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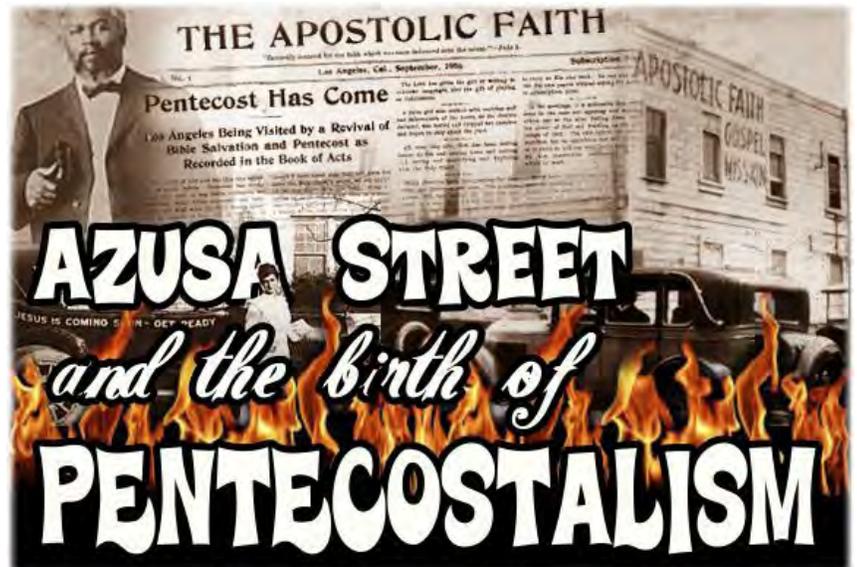
When Parham visited the Azusa meetings in October 1906, he was shocked by the confusion of the services. He was dismayed by the “awful fits and spasms” of the “holy rollers and hypnotists.” He described the Azusa “tongues” as “chattering, jabbering and sputtering, speaking no language at all” (Vinson Synan, *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition*, p. 102). **Page 9.**

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AZUSA STREET & THE BIRTH OF PENTECOSTALISM - By David Cloud

The following is excerpted from [**THE PENTECOSTAL-CHARISMATIC MOVEMENTS: THE HISTORY AND THE ERROR.**](#) ISBN 1-58318-099-0. The 5th edition of this book, November 2014, is significantly enlarged and revised throughout. The Pentecostal movement, with its offshoot the Charismatic movement, is one of the major building blocks of the end-time, one-world “church.” The author was led to Christ by a Pentecostal in 1973 and has researched the movement ever since. He has built a large library on the subject, interviewed influential Pentecostals and charismatics, attended conferences with media credentials, and visited prominent churches in many parts of the world. The book deals with the history of Pentecostalism beginning at the turn of the 20th century, the Latter Rain Covenant, major Pentecostal healing evangelists, the Sharon Schools and the New Order of the Latter Rain, Manifest Sons of God, the Charismatic movement, the



Word-Faith movement, the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Pentecostal prophets, the Third Wave, recent Pentecostal “revivals” such as Pensacola and Lakeland, and prominent Pentecostal and charismatic scandals. The

book deals extensively with the theological errors of the Pentecostal-charismatic movements (exalting experience over Scripture, emphasis on the miraculous, the continuation of Messianic and apostolic miracles and sign gifts, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of fire, tongues speaking, physical healing guaranteed in the atonement, spirit slaying, spirit drunkenness, visions of Jesus, journeys to heaven, women preachers, and ecumenism. The final section of the book answers the question: “Why are people deluded by Pentecostal-Charismatic error?” David and Tami Lee, former Pentecostals, said: “Very well done! We pray God will use it to open the eyes of many and to help keep many of His children out of such deception.” A former charismatic said, “The book is excellent and I have no doubt whatever that the Lord is going to use it in a mighty way. Amen!!” 487 pages. Available in print and eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org.

By the late nineteenth century, the stage was set for Pentecostalism to be birthed.

The holiness movement had produced a frenzy of spiritual excitement and a lusting after “second blessings” and “second baptisms.” Men such as John Dowie and Frank Sandford had set the stage with their emphasis on divine healing, the expectation of an end-time miracle revival and the re-establishment of apostolic sign gifts,

including tongues speaking, and a restoration of the offices of apostle and prophet.

Charles Parham

By any reckoning, Charles Parham (1873-1929) is a key figure in the birth of Pentecostalism. He was ordained as a Methodist, but “left the organization after a falling out with his ecclesiastical superiors” (Larry Martin, *The Topeka Outpouring of 1901*, p. 14).

In a restless search for religious instruction he visited the ministries of a number of strange holiness, faith-healing, and Latter Rain teachers, picking up various heresies along the way, which he eventually merged together into his Pentecostal theology.

Prior to the turn of the century, Parham observed the meetings of Benjamin Irwin, founder of the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church, and was deeply influenced by Irwin’s “third blessing” doctrine (the blessing of salvation, the blessing of power, and the blessing of sinless perfection). As we have seen, Irwin taught that it was necessary for the Christian to seek the “baptism of fire” for power and perfection. Pentecostal historian Vinson Synan describes this connection:

“THE FIRE-BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH SERVED AS AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE CHAIN THAT LATER PRODUCED THE MODERN PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT. By teaching that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was an experience separate from and subsequent to sanctification, it laid the basic doctrinal premise of the later movement. It is probable that Charles F. Parham, the man who initiated the Pentecostal revival in Topeka, Kansas, in 1901, received from Irwin the basic idea of a separate baptism of the Holy Ghost following sanctification. Indeed, for a time in 1899, Parham promoted the ‘baptism of fire’ in his Apostolic Faith magazine” (Synan, *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition*, p. 59).

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CHARLES F. PARHAM

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Parham adopted the heresy of annihilation from his Quaker grandfather-in-law, David Baker, denying the eternal punishment of the wicked and believing, rather, that the unsaved would be annihilated in hell.

In 1898, Parham came under the influence of the aforementioned Frank Sandford, and in 1900 Parham traveled to Chicago to study the ministry of John Dowie and to examine Zion City.

Like Sandford and Dowie, Charles Parham taught that physical healing is the Christian's birthright and railed against the use of medicine and doctors. He claimed that it was always God's will to heal sicknesses.

In the September 13, 1899, issue of his *Apostolic Faith* magazine, Parham replied to the question of whether the Bible forbids the use of medicine by exclaiming, "We say yes, most emphatically YES" (emphasis his).

An issue of *Christian History* magazine (Issue 58, Vol. XVII, No. 2, 1998) contains a photo of Parham and seven of his followers standing on the steps of the Carthage, Missouri, courthouse. The year was 1906, and Parham is holding a flagpole with banners reading "Apostolic Unity." The others are holding banners proclaiming "Truth, Faith, Life, Victory, HEALTH." They were making a statement of their doctrinal faith that health is a guaranteed part of the Christian life.

Parham was the first Pentecostal preacher to pray over handkerchiefs and mail them to those who desired his ministrations (James Goff Jr., *Fields White Unto Harvest*, p. 104).

In spite of his teaching that it was always God's will to heal and that medicine and doctors must be shunned, one of Parham's sons died at age one of a sickness that was not healed. He died, in fact, two months after the outbreak of "tongues" at Parham's Bethel Bible School in Topeka. Another son died at age 37. Most of those who attended Parham's meetings were not healed.

In October 1904, a nine-year-old girl named Nettie Smith died. Her father was an avid follower of Parham and refused medical treatment for his daughter. The little girl's death turned local public opinion against Parham because her sickness was treatable and the community considered her death unnecessary.

Parham himself suffered various sicknesses throughout his life and at times was too sick to preach or travel. For example, he spent the entire winter of 1904-05 sick and bedridden (James Goff Jr., *Fields White Unto Harvest*, p. 94), in spite of his own doctrine that healing is guaranteed in Christ's atonement.

In the March 22, 1899, issue of *Apostolic Faith* magazine Parham listed his beliefs as follows: "salvation by faith; healing by faith, laying on of hands, and prayer; sanctification by faith; coming (pre-millennium) of Christ; the baptism of Holy Ghost and Fire, which seals the Bride and bestows the gifts."

Thus we see the combination of the various heresies he had collected in his travels.

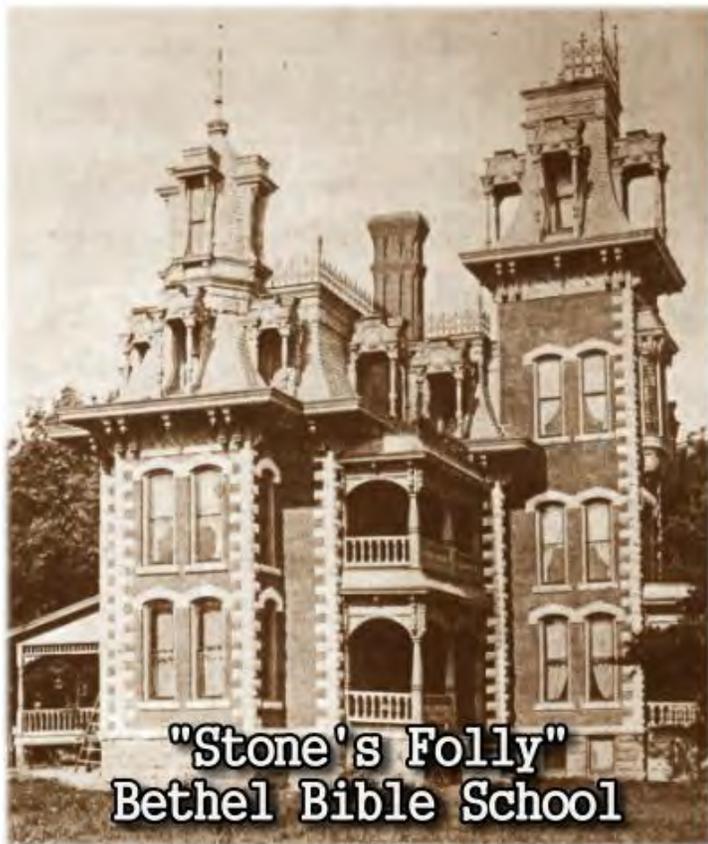
Parham also believed in the annihilation of the unsaved. He taught that there were two separate creations, and that Adam and Eve were of a different race than people who allegedly lived outside of the Garden of Eden. The first race of men did not have souls, he claimed, and this race of people without souls was destroyed in the flood. Parham believed that only those who received the latter day Spirit baptism and spoke in tongues would make up the bride of Christ and would be "sealed for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb" and that these would have a special place of authority at Christ's return. He believed in a partial rapture composed of tongues speakers.

From John Dowie, Parham adopted the heresy that Anglo-Saxons are Israelites.

He associated often with the Ku Klux Klan and believed that interracial marriages caused the flood of Noah (Martin, *The Topeka Outpouring of 1901*, p. 19). Parham did not believe that black people could be sealed as part of the bride of Christ.

After his visits with Dowie and Sandford, Parham established the **BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL IN TOPEKA, KANSAS**. It was patterned after Sandford's ministry and was opened in October 1900 in a thirty-room building called "Stone's Folly." It was so named because the owner, whose name was Stone, was unable to complete the building before going bankrupt.

Parham was convinced that Christ's return would be preceded by a Latter Rain outpouring of signs and



"Stone's Folly"
Bethel Bible School

wonders, and he believed that tongues is the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He further believed that the tongues are real earthly languages that would enable missionaries to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth without having to learn foreign languages. According to Parham's teaching, those who received the Latter Rain baptism would form the bride of Christ and would rule with Him at His coming.

Parham urged his students to seek this experience, and in this context he laid hands on one of his Bible school students, AGNES OZMAN, on January 1, 1901, and she allegedly began to speak in Chinese and later in Bohemian. She spoke while in a trance (*Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 9, 1901).

Subsequently, Parham and others at the small Bible school also allegedly began to speak in tongues. They even claimed that cloven tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the tongues speakers.

Parham said that language professors and other linguistically educated people confirmed that the tongues the students were speaking were languages, but this has never been confirmed. Newspaper reporters of the day described the phenomenon merely as "gibberish."

The only actual record we have of one of the "tongues" spoken by Parham's students was written by a reporter of the *Topeka State Journal*. I found a copy of this during a visit to the Kansas State Historical Society.

"Mr. Parham called Miss Lilian Thistlethrate [Thistlethwaite] into the room and asked her if she could talk some. She at first answered that the Lord had not inspired her to say anything but soon began to utter strange words which sounded like this: 'Euossa, Euossa, use rela sema calah mala kanah leulla ssage nalan. Ligle logle lazie logle. Ene mine mo, sah rah el me sah rah me.' These sentences were translated as meaning, 'Jesus is mighty to save,' 'Jesus is ready to hear,' and 'God is love'" ("Hindoo and Zulu Both Are Represented at Bethel School," *Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 9, 1901).

Ligle logle lazie logle!!!! Ene mine mo!!!! This is exactly the type of "tongues" I have heard dozens of times at Pentecostal and charismatic meetings in various parts of the world, but it is childish nonsense.

In 1914, Charles Shumway diligently sought evidence to prove that early Pentecostal tongues were real languages, but he failed to find even one person to corroborate the claims that had been made (James Goff, Jr., *Fields White Unto Harvest*, Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 1988, p. 76).

"In his 1919 Ph.D. dissertation, Shumway censured the local *Houston Chronicle* for credulous reporting and stated that 'letters are on hand from several men who were government interpreters in or near Houston at the time [when Parham conducted a Bible school there], and they are unanimous in denying all knowledge of the alleged facts'" (Goff, p. 98).

After examining the "tongues" spoken at the Azusa Street mission led by William Seymour, Holiness leader W.B. Godbey concluded that they were not languages (G.F. Taylor, *The Spirit and the Bride*, Falcon, NC: by the author, 1907, p. 52).

The *Rocky Mountain Pillar of Fire* (a holiness publication) for September 12 and November 14, 1906 contained the following accounts:

"This Hindu can talk in six different languages and says he has never heard any of them at the 'Tongue meeting.' One of the languages he can talk is Arabian and some of the people at those meetings claim to talk that language, but he said it sounded like a lot of turkey gobblers" (Sept. 12, 1906).

"A gentleman, who has for years been at the head of a missionary work in India, has just been to Los Angeles with the view of securing some missionaries for his field who profess to have the gift of tongues. He came back stating he could find no one who could really speak in any of the

languages of India with which he is acquainted" (Nov. 14, 1906).

Many linguists who have studied the "tongues" of Pentecostals and Charismatics have come to the same conclusion. William J. Samarin, professor of linguistics at the University of Toronto, summarized his research as follows:

"Over a period of five years I have taken part in meetings in Italy, Holland, Jamaica, Canada, and the United States. I have observed old-fashioned Pentecostals and neo-Pentecostals; I have been in small meetings at private homes as well as in mammoth public meetings; I have seen such different cultural settings as are found among the Puerto Ricans of the Bronx, the snake handlers of the Appalachians ... Russian Molakans in Los Angeles. ... It is extremely doubtful that the alleged cases of xenoglossia [languages] among charismatics are real. Any time one attempts to verify them he finds that the stories have been greatly distorted or that the 'witnesses' turn out to be incompetent or unreliable from a linguistic point of view. ... GLOSSOLALIA IS INDEED LIKE LANGUAGE IN SOME WAYS, BUT THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE THE SPEAKER (UNCONSCIOUSLY) WANTS IT TO BE LIKE LANGUAGE. YET IN SPITE OF SUPERFICIAL SIMILARITIES, GLOSSOLALIA IS FUNDAMENTALLY NOT LANGUAGE" (Samarin, *Tongues of Men and Angels*, 1972, pp. xii, 112, 113, 227).

The Gospel Message, published in Kansas City, in October 1906, contained the following testimony:

"We were acquainted with Mr. Chas. Parham many years ago, and when he visited Kansas City with his workers after he had made his statements regarding the wonderful blessing that had come to his school in Topeka, we invited him to visit us with his followers and tell us about this experience. They accordingly came, and before the meeting we told him that there were those present that could speak Spanish, German, Arabic, and Swedish, and that if any of his people could speak in other tongues, we would be glad to hear them in one or more of these: they had, however, no liberty that night but told something of their past experience, and their strange writings which had been reported as the work of the Holy Spirit. When, however, we asked Mr. Parham pointedly and publicly if he knew certainly whether these writings were of the Holy Spirit, or just scribbles, he candidly said he did not know, but that he was having them, or would have them, investigated, but a report of such investigation has never reached us" (reprinted from Larry Martin, *Skeptics and Scoffers*, pp. 47-48).

This reminds us that every time someone attempts to test Pentecostal tongues or healings or other "signs and wonders" objectively, the phenomena prove to be either completely bogus or strangely illusive.

The most amazing signs and wonders always occur some place far away or long ago and are otherwise not verifiable.

I visited the Kansas State Research Library in Topeka in 2002 and got a photo of the building where Parham had his Bible School. (It was destroyed by a fire in December 1901). I also found some old newspaper articles and other documents about Parham's school, which I cite in the following part of this report.

Two articles give the testimony of S.J. Riggins, a student who left the school, claiming that the other students were merely speaking "gibberish."

"I believe the whole of them are crazy,' said Mr. Riggins to a Capital reporter. 'I never saw anything like it. They were racing about the room talking and gesticulating and using this strange and senseless language which they claim is the word from the Most High. ... I do not believe their senseless jargon means anything. I am trying to be an earnest Christian. ... When I left the congregation today, I told why I did so, with all the earnestness at my command.' ... Mr. Riggins said that some of Miss Auswin's [Ozman's] writing, which she claimed to be inspired, was submitted to a Chinaman here in Topeka with the honest intention of seeing if he could translate it. The Celestial threw up his hand and said: 'Me no understand. Takee to Jap.' Mr. Riggins told this story without a suspicion of levity and if he put any humor in it at the last it was done unconsciously, for he seemed terribly in earnest" (*Topeka Daily Capital*, Jan. 6, 1901).

"They began to claim the gift of tongues and the gift of discernment, and each talked a different kind of gibberish, claiming to be inspired by God, and that they talked one of the foreign languages. ... I was not under the influence, and could see that the students of the school had been led to this extreme through their fanaticism, and finally decided to leave the school. Accordingly last Saturday morning I went away, but before going, I called the inmates of the building together and explained to them my reasons for leaving. I told them they were under the influence of the evil one, and that the best thing they could do would be to leave the school, as I was doing. They all laughed at me, and I left the school, and do not intend to return.'...

"About fifteen members of the colony have now been given the gift of tongues and when a State Journal reporter called at the school this morning each of the favored ones were called up and spoke a few sentences in strange and unnatural way outlandish words which they neither know the meaning of nor the language to which they belonged. ... It is a peculiar sight to see a whole room full of the men and women of the school sitting around, occasionally breaking out with brief outbursts of talk in one of the many languages which they claim to speak, and writing the quaint and indistinguishable hieroglyphics which they believe to be the characters for words in the Syrian, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic and other languages" (*Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 7, 1901).

We are convinced that Riggins was correct in his assessment that Parham and his students were speaking gibberish and practicing fanaticism under the influence of the evil one.

Consider this description by Parham of what his students were doing the day after Ozman began her tongues speaking career:

“The next day I went down town and upon my return found ALL THE STUDENTS SITTING ON THE FLOOR TALKING IN UNKNOWN TONGUES, NO TWO TALKING THE SAME LANGUAGE, AND NO ONE UNDERSTANDING HIS OR HER NEIGHBOR'S SPEECH” (*Topeka Mail and Breeze*, Feb. 22, 1901).

This is strictly contrary to the Bible's instruction about the use of tongues. The Bethel Bible School “tongues” in January 1901 was confusion, which the Bible says is not of God (1 Cor. 14:33). The Bible says that tongues are not to be used unless they are interpreted and even then, the gift is to be exercised by only one speaker at a time (1 Cor. 14:23-28). Further, women are not to speak (1 Cor. 14:34).

Parham claimed that Ozman was unable to speak in English for three days after her initial tongues experience. Her own testimony was that “many times we could only talk in other tongues” (Martin, *The Topeka Outpouring of 1901*, p. 88).

To the contrary, the Bible says a genuine prophet or tongues speaker is in control of himself. “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets” (1 Cor. 14:32). Ozman's uncontrollable “tongues” were not of God.

The lack of control over the “tongues” was also described by Lillian Thistlethwaite, another student at Parham's Bible school.

“My tongue began to get thick and great floods of laughter came into my heart. I could no longer think words of praise, for my mind was sealed, but my mouth was filled with a rush of words I didn't understand. I tried not to laugh for I feared to grieve the Spirit. I tried to praise Him in English but could not, so I just let the praise come as it would in the new language...” (Martin, *The Topeka Outpouring*, p. 61).

This is contrary to what we see in the book of Acts and the Epistles.

As we have seen in the previously quoted newspaper accounts, Parham's students not only claimed to speak in tongues but also to write in them. They claimed these writings were foreign languages, such as Chinese, but when they were examined by knowledgeable people, they were found to be mere indecipherable scratchings (Goff, p. 76).

The *Topeka Daily Capital* printed an example of Ozman's “inspired writings,” and it can still be seen in the Kansas State Research Library. It was nothing more than childish scratchings. The people were deluded, plain and simple. The press called the writings “quaint and indistinguishable hieroglyphics” (Goff, p. 80).

A reporter for the *Topeka State Journal* observed Agnes Ozman when she was allegedly writing by inspiration:

“Miss Ozman sat at a desk writing some letters which were to be posted that morning. Shortly after finishing the letters she sat down to write again and immediately announced that her hands utterly refused to write the characters of the English language. And with her hands unconsciously formed the characters of some language, but she was not able to state which. She did not interpret the marks. IN WRITING THE CHARACTERS, THE MUSCLES OF MISS OZMAN'S HANDS SEEM TO CONTRACT AND SHE MADE THE MARKS IN A SPASMODIC FASHION, HER HAND RATHER JERKING BACK AND FORTH to make the scrawls” (“Hindoo and Zulu Both Are Represented at Bethel School,” *Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 9, 1901).

This is the same phenomenon that occurs with New Age automatic writing, which is clearly demonic. There is not a hint of such a thing in the New Testament Scriptures.

The early Pentecostals thought they would be able to preach in foreign languages through the gift of tongues. Parham is quoted as follows in a newspaper article from that day:

“It is a wonderful work, coming as it does on the eve of the twentieth century. We have for long believed that the power of the Lord would be manifested in our midst, and that power would be given us to speak other languages, and that the time will come when we will be sent to go into all the nations and preach the gospel, and that THE LORD WILL GIVE US THE POWER OF SPEECH TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF THE VARIOUS NATIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO STUDY THEM IN SCHOOLS” (*Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 7, 1901).

“We have received several messages to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and we must obey the command. A PART OF OUR LABOR WILL BE TO TEACH THE CHURCHES THE USELESSNESS OF SPENDING YEARS OF TIME PREPARING MISSIONARIES FOR WORK IN FOREIGN LANDS WHEN ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS TO ASK GOD for power and then have faith that the power will come” (Parham, quoted in *Kansas City Times*, Jan. 27, 1901).

As it turned out, they were deceived in this as they were in everything else.

Alfred Garr and his wife went to India expecting to speak in supernatural languages, but they quickly learned that

it was a delusion. May Law and Rosa Pittman went to Japan expecting to preach in Japanese but when they found that no one could understand their “tongues” they moved on to Hong Kong, thinking that they must have the gift of Chinese instead, but they were no more successful there. T.J. McIntosh was the first Pentecostal missionary to Macau, and though he fully expected to speak fluent Chinese his hopes were soon dashed.

“Numerous other Pentecostal missionaries went abroad believing they had the miraculous ability to speak in the languages of those to whom they were sent. These Pentecostal claims were well known at the time. S.C. Todd of the Bible Missionary Society investigated eighteen Pentecostals who went to Japan, China, and India ‘expecting to preach to the natives in those countries in their own tongue,’ and found that by their own admission ‘in no single instance have [they] been able to do so.’ AS THESE AND OTHER MISSIONARIES RETURNED IN DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE, PENTECOSTALS WERE COMPELLED TO RETHINK THEIR ORIGINAL VIEW OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES” (Robert Mapes Anderson, *Vision of the Disinherited: The Making of American Pentecostalism*).

Parham’s Bible school in Kansas closed down within months, and he moved to Texas to establish churches. He also started a new Bible school in Houston.

The new movement was called **THE APOSTOLIC FAITH**, and it grew quickly and split into many factions. *The Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* notes that “Parham’s contributions to Pentecostalism included the particularly acute level of ‘latter rain’ millenarianism.” Parham’s first book was titled *Kol Kare Bomidbar*, which is Hebrew for “A Voice Crying in the Wilderness.”

He considered himself a latter days John the Baptist, announcing a new dispensation of the Spirit. He gave himself the title “Projector of the Apostolic Faith.”

When one of Parham’s co-evangelists, Lilian Thistlethwaite, wrote an account of the Topeka, Kansas, “revival,” she entitled it “The Wonderful History of the Latter Rain.”

In the summer of 1907, Parham was arrested in San Antonio, Texas, on a charge of sodomy. The charge was dropped by the authorities without comment and Parham refused to explain.

“Marred by scandal, he spent the final two decades of his life alienated from the bulk of the movement he had begun. ... At the time of Parham’s death in 1929, he was almost unknown

among the developing second generation of the Pentecostal denominations. Yet to no one individual did the movement owe a greater debt” (*The Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*).

Because of the charge of sodomy, W.F. Carothers and Howard Goss disfellowshipped Parham from the Apostolic Faith organization he had founded (Larry Martin, *The Life and Ministry of William J. Seymour*, p. 271).

When Parham visited Zion City after this and tried to raise a following there, Wilbur Glenn Voliva put up a billboard warning the inhabitants of the city as follows:

“You know that this city is the private headquarters of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, and a place of residence for its officers and members. Those who break in here and attempt to hold meetings of any kind, especially to run a disgraceful monkey-house, are nothing but thieves and thugs. Old Parham from Sodom made fools and monkeys out of you. Either repent of your idiotic performances, and line up for God and Zion, or pack up your stuff and get out of here, and establish a zoo somewhere else. W.G. Voliva.”

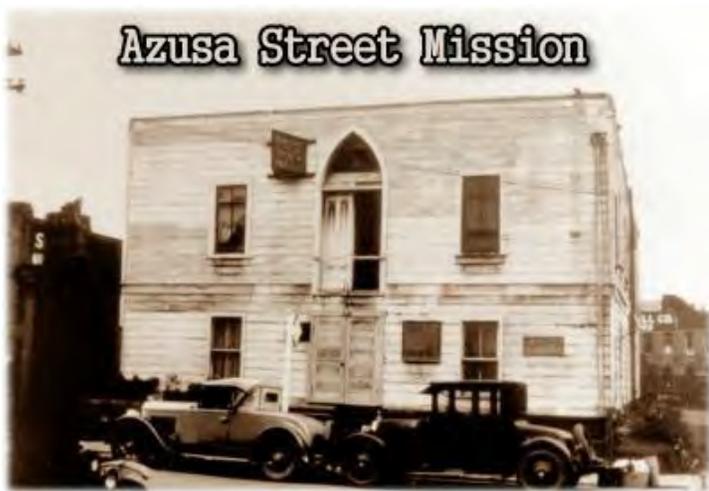
In 1908, Parham raised funds to travel to the Holy Land on an archaeological expedition to search for the lost Ark of the Covenant. He told the press that he had information about its location and that finding the Ark would fit into the end-time program. By December, he announced that he had sufficient funds and traveled to New York, allegedly to begin his journey to Jerusalem. He never purchased a ticket to the Middle East and returned home dejectedly in January 1909, claiming he was robbed after arriving in New York.

The Azusa Street Mission

One of the students at Parham’s Houston Bible school was William J. Seymour (1870-1922), a black evangelist who accepted Parham’s doctrine and carried it to Los Angeles, California.

The mission established by Seymour on Azusa Street in Los Angeles in 1906 has become famous as the birthplace of the Pentecostal movement. Meetings were held seven days a week for three years.

Visitors attended from around the world, seeking their own “personal Pentecost,” and their testimonies and the preaching of missionaries sent out from the Azusa Street mission created a whirlwind of growth for the burgeoning Pentecostal movement.



Pentecostal historian Vinson Synan observes:

“The Azusa Street revival is commonly regarded as the beginning of the modern Pentecostal movement. In addition to the ministers who received their Pentecostal experience directly at Azusa Street, thousands of others were influenced indirectly” (Synan, *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition*, pp. 105, 130).

During 1901 and 1902, Seymour had attended Martin Knapp’s “God’s Bible School” and joined the “Evening Light Saints” in Cincinnati. He adopted the heresy of entire sanctification, believing that two “works of grace” were required to save and cleanse a man. One first had to be born again through faith in Christ then subsequently sanctified through a second work of grace.

Seymour believed that the “true church” was being restored in an end-time miracle revival. In 1903, he attended Parham’s Bible school in Houston. There he became committed to another heresy, that the Christian must subsequently be “baptized in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of tongues.”

In early 1906, Seymour was invited to Los Angeles to lead a small holiness group which, at the time of the invitation, was pastored by a woman, Julie Hutchins. The group was formed of people that had been disciplined out of the Second Baptist Church for the “second blessing” sinless perfection heresy.

Upon his arrival in Los Angeles, Seymour preached only a few times before being locked out of the church that had invited him. His doctrine that tongues speaking was the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit was not well received.

Seymour moved his meetings to a private home and then to a former African Methodist Episcopal church building at 312 Azusa Street, and strange things began to happen.

The meetings began in April 1906 and lasted more than three years. Large numbers of people visited Azusa Street to seek their own Pentecost, subsequently taking the Pentecostal theology and experience back to their homes.

Services began in the morning and continued for ten hours and more. There was no order of service, and usually no one was leading. “Whoever was anointed with the message would stand and deliver it. It might be a man, woman, or child” (Larry Martin, *The Life and Ministry of William J. Seymour*, p. 186).

Seymour rarely preached. Instead, much of the time he put his head down in an empty packing crate that served as the pulpit and prayed. Pastoral oversight was minimum, to say the least.

People sang out at the same time but “with completely different syllables, rhythms, and melodies” (Ted Olsen, “American Pentecost,” *Christian History*, Issue 58, 1998). They called this the “Heavenly Choir.”

Seymour’s wife, Jennie, claimed that she could sing “under the power of the Spirit in many languages” and even play the piano by divine inspiration (Larry Martin, *The True Believers*, p. 58).

The services were characterized by much confusion: dancing, jumping up and down, falling, trances, slaying in the spirit, gibberish “tongues,” jerking, hysteria, strange animal noises, “holy laughter,” “spiritual muteness” or people trying to speak and unable to do so, etc. The seekers would be “seized with a strange spell and commence a gibberish of sounds.” Seymour said, “Often when God sends a blessed wave upon us, we all may speak in tongues for awhile...” (Martin, p. 188).

A *Los Angeles Times* reporter observed that the participants “work themselves into a state of mad excitement in their peculiar zeal.”

A very sympathetic biographer of William Seymour admits that “at times the meetings would become so boisterous that the police were called” (Martin, *The Life and Ministry of Seymour*, p. 188).

Seymour taught the people to cry out to God and demand sanctification, the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and divine healing (Synan, *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition*, p. 99).

Shaking was a large part of the Azusa experience. The first case of tongues speaking under Seymour's ministry was by Edward Lee, who after he saw an alleged vision of Peter and John shaking while speaking in tongues was convinced that people shake and speak in tongues when God's power comes upon them (Larry Martin, *The Life and Ministry of William J. Seymour*, p. 142).

One man shook so violently under Seymour's ministry that an ambulance was called. When the man who was shaking told the doctor, "Don't touch me, this is the power of God," the doctor wisely replied, "If that is the power of God it is giving you a devil of a shaking" (Martin, p. 306).

Spirit slaying was also a large part of the Azusa Street meetings. When Seymour laid hands on Edward Lee, he "fell to the floor like a dead man" (Martin, p. 143).

The first woman to speak in tongues at Azusa, Jennie Moore, first fell to the floor (Martin, p. 146).

Seymour also fell down "like he was dead" when he first spoke in tongues (Martin, p. 148).

"At times men would fall all over the house, like an army slain on the battle field..." (Martin, p. 179).

The same lack of control over the "tongues" and other phenomena that we have seen at Parham's Bible School in Topeka was evident at Azusa Street. Jennie Moore, who later married William Seymour and eventually became the pastor of the Azusa Street Mission herself, was employed by a wealthy couple as a cook. When she burst out in "tongues" before her surprised employers, they feared she was going insane, and rightfully so (Larry Martin, *The True Believers*, p. 112).

Later she "came under the power" and burst out in "tongues" during a Methodist church service.

William Seymour and Charles Parham have been called "the co-founders of world Pentecostalism" (Antonio Arnold, *We Are Living in the Finished Work of Christ*, p.

143), but Parham never accepted the Azusa Street experience as genuine.

When Parham visited the Azusa meetings in October 1906, he was shocked by the confusion of the services. He was dismayed by the "awful fits and spasms" of the "holy rollers and hypnotists." He described the Azusa "tongues" as "chattering, jabbering and sputtering, speaking no language at all" (Vinson Synan, *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition*, p. 102).

The Azusa Street meetings were so wild that Parham condemned them with the term "sensational Holy Rollers." He said that the Azusa Street meetings were largely characterized by manifestations of the flesh, spiritualistic controls, and the practice of hypnotism (Sarah Parham, *The Life of Charles F. Parham*, Joplin, MO: Tri-state Printing, 1930, p. 163).

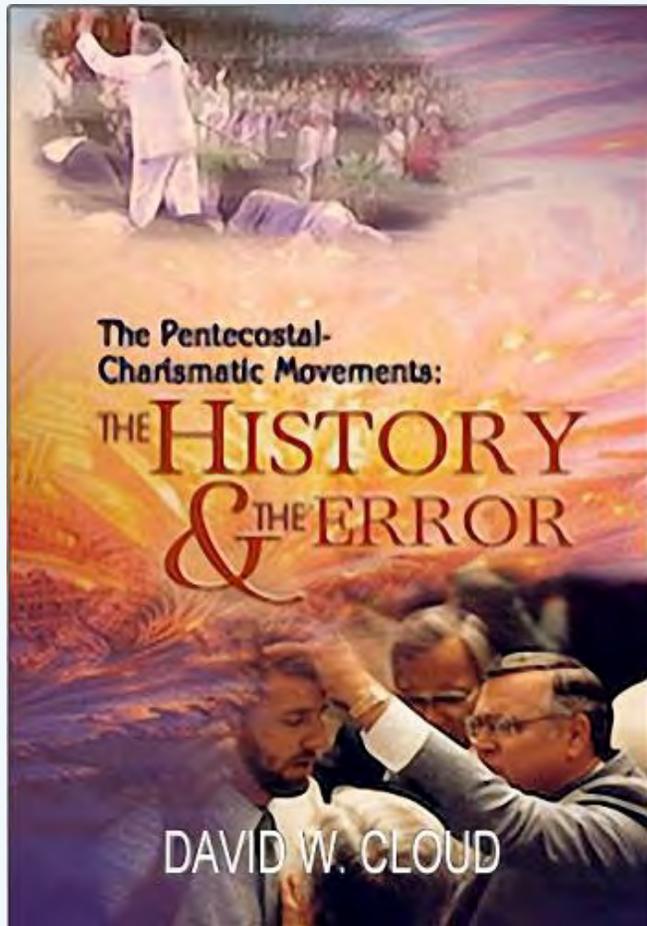
When Parham arrived in Azusa Street in 1906, he began his first sermon by telling the people that "God is sick at his stomach" because of the things which were occurring at Azusa (Charles Shumway, *A Study of the "Gift of Tongues,"* A.B. thesis, University of California, 1914, pp. 178, 179; cited by Goff, *Fields White Unto Harvest*, p. 131).

According to Parham, two-thirds of the people that professed Pentecostalism in his day were "either hypnotized or spook driven" (Sarah Parham, *Life of Charles Parham*, p. 164).

Parham never changed his opinion. To the end of his life, he denounced Azusa Street as a case of "spiritual power prostituted." Thus a "father of Pentecostalism" roundly rejected the Azusa Street meetings as phony, manipulated, and demonic!

Though there were many reports about healing and financial miracles at Azusa, the bank eventually foreclosed on the church's property, which was a poor testimony, and Seymour died young at fifty-two years old, having been in poor health for a long before that. A few months before his death Seymour was described as "worn, tired, and decrepit" (John Matthews, *Speaking in Tongues*, 1925, p. 14).

Many people die at age fifty-two, but Seymour claimed that healing was guaranteed in Christ's atonement, yet he was a sickly man who died young.

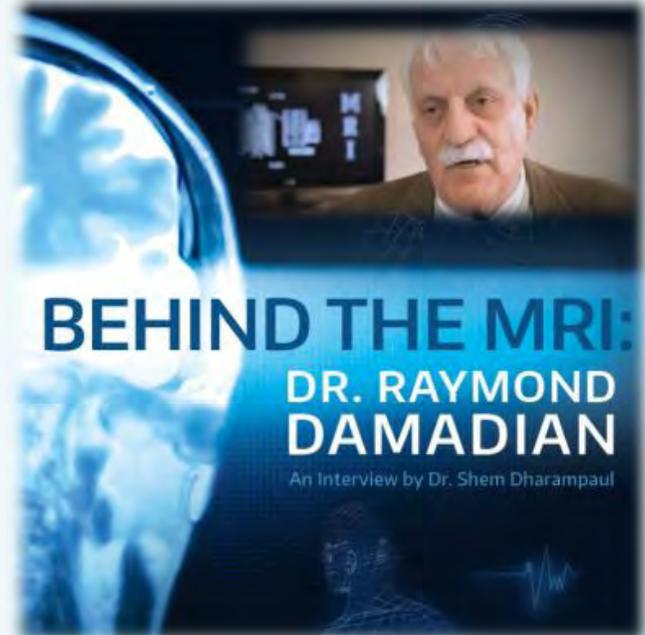


Examining some of the major Pentecostal denominations, the Latter Rain Covenant, the major Pentecostal healing evangelists, the Sharon Schools and the New Order of the Latter Rain, the Manifest Sons of God, the Word-Faith movement and its key leaders, the Charismatic Movement, the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Pentecostal Prophets, the Third Wave, and the recent Pentecostal scandals. We conclude the historical section with a look at the Laughing Revival. In the last section of the book we deal with the theological errors of the Pentecostal-Charismatic movements (exalting experience over Scripture, emphasis on the miraculous, Messianic and apostolic miracles can be reproduced, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of fire, exalting the Holy Spirit, tongues speaking is for today, sinless perfectionism, healing is guaranteed in the atonement, spirit slaying, spirit drunkenness, visions of Jesus, trips to heaven, women preachers, and ecumenism).

The final section of the book answers the question: "Why are people deluded by Pentecostal-Charismatic error?"

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How to Conduct Yourself During the Preaching of **THE WORD**

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15).

1. SIT RESPECTFULLY AND ALERTLY

Such things as leaning on your elbows with your head down and chewing gum send signals that you are not interested in what the preacher is saying. Remember that others are watching you and being influenced by you. Your attitude and very bodily posture affects the preacher, those sitting around you, and the entire atmosphere of the service.

Young people should not be allowed to sit together unless they are spiritually-minded and serious about seeking the Lord, because they will distract one another as well as others. We have many spiritually-minded young people in our church who sit together and encourage one another to listen carefully and to take notes from the preaching, but when young people are only in church because they are forced to be and don't have a heart for the truth, they should not be allowed to sit together. This is for their sake, for the sake of the other young people who are influenced by their example, and for the sake of the entire congregation.

One reader wrote about teenage boys who sit together and play with a video game during the service. “As one plays, the boy on either side watches until it is their turn.”

This is a sad thing, and one wonders where the parents are. And why doesn't the pastor put a stop to it? The adults might be afraid of “losing them,” but they have “lost them” already. Their bodies might still be in church, but their hearts are solidly in the world, so at least the adults can break up this unholy cabal and make the

service conducive for others to hear God's Word without the distraction of these foolish boys and their games. And who knows, if this cabal were broken up and these teenagers were required to sit quietly during the preaching, God might get hold of some of their hearts and they would repent of their disrespect of holy things and be born again before it is too late.

2. DON'T DISTRACT OTHERS

Examples of things that distract others are talking and writing notes back and forth between persons, texting, and playing video games (believe it or not, it is being done), making noise (i.e., cracking your fingers), picnicking (eating and drinking and passing around candy and gum), playing with babies, children gawking at the people behind them, and children running back and forth in the pew when the congregation is standing to sing.

Parents need to be aware of what their children are doing and make certain that they are not distracting someone.

Another example is leaving the service to go to the restroom. Parents should make sure that their children don't develop this distracting habit. The child quickly learns that it can control the mother by asking to go to the restroom after the service starts. It is the all-too-common case of the child training the parents. This practice is extremely dishonoring to the Word of God that is being preached. There is plenty of time to go to the bathroom before and after the services. Of course, if a baby is involved or if an individual has a medical or health problem that requires him or her to leave the service, that is a different matter altogether. But such a person should sit in the back and slip out quietly.

One reader wrote, “Some families spread the pew with mounds of candy and other snacks, sticky and otherwise,

and the children gorge themselves. Then of course, it's not long before parent or grandparent will take each child, one at a time, back and forth to the restroom to wash sticky hands, etc. And no, they do not sit in the back.”

3. LISTEN WELL

LISTEN WITH COMPASSION TOWARD THE PREACHER. God uses all kinds of men and not all are powerful, fascinating speakers. It appears that Paul wasn't (2 Cor. 10:10). Jonathan Edwards preached one of the most famous of sermons, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” but Edwards was not a great speaker. In fact, he simply read the sermon.

The preacher who was instrumental in the conversion of Charles Spurgeon was not a mighty speaker. Spurgeon described him as a very simple, uninteresting speaker, yet how greatly God used him! Remember that God can use weak men. An example is Solomon. He had tremendous problems, but God used him to write three important books of the Bible, including the book of Proverbs, which is the book of wisdom.

Our eyes must be upon God and not upon the preacher. Listen to the preacher as you would want people to listen to you. Avoid a critical attitude.

LISTEN PRAYERFULLY. Nothing significant is accomplished apart from prayer (Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17). Pray for yourself. Pray for the preacher. Pray for others who are in attendance.

LISTEN ATTENTIVELY. Listen as if Jesus Christ were speaking. 1 Peter 4:11 says the speaker is to be the very oracle of God, meaning His mouthpiece. If you listen carefully and seek something from the Lord, you can be edified even from a seemingly boring message. See also Luke 8:18; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22. Lazy minds don't learn and grow. Don't let your mind wander to other things. Don't do something else when you should be listening to the preaching. I have seen people read novels in church! More often they read the hymnal or pass notes or other such things. You won't get anything from the preaching if you don't listen attentively.

LISTEN WITH AN OPEN, SUBMISSIVE HEART. God's invitation is extended throughout the message and not merely at the end. Let God speak to you, reprove, rebuke,

and exhort you. Don't think that the preaching is for someone else. Don't make excuses for your sins and faults.

LISTEN WITH FAITH (Heb. 4:1-2). The Word of God is ineffective unless it is “mixed with faith.” Some listen to preaching as a form of entertainment. They enjoy it but they don't believe it enough to change how they live.

This was how the Jews were listening to the prophet Ezekiel: “And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not” (Ezek. 33:31-32).

LISTEN DISCERNINGLY. The Bible warns that we must not put our trust in man (Jer. 17:5). We must carefully test all preaching by the Word of God (Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 14:29; 1 Thess. 5:21).

LISTEN STUDIOUSLY. (2 Tim. 2:15). Have paper and pen ready so that you can capture something from the message. Write things in your Bible (important things, such as cross references, definitions, important thoughts, what God is saying to you through the message).

By the way, you should have your own Bible rather than merely looking on with someone else.

Take notes of the important points. Write down things to study later, things to check later, and things to share with others. This will help you remember what is preached.

4. TREAT THE INVITATION SERIOUSLY

Respond to the invitation as Lord leads, and pray for others.

It is important to be quiet until the the last prayer is finished. Some people are so spiritually insensitive that they start preparing to leave during the invitation and final prayer, shuffling around, folding papers, zipping up Bible cases, putting on jackets, digging keys out of purses, etc. This is very distracting to those to whom the Lord might be ministering.

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?



LIVING GODDESS RESIGNS

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- The Kumari (virgin living goddess) of Bhaktapur, Nepal, has resigned just shy of ten years of age. Junisha Shakya was chosen as the Kumari of Bhaktapur when she was six years old. She says, "I enjoyed my time as a goddess and will forever cherish those three and a half years" ("Ex-Kumari of Bhaktapur," *The Kathmandu Post*, Mar. 26, 2016). Nepal has three Kumaris, one in each of the old cities of Kathmandu Valley, which prior to the unification of the country in the 18th century were seats of three Hindu kingdoms. The Kumari is supposed to be the incarnation of the goddess Taleju. She is also known as Durga or Kali, all of which are emanations of the mother goddess. Living goddesses have been part of Hinduism since before Christ and have been a part of idolatry since after the Tower of Babel in the third millennium BC. But Kumari as an official royal position in Nepal dates to the Malla kings in the 13th century AD. "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils" (1 Corinthians 10:20). According to legend, the goddess appeared to King Jaya Prakash Malla as a red serpent, and when she is in full regalia, the Kumari wears an image of a serpent

around her neck. The goddess is supposed to possess the female *shakti* (power) or *devi* of the universe, and goddess worship is the attempt to unite with the power and wisdom of the universe, to channel it for one's own benefit, and to recognize one's own divinity. Ultimately, it is self worship. It is a prominent part of New Age thought and is helping create global unity in preparation for the coming of the Antichrist.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER LED TO GODDESS WORSHIP

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- Contemplative prayer, which was borrowed from Rome's dark monasticism, has swept through "evangelicalism" in the past 20 years, as we have documented in the free eBook [Evangelicals and Contemplative Prayer](#). Popular contemplative practices include breath prayer, centering prayer, Jesus prayer, entering the silence, and *lectio divina*. It is an extremely dangerous field that has often led to heresy, apostasy, and even pantheistic concepts of God. For example, popular author Sue Monk Kidd, who was once a Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher, found goddess worship through the path of contemplative prayer. As she began to delve into the worship of ancient goddesses, she traveled to Crete and worshiped in a cave of the goddess



Skoteini. She says, “something inside me was calling on the Goddess of the Dark, even though I didn’t know her name” (*The Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, p. 93). Soon Kidd was praying to God as Mother, “the divine feminine presence.” Finally, she saw herself as a goddess and began to worship herself. “To embrace Goddess is simply to discover the Divine in yourself as powerfully and vividly feminine” (*Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, p. 141). She set up an altar with a mirror so she can worship herself. She even believes that the world can be saved by the divine mother. “I know of nothing needed more in the world just now than an image of Divine present that affirms the importance of relationship--a Divine Mother, perhaps, who draws all humanity into her lap and makes us into a global family” (*Dance*, p. 155). Sue Monk Kidd’s book ends with the words, “She is in us.”

CATHOLIC MUSICIAN SAYS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DISARMS PEOPLE AND OPENS THEM TO ECUMENISM (Friday Church News Notes, April 1, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In a recent interview, contemporary Christian musician Audrey Assad, who converted to the Roman Catholic Church in 2007, says that she is passionate about musical ecumenism and explains that it “disarms” people.



“Ecumenism, true actual dialogue between different branches of Christianity, is absolutely one of my greatest passions, and so music is a great way to accomplish that. Christians of many different stripes can come together to sing worship songs with each other. It’s a good way to open up the potential of dialogue ... And so I JUST THINK MUSIC IS DISARMING. I think it paves the way for people to put down their weapons for a minute. ... So I’m just very intentional about making sure we remain in a conversation going to all different kinds of places” (“Audrey Assad Shares Her I n h e r i t a n c e , ” JesusFreakHideout.com, Feb. 9, 2016). Assad attends Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Tempe, Arizona, which is devoted to Mary as Queen of Heaven. In 2012, Assad performed at Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, a prominent independent Baptist congregation, but Trinity’s leaders are far from the only independent Baptists who are too lacking in spiritual discernment to recognize that contemporary worship music “disarms” their people toward the one-world church agenda.

NORTH CAROLINA PUTS STOP TO TRANSGENDER BATHROOMS (Friday Church News Notes, April 1, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “North Carolina Limits Local Governments after Transgender Bathroom Rule,” Associated Press, Mar. 24, 2016: “North Carolina legislators decided to rein in local governments by approving a bill Wednesday that prevents cities and counties from passing their own anti-discrimination rules. Gov. Pat



McCrory later signed the legislation, which dealt a blow to the LGBT movement after success with protections in cities across the country. The Republican-controlled General Assembly took action after Charlotte city leaders last month approved a broad anti-discrimination measure. Critics focused on language in the ordinance that allowed transgender people to use the restroom aligned with their gender identity. McCrory, who was the mayor of Charlotte for 14 years and had criticized the local ordinance, signed the legislation Wednesday night that he said was ‘passed by a bipartisan majority to stop this breach of basic privacy and etiquette.’ ... Republicans and their allies have said intervening is necessary to protect the safety of women and children from ‘radical’ action by Charlotte. There have been arguments that any man--perhaps a sex offender--could enter a woman’s restroom or locker room simply by calling himself transgender. ‘It’s common sense--biological men should not be in women’s showers, locker rooms and bathrooms,’ said GOP Rep. Dean Arp of Monroe before the chamber voted 82-26 for the legislation after nearly three hours of debate.”

MUSLIM SHOPKEEPER MURDERED AFTER WISHING SCOTLAND “HAPPY EASTER” (Friday Church News Notes, April 1,



2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - A Muslim shopkeeper in Glasgow was murdered hours after he tweeted “Happy Easter” to the nation. At 5:10 pm on Friday, 40-year-old Asad Shah tweeted, “Good Friday and a very Happy Easter to my beloved Christian nation. ... Let’s follow the real footstep of beloved holy Jesus Christ and get the real success in both worlds” (“Glasgow shopkeeper,” *Daily Record*, Mar. 25, 2016). Four hours later he was knifed and his head was brutally stomped. He died in the hospital. Breitbart reports that “Police have now confirmed that a 32-year-old Muslim man has been arrested in connection with Mr. Shah’s death, which is being treated as religiously prejudiced” (“Muslim Shopkeeper,” Breitbart, Mar. 26, 2016). Shah was an Ahmadiyyah Muslim, which is not considered true Muslim by Sunnis. The Sunnis, who are behind most of the Muslim terrorism worldwide, consider themselves the genuine descendants of Mohammed through Abu Bakr, the father of Muhammad’s favorite wife, Aisha.

THE BIBLE AND ISLAM (Friday Church News Notes, April 1, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - In light of today’s news events, we do well to ask what the Bible says about Islam. Islam controls a large part of the world and is on a jihadic rampage that hasn’t been seen in

hundreds of years. The 190-page book *The Bible and Islam* describes Islam’s beginning and history, the doctrine of Allah compared with the God of the Bible, the teaching of the Quran, Islam and salvation, jihad and world conquest, the three stages of jihad, the Koran’s doctrine of abrogation, the doctrine of Kafir (pronounced *kā’-fir*), Islam and Judaism, Islam and Christianity, Sharia law, Islam’s slave trade, Islam as a judgment on apostate Christianity and apostate Israel, Islam’s divisions and internecine hatred (Sunni vs. Shiite), Islam as a preparation for the Antichrist, the Antichrist and the Middle East problem, and Muslim nations in Bible prophecy. The book explains what is happening in the Middle East and where these events will ultimately lead. Available in print and free eBook editions from [Way of Life Literature](http://WayofLifeLiterature).

POLICE IN SWEDEN ADVISE WOMEN TO STAY AT HOME TO AVOID BEING RAPED BY MUSLIM REFUGEES (Friday Church News Notes, April 1, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- Following six rape attempts and violent attacks on women in Östersund, Sweden, since February 20, including that of a woman on her way to work at 11 pm, the police recently broadcast a televised

warning for women to avoid being alone. They warned that such targeting of women is a new phenomenon in their town. The police chief said, “As we see it just now, we recommend that women who go out late at night rather not do it without getting a lift, or that they go together as a group. We feel a strong concern that this could end with something much worse than an attempted rape. The incidents we have had, where women have been assaulted, have been very violent. I am sorry to say so, but I think they need to act out of a ‘better safe than sorry’ principle.” See www.wnd.com/wnd_video/police-in-sweden-women-should-stay-at-home-or-risk-being-raped-by-muslim-refugees.

CHRIST’S OMNISCIENCE (Friday Church News Notes, April 1, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel” (John 5:19-20). The following is from John Phillips’ commentary on John: “This means that to creation’s remotest bounds, in the godhead’s most distant and secret operations and councils, the Son knows what the godhead is doing. He knows it, not because this knowledge is communicated to him, but because he has an innate consciousness of it. The Father shows the Son all things--therefore the Son must have a mind coextensive with the mind of God, the mind of omniscience, in order to grasp what is being shown. Perhaps an illustration will help. It is said that the mathematics of Einstein’s theory of relativity are so difficult that they are understood by only a small number of scientists. When someone

asked nuclear physicist Sir Arthur Eddington if it was true that only three people really understood the subject, the famous scientist replied, 'I'm trying to think who the third person could be!' Well, Jesus knew. He invented those mathematics and all the concepts involved in them. The Lord, even while on this earth, was omniscient."

OWNERS OF CHRISTIAN BED AND BREAKFAST GIVEN ONEROUS PUNISHMENT FOR REFUSAL TO HOST HOMOSEXUAL CIVIL UNION

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- The following is excerpted from "Illinois Bed and Breakfast," ChristianNews.net, Mar. 30, 2016: "The owners of a bed and breakfast in Illinois have been ordered to pay \$80,000 after they declined to host a civil union ceremony for two homosexual men on the premises, and have been mandated to facilitate a celebration for the men at their facility within one year. ... In 2011, Todd Wathen contacted TimberCreek via email to inquire if the bed and breakfast would be hosting civil union ceremonies after Illinois approved the unions that year via the 'Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act.' Jim Walder replied that the facility had no such plans, and advised Wathen that 'homosexuality



is immoral and unnatural,' and that 'it's not too late to change your behavior.' Three days later, Wathen filed a discrimination complaint with the Illinois Human Rights Commission. The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois (ACLU) also soon became involved and sought emotional damages for Wathen and his partner, Mark. Now, Michael Robinson, an administrative law judge appointed by the Commission, has ordered Walder to pay \$30,000 in damages to the men (\$15,000 each), as well as \$50,000 in attorney's fees and more than \$1,200 in costs. Robinson also mandated that Walder follow the Illinois Human Rights Act by not declining further events, and that he additionally host Wathen's celebration at the bed and breakfast within one year. The two men held a ceremony in their yard in 2011 after being declined; they did not seek other facilities as alternatives. ... in a statement issued to the *Ford County Record*, Walder has stated that he cannot comply with the order. 'To be absolutely clear, we cannot host a same-sex wedding even though fines and penalties have been imposed by the Illinois Human Rights Commission,' he said. 'Our policy will not be changing.'"

U.K. PRISON CHAPLAIN FIRED FOR QUOTING BIBLE

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- The following is excerpted from "Christian Prison Chaplain," *Christianity Today*, Mar. 17, 2016: "A prison chaplain who was accused of reading 'homophobic' Bible verses to prisoners has lost his claim for unfair dismissal. The Rev. Barry Trayhorn, a Pentecostal minister,

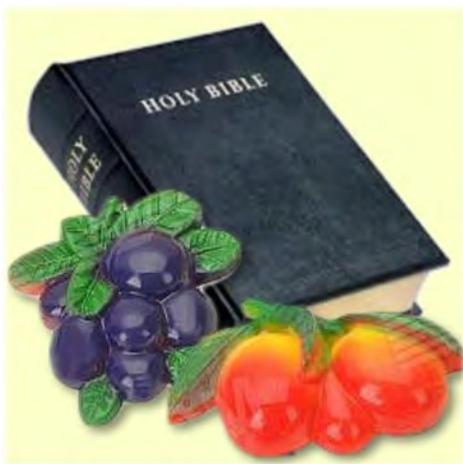


Rev. Barry Trayhorn

said he was discriminated against when he was reprimanded for the Bible verses he read to prisoners at HMP Littlehey where he worked as a gardener and led services in the chapel as a volunteer. He said the passages were about God's love and he had wanted to explain the concept of forgiveness to the prisoners. In one service he read [read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11] which condemns homosexual behaviour. He was given a final warning by prison authorities who found he had breached equality laws. Trayhorn claimed he had been forced out of his paid job as a gardener as a result. The Christian Legal Centre backed him in his constructive dismissal case. The tribunal found he spoke in an 'insensitive' way which failed to have regard for the special nature of the congregation in the prison. ... Trayhorn said, 'This decision has two very worrying consequences: Firstly, the tribunal has effectively said that inmates will no longer be able to listen to sermons preached from the Bible which could change their behaviour for the better, as they become Christians and God transforms their lives. Secondly, this case is a warning shot to church leaders across the land that the ever growing political correctness will soon be hitting pulpits and if congregations do not like what they hear about sexuality, complaints will be made.'"

PLASTIC FRUIT CHRISTIANITY AND ITS ADJUSTABLE JESUS (Friday Church News Notes, April 8, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Matt Walsh, "If Your Church Makes Christianity 'Cool' and Comfortable, You Should Find a New Church," Dec. 17, 2015: "The preview for [Rich Wilkerson's] new reality show intersperses clips of Pastor Rich cavorting on the beach with his scantily clad wife with footage of him shouting self-help clichés. [Wilkinson is the pastor of a church in Miami and officiated at the wedding of Kim Kardashian and blasphemous rapper Kanye West who calls himself God.] ... At one point, Rich reveals to the viewing audience his insightful pastoral motto: *'I don't think people are interested in a bunch of religion--like, yo, tell me what I can and can't do--but I think people are interested in a relationship with a higher power.'* In the article, he explains that the Gospel does not demand 'behavior modification.' ... These days, churches increasingly cater to Christians who hate Christianity but still want to be 'spiritual.' ... They want the appearance of the dish but none of the ingredients whatsoever. What they



end up with, then, is a meal similar to the kind my 2-year-old daughter serves after she's 'made dinner' in her Fisher-Price kitchenette: a colorful plate filled with plastic fruit and imagination. I think the phrase 'personal relationship with Jesus' (or 'a higher power,' as Pastor Rich so fashionably put it) has been especially useful to the practitioners of Plastic Fruit Christianity. ... When many people speak of a Personal Jesus, what they really desire is an *Adjustable* Jesus. They want to be disciples on their own terms; to calibrate their religion to a more relaxing, luxurious setting; to throw out the difficult, challenging aspects of Belief and put something customized and convenient in its place. When these folks say 'my personal relationship with Jesus,' all that really registers is the 'my.'"

HILLARY CLINTON COMMUNING WITH DEVILS

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- The following is excerpted from "Hillary Clinton" by Mark Ellis, blog.godreports.com, Mar. 21, 2016: "In late 1994, President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, invited a group of popular self-help authors to Camp David to help them find answers after the Democrat's devastating loss to the Republicans in the 1994 congressional elections. ... One was Jean Houston, co-director of the Foundation for Mind Research, which studies psychic experience and altered and expanded consciousness. ... 'Houston believed that her personal archetypal predecessor was Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom. She conducted extensive dialogues with Athena on her computer that she called 'docking



with one's angel.' Houston wore an ancient Hellenistic coin of Athena set in a medallion around her neck all the time.' ... On her visit to the White House in early April 1995, Houston proposed that Hillary dig deeper for her connections to Mrs. Roosevelt. ... Hillary sat back in her seat and closed her eyes. 'You're walking down a hall,' Houston said, 'and there's Mrs. Roosevelt. Now let's describe her.' Hillary proceeded to describe what she saw. Houston instructed Mrs. Clinton to go to Eleanor and speak to her ... Hillary entered into a long discourse directed toward the former first lady. Houston asked the first lady to further open up herself to Mrs. Roosevelt, borrowing a technique 'practiced by Machiavelli' ... Bob Woodward says this session with Houston--which some labeled a séance--lasted an hour. Another well-known psychic, Marianne Williamson, participated in some of the sessions, according to Eric Barger. ... She spent the night in the White House when the Clintons were there and went up to the rooftop solarium for the séances, he says. In 1994 *Esquire* magazine reported that Hillary Clinton was a devotee of Williamson, that Williamson was spending nights in the Lincoln bedroom, and the pair were staying up late exploring how to heal America. ... Paul Kengor, author of *God and Hillary Clinton*, says Hillary was involved in 'clairaudient

channeling,’ which ‘involves relaxing oneself in either a fully conscious or mildly altered state of consciousness and then listening to one’s inner-self.’”

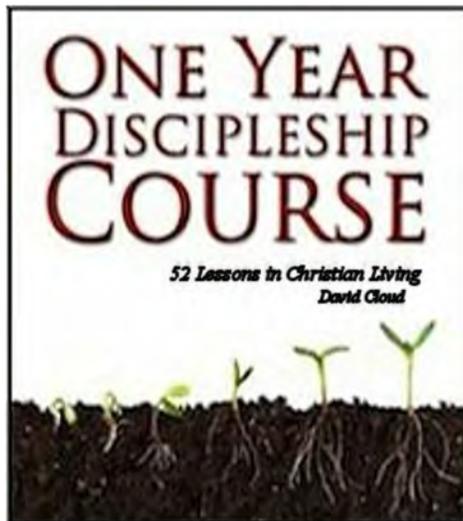
THE CLINTON’S PASTOR IN WASHINGTON D.C. (Friday Church News Notes, April 8, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Hillary Clinton” by Mark Ellis, blog.godreports.com, Mar. 21, 2016: “Another one of Hillary’s major spiritual influences during her time in the White House was Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, the pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington D.C., which the Clintons attended. In 1995 the *Daily News* quoted Rev. Wogaman saying, ‘The Scriptures, like the *Washington Post*, contain both truth and error.’ He also said, ‘The government, not the church, is the answer for the poor,’ and, ‘Drug abuse, murder, unethical business practices, family breakup and homelessness were created by unrestrained laissez-faire capitalism.’ In 1986, Rev. Wogaman called for ‘revenue sharing on a world scale.’ He also taught that God is both he and she and talked about one-world government and building a world religion. ‘They put the homosexual couples in the front row of the church,’ Eric Barger notes. ‘That was



pretty provocative over 20 years ago.”

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD TAKING THE DISCIPLESHIP COURSE (Friday Church News Notes, April 8, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- We have been urging parents and churches to become more serious about discipling and training the youth, and we were encouraged to receive the following testimony from a pastor recently: “I have signed a number of our people up to take your [One Year Discipleship Course](#). Some have jumped in and are doing well. Some need extra encouragement. It really surprises me how intimidating doing a course seems to some. I’m looking at having contests and Tim Horton’s gift cards to keep the momentum going. My 11-year-old daughter is taking the course and typically spends between 15 and 20 minutes Monday and Tuesday reading the course and looking up the verses and then does the quiz on Wednesday or Thursday. If an 11-year-old can do that, an adult can certainly do it. I appreciate the work you have put into these courses. I like the depth ... Until you came out with this course I tried a few different ones

but was never satisfied with certain aspects of them.”

JESUS AS ETERNAL JUDGE (Friday Church News Notes, April 8, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- “For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son” (John 5:22). The following is from John Phillips’ commentary on the Gospel of John: “The Lord has absolute power of life and death. The fact that the Lord Jesus is the universal judge means that he has personal knowledge of all the countless human beings in all the ages of history. He has detailed acquaintance with the endless variety of circumstances of each and every individual. He knows the character of each one of us. He knows our motives, opportunities, hidden passions, mental ability, thoughts, desires, words, acts. He knows the lasting influence for better or for worse of our every act and look. Moreover, he has a perfect grasp of all the laws of God by which to judge the world. And he has the absolute right to pass eternal sentence, with no court of appeal and with no cases missed. In other words, the Lord was claiming, in no uncertain terms, to be God over all. The purpose of this is to ensure that all people honor the Son even as they honor the Father. The Jews thought they honored God, but they dishonored Christ. The Lord put the lie to their self-deception: ‘He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.’”

JEWISH YOUTH IN SEARCH OF GOD (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- A report in the March issue of *Israel Today* describes widespread departure of young people from Ultra Orthodox



Judaism. One of these said, “My God is a new God; He walks with me and has nothing to do with the god of Orthodoxy. For me, god used to be a kind of master whom I was not allowed to contact on my own. Today I speak to Him directly” (Benny Boliak, cited in “In Search of God,” *Israel Today*, March 2016, p. 40). Another said, “We are on a kind of journey: We are trying to murder god, namely the threatening god, the angry god, the god of texts and laws. We are searching for a greater God, a God with more love” (Avishalom Shiloah, *ibid.*). This rebellion is against a false god that was created by religious men who have hidden the truth of God’s Word under layers of vain human tradition. The God revealed in Scripture is indeed a God of law and judgment; He is a holy God; but He is the most compassionate, merciful Person imaginable. He is love, and He is the Fountain of all true love. He Himself paid the price demanded by His holy law in order to redeem those who rebelled against Him and who deserve nothing but punishment. There is no greater love than this. God invites all men to come to Him through Jesus Christ and to know Him personally and intimately as Saviour, Father, and tender Shepherd.

The harsh dictator God is a lie of the devil. It is a creation of God haters like Richard Dawkins and false religionists like the Pharisees. “And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him” (1 John 4:16).

McDONALD’S PROMOTING MORAL RELATIVISM/ TOLERANCE (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- McDonald’s has joined the frenzy by major international corporations to promote acceptance of homosexuality. An ad in Taiwan features a boy “coming out” to his father in a McDonald’s restaurant. When the boy writes “I like boys” on a McCafe coffee cup and slides it across the table, the father initially seems upset and walks away, but he quickly returns and writes on his own cup. “I accept that you like boys.” “Music swells and the boy cries tears of joy. The spot closes with the tag, ‘Let there be more warmth in conversation’” (“McDonald’s Ad,” *Fox News*, Mar. 10, 2016). The fundamental theme is non-judgmentalism, tolerance, and moral relativism, which is a major doctrine of the New Age. Those who resist the doctrine are considered enemies of man’s evolution and of world peace. “Love” and oneness and unity must prevail, while “intolerance” must be rejected. This is a major theme in Israel today as witnessed by the Tolerance Monument in Jerusalem. The sculpture is a broken column with the two halves held together by an olive tree. The explanation says, “Between the branches of the olive tree a new seed is sprouting, a golden grain of tolerance.” It was reported in

February of this year that Jerusalem’s Zion Square is being renamed Tolerance Square in memory of Shira Banki, a 16-year-old stabbed to death during the 2015 Gay Pride parade. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat says the redesigned space “will be used as a place of tolerance and meeting, a place that will exemplify the values and beliefs of Banki” (“Zion Square to be memorial,” *Times of Israel*, Feb. 15, 2016). A new \$100 million Museum of Tolerance is also being constructed in Jerusalem. (For more



about the New Age emphasis on tolerance see [The New Age Tower of Babel](#), available in print and eBook formats from www.wayoflife.org.)

KUWATI WRITER TELLS MUSLIMS TO STOP CURSING JEWS AND CHRISTIANS (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is from an article by Kuwaiti journalist Al-Sarraf in the Kuwaiti daily, *Al-Qabas*, as translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute, Apr. 5, 2016: “‘Allah, punish the Shi’ites, the communists, the Jews, and the Christians. Allah, punish the tyrants. Allah, disperse them, weaken them, and bring disasters upon their heads. Allah, facilitate our mujahideen brothers and help them behead them.’ This is part of a prayer to Allah delivered a few days ago during



Al-Sarraf

Friday worship that was attended by tens of thousands of prayer-goers and took place before dozens of TV cameras. ... I am intrigued by his curse beseeching Allah to also enable our ‘mujahideen brothers,’ or more accurately, ‘ISIS and Al-Qaeda,’ to behead the Jews and Christians. It is [the Jews and the Christians] who gave this preacher the prayer mat on which he stands, who invented the microphone through which his curse is heard, who provided him with the [heater] that warmed him so he could [stand there] and say what he said, who made the vehicle that drove him to the mosque and will drive him back home, who created his bed and his bathroom, the doors of his home and the locks on his safe, his bath soap, his shoes, his silk clothes, and his wives’ jewelry. It was they who also invented and produced the most complex medical instruments and discovered the best serums and drugs, which have healed hundreds of millions of Muslims, and without which they could have died due to lack of care. It is these [Jews and Christians], whom [preachers] beseech Allah to enable our ‘mujahideen brothers’ to behead as one would behead a sheep, who discovered our oil and extracted it from the ground, transported it, refined it, and purchased it from us, paying us hundreds of trillions of dollars, so that we can then be condescending and arrogant, deluge them with horrible curses, and

beseech Allah to enable our mujahideen brothers to behead them. ... No one--not even the greatest misanthrope--can deny [the Jewish and Christian] advantage and superiority [over us], [or deny] their discoveries and inventions, and, more importantly, their humanism. It is they who, in the course of one single year, have treated and provided shelter for over one million Muslim refugees in their countries--while we refused to accept even a single refugee.”

SCIENTISTS PROVE THAT EVOLUTION IS BUNK (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - A team of computer scientists and electrical engineers representing the University of Washington and Microsoft have unwittingly proved that evolution is nonsense by their new system to encode, store, and retrieve data using DNA molecules. The molecules are so efficient that they “can store information many millions of times more densely than existing technologies for digital storage--flash drives, hard drives, magnetic and optical media” (“UW team stores digital images in DNA,” *UW Today*, Apr. 7, 2016). Yet they would have us believe that while data storage systems such as flash drives are products of high intelligence, the DNA molecule and the living cell, though *vastly* superior as “technology”--and living, to boot!--is the product of blind chance. Luis Ceze, UW professor of computer science and engineering who is working on the project, says, “Life has produced this fantastic molecule called DNA that efficiently stores all kinds of information about your genes and how a living system

works.” The fantastic molecule was produced by “life.” It just happened. The fine-tuned, organized universe exploded out of nothing; life leaped out of non-life; intelligence arose from non-intelligence. And they have the gall to say that it is the Creationist who exercises “blind faith”!

PALESTINIANS SAY AMERICA IS NUMBER ONE ENEMY (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “US: Israel Is Our Ally; Palestinians: We Hate the US,” *Israel Today*, Apr. 6, 2016: “Rep. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, was in Israel this week, and reiterated that the Jewish state is one of America’s closest and most important allies. In an interview with *Times of Israel*, Ryan, who was Mitt Romney’s running mate in the 2012 US presidential election, said that with the rise of Islamic terror, Washington needs to bolster its ties with Israel now more than ever. ... Several days earlier, Jamal Muhaisen, a member of the central committee of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas’ ruling Fatah faction, insisted that America is ‘the number one enemy of the Palestinian people.’ ‘The American people in the US are under Jewish-Zionist occupation,’ claimed Muhaisen in an interview on official Palestinian Authority TV. ‘I reiterate: the number one enemy of the



Palestinian people, and of the Arab and Islamic nation, remains the US.”

AN UNHOLY TEENAGE CABAL IN CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- Young people should not be allowed to sit together in church unless they are spiritually-minded and serious about seeking the Lord; otherwise they will distract one another as well as others. We have many spiritually-minded young people in our church who sit together and encourage one another to listen carefully and take notes from the preaching, but when young people are only in church because they are forced to be and don't have a heart for the truth, they should not be allowed to sit together. This is for their sake, for the sake of the other young people who are influenced by their example, and for the sake of the entire congregation. One reader wrote about teenage boys who sit together and play with a video game during the service. "As one plays, the boy on either side watches until it is their turn." This is a sad thing, and one wonders where the parents are. And why doesn't the pastor put a stop to it? The adults might be afraid of "losing them," but they have "lost

them" already. Their bodies might still be in church, but their hearts are solidly in the world, so at least the adults can break up this unholy cabal and make the service conducive for others to hear God's Word without the distraction of these silly boys and their games. And who knows, if this cabal were broken up and these teenagers were required to sit quietly during the preaching, God might get hold of some of their hearts and they would repent of their disrespect of holy things.

PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT BE NOT IN THE WINTER (Friday Church News Notes, April 15, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day" (Matthew 24:20). In this verse, Christ is speaking prophetically to exhort and instruct the Jewish believers in Jerusalem who will be living at the time when the Antichrist will desecrate the Third Temple (verse 15). The context is "the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world" (Mat. 24:3). In verse 20 we see the great mystery of prayer. God knows exactly when that day will occur, yet He exhorts His people to pray for specific things and to expect an answer. God is omnipotent and omniscient, but prayer changes things. This is a lesson for us today. Our prayers for the nation in accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1-5 might not bring national or even regional revival, but the prayer of faith *will* change things. God *will* do something through it. Scriptural prayer is never in vain, and the more persistent we pray and the more earnest we pray, the more we can expect God to work, since those are two of the elements of effectual

prayer most emphasized in Scripture.

THE NONSENSE CONTINUES AT AZUSA (Friday Church News Notes, April 22, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Unscriptural nonsense has been happening at Azusa since the birth of the Pentecostal "revival" there 110 years ago. The most recent outbreak was the Azusa Now conference on April 9 organized by Lou Engle. Its unscriptural character was evident in a hundred ways, not least of which was the call for ecumenical unity across all denominational lines. A Catholic priest asked for forgiveness for the "sin" of division and kissed Engle's shoe, and Engle reciprocated. This is in the online Azusa Now video at about 6:56. Azusa Now's ecumenism goes far beyond this, though. It encompasses all religious "spirituality." A traditional Native American nature worship dance was performed at the event by a group called Broken Walls, the leader of which says that when God calls people from other religions, "He didn't ask them to stop being who they were; he said just come and follow me" ("Azusa Now Pantheist Dance Earth Worship," Apr. 11, 2016). Azusa Now featured a full cast of false teachers, including Paul Cain, the discredited soothsayer who long based his prophetic mystique on the lie that he had not experienced sexual



Lou Engle Kisses R.C. Priest's Shoe

desire since the Lord allegedly touched him when he was a young man (David Pitches, *Some Said It Thundered*, p. 41). He was exposed in 2004 as an alcoholic and a homosexual. Mike Bickle was there, who says that prophecies don't have to be infallible (*Growing in the Prophetic*, p. 41). Jack Hayford was there, who claims that God spoke to him and told him not to judge the Roman Catholic Church ("The Pentecostal Gold Standard," *Christianity Today*, July 2005). Lou Engle is painful to watch, as his head bobs back and forth as if he is physically afflicted. Former Pentecostal Hughie Seaborn observes, "I never saw that one in all my years in Pentecostalism. I saw just about everything else, and some things similar, but not the 'Lou Engle Bob,' which seems to have spread. God's always doing a new thing, so they say, so we should be prepared for things we've never seen or heard about before." Pentecostals and charismatics give lip service to holding to the Bible as sole authority, but in practice they exalt experience above Scripture, which is always a recipe for spiritual disaster. (For more about Azusa, the birth of Pentecostalism, the birth of Charismaticism, and the major events and figures in these movements, see [The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error](http://www.wayoflife.org), available in print and eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org.)

THE HYPOCRISY OF AMERICAN CORPORATIONS ON THE HOMOSEXUAL ISSUE IS ASTOUNDING (Friday Church News Notes, April 22, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from



"PayPal, Apple, Coca-Cola Reject N.C. 'Bathroom Law,'" CNSNews.com, Apr. 13, 2016: "Although many large businesses, including PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola [plus Google, Levi-Strauss, Barnes & Noble, Kellogg, Twitter, YouTube, Reddit, Starbucks, Facebook, and others], have criticized North Carolina's new locker room and bathroom law as 'discriminatory' to LGBT people, those same four corporations do business in Middle Eastern countries where homosexual conduct and cross-dressing are illegal. In Saudi Arabia, for instance, homosexual conduct is 'punishable by death or flogging,' according to the U.S. State Department. In Kuwait, practicing homosexuals can face prison terms up to 10 years; cross-dressers can go to prison for up to three years. PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola do business in both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Despite the anti-gay laws in those two countries, neither PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, nor Coca-Cola would tell CNSNews.com if they opposed those laws; whether they would publicly ask that those laws be repealed; whether it is hypocritical for them to oppose the North Carolina law while doing business in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; and why, since they are

committed to LGBT rights, they conduct business in countries where homosexual acts and cross-dressing are illegal."

BABIES CAN UNDERSTAND ANY LANGUAGE (Friday Church News Notes, April 22, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Research has confirmed what we have known all along, that any healthy baby can learn any human language, in fact, can learn multiple languages at the same time. "Research shows babies begin to learn language sounds before they're even born. In the womb, a mother's voice is one of the most prominent sounds an unborn baby hears. By the time they're born, newborns can not only tell the difference between their mother's language and another language, but also show a capability of distinguishing between languages. Language learning depends on the processing of sounds. All the world's languages put together comprise about 800 or so sounds. Each language uses only about 40 language sounds, or 'phonemes,' which distinguish one language from another. At birth, the baby brain has an unusual gift: it can tell the difference between all 800 sounds. This means that at this stage infants can learn any language that they're exposed to. Gradually babies figure out which sounds they are hearing the most" ("Babies' ability



to learn two languages at once,” *Business Insider*, Apr. 15, 2016). For those who have ears to hear, these facts prove that Genesis 1 is true. First, the baby’s gift of understanding the incredible complexity of human language demonstrates that man is made in the image of God. Second, it demonstrates that man is not an animal. Animals communicate, but the gulf between animal communication and human communication is vast and unbridgeable.

ASSOCIATED PRESS COOPERATED WITH THE NAZIS (Friday Church News Notes, April 22, 2016, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Associated Press Willingly Cooperated,” *Times of Israel*, Mar. 30, 2016: “The Associated Press news agency willingly cooperated with Nazi Germany, submitting to the



regime’s restrictive rulings on the freedom of the press and providing it with images from its photo archives to be used in its anti-Semitic and anti-Western propaganda machine, a new report reveals. When Adolf Hitler’s National Socialists rose to power in 1933, all international news agencies but the US-based AP were forced to leave Germany. The AP continued to operate in the Third Reich until 1941, when the United States joined World War II. According to German historian Harriet Scharnberg, the world’s biggest news agency was only allowed to remain in Germany because it signed a deal with the regime. The news agency lost control

over its copy by submitting itself to the *Schriftleitergesetz* (editor’s law), agreeing not to print any material ‘calculated to weaken the strength of the Reich abroad or at home,’ she wrote in an article published in the academic journal *Studies in Contemporary History*. ... Scharnberg’s research was first reported by the UK-based *Guardian* newspaper. According to the paper, the Nazis’ so-called editor’s law forced AP employees to contribute material for the Nazi party’s propaganda division. One of the four photographers working for the company in the 1930s was Franz Roth, a member of the SS paramilitary unit’s propaganda division. His pictures were handpicked by Hitler, the *Guardian* writes. ... The cooperation with the prestigious American news agency allowed Hitler to portray his ‘war of extermination as a conventional war,’ Scharnberg told the *Guardian*.”

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