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

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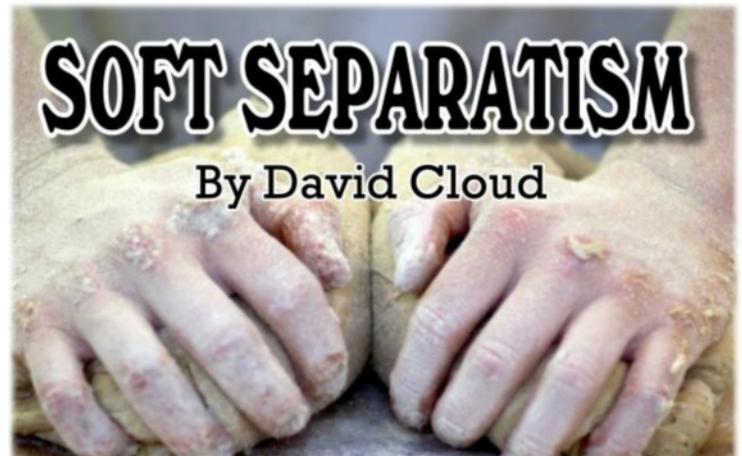


## SOFT SEPARATISM - *By David Cloud*

The following is excerpted from the latest [Why Most Independent Baptist Churches Will Be Emerging](#), available from Way of Life Literature in print and a free eBook edition, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

Another reason why I am convinced that the average fundamental Baptist church will be well down the emerging path within 10-20 years is the prevalence of “soft separatism.”

Soft separatism is separatism that is ineffective to protect the Lord's people from spiritual dangers. It is characterized by professing to believe in separation but doing things that make the separation ineffective, such as focusing on positive truth and avoiding “negativism and criticism,” avoiding dealing with “personalities,” refusing to distance oneself properly from those who are headed in a wrong



direction in order to cut off the leaven of compromise from one's personal life and family and church, and messing with dangerous things such as compromised authors.

Soft separatists are more concerned about the danger of “fragmentation” and are more desirous of “unity” and

getting along with the brethren than about standing for the truth, if such a stand proves to be divisive.

“Soft separatist” Independent Baptist preachers such as the extremely influential Lee Roberson, of recent memory, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and those today who are leading large segments of the Independent Baptist movement in the same soft direction, allow bridges to be built between Independent Baptists and the evangelical, Southern Baptist, and contemporary Christian music worlds. They have a “keep it positive” philosophy whereby they don’t typically reprove error plainly or name the names of compromisers. They might name the name of a Billy Graham or a Robert Schuller or perhaps even a Rick Warren, but they will never name the name of a compromising fundamental Baptist leader. They don’t effectively expose the conservative evangelical bridge builders such as an Ed Stetzer or a John Piper, and they don’t reprove and disassociate from Independent Baptist preachers who are affiliating with the Southern Baptist Convention and evangelicalism at large.

Even if they do disassociate to some extent, they do it “quietly” and no one knows what is happening and the leaven of compromise is not therefore stopped.

Lee Roberson, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church for 40 years and founder of Tennessee Temple University, was the king of “soft separatism” in the

fundamental Baptist movement. Everything was kept on a positive, upbeat note. Dr. Roberson’s official biographer observes:

“Roberson developed a focus that controlled his ministry. ‘I kept my mind and ministry settled -- winning people to Christ, getting people to grow in grace,’ he said. ‘Stay out of controversy in the pulpit--stay out of it and stay on the main line. I think that helped me a lot. I tried to avoid personalities and stay on the main line: preaching the gospel, emphasis on winning people to Christ, emphasis on developing the spiritual life, dying to self, the fullness of the Spirit, the second coming--kept on the positive side, kept negatives away from the people.’ ... Negativism and criticism simply were not a part of Lee Roberson’s life” (James Wigton, *Lee Roberson--Always about His Father’s Business*, pp. 78, 243).

As a 1970s graduate of Tennessee Temple, I can testify that this is an accurate description of Dr. Roberson’s ministry.

It was characterized by soft preaching. Any warnings were given only in generalities. Leading compromisers such as Jerry Falwell or James Dobson or Bill Bright or Charles Swindoll were not identified by name from the pulpit and their error was not detailed and highlighted so that the people could get a proper grasp of the danger they represented and where their compromise would lead.

“Later when Billy Graham’s ecumenical cooperation became a controversial issue among fundamentalists, Lee Roberson quietly backed out of such cooperation. ‘Dr. Roberson NEVER SAID A CRITICAL WORD ABOUT IT,’ said Faulkner. ‘If he had anything to say, it was always positive. That was his position on all issues. HE JUST NEVER HAD A CRITICAL WORD ABOUT ANYTHING. ... He won’t talk about the brethren. YOU NEVER HEARD HIM IN THE PULPIT HERE CALL ANYONE NAMES.’ ... Ed Johnson, always loyal to Dr. Roberson said, ‘HE AVOIDED CONTROVERSY. We were not exposed to the rise of the neo-evangelicalism in my days at Temple. Doc stayed away from that controversy.’ ...

“When it became common for some Independent Baptists to criticize independent Baptist leaders such as Jerry Falwell or evangelist Tim Lee for preaching for Southern Baptists or other non-independent Baptist ministries, Roberson never wavered in his support of such men. He felt that men like Falwell and Lee had a heart for the Lord and for souls, and that was all that mattered to him” (Wigton, *Lee Roberson*, pp. 240, 241).

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT NO POSITION CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT A CAMPAIGN, AND I AM CONVINCED THAT LACK OF CAMPAIGNING IS ONE OF THE CHIEF REASONS WHY HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH BECAME A SOUTHERN

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## BAPTIST ROCK & ROLL INSTITUTION BEFORE GOING DEFUNCT.

And lack of campaigning for separation is a chief reason why most Independent Baptists will be New Evangelical contemporary rock & rollers within 10-20 years.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Highland Park claimed to be fundamentalist and professed *not* to be New Evangelical, but there was no real campaigning *for* separatism and *against* compromised evangelicalism.

They were Independent Baptist and not denominational Baptist, but there was no real campaigning *against* the Southern Baptist Convention and little or no clear exposure of the deep compromise there. Further, the bridges to the Convention were not properly burned. Biblical separation requires tearing down bridges rather than maintaining them, but soft separatists are not bridge burners.

As a student at Temple in the 1970s, I learned many good things and I thank the Lord for it. What I learned and experienced there has been a tremendous help in my Christian life and ministry, but the problem was more in what I *didn't* learn. This is the heart of New Evangelical error. The fundamental problem is not the heresy that is taught; it is the truth that is neglected.

It is not characterized by a complete lack of Biblical stance but by the softness of that stance.

At Highland Park in the 1970s and 1980s it was not uncommon for pot shots to be taken against real separatists and those men who did issue plain warnings.

“Positivism” is death in the pot of any church or school that wants to maintain a biblical position, because the Bible contains a lot of very “negative” material, and the plainest warning against sin, error, and compromise is a major characteristic of New Testament writings.

Paul often named names, and he said, “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample” (Philippians 3:17). In the Pastoral Epistles, he named the names of false teachers and compromisers many times: Hymenaeus and Alexander, Phygellus and Hermogenes, Hymenaeus and Philetus, Alexander the Coppersmith, Demas. These

epistles were used among the churches to train preachers in that day. Paul’s “criticism” of these men was a matter of public record, which is how it must be.

How can it be reasonable to allow compromisers to influence people without PUBLICLY reproofing them? Private reproof doesn’t help those being influenced by them.

Because of Dr. Roberson’s soft separatism, bridges were maintained with the Southern Baptist Convention and the broader evangelical world. They “messed around” with evangelicalism rather than plainly separating from it. They invited prominent evangelicals such as Warren Wiersbe to speak.

“Roberson never fought against Southern Baptists, nor did he openly criticize them” (Wigton, *Lee Roberson*, pp. 227, 228, 232, 242).

The soft stance on separatism and the wrong associations and lack of clear teaching and warning about error were the reason why the church’s deacons were not properly prepared to choose a pastor to replace Dr. Roberson. They were not properly educated about many important issues pertaining to the “isms” and schisms of our day, and the association with New Evangelicals and Southern Baptists was already established. So it is no surprise that the deacons chose an even softer fundamentalist followed by an out-and-out New Evangelical to replace Dr. Roberson.

When churches and schools “mess around” with evangelicalism, they are in great danger, for the Word of God twice repeats the warning that “a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”

I witnessed this on a recent preaching trip to the States. I preached two Bible conferences in Pennsylvania; and while visiting relatives in other states I attended a couple of Independent Baptist churches, and I was deeply disturbed by what I saw. One church was using a book by Randy Alcorn for Sunday School. Alcorn is a deeply compromised evangelical who glowingly recommended the writings of Mark Driscoll of Seattle, where they had champagne dance parties and rock & roll “worship” in a darkened building and the usherettes and church members wore mini-skirts and tights and where Catholic contemplative mysticism was promoted. This Independent Baptist church had books by other evangelicals for sale in its bookstore with no warning.

If a Bible-believing church does use materials by evangelicals, such as those by Answers in Genesis, the people must be educated about the compromise that exists in these ministries. Typically, though, in churches that are messing around with evangelicalism, the members aren't properly educated, because the pastor himself either is ill-informed or is enamored by what he finds among "conservative evangelicals" or is afraid of offending his congregation.

When a fundamentalist preacher begins to give up on separation, he still claims to believe in it, but he doesn't love it, and the softness of evangelicalism resonates with his own spirit.

Another way that soft separatism is seen is the way that many pastors and schools use and recommend dangerous authors.

I recall a visit to Northland Baptist College back in the 1990s, and I was concerned then that the bookstore was filled with the writings of popular evangelicals such as John Piper. It is no surprise that the school went Southern Baptist and then went defunct.

Consider Paul Chappell of Lancaster Baptist Church of Lancaster, California, one of the most prominent and influential Independent Baptist preachers.

Pastor Chappell's "soft separatism" was on display when he brought in Michael Redd, a Christian NBA player, to speak to a youth rally at Lancaster Baptist Church ("A Great Weekend of Ministry," Oct. 11, 2010, PaulChappell.com). Redd is a rock & roll Pentecostal, and though we do not doubt his faith in Christ or his sincerity in Christian service, he is not someone who should be speaking at a fundamental Baptist church, because of his doctrinal errors and the fact that his life preaches a rejection of biblical separatism. God forbids this type of ecumenical joint ministry, because it is a compromise of sound doctrine and results in spiritual confusion and weakness. Redd helped purchase a building for the Philadelphia Deliverance Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio, pastored by his father, and in an interview he stated that he did so not merely out of family affection but out of personal conviction that what that church is doing is right and important ("NBA Star Says Some Players 'Church-Hurt,'" *The Washington Post*, April 4, 2008). A web search shows that the church

that Redd funds and supports is a rock & roll Pentecostal congregation filled with the doctrinal errors relating to the Pentecostal apostolic denomination. His mother is one of the preachers. Some of "Sister Haji Redd's" sermons are on YouTube.

Pastor Chappell's soft separatism was on display when he published a glowing recommendation of a book by Rick Warren's associate Lance Witt (Chappell's blog, November 28, 2012). The book review begins, "If you are in Christian ministry and are looking for a refreshing (yet convicting and challenging) book--and especially if you are a senior pastor--I suggest *Replenish: Leading from a Healthy Soul* by Lance Witt. When I read this book on my Kindle recently, I had eighty-two highlights that filled over eight pages. There were so many truths the Lord used from it to speak to my soul."

Chappell's review does not contain even a hint of warning about Witt. I can't imagine a more dangerous and spiritually ignorant recommendation for a fundamental Baptist pastor to publish. Witt is the executive pastor at Saddleback Church, and more dangerous spiritual waters do not exist anywhere. Warren is closely and warmly affiliated with New Agers and universalists (e.g., Tony Blair, Mehmet Oz, Daniel Amen, Mark Hyman, and Leonard Sweet) and promotes Catholic contemplative mysticism. (See the "Rick Warren" section of the Article Library at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org)). Witt personally promotes contemplative mysticism and even recommends Richard Foster and Buddhist-Catholic Thomas Merton in his book *Enjoying Thoughts in Solitude*. It was via the path of Foster and Merton that Sue Monk Kidd traveled from being a Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher to a goddess worshipper. And yet Paul Chappell has the audacity to think that Witt is promoting healthy waters from which fundamental Baptist pastors should drink. (See "From Southern Baptist to Goddess Worship: Sue Monk Kidd" and "Richard Foster: Evangelical's Mystical Spark Plug," and "Thomas Merton: The Catholic Buddhist Mystic" under the Contemplative Prayer section of the Article Database at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org)).

Chappell's soft separation is further evident in his Ministry 127 blog's recommendation of a number of unsound authors, including John Maxwell and Donald Whitney. This is a very disturbing and dangerous practice. The reviewer of Whitney's *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health* is Cary Schmidt, who

until recently was the Associate Pastor at Lancaster Baptist Church. He writes, “Every page was intensely scriptural, very articulate, and powerfully inspiring regarding the healthy Christian life.” What Schmidt fails to say is that Donald Whitney, a New Evangelical Southern Baptist Calvinist, is a bridge to some extremely dangerous things. Whitney has some sound and helpful things to say, like any prominent evangelical, but the truth is mixed with error, and he has no proper boundaries, having rejected “separatism.”

By this glaring omission and by recommending Whitney so highly, Schmidt and Lancaster Baptist are helping people to cross the bridges that Whitney has built. Lancaster is doing the same thing with literature that they are doing with music. They are messing around with the wrong stuff. It is the same “soft separatism” that destroyed Highland Park Baptist Church.

**First**, *Whitney is a bridge to contemplative mysticism*, and these are the most spiritually treacherous waters that exist. What Whitney touches on lightly in *Ten Questions*, he covers in some detail in *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. Though Whitney emphasizes the supremacy and authority of Scripture, he recommends unscriptural mystical practices and favorably and repeatedly quotes radical mystics Richard Foster and Dallas Willard. Whitney praises Foster for his “great contribution” (*Spiritual Disciplines*, p. 22) and recommends the practices of “the medieval mystics” (p. 65), referring to the Catholic monks who invented contemplative mysticism in their benighted monasteries. It is unconscionable that Whitney doesn’t warn his readers that these mystics venerated Mary and were committed to Rome’s damnable sacramental gospel. Whitney promotes the practices of silence, journaling, and spiritual direction, and the “silence” recommended by Whitney is not merely to get alone with God and His Word in a quiet place. It is maintaining silence “inwardly so that God’s voice can be heard more clearly” and “does not always require words [or] sounds” (p. 184). This is blind and dangerous mysticism. To be alone with God in a quiet place and to meditate on His Word is NOT the same as sitting in silence and trying to hear God’s voice internally. One is scriptural and profitable; the other is mystical and dangerous.

**Second**, *Whitney is a bridge to Reformed Theology*, with its error pertaining to God’s election and its Augustinian

allegoricalism and replacement theology which confuses Israel with the church. Whitney continually quotes the “Puritans” and recommends meditating on their writings as a devotional practice (“Do You Thirst for God?” 2001, p. 9), which is a recipe for being captured by the heresy of Reformed theology--something that is happening to many students in IFB Bible colleges. Whitney recommends John Piper in the most enthusiastic manner.

**Third**, *Whitney is a bridge to the very dangerous world of New Evangelicalism*. He quotes from New Evangelical writers continually and in the most favorable manner, such as William Barclay, Elisabeth Elliot, Philip Yancey, and Jerry Bridges. He even cites Billy Graham, the Prince of New Evangelicalism, as an example of true godliness and the wise practice of spiritual disciplines (*Spiritual Disciplines*, p. 191).

In some ways, “conservative evangelicals” like Donald Whitney and Ed Stetzer are more dangerous than the Richard Fosters and Dallas Willards and Rick Warrens, because they are considered to be “safer,” yet they are bridges to the treacherous spiritual waters represented by the latter names.

Independent Baptists who are careless about separating from “conservative” evangelicals are building bridges to the bridge-builders.

Another way that soft separatism is evident is in the widespread habit among Independent Baptists of messing around with shallow, heavy-backbeat, ecumenical Southern Gospel groups that influence the church members with their worldliness and carelessness in associations. Few men have done more to tear down the walls of biblical separation than Bill Gaither, and he has spread his unholy ecumenical philosophy through the popular Homecoming specials. (See the free eBook *Southern Gospel Music* and the free eVideo download on Southern Gospel at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

The fruit of soft separation is now evident for all to see.

The church Dr. Roberson pastored for 40 years became Southern Baptist before going defunct. His funeral was preached by a man who led his college into the Southern Baptist Convention (Paul Dixon, president of Cedarville University). Roberson’s authorized biography was written by a rock & roll Southern Baptist pastor.

All of this is the fruit of soft separatism and a weak stance toward the great spiritual/doctrinal/moral compromise within evangelicalism today.

Highland Park Baptist Church and Tennessee Temple University were drowned in treacherous spiritual waters, because the separation that was practiced by the former leader was too soft. He was much more a bridge builder than a bridge destroyer.

Dr. Roberson has had a massive influence in the Independent Baptist movement and many preachers are following in his footsteps and committed to his principles.

They are more concerned about avoiding “fragmentation” and building unity and “friendship” among Independent Baptists than standing against error. They will “talk a good talk” about separation privately, but there is no campaigning for it in their public ministries. They aren’t careful enough about their associations. They say they

are opposed to the Southern Baptist Convention, but they make no serious effort to expose the Convention’s errors and they do not effectively reprove and disassociate from preacher friends who are building unwise bridges. They speak highly of men like Lee Roberson who built bridges to Southern Baptists and beyond that many have traveled. They mention such men in their lists of heroes and build monuments to them. “Criticism” is non-existent *and not even allowed*, and those who issue such “criticism” are considered enemies of the truth and fair game for cheap mockery.

Soft separatism is a clear path to the emerging church.

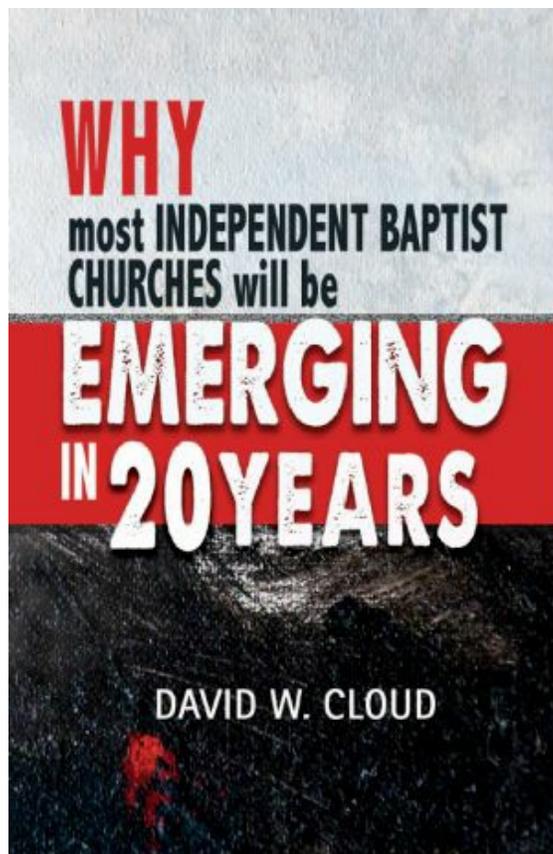


## Why Most Independent Baptist Churches Will be Emerging In Twenty Years

This book documents the collapse of separatism among fundamental Baptists and the reasons why: the maligning of warning and reproof, unquestioning loyalty to man, following the crowd, ignorance about important issues, soft separatism, lack of serious discipleship, carelessness about music, and Quick Prayerism. What is happening now among fundamental Baptist churches is exactly what happened in evangelicalism in the 1950s. It is the rejection of “separatism.”

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Take **CARL SAGAN**, for example, whose best-selling sci-fi novel *Contact* was made into a movie. Sagan was one of the high priests of atheistic evolution. In his novel he has the main character debating two preachers and saying, “There is no compelling evidence that God exists.” In 1997 Sagan said, “I share the view of a hero of mine, Albert Einstein: ‘I cannot conceive of a god who rewards and punishes his creatures or has a will of the kind that we experience in ourselves.’ Neither can I--nor would I want to--conceive of an individual that survives his physical death. Let feeble souls, from fear or absurd egotism, cherish such thoughts” (*Parade*, March 10, 1997).

Consider another prominent name in Sci-Fi, **ISAAC ASIMOV**. In a 1982 interview he said, “Emotionally, I am an atheist. I don’t have the evidence to prove that God doesn’t exist, but I so strongly suspect he doesn’t that I don’t want to waste my time” (Paul Kurtz, “An Interview with Isaac Asimov on Science and the Bible,” *Free Inquiry*, Spring 1982, p. 9).

Consider **ROBERT HEINLEIN**, called “the dean of science fiction writers.” He rejected the Bible and promoted “free sex.” His book “*Stranger in a Strange Land*” is considered “the unofficial bible of the hippie movement.” Heinlein was a nudist and practiced “polyamory.” He promoted agnosticism in his sci-fi books.

Consider **ARTHUR CLARKE**, author of many sci-fi works, including *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Clarke promoted evolutionary pantheism. He told a Sri Lankan newspaper, “I don’t believe in God or an afterlife” (“Life Beyond 2001: Exclusive Interview with Arthur C. Clarke,” *The Island*, Dec. 20, 2000). In the instructions he left for his funeral in March 2008 he said, “Absolutely no religious rites of any kind, relating to any religious faith, should be associated with my funeral.”

Consider **KURT VONNEGUT**. He was an atheist, and as an honorary president of the American Humanist Association he subscribed to its code which “does not accept supernatural views of reality.”

Consider **GENE RODDENBERRY**, creator of *Star Trek*. He was an agnostic and humanist who envisioned a world in which “everyone is an atheist and better for it” (Brannon Braga, “Every Religion Has a Mythology,” International Atheist Conference, June 24, 2006).

Consider **H. G. WELLS**, author of such science fiction classics as *The Time Machine*, *War of the Worlds*, and *The First Man on the Moon*. He converted to Darwinism as a college student under the influence of Thomas Huxley (“Darwin’s Bulldog”) and spent the rest of his life preaching atheism and an extreme form of eugenics.

Wells’ illegitimate son, Anthony West, said that after studying under Huxley, “Darwinian evolution inspired Wells’ writings forever after.”

In *The Outline of History*, Wells described man’s supposed rise from the apes, describing Neanderthal as “stooped forward and could not hold his head erect, as all living men do; he was chinless and perhaps incapable of speech ... he was, indeed, not quite of the human species.” This was as mythical as his science fiction writings.

Wells embraced the modern culture of death, advocating sterilization, abortion, infanticide, suicide, and euthanasia for the “inferior,” meaning the diseased, the deformed, the mentally ill, alcoholics, criminals, even the “helpless.”

Not only was he in favor of killing individuals that he considered inferior but entire races, as well. He said, “... there is only one sane and logical thing to be done with a really inferior race and that is to exterminate it” (Diane Paul, *Controlling Human Heredity*, 1995, p. 75). He said “those swarms of blacks, and brown, and dirty-white, and yellow people ... will have to go” (Martin Gardner, *Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science*, 1957, p. xi).

Wells urged society to have “no pity and less benevolence” toward the inferior. He wanted to create a master race through Darwinian survival of the fittest. He wasn’t without a conscience, though. He advocated administering opiates to those who were to be killed! In his later years he backed away from killing the unfit but he continued to call for their sterilization.

Wells called the God of the Bible “absurd.”

Not surprisingly, he was an early advocate of “free love” and lived a debauched moral life. He was a serial adulterer, even committing adultery with the daughters of his friends. One of his partners in adultery was fellow atheist and eugenicist Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood.

He died an “infinitely frustrated” and broken man, with no hope for the future, neither for himself nor for the human race.

Consider **RAY BRADBURY**, author of *Fahrenheit 451* and the *Martian Chronicles*. Bradbury grew up in a Baptist home, but he describes himself as “delicatessen religionist.” He is particularly enamored with Buddhism and Eastern religion, even calling himself a “Zen Buddhist.” He is a pantheist and an evolutionist. He considers Jesus a wise prophet, like Buddha and Confucius, a man who became christ through self effort (“Sci-fi Legend Ray Bradbury on God,” CNN, August 2, 1010).

Bradbury claims that when it comes to God, “none of us know anything.” He says that man must leave earth for salvation. “We must move into the universe. Mankind must save itself. We must escape the danger of war and politics. We must become astronauts and go out into the universe and discover the God in ourselves.”

Sci-fi arose in the late 19th and early 20th century as a product of an evolutionary worldview that denies the Almighty Creator. In fact, Darwinian evolution is the pre-eminent science fiction.

The intimate association between evolutionary “science” and science fiction was highlighted when *Nature* magazine was awarded the European Science Fiction Society’s Best Publisher award in 2005 for the “Future” series of short science fiction articles that Henry Gee instigated in 1999. A collection of these was published in *Futures from Nature* in 2008.





# The Rapture & The Jewish Feasts

By David Cloud

There is a growing movement to interpret the Jewish Feast of Trumpets as pointing to the Rapture of the church, and dates have been set based on that interpretation. In other words, according to this view, the Rapture will occur on the Feast of Trumpets (the Jewish date of Tishri 1, which usually occurs in September).

Based on this view, some have claimed that the Rapture would occur in September 2011; others claimed it would occur in 2015. Now some are saying it will occur in 2017.

According to vain Jewish tradition, the Feast of Trumpets, (Lev. 23:23-25), or Rosh HaShanah, is the beginning of 10 Days of Awe (*Yamim Noraim*) that end with Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement. During this time, God supposedly weighs every man's work to determine who will be written in His books, who will live and die, who will have a good life or a bad life for the next year. The judgment is based on one's works during the Days of Awe (e.g., repentance, prayer, obedience, acts of charity). The individual's fate is then sealed on Yom Kippur.

Of course, the real meaning of these Feasts point to Israel's repentance during the Tribulation and her cleansing by the blood of Jesus the Christ and national regeneration by God's Spirit (Zec. 13:1). The Day of Atonement was the day when the high priest brought blood into the holy of holies and sprinkled it on the mercy seat, signifying the cross of Jesus Christ (Lev. 16:15-19). No work is allowed on the Day of Atonement. This is emphasized three times (Lev. 23:28, 30, 31), signifying the fact that salvation is entirely of God's grace (Eph.

2:8-9). In that day Israel will finally stop going about to seek her own righteousness and will put her faith in the free righteousness of God through Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:3-4). The Day of Atonement is a day of afflicting the soul (Lev. 23:27), signifying repentance. When Israel is converted, she will mourn and afflict herself (Zec. 12:10-14). Yom Kippur is followed closely by the Feast of Tabernacles, which points to Christ's millennial kingdom. It looks back to the deliverance of Israel from Pharaoh in Egypt (Lev. 23:43) and looks ahead to Israel's deliverance from the Antichrist. The feast of tabernacles will be kept in the Millennium (Zec. 14:16).

Consider some fundamental Bible truths that can protect God's people from the bogus prophecy ministries that have proliferated on the Internet:

**Any man that sets a date or even suggests a date, even with a disclaimer -- is wrong** (Mat. 24:34, 36, 39, 44, 50; 25:13; Mark 13:32-37). (Many date setters even say that they *aren't* setting dates!) We can see the day of the Lord approaching (Hebrews 10:25, e.g., the state of Israel and the preparations for the building of the Third Temple), but we cannot know the time. Date setters have a wide variety of ways that they justify their actions, but the bottom line is that every date setter or date suggestioner is wrong and should be rejected out of hand. They have brought great reproach to the cause of Jesus Christ. William Miller claimed that Christ would return in 1844. The Jehovah's Witnesses announced the end of world in 1874, 1878, 1881, 1910, 1914, 1918, 1925, 1941, 1975, and 1984. In *Future Survival* (1978), Chuck Smith "I'm convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before

the end of 1981.” Edgar Whisenant published *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988* and then *89 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1989*. Rabbi Menachem Schneerson said the Messiah would come in 1991. Mission for the Coming Days, a Korean cult, said Christ would come in October 1992. F.M. Riley of The Last Call predicted 1994 as *The Year of Destiny*. Stan Johnson of the Prophecy Club claimed a “90 percent” chance for the Rapture in September 1997. Marilyn Agee saw *The End of the Age* coming in May 1998. In his video *A.D. 2000--the End?* Jack Van Impe strongly suggested that the Lord would return in 2000. Harold Camping set dates for 1988, 1994, and then for May 21, 2011. Finally in March 2012, Camping issued an apology and renounced date setting, but by then he had misled and confused a lot of people.

**As a foundational rule of Bible interpretation, it is unwise to develop doctrine on types and parables.** They illustrate doctrine, but they don’t provide the foundation for doctrine. By their very nature, the right interpretation of types and parables depends on other Scripture.

**The doctrine of the Rapture must be built directly from New Testament passages, because it is a mystery, which refers to truth unknown to Old Testament prophets but revealed in the New Testament Scripture (1 Cor. 15:51-54).**

**We must never confuse Israel with the church** (1 Cor. 10:32). There is actually a blowing of trumpets for both groups of people. One trumpet is for church-age saints (1 Cor. 15:52). The other trumpet is for Israel (Mat. 24:30-31; Joel 2:1; Isa. 27:13).

**The doctrine of the imminency of the Rapture is a foundational Bible truth.** This means that the Rapture is always at hand, but its time cannot be known (Mat. 24:42, 44; 25:13; Mk. 13:33; Phil. 4:5; 1 The. 1:9-10; Tit. 2:13; Jam. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 4:7).

The fact that Christ’s return for church-age saints is imminent means that we cannot know the day, the week, the month, the year, or even the decade. If we could know any of that, His return would not be imminent. It also means that the Rapture will occur before the events of Daniel’s 70th Week (Dan. 9:24-27), which pertains to Israel, and which is described in more detail in Revelation

6-18. Once the Antichrist comes on the scene as the great peace man and signs a covenant with Israel, the timing of Christ’s Second Coming can be counted down year by year.

**The Bible says that “he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way”** (2 Th. 2:7). The context is the devil’s mystery of iniquity program to put the Antichrist on the throne of the world, and the One who restrains this program is God the Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost to empower the Church for world evangelization (Acts 1:8). Paul is saying that the Spirit of God will restrain the forces of evil until He is ready to allow the final events to proceed to fulfillment. The times are always in God’s hands (Dan. 2:21). 2 Thessalonians 2:7 has some wonderful implications. For one, regardless of how brightly the prophetic signs glow, we can never know when the church age will end and Daniel’s Seventieth Week will begin. Another implication of 2 Thessalonians 2:7 is that God’s people need never fret about the times (Psalm 37:1-4).

**Jesus taught His people to focus on the Great Commission, not on speculative prophecy** (Acts 1:6-8). Christ’s words here don’t mean that the study of prophecy is without value. In fact, a large part of Scripture consists of prophecy, and it has great value. I love to study and teach on prophecy (e.g., my book [The Future According to the Bible](#)).

Prophecy is a great light and motivator in the Christian life, and I am convinced that the churches should study prophecy far more than most of them do. But Acts 1:6-8 is a warning that constant *speculation* about the “times and seasons” is the wrong emphasis, at best.

2 Peter 3:9 tells us plainly why the Lord is waiting. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” God loves sinners. Christ died to save souls, and the saving of souls requires the preaching of the gospel, which is what Christ has commissioned the churches to do in this present dispensation (Mark 16:15).

These biblical truths have helped me immensely through the years. Not only have they enabled me to reject every date setter but also to avoid being swept up in various hysterias, such as Y2K.

**DIGGING IN THE WALLS**

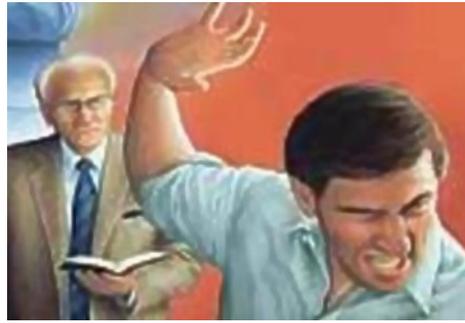
God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So 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?



**STUDY SHOWS THAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO KNOW FUTURE NEGATIVE EVENTS**

(Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - A study in Germany and Spain has found that 90% of respondents wouldn't want to know about forthcoming negative events ("Study: People don't want their future revealed," UPI, Feb. 22, 2017). The study, published in *Psychological Review*, asked participants if they would want to know if their marriage would end in divorce and when and how they would die. Older adults were even more likely to decline to know this. Of course, we can't know when and how we will die, but we can know where we will go when we die, and refusing to consider death and eternity is not wise. The one book on earth that does tell the future with perfect accuracy is the Bible, and every individual would be wise to consult its pages. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

**CATHOLIC CATECHISM SAYS THE SON OF GOD BECAME MAN THAT WE MIGHT BECOME GOD**

(Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*,

"Part One: The Profession of Faith," published in 1992 with the approval of Pope John Paul II: "460 The Word became flesh to make us 'partakers of the divine nature': 'For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.' 'For the Son of God became man so that we might become God.' 'The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods.'"

**BEWARE OF DARK FANTASY**

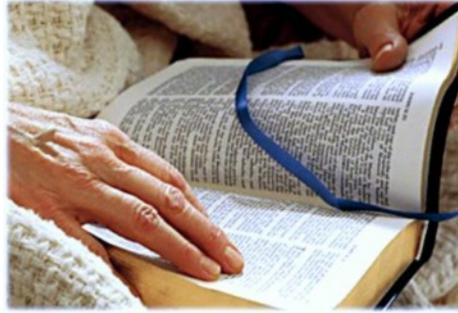
(Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The heart is the source of one's actions. God's Word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life," and, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7). The corruption of the imagination was one of the first steps in the downward slide to idolatry and moral perversion in man's early history as we read in Romans 1. "... when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). The same thing happens in the lives of individuals. What the mind dwells on



is what will eventually control the life. If the imagination becomes perverted, the life will reflect this. This is a loud warning in an age when individuals can connect 24/7 in the most private manner with any aspect of the pop culture, and there are a great many dark and perverted things with which one can fill the imagination. In fact, dark and perverted is an apt description of much of today's music, video games, novels, and movies. Science fiction and the superhero genre, for example, have grown ever darker, stranger, more sensual and godless, and many people are living a dark fantasy world. Consider James Holmes, who murdered a dozen people and wounded nearly 60 more in a movie theater where *Batman: The Dark Knight Rises* was premiering. Jesus taught that murder is an acting out of the impulses of man's sin nature (Mark 7:21-23), and the fallen nature can be inflamed. Holmes had dyed his hair red and said he was The Joker, the clownish, ultra-violent enemy of the superhero Batman ("NYC Police Commissioner Said Alleged Shooter Calls Himself The Joker," Fox News, July 20, 2012). These are vile movies. In the 2008 *Batman: The Dark Knight*, a man's face is filleted by a knife, another's is burned half off, a man's eye is slammed into a pencil, a bomb is stitched inside of a man and exploded, a man is bound to a chair and set afire, a child is threatened by a man with a melted face, and clowns are shot point-blank in the head. In the comic book *Batman: The Dark Knight*, The Joker murders an entire television audience. Thirteen years earlier, not far from where Holmes acted out his perverted fantasies, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 13 and wounded 21. They, too, were acting out demonic fantasies that had

been enflamed through violent music, video games, and dark movies.

**DANGER FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT READ THE BIBLE** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from J.C. Ryle's *How Readest Thou?* - "This tract may fall into the hands of some who can read, but never do read the Bible at all. Reader, are you one of them? If you are, I have something to say to you. I cannot comfort you in your present state of mind. It would be mockery and deceit to do so. I cannot speak to you of peace and heaven, while you treat the Bible as you do. You are in danger of losing your soul. You are in danger, because your neglected Bible is a plain evidence that you do not love God. You are in danger, because God will reckon with you for your neglect of the Bible in the day of judgment. You are in danger, because there is no degree of error in religion into which you may not fall. You are in danger, because there is not a single reasonable excuse you can allege for neglecting the Bible."

**WHY READ THE BIBLE?** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from J.C. Ryle's *How Readest Thou?* -

"First, there is no knowledge absolutely needful to a man's salvation, except a knowledge of the things which are to be found in the Bible. Second, there is no book in existence written in such a manner as the Bible. Third, no book in existence contains such important matter as the Bible. Fourth, no book in existence has produced such wonderful effects on mankind at large as the Bible. Fifth, no book in existence can do so much for everyone who reads it rightly, as the Bible. Sixth, no gift of God to man is so awfully neglected and misused as the Bible. Seventh, the Bible is the only rule by which all questions of doctrine or of duty can be tried. Eighth, the Bible is His book which all true servants of God have always lived on and loved. Ninth, the Bible is the only book which can comfort a man in the last hours of his life." (For a 12-hour course on this subject see [The Effectual Bible Student](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/effectual_bible_student), available on DVD or as a free eVideo series, [http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/effectual\\_bible\\_student.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/effectual_bible_student.php)).

**THE NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "King of the Mountain," *Herescope*, Sept. 12, 2011: "Several years ago, on August 20, 2007, C. Peter Wagner sent out a letter to his 'friends of Global Harvest,' in which he shared the emerging structure of his New Apostolic Reformation. His new reformation would be based upon the idea that apostles and prophets must be the cornerstone for achieving Dominion on earth. These apostles and prophets are said to be endowed with superior gifts. In Wagner's NAR



paradigm, ‘apostles’ are also said to be given new truth, and they are referred to as ‘spiritual architects’ of a global transformation based upon a series of interlocking networking organizations and cells that superimpose themselves on top of existing governmental and societal institutions. David Cannistraci, who formed an early apostolic network and wrote a book detailing this shift, explained how these networking apostolic groups would work. Clearly he isn’t talking about humble, simple evangelism. He described it in kingdom-building terms: ‘Like an army, this new apostolic company will throw down their nets and rise at the command of the Lord of Hosts. Hearing the call, they will aggressively engage the enemy, taking his territory in the greatest campaign in history: the evangelization of planet Earth before the second coming of the Lord Jesus...’ Wagner’s 2007 letter (‘A Letter from C. Peter Wagner,’ Global Harvest Ministries, August 20, 2007) launched a ‘Global Apostolic Network’ (GAN). In Wagner’s writings one can see the formation of these interlocking apostolic networks: ‘We have reorganized in obedience to the word that the Lord gave us through Chuck [Pierce] last December. Now please pray with us as we seek His guidance in putting the nuts and bolts together for seeing practical results along the road toward taking dominion of God’s creation. ... All nine of the components of GAN are

on my heart, but especially those related to wealth and wealth transfer. I am in touch with 17 potential wealth transfer brokers, some of them expecting release momentarily. It is hard to comprehend, but some of them go to multiple millions, billions, and more. My task is to prepare a high integrity infrastructure for distributing these funds when they begin to flow. Zion Apostolic Network and The Hamilton Group are in place as agencies to carry this out. Our motto is ‘Sophisticated Philanthropy for Apostolic Distribution.’”

### GOD’S GIFT TO SALMON

(Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 4, 2016: “Creation Moments has aired hundreds of programs over the years dealing with gifts God has given to His creatures so they could survive in the environment where He has placed them. But what is a poor animal going to do when it begins life in one environment and then moves to a totally different environment? Today I’m going to tell you about a special gift that God has given to salmon. The purpose of this gift will become clear to you when you consider that salmon begin their lives in streams where the light is primarily in the red and infrared end of the spectrum, and move to the ocean waters, where the light is in the blue-green end of the spectrum. Scientists have long wondered how salmon are able to make the switch so they can see well in two entirely different lighting conditions. Scientists have now discovered an enzyme in salmon that actually switches the fish’s visual systems. What this enzyme does is



convert vitamin A1 to vitamin A2, allowing salmon to see perfectly in red and infrared light. Like salmon, humans also need a new way of seeing when it comes to spiritual matters. The eyes we are born with just aren’t equipped to see Jesus in a favorable light. We need eyes of faith that God alone can provide!”

### ARCHAEOLOGISTS IDENTIFY JERUSALEM WALL BREACHED BY ROME IN AD 70

(Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Uncovering Jerusalem’s Ancient Walls,” *Israel Today*, April 2017: “[W]orkers were breaking ground for a new campus of the Bazalel Academy of Arts and Design ... when they stumbled upon the very spot where Roman soldiers breached Jerusalem’s city walls 2,000 years ago. Archaeologists were summoned to examine the evidence of the Roman breach which occurred at the end of the Second Temple Period. They found the remains of a tower jutting from the city wall and scores of catapults and huge stones used by the Romans to sling at the Jewish guards defending Jerusalem from the top of the tower. ... ‘This is a fascinating testimony of the intensive bombardment by the Roman army, led by Titus, on their way to conquering the city and destroying the



Second Temple,' the archaeologists said in a statement. 'The bombardment was intended to attack the sentries guarding the wall and provide cover for the Roman forces so they could approach the wall with battering rams and thereby breach the city's defenses.' The first century Jewish-Roman historian Flavius Josephus was an eye witness to the Jewish War with Rome and provides many details about this wall. ... The discovery of this wall which runs all the way up to today's Russian Compound is proof that the boundaries of the ancient Jerusalem were well outside what is commonly known as the Old City."

**INSTAGRAM THE MOST NARCISSISTIC SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Millennials: Instagram the Most Narcissistic," Lendedu.com, Mar. 29, 2017: "With just a few filters, a little saturation, and a clever caption, social media can make even the most average Joe look like an esteemed socialite. Social media applications have become wildly effective tools for users that seek to enhance their public persona, regardless of if that portrayal is accurate or not. But, which platform has become the biggest ego-booster? According to new data gathered by LendEDU, Instagram has become the

clear leader in a crowded field of social media apps fueled by narcissistic posters. ... Social media applications have created an interesting dynamic. Users, especially millennials, have seemingly become self-aware of the ridiculous reasons they use social media for. Young people will not beat around the bush as to why they use social media sites like Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, or Twitter. They use these platforms to boast of their daily tidings, carefully craft their public image, and feed their egos in this interconnected digital age. ... LendEDU found that 64 percent of millennials believe Instagram, a mobile photo-sharing application, is the most narcissistic social media platform. In fact, Instagram received more votes as the most vain social media app than Facebook (10%), Snapchat (15%), and Twitter (11%) combined. Instagram enables users to post pictures and videos, usually of themselves, to a direct and constantly updating feed that other users can scroll through. Users that post on Instagram are fueled by one thing: likes. The world of social media has become so expansive and diverse that its original intent has become convoluted. Most likely, it was for users to give updates, both positive and negative, on their lives to friends that have become harder to catch up with as schedules become busier and distances become further. However, today's social media has a much



different purpose, especially for millennials. For most of this demographic, social media is a powerful tool with the ability to create an entirely new persona, void of reality. The formula is quite simple. If you post enough artsy, chic pictures of yourself that rack up plenty of 'likes,' then real life accomplishments will not matter because the popularity of your social media accounts will determine your status on the social hierarchy."

**LONDONISTAN: 423 NEW MOSQUES, 500 CLOSED CHURCHES** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from "Londonistan," Giulio Meotti, The Gatestone Institute, Apr. 2, 2017: "London is more Islamic than many Muslim countries put together' according to Maulana Syed Raza Rizvi, one of the Islamic preachers who now lead 'Londonistan' as the journalist Melanie Phillips has called the English capital. ... Londonistan, with its new 423 mosques, is built on the sad ruins of English Christianity. The Hyatt United Church was bought by the Egyptian community to be converted to a mosque. St Peter's Church has been converted into the Madina Mosque. The Brick Lane Mosque was built on a former Methodist church. Not only buildings are converted, but also people. The

number of converts to Islam has doubled; often they embrace radical Islam, as with Khalid Masood, the terrorist who struck Westminster. The *Daily Mail* published photographs of a church and a mosque a few meters from each other in the heart of London. At the Church of San Giorgio, designed to accommodate 1,230 worshipers, only 12 people gathered to celebrate Mass. At the Church of Santa Maria, there were 20. ... ‘In another 20 years there are going to be more active Muslims than there are churchgoers,’ said Keith Porteous Wood, director of the National Secular Society. Since 2001, 500 London churches of all denominations have been turned into private homes. During the same period, British mosques have been proliferating. ... The Wahhabis control six percent of mosques in the UK, while the fundamentalist Deobandi control up to 45%. ... London is also full of sharia courts. There are officially 100. ... The British ambassador in Saudi Arabia, Simon Collis, converted to Islam and completed the pilgrimage to Mecca, the *hajj*. He now calls himself Haji Collis.”

**PORTION OF COLUMN FROM HEROD’S TEMPLE DISCOVERED** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Section of 2nd-Temple-era column



found,” *Israel Hayom*, Apr. 4, 2017: “The capital of a carefully-adorned column that stood on the Temple Mount in the time of the Second Temple has been discovered through the Temple Mount Sifting Project. The capital, whose size indicates that the column had a circumference of 75 centimeters (30 inches) at its top, is a section of one column that formed part of the double colonnade that surrounded the Temple Mount plaza. In his book *The War of the Jews*, Romano-Jewish historian Josephus describes the columns that surrounded the Temple Mount plaza: ‘All the cloisters were double, and the pillars belonging to them were 25 cubits in height, and supported the cloisters. ... The natural magnificence and excellent polish and the harmony of the joints in these cloisters afforded a prospect that was very remarkable.’ Dr. Gabriel Barkay, the director of the Temple Mount Sifting Project, said that ‘this is a capital in the Doric style, one of the characteristics of the art in the time of the Hasmonean dynasty. This appears to be the capital of a column that formed part of the eastern colonnade of the Temple Mount, which Josephus and even the New Testament called *Solomon’s Porch*. A column like this is impressive testimony of the immensity of the structures on the Temple Mount in the Second Temple era, and fits in well with Josephus’ narrative, which describes what he saw with his own eyes.’ Barkay explained that a 25-cubit column would have stood 12.5 meters (41 feet) high. ‘The columns were erected in two parallel rows, and were topped with cedar rafters that supported the roofing. One can imagine the pilgrims arriving at the Temple Mount for the three major festivals, amazed at the immense

structure that appeared before them after they passed through the gates to the Temple Mount into the plaza that surrounded the Temple. The columns around the plaza provided shade for the thousands of visitors that would be on the mount at once,’ Barkay said.”

**THE PASTORAL SLIDE INTO COMPROMISE** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- Compromise of the truth does not happen at once. It is incremental. In the case of a pastor, it can be witnessed in his preaching as he gradually tones down his reproof of sin and error. The Bible says the preacher is to reprove, rebuke, exhort (2 Timothy 4:2), to rebuke with all authority (Titus 2:15), and to reprove the unfruitful works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11). He is to preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). This requires plain speaking and warning of sin and error, but the compromising preacher is more concerned with not offending man than being faithful to God, so he gradually tones down his reproof to suit the sentiments of the people. Over the past 20 years we have seen the toning down of reproof pertaining to immodest and unisex fashions, tattoos, carnal music, self-esteem psychology, evangelical compromise,

and a host of other things. Even clear warnings about hell are becoming rare.

**HANK HANNEGRAAFF JOINS THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Hank Hannegraaff, president of the Christian Research Institute and host of The Bible Answer Man radio broadcast, has left “evangelicalism” and joined the Greek Orthodox Church. On Palm Sunday, he was “chrismated” (anointed) at the Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church of Charlotte, North Carolina (*Christian Post*, Apr. 11, 2017). Greek Orthodoxy, a split from the Roman Catholic Church, is absolutely filled with heresy. Salvation is through the seven sacraments, beginning with baptism, which is called the new birth, followed by “holy charismation,” which is anointing by an Orthodox priest and “makes the baptized person the possessor of the Spirit.” Salvation is then fed by the “Holy Eucharist,” whereby Christ supposedly is sacrificed anew and the bread and wine becomes the actual body and blood of Christ. In Orthodoxy, Mary is “venerated” as the “ever virgin” Mother of God, “more honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious, beyond compare, than the Seraphim,” the “Panagia All-Holy,” who was “assumed body and soul into Heaven.” In Orthodoxy, tradition is equal in authority to Scripture, and prayers are spoken to the dead. All of this can be found at the website of Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church. The emphasis of Greek Orthodoxy is not faith but sight. “The church is an icon of Christ and the Body of Christ.” Christ is supposedly

### THE FIG AND THE FIG WASP

(Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Nov. 7, 2014: “Completely unrelated creatures that depend entirely upon one another to live and have no way of living without one another pose a very serious challenge to those who claim that all living things evolved. The relationship is called reciprocal altruism. One startling example is the relationship between the fig wasp and the fig tree. Male figs are not for eating; they produce the pollen to pollinate the sweet, juicy female fig. But the flower parts of both the male and female figs are inside the figs. There is no chance that the wind could spread pollen from the male to the female figs. And there is no other creature except the fig wasp that can transfer the pollen. Herein



lies an incredible story. The fig wasp hatches from eggs inside the male fig, and its purpose in its short 24-hour life is to lay its eggs inside another male fig. The female wasp emerges from the male fig covered in pollen and is programmed to search among the female figs, thus fertilizing them, before laying its eggs inside a male fig and, thus, starting the cycle again. The fig wasp will only lay its eggs in the male fig while the female fig cannot be pollinated by any other method. Clearly, both the fig wasp and the fig tree were created for this special relationship.”

known and experienced through sacraments, liturgy, icons, incense, candles, bells, rituals, pilgrimages, veneration of relics, monasticism. I have visited Orthodox churches and monasteries in many countries and witnessed its gross idolatry. Converted Hindu friends, upon entering an Orthodox church, always comment that it “is just like Hinduism.” The waters of evangelicalism today are occupied by

a bewildering variety of theological compromise, worldliness, and heresies. Those who use Contemporary Christian Music build bridges to these waters, and the result can be spiritual shipwreck.

**CARY SCHMIDT’S CHRISTIAN ROCK CONCERT** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - I received the following information from a friend: “Several months ago I wrote to you about my sorrow for the church I was a member of for many years. Emmanuel Baptist Church of Newington, Connecticut, was the first place I was introduced to your ministry. For many years it held public stands on separation, and





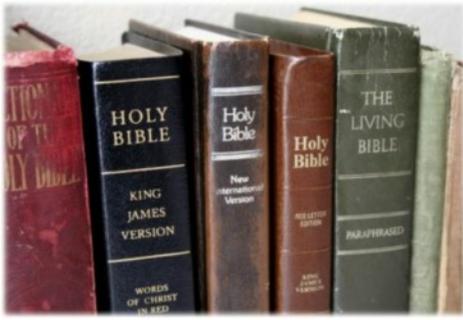
music was at the forefront of that battle. I told you that Cary Schmidt, former music director to Paul Chappell and Lancaster Baptist Church in California, had taken over as the pastor. I have watched from a distance as he has systematically peeled back the dress standards. He has assaulted the gospel with his quick prayerism approach to evangelism. They just spent about \$85k on a slick platform renovation with high tech lighting and audio/visual systems among other things (removed pews for chairs, new carpet, air conditioning units). All of that I guess is fine, but I know where it is headed. But what blew me away yesterday was to see that next Sunday (Resurrection Sunday) they will be having a concert in the evening led by Steve Green. Again, this is the fruit of Paul Chappell's soft separatism."

**CONCLUSION FROM BROTHER CLOUD:** The heart of my longstanding warning about the use of CCM is that it builds bridges to the "broader church" or the "one world church," which every CCM artist represents. Steve Green is no exception. He has sung at radical ecumenical forums such as the Religious Broadcasters Association's annual convention, Billy Graham crusades, and Promise Keepers rallies. At the Promise Keepers Atlanta Clergy Conference in 1996, Green sang, "Let the Walls

Come Down," referring to Promise Keeper's goal of breaking down walls between denominations. Several Catholic priests were present at that conference, and Ralph Colas, who attended the event, described it in these words: "The big beat, contemporary music brought the ministers to their feet. ... Steve Green belted out repeatedly 'Let the Walls Come Down.' The 40,000 clergy shouted, whistled, clapped, and cheered as they worked to a higher and higher pitch of emotion" (*Calvary Contender*, April 15, 1996). Green's *The Faithful* album (1998) features two songs ("The River" and "The Great Revival") that promote charismatic-ecumenical error. Green sings that the "river" sweeps people away and makes them "out of control," which is precisely what happens to people who participate in Pentecostal "revivals." In 2011, Green joined the Christian Classic Tour with Twila Paris and Michael Card. In 1996, Card produced an album (*Brother to Brother*) jointly with John Michael Talbot, a Roman Catholic who prays to Mary and practices yoga. In January 2015, Green was one of the headliners of the "We Will Stand" concert. The theme was unity: "CCM United: one message, many voices." The concert featured "33 of the greatest CCM artists in history" ("We Are United," [thefishomaha.com](http://thefishomaha.com)). These included

Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, the Newsboys, Don Moen, Mark Schultz, Sandi Patti, Travis Cottrell (Beth Moore's worship leader), Steven Curtis Chapman, Steve Green, Dallas Holm, Russ Taff, The Imperials, Don Francisco, First Call, Michael Omartian, Francesca Battistelli, Kari Jobe, Jaci Velasquez, Laura Story, Petra, 4Him, Point of Grace, Carman, and Nicole Mullen. We Are United was the brainchild of Stan Moser, one of the fathers of CCM. This is Steve Green's very dangerous crowd. Though he is more doctrinally conservative than many of the CCM artists, Green's ecumenical philosophy and his associations are direct bridges to the treacherous waters of evangelicalism and beyond. (For more information see [The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians](#), available as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

**AMERICANS AND THEIR BIBLES** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - According to the 2017 "State of the Bible" survey published by Barna Research and the American Bible Society, 87% of American households own a Bible, but only 20% claim to be "Bible Engaged." This means they view the Bible as the inspired Word of God and they read, use, or listen to it four times a week or more. (Or course, that refers to any type of Bible and even the most casual of reading or listening habits.) Of those surveyed, another 38% describe themselves as Bible Friendly, meaning they view the Bible as the inspired Word of God but use it fewer than four times per week; 23% view themselves as Bible Neutral; 32% describe themselves as



Bible Skeptics or Bible Hostile. Those are the statistics across all age groups. The percentage of younger Americans engaging with the Bible is lower. Among Millennials (born 1985-1999), 17% say they were Bible Engaged, whereas among Boomers (born 1947-1965), the percentage is 39%. The wise and blessed man is not merely “engaged” with or “friendly” toward God’s Word; he knows God personally in Jesus Christ and has a most intimate relationship with God’s holy Word. “Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psalm 1:1-3).

**SUPER-AGERS** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Many studies are being done on “super-agers,” people 80 or older who score as high on memory tests as those who are decades younger. A new study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that “super-agers” lose less brain mass less quickly in the aging process compared to normal agers. The fact that some people age better

than others is well known. What is new is the idea that “super-agers” might point the way to reverse aging, which is the frenzy of this foolish, unbelieving generation. Amanda Cook, the author of the recent study, said, “Super-agers suggest that age-related cognitive decline is not inevitable” (“Brains of ‘super-agers,’” Agence France-Presse, Apr. 5, 2017). Actually, they suggest no such thing, as aging and death are universal, and the most “super-duper” of the “super-agers” dies, regardless of how keen his or her memory is at that event. Some tech billionaires, including Google founder Larry Page and Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, are funding research to



end death. Ellison says, “Death makes me very angry,” so he created the Ellison Foundation to find a way to cheat death (“Larry Page Lists 5 Things That Google Will Conquer,” *Business Insider*, May 15, 2014). Having achieved remarkable things through technology and having exalted the human intellect to the place of God, these captains of the tech industry are deluded into thinking that they can cure man’s deepest moral and spiritual needs. I use and enjoy modern technology, but I don’t trust it for salvation. These men are willfully ignorant of the fact that death is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). That awful wage includes the physical death and the “second death,” which is eternal punishment in the lake of fire

(Revelation 21:8). As for super-agers, no matter how keen their memory remains into old age, they experience the painful edge of aging in other ways. They don’t see as well or hear as well or jump as high or run as fast or heal as quickly as they once did. The pains that once came and left, come and stay. The super-ager reminds me of the optimist who fell from the Empire State Building. As he passed the 50th floor, someone heard him say, “So far so good!” For the aged in Christ, God has unspeakably wonderful promises, such as my godly grandmother’s favorite: “I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread” (Psalm 37:25).

**ISRAELI SUPPORT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM BIBLICAL HEARTLAND PLUMMETS** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Number of Israelis,” *BreakingIsraelNews*, Apr. 7, 2017: “A new poll commissioned by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA) shows a massive decline in the Israeli public’s support for a withdrawal from Judea and Samaria as part of any future peace deal. The survey, conducted by Israeli pollster Mina Tzemach, was undertaken to examine ‘the attitudes of the Jewish



public in Israel on several issues regarding a peace agreement or other arrangements with the Palestinians.’ The results point to a significant decline in Israelis’ support for key conditions the Palestinians are demanding in connection with establishing a future Palestinian state. According to the survey, Israelis’ willingness to withdraw from the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria has dropped from 60 percent in 2005 to 36 percent in 2017. The vast majority of Israelis, 76 percent, stated a preference for Israel retaining full security control of Judea and Samaria, with 81 percent of respondents saying Israel should maintain full sovereignty over the Jordan Valley. The poll also shows that 79 percent of Israelis believe it’s important to maintain a unified Jerusalem under full Israeli sovereignty. Eighty-three percent said they are against transferring the Temple Mount to the Palestinians, and 71 percent said any peace agreement must be based upon Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state.”

**FALLING IN LOVE WITH A FANTASY CHARACTER** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - In this age of fantasy multitudes of people live in a mythical world. Of course, this began in ancient Babel, but modern technology has taken everything to a new level. Consider the Japanese anime dating simulation video games that have captivated the hearts of multitudes of young men. The fantasy games “allow users to engage with anime characters in dating and sexual encounters” (“Japanese video game maker,” UPI, Apr. 15, 2017). The most popular is

**FISH-BACTERIA SYMBIOSIS**

(Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) -The flashlight fish depends on colonies of luminescent bacteria that pack its light organs. The bacteria, of course, are complex microscopic creatures in their own right. “The fishes furnish the bacteria with food and a stable environment, and the bacteria obligingly serve as the fishes’ flashlights” (William Agosta, *Bombardier Beetles and Fever Trees*, p. 127). The fish’s two light organs are located beneath its eyes. Though the bacteria glow continuously, the fish controls the light by means of eyelid-like shutters. It uses the light to see its prey. Laboratory tests proved that



the fish couldn’t locate its prey in a dark tank without its lights. It also uses its lights to communicate with other flashlight fish by means of signals. It also escapes harm by a “blink-and-run” swimming pattern. It swims with its light on establishing a swimming direction in the mind of an observer, then it blinks the light and at the same time abruptly changes direction, blinking the light again when it is in a different location, and repeating this behavior. It is confusing to a predator and makes the fish difficult to track.

*Niizuma Lovely xCation* (*Niizuma* means “new wife”), and for the rollout of the 2017 edition, a select number of users will be invited to participate in a virtual reality wedding with their favorite female character, “complete with a real-life wedding chapel and tuxedo.” Another example is Xiaoice (pronounced Shao-ice), a Chinese chatbot created by Microsoft. Millions of people have full-fledged



conversations with this artificial intelligence bot programmed to behave like a 17-year-old girl. The documentary “Evolving AI: Blessing or Curse?” interviewed a young man who has fallen in love with Xiaoice because she sang him a song when he was depressed. He spends every possible waking moment talking to this mythical “person.” These young men are living in a complete fantasy world. But life is no fantasy. Man is a very real sinner against a very real Creator God. There is a very real heaven and a very real hell. And there is a very real salvation in a very real Jesus Christ, the Creator, Lord, and Saviour. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).



**NEANDERTHAL USED PAIN MEDICINE** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The latest research has discovered that Neanderthals had expert knowledge of plants and understood their anti-inflammatory and pain-relieving properties. They used salicylic acid (the main ingredient in aspirin) for pain relief (“Dental plaque DNA suggests Neanderthals treated pain with salicylic acid,” UPI, Mar. 8, 2017). This is the latest

finding debunking former Darwinist claims that Neanderthal was a grunting cave man. In 1907, Ernst Haeckel, Darwin’s chief disciple in Germany, described Neanderthal as a pre-human and placed him between *Pithecanthropus* (Java man) and *Homo Australis*, which he called “the lowest race of recent man.” French paleontologist Marcellin Boule added his authority to the evolutionary myth. Boule believed that Neanderthal was a branch of ape-men that became extinct without giving rise to “modern humans.” He believed that Neanderthal did not walk erect but walked pigeon-toed with a bent-knee shuffling gait. Boule said that Neanderthal “must have possessed only a rudimentary psychic nature ... only the most rudimentary articulate language” (*Fossil Men*, 1957, p. 251). In 1930, Frederick Blaschke modeled a Neanderthal

family in a cave setting, based on Boule’s interpretation. They were stooped, half-clothed, clutching bones, and had very stupid expressions. This was set up as a permanent display in the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and was copied in countless textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, popular magazines and newspapers, and museums. This is the view that prevailed for nearly half a century, but it was not science; it was myth-making based on presumption and speculation. Since the 1960s, Neanderthal has gradually been humanized. Neanderthal has even been reclassified as *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*, a type of “modern man,” though some evolutionists still hold to the old classification. It is now admitted that Neanderthals had a sophisticated culture (cared for the sick and elderly, buried their dead,

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practiced religion), used a wide variety of tools, used adhesive, made bone awls or needles, built walled habitations, made hearths for cooking and warmth, made ornaments and figures out of bone, teeth, ivory, and polished wood, and played flutes with the seven-note musical system found in western music (Marvin Lubenow, *Bones of Contention*, pp. 239-244, 254-257). Have evolutionists apologized for the error they perpetrated on the world? Not in the least. In fact, it was two full decades before the Chicago Field Museum corrected its influential but grossly misleading display. As Melvin Lubenow says in *Bones of Contention*, "It was not until the mid-1970s that the Field Museum removed their old display of the apish Neandertals and replaced them with the tall, erect Neandertals that are there today. What did they do with the old display? Did they throw it on the trash heap where it belonged? No. They moved the old display to the second floor and placed it right next to the huge Apatosaurus dinosaur skeleton where more people than ever--especially children--would see it. They labeled it 'An alternative view of Neandertal.' It was not an alternate view. It was a *wrong* view. So much for the self-correcting mechanism in science as far as Neandertal is concerned."

**VIDEO GAMING BECOMES SCHOLARSHIP SPORT** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The University of Utah is the first big-time sports school to offer scholarships for competitive video gaming ("Video Gaming," bloomberg.com, Apr. 5 2017). The school is a member of the "Power



Five," which are the five richest athletic conferences in college sports, and has a \$70 million annual sports budget. Utah's first varsity gaming team will play Riot Games' *League of Legends* and compete in Riot's collegiate league. *League of Legends* is a role-playing game with strong occultic elements, including "high fantasy, steampunk, folklore, and Lovecraftian horror." One of the League's game modes is "The Howling Abyss." A handful of smaller universities already support student gaming, called esports, including The University of California, Irvine. The world is pleasure mad, as prophesied in God's Word 2,000 years ago, and professing Christians, including the most "fundamentalist," are nearly as pleasure mad as the world. "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, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD" (2 Timothy 3:1-4). For more on this, see "[Be Careful about Video Games](#)," [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**CRM - PSYCHIATRIC VOODOO** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7,

2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - CRM (Comprehensive Resource Model) is a new therapy for PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) that was invented by Lisa Schwarz and has gained popularity and influence over the past several years. She has taught the therapy to more than 1,500 therapists around the world. CRM fuses "elements of psychology, spirituality, neurobiology and shamanic 'power animals'" ("Breaking Through," *Newsweek*, Apr. 7 2017). The therapist seeks to "rewire the emotional brain," which is "the primitive, instinct-driven parts of the brain near the top of the spine ... [the] deeper, preverbal regions." The term "preverbal" refers to man's mythical evolutionary journey from the animal world. Techniques draw heavily from New Age positive imagining. A "power animal" is created in the imagination to watch over the patient and to accompany him or her "through the darkest tunnels of their past." "Earth breathing" consists of imagining energy being drawn up from the earth's core through the sole of one's foot. "Fire breathing" mentally releases anger by breathing out smoke and flames like a dragon. "Toning" consists of dissolving "long-buried distress" by making a prolonged, high-pitched sound. Humanistic psychiatry has delved into the occult since the days of Carl Jung, who explored Hinduism,

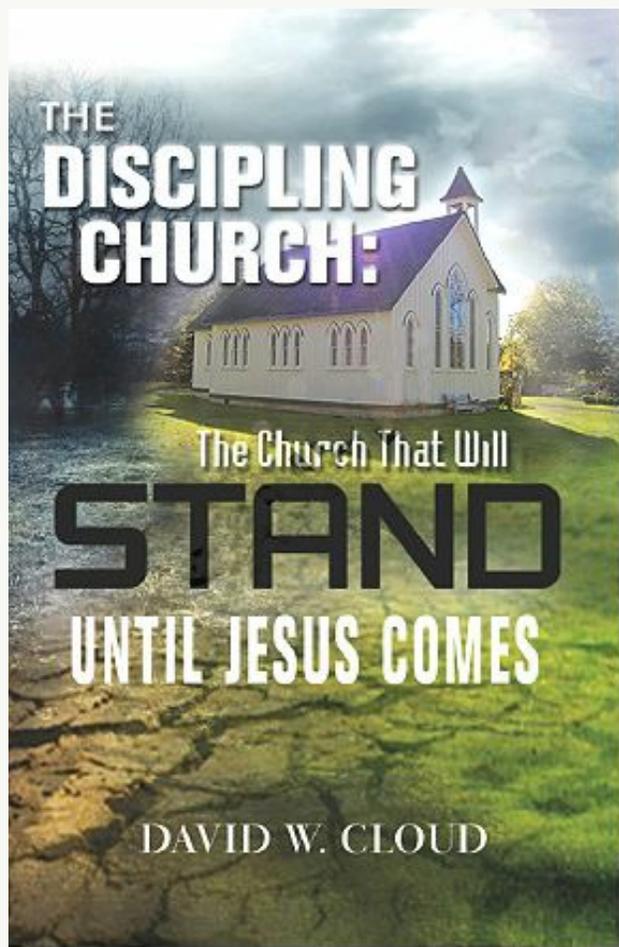


Buddhism, Taoism, astrology, Gnosticism, alchemy, dream interpretation, mandala symbolism, Theosophy, Greek mythology, and more. He amassed one of the largest collections of spiritualistic writings found on the European continent (Jeffrey Santinover, *The Empty Self*, p. 28). In the pursuit of communion with spirits and a pantheistic “all pervading power,” Jung used a wide variety of mystical practices, including the divination methods of I Ching, idol worship, horoscopic calculations, meditation, communion with spirits, clairvoyance, séances, and dream interpretation. Jung’s book *Septem Sermones (The Seven Sermons to the Dead)* was dictated from spirits.

**GREAT BARRIER REEF NOT DYING** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from James Delingpole, “Only Gullible Fools,” Breitbart, Apr. 10, 2017: “The Great Barrier Reef is dead. ... Well, at least it is if you believe the left-wing media such as the *Guardian*, which claims today that the reef is at “terminal stage” because of damage allegedly caused by “climate change”. Lots of eco loons have been rending their garments and throwing their (recyclable, organic, gluten-free) toys out of the pram in horror at this hideous disaster. But it’s OK. As I keep trying to explain to anyone who’ll listen--and obviously, also, to



annoy the greenies--is that the Great Barrier Reef isn’t in the remotest danger. [See [www.breitbart.com/london/2016/08/25/shock-study-australias-great-barrier-reef-just-fine/](http://www.breitbart.com/london/2016/08/25/shock-study-australias-great-barrier-reef-just-fine/)] Yes, it has experienced bleaching, but this is normal--especially in dramatic El Ninos like the one we’ve just had – and there is no reason to suspect that the GBR won’t recover. Nor is there



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**TOO MUCH EDUCATION**  
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- The following is from John Phillips'

commentary on 1 Thessalonians: "We can have too much education. All of the education in the world does not necessarily make a person wise. Never in history have men had more knowledge and less wisdom than we have today. There are millions of clever people in the world, and most of them are too clever to come to Christ. We can have too much education. Many a young person goes off to college to sit at the feet of diabolically clever, humanistic professors who systematically strip him of his faith and throw him back into the world as an educated moron, hopelessly adrift; without spiritual anchor, compass, or rudder; and driven before the winds of this godless age."

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