable than the *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity*. We encourage every believer, young and old, to have his own Bible dictionary and to have it right beside his Bible as he studies, and we are convinced that this is one of the best Bible dictionaries available today. There are eight ways it can help you:

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The word *soul* has various meanings in Scripture. (Every Bible word must be defined by its context.) Sometimes soul refers to biological life in general. In this sense, the Hebrew word translated soul (*nephesh*) is used for animals (Ge. 1:20-24). But animals are never said to have a soul like man has a soul. Sometimes soul refers to the whole man (Ge. 2:7; Le. 17:12). Often, though, it refers to the immaterial part of man that exists beyond death.

The Soul Is the Immaterial Part of Man that Exists after Death. O.T. examples of the soul as an immaterial part of the man are seen in Ge. 35:18 and 1 Ki. 17:21-22. In Ge. 35:18, Rachel's soul departed when she died. In 1 Ki. 17:21-22, the boy's soul departed when he died and returned when he was raised from the dead. In the N.T., the word "soul" is also used to describe a spiritual part of man distinct from his body (Mt. 10:28; 1 Th. 5:23; Re. 6:9).

The Characteristics of the Soul. The soul thinks (Ge. 49:6); it can sin (Le. 4:2); it can love God and keep His commandments (De. 6:5; 10:12; 11:13); it can meditate upon God's words (De. 11:18); it can love a friend (1 Sa. 18:1-3); it can trust in God (Ps. 57:1; 63:1); it can be chastened with fasting (Ps. 69:10). The soul is particularly associated with man's feelings and desires.

The soul can be hungry (Is. 29:8), can experience romantic love and friendship (Ge. 34:3; 1 Sa. 18:1-3), can be discouraged because of difficulty (Nu. 21:4). The soul can be “anguished” (Ge. 42:21), “dried out” (Nu. 11:6), “grieved” (Ju. 10:16; Job 30:25), “cast down” (Ps. 43:5). The soul can “lust” (De. 12:15), “long” (De. 12:20), and “thirst for God” (Ps. 42:2).

What is the Difference between Soul and Spirit? The “soul” is used in close association with the “spirit.” Job was anguished in spirit and soul (Job 7:11). So in some cases the “soul” might be a synonym for the “spirit,” but the N.T. makes a plain distinction between the two. It says that man has both a soul and a spirit (1 Th. 5:23), and the soul can be divided from the spirit (He. 4:12).

It appears from Hebrews 4:12 that the the spirit can be conceived of as “inside” the soul as the marrow is inside the joints or bones. The soul is the “outer part” of the inner, immaterial man.

As we have seen, the soul is the part of man that relates to the world. It lusts, hungers, loves, joys, fears, sorrows. It is emotional and affected by the environment and therefore unstable. The spirit of man is also affected by emotions (2 Co. 2:13), but the spirit of man is the deepest part of man; it is that which communes with God. The spirit is where the Lord dwells in the believer and where He communes with us (Ro. 8:16; 1 Co. 6:17; 2 Ti. 4:22). It is with the spirit that we seek God (Is. 26:9). It is by the spirit that we search the heart (Ps. 77:6). The spirit is the candle of the Lord that searches all the inward parts, which would include the heart and soul (Pr. 20:27). The spirit is the wellspring of man’s being.

“We may use the illustration of three concentric circles: *The outer circle refers to our body.* Our body is our outer part containing our five senses with which we contact all the things of the physical, material realm. *The middle circle refers to our soul.* Our soul is our inner part containing our mind, emotion and will with which we contact all the things of the psychological realm. *The inner circle refers to our spirit.* Our spirit is our innermost part with which we contact God and substantiate all the things of the spiritual realm” (Tom Smith, [What Is the Difference between the Soul and Spirit of Man?](http://www.wayoflife.org) holdingtotruth.com).

There are two important applications to this teaching.

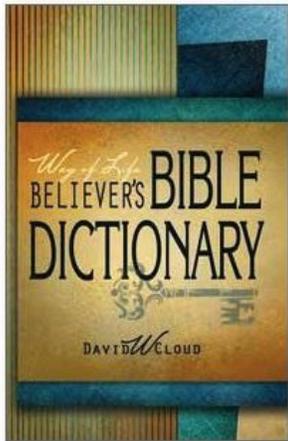
First, God intends for man to walk in the spirit so that man’s spirit, surrendered to God’s Spirit, controls his soul and body. The heart and the soul affect the spirit (Pr. 15:13), but the spirit should control the heart and the soul. See Ps. 42:5; Pr. 23:19. Consider the example of Mary’s praise (Lk. 1:46-47). It could be said that Mary’s rejoicing spirit moved her soul to praise God. “Mary lived and acted in her spirit, which directed her soul” (“What Is the Difference between the Soul and the Spirit?” Bibles for America, Feb. 2, 2014).

Second, the Word of God can cut through man’s being, through the turmoil of the soul, to bring peace by His presence in the spirit (2 Ti. 4:22).

It also appears that *soul* and *spirit* point to a major difference between the natural body and the resurrection body. The natural body is largely soulish, whereas the resurrection body is spiritual (1 Co. 15:45). This means that the resurrection body is totally oriented to the spirit. The natural body has a spirit within the soul, but the spirit is often overwhelmed by and controlled by the soul. The resurrection body will be oriented in an entirely different manner so as to be completely dominated by the spiritual realm.

[See also Death, Heart, Hell, Immortal, Mind, Spirit.]

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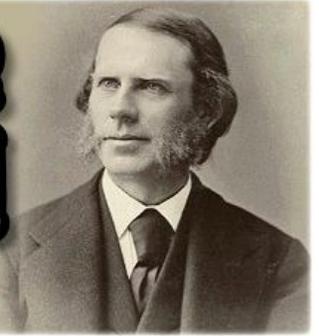
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THE KING WHO BECAME POOR TO MAKE OTHERS RICH

A Sermon By T. Dewitt Talmage



The following sermon is by the late fundamentalist preacher T. Dewitt Talmage:

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich” -- 2 Corinthians 8:9.

It’s absurd to suppose that all the worlds which on a cold winter’s night make the heavens one great glitter are inhabitantless. There is a great world swung somewhere, vast beyond imagination, and that it is the headquarters of the universe, and the metropolis of immensity, and has a population in numbers vast beyond all statistics, and appointments of splendor beyond the capacity of canvas, or poem, or angel to describe, is as certain as the Bible is authentic. Perhaps some of the astronomers with their big telescopes have already caught a glimpse of it, not knowing what it is. We spell it with six letters, and pronounce it -- HEAVEN.

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

That is where Prince Jesus lived. He was the King’s Son. It was the old homestead of eternity, and all its castles were as old as God. Not a frost had ever chilled the air. Not a tear had ever rolled down the cheek of one of its inhabitants. There had never been in it a headache, or a sideache, or a heartache. There had not been a funeral in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There had never in all the land been woven a black veil, for there had never been anything to mourn over. The passage of millions of years had not wrinkled or crippled or bedimmed any of its citizens. All the people there were in a state of eternal adolescence.

What floral and pomological richness! Gardens of perpetual fruitage. Had some spirit from another world entered and asked: “What is sin? What is bereavement?

What is sorrow? What is death?” the brightest of the intelligences would have failed to give definition, though to study the question there was silence in Heaven for half an hour.

The Prince of whom I spoke had honors, emoluments, acclamations, such as no other prince, celestial or terrestrial, ever enjoyed. As He passed the street, the inhabitants took from their brows garlands of white lilies and threw them in the way. When He entered any of the temples, all the worshipers arose and bowed in obeisance. In all the processions of the high days, He was the one who evoked the loudest welcome. Sometimes on foot, walking with the humblest of the land; but at other times, He took chariot, and among the 20,000 that David spoke of His was the swiftest and most flaming; or as when John described Him, He took white palfrey, with what prance of foot and arch of neck and roll of mane and gleam of eye is only dimly suggested in the Apocalypse. He was not like other princes, waiting for the Father to die and then take the throne.

When, a few years ago, an artist in Germany made a picture for the Royal Gallery, representing Emperor William on the throne and the Crown Prince as having one foot on the step of the throne, Emperor William ordered the picture changed, and said: “Let the Prince keep his foot off the throne till I leave it.”

THE WEALTH OF THE PRINCE

Already throned was the Heavenly Prince side by side with the Father. What a circle of dominion! What myriads of admirers! What unending round of glories! All the towers chimed the Prince’s praises. Of all the inhabitants, from the center of the city on over the hills and clear down to the beach against which the ocean of immensity rolls its billows, the Prince was the acknowledged favorite. No wonder Paul says that “He was rich.”

Set all the diamonds of the earth in one sceptre, build all the palaces of the earth into one Alhambra, gather all the pearls of the sea in one diadem, put all the values of the earth in one coin, the aggregate would not express His affluence. Yes, Paul was right. Solomon had in gold \$3,400,000,000; and in silver \$5,145,001,885. But a greater than Solomon is here. Not the millionaire, but the quadrillionaire of Heaven. To describe His celestial surroundings the Bibles uses colors, gathering them in a rainbow over the throne and setting them as agate in the temple window and hoisting twelve of them into a wall from striped jasper at the base to transparent amethyst in the capstone, while between are green of emerald and snow of pearl and blue of sapphire and yellow of topaz and gray of chrysoprase and flame of jacinth. All the loveliness of landscape in foliage and river and rill, and all enchantment aquamarine, the sea of glass mingled with fire as the sun sinks in the Mediterranean. All the thrill of music, instrumental and vocal, harps, trumpets, doxologies. There stood the Prince, surrounded by those who had under their wings the velocity of millions of miles in a second, rich in love, rich in adoration, rich in power, rich in worship, rich in holiness, rich as God.

A FALLEN WORLD

But one day there was a big disaster in a department of God's universe. A race fell! A world was in ruins! Our planet was the scene of a catastrophe. A globe was swinging out into darkness, with mountains and seas and islands -- an awful centrifugal of sin seeming to overpower the beautiful centripetal of righteousness, and from it a groan reached Heaven. Such a sound had never been heard there. Plenty of sweet sounds were forever familiar, but never an outcry of distress or an echo of agony. At that one groan the Prince rose from all the blissful circumstances, started for the outer gate and descended into the night of this world -- out of what a bright harbor into what rough sea!

"Stay with us," cried angel after angel and potentate after potentate.

"No," said the Prince. "I cannot stay; I must be off for that wreck of a world. I must stop that groan. I must hush that distress. I must fathom that woe. I must redeem those nations. Farewell, thrones and temples, companions cherubic, seraphic, archangelic! Excuse this absence, for I will come back again carrying one My shoulder the

ransomed world. Till this is done I choose earthly scoff to heavenly acclamation and a cattle pen to a king's palace and the frigid zone of earth to the atmosphere of celestial radiance. I have no time to lose, for hark ye to the groan that grows mightier while I wait. Farewell! Farewell!"

CHRIST'S ARRIVAL ON EARTH

Was there ever a contrast so overpowering as that between the noonday of Christ's celestial departure and the midnight of His earthly arrival? Sure enough, the angels were out that night in the sky and especial meteors acts as escort, but all of that was from other worlds and not from this world. The earth made no demonstration of welcome. If one of the great princes of this world steps out at a depot, cheers resound, and the bands play, and the flags wave. But for the arrival of this missionary Prince of the skies not a torch flared, not a trumpet blew, not a plume fluttered. All the music and the pomp were overheard. Our world opened for Him nothing better than a barn door.

The Rajah of Cashmere sent to Victoria a bedstead of carved gold and a canopy that cost a million dollars; but the world had for the Prince of Heaven and earth a little of straw. The Crown jewels in the Tower of London amount to hundreds of millions of dollars; but this member of eternal royalty had nowhere to lay His head.

To know how poor He was, ask the camel drivers, ask the shepherds, ask Mary, ask the Three Wise Men of the East who afterward came there.

To know how poor He was, examine all the records of real estate in that Oriental country and see what vineyard or what house or what field He owned. Not one! Of what mortgage was He the mortgagee? Of what tenement was He the landlord? Of what lease was He the lessee? Who ever paid Him rent? He did not own the boat on which He sailed or the beast on which He rode or the pillow on which He slept. He had so little estate that in order to pay His tax He had to perform a miracle, putting the amount of the assessment in a fish's mouth and having it hauled ashore. And after His death, the world rushed in to take an inventory of His goods; and the entire aggregate was the garments He had worn -- sleeping in them by night and traveling in them by day, bearing on them the dust of the highway and the saturation of the sea. Paul hit the

mark when he said of the missionary Prince: “For your sakes he became poor!”

A CHILLING RECEPTION

The world could have treated Him better if it had so chosen. It had all the means for making His earthly condition more comfortable. Only a few years before, when General Pompey returned in triumph, he was greeted with arches and a costly column which celebrated the 12,000,000 people whom he killed or conquered; and he was allowed to wear his triumphal robe in the senate. The world had applause for imperial butchers, but buffeting for the Prince of Peace; plenty of golden chalices for the favoured to drink out of, but our Prince must put His lips to the bucket of the well by the roadside after He had begged for a drink.

Poor? Born in another man’s barn and eating at another man’s table and cruising the lake in another man’s fishing smack and buried in another man’s mausoleum. Our inspired authors wrote His biography; and innumerable lives of Christ have been published; but He composed His autobiography in the most compressed way when He said, “I have trodden the wine press alone.”

Poor in the estimation of nearly all the prosperous classes. They called Him Sabbath-breaker, wine-bibber, traitor, blasphemer, and ransacked the dictionary of opprobrium from lid to lid to express their detestation. I can think now of only two well-to-do men who espoused His cause, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea.

His friends for the most part were people who, in that climate where ophthalmia or inflammation of the eyeball swept ever and anon as a scourge, had become blind, sick people who were anxious to get well, and troubled people in whose family there was someone dead or dying. If He had a purse at all, it was empty; or we would have heard what was done with the contents at the post-mortem.

Poor? The pigeon in the dovecote, the rabbit in its burrow, the silkworm in its cocoon, the bee in its hive is better provided for, better off, better sheltered. Ay, the brute creature has a home on earth, which Christ had not.

But the Crown Prince of all heavenly dominion had less than the raven, less than the chamois, for He was homeless. Ay, in the history of the universe there is no

other instance of such coming down. Who can count the miles from the top of the throne to the bottom of the cross?

Cleopatra, giving a banquet to Anthony, took a pearl worth \$100,000 and dissolved it in vinegar and swallowed it. But when our Prince, in His last hours, took the vinegar, in it had been dissolved all the pearls of His heavenly royalty. He descended until there was no other depth for Him to touch; He was troubled until there was no other harassment to suffer and poor until there was no other pauperism to endure. Billions of dollars are spent in wars to destroy men. Who will furnish the statistics of the value of that precious blood that was shed to save us?

THE GRACE OF GOD

One of John Bunyan’s great books is entitled GRACE ABOUNDING. “It is all of grace that I am saved” has been on the lips of hundreds of dying Christians.

Oh! the height of it, the depth of it, the length of it, the breadth of it -- the grace of God!

Mr. Fletcher had a pamphlet that pleased the king; and the king offered to compensate him. But Fletcher answered, “There is only one thing I want, and that is more grace.”

Yes, blood-bought readers, grace to live by and grace to die by. Grace that saved the publican, that saved Lydia, that saved the dying thief, that saved the jailer, that saved me. But the riches of that grace will not be fully understood until Heaven breaks in upon the soul.

An old Scotchman, who had been a soldier in one of the European wars, was sick and dying in an American hospital. His one desire was to see Scotland, his old home, and once again walk the heather of the highlands and hear the bagpipes of the Scotch regiments.

The night that the old Scotch soldier died, a young man, somewhat reckless but kindhearted, got a company of musicians to come and play under the old soldier’s window; and among the instruments was a bagpipe.

The instant that the musicians began, the dying man said: “What’s that, what’s that? Why, it’s the regiment coming home. That’s the tune, yes that’s the tune. Thank God, I’m home once more!

“Bonny Scotland and Bonny Doon” were the last words he uttered as he passed up to the highlands of the better country.

When Artaxerxes was hunting, Tirebazus, who was attending him, showed the king a rent in his garment. The king said: “How shall I mend it?” “By giving it to me,” said Tirebazus. Then the king gave him the robe, but commanded him never to wear it, as it would be inappropriate.

See the startling and comforting fact! While our Prince laid aside His heavenly garment, He not only allows us to wear it, but commands us to wear it; and it will become us well; and for the poverties of our spiritual state, we may put on the splendors of heavenly regalement. For our sakes! Oh, the personality of this grand salvation.

Not an abstraction, not an arch under which we walk to behold elaborate masonry, not an ice castle like that which Empress Elizabeth of Russia over a hundred years ago ordered constructed, but a Father’s house with a wide hearth

crackling a hearty welcome. Ours is a religion of warmth and inspiration and light and cheer; something we can take into our hearts and homes, our business and recreation, our joys and sorrows.

Not an unmanageable gift, like the galley presented to Ptolemy, which required 4,000 men to row and its draught of water was so great that it could not come near the shore; but something you can run up any stream of annoyance, however shallow; and it gives enrichment now, enrichment forever.

The seven wise men of Greece were chiefly known each for one apothegm: Solon for the saying “Know thyself”; Periander for the saying, “Nothing is impossible to industry”; Chilo for the saying, “Consider the end”; Thales for the saying, “Suretyship is the precursor of ruin.” And Paul, distinguished for a thousand utterances, might well afford to be memorable for the saying, “Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

KING JAMES ONLY

By David Cloud

There is a lot of debate and confusion surrounding the man-made term “King James Onlyism.” It has been popularized in recent years by men who claim they are concerned about a dangerous and cultic view of the King James Bible. Rarely do they carefully define the term, though, and as a result a wide variety of Bible-believing men are labeled with a nebulously-defined term.

The term “King James Only” was invented by those who oppose the defense of the King James Bible and its underlying Hebrew and Greek texts. It was intended to be a term of approbation, and it is usually defined in terms of extremism.

I have been labeled “King James Only” because of my writings on the subject of Bible texts and versions. To set the record straight, let me explain what I believe. I know from decades of experience and extensive travels that this is also what a large number of other King James Bible defenders believe.

I WILL ACCEPT THE LABEL OF “KING JAMES ONLY” IF IT MEANS THE FOLLOWING:

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that God has given infallible Scripture in the original Greek and Hebrew writings and that He has preserved that in the Hebrew Masoretic and Greek Received Text and that we have a**

beautiful translation of it in the English language in the Authorized Version, call me “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes modern textual criticism is heresy**, call me “King James Only.” Prior to the Internet era, I spent hundreds of dollars to obtain the writings of the men who have been at the forefront of developing the theories underlying modern textual criticism, and I have read them. They are not dependable. They refuse to approach the Bible text from a position of faith in divine preservation. Most of them are out-and-out heretics, and I refuse to lean upon their scholarship. I am convinced they do not have the spiritual discernment necessary to know where the inspired, preserved Word of God is located today.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that God has preserved the Scripture in its common use among apostolic churches through the fulfillment of the Great Commission and that He guided the Reformation editors and translators in their choice of the Received Text and that we don’t have to start all over today in an to attempt to find the preserved text of Scripture**, call me “King James Only.” The theories of modern textual criticism all revolve around the idea that the pure text of Scripture was not preserved in the Reformation text but that the Reformation editors, because of their alleged ignorance and or

lack of resources, rejected the pure text and chose, instead, an inferior one. In fact, modern textual criticism is predicated upon the theory that the best text of the New Testament (the Egyptian or Alexandrian) was rejected in the earliest centuries and was replaced with a corrupt recension that was created through the conflation of various manuscript readings (the Byzantine or Traditional text) and that the corrupt text became the dominant text throughout most of church history (for 1,500 years) until the best text was rediscovered in the 19th century. You are free to accept such views if it suits you. I, for one, believe this is absolute nonsense.

Similarly, if “King James Only” defines **one who rejects the theory that the “preserved” Word of God was hidden away in the Pope’s library and in a weird Greek Orthodox monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai** (a monastery which has a room full of the skulls of dead monks) for hundreds of years, call me “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes it is important to have one biblical standard in a language as important as English and who believes that the multiplicity of competing versions has created confusion and has weakened the authority of the Word of God**, call me “King James Only.”

ON THE OTHER HAND, I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE LABEL OF “KING JAMES ONLY” IF IT MEANS THE FOLLOWING:

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that the KJV was given by inspiration**, I am *not* “King James Only.” The authority of the King James Bible is the product of preservation, not inspiration. The term “inspiration” refers to the original giving of the Scripture through holy men of old (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). At the same time, I agree with the *Pulpit Commentary* when it says, “We must guard against such narrow, mechanical views of inspiration as would confine it to the Hebrew and Greek words in which it was written, so that one who reads a good translation would not have ‘the words of the Lord.’” To say that the King James Bible is the inspired Word of God in the English language because it is an accurate translation of the preserved Hebrew and Greek is not the same as saying that it was *given by inspiration*.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes the English KJV is superior to the Hebrew and Greek texts upon which it was based**, I am *not* “King James Only.” In fact, I believe such an idea is pure nonsense, as it would mean the preserved Word of God did not exist before 1611.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that the King James Bible is advanced revelation** over the Hebrew and Greek texts that God gave through inspiration to holy men of old, I am *not* “King James Only.”

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that we do not need to study Greek and Hebrew today or that it is not proper**

to use lexicons and dictionaries, I am *not* “King James Only.” God’s people should learn Greek and Hebrew, if possible, and use (with much caution and wisdom) study tools. When the Bible says that “holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost,” we know that the words they spake were Hebrew and Greek words. But foundational to the study of the biblical languages is a thorough understanding of the textual issue.

We must study the *right* Greek and Hebrew, and we must also be careful of the original language study tools, because many of them were produced from a rationalistic perspective and with great bias against the God-blessed Received Text.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes the preserved Word of God is available only perfectly in English**, I am *not* “King James Only.” The Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament and Greek Received New Testament translated correctly into any language is the preserved Word of God in that language, whether it is German, Spanish, French, Korean, or Nepali.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that translations in other languages should be based on English rather than (when possible) Greek and Hebrew**, I am *not* “King James Only.” (I do believe that a good translation can be made directly from the King James Bible when necessary if it is done by men who are capable in the use of dictionaries so that they understand the somewhat antiquated language of the KJV properly.)

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that a person can only be saved through the King James Bible**, I am *not* “King James Only.” It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), and even a Bible that is textually corrupt contains the gospel.

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes that the King James Bible’s antiquated language is holy or who believes the KJV could never again be updated**, I am *not* “King James Only.” I doubt the KJV will ever be replaced in this apostate age, but to say that it is wrong to update the language again after the fashion of the several updates it has undergone since 1611 is not reasonable, in my estimation.

Having dealt constantly with people who speak English as a second or third language, I am very sympathetic to the very real antiquation problem in the King James Bible. At the same time, I am not going to trade an excellent Bible with a few problems due to old language for a Bible filled with error due to a corrupt text and/or a corrupt translation methodology (e.g., dynamic equivalency).

If “King James Only” defines **one who believes he has the authority to call those who disagree with him silly asses, morons, and jacklegs, and to treat them as if they were fools because they refuse to follow his (or her) peculiar views, or if it defines one who threatens to sue those who challenge him (or her)**, I am *not* “King James Only.”

DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



THE PAPACY'S FEARFUL LIES (Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Pope Francis heads up an institution founded on lies, so it is little surprise that his messages during the recent trip to America were filled with the same. Rome's lies include the papacy itself, the priesthood, the sacraments, Mariolatry, purgatory, and "holy relics." There is not a hint in Scripture that Peter had "supremacy" over the apostles or that he was otherwise any kind of "pope." It was a wretched lie from its inception. For hundreds of years, the popes used forgeries such as the Donation of Constantine, a shameless lie claiming that Constantine gave the bishop of Rome supremacy "over all the churches of God in the whole earth," granting him a crown, and donating to him "the city of Rome, and all the provinces, places and cities of Italy and the western regions." Pope Hadrian I (778) used this lie in his dealings with Charlemagne. It was used by other popes until it was publicly exposed as a lie during the Reformation. Then there were the Decretals of Isidore, used by Pope Francis' brother in scarlet, Nicholas I, to claim that popes "hold the place of God on earth." These ancient lies have never been renounced by the papacy. By holding the office, regardless of how

"humbly," Francis agrees with its foundational lies, so it is no surprise that his messages are filled with more lies. Consider his message at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, September 25. First, there was his whitewash of the Catholic Church's "clergy sex abuse scandal." Addressing his fellow priests, he said: "[Y]ou suffered greatly ... by having to bear the shame of *some of your brothers* who harmed and scandalized the Church in the most vulnerable of her members." The "some" actually amounts to thousands of priests who used their positions of trust to commit filthy acts with children, mostly boys. A 2004 study by John Jay College found 11,757 allegations of sexual abuse involving **5,148 priests, and the report only pertained to about half of the priests in the U.S.** By then, the Catholic Church had already spent \$1 billion settling lawsuits and providing "treatment" for its filthy priests, and the report observed that "the end is nowhere in sight." The pope also lied in his address at St. Patrick's by addressing Muslims as "brothers and sisters." Muhammad blasphemously denied that Jesus is the Son of God who died for man's sins. The Quran says, "Warn those who say, 'Allah has fathered a son.' They do not have any proof about that and neither did their fathers. It is a terrible thing that comes from their mouths.

They say nothing but lies” (Surah 18:4). Instead of calling Muhammad and his people brothers and sisters, the pope should rather state that the “proof” Muhammad demanded is the virgin birth, sinless and unique life, vicarious atonement, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, all based on amazing prophecies written down before He was born. If Jesus Christ is not the Son of God, there is no such thing as evidence. But then, the pope doesn’t believe the gospel of salvation by the free grace of Christ without works, so he has no truth with which to confront any false religion. Another lie that the pope spoke at St. Patrick’s was the lie that Mary hears and answers prayer. He said, “Let us commend to our Lady the work we have been entrusted to do.” Its vain protestations aside, Rome’s doctrine of Mary is a blasphemous usurpation of Christ as sole Saviour and Mediator, and this fact alone should impel every Bible-believing Christian to renounce the papacy in no uncertain terms. The very fact that plain speaking about the Roman Catholic Church is so rare among “evangelical” Protestants and Baptists is irrefutable proof of end-time apostasy and of the rapid building of the one-world “church.”

IS ROME THE HARLOT OF REVELATION 17? (Friday Church

News Notes, October 2, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - For a thousand years and more, Baptists, Protestants, and fundamentalists identified Rome with the Harlot of Revelation 17. At the end of the **NINTH CENTURY**, “Tergandus, Bishop of Treves, called the Pope antichrist, yea, a wolf, and Rome, Babylon” (*Martyrs Mirror*, 5th English edition, p. 240). In **THE ELEVENTH CENTURY**, Berenger of Tours denounced Rome’s dogmas and maintained that the Roman Church was the See of Satan (George Faber, *The History of the Ancient Vallenses and Albigenses*, 1838, p. 159). **THE WALDENSIANS**, throughout most of their long history, identified the pope as the Antichrist. The Waldensian treatise titled the *Noble Lesson*, dated 1100 AD, stated: “Antichrist, the predicted murderer of the Saints, hath already appeared in his true character, seated monarchally in the seven-hilled city.” In the **13th CENTURY**, the **BOHEMIAN BRETHREN** held that “the Church of Rome is not the Church of Jesus Christ, but an assembly of wicked men, and the whore that sits upon the beast in the Revelation. ... They declare the pope to be the head and ringleader of all errors” (Peter Allix, *Ancient Churches of Piedmont*, pp. 242-259).

English Bible translator **WILLIAM TYNDALE** identified the pope as the Antichrist in his treatise *The Practice of Prelates* and in the preface to the 1534 edition of his New Testament. All of the **REFORMATION** leaders considered the pope the antichrist, including John Huss, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and and their successors. The religious harlot of Revelation 17 is aligned with the antichrist (compare Rev. 17:3 - Rev. 13:1), and like the antichrist it has two aspects: *historic and prophetic*. In 1 John 2:18, the apostle said, “*Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*” Though she does not fulfill this prophecy in its finality, every feature of the religious Harlot of Revelation 17 is found in the Roman Catholic Church. She has ridden through history upon the back of kings, is clothed in gorgeous robes of scarlet and purple and decked in expensive attire. She sits on seven hills, is full of abominations, and has a golden cup. She is drunk with the blood of the martyrs, and the inhabitants of the world are indeed drunk with the wine of her fornication, referring to the multitudes that blindly follow Rome’s doctrines of devils.

U.S. NAVY FOUNDED TO PROTECT AMERICA FROM MUSLIM SLAVERS (Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Between 1801-1815, the newly formed United States of America fought the Barbary Wars against Muslim slavers based in Tripoli, Tunis, and Algeria. From the 16th to the 19th century, the slavers captured an estimated one to 1.25 MILLION





white Europeans (Robert Davis, *Muslim Masters: White Slavery in the Mediterranean*). The Muslim pirates had seized American merchant ships and enslaved the crews for ransom. Most of the men were pressed into hard labor and kept “in extremely poor conditions that exposed them to vermin and disease.” The Muslim Barbary states also demanded tribute from the American government in exchange for not attacking its ships. This piracy began immediately after America gained its independence from Britain in 1784. Two years later, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, two of America’s founding fathers, were sent to London to negotiate with Tripoli’s ambassador, Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja. When asked why the Muslims attacked nations that “had done them no injury,” Adja replied, “It was written in their Koran, that all nations which had not acknowledged the Prophet were sinners, whom it was the right and duty of the faithful to plunder and enslave; and that every mussulman who was slain in this warfare was sure to go to paradise. He said, also, that the man who was the first to board a vessel had one slave over and above his share, and that when they sprang to the deck of an enemy’s ship, every sailor held a dagger in each hand and a third in his mouth, which usually struck such terror into the foe that they cried out for quarter at once” (*Thomas Jefferson Papers*, Series 1 1651-1827, Library of

Congress). Note that the Barbary pirates cited the Koran as their authority for attacking and enslaving anyone who is not submitted to Allah. In 1795, America paid \$1 million for the release of 115 sailors, an amount that was one-sixth of the U.S. budget. The pirates demanded an annual payment of the same amount. When Thomas Jefferson was elected America’s second president in 1801, he and his fellow citizens were of no mind to accept bullying and blackmail. The U.S. Navy was built to protect America against Muslim pirates. One of the most memorable acts of the Barbary War was in 1805 when a force of eight U.S. Marines and 400 Greek and Arab mercenaries, led by U.S. Navy Lieutenant William Eaton, traveled across 600 miles of desert from Alexandria, Egypt, to capture the city of Derne (or Derna) on the shores of Tripoli. This is memorialized in the U.S. Marine Hymn. By 1816, the Barbary states were forced to cease attacking American and British ships, and the deed was accomplished by force of arms.

ISLAMIC STATE HAS EXECUTED MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE (Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “ISIS has killed more than 10,000,” Breitbart.com, Sep. 25, 2015: “The Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) has executed more than 10,000 people, including women and children, in Iraq and Syria since the jihadist group declared a ‘global caliphate’ in June 2014, reports *Daily Mail Online*. ‘The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), which has secret sources inside ISIS territory, said

3,207 have been killed in that war-torn country,’ notes the article. ‘Another 7,700 were executed in Iraq, according to the Iraqi Observatory for Human Rights [IOHR], which tracks ISIS violations.’ ‘The soldiers and civilians who have been beheaded, shot dead, drowned, blown up, stoned to death and thrown off buildings for violating ISIS’s twisted laws all contributed to this mammoth death toll,’ it adds. ‘The figure does not include the thousands more who have been killed in battle and suicide bombings--or the innocent people mown down by ISIS extremists as they tried to flee.’ SOHR told *Daily Mail Online* that it keeps a tally of the terrorist group’s executions after its activists have verified them from local sources on the ground. ... ‘The slaughter of up to 1,700 cadets at Speicher army camp in Tikrit, Iraq,

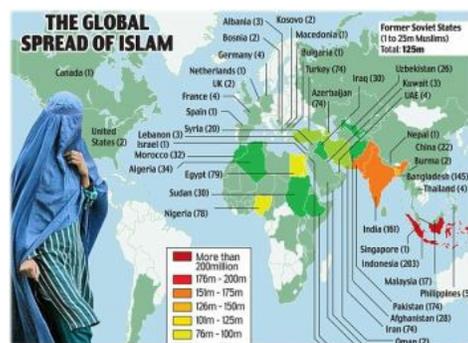


was not included in the overall death toll because it occurred on June 12, 2014, a few weeks before ISIS leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi declared the caliphate,’ it adds. ‘Neither was the massacre of 5,000 Yazidi people in Iraq’s Sinjar province last August because they were shot down by ISIS fighters as they tried to escape.’”

MUSLIM JIHADISTS INTENDED TO CAPTURE EUROPE AND ALL OF “CHRISTENDOM” (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2015,

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- The Muslim jihadists after Muhammad had the objective of conquering all of Europe and setting up a caliphate headquartered in Rome. Not knowing the difference between false and true Christianity, and not caring that there is a difference, they thought that by conquering Rome they would conquer "Christianity." They attacked Europe almost simultaneously from the east and the west and were halted at the battle of Constantinople in 718 and at the Battle of Tours in 732. When the army of the sultanate of Cordoba invaded the territory of the Franks in 732, he "promised to stable their horses in St. Peter's at Rome" (Serge Trifkovic, *The Sword of the Prophet*, p. 96). As they made their way north from Spain, the Muslims "burned churches and slaughtered the population" (Susan Bauer, *The History of the Medieval World*). They were stopped by Charles Martel ("Hammer") and his army of Frank soldiers. In the East, when Mehmed II finally captured Constantinople in 1453, he took the title *Kayswer-i Rum* (*Caesar Romanus*) and intended to conquer Rome. His army invaded Italy, but withdrew after his death in May 1481. Mehmed's son Suleiman



also took the title *Caesar Romanus*, but his advance into Europe was halted with a defeat at Vienna in

NOT SUCH BUMBLEBEES

(Friday Church News Notes, October 2, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Dec. 30, 2014: "Scientists have long known that honeybees communicate the location of nectar sources to their nest mates. The language that many species use has even been deciphered. At the same time, it was long accepted that bumblebees did not communicate the location of food resources to their nest mates. After all, it is astonishing enough that a supposedly simple creature like the honeybee had mastered the advanced skill of communication, but can even simpler bees communicate? Research reveals that there are at least several species of bumblebees and other stingless bees that communicate among themselves. As might be expected, the languages differ from species to species. One species of bumblebee reports her find to her nest mates by running zigzag over the combs and bumping into her nest mates. This leads them to check out the quality



of the nectar she just returned. If she has brought several good loads in, they join her in bringing in more. Other species lay scent trails to the food source. When a member of another species finds a good source, she communicates to her nest mates through a series of pulsing buzzes. As she communicates the height of the source by the speed of the pulses, she performs a circular dance that communicates the rest of the instructions. The Bible is accurate when it says that the entire creation can offer God praise. The languages may differ; the form of communication may not even look like communication to us. But now we know that since communication is a gift from God, even so called simple creatures can be given the gift by their Creator."

1529. The last major Islamic military invasion into Europe occurred in the 1680s and was again halted at Vienna when they were defeated by a Polish-German army. Today Islam is conquering Europe by immigration, and there are no "Christian armies" to stop them. At the same time, we know that Islam will not conquer the world, because Bible prophecy presents quite another picture.

LUTHERAN LESBIAN BISHOP CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF CROSSES (Friday Church News

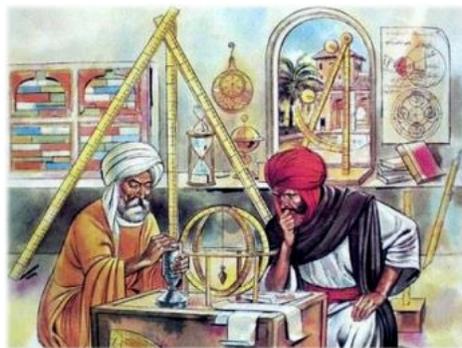
Notes, October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "World's First Lesbian Bishop," Breitbart, Oct. 5, 2015: "The Bishop of Stockholm has proposed a church in her diocese remove all signs of the cross and put down markings showing the direction to Mecca for the benefit of Muslim worshippers. Eva Brunne, who was made the world's first openly lesbian bishop by the church of Sweden in 2009, and has a young son with her 'wife' and



fellow lesbian priest Gunilla Linden, made the suggestion to make those of other faiths more welcome. ... The upper echelons of the Church of Sweden, much like other national churches across Europe, seem to be fully invested in the diversity mission. Back in February, a parish church in multicultural paradise Malmö declared it would be holding a service in solidarity with the local Muslim community as a protest against a march by anti-Islamisation movement PEGIDA in the city. ... As a major bottleneck into the region, with a single bridge and ferry route connecting the country to the rest of Europe, the arrival of these [Muslim] migrants has heralded an unprecedented level of criminality in the city, as explained to *Breitbart London* by a recently retired senior police officer last month. Describing the ‘no-go’ zones that have sprung up around the city and calling for greater border controls to get criminal migration under control, Chief Superintendent Torsten Elofsson said: ‘Years ago you could go with two officers, no problem. Now you have to send four officers and two cars--if the fire brigade want to go, they have to take a police escort. They throw stones and try to stop the fireman from putting out fires.’”

RATIONALISTS AND THEOLOGICAL LIBERALS INVENTED THE TOLERANT

ISLAM MYTH (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The popular myth that Islam is fundamentally a peaceful and tolerant religion that created a “golden age” of learning and science beginning in the eighth century was invented by prominent rationalists and theological modernists more than a hundred years ago. Men such as Voltaire claimed that Europe fell into a dark age because of “Christianity” (Catholicism) and was rescued by an enlightened Islam. “In time, some scholars began to see almost all European science and learning as an Arab creation, or at least something that appeared only under the influence of the Arabs. This opinion took root in the nineteenth century, and by the early years of the twentieth century had become, in some quarters at least, part of received wisdom” (Emmet Scott, *Mohammed and Charlemagne Revisited*). A prominent historian in 1919 said that “Spain, not Italy, was the cradle of the rebirth of Europe” (Robert Briffault, *The Making of*



Humanity, p. 189). This has always been complete nonsense. A “Golden Age of Islam” in Baghdad was not *because of Islam, but in spite of it*. Tolerant, educational-minded Muslim caliphs are not the rule in history, but the extreme exception, and they were tolerant and

educational-minded by *not being strict followers of the Quran*. Further, most of the inventions that have been promoted as Muslim inventions were actually inventions of China, Persia, and India.

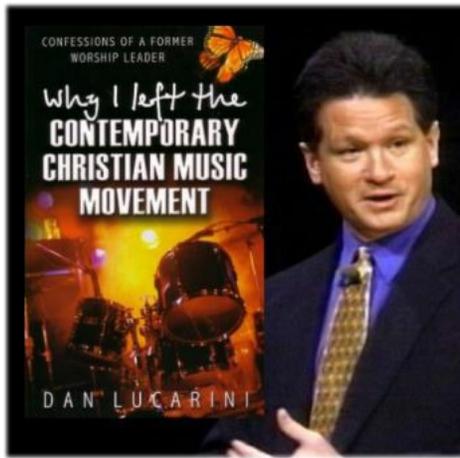
DOCTOR FIRED FOR VOICING THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “Leading U.S. hospital fires doctor,” LifeSite News, Jun. 25, 2015: “A well-loved and respected doctor with a background in sexual-risk behaviors has been expelled from one of the United States’ most prestigious and top-ranked medical centers after he raised evidence-based health risk concerns over the center’s decision to endorse and celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. Urologist Dr. Paul Church, a 65-year-old grandfather of 6, was expelled from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston, Massachusetts, in March ... Dr. Church, a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty, has worked as a urologist at the center for nearly 30 years, conducting research on prostate and bladder cancer. He has also offered his medical talents to the poor on numerous occasions during volunteer missions to Mexico and Africa. It was 11 years ago that Church began to experience censorship and suppression from

BIDMC officials, reported *Mass Resistance*. At this time, Church and other like-minded colleagues repeatedly raised concerns with officials over the center's decision to not only endorse the homosexual lifestyle by hosting an annual 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Achievement Award ceremony,' but to involve staff in LGBTQ events including participation in Boston's annual 'Gay Pride Week.' 'The evidence is irrefutable that behaviors common within the homosexual community are unhealthy and high risk for a host of serious medical consequences, including STD's, HIV and AIDS, anal cancer, hepatitis, parasitic intestinal infections, and psychiatric disorders,' Church submitted to officials via the center's communication system after receiving an LGBT-related communication. ... In April 2012, Church requested that BIDMC's communications department not send him further notices regarding LGBTQ activities. His request was ignored. ... To one such communication received in 2013 he responded ... 'Leviticus 18:22.' To another that same year: 'Romans 1:26-28.' It is for these ... responses that the medical center decided to take action this year and expel Dr. Church. ... He told LifeSiteNews his case proves that what the LGBTQ movement wants is not simply 'coexistence' with the rest of society, but total affirmation without a single voice of dissent of what the movement not only believes, but also what it practices in the bedroom."

A CONTEMPORARY STYLE WILL ALWAYS CONQUER "TRADITIONAL" SACRED MUSIC (Friday Church News Notes,



October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following quotes are from *Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement* by Dan Lucarini, 2002. Speaking as a former insider, the author said that he defended CCM primarily because he loved rock music. In chapter 17, Lucarini describes his part in moving two churches from "traditional" to contemporary. It was done incrementally, beginning with soft rock. "Traditionals are initially assured by the Contemporaries that the two styles can co-exist peacefully. In reality, what happens over time is a steady slide down the slippery slope, away from all traditional music into the latest, 'edgiest' contemporary styles" (Lucarini, p. 119). "With blended services, we have created two sets of musicians with different skills. Now began the competition for the hearts of the congregation: the battle of the bands, so to speak. ... Contemporary always prevailed over Traditional, because it fed the sinful desire of our flesh. Add to that the veneer of respectability given to CCM by the leadership, and many believers gladly traded the old music for the new. ... the blended service is not a long-term solution ... Rather, it is quite simply a transitional phase to gradually move

a church service from all traditional to all contemporary. ... even this separation of services [in those churches that attempt to have two different services, one traditional and one contemporary] will not remain sharp for long. Soon it will blur, and the blurring is almost *always* towards contemporary shades" (Lucarini, pp. 122, 123).

DEFENDING ALL OF THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following statement by Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918), from *The Coming Prince*, refutes the heresy of "non-essentials": "When David reached the throne of Israel and came to choose his generals, he named for the chief commands the men who had made themselves conspicuous by feats of prowess or of valor. Among the foremost three was one of whom the record states that he defended a tract of lentiles, and drove away a troop of the Philistines (2 Samuel 23:11-12). To others it may have seemed little better than a patch of weeds, and not worth fighting for, but it was precious to the Israelite as a portion of the divinely-given inheritance, and moreover the enemy might have used it as a rallying ground from which to capture strongholds. So is it with the Bible. It is all of intrinsic value if indeed it be from God; and moreover, the statement which is assailed, and which may seem of no importance, may prove to be a link in the chain of truth on which we are depending for eternal life."

LIVING HYMNS HYMNAL (Friday Church News Notes, October 9, 2015, www.wayoflife.org



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Several have asked for my opinion in regard to hymnals. I don't spend much time with English hymnals, but a couple of years ago I examined *Living Hymns* (second edition) and found a lot to like. It was first published by Al Smith in 1972 and is still copyrighted by Al Smith Ministries. The latest edition is distributed by Paul Chappell's Striving Together Ministries. It has a large selection, with 887 songs and hymns, which I appreciate. There is no author index, but I tried to look at the author of every song. There are two by the Gaithers but none by any of the other contemporary worship artists, as far as I can tell. It has hymns that are rarely seen, such as Charles Weigle's "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus." There are some little-known hymns by old-time fundamentalists such as R.A. Torrey, James Gray, and Lewis Sperry Chafer. Thousands upon thousands of sound sacred songs and hymns have been written just in the last couple of centuries, so any hymnal is just a sampling, and no one hymnal will meet every church's needs, but *Living Hymns* seems to be a good all-around English hymnal. It's too bad that Lancaster Baptist Church isn't content with the nearly 900 psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in its own hymnal and feels the need to mess around with contemporary worship and thus lead many other churches into those exceedingly dangerous waters.

ECUMENISTS BLESS ABORTION CLINIC (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Last week, 15 wrongheaded Protestant "ministers" and Jewish rabbis in Cleveland, Ohio, blessed the Preterm abortion clinic. "The Very Rev." Tracey Lind, Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, offered the following prayer: "Bless this building. May its walls stand strong against the onslaught of shame thrown at it. May it be a beacon of hope for those who need its services" ("Clergy Bless Preterm Clinic," Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, RCRC, Oct. 8, 2015). This was addressed to the God of non-judgmentalism who is OK with the murder of unborn children and is only concerned about the feelings of women. "Rev." Laura Young, a United Methodist minister who describes herself as a "progressive theological thinker and a feminist," says, "It breaks my heart to know women are sitting in pews across the country feeling shamed, believing they're cursed for making this decision. That's a question I get a lot on the phone. 'Am I going to hell?' When God instead is there to support women through it all" ("Clergy Bless Preterm Clinic," RCRC). The *Columbus Dispatch* added this comment by Young: "As people of faith, we know that God's love is constant when a woman is deciding to have an abortion. God's



love is with her the entire time" ("Clergy group blesses Cleveland abortion clinic," *Columbus Dispatch*, Oct. 8, 2015). God's love is unfathomable and is evident by the Son of God's atoning sacrifice on Calvary, but the thrice-holy God requires repentance of sin, and He does not overlook the murder of children. There are two parties involved in an abortion, the mother and the child. If there were no child, there would be no "mother." That this narcissistic generation thinks preeminently of one party, which is self, is a major sign of the times. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy" (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

PALESTINIAN CLERIC CALLS FOR STABBING JEWS LIKE ALLAH DID IN MUHAMMAD'S DAY (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In a sermon delivered at a mosque in Gaza, Muslim cleric Sallah Abu Rajab brandished a knife and called on Muslims to kill Jews. He said, "Much can be told about Jerusalem. This is where the soldiers of the Prophet Muhammad are. This is the grace of Allah. The soldiers of the Prophet Muhammad are here. Brothers, this is why we recall today what Allah did to the Jews. We recall what he did to them in Khaybar" ("Rafah Cleric Brandishes Knife in Friday Sermon," MEMRITV.org, Oct. 9, 2015). Sallah also said, "Oh men of the West Bank, next time, attack in a group of three, four, or five. Attack them in groups. Cut them into body parts." At Khaybar, Muhammad at-

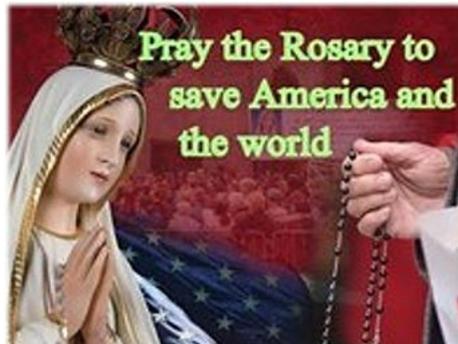


tacked peaceful Jewish settlements, killed many of the men, robbed them of their hard-earned wealth, enslaved their women, daughters, and children, and forced the surviving men to farm the land and give half of the income to the Muslims. The following is from Muhammad's official Islamic biography: "After the treaty of Al Hudaibiya, Mohammed stayed in Medina for about two months before he collected his army and marched to the forts of Khaybar, a community of wealthy Jewish farmers who lived in a village of separate forts about 100 miles from Medina. Mohammed seized the forts one at a time. Among the captives was a beautiful Jewess named Safiya. Mohammed took her for his sexual pleasure. [Her husband and father had just been beheaded by the Muslims.] ... Mohammed knew that there was a large treasure hidden somewhere in Khaybar, so he brought forth the Jew who he thought knew the most about it and questioned him. The Jew denied any knowledge. Mohammed told one of his men, 'Torture the Jew until you extract what he has.' So the Jew was staked on the ground, and a small fire built on his chest to get him to talk. When the man was nearly dead and still would not talk, Mohammed had him released and taken to one of his men who had had a brother killed

in the fight. This Muslim got the pleasure of cutting off the tortured Jew's head" (Ibn Ishaq, *Sirat Rasul Allah*, 756-764).

PRAYERS FOR MARY TO SAVE AMERICA (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- On October 10, prayers were offered in more than 14,000 places for Mary to save America. The Public Square Rosary Crusade was sponsored by the America Needs Fatima campaign, which is based on the myth that Mary appeared at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917 and instructed three children to do penance and make personal sacrifices to save sinners, which is a false gospel. Francis Slobodnik, national coordinator, said, "If only we'd turn to Our Lady, and do what she requested at Fatima, people would receive the courage needed to turn things around in America. ... I just know the Blessed Mother will be touched by these events and work wonders on that day. She cannot refuse the prayers of her children, who beg for help!" ("14,000 Rosary Rallies," Christian Newswire, Oct. 9, 2015). America doubtless needs earnest prayer, but there is not a hint in Scripture that Mary can hear and answer prayers. It is a blasphemous concept that destroys the doctrine of Jesus Christ as sole Mediator. "For this *is* good and



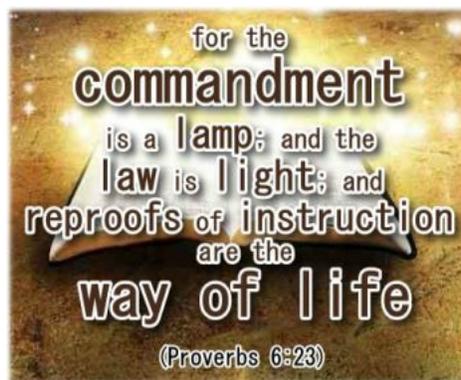
acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:3-5).

CHRISTIAN WORKERS IN SYRIA RAPED, CRUCIFIED, BEHEADED (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Christian Workers," *Christian Aid*, Oct. 1, 2015: "At several steps on their path to death by beheading and crucifixion last month, 11 indigenous Christian workers near Aleppo, Syria had the option to leave the area and live. ... The indigenous missionaries were not required to stay at their ministry base in a village near Aleppo, Syria; rather, the ministry director who trained them had entreated them to leave. As the Islamic State (ISIS), other rebel groups and Syrian government forces turned Aleppo into a war zone of carnage and destruction, ISIS took over several outlying villages. The Syrian ministry workers in those villages chose to stay in order to provide aid in the name of Christ to survivors. ... The relatives said ISIS militants on Aug. 7 captured the Christian workers in a village whose name is withheld for security reasons. On Aug. 28, the militants asked if they had renounced Islam for Christianity. When the Christians said that they had, the rebels asked if they wanted to return to Islam. The Christians said they would never renounce Christ. The 41-year-old team leader, his young son and two ministry members in their 20s were questioned at one village where ISIS mil-

itants had summoned a crowd. The team leader presided over nine house churches he had helped to establish. His son was two months away from his 13th birthday. In front of the team leader and relatives in the crowd, the Islamic extremists cut off the fingertips of the boy and severely beat him, telling his father they would stop the torture only if he, the father, returned to Islam. When the team leader refused, relatives said, the ISIS militants also tortured and beat him and the two other ministry workers. The three men and the boy then met their deaths in crucifixion. ... Eight other ministry team members, including two women, were taken to another site in the village that day (Aug. 28) and were asked the same questions before a crowd. The women, ages 29 and 33, tried to tell the ISIS militants they were only sharing the peace and love of Christ and asked what they had done wrong to deserve the abuse. The Islamic extremists then publicly raped the women, who continued to pray during the ordeal, leading the ISIS militants to beat them all the more furiously. As the two women and the six men knelt before they were beheaded, they were all praying.”

PAUL’S REPROOF OF PETER (Friday Church News Notes, October 16, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - I have never seen anything in the Bible that would limit a ministry of biblical reproof so that influential pastors are not subject to it. And I have never seen anything in the Bible that requires that a preacher give reproof only in a private context. The prophets of old reprovved even godly kings for their spiritual compromise. “Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against



Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish” (2 Chronicles 20:37). Paul publicly reprovved Peter for his hypocrisy (Galatians 2:14). If Peter’s friends had been like some independent Baptists, they would have lashed out at Paul for his audacity at reprovving the man of God, and especially for reprovving him before others. “Why didn’t Paul talk with Peter privately instead of making a public issue of it?” they would ask. “Was he jealous of Peter? Yes, that must be it. Who is Paul compared to Peter? When Paul wins 3,000 to the Lord through one sermon and pastors a church of thousands, then he might be qualified to reprove the great man, but not before. Why, when Paul preached on Mars Hill, only a handful of people responded, probably because he made too much of repentance! And unlike Peter, Paul didn’t walk with Christ through His earthly sojourn and see the miracles firsthand and hear the Master’s teaching with his own ears. Who does he think he is to reprove Peter for hypocrisy? Does he think he is the epitome of Christian perfection? That must be it. He is probably puffed up with pride and besotted with jealousy. Further, Paul is nit-picking. Peter’s little “hypocrisy” is no big deal. Paul needs

to stand back and look at the bigger picture of Peter’s fruitful ministry. Why doesn’t Paul aim his guns at real errors instead of shooting the wounded? Doesn’t he realize that it is wrong to be divisive? Further, Paul isn’t even a member of the Jerusalem church, so he needs to mind his own business and respect the autonomy of the church. If he wants to reprove someone, let him reprove the Judaizers and the Gnostics and leave the man of God alone.” This is the thinking of many independent Baptists, but it not scriptural. No preacher is above being tested by God’s Word. Any preacher is liable to compromise and error. And if his compromise and error is public and has a public influence, the reproof should be public. While no man enjoys reproof, a godly man knows that reproof is necessary. “Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish” (Proverbs 12:1). I’m not talking about a carnal, critical, nit-picking spirit. I’m not talking about cheap gossip. I’m not talking about criticism based on personal opinion. I’m talking about a godly critique issued with spiritual wisdom and based solidly upon the Scripture rightly divided by men who love Christ and have His glory in view.

F.C. Jennings: “People do not love unpalatable truths, and when they have the alternative of listening to soothing assurance, moving eloquence, pleasing illustrations, and entertaining anecdotes, they not unnaturally avoid and withdraw as far as they can from the scathing rebukes of the prophet” (Jennings, *Studies in Isaiah*).

R.A. Torrey: “It is clear that there must be difficulties for us in a revelation such as the Bible. If someone were to hand me a book that

was as simple to me as the multiplication table, and say, ‘This is the Word of God; in it He has revealed His whole will and wisdom,’ I would shake my head and say, ‘I cannot believe it; that is too easy to be a perfect revelation of infinite wisdom.’ There must be, in any complete revelation of God’s mind and will and character and being, things hard for the beginner to understand; and the wisest and best of us are but beginners” (Torrey, *Difficulties in the Bible*).

ON THE CANADIAN ELECTION (Friday Church News Notes, November 9, 2012, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- I stay abreast of world news, and the news from the Canadian election this week was bad for conservatives. If you are merely “conservative” in a political sense, there is no real hope or encouragement anywhere, but if you are a true Bible believer the sun is always shining even in this present dark world. I stay encouraged by keeping the focus of my heart and mind on the Person of the beautiful Lord and on His prophecies and promises. The following Psalm is packed with these things: “A *Psalm* of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For



they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs:

they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away” (Psalm 37:1-20).

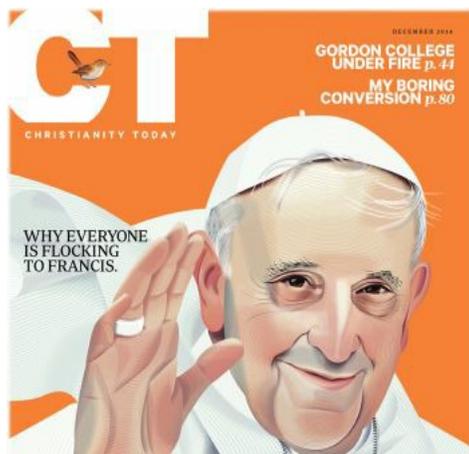
FRENCH JEWS FIND NEW RISKS IN ISRAEL (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- “And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee” (Deuteronomy 28:37). The lead article in *USA Today* on Oct. 20, “French Jews Find New Risks in Israel,” describes the dangers Jews face throughout the world, including in Israel itself. France, with Europe’s largest Jewish population, has become the largest source of emigrants to Israel, and this is driven by Europe’s growing anti-semitism. Since January 2015, 6,000 French Jews have emigrated, nearly double the number in 2013. Over the past 65 years, Jews have been going home from locations all over the world. Most of them don’t know exactly what is happening, but it is a fulfillment of prophecy. Bible believers who interpret prophecy literally are the only people on earth who know the times, and according to Bible prophecy, Israel is still under the judgment prophesied in Deuteronomy 28. God warned that if Israel rejected Him and His law, He would evict them from their land and

scatter them throughout the earth. We have witnessed the fulfillment of this prophecy over the past 2,000 years. One of the most amazing facts of human history is the continued existence of Israel as a people and a nation, and it is irrefutable evidence of the divine inspiration of the Bible. The Bible describes the return of Israel to her land in a spiritually dead condition (Ezekiel 37:1-8), the reign of the antichrist (2 Thess. 2:3-12; Rev. 13), the Great Tribulation (Mat. 24:15-21), the spiritual conversion of Israel (Zech. 12:9-14; Ezek. 20:36-38), and the victorious return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom (Mat. 24:29-31). Presently, we are at the end of the Church Age, and Christ has not yet returned because He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:8-9). We don’t know exactly how long He will wait, but we can “see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25), and the major focus of every child of God should be to find his or her place in the gospel preaching and discipleship business of the Great Commission.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY RECOMMENDS THE POPE (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- *Christianity Today* magazine, founded by Billy Graham, has long promoted the ridiculous and unscriptural concept of “evangelical Catholicism.” The latest example is “The Pope’s Growing Evangelical Flock,” Oct. 9, 2015. It begins with the statement that “under Pope Francis’ leadership, the Catholic Church is looking more, well, Protestant.” Much is made of Pope Francis’ call for Catholics to read the Bible. What is ignored is the fact that Catholics read the Bible through the blinders of Roman heresies and the fact that Rome has formally exalted her vain tradition to the same level of authority as Scripture. The Second Vatican Council proclaimed, “Thus it comes about that the Church does not draw her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Hence, both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honoured with equal feelings of devotion and reverence” (Vatican II, “Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation,” Chap. 2, 9, p. 682). How can Catholicism be “evangelical” in any sense when it brashly denies “Scripture alone”? *Christianity Today* also notes that Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray from the heart and not only by rote. Again, what is ignored is the fact that the Pope’s most fervent prayers are addressed to Mary, which is an heretical and blasphemous practice. *Christianity Today* sites a Pew Research poll showing that 60% of “evangelicals” approve of the pope. That statistic does not prove that Rome is more biblical; it proves, rather, that evangelicalism is more Romish, and this is a major sign of the times. “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears

from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

FRANCE’S TOP WEATHERMAN SUSPENDED FOR QUESTIONING GLOBAL WARMING (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)
- The following is excerpted



“France’s top weatherman sparks storm,” *The Telegraph*, London, Oct. 15, 2015: “Every night, France’s chief weatherman has told the nation how much wind, sun or rain they can expect the following day. Now Philippe Verdier, a household name for his nightly forecasts on France 2, has been taken off the air after a more controversial announcement--criticising the world’s top climate change experts. Mr. Verdier claims in the book *Climate Investigation* that leading climatologists and political leaders have ‘taken the world hostage’ with misleading data. In a promotional video, Mr. Verdier said: ‘Every night I address five million French people to talk to you about the wind, the clouds and the sun. And yet there is something important, very important that I haven’t been able to tell you, because it’s neither the time nor the place to do so.’ He added, ‘We are hostage to a planetary scandal over climate change--a war machine whose aim is to keep us in fear.’ His

outspoken views led France 2 to take him off the air starting this Monday. ‘I received a letter telling me not to come. I’m in shock,’ he told RTL radio. ‘This is a direct extension of what I say in my book, namely that any contrary views must be eliminated.’ ... He said he decided to write the book in June 2014 when Laurent Fabius, the French foreign minister, summoned the country’s main weather presenters and urged them to mention ‘climate chaos’ in their forecasts. ‘I was horrified by this discourse,’ Mr Verdier told *Les Inrockuptibles* magazine. Eight days later, Mr Fabius appeared on the front cover of a magazine posing as a weatherman above the headline: ‘500 days to save the planet.’”

RECOMMENDATION OF NEW YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

(Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is by Don Jasmin, editor of *The Fundamentalist Digest*: “The new book by David Cloud entitled *The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church* is a helpful resource for training of young people via the home and the local church. This manual is literally loaded with informative and instructive, Biblically-based principles to assist both parents and churches in their God-given responsibilities of guarding and guiding young people in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In addition, the book contains excellent practical helps for how families and churches can properly harness modern technological tools to protect and assist



young people with the use of smart phones, music, videos, and other modern electronic tools. The book is part of a larger *Youth Discipleship Digital Library* that contains 20 hours of video courses, plus books that total 4,500 pages. This reviewer highly recommends the purchase of the book and the much larger digital library as well.”

THE PRAYER THAT INFLUENCED THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS (Friday Church News Notes, October 23, 2015, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Whether or not America was ever a “Christian nation,” there can be no doubt that she has a unique spiritual and moral heritage, which makes it all the sadder to see the ongoing downfall. The

following is from *American Minute*, Sept. 1, 2015: “The First Session of the Continental Congress opened the beginning of September in the year 1774 with prayer in Carpenter’s Hall, Philadelphia. Threatened by the most powerful monarch in the world, Britain’s King George III, America’s founding fathers heard Rev. Jacob Duche begin by reading Psalm 35, the Anglican Book of Common Prayer’s ‘Psalter’ for that day September 7, 1774: ‘Plead my cause, Oh, Lord, with them that strive with me, fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of buckler and shield, and rise up for my help. Draw also the spear and the battle-axe to meet those who pursue me; Say to my soul, I am your salvation. Let those be ashamed and dishonored who seek my life; Let those be turned back and humiliated who devise evil against me.’ Then Rev. Jacob Duche prayed: ‘Be Thou present, O God of Wisdom, and direct the counsel of this Honorable Assembly; enable them to settle all things on the best and surest foundations; that the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that Order, Harmony and Peace may be effectually restored, and that Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety, prevail and flourish among the people. ... Preserve the health of their bodies, and the vigor of their minds, shower down on them, and the millions they here represent, such temporal Blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting Glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour, Amen.’”

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