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THE LANGUAGE OF SKINNY JEANS ~ By David Cloud

Clothing is a form of language. It is a "social message," a fashion "statement."

Wikipedia defines fashion as "a prevailing mode of expression." The report acknowledges that "every article of clothing carries a cultural and social meaning" and observes that "humans must know the code in order to recognize the message transmitted."

American fashion designer Rachel Zoe said, "Style is a way to say who you are without having to speak" (goodreads.com).

Feminist writer Virginia Woolf said, "Clothes change our view of the world, and the world's view of us" (*Orlando*, chapter 4).

French designer Jean Cocteau said, "Style is a simple way of saying complicated things" (goodreads.com).



Italian fashion designer Miuccia Prada said, "Fashion is instant language" ("Interview: 'Fashion Is How You Present Yourself,'" *Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 18, 2007)

The knowledge of this is the engine that drives the fashion industry, and the child of God needs to understand it, as well.

I need to ask myself what message is my clothing broadcasting? Does it conform to the moral principles of God's Word? Does it glorify God?

SKINNY JEANS AS A LANGUAGE

There are many names and styles of slim pants. They are called skinny, super skinny, skinnies, drainpipe, and cigarette pants.

What message do they speak? For this we will simply let the world speak.

Skinny jeans speak rebellion.

They were created by rock & rollers in the 1950s and have always been associated with rebellion.

“Tapered jeans became most notable with ... the birth of rock and roll in the 1950s, when Elvis Presley donned slim-fitting jeans and shocked the country. Drainpipe jeans and rock ‘n’ roll were inextricably linked to create the ‘bad boy’ image that remains today” (“Slim-fit Pants,” *Wikipedia*).

“Skinny jeans became renowned for their ‘bad boy’ rock n’ roll image. The 1970’s saw the British punk rock movement, where self-proclaimed ‘scenester’ bands like The Clash The Sex Pistols and The Ramones put a

notorious punk spin on the growing skinny jean trend” (“How to Wear Men’s Skinny Jeans,” *TheIdleMan.com*).

“Skinny jeans are a statement piece for the ‘young and rebellious’” (“Say no to Skinny Jeans,” *RealMenRealStyle.com*).

“This style is all about appearing effortlessly cool” (“How to Wear Men’s Skinny Jeans,” *TheIdleMan.com*).

Skinny jeans speak unisex.

“Usually worn by girls but indie/emo/scene, skater/punk boys also wear them” (“Skinny Jeans,” *urbandictionary.com*).

Italian fashion designer Miuccia Prada says, “Basically I’m trying to make men more sensitive and women stronger” (*brainyquote.com*).

Unisex is clear rebellion against God’s will and creative order. It is God who made them “male and female” (Genesis 1:27). It is God who designed marriage and made Eve for Adam., the male and female having distinctly different roles in this world and being fashioned according to that divine plan.

For a man or woman to “wear that which pertaineth” to the opposite sex is disobedience to God (Deuteronomy 22:5). This principle is repeated in the New Testament when Paul taught that men and women are to be distinguished by hair length (1 Corinthians 11:3-15).

The unisex movement of the 1960s paved the way for the homosexual rights movement of the 1990s. The pantsuit was invented in 1966 by homosexual fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent. The breaking down of the created distinction between male and female in the pop culture has, in turn, greatly encouraged the homosexual movement.

It is all one package of end-time rebellion against God’s created order. Psalm 2 prophesies that the people of the nations will rage against God’s holy laws in the last days. They will “take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed,” referring to Jehovah God of the Old Testament and Christ of the New. Their counsel is against the God of the Bible. They will say, “Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.” Bands and cords refer to God’s laws, which are

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considered “restrictive.” So you have the “free love” movement, the feminist movement, the unisex movement, the homosexual rights movement, and every other form of humanistic rebellion.

All of this end-time rebellion is reflected in clothing fashions.

Skinny jeans speak immodesty.

“This daring piece of clothing is great for showing your figure” (“How to Wear Men’s Skinny Jeans,” TheIdleMan.com).

“Women and men who like to flaunt their curves and figure go for Skinny Jeans” (“Difference between Skinny Jeans and Carrot Jeans,” differencebetween.net).

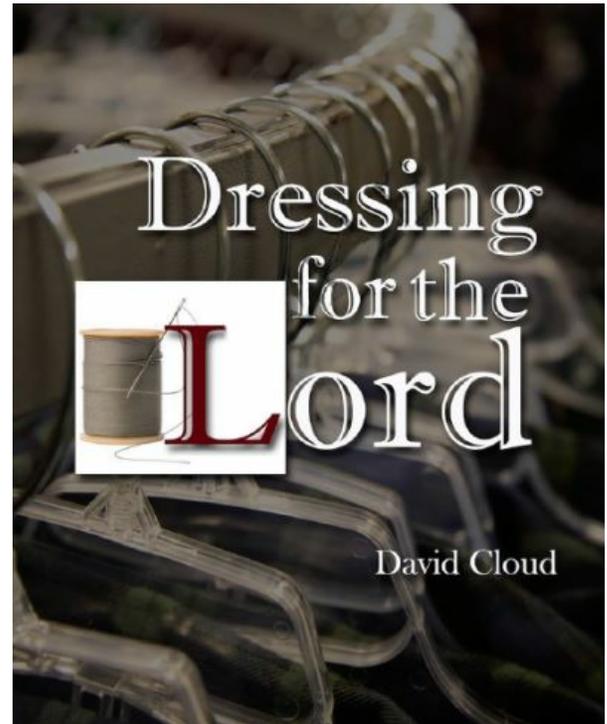
“Skinny jeans ... were known for their thigh hugging, form-fitting silhouette, which created sex appeal” (“How to Wear Men’s Skinny Jeans,” TheIdleMan.com).

Skinny jeans are so immodest that we cannot repeat many of the things that are said about their effect and about what parts of the body are emphasized by this fashion. There is nothing modest about them when measured by a biblical standard.

In the Bible we read about “the attire of an harlot” (Proverbs 7:10). How could a harlot find a more immodest attire than skinny jeans, unless it would be no jeans at all?

Dressing for the Lord

By David Cloud



There was a time, just a few years ago, when a message like the one contained in this book was heard from fundamentalist and independent Baptist pulpits across the world, but that is no longer the case. All too often, any preaching about clothing has become an oddity, an embarrassment, or a type of “legalism.”

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Wicked, Stinking **PASTORAL PRAGMATISM** By David Cloud

Pragmatism on the part of pastors is a wicked, stinking thing, because it is so destructive to the work of God.

God’s Word says, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Co. 5:17), but the pragmatist says, “I can’t possibly require such evidence of those who profess Christ and pray a sinner’s prayer.”

God’s Word says the members of the apostolic churches “continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42), but the pragmatist says, “I can’t possibly require that of my members.”

God’s Word says, “Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful” (1 Co. 4:2), but the

pragmatist says, “How could I require such a standard of our church workers?”

God’s Word says, “Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Ti. 4:10), but the pragmatist says, “If we were to get rid of worldly workers, who would do the work?”

God’s Word says, “A bishop then must be found blameless” (1 Ti. 3:2), but the pragmatist says, “Who am I to require such a standard?”

Pragmatism has resulted in haste in evangelism, carelessness in receiving church members, the lowering of the biblical standards for ministers and workers, carelessness about important spiritual issues such as music, and a multitude of other evils.

Pragmatism has caused pastors to soften the preaching of God’s Word and cut corners in a myriad of ways.

Pragmatism has produced weak things that are called churches but don’t qualify as such when measured biblically.

The pragmatist says,

“I can’t be too strict about looking for clear evidence of salvation; you don’t know how difficult it is around here just to get someone to pray a sinner’s prayer and show half an interest in Christ. And I can’t be too strict about church membership; you don’t know how desperately we need people to fill the pews and pay the bills. And I can’t be too ‘hard-nosed’ about having high spiritual standards for workers. Maybe you can afford to do that, but you don’t know how few we have to choose from. The work of God has to go on, doesn’t it?”

The pragmatist convinces himself that he is saving the church, whereas in reality he is killing it.

The pragmatist has a very short view. He is like Hezekiah who was a good king but didn’t seem to care much about the next generation. When told that his sons would be taken captive to Babylon, his strange reply was, “Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken ... For there shall be peace and truth in my days” (Isaiah 39:8).

THE DEFINITION OF PRAGMATISM

Pragmatism is to focus on the practicality of a decision rather than a principle.

Pragmatism is “the quality of dealing with a problem in a sensible way that suits the conditions that really exist, rather than following fixed theories, ideas, or rules” (Cambridge Dictionary).

A preacher friend defined pragmatism as follows: “It is to do something on a practical level without diligently considering the theological implication. It is when the practice *overtakes* the theological principle. It is to do whatever it takes to get a good result even if it violates biblical principles or undermines divine power.”

The pragmatic preacher makes decisions about the church and ministry based on what “works” to produce a desired goal as opposed to making decisions based *strictly* on Bible truth, *though he will give lip service to the latter*.

The pragmatic preacher will not be faithful to the whole counsel of God because he has other objectives that are more pressing.

THE GOAL OF PRAGMATISM

- The goal might be to get *big* numbers and build a *big* church.
- The goal might be to get *some* numbers and build *some kind* of a church.
- The goal might be just to keep the church doors open.
- The goal might be to keep his salary coming.
- The goal might be not to offend his deacons.
- The goal might be not to offend some prominent people in his church.
- The goal might be not to offend some of the women in his church.
- The goal might be not to offend some prominent preacher or his own circle of preacher friends.

A brother wrote to me about a pastor he had talked to regarding the danger of being a soft separatist and not drawing the lines against West Coast Baptist College (in particular) and its influence. This pastor told him that “he didn’t agree with the music at West Coast and wouldn’t attend their pastors conference as a result, but he saw some good fruit come from the school.” Yet when this preacher has Bible conferences, he invites speakers who

are strong supporters of West Coast. The man who talked to the pastor to express his concern made this observation: “I can see that the implications to this pastor, of taking a Biblical stand, are great. To take a stand against West Coast/Lancaster would send waves through the network of Pastors/Churches in our area and bring isolation.” The pragmatist cannot bear isolation.

The goal of the pragmatic preacher might be to keep his preaching engagements open.

A pragmatist Bible conference speaker or evangelist will weigh his preaching and the stance he takes by whether or not it would close doors. He learns how to preach so as to “keep his options open.” He can even become an expert in sounding strong when in reality he is very soft.

Recently an evangelist published his stand on separation, but though he made some good biblical points, the position was so vague and shallow (being based on only one Scripture passage as opposed to the whole counsel of God and not being practically applied in a clear manner) that it was almost useless. It appears that his objective was to be thought of as a separatist while not really separating in a practical sense.

The goal of the pragmatist might be to get students for a school or to get subscriptions for a paper or orders for his books.

The pragmatic preacher might give lip service to separatism and to being faithful to the whole counsel of God, and he might talk strongly for it in private, but his practice speaks louder than his words.

A few years ago I met the editor of a prominent Independent Baptist publication for a lunch that was arranged by a pastor friend. As soon as we met at the restaurant, this editor asked me to keep the discussion “off the record.” He then proceeded to agree with me about many issues, including my concerns about Quick Prayerism. I was greatly puzzled, because his publication has long promoted the men most responsible for teaching these practices and has never warned of them, to my knowledge.

Then I realized what was happening. I was talking with a pragmatist, and a pragmatist cannot be consistent in carrying out his convictions. His pragmatism always gets in the way, so that he can’t “pull the trigger.”

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS NOT A PRAGMATIST

The apostle Paul was not a pragmatist. He had only one objective, and that was to be faithful to Christ his Master. He called himself a “doulos” or bondservant. He had been purchased by Christ from the slave market of sin and did not own himself. His objective was to be faithful to God’s truth. Period. He had no other objective. He would not have dreamed of having another objective. The non-pragmatist Paul testified,

“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).

He didn’t weigh his message by practical considerations, as to whether it would offend someone he wanted to impress or close doors of ministry or reduce the size of his crowd. Paul even solemnly commissioned Timothy to keep the New Testament commandments “without spot,” which refers to “small” things (1 Timothy 6:13-14). Paul said that it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful (1 Co. 4:2), and we never see him appointing unfaithful men in positions of ministry.

Every preacher is commanded to preach the Word, all of the Word, in season and out of season, no matter what happens, no matter how popular or unpopular it is, no matter who is offended, no matter what doors it closes.

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2).

GOD, GIVE US MEN WHO RENOUNCE PRAGMATISM AS THE DAMNABLE, WICKED, STINKING THING THAT IT IS!

The churches desperately need courageous, faithful preachers, not pragmatic politicians. We need preachers who will conduct their ministries with their eyes on the judgment seat of Christ.

May each preacher pray, “Lord God, help me not be a pragmatist or a politician. Help me be faithful to you and to your holy Word. While multitudes have been willing to rot in prison cells, to be torn asunder, and to be burned, woe unto me if I am not willing to bear whatever offense or cost comes for being faithful to the truth in a compromising hour.”

We preachers need to aim to be better, to be stronger, and we need to encourage the next generation of preachers to be better and stronger.

“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation” (James 3:1).

LOCAL CHURCH AUTONOMY & OTHER SILLY ARGUMENTS

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The following is excerpted from the December 2017 edition of *Why Most Independent Baptist Churches Will Be Emerging within 20 Years*, which is available in print or as a free eBook from the Way of Life web site, www.wayoflife.org.

The following are some of the most common arguments that are used against those who publicly reprove the compromise and error of influential Baptist leaders.

Shooting the Wounded

Through the years, I have frequently heard the accusation that preachers who give warnings about Christian leaders are guilty of “shooting their own wounded.”

I received the following e-mail that charged me with doing this in regard to an open exhortation I published about Clarence Sexton’s Friendship Conferences (“An Open Letter to Clarence Sexton about the Friendship Conference,” March 3, 2010).

“I am deeply upset at the private letter you posted on your website to Dr Sexton. Thanks for shooting your own and not calling Pastor Sexton personally to get all of the facts.”

The fact is that I had sent that letter to Dr. Sexton via his own website months before I published it, and I received no reply. I found out later that he says that he doesn’t use e-mail, and that is fine, but he could have dictated a reply to one of his many co-workers or secretaries.

Another example of the accusation of “shooting the wounded” is contained in the following e-mail that I received a few years ago:

“I grew up in Murfreesboro, TN and was and am still associated with the Sword of the Lord and the Bill Rice Ranch. I hated it then and still do when a Christian brother bashes another Christian brother over things instead of

preaching and trying to win souls to Christ. It is said that the Christian Army is the only army that stabs its wounded and kills off its own. I have to say it is very true. I am also a Marine, and we were taught to pick up those who are wounded and even dead, not leave them to die or to be mutilated by the enemy. We as Christians do just the opposite many times.”

In my warnings and about compromise and error, I have never injured a wounded person or shot anyone in any sense whatsoever. To charge me with doing so is to confuse godly warning, reproof, and correction with carnal assault.

The leaders that I warn about are not wounded! They are willfully and steadfastly committed to error or compromise in spite of having been warned, and they are influencing others in a negative way that is going to bring ruin farther down the road.

By the way, these men don’t mind “shooting” back!

In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus Christ taught His people to beware of false prophets and to test their fruit (Mat. 7:15-20). In the Pastoral Epistles, the apostle Paul names the names of false teachers and compromisers 10 different times in his warnings (1 Tim. 1:20; 2 Tim. 1:15; 2:17; 3:8; 4:10, 14).

All of the men that Paul warned about claimed to be Christians and it is likely that they felt that Paul was being unfair and mean-spirited in singling them out.

When Paul warned Timothy that Demas had abandoned him because he loved this present world (2 Tim. 4:10), Paul was not shooting at a wounded man. Demas had been a minister of the gospel, a co-worker with Paul, but he made a willful choice to cast his lot toward the world. Doubtless he had been warned, but he remained steadfast in his compromise and was influencing others. Note that Paul didn’t say that Demas had left Christianity; he had only left Paul. This might mean that Demas was

compromising his ministry with the world after the fashion of the doctrine of Balaam (Rev. 2:14) and the teaching of Jezebel (Rev. 2:20). It appears that he was one of the early proponents of an “emerging church,” arguing that Paul’s Christianity was too strict, too separatistic, too ineffective, and that we need to adapt ourselves to the world “a bit” to reach people.

The Lord has instructed us to separate from brethren who are walking in disobedience (2 Thess. 3:6). Is that shooting the wounded?

It often happens that those who are disobedient mistake biblical correction for persecution and confuse biblical reproof with personal assault.

Paul rebuked sin in the churches in letters that were anything but private. His epistles to the individual churches were distributed among all the churches (Colossians 4:16). Therefore, when Paul told of how that Demas had left him, having loved this present world, it was a public matter. When he rebuked the believers at Corinth for their sin and compromise and error, it was a public matter. When he warned of Alexander the Coppersmith, it was a public warning.

Some matters are private and they should be dealt with privately, but other matters are public and should be dealt with publicly.

If a man has a public ministry that influences others, that ministry should be critiqued publicly.

Evangelist Chuck Cofty is a highly decorated United States Marine officer who survived shocking battlefield experiences. Since he understands these matters, both from the side of the physical and of the spiritual, I asked him to reply to the accusation in the e-mail that I quoted earlier.

Following is his reply:

“Dear Brother Cloud: To my knowledge you have not struck anyone violently or injured them by striking. He no doubt is referring to the many truths that appear in your writings as well as the writings of others concerning contemporary theology that you quote. Some, perhaps even this man, are so timid that when truth is revealed they find it difficult to accept and wind up tolerating error or ignorance for fear of offending someone. When men are named, places identified and error revealed, it is upsetting to those that are ‘moderate’ in their position. Brother Cloud, it is true that marines never leave their

dead on the field of battle and will on occasion render aid to a wounded enemy. This however is situational and conditional as we will not allow such aid to encumber us, slow us down, deter us from our mission or jeopardize our success. Our desire to serve our dear Lord must be the same. I personally think that this dear brother’s analogy is poor and his accusation unfounded.”

Pastor Wilbert Unger of Bethel Baptist Church, London, Ontario, observes:

“Was our Lord shooting the first century churches in Revelation 2 and 3 when He walked in their midst and exposed their sins and failures, and commanded them to repent? The kindest and most biblical thing a faithful servant of God can do is expose unscriptural conduct to lead to repentance, lest God step in and judge severely and chasten in a most severe matter. I think the worst chastening that we Independent Baptists could receive from the hand of God is if He would just leave us alone and let us go on in our compromise. We are so bent on exalting man and lightly esteeming the Word of God. One day, we will be like Samson when it is said, ‘he wist not that the Lord had departed from him’ (Judges 16:20). May God be gracious and wake us up to listen to the rebuke of those who see the error in our faith and practice. No man is above rebuke. May we come to see the love and grace in those who would be so kind as to rebuke us.”

Matthew 18

Whenever I publish a warning about an influential Baptist leader, I am asked by some if I followed the guidelines of Matthew 18.

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:15-20).

For example, when I published an open challenge to Clarence Sexton about the Friendship Conferences, I received the following:

“I am deeply upset at the private letter you posted on your website to Dr Sexton. Thanks for shooting your own and not calling Pastor Sexton personally to get all of the facts. I guess you don’t read Matthew 18 all that often.”

The fact is that I did try to contact Pastor Sexton personally months before the publication of the article and received zero reply.

But as for Matthew 18, it has absolutely nothing to do with the issue.

Matthew 18 gives instructions for dealing with *personal problems* between Christians and particularly *between Christians who are members of the same church*. It does not address how to deal with public teachings and actions by Christian leaders.

Clarence Sexton or Paul Chappell, etc., have not trespassed against me personally, and it would be impossible to follow Matthew 18 in such situations.

I have no way to take this issue “unto the church.” I am not a member of these men’s churches. Their churches have no authority over me, and I have no business with them (and I am sure they would ignore any attempt I might make to charge these men with error).

Similarly, these men are not members of my church, so they have no business with it and it has no authority over them. To attempt to follow Matthew 18 in such matters would be confusion.

When men publish materials and distribute them in the public forum, I have every right before God to examine those materials and to issue critiques in the same forum. Public material and ministry should be critiqued publicly.

Following are some of the Scriptures that give authority for this:

- “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).
- “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2).
- “These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee” (Titus 2:15).
- “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

Human nature does not like to be corrected, and the bigger a man’s ministry the more he tends to think himself as being beyond criticism.

Touch Not the Lord’s Anointed

A third argument that is used against the public reproof of influential Baptist preachers is “touch not the Lord’s anointed,” which is lifted from the situation in which David refused to touch King Saul.

“Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD’S anointed” (1 Samuel 24:10).

The context of this verse has to do with killing an anointed king of Israel. By applying this to themselves, apparently some independent Baptist preachers think they are kings! And they must also think, strangely, that someone who reproves them is trying to kill them.

Jack Hyles certainly acted like a king and put himself above reproof and discipline, and so did Jack Schaap and many others who are imitating this exceedingly unscriptural, ungodly type of pastoral model.

But even an Israelite king was not above reproof. David didn’t kill King Saul, but the prophet Samuel did not draw back from reproofing him, and the prophet Nathan did not draw back from reproofing King David, and we could continue at length with other examples.

Azariah the high priest, joined by 80 other priests, confronted King Uzziah when he arrogantly usurped the office of a priest by offering incense in the Temple (2 Ch. 26:16-19).

A Baptist pastor is not an Israelite king, but even kings could be reprovved by God’s preachers.

So can Baptist pastors, and not only in private.

Local Church Autonomy

Another popular argument that is used against those who publicly reprove the compromise and error of influential Baptist preachers is *Local Church Autonomy*. In other words, the affairs of a pastor and his church are no one’s business outside of that congregation’s membership.

I’ve heard this argument trotted out countless times over the years. It is persistently and consistently used when an outsider tries to point out sin and error in a congregation, and that congregation refuses to repent.

But to say that a pastor and a church can do whatever they will and not give account for their *influence* is contrary to sound reason and Scripture.

If a church's doctrine and practice remains its own business and it doesn't *influence* others, that is no business of mine. But if a church's doctrine and practice *influences* other churches, that ceases to be a matter of "local church autonomy" and becomes a public issue that can and must be dealt with in the public forum.

Take a church like Lancaster Baptist Church of Lancaster, California. It has massive influence in other churches through its Bible College, its conferences, its publications, and its web sites and blogs. By these means, the church's leaders aggressively seek to teach and influence people outside of their congregation.

It is nonsense to argue that the business of such a church is its own business and is off limits for others and that those who critique it are somehow disobeying the biblical doctrine of church autonomy.

The same is true for smaller churches that have a smaller, though very real, influence. If a church has an influence in other churches in its area through its music programs, Bible conferences, youth activities, etc., that is no longer a "local church" affair. That is now a public affair.

If a pastor's error and compromise influences other churches, those other churches have a very real obligation to reprove him and to warn about him in such a way that their own people are protected.

Paul dealt with the sins and errors of churches in public letters. The New Testament Epistles were not private letters that were intended for select eyes only. They were public letters that were intended for the use of all of the churches (Colossians 4:16), and in those letters Paul dealt with a wide variety of sins and errors. He even warned church members by name (e.g., Eudias and Syntyche, Philippians 4:2).

The same is true for Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. Those were personal letters in one sense, but they were very public in another. They were never intended for the eyes of Timothy and Titus only. And in those letters, Paul warned about such things as Demas's worldliness. Imagine if you were Demas in that day. He could have

said, "Paul, you are wrong to make my business a public matter," but Paul wasn't wrong, because Demas's compromise was not strictly a private matter.

These things are written for our example.

Every preacher is commanded to "reprove, rebuke, exhort." This reproof is nowhere limited to his own congregation (2 Timothy 4:2).

Titus was instructed to "speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority" (Titus 2:15). Nowhere does Paul tell him that this ministry was limited to the members of one church.

Private business is private business, and private sin is private sin; but public sin and error is not private business.

Conclusion

These are some of the catchy little sayings that are used to malign biblical warning and reproof among Independent Baptists, but the very fact that these wrongheaded, unscriptural sayings are so widely used is another of the reasons why I am convinced that most Independent Baptist churches will be emerging within 10-20 years.



Why Most Independent Baptist Churches Will Be Emerging In 20 Years

A book documenting 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.

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AMERICA is APOSTATE

And the PREACHERS

Are to BLAME

By David Cloud

America is apostate.

America is not dead. America is not finished. America is still “the greatest nation on God’s green earth,” as one prominent talk radio host says. America still has more true Christians than any other nation. America is still a friend of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their seed. America is still a land of liberty, though her priceless freedoms are being lost bit by bit, day by day. America still has great strength, and petty dictators would do well not to arouse her anger.

But as a nation, America has rejected the blessed God of her fathers.

America has turned from the true and living God in a most terrible way. She mocks the fear of God. She despises God’s holy laws. She glories in everything that is abominable before God. She retains a “form of godliness” even while denying the power thereof, that power being a born again converted life and an infallible Bible and an omnipotent God. As a whole, America is grossly ignorant of the Bible, but if she knew it, she would not like it.

The root problem is the preachers. We got to this place because of the pulpits. As in Jeremiah’s day in Israel of old, it is from the prophets that profaneness has gone forth into the land (Jeremiah 23:15).

America’s preachers stopped looking for the born again salvation experience that we see everywhere in Scripture and accepted an empty “sinner’s prayer,” even from children, thus filling up the churches with unconverted people whose worldly lives are merely slathered with a bit of religion.

America’s preachers stopped rebuking sin and error and turned to preaching smooth things (Isaiah 30:10). Instead of the rebuking preachers of 2 Timothy 4:2, America has the “itching ear scratching” teachers of 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Those are the preachers she wants.

America’s preachers stopped enforcing God’s standards of holy living by discipline; they have refused to purge out the old leaven of wickedness (1 Corinthians 5:6-8), either not believing or not caring that “a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”

America’s preachers stopped making true disciples of Jesus Christ after the fashion of the servants of Christ we see in Scripture, and instead have devoted themselves to an enthusiastic pampering of the lukewarm that turn Jesus’ stomach (Revelation 3:16). Toward that end they have converted the holy church of God into a vain entertainment center. (For evidence examine the average church’s calendar.)

America’s preachers stopped building up the people in the holy faith of God’s Word, stopped training them in the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27), stopped teaching and exhorting them to be skillful in the word of righteousness (Hebrews 5:12-14), and instead have fed them a diet of 2% milk, at best, and have been content to pastor perpetual spiritual infants. The writer of Hebrews sharply rebuked those who were unskillful in the word of righteousness, but America’s pastors honor them as good Christians.

America’s preachers stopped roaring against worldliness as spiritual adultery after the fashion of a James, a John, and an Enoch (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17; Jude 14-15) and instead have exalted the worldly crowd to be deacons, Sunday School teachers, choir directors, and youth leaders.

Many Americans still want to consider themselves Christians, but they want to live after their own lusts, which is the very strange kind of Christianity described in 2 Timothy 4:3-4. In Israel of old most prophets bent to the people’s will and softened the message of God’s Word and preached smooth things (Isaiah 30:10). Likewise today most preachers have wickedly compromised due to pressure from church members and society at large. They fear the people more than they fear God. They are terribly afraid of losing even the most carnal pew sitters and tithers. So they don’t

preach against rock music or country rock music or pop music stars or raunchy movies or vanities such as professional sports or immodest dress or whatever else the their worldly people might like.

They give the people the music they love and the standards they love. They preach whatever the people like to hear and they preach in such a way that the people aren't offended by truth and righteousness. They might preach some truth, but they have learned to do it in such a way (e.g., preaching in generalities) that most people aren't offended and don't stop attending the services and paying the bills.

America is apostate and the preachers are to blame.

I'm sad because of this, but in no way am I discouraged. I know preachers in America and in many countries who don't fit this sorry description, and I know of churches that aren't compromised by the spirit of the age.

We are seeing God raise up such preachers through our own missionary work. We are currently working with nearly 20 such preachers. We are training such preachers.

We are seeing them go out and start discipling churches rather than mixed multitudes and entertainment centers. These are men that don't skip over repentance or soft sell the truth or ignore discipline.

Our earnest prayer is that God will raise up 1,000 more men who fear God more than man, who love Scripture more than tradition, and who will build and lead sound New Testament churches as bright lights in a dark age.

Will you join me in that prayer every day? If so, I would like to hear from you.

“For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD” (Jer. 23:11).

“Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land” (Jer. 23:15).

“They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of

the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?” (Jer. 23:17-18).

“Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word” (Eze. 13:2-6).

“Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered *morter*” (Eze. 13:10).

“Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life” (Eze. 13:22).

“Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us” (Isa. 30:10-11).

“But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not. Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves” (Am. 2:12-13).

“Prophesy ye not, *say they to them that* prophesy: they shall not prophesy to them, *that* they shall not take shame” (Mic. 2:6).

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Ti. 4:2-4).

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?



E V A N G E L I C A L MEGACHURCH WITHERS

AFTER SUPPORTING "GAY MARRIAGE" (Friday Church News Notes, December 1, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- We reported in February 2015 that GracePointe Church near Nashville had changed its stance on "gay Christianity." After country music star Carrie Underwood spoke in favor of "gay marriage" in 2012, the pastor led the church in a three-year process of "listening on the topic of sexual orientation and identity." Though the matter has been settled in Scripture for thousands of years and Bible-believing churches since the apostles have universally treated homosexuality as a sin to be repented of, the very modern senior pastor Stan Mitchell led GracePointe to accept homosexuals into "the full privileges of membership," including "being able to serve in leadership."

Two years later, *Out & About Nashville* reports that GracePointe is a shadow of its former self. Attendance has fallen by more than two thirds, from 700-800 to 250, and the church is selling its multi-million dollar property. Mitchell told reporter Julie Chase, "We need to get being LGBGQI off the sin list, because it's killing kids" ("Stan Mitchell and GracePointe," O&AN, Sep. 8, 2017). No amount of "listening" and cunning exegesis can change the Bible's simple and clear teaching that marriage is limited to one man and

one woman and that any sexual relationship apart from sacred marriage is sin before God. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). Mitchell frames the issue in terms of "love." If we love the homosexual, we are supposed to sympathize with his condition rather than sit in judgment on him. In fact, the issue *is* love, but the first direction of our love must be toward God, as per His first law (Deuteronomy 6:5), and toward His infallible Word which cuts against the grain of this proud generation. Further, the call for sinners to repent is the truest definition of love, for this makes it possible for them to have a right relationship with God. Mitchell also frames the issue in terms of inclusion. He says that "inclusion means that we can live together in agreement and disagreement." That is not what Paul taught. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be NO DIVISIONS among you; but *that* ye be PERFECTLY JOINED TOGETHER IN THE SAME MIND and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). There is no unity in diversity here.

BOY SCOUTS NOW ADMITTING GIRLS (Friday Church News Notes, December 1, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from



“Girl Scouts Not Too Thrilled,” *Dailywire*, Oct. 12, 2017: “On Wednesday, the Boy Scouts of America announced that they would be admitting girls in their ranks as a way to counter their declining membership. The new policy would go into effect starting next year and would admit older girls. Leaders of the Girl Scouts have not exactly welcomed the news with open arms. ‘The Boy Scouts’ house is on fire,’ they told *ABC News*. ‘Instead of addressing systemic issues of continuing sexual assault, financial mismanagement and deficient programming, BSA’s senior management wants to add an accelerant to the house fire by recruiting girls.’ ... The Boy Scouts admitting girls comes amidst a wave of political correctness that has severely infected the organization these past several years. It began first with the admittance of openly gay scout leaders that then yielded to the admittance of transgender individuals. The change-ups have caused a massive uproar among their primary source of membership: churches. In response to the political correctness, some churches have stopped doing business with the Boy Scouts entirely.”

COLORADO WEIGHS NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

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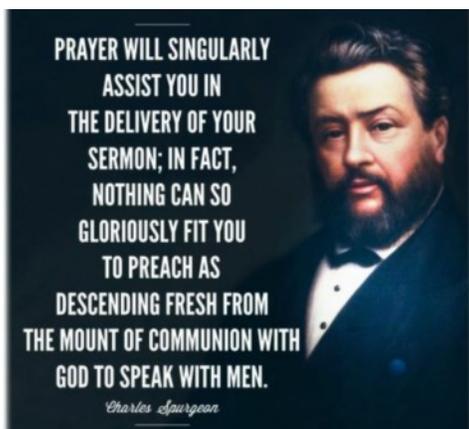
fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Five Years after Legalizing,” *Christian Headlines*, Nov. 27, 2017: “*The Gazette* [‘The sad anniversary of Big Commercial Pot in Colorado,’ Nov. 21, 2017] reports, ‘Five years later, we remain an embarrassing cautionary tale.’ The disappointing statistics range from increased drug use in K-12 schools, area homelessness topping the most growth in the country, and fatal, drug-related automobile accidents skyrocketing in number. ‘The number of drivers who tested positive for marijuana use jumped 145 percent,’ reports the *Denver Post* [‘Traffic fatalities linked to marijuana,’ Aug. 25, 2017]. Expect a heightened awareness on the effects of drugging and driving to follow the drastic increase in traffic incidents caused by drivers under marijuana’s influence. ‘The 2013-16 period saw a 40 percent increase in the number of all drivers involved in fatal crashes in Colorado, from 627 to 880, according to the NHTSA data.’ Teen drug use in Colorado is the highest in the nation, leading authorities to wonder what the overall effect will be on a nation already struggling with an addiction epidemic. According to Colorado’s Marijuana Accountability Coalition, ‘It’s one thing to decriminalize marijuana, it’s an entirely different thing to legalize an industry that has commercialized a drug that is devastating our kids and devastating whole communities.’”

CHINA’S FUTURISTIC LIBRARY (Friday Church News Notes, December 1, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The newly opened Tianjin Binhai Library in China is designed to look



like a giant eye. The five-story library contains 1.2 million books, though multitudes of books won’t be found there due to state censorship. The building was designed by the Dutch company MVRDV in collaboration with local architects. Such a library is an interesting investment in the age of eBooks. In 2006, just before the Kindle Reader first appeared, the annual sales of eBooks was only about \$20 million. In a mere decade that has risen to \$1 billion (“Amazon’s Kindle turns 10,” *The Guardian*, Nov. 13, 2017). The eBook has facilitated the age of the self-publishing. The number of self-published books rose from 80,000 in 2006 to 800,000 in 2016, and that doesn’t include the large number of titles that are published without an ISBN. I do 75% of my reading on a large screen iPhone using a Kindle app. The last time I visited the British Library and renewed my reader’s card, I told the lady that these libraries are going to be museums soon. One of the reasons why I sold my 6,000-volume library some years ago, which had many rare books on history, was that they can be found online because Google has scanned them.

A PRAYING CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, December 1, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, England, during Charles Spurgeon’s days (pastored 1854-1882) is an



example of a mighty prayer church. Thousands were saved with changed lives as evidence. The preaching was strong and the church was very aggressive in evangelism (e.g., street preaching, aggressive tract distribution, 27 Sunday Schools and Ragged Schools ministering to over 8,000 children with 612 teachers), but the converting, life-changing power was in the Spirit's response to prayer. "Spurgeon regarded the prayer meeting as 'the most important meeting of the week.' He often said that it was not surprising if churches did not prosper, when they regarded the prayer meeting as of so little value that one evening in the week was made to suffice for a feeble combination of service and prayer meeting" (*Wonders of Grace: Original testimonies of converts during Spurgeon's early years*, p. 14). A.T. Pierson, who ministered at Tabernacle during Spurgeon's last illness, said, "This Metropolitan Tabernacle is a house of prayer most emphatically ... prayer is almost ceaselessly going up. When one meeting is not in progress, another is. ... There are prayer meetings before preaching, and others after preaching. ... No marvel that Mr. Spurgeon's preaching has been so blessed. He himself attributes it mainly to the prevailing prayers of his people" (Ibid.).

THOU HAST MAGNIFIED THY WORD ABOVE ALL THY NAME (Friday Church News Notes, December 1, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "I will praise Thee ... for Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name." "In the Old Testament, God's Word and God's name were inextricably interwoven. God invariably revealed Himself by His name. **Elohim** was His name as creator and sustainer of the universe, the name of the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God, the God of the galaxies, the maker of molecules, the One who fashioned cherubim and seraphim, angel and archangel. God has exalted His Word above the name Elohim. **Adonai**. That was His name as sovereign Lord and supreme ruler. It is the name of Him whose throne is above the stars, the One whom all created beings and things must obey. He has exalted His Word above the name Adonai. **Jehovah**. That was His name as the eternal One, the One who reveals Himself, the One who enters into covenant relationship with us, who makes promises, whose Word is His bond. He exalts His Word above that name. He is *Jehovah Jireh*, the One who provides, who takes care of all our wants, who provided Himself to be the Lamb for the burnt offering. He is *Jehovah Shalom*, the Lord our peace; He is *Jehovah Tsidkenu*, the Lord our righteousness; He is *Jehovah Shammah*, the Lord is there; He is *Jehovah Nissi*, the Lord our banner; He is *Jehovah Mekaddishkem*, the Lord who sanctifies. He is *Jehovah Ropheka*, the Lord who heals. Such is His name. He jealously guards that name. He does not allow human beings to take that name in vain. He has

declared that no one will be held guiltless who lightly speaks that name. Throughout the Scriptures He has exalted and extolled His name. Jesus added a new name for God—He taught us to call Him *Father*. Surely that is the greatest name of all. Yet God says that He exalts His Word above His name. That is what God thinks of His Word. How dare men and women doubt that Word? How dare they deny that Word? How dare they disregard that Word? Yet they do. They lightly set God's Word aside as though it were the product of a human pen. A day of accounting is coming for such persons" (John Phillips).

TESTS DATE CLADDING OF CHRIST'S TOMB TO FOURTH CENTURY AD (Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The first ever tests of the tomb purporting to be Christ's in Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher date the marble cladding and mortar to the fourth century AD, the time of Constantine ("Age of Jesus Christ's Purported Tomb Revealed," *National Geographic*, Nov. 28, 2017). The OSL (optically stimulated luminescence) tests were independently conducted by two labs. This is further confirmation that the tomb is the correct one. In about 135, the Roman emperor Hadrian built a Venus temple over the site then



revered as Christ's. Since this was only about 40 years after the death of the apostle John and the location of the true site was still well known, there seems to be no doubt that the pagan temple was in the correct place. In 325, the "Christian" Emperor Constantine tore down the Venus temple and built an octagon church by the name of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre *on the same site*. Though the church was destroyed by Muslims in 1009, it was subsequently rebuilt *at the same site*. For this reason, we are convinced that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre actually covers the place of Christ's tomb. Of course, this is not very important, since the tomb has been empty since three days after Christ's crucifixion, and the resurrected Christ was seen by hundreds of reputable eyewitnesses, such as Gamaliel-educated Saul, who were willing to die for their testimonies, and we don't believe in Catholic-style pilgrimages. But it's still very interesting!

WORLD'S LARGEST BATTERY GOES ONLINE IN RECORD TIME (Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The world's largest battery, built in South Australia by Elon Musk of Tesla, went online December 1 in record time. Musk had pledged to complete the gigantic battery, the size of an American football field, in 100



Tesla Battery Sth. Australia

days or do it for free, and the project was completed before the deadline. The 100MW capacity battery is intended to help solve the state's persistent power outages by storing electricity produced by wind and solar to use during periods of high demand. This project in particular and modern technology in general hold many interesting lessons. For one, it is evidence that man is made in the image of God, as the Bible says. Of earth's creatures, man alone can do "God-like" things, though he is not God and is accountable to God as a creature. Second, modern technology is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Daniel that in the last days "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Da. 12:4). Third, the Tesla project is a testament to the efficiency of private enterprise in comparison with government business, and it is a testament to the advantage of a free market system to produce excellent goods and services. Finally, modern technology is a testimony to God's love for man in giving him the ability and resources to improve his condition even though he is currently living in rebellion to His Creator. Technology, though, cannot solve man's fundamental problem, which is that he has sinned against God and is under God's judgment, and it won't stop the hand of God from bringing judgment upon this world in its time. Man's salvation will never be obtained by clever inventors. It was provided by God Himself in sending His Son to suffer and die and shed His blood to make atonement for sin.

UNPRECEDENTED DEVASTATION COMING ON THE EARTH (Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org,



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - World news is filled with reports of disaster, both natural and manmade. There are floods, earthquakes, active volcanos, violent revolution, wars, terrorism. According to Bible prophecy, which has always been accurate, these things are but minor harbingers of greater devastation to come. The world's population will be decimated, economies ruined, disaster management resources utterly overwhelmed. In comparison, the world wars of the 20th century were but a "walk in the park." This time of unprecedented trouble will occur in a seven-year period called "the day of the Lord" and "the great tribulation." It is a time when God will judge the world for its rebellion, a time when man will be humbled and God exalted. Some of the highlights are as follows: A fourth part of the earth's population will die in warfare and associated famines in the beginning of the tribulation (Re. 6:8). A third part of the sea will be turned to blood and a third of the ships destroyed (Re. 8:7-9). A third part of the waters will be made bitter (Re. 8:10-11). Demonic armies will torment and kill men (Re. 9:1-19), one-third of mankind perishing in this one judgment. A malevolent world ruler will exercise control over a global economy, forcing all men to worship him and killing those who refuse (Re. 13:15-18). Men will be scorched by a super-heated sun and gnaw their tongues for pain (Re.

16:8-11). A great earthquake will shake the world so terribly that the mountains will fall and the islands will flee away (Re. 16:18-20). Hail stones weighing 100 pounds will fall upon the earth (Re. 16:21). "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:3, 4, 9).

THE NEW DEATH DOCTOR

(Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Philip Nitschke has taken Jack Kevorkian's place as the most prominent euthanasia proponent and builder of suicide machines. The 70-year-old medical doctor, founder of Exit International, has participated in hundreds of assisted suicides. In 1996, Nitschke built a machine called *The Deliverance* to trigger a lethal injection of barbiturates. In 1997, he published the *Peaceful Pill Handbook* with instructions on "painless and efficient ways to commit suicide." Now he is trying to market a new death machine called Sarco, a sleek capsule that doubles as a casket. The individual lies down in the capsule, enters an access code, and a container



attached to the capsule fills up with liquid nitrogen to bring the oxygen level down to about 5 percent, thus killing the user. The Sarco resembles a spaceship, which is "intended to convince its user that he or she is journeying to the great beyond," Nitschke says ("Meet the Elon Musk of Assisted Suicide," *Newsweek*, Dec. 1, 2017). Nitschke says it is the "right of a rational adult to have a peaceful death." If man were merely an evolved animal, there would be no moral problem with this, because there would be no absolute morality, but that's not the case. Man is not his own. He has a Creator to whom he is accountable. God's law says, "Thou shalt not kill." Death is not a spaceship ride to "the great beyond." According to the Bible, there are but two destinations, heaven or hell, depending on whether the individual dies with or without the Saviour Jesus Christ. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:27-28). (For more on this subject see "Do We Have the Right to Die?" at www.wayoflife.org.)

THE OBITUARY OF MRS. PRAYER MEETING (Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following anonymous piece has appeared in various publications, and though written "tongue in cheek," it accurately and frightfully describes the prayer ministry of too many supposedly Bible-believing churches: "Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. Born



many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Bible study, soon grew into worldwide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family. For the past several years, Mrs. Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the markets of trade and places of worldly amusements. Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness. They had administered large doses of organizations, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with a lack of faith, heartfelt religion, and general support, were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, except the third Wednesday night of each month when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the Men's Handball Team." It has rightly been said that "a prayerful life is always a powerful life; and a prayerless life is always a powerless life."



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Did you pray for your national and local leaders this week? For Americans, this means praying for President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress and state and local leaders. It is one of the few things that God has specifically and emphatically told His people to pray for. Effectual fervent prayer changes things, but prayerlessness and complaining change nothing. “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

INTERNET-CELEBRITY FACE

(Friday Church News Notes, December 15, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - China has taken the selfie craze to a new level of vanity by means of apps that enhance one’s appearance. The most popular are produced by the multi-billion-dollar company Meitu. Its first photo-editing app, which



THE BUTTERFLY’S COMPLEX BEAUTY

(Friday Church News Notes, December 8, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Seeing the Non-existent: Evolution’s Myths and Hoaxes*, David Cloud, copyright 2011: “Butterflies are so beautiful that they have been called ‘flying flowers.’ There are thousands of different amazing types. ‘Every one of these 20,000 species have different color patterns, and every one of them have different shaped wings. The diversity is so magnificent. If I was the greatest artist in the world there is no way I could come up with all of these patterns. It would be absolutely impossible’ (Ronald Boender, Butterfly World, Fort Lauderdale, *Metamorphosis*, DVD). The butterfly’s colorful wings are covered with millions of shingle-like, overlapping scales, which create the color and patterns. (*Lepidoptera*, the Latin term for the butterfly order of insects, means ‘scaly.’) Solid colors derive from pigmented scales, while the iridescent colors derive from reflective scales that ingeniously refract a particular wavelength of



light. The biophotonic crystal cells are designed and arranged perfectly to absorb certain wavelengths of white light and reflect only that part of the light that is red or blue or whatever. There are tens of thousands of scales for every square centimeter of wing, and each scale was a living cell until a day or two before the butterfly emerges from its pupa. In the video *God of Wonders*, zoologist Frank Sherwin observes, ‘The scales have tiny lattices and ribbed walls that are designed to cause interference patterns in light waves within the 300 to 700 nanometer range--exactly the range humans see as color. We have found by using the electron microscope that there are structures there that can have no more variation than .00004 millimeters, a wonderful testament to God’s design.’”

appeared in 2008, bears the company’s name *Meitu* (“beautiful picture”). Other apps have followed, including *BeautyPlus* and *MakeupPlus*. They do things such as lighten the skin, smooth the complexion, remove freckles, whiten the teeth, enlarge the eyes, apply makeup and hair color, even slim and contour the face. Meitu’s apps are installed on more than a billion phones in China and across Asia and

generate six billion photos a month (“China’s Selfie Obsession,” *The New Yorker*, Dec. 18 & 25, 2017). Meitu also sells smartphones that are designed specifically for selfies, with more powerful front-facing cameras and built-in beautifying apps “that start working their magic the moment a picture has been taken.” The name for the “new kind of face” produced by Meitu apps is *wang hong lian* (“Internet-celebrity face”). *Meitu* has

actually become a verb in the Chinese lexicon, but it is an exercise in fantasy. It is purest vanity. Of those *billions* of selfies, how many are even looked at by anyone other than the photographer? Who cares? Where will those selfies be even in one week, not to speak of five years? It is narcissism and escapism, and it is a major sign of the times. We would warn God's people not to be conformed to the vanity and foolishness of the world. Spend the precious hours of your fleeting life on things of eternal value. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

CHINA THE ALL-SEEING STATE (Friday Church News Notes, December 15, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Communist China is building the world's most omnipresent surveillance network using the latest facial recognition technology. The country currently operates 170 million CCTV cameras, with 400 million new ones scheduled to be installed in the next three years ("In Your Face: China's all-seeing state," BBC, Dec. 10, 2017). Some read faces. Others estimate age, ethnicity, and gender. BBC correspondent John Sudworth was given a demonstration of the system in the city of Guiyang. First he visited the hi-tech police



control room that analyzes data from the cameras. The city's vast digital catalog contains an image of *every citizen*. After Sudworth's face was entered into the surveillance system, he took the subway into the city and began walking. Within seven minutes the system had located him, raised an alarm, and he was surrounded by police.

NETANYAHU LIKENS TRUMP'S SPEECH TO ISRAEL'S FOUNDING (Friday Church News Notes, December 15, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Netanyahu Likens," *The Times of Israel*, Dec. 7, 2017: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday called US President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital one of the key milestones in the Jewish state's history, comparing it to several monumental past events. 'There are major moments in the history of Zionism: the Balfour Declaration, the founding of the state, the liberation of Jerusalem and Trump's announcement yesterday,' Netanyahu said in a video posted to social media. ... The prime minister said Trump's decision was embraced by Israelis of all stripes, paraphrasing a famous biblical verse to invoke the Jewish people's long-held emotional attachment to the city. 'This is a festive and unifying moment, for the right, the left, religious, secular,' he said. 'We are making Jerusalem our chief joy.' ... European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said Trump's 'announcement has the potential to send us backwards to even darker times than the ones we are already living in.' ... Israel's Foreign Ministry's response termed



her remarks 'bizarre.' 'The insistence that Jerusalem is not the capital of Israel is a denial of an indisputable historical fact.'"

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S MANDATE TO DESTROY ISIS

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- A special *Fox News* report this week was entitled "Trump, Mattis turn military loose on ISIS, leaving terror caliphate in tatters." This is a welcome change in policy from the days of Barack Obama. Following is an excerpt: "Hundreds of ISIS fighters had just been chased out of a northern Syrian city and were fleeing through the desert in long convoys, presenting an easy target to U.S. A-10 'warthogs.' But the orders to bomb the black-clad jihadists never came, and the terrorists melted into their caliphate--living to fight another day. The events came in August 2016, even as then-Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump was vowing on the campaign trail to let generals in his administration crush the organization that, under President Obama, had grown from the 'jayvee team' to the world's most feared terrorist organization. Trump ... named legendary Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis as secretary of defense ... Just over a year later, ISIS has been routed from Iraq and Syria with an ease and speed that's surprised even



the men and women who carried out the mission. Experts say it's a prime example of a campaign promise kept. President Trump scrapped his predecessor's rules of engagement, which critics say hamstrung the military, and let battlefield decisions be made by the generals in the theater, and not bureaucrats in Washington. At its peak, ISIS held land in Iraq and Syria that equaled the size of West Virginia, ruled over as many as 8 million people, controlled oilfields and refineries, agriculture, smuggling routes and vast arsenals. It ran a brutal, oppressive government, even printing its own currency. The terror organization now controls just 3 percent of Iraq and less than 5 percent of Syria. ... President Trump gave a free hand to Mattis, who in May stressed military commanders were no longer being slowed by Washington 'decision cycles,' or by the White House micromanaging that existed under President Obama. ... Marine Col. Seth Folsom, who oversaw fighting in Al Qaim near the Syrian border, said, 'I never felt constrained. In a lot of ways, I felt quite liberated because we had a clear mandate and there was no questioning that.'"

ONE IN FOUR WOMEN THINK PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GENDERS DUE TO "SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS"
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 - The following is excerpted from "Insane Number of Women," *Dailywire*, Dec. 7, 2017: "Unfortunately, feminism has warped the consciousness of the masses so effectively that one in four women actually believe that their physical differences with men are due to 'societal expectations' and *not biology*. In other words: Sally thinks Dan is stronger than she because society tells us so. This is peak delusion. In Pew Research Center polling of adults in the United States from August and September of this year, a stunning 25% of women thought differences in physical abilities were mostly due to societal expectations; not far behind the Delusion Train, 18% of men agreed. The polling also found over 60% of women thought differences between the genders regarding workplace abilities, expression of feelings, and approaches to parenting were mostly due to societal norms. ... Overall, men were much more likely to attribute differences between the genders to biology, as opposed to 'societal expectations.' ... Additionally, Democrats (The Party of Science) were found to be far more likely than Republicans to attribute societal norms over biology to gender differences, which is not exactly surprising coming from the party that believes three-year-old boys are actually girls because they say so."



THE UTTER IMPOSSIBILITY THAT BUTTERFLY METAMORPHOSIS COULD EVOLVE (Friday Church News Notes, December 15, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)
 - The following is excerpted from *Seeing the Non-existent: Evolutions Myths and Hoaxes*, David Cloud, copyright 2011: "Michael Pitman, who taught biology at Cambridge, asks how it would be possible for metamorphosis to have evolved: 'Within this dry shell the organs of the caterpillar are dissolved and reduced to pulp. Breathing tubes, muscles and nerves disappear as such; the creature seems to have died. But processes are in operation which remould that pulp into different, coordinating parts, and in due course the insect, which has not grown up or developed in any normal sense, re-emerges as a beautiful, adult butterfly. It is a kind of resurrection. Certainly it demonstrates the absurdity of invoking natural selection by successive mutation to explain such an obviously, yet subtly programmed, process. Why, on that basis, should the ancestral insect have survived the mutations that projected it into the chrysalid stage, from which it could not yet develop into an adult? Where was natural selection then? How could pre-programmed metamorphosis, in insect, amphibian or crustacean, ever have evolved by chance? Indeed, how could

development have evolved piecemeal? The ball is in the evolutionist's court, tangled in a net of inexplicability' (*Adam and Evolution*, p. 71). Even if we assume that a caterpillar could evolve from something else, how could evolution proceed beyond that to the pupa and the butterfly? Why would a happy little 'evolved' caterpillar, merrily eating its way through succulent leaves, decide to spin a silk pad and form itself into a pupa? And if somehow this came into its thinking process, how could it learn to do such an amazingly complicated thing? And why? And even if this somehow happened, and the caterpillar mysteriously dissolved into a biological soup, that would be the end of it. *How would the dissolved caterpillar ever rearrange itself into a different creature unless this entire process was already programmed into its genetic makeup? Genetic mutations and natural selection stand mute before metamorphosis.* Furthermore, the caterpillar cannot reproduce. It has no sex organs. If it does not go through the death and rebirth of metamorphosis and become a butterfly, it has no way to perpetuate itself. It had to have had the ability to undergo metamorphosis from the very beginning in order to exist! The metamorphosis process had to have been perfect from the beginning. A partial metamorphosis would mean death to the creature. The process *must* form a perfect butterfly that can carry out the complicated mechanism of reproduction."

LOOKING FOR A MAN OF PEACE AND A SUPREME PROBLEM SOLVER (Friday Church News Notes, December 22, 2017, www.wayoflife.org,



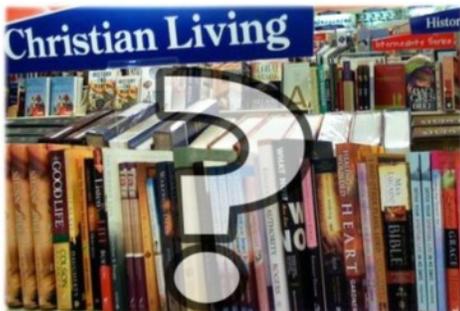
fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - In Jewish tradition, the building of the Third Temple is associated with the coming of the Messiah. According to Maimonides (Rambam), the highest rabbinical authority, any Jew that starts rebuilding the temple is a potential Messiah. Shimon ben Kosiba was considered a Messiah in the second century when he led a revolt to recapture Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. He was named *Bar Kokhba* ("Son of the Star") based on the Messianic prophecy of Numbers 24:17, and a coin was struck depicting the temple with the ark of the covenant inside and the Messianic star on the roof. By this tradition, it is simple to see how the Antichrist will be looked upon as the Messiah. In an interview in Jerusalem a few years ago, a Reformed Jewish rabbi told us that the Messiah will come when things look really dark and will establish peace and build the temple. A representative of the Temple Institute said the same thing: "We are waiting for a Messiah. In Jewish tradition, we believe that in every generation there is someone who can be the Messiah. The question is who will he be. The answer is only someone who does specific things can be called the Messiah. The one who brings Israel back to Israel. The one who builds the temple again. The one who makes Israel go according to the commandments. After that he can be called the Messiah." This is a

description of the Messiah as a supreme problem solver, which is exactly how the Antichrist will present himself. "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (Daniel 8:25).

DOCTRINAL DANGER IN THE INTERNET AGE (Friday Church News Notes, December 22, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbs@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The Internet is a two-edged sword. On one side it has made it possible for sound Bible teaching to be disseminated to an extent previously unprecedented, but on the other side it has made it possible for heretics to disseminate their teachings to anyone with a smart phone. Many of God's people have been tripped up by lack of wisdom about Internet resources. **The first requirement for using Internet resources safely is to be saved and to know the Bible well and have keen spiritual discernment.** The average "Bible-believing" Christian is emphatically *not* prepared to face the spiritual dangers that lurk everywhere on the Internet or in the average Christian bookstore. If you are *not* a serious Bible student with a good Bible education and a serious grasp of Bible doctrine; if you are "unskilful in the



word of righteousness” and do not have your “senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:12-14); you are a babe in the woods. You can easily be “tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness” (Ephesians 4:14). To be able to use “Christian” writings effectively and safely, you must become skillful in God’s Word. This is what I set out to do as soon as I was saved 44 years ago. I knew that I had been deceived before I was saved, and I never wanted to be deceived again. I held onto promises such as John 7:17 and 8:31-32 and set out with much diligence to learn God’s Word. A **second requirement for using Internet resources safely is to be informed and wary of authors.** You must know who an author is and what he believes and what his biases might be. God’s Word warns us to stay away from men that are unsound. “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them” (Ro. 16:17). The same Internet that has dangerous materials provides protection for the wise, because it is now a simple matter to find some basic information about an author. To fail to do this is foolish. I would also warn that when it is difficult to find information about a speaker or author, such as his testimony of salvation, church affiliation, and



doctrinal beliefs, that should be a loud warning in itself. Before I will allow a man to speak to me on prophecy or any other Bible subject, I must know these things. Wise Bible believers know that they are pilgrims in a dark world and that they have an enemy who wants to deceive them, and they walk in great caution. “The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going” (Proverbs 14:15).

BOOKLET - THE CROSS AND THE MARIJUANA LEAF (Friday Church News Notes, December 22, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- A new booklet, *The Cross and the Marijuana Leaf* by Linda Nathan, is a timely warning about the use of recreational marijuana. It is available from LighthouseTrails.com.

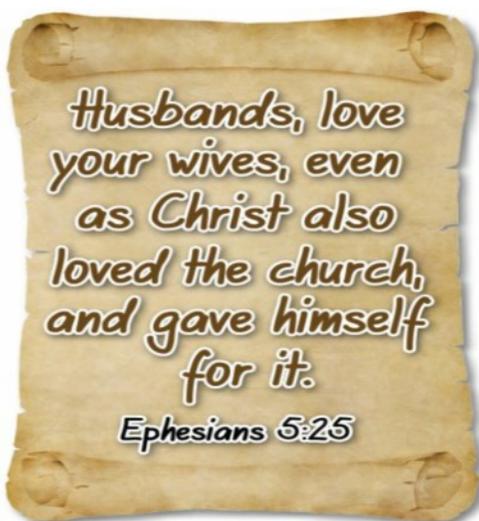
Following is an excerpt: “The current weed is immensely more powerful than it used to be—to the point of being hallucinogenic. In their book *Going to Pot*, William Bennett and Robert White explain: ‘Let’s acknowledge that today’s marijuana is at least five times stronger than the marijuana of the past. The THC levels of today’s marijuana average around 15 percent, but go as high as 20 percent and above in the dispensaries found throughout the states that have legalized it for ‘medicinal’ or recreational use. The marijuana of today is simply not the same drug it was in the 60s, 70s or 80s, much less the 1930s. It is much more potent, leading to a great many more health risks.’ The Marijuana Potency Project at the University of Mississippi has found levels of THC *as high as 37 percent*. That is a growth of a psychoactive ingredient from 3 and 4 percent a few decades ago *to close to 40 percent*.



Tetrahydrocannabinol or THC is the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana that gives the ‘high.’ Synthetic versions can be very harmful. Consider the following: ‘The difference between 3 to 5 percent THC and 13 to 30 percent THC is very significant. It is like comparing a twelve-ounce glass of beer with a twelve-ounce glass of 80 proof vodka; both contain alcohol, but they have vastly different effects on the body when consumed. Indeed, many argue that because of the difference in potency, it is not even the same drug we once knew. Some have taken to calling today’s marijuana “industrial marijuana” or “turbo pot.”’ Such high levels can be hallucinogenic and cause profound perceptual distortions of reality. ... And then there is the connection with psychosis. ‘Nine studies following hundreds to thousands of people for decades searched for a connection between marijuana use and psychosis. *All but one* of these studies suggest a connection between marijuana use and schizophrenia.’ Other studies reveal the connection between high pot use and a clinically significant increased risk of developing schizophrenia and other mental illnesses during adolescence. **OUR OWN EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT YOU CAN’T KNOW HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU; IT MIGHT SEEM FINE FOR A WHILE AND THEN ACT WITHOUT WARNING AS A**

DEPTH CHARGE IN YOUR SOUL. Sir Robin Murray, a psychiatrist at King's College in London, says, 'Even I, 20 years ago, used to tell patients that cannabis is safe. It's only after you see all the patients that go psychotic that you realize—it's not so safe'" (excerpt from *The Cross and the Marijuana Leaf* by Linda Nathan, lighthouse-trails.com).

LOVE IN MARRIAGE (Friday Church News Notes, December 22, 2017, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25). "That they may teach the young women to ... love their husbands, to love their children" (Tit. 2:4). God is love, and godly love is the key to a lasting, good marriage. It is the key to keeping the hearts of children. It is the key to making child discipline "work." "Three little words, *I love you*, can ease a couple through many stormy seas. As someone has said, '*I* is the subject, *you* is the object, and there is nothing between but *love*.' Love affects the look, the tone of voice, and the touch of the hand. Love is accompanied by an attitude of willing, joyful service and

personal, caring solicitude. Such love is a commodity made in heaven, a balm for all of earth's woes, and a sure remedy when all else fails" (John Phillips).

HAS THE "DESIGN ARGUMENT" BEEN REFUTED?

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- The following is excerpted from *Seeing the Non-existent: Evolution's Myths and Hoaxes*, David Cloud, copyright 2011: "Apologists for evolution claim that the 'design argument' has been refuted. They cite philosophers such as David Hume who supposedly debunked the 'watchmaker argument,' which was published in William Paley's book *Natural Theology, or Evidences of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity Collected from the Appearances of Nature* (1802). Paley's simple, common-sense argument says that if you find a watch lying on the ground you would recognize immediately that it was designed and produced by an intelligence; likewise, the creation everywhere demonstrates evidence of intelligent design. Contrary to the claims of some, Paley's argument has never been refuted and indeed *cannot be refuted*. Dr. Michael Behe says: 'But exactly where, we may ask, was Paley refuted? Who has answered his argument? How was the watch produced without an intelligent designer? It is surprising but true that the main argument of the [allegedly] discredited Paley has actually never been refuted. Neither Darwin nor Dawkins, neither science nor philosophy, has explained how an irreducibly complex system such as a watch might be produced without a



designer. Instead Paley's argument has been sidetracked by attacks on its injudicious examples and off-the-point theological discussions. Paley, of course, is to blame for not framing his argument more tightly. But many of Paley's detractors are also to blame for refusing to engage his main point, playing dumb in order to reach a more palatable conclusion. ... Paley's argument over the years has been turned into a straw man to knock down. Instead of dealing with the real complexity of a system (such as a retina or a watch), some defenders of Darwinism are satisfied with offering a story to account for peripheral features' (*Darwin's Black Box*, chapter 10). The design argument has grown even stronger since Paley's day through research into microbiology and the discovery of the amazing living machinery in the cell. The obvious design in creation has convinced multitudes of people, including scientists, that there is a God. In 1962, Nobel laureate molecular biologist E.C. Komfield said: 'While laboring among the intricacies and definitely minute particles in a laboratory, I frequently have been overwhelmed by a sense of the infinite wisdom of God ... the simplest man-made mechanism requires a planner and a maker; how a mechanism ten times more involved and intricate can be conceived as self-constructed and self-developed is completely beyond me' (*The Evidence of God in an Expanding Universe*, Look, Jan. 16, 1962)."



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