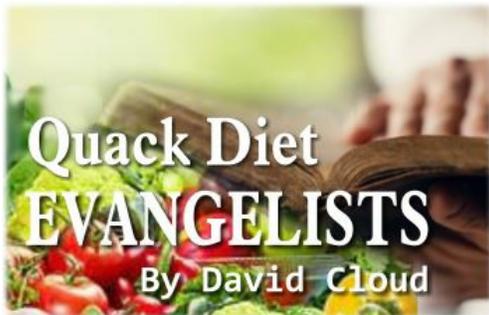


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*"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."*

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## LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF SALVATION ~ By David Cloud

In light of the Scriptures that describe evidences of salvation, following are some questions that can help an individual examine himself.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5).

The objective is not to cause true believers to doubt their salvation; the objective is to provide help in situations where there is doubt, either on the part of the individual himself or on the part of a church that is examining an individual for baptism and/or church membership.



These questions are not to be answered mentally as in a school test. They are to be answered from the heart, with the whole person.

## 1. Have you repented and humbled yourself before God?

“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 18:3).

“... except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Lu. 13:3).

“God .. now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Ac. 17:30).

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God...” (Ac. 20:21).

“The ultimate trouble with the natural man is his pride. ... The first thing that has to be done with the man who does not accept the Christian faith is to humble him. ... All men have to be converted and ‘become as little children.’ All they know, and all they are, and all they have, and all they have done, is utterly useless in this realm. There is no hope for them until they become aware of their utter bankruptcy and ‘become as little children’” (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers*, p. 50).

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## 2. Do you renounce all false religion and believe that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation?

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Joh. 14:6).

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Ac. 4:12).

“Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver” (Ac. 19:19).

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Th. 1:9).

## 3. In light of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, which says that salvation is believing that “Christ died for our sins,” do you believe that you are the sinner that God says you are? Do you believe that you have no righteousness that is acceptable to Him and that you deserve God’s eternal condemnation? Do you believe that the following Scriptures apply to you?

“There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God” (Ro. 3:10).

“But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isa. 64:6).

## 4. Do you believe 100% that Christ died for your sins? Do you trust Jesus Christ and His blood 100% for your salvation? Do you believe that He bore all of your sin when He shed His blood and died on the cross?

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (Isa. 53:6).

“For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Co. 5:21)?

### 5. Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Son of God?

“And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” (Ac. 8:37).

“Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (Joh. 6:68-69).

### 6. Do you believe that your salvation is by grace alone without works and that works are the fruit of salvation and not the way of salvation?

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10).

“And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work” (Ro. 11:6).

### 7. Do you believe that you have been born again and that you are a new creature in Jesus Christ? Do you know when this happened?

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (Joh. 3:3).

“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)?

### 8. Do you have the Spirit of God living in you crying Abba, Father? Since when have you experienced this?

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Ro. 8:15-16)?

### 9. Do you hear the Bible as God’s voice; does it speak to you as God’s voice? Do you accept God’s Word as true without reservation? Do you argue with the Bible?

“He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God” (Joh. 8:47).

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (Joh. 10:27).

### 10. Have you renounced the world as defined by 1 John 2:16 and do you consider yourself a pilgrim on the way to your heavenly home?

“For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 Jo. 2:16).

“Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the sou.” (1 Pe. 2:11).

### 11. Are you looking for Christ’s return?

“And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body” (Ro. 8:23).

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come” (1 Th. 1:9-10).

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Ti. 4:8).

“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” (Heb. 9:28).



# YOUNG LIVING ESSENTIAL OILS ~ By David Cloud



Young Living Essential Oils (YLEO) is a multi-level marketing company founded in 1992 or 1993 in Utah by Donald Gary Young and his third wife, Mary Billeter Young. They are charismatic and successful marketers of their products.

Eva Briggs, M.D., exposed many problems with Young Living Essential Oils in her report “The Real Story of Gary Young and Young Living Essential Oils,” May 31, 2013, which is available at:

[www.jonnsaromatherapy.com/pdf/Briggs\\_Real\\_Story\\_of\\_Gary\\_Young\\_2013.pdf](http://www.jonnsaromatherapy.com/pdf/Briggs_Real_Story_of_Gary_Young_2013.pdf)

Young claims to have earned a doctorate in naturopathy, but his “degree” was purchased from a diploma mill called Bernadean University, and he has never been licensed to practice naturopathy. A degree from Bernadean is not recognized by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education, which is recognized as a crediting agency with the Department of Education.

While living in Spokane, Washington, in the early 1980s, Young caused the death of his baby (by his first wife) by leaving it under water for an hour after birth in a whirlpool as an experiment.

In the 1980s, Young operated a clinic in Rosarita Beach, Mexico, that used laetrile to treat cancer. Laetrile is made from apricot pits. An estimated 50,000 to 75,000 Americans took laetrile treatments for cancer, but it turned out to be bogus and many died from the toxicity of the treatment itself.

Young was arrested in Spokane, Washington, in 1983 for practicing medicine without a license. He pled guilty to the unlawful practice of medicine and was sentenced to a year of probation (“The Truth about Gary Young,” Jul. 13, 2014, [www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140713001220-](http://www.linkedin.com/pulse/20140713001220-36302273-the-truth-about-gary-young-young-living-essential-oils)

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Young was arrested in California in 1988 for “a variety of charges related to the sale of ineffective and worthless medical treatments.”

Young was arrested in 1993 for threatening several family members with an axe. Two days before the assault, he had been ousted from Young Living, Inc. “for fraudulent misrepresentation of himself as a doctor, misuse of company funds to support his personal endeavors, erratic behavior during meetings, and other problems.” “Court and police records from Spokane, Washington, show that two days later, September 29, 1993, Young returned to the company headquarters with an axe. He attempted to force entry into the company office, removing the doors hinge pins, battering at the door with the axe, threatening and terrorizing company employees and his wife. He had to be removed by the police” (Eva Briggs, M.D., “Total Wacko at Total Health Expo in Toronto,” Canadian Quackery Watch).

Sherman Johnson, an M.D. who headed up the Young Life Research Clinic of Natural Medicine, pled guilty to manslaughter after injecting his patient, a longtime girlfriend, with a lethal dose of narcotics and falsifying her death certificate.

At a Total Health Expo in Toronto on March 20, 2004, Young spoke on “Hormones and Rejuvenation.” He showed a photo of Shirali Mislimov, who was reported in *National Geographic Magazine* (January 1973) to be 168 years old. Young claimed to have personally interviewed and photographed Mislimov, but that is impossible. Mislimov died in 1973, whereas Young claims in his biography to have been hit on the head in February 1973 by a falling tree after which he was

supposedly paralyzed for years. Young also claimed that the Hunza people of China commonly live to more than 100 years old, but this has been debunked for further study. These bogus claims were used to promote Young's "Berry Young Juice" made from Chinese wolfberry and other ingredients, supposedly based on an ancient Chinese formula that was personally revealed to Young by a "renowned Chinese scientist" named Dr. Songquio Zhao. There is no reference to this man apart from Young's promotional material (Eva Briggs, M.D., "Total Wacko at Total Health Expo in Toronto," Canadian Quackery Watch).

Young believes:

- that he gets formulas and information about essential oils via "downloads from God."
- that essential oils are the "closest thing you get to God's love in a bottle."

("The Real Story on Young Living," [bestcheapessentialoils.com](http://bestcheapessentialoils.com)).

Young Living Essential Oils claims that its oils are all natural, but chemist Dr. Robert Pappas proved that the jasmine and birch oils contain synthetics. While working for the Lebermuth Company, he was approached by a YLEO representative who asked him to test the company's jasmine oil. "Dr. Pappas said that he discovered conclusively that the oil had very high percentages of chemical known as DPG (dipropylene glycol), which was being sold as a 'pure' jasmine oil" ("Damning Evidence that Young Living and DoTERRA's Essential Oils Are Adulterated," *Utah Stories*, Aug. 15, 2014).

## MARKS OF QUACKERY

Young Living Essentials Oils has nearly all of the marks of quackery that we give in the book *The Bible and Diet*.

Consider some of these:

### **A quack diet is based on bogus "science."**

While quacks discredit "traditional medicine," their remedies are usually based on bogus science. This is true of Young Essential Oils. Young's lecture "The Missing Link," which was long used to train distributors, is filled

with bogus science, as exposed by Eva Briggs, M.D., in "The Real Story of Gary Young and Young Living Essential Oils," May 31, 2013, which is available at: [http://www.jonnsaromatherapy.com/pdf/Briggs\\_Real\\_Story\\_of\\_Gary\\_Young\\_2013.pdf](http://www.jonnsaromatherapy.com/pdf/Briggs_Real_Story_of_Gary_Young_2013.pdf)

For example, Young claims that oils "transport nutrients" and play the same function in plants as blood does in humans, which is false and ridiculous.

Of Young's "The Missing Link," Robert P. Adams of Baylor University called it "pure garbage." Rodney Croteau of Washington State University said Young's writings "are among the most unscientific and intellectually unsound that I have ever read." Dr. Eva Briggs says his writings "reveal a complete and utter lack of knowledge about even basic science."

### **A quack diet promises near perfect health and longevity and makes high-sounding claims.**

When asked by the *Daily Herald* of Provo, Utah, what essential oils are good for, Mary Young replied, "They do everything under the sun" ("Oil of Success Brings Healthy \$230 Million a Year to Lehi Company," *Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah, May 5, 2013).

That's a pretty big claim!

Until a warning was issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in September 2014, Young Living Essential Oils distributors made many wild-eyed claims about the health benefits and healing properties of the products, including the claim that they could help in the cure of autism, cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, diabetes, heart disease, dementia, and Ebola.

Since such claims would cause the oils to be listed as drugs and thus subject to testing, Young Living has toned down or removed the claims ("FDA warns three companies against marketing their products as Ebola treatments or cures," *The Washington Post*, Sept. 24, 2014; "Honey Boo Boo, Snake Oil, and Ebola," *The Daily Beast*, Dec. 5, 2014).

One of the ads for Young Living Essential Oils on [theoildropper.com](http://theoildropper.com) proclaimed, "Viruses (including Ebola) are no match for Young Living Essential Oils." It said that YLEO *Thieves* oil "can even fight against airborne

carried germs. ... This blend helped protect people against the Black Plague endemic in France.” The ad is no longer online.

Ads for Young Living Essential Oils at [essentialsurvival.org](http://essentialsurvival.org) claimed that YLEO’s *Thieves* oil “has been shown in university studies to obliterate bacteria and viruses, as well as mold.” And YLEO’s Frankincense oil was said to “have an anti-tumor effect on the following types of cancer cells, causing them to implode: Prostate cancer cells . . . Colon cancer cells . . . Cervical cancer cells . . . Bladder cancer cells . . . Leukemia cells . . . Melanoma and fibrosarcoma cells . . . Brain tumor cells.”

Ads on [Pinterest.com](http://Pinterest.com) claimed that Young Living Essential Oils were good for arteriosclerosis, hypertension, cancer, insomnia, heart disease, and Alzheimer’s.

Today, the Young Living Essential Oils catalog only goes so far to make the following claims that are vague enough to be meaningless when put to any scientific test, but which still hold out the promise of health and healing, both physical and spiritual, to those who use them:

- relaxing
- invigorating
- energizing
- empowering
- uplifting
- soothing
- “can maintain overall vitality”
- “encourages peaceful and spiritual feelings”
- “brings a deeper sense of spirituality”
- “enhances spiritual journey and meditation experience”
- “contributes to overall wellness”
- “supports a healthy immune response”
- “promotes a more radiant, younger-looking appearance”
- “supports joints and tissue health”
- “balances the body’s overall enzyme activity”
- “supports the body’s systems”
- “supports core intestinal health”
- “provides optimal antioxidant protection”
- “supports overall wellness”
- “supports cognitive alertness and fitness”
- “supports a unique normal brain function”

- “boosts feelings of masculinity and confidence”
- “supports health weight-management goals”
- “created to enhance the frequency of harmonic magnetic energy field that surrounds us”
- “energizes your life force”
- “designed to enhance the process of dreaming and visualization”

The promotion of energy fields, life forces, dreaming, meditation, spirituality, and visualization takes Young Living Essential Oils directly into the realm of New Age occultism.

### **A quack diet is based on testimonials.**

In the case of Young Living Essential Oils, the company is founded on Young’s own testimony of healing from a logging accident. He implies that he was healed by his oils, but there is no evidence to back up the claim. He has never documented either his injury or his cure.

### **A quack diet is tied to a money-making scheme.**

Young Living Essential Oils is a money-making enterprise which has made Donald Gary Young wealthy. YLEO owns six farms and seven distilleries worldwide.

By 2013, Young Living Essential Oils had 785 employees worldwide with offices in Utah, Japan, Ecuador, Peru, and Australia, and was making \$230 million a year (“Oil of Success Brings Healthy \$230 Million a Year to Lehi Company,” *Daily Herald*, Provo, Utah, May 5, 2013).

There is nothing inherently wrong with building a successful business and making money, but when one’s income is tied to one’s testimony about a certain product, it must be carefully tested.

### **A quack tends to discredit “standard medicine.”**

This theme runs through many of the testimonies pertaining to Young Living Essential Oils. At the Total Health Expo in Toronto in March 2004, Gary Young claimed that scientists and doctors are “all participants in a giant conspiracy” and they suppress genuine discoveries in order to obtain grant money.

### **A quack diet plan promotes “all natural” as opposed to “synthetic.”**

Young Living Essential Oils makes a large issue of the alleged fact that its oils are all natural, though this has been disproven in scientific tests.

### A quack diet plan claims to be based on the Bible.

Many promoters of essential oils try to find a biblical basis. For example, one wrote, “I am a Christian too, a strong one, and have done a lot of research on the biblical basis of using oils for healthcare. I started using them on my children and can’t believe the amazing results. Check my oil website. ... Look at these verses: Ezekiel 47:12; Gen. 37:25; Matt 2:11; Numbers 16 (Aaron stops a plague with frankincense and myrrh!); Exodus 12:22; 29:7; Leviticus 2:1-2, Mark 14:3, and my favorite James 5:14-15. From a healthcare standpoint, the oils will change your life. From a spiritual standpoint, you may change other’s lives” (from <http://jontioils.com/wordpress/wake-up-people-2/>).

The biblical ignorance reflected in this statement is frightful. Most of the references have nothing to do with the use of oils for healing or healthcare. In Numbers 16, Aaron didn’t stop the plague with frankincense and myrrh. The power of God stopped it. The incense was used to make an atonement (Num. 16:46). It was a spiritual issue, not a physical one. The Tabernacle incense signified Christ’s intercession for man’s sin. As for James 5:14-15, the healing is not through oil but through prayer. We believe in anointing with oil, but it is symbolic of the healing ministry of the Holy Spirit. The oil is used as an “anointing,” not for a healing balm. James plainly says it is “the prayer of faith” that saves the sick.

### OIL THERAPY AND THE NEW AGE

The very concept of oil therapy is a major part of Hindu Ayurvedic and other types of Eastern medical practices.

Consider some quotes from Ayurvedic web sites:

“Ayurveda is the science of life which was first understood by the Vedic *Rishis* - or Seers - of ancient India at least 4000 years ago. ... The knowledge was recorded in Sanskrit as poetic verse, and first describes the creation of the universe which began with the sound *Om*. Energy and Matter came into being, and from them arose the Five Great Elements of Ether, Air, Fire, Water and Earth. This is the guiding philosophy of Ayurveda - Sankhya - behind which there is

considered a state of pure existence or awareness, beyond time or space, without beginning or end. ... **Many essential oils can benefit more than one Dosha**, particularly when combined in a synergistic blend, making them a pleasurable, effective, economical and useful addition to our lives.”

“With the goal of Ayurveda being balance and harmony with nature within and without, **essential oils hold the power to balance vata, pitta and kapha with ease and joy**. I share essential oils in my practice for women with effective results—for example, clary sage to reduce hot flashes, sweet orange for anxiety, ylang ylang for libido, vetiver for overactive children, peppermint for mental clarity, mahanarayan oil mixed with lavender for joint pain, holy basil for respiratory issues and many more.”

“When inhaled, **essential oils primarily work on the subdosha of vata called prana vata**. Imagine prana vata as the vital energy that draws air into your body. ... Prana vata doesn’t just refer to oxygen, however. It also is about maintaining mental calm and tranquility.”

“**Using aromatics for meditation practices and spiritual experience has been done for thousands of years. Maharishi Ayurveda has several oils well suited for this purpose**, such as frankincense, patchouli, sandalwood, and myrrh. Diffuse the oils in the meditation environment or put a drop in your hands, rub the hands together, and inhale the aroma.”

“**Basically, the essential oil of a plant is the ‘Agni’ or fire of the plant. ... According to Ayurvedic pharmacology the pure fire element extract of a plant is very potent**. This very potency is what makes it both dangerous and therapeutically efficient.”

These are demonic philosophies and practices that God’s people should avoid like the plague.

“There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee” (De. 18:10-12).

“Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them” (Jer. 10:2).

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11).

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (2 Co. 6:14-18).

“What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils” (1 Co. 10:19-21).

Following is a Christian woman's experiences in an independent Baptist Church:

“This church introduced some things that I had never heard of before: Detox foot baths, iridology and natural paths. And Essential Oils. What is ailing you? ‘I have an oil for that!’ Was always the response.

“And that was okay with me. I had never heard of them! And there are oils in the Bible! Sign me up... again, I'm natural! I bought two oils and used them a couple times. I'm sensitive to smells so I'm not fond of smelling them often.

“I noticed on the emails I would get for oils that a lot of the sales pitches were for ‘spiritual’ cures. Happiness, love, hope, depression, charisma, etc. I was concerned.

“And then I went to church one day and our deacon's wife, was telling me about her natural doctors appointment. As serious as can be, she explains to me how her naturopath practitioner told her she could tell ‘she had deep hurts in her life’ and if she rubbed a combination of oils over her heart everyday it would heal it. A deacon's wife in a independent, fundamental, baptist church!

“I stood there shocked and at this point had to question what exactly the beliefs behind essential oils were. I started researching and was shocked at

all I found. And when I research, I don't look up ‘essential oils new age.’ I just google ‘essential oil uses’ because I want to see what people selling and using them say about them. The claims, the way they work, the beliefs in the power of them is ALL new age. There is zero science behind any of it. It roots its belief in new age/meridians/qi/chi/Chinese medicine and Christians are refusing to even look it up and search it out.

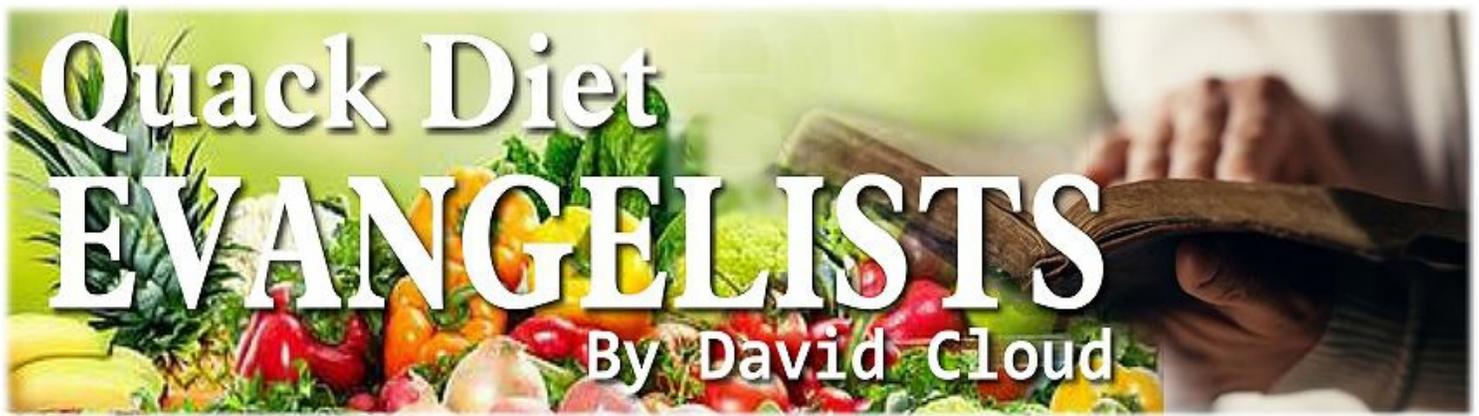
“Shortly after this I had a Christian friend from an independent, fundamental, baptist church come to my home for a party, and chit chat led to learning that she loves essential oils. She swore that wearing one of the oils brought her more tips as a waitress. THIS is witchcraft!”

God made oils, and they have many good and helpful uses, but we have seen that there is a close connection between oil therapy and Eastern occultic practice, and the wise child of God will avoid all such things. God's people must avoid every whiff of New Age idolatry! It is better to err on the side of safety in anything that is questionable.

There is no panacea for all of life's troubles and health problems. We age, get sick, and die because of sin, ultimately, not because of lack of oils, herbs, vitamins, or supplements.

Diet is important, and diet can affect one's health, but there is no diet and no supplement and no program that can legitimately promise health or longevity.





Quack diets and programs have a strange, captivating appeal to many people. They aren't mere users; they are disciples. They are converts. And they can't help but evangelize everyone they meet about the glories of their quack diets and therapies.

One preacher friend wrote as follows:

"Thank you, Bro. Cloud, for your research on diet plans. You are showing logic and wisdom in something that my wife and I have been fighting for years. We have had to separate from many, many of our friends in the ministry because of their outrageous stances on diet. We cannot be around them without being persecuted for our 'lack of concern' for our wellbeing. In \_\_\_\_\_ church in \_\_\_\_\_, there are dozens of these families who literally worship their bodies through these diet plans. ... One couple in that church, whom I am very good friends with, had children who had serious allergies. They are now 'experts' in dietary lifestyle. She is a mid-wife. And they cut out everything processed (to the extreme), will only eat 'organic' vegetables and meats (to the extreme), and even have filtered all drinking fluids (to the extreme). They were the leaders in all of this. Then, they decided to have another child. That child is 10 times more allergic to everything, and has other serious health problems, which they used to claim were linked to diet."

Quack evangelists preach the glories of some super water system or "all natural" mega vitamins or some variety of veganism. They become crusaders against vaccination, MSG, GMO, fluoride, aluminum cookware, toxins in everyday food, or whatever the

latest fad happens to be. They often end up talking more about these things than about Jesus!

To recommend something that has worked for you is one thing. If a supplement or a lotion a type of exercise or a comfortable pair of walking shoes or whatever has helped you, no one thinks anything about it when you recommend that to them.

But quack evangelists go miles beyond this.

I think of a person who is so zealous in dietary evangelism that he wrote to a preacher who was in ICU immediately after heart surgery and, *without expressing one word of sympathy*, launched into a reproofing sermon promoting *Dr. Blaylock's Prescription for Natural Health!* [Blaylock is perhaps the Quack of quacks.]

The human body is a glorious thing, and the believer's body is the temple of God and should be cared for in a reasonable way (1 Co. 6:19-20).

But the body is also under the curse because of the fall, and it is "the body of this death" (Ro. 7:24). It is part of a fallen creation that is "groaning and travailing" in pain and is under "the bondage of corruption" (Ro. 8:21-22).

The body is not redeemed in this present life. It is dying, and it will die if Jesus doesn't transform it from corruption to incorruption in the Rapture (1 Co. 15:50-57). Ultimately every sickness is because of sin (Ro. 6:23).

Diet and lifestyle can make a major difference in one's health, but *any* diet that *promises* health is a lie and a heresy.

Brethren in Christ, beware of becoming quack evangelists!

Be wise about eating and lifestyle, but don't become a nut!

Don't let anything sidetrack you from the biblical focus of the Christian life: abiding in Christ (John 15), living in God's Word (Psalm 3:1-3), seeking

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The following is from John Phillips' commentary on 2 Corinthians:

But the example of the saints of God, touching and compelling as it was, was eclipsed in Paul's mind, by the example of the Son of God (8:9). There is, for instance, His supernatural grace:

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

What greater example of giving could we find than that?

We know He was rich, but we have no idea how rich He really was. We get some idea, however, from what John tells us of the Celestial City. In His country they pave their streets with gold and build their walls of jasper. They make their gates of pearl and stud foundation's rocks with gems. The great white throne of God is there, the crystal stream, the tree of life. Many crowns are placed upon His head in that celestial land. His ministers are flames of fire, comprised of countless angel hosts, beings of great beauty, intelligence, and power, who hang upon His words and rush to do His will. Enormous galaxies, ablaze with stars and pulsating with energy, hurtle through the vast voids of space at His command. They are all empires of His. Billions upon billions of worlds hold their treasure troves for Him. He was rich all right, but, still, we have not yet seen His riches and so we have no idea how rich He really was.

"The silver is mine," He could say, "the gold is mine! All the earth is mine! The cattle upon a thousand hills" are mine (Hag. 2:8; Exod. 19:5; Ps. 50:10)!

Solomon was rich. He had a great throne of ivory overlaid with gold. He made silver in Jerusalem to be as common as stones and all his drinking vessels were of gold. His annual income was 666 talents of gold. The wealth of the world flowed into his treasury. He had chariots and horses and ships and wives, as many as he pleased. He was rich. But our Lord

Jesus Christ was richer far. When, at last, we see Him as He is, and see the land from whence He came, we shall exclaim with the Queen of Sheba: "Behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard" (2 Chron. 9:6).

Moreover, we know that He was poor. He was born, of all places, in a cattle shed. His next of kin, according to the flesh, were poor peasants able to afford, at the time of Mary's purification, only the poorest offering allowed by the Law (Luke 2:22-24). Mary's husband was a village carpenter and the Lord Jesus, Son of God though He was, was generally known as "Jesus of Nazareth" and was thus identified with a despised place in a despised province of a despised land. And they called Him "the carpenter's son." He was born in a borrowed stable. When He wanted to feed the hungry multitudes, He had to borrow a little lad's lunch. When He wanted to confound His critics, He had to borrow a penny. When He wanted to teach the great throngs that pressed around Him, He had to borrow Simon Peter's boat to prevent Himself being pressed into the lake. When He wanted to fulfill an ancient prophecy and ride in triumph into Jerusalem, He had to borrow an upper room. When He needed a burying place, He had to borrow a rich man's tomb. He even died upon another man's cross.

His own testimony should surely touch our hearts. He said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). John draws our attention to that very fact. After a day of controversy with His enemies, a day when the Sanhedrin even tried to arrest Him, John recalls that "every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives" (John 7:53; 8:1).

We know He was poor, but we do not know how poor He really became. To measure the depth of His poverty, we have to measure the sum total of the sin liability of every man, woman, boy, girl, and baby ever born or to be born upon the earth. For that was the debt, the total liability, which He assumed.

We get some idea of it from one of His own parables. He said: "the kingdom of heaven [is] likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made" (Matt. 18:23-25). Ten thousand talents.

Solomon was accounted rich beyond words because he had an income of some six or seven hundred talents. This man owed a debt incalculable. The number 10,000 (a myriad) was the highest number in the numerical system of the day and a talent was the heaviest weight. The two together suggest a debt of enormous dimensions.

We are not only bankrupt, we are bankrupt on an enormous scale. Jesus assumed our debt. The Old Testament sacrifices were not able to remove sin. "For the law... can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect... But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year" (Heb. 10:1-3).

The great sacrifice, of course, was the annual sacrifice offered on the Day of Atonement when the sins of the people were confessed over the head of a goat (Lev. 16:1-34). The very word "atonement" meant "to cover." Hence, on the Day of Atonement, there was an annual "cover-up" of sin. Sin was confessed and covered but it was not cleansed, in a permanent sense, nor canceled. That had to wait for Calvary.

For some years I worked in the loan department of a Canadian bank. Let us picture a situation which could have arisen. A man comes in to borrow some money in order to launch a business. He has no collateral so he brings with him a wealthy friend who agrees to endorse the note and guarantee its repayment. The kind of note used allows the interest to accumulate and for both interest and principal to come due in a year's time.

At the end of the year the debtor comes back to the bank. Yes, his business has been launched. Yes, he has made some money but he has plowed it back into the business. No, he doesn't have sufficient cash to repay his loan. On the contrary, he would like to carry interest and principal forward for another year. More, he would like to borrow an additional sum to enable him to increase his inventory and double his sales.

The man's friend agrees to sign the new note so the old one is canceled and stapled to the back of the new one, which is made out for the old amount plus the new additional amount, plus the accumulated interest. This kind of thing goes on for

several years with the accumulating debt getting bigger and bigger.

Each year there is "a remembrance" of the debt, an acknowledgment of the debt, and each year it is carried forward for another year in ever increasing amounts. That was what happened on the annual Day of Atonement. The sin debt was reviewed and carried forward for another year. The only reason that it was allowed to continue was because there was a Guarantor, with limitless assets, who had assumed responsibility for the debt.

We come back to the bank. The bank's head office, of course, would be keeping a sharp eye on this whole transaction. As year succeeded year, it would grow increasingly restive. It would write ever sharper letters to the branch manager. Finally, it would decide that this unsatisfactory arrangement must stop. It would call in the loan. The debtor's insolvency would be revealed. He would be exposed as bankrupt and his rich friend would be required to pay the total indebtedness in full.

That is what happened at Calvary. The total indebtedness of the whole human race became due. The Guarantor, our Lord Jesus Christ, took upon Himself the sin of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2). The total amount was added up and charged to Him. So, as Paul says, "for your sakes He became poor." How poor? Our finite minds cannot reckon up the enormous sum total of a whole world's sin. We know He became poor, but we do not know how poor He really became.

Moreover, it was all "that ye through his poverty might be rich." That is our superlative gain (2 Cor. 8:9b). We know that we are rich, but we have no idea how rich we really are. He took our debt so that we might become heirs to His wealth. He took our sin so that we might take His righteousness. He endured Psalm 22 so that we might claim Psalm 23. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him," as Paul has already reminded the Corinthians in this very letter (5:21).

We know we are rich. The book of Ephesians tells us that. It speaks of "the riches of his grace" (1:7). It tells us that the glorious Holy Spirit is "the earnest" of our inheritance, the guarantee of all that awaits us in the glory (1:14). It reminds us of "the riches of [his] glory" (1:18), and that God is "rich in mercy" (2:4). We are reminded elsewhere, in a passage of singular power, that "we are the children of God... and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:16-17).

Indeed, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9).

## 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?



## NEW STUDY DEBUNKS MYTH THAT DRINKING ALCOHOL IS BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH

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- Selectively citing studies, the alcohol industry heavily promotes the idea that moderate drinking has health benefits, but a massive new study by the Institute for Health Metrics at the University of Washington has found that any benefits from drinking are outweighed by the harm. Dr. Max Griswold, lead researcher, says, "We have found that the combined health risks associated with alcohol increase with any amount of alcohol" ("Study shows women in Ireland have three alcoholic drinks a day," RTE, Ireland's national public service broadcaster, Aug. 24, 2018). "The scientists pooled together data from 592 studies with a total of 28 million participants to assess the global health risks associated with alcohol." "Each year, 2.2% of women and 6.8% of men die from alcohol-related health problems including cancer, tuberculosis and liver disease. Other harmful consequences from drinking alcohol included accidents and violence. Worldwide, drinking alcohol was the seventh leading risk factor for overall premature death and disease in 2016, the study found."

**CHELSEA CLINTON IS WRONG THAT KILLING BABIES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE U.S. ECONOMY** (Friday Church News Notes, August 31, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Dennis Howard, "Chelsea Clinton," LifeNews.com, Aug. 16, 2018: "At a recent 'Rise up for Roe' rally protesting the appointment of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Chelsea Clinton credited Roe v. Wade with adding \$3.5 trillion to the U.S. economy. In the years following Roe v. Wade, she said, 'American women entering the labor force added three and a half trillion dollars to our economy. Right?' Unfortunately, her answer is wrong. In fact, abortion has taken the lives of 61.4 million Americans since it was first decriminalized in 1967--an estimated half of them women. But instead of adding \$3.5 trillion to the economy, that loss of lives has caused a cumulative GDP deficit of \$62.6 trillion that continues to climb with each passing year. By 2040, that cumulative deficit will likely reach \$400 trillion. ... This is based on extensive research on the economic impact of abortion over the last 25 years, using my experience over the previous 30 years as a market researcher and consultant to major corporations. Basically, I use the same tools as government agencies such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and,



yes, even data from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a subsidiary of Planned Parenthood. There is no smoke and mirrors about it. When you remove 61.4 million people from the population who would have lived productive lives for an average of 78 years, the losses pile up year after year.”

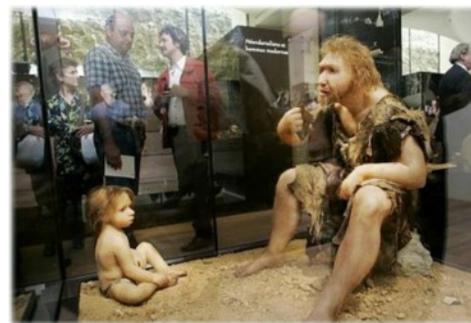
### COASTLINE BAPTIST'S FAVORITE SUPER HEROES

(Friday Church News Notes, August 31, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The average Independent Baptist church is moving toward the world and a contemporary stance at a fast pace. We have been warning about this for a long time, but most preachers have their heads in the sand, and the problem grows worse by the year. Many men who should know better continue to support schools that are producing contemporary preachers who are starting contemporary churches, all the while pretending that they don't support a contemporary stance. Consider Coastline Baptist Church of Oceanside, California, which is pastored by Steve Chappell, the brother of Paul Chappell, senior pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster, California, and head of West Coast Baptist College. Paul's son Matt, who started the contemporary Rock Hill Church in Fontana, California, in 2017, was youth pastor at Coastline for a few



years after he left Lancaster and was thus mentored both by Paul and Steve. Paul ordained Matt for the new church plant on April 25, 2016, and tweeted praise for the new work. In a blog at the founding of Rock Hill, Paul Chappell tweeted, “Thankful to hear from our son Matt tonight how the Lord is already working as they are planting Rock Hill Baptist Church in Fontana, CA.” (The name “Baptist” rarely appears in connection with the church and appears to be trotted out for show.) Robert Bakss, an out-and-out rock & roll pastor with an emerging philosophy who has caused a lot of confusion in Australian Independent Baptist churches, spoke at Coastline on February 5 of 2017. (See [Baptist Church on a Slippery Slope](#), available in print or as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).) On Coastline's website under “Our Team,” the ministers share their favorite super heroes. Worship Pastor Ryan Gass's is Wolverine; Assistant Pastor Jon Telles' is Captain America; Student Ministries Pastor J.J. Mordh's is Batman; Spanish Pastor Jairo Dominguez's is Spiderman; Office Secretary Lisa Chappell's is Wonder Woman. This type of thing is a huge green light for church youth to immerse themselves in worldly, sensual things that are forbidden by God's Word (Ephesians 5:11; 1 John 2:15-16). No wonder most churches have thrown away godly, modest dress standards when the minds of the leaders are filled with such cheap garbage. (See also *Fantasy Dangers*, a free eBook available from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

**RESEARCHERS DISCOVER THAT NEANDERTHALS COULD START THEIR OWN FIRES** (Friday Church News Notes,



August 31, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Researchers studying the tools used by “Neanderthals” have discovered that they started fires using flint. Archaeologist Andrew Sorensen, of Leiden University in the Netherlands, said, “I recognized this type of wear from my earlier experimental work. ... Being able to make their own fire gives the Neanderthals much more flexibility in their lives. It's a skill we suspected, but didn't know for sure they possessed” (“Neanderthals could start their own fires,” UPI, Jul. 19, 2018). This is the latest finding debunking former Darwinist claims that Neanderthal was a grunting cave man. In 1907, Ernst Haeckel, Charles 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.” Prominent French paleontologist Marcellin Boule believed that Neanderthal was a branch of ape-men that became extinct without giving rise to “modern humans.” He believed that Neanderthal walked stooped over, with a bent-knee shuffling gait, and had “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.” It is now admitted that Neanderthals had a sophisticated culture (cared for the sick and elderly, buried their dead, practiced religion), made medicine, 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 Neanderthals and replaced them with the tall, erect Neanderthals 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 Neanderthal.’ It was not an alternate view. It was a *wrong* view. So much for the self-correcting mechanism in science as far as Neanderthal is concerned.”

**THE PROOF OF GOD IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND** (Friday Church News Notes, August 31, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from Craig Beidler, “Proof of God in the Palm of Your Hand,” *The Real Truth*, Dec. 20, 2009: “Sir Isaac Newton once said, ‘In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence.’ ... In his book *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, Dr. Paul Brand, who was one of the foremost hand surgeons in the world, testifies to the wonder—the miracle—of the human body. Dr. Brand explained that although many people think that fat serves no significant purpose, it does on the hand. ‘Underneath the skin in the palm of the hand lie globules of fat with the look and consistency of tapioca pudding. Fat globules, so soft as to be almost fluid, cannot hold their own shape, and so they are surrounded by interwoven fibrils of collagen, like balloons caught in a supporting rope net...where stress occurs, such as on the palm of the hand, fat is tightly gathered and enveloped by fibrous tissue in a

design resembling fine Belgian lace.’ When you grasp a hammer in the palm of your hand, each ‘cluster of fat cells changes its shape in response to the pressure. It yields but cannot be pushed aside because of the firm collagen fibers around it. The resulting tissue, constantly shifting and quivering, becomes compliant, fitting its shape and its stress points to the precise shape of the handle of the hammer. Engineers nearly shout when they analyze this amazing property, for they cannot design a material that so perfectly balances elasticity with viscosity.’ The skin of the hand is also well suited to the task of gripping and handling different kinds of objects. Dr. Brand wrote, ‘If my skin tissue had been made harder, I might insensitively crush a goblet of fine crystal as I hold it in my hand; if softer, it would not allow a firm grip.’ ... Another remarkable feature of a normal hand is its sensitivity. Dr. Brand states, ‘A normal hand can distinguish between a smooth plane of glass and one etched with lines only 1/2500 of an inch deep.’ The fingertips have the ability to detect a difference of just three milligrams. How extraordinary it is that the hand should be so well-suited for its purpose through all of these amazing features and abilities. Was this the product of chance or the creation of God?”

**ARETHA FRANKLIN CHRISTIANITY** (Friday Church News Notes, September 7, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Aretha Franklin’s death and funeral have been the focus of news reports worldwide over the past three weeks. In my teen years I was captivated by her incredibly sensual hit songs, such as “Respect,” which took the air-



waves by storm in 1967, the year I graduated from high school. Known as the “Queen of Soul,” she was eulogized as “a musical titan, an American icon, a legend.” The tributes at her funeral in the Greater Grace Temple of Detroit stretched on for *eight hours*. In attendance were former presidents, prominent pastors, civil rights leaders, entertainment stars, and sports heroes. It was a fitting celebration for a singer who so perfectly represented the spiritual character of America and its churches. She stood for syncretism and ecumenism: the merging of Christ and the world, the blending of spirituality and sensuality, the amalgamation of holy and sexy, the yoking of sacred and secular, the integration of the church with the filthy pop culture, the friendship of truth with error. Her funeral exuded this spirit even in the choice of songs, from the sacred “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” to the worldly “You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman.” In reality, this mixture philosophy is confusion and wickedness and heresy. It is the Christianity that America loves (whether it goes by the name of Baptist or evangelical or charismatic or emerging or whatever), but it is no kind of true Christianity. It is the Christianity of end-time apostasy, of the one-world “church.” The Lord

Jesus Christ taught that “no man can serve two masters” and “ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). It is impossible. It is a lie. Any “christ” who commends such a thing is a false christ. Any preacher who preaches such a thing is a wolf in sheep’s clothing. The Bible commands separation from the world, the flesh, and the devil (Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 5:11; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17). It forbids the yoking together of believers with unbelievers, the fellowship of righteousness with unrighteousness, the communion of light with darkness, the concord of Christ with Belial (2 Corinthians 6:14-15). Aretha was the daughter of a Baptist pastor who used his God-given talent (known as the man with “the million dollar voice”) to serve mammon and destroyed his marriage by infidelities. She was at the forefront of breaking down biblical barriers between Christ and the world, and the entire field of Contemporary Christian Music has exactly the same philosophy. Her producer, Jerry Wexler, said Aretha’s song “Spirit in the Dark” was a “perfect R&B blend of the sacred and the secular. It’s Aretha conducting church right in the middle of a smoky nightclub. It’s everything to everyone.” But this is impossible. There is no “church” in the middle of a nightclub unless that “church” calls the nightclub to repentance, but Aretha and her music called no one to repentance. Christ is a friend of sinners, but Christ called men to *repentance from sin* in the sharpest language. He said, “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish,” and He repeated it for emphasis (Luke 13:3, 5). He warned men of eternal hellfire, and He repeated that, too, for emphasis (Mark 9:43-48). That kind of preaching would put a

quick end to any worldly party, but that is the true Christ of Scripture. He is the Friend of Sinners, but He is also “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” (Hebrews 7:26). He is the Saviour, but He is also the Judge. He is the Lamb of God who came to atone for man’s sin (John 1:29), but He is also the Lamb who will pour out “the wine of the wrath of God upon the impenitent (Revelation 6:16; 14:10). This is not the message that America hears from the vast majority of its “reverends” today, but they are no reverends at all. *Reverend* means holy, and they know nothing of holiness. They are the blind leading the blind, and all will fall into the ditch of eternal destruction. God says to the Aretha Franklin crowd, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4).

**MICHAEL W. SMITH LEADS CONCERT THAT “WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT GREAT AWAKENING”** (Friday Church News Notes, September 7, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Michael W. Smith, one of the most influential contemporary Christian musicians, led a concert last week in Nashville that he believes “will be the beginning of the next great awakening through the US. and the world”



(“Singer to Fulfill Prophecy over Nashville,” *The Christian Post*, Aug. 29, 2018). The concert, called “Surrounded: A Night to Pray, Worship and Be Awakened,” was held in partnership with TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network), which has spewed out heresy and worldliness since its founding by Paul Crouch in 1973. Smith claims that the concert is the result of “dreams and visions.” One of the major goals is to break down “all denominational lines,” which is the reason that Contemporary Christian Music is one of the chief elements in the building of the apostate “one world church.” It is impossible to obey God’s Word and at the same time strive for Christian unity in an hour when the vast, vast majority of churches are either totally apostate or deeply compromised with the world, the flesh, and the devil. It is impossible to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints, which is a command of God, and at the same time to strive for ecumenical unity. Michael W. Smith and his compatriots are deeply confused, tragically deceived people. The bottom line is that Contemporary Christian Music is just rock & roll, and there is nothing spiritual about it.

**GONE CONTEMPORARY** (Friday Church News Notes, September 7, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - “Gone Contemporary” is the title of an article by Dave Mallinak exposing the error and danger of the contemporary music philosophy that is spreading rapidly among Independent Baptists. We commend the entire report, which has links to Independent Baptist contemporary worship services and a video

dialogue between Josh Teis and Robert Bakss, author of *Worship Wars*. Following is an excerpt from the report that gets to the heart of the issue and rightly calls for separation from those who are committed to the contemporary philosophy: “The contemporary music push is the death rattle of a dying church. This style of worship is not becoming more popular because we are becoming more faithful. In our attempt to pander to the audience, we have forgotten that *God* is the audience. God now bores us. The more dependent we become on this kind of external approach to worship, the more we lose the very heart of worship. Eventually, Christians will find that they must have the contemporary kind of music or they *cannot* worship. Contemporary worship turns the audience into spectators and the music into a performance. It produces a low view of God, a delight in the experience of worship rather than the God we worship, a superficial sense of passion that loses the passion of true worship, a growing dependence on the experience produced by the music itself, and the false idea that worship is easy, that devotion can be whipped up in a couple of choruses. True worship is challenging--it requires focus and diligence and depth, all things that CCM discourages. ... Musical style indicates what a church thinks of God. Scripturally, we cannot pretend to be in good fellowship with churches who have chosen relevance over reverence. So,

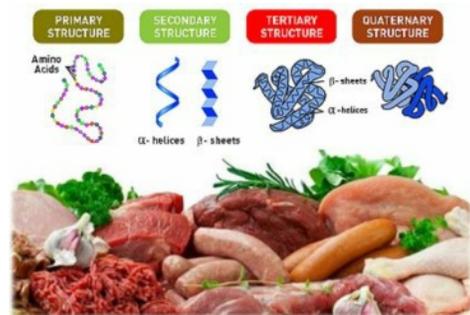


while we do not attempt to dictate the way another church should worship, we most certainly do have a God-given responsibility to determine the limits of our fellowship. ... The claim that musical style is nothing more than a preference choice demonstrates just how relativistic these men have become. They have purposely ignored the study of music theory. They believe that we should only need to study the Bible to see what kind of style is required. They remind us, somewhat condescendingly, that the Bible says nothing about syncopation or ‘beat anticipation.’ So saying, they purposely ignore the clear message musical style sends about the occasion of worship. Their determined know-nothingness aside, style still informs us about the meaning of the occasion. Movie producers understand this. Most people know what music is appropriate for weddings, funerals, classy restaurants, backyard barbecues, military parades and basketball games. These men believe we can drag any style into the worship service, slap some sacred lyrics onto it, and somehow ‘redeem it.’ ... Style is the meaning. The music, dress, and trendy look of the contemporary Independent Baptists

tell us less about their view of style and so much more about their view of God. The same can be said for most events. The way we dress and the music we play tells more about the way we view the event than it does about the way we view style.” Dave Mallinak’s report “Gone Contemporary” can be found at the following link - <https://villagesmithysite.wordpress.com/2018/08/31/gone-contemporary/>

**PROTEINS ARE NECESSARY FOR LIFE** (Friday Church News Notes, September 7, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from *Seeing the Non-existent: Evolution’s Myths and Hoaxes*, David Cloud, copyright 2011: “Cells are largely made up of proteins (about a million per cell in thousands of varieties), and cells and proteins in turn form the body. Proteins ‘are the machines within living tissue that build the structures and carry out the chemical reactions necessary for life’ (Michael Behe, *Darwin’s Black Box*). Muscles, skin, hair, eyes, antibodies, enzymes (that produce essential chemical reactions such as breaking down sugar), and hormones are made of proteins. Blood clotting is accomplished by the proteins fibrinogen and thrombin. Hemoglobin in the red blood cell is a protein that allows oxygen to be transported to every part of the body.



The proteins collagen and keratin, which are elastic and stronger than steel, make up skin, hair, and fingernails, as well as the structural support within the cell itself. The cell can make thousands of different types of proteins, each one amazingly complex in itself and designed for a specific function. For example, there are hundreds of types of proteins that bridge the cell membrane to act as gates and transporters. First the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) makes three kinds of RNA (ribonucleic acid). The RNA then reads the DNA’s complicated code, knowing exactly where to start and how to accomplish this task, working with the cell’s various organs to create proteins according to the master blueprint. This process is complex beyond words, and scientists are only beginning to understand small parts of it. Each protein is composed of a long string of 20 different amino acids, typically thousands in length, and each amino acid must be in exactly the right sequence for the protein to work. After the protein is strung together, it is folded and shaped perfectly within the cell’s factories and then transported to the right place. The right shaping is essential. Proteins require DNA for formation, but DNA is itself made up of proteins. ‘Because DNA and proteins depend so intimately on each other for their survival, it’s hard to imagine one of them having evolved first. But it’s just as implausible for them to have emerged simultaneously out of a prebiotic soup’ (Carl Zimmer, “How and Where Did Life on Earth Arise?” *Science*, Vol. 309, July 1, 2005, p. 89).”

**PROMINENT BJU-ASSOCIATED PASTOR DEFENDS USE OF “CONTEMPORARY HYMNS”**



(Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Brian Fuller, Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Concord, New Hampshire, defended the use of contemporary worship hymns in a blog in 2012. This church has been called “the flagship of BJU-FBF (Bob Jones University-Fundamental Baptist Fellowship) in New England.” Its Christian Leadership Conference on March 31, 2012, featured Jim Berg of BJU and Matt and Christy Taylor of the Wilds. Fuller writes: “If I recall correctly, it was at our 2003 *New England Leadership Conference* that Dr. David Parker sang *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us* to a capacity crowd of New England fundamentalists. A chorus of hearty ‘amens’ followed this theologically robust text and appropriate tune by Stuart Townend. That was 2003. This is 2012. You see, 2003 was a somewhat blissful time when the ‘association’ or ‘source’ question of the original style of modern hymns wasn’t being necessarily fingerprinted. That benevolent spirit of heartily affirming the truths of these modern hymns has all but evaporated, unfortunately. Frankly, as a believer I feel a little ‘robbed’ that the spiritual gift I received in hearing that hymn back in 2003 has now been flagged as a potential stumbling block to other believers. Beyond the ‘offense’ objection, I have discovered that there

seems to be a political element to this issue. In attending conferences and fellowships, I have noticed the ‘source and association’ issue of modern hymnody is raised with rapidity and frequency. If not stated explicitly, the attitudinal implications of some of the discussions are that there is little room at the table for a difference of opinion. A pastor’s ‘true-blue’ separatism might be questioned if he discerningly embraces these modern hymns. There is a definitive suspicion that is detected from others about your teetering on the ‘slippery slope’ if you view the source and association elements as mostly irrelevant, illogical or extra-biblical” (“Of Modern Hymnody at Trinity, Feb. 13, 2012). Fuller went on to defend the Getty/Townend “contemporary hymn movement” as being (allegedly) different in character than the Contemporary Christian Music field. In this he is *dead* wrong, as documented in the next report.

**ARE THE CONTEMPORARY HYMN WRITERS “SAFE”?** (Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - As we have documented in *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*, Stuart Townend is an out-and-out Christian rocker, a radi-



cal charismatic, and a rabid ecumenist who associates with Rome and promotes the Alpha program and is therefore building the one-world church. By their intimate and non-critical association with Townend, the Gettys have demonstrated that they are one in spirit. The people who are writing the “contemporary hymns” are not separated from the wider field of CCM. They are ALL holding hands. They ALL have the same spirit. NONE of them are friends of a fundamentalist position. ALL of them are avowed enemies of biblical separation. ALL of them have an ecumenical, charismatic mystical agenda. This is not opinion. We have studied these things “from the horse’s mouth” for nearly 50 years and have carefully documented our warnings. God’s Word forbids us to associate with end-time apostasy. We are to touch not the unclean thing. To be careful about associations is the very heart and soul of biblical separatism. The use of CCM is definitely a “slippery slope” toward compromise and error, and those who are playing with it are playing with fire. “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33). This warning has nothing to do with “politics.” I can’t speak for others, but I know that my motive in warning against the slippery slope of CCM is a passion for the truth that I found in Christ. CCM is the soundtrack of end-time apostasy. It is a bridge to the “broader church” with all of its ancient and end-time heresies. The aforementioned thinking is dangerous and ill-informed, but it probably represents the majority position today. THE CORNER HAS BEEN TURNED IN REGARD TO FUNDAMENTAL BAPTISTS AND CONTEMPORARY CHRIS-

TIAN MUSIC. Twenty years ago, the vast majority of influential IFB preachers condemned it in no uncertain terms. The trumpet was giving a clear sound. Today, the majority of influential IFB preachers are justifying its use and questioning the motives of those who still reprove it. Since so many fundamental Baptist preachers are crowd-followers and man-respecters, it is not surprising that the philosophy of justifying the “adaptation” of contemporary worship music has spread so rapidly. This is further evidence of the collapse of separatism. (See the free eBooks “The Collapse of Separatism among Fundamental Baptists,” “The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians,” “The Treacherous Waters of the SBC and Evangelicalism,” and “Why Most Independent Baptist Will Be Emerging,” which are available at the Way of Life web site.)

**IS IT CONSISTENT TO BE “PICKY” ABOUT CCM ASSOCIATIONS WHILE USING PROTESTANT HYMNS?** (Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - It is popularly argued that if we are to be “picky” about musical associations in regard to the contemporary musicians, then we would have to discard Luther’s or Wesley’s hymns, but that holds no water. The old Protestant hymns were exceedingly different in character from contemporary worship music. The old Protestants weren’t building the end-time one-world church, but the CCM crowd most definitely is. The old Protestants condemned Rome boldly and were separated from her. The world represented by Stuart Townend and his “contemporary hymns” is the world of rock & roll,



charismatic mysticism, C.S. Lewis, *The Shack*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the emerging church, *The Message*, Brennan Manning, Christian homosexuality, Leonard Sweet, Rick Warren, contemplative prayer, and unity with Rome. I don't know of even one instance in which the use of a hymn by Luther has transformed a Baptist church into a Lutheran church, but I know of large numbers of cases in which fundamentalist churches have been converted to a contemporary philosophy through the use of CCM. I don't know of one instance in which the old Protestant hymns acted as a bridge to the world, the flesh, and the devil, but I can point to many young people who have discovered contemporary worship music to be a bridge to these things. And it always started with the softer, less controversial stuff.

**TECHNOLOGY AND MUSICAL ASSOCIATIONS** (Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- We live in a different world today because of technology, and the technology allows people to easily communicate with and associate with musicians. Even when Luther was alive or Charles Wesley or Fanny Crosby or whoever, if you sang their music in a church, the members had no way to develop an intimate association with the hymn writers so that they could sit at their feet and be

influenced by everything they believed and represented. That is not true today. When a fundamentalist church uses contemporary worship music, the people have ready access to the writers of the music through the Internet. They can read their blogs, browse their Facebook pages, follow their Twitter accounts, listen to their music on YouTube. They can surf the links from these musicians to their friends and associates and be influenced by the whole world of contemporary music. There is no doubt that this is happening in churches everywhere because of the carelessness and ignorance and lack of wisdom on the part of so many leaders. Contemporary worship music is a bridge to many dangerous things. It has transformation power. If the influence doesn't come overnight, it will come eventually. If it doesn't come to the older people, it will come to the younger ones. If the contemporary philosophy doesn't permeate the church in this generation, it will in the next. For those of us who do still believe in biblical separation and therefore agree that lines must be drawn, why can't we agree that the lines should be drawn at the safest place? Why not "approve things that are excellent" as opposed to borderline and questionable (Phil. 1:10)? Why try to find something good within the dangerous world of contemporary worship music? Is that wise? Is that godly? For the sake of the next generation,



we need to keep *all* contemporary influences out of our churches and homes, and we need to do the work of serious education that will protect the people. Instead of mocking and sidelining and blacklisting those who are warning about these things, we need to listen carefully and treat them as wise friends of truth rather than fools and enemies.

**SUGGESTED STATEMENT ON CHURCH MUSIC** (Friday Church News Notes, September 14, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Some time back, we received the following request: "My father asked me to write to you and see if you have a statement about music standards that we could draw from in revising our church constitution. Music has become such a big topic in our day that he feels as senior pastor that we should have a clear, somewhat timeless statement about it in our constitution." I sent the following, which is an update of a statement that we use in our churches in South Asia: **1. The church music must teach sound doctrine** (Col. 3:16). The words of the songs must be right according to the teaching of the Bible. Most Contemporary Christian Music is unacceptable because it represents the ecumenical charismatic philosophy or it presents a vague message that lacks doctrinal clarity and strength. **2. The church music must be holy and separate from the world** (Eph. 5:19; Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15-16). This means that the church's music will not sound like the popular music played on the radio and the music that the world uses for dancing and drinking and partying. Our church music will not use the backbeat and other forms of dance syncopation, because this has always been

associated with sensuality and has been characterized as “the sexy” part of pop music. We believe it is not wise to use drums (except in an orchestra) and electric guitars in church music, because they are so easily used in a pop music fashion. **3. The church music must not borrow from the world of contemporary Christian music**, since it is a major element of building the apostate one-world church and represents a foreign spirit (1 Cor. 10:21; Eph. 5:11; 2 Tim. 3:5; Rev. 18:4). This is evident by examining the history of this music as well as the lives and beliefs of the contemporary musicians as we have done in [The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians](#). **4. The church music must not be designed to produce a charismatic style mystical experience** (1 Peter 5:8). The objective of charismatic music is to produce an experiential worship and toward this end contemporary worshipers use music with a strong dance rhythm, non-resolving chord sequences, repetition, and electronic modulation so that people will be carried away emotionally. The Bible tells us to be sober-minded and not to allow anything to capture our hearts other than God and His Word. We are not supposed to open ourselves up unquestioningly to any experience but are to continually test everything by the standard of God’s absolute Truth (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

**STORM DUMPS 18 TRILLION GALLONS OF WATER** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Hurricane Florence, which made landfall in North Carolina on September 14, had dumped 18 trillion gallons of water by September 16.



“That’s enough to fill the Chesapeake Bay or cover the entire state of Texas with nearly 4 inches of water” (“Florence aftermath,” *FoxNews*, Sep. 16, 2018). In April 2018, 50 inches of rain fell in a 24 hour period on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. In January 1966, 1.825 meters (6 feet or 71.8 inches) of rain fell in 24 hours in Foc-Foc, La Réunion, an island in the southern Indian Ocean. That was equal to 7.5 tons of rain per acre. These were localized storms of brief endurance. The flood of Noah’s day involved the breaking up of the fountains of the deep and a global deluge of rainfall for 40 days and nights straight (Ge. 7:11-12). Two excellent books on the global flood are *In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood* by Walt Brown and *Earth’s Catastrophic Past* by Andrew Snelling. These men have Ph.D.s in the earth sciences.

**AMERICA’S “FREE LOVE” PHILOSOPHY PRODUCING A TSUNAMI OF SEXUAL DISEASES** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018,



[www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Rates of 3 STDs have reached a record high in the US,” *Business Insider*, Aug. 28, 2018: “There were 2.3 million new cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis diagnosed in the US last year, according to preliminary data released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It marks a new record high for the country, and the fourth year in a row of ‘steep, sustained increases’ in these three infections, according to a CDC press release. The data was presented at the National STD Prevention Conference in Washington on Tuesday, CNN reported. Between 2013 and 2017, gonorrhea cases increased by 67% overall and nearly doubled in men, syphilis cases increased by 76%, and chlamydia remained the most common condition reported to the CDC. ... ‘We are sliding backward,’ Dr. Jonathan Mermin, director of the CDC’s National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, said in the press release. ‘It is evident the systems that identify, treat, and ultimately prevent STDs are strained to near-breaking point.’ ... The CDC’s press release also notes the growing threat of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea--sometimes called ‘super gonorrhea.’ The bugs that cause gonorrhea have become resistant to ‘nearly every class of antibiotics’ once used to treat them, the release said.”

**TRAVIS CLARK ROCKING OUT** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - In March 2017, we published “A Plea to the Clark Family” about the



contemporary direction of the music and philosophy of the Clarks of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Berlin, New Jersey. The plea was public, because their music and ministry is public and influential far beyond their local church. The Clark Family music used to be a simple bluegrass-tinged style, but it is moving far beyond that, and a drift like this has no bottom. We have seen it time and time again. I see this progression everywhere among those who love Southern Gospel. Important lines are being erased. One reason is that even a little Southern Gospel creates an appetite for jazzed-up rhythms and sensual vocal styles (e.g., scooping, sliding, breathiness, improvisation, vocal rasping). Another reason is that the vast majority of Southern Gospel singers have moved into the “progressive/contemporary” sphere, probably because that is where the real money and prestige is, and even the most conservative people are being influenced by the contemporary Southern Gospel crowd because they are letting the guard down and aren’t being careful enough about biblical separation. After listening to many examples of the Clark Family music, it became obvious that they are performing a lot of music from the world of contemporary Southern Gospel. They are building bridges to contemporary people the likes of Brian Free, Ricky Free, Jeremy Johnson, Joel Lindsay, Tony Wood, Mike Schultz, Jody

McBrayer, and Billy and Cynthia Foote. There isn’t any serious difference between the world of contemporary worship music represented by the Newsboys and Chris Tomlin and Hillsong and the world of contemporary Southern Gospel represented by Brian Free, etc. It is all fleshly music that gets people emotionally addicted to the world’s music. And like all addictions, it is never satisfied. Further, the world of contemporary Southern Gospel is as ecumenical as the world of CCM. All of the people in contemporary Southern Gospel hold a “judge not, loosen up and don’t be so strict” philosophy of Christianity. Contemporary Southern Gospel yokes church people into association with the likes of the Gaithers and the National Quartet Convention, and a more radically ecumenical crowd does not exist. They preach a “let’s all get together and not judge” message. **Recently Travis Clark teamed up with Mark Rasmussen, a graduate of West Coast Baptist College and a former prominent member of the Lancaster Baptist Church (Lancaster, California) music program, to produce a Christian rock song called “Chain Breaker.”**

The link is [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_2\\_k\\_x\\_O\\_g\\_-NBCM&list=PLbb47nTLRy30FvLuBC48QyfVuEglib5nF&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_2_k_x_O_g_-NBCM&list=PLbb47nTLRy30FvLuBC48QyfVuEglib5nF&index=3)

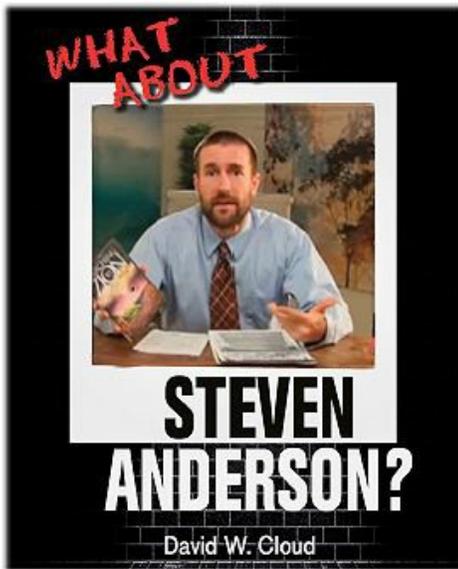
**COURTS AGAIN RULE AGAINST ATHEISTS TRYING TO REMOVE “IN GOD WE TRUST” FROM AMERICA’S CURRENCY** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from

“Atheists Fail to Remove,” *The Christian Post*, Aug. 29, 2018: “Atheists who failed to remove the national motto ‘In God We Trust’ from U.S. coins and bills following an appeals court defeat have called their loss ‘utterly revolting.’ The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Paul, Minnesota, upheld in a 3-0 decision on Tuesday a lower court ruling from December 2016 that found that the national motto on money did not violate First Amendment free speech and religious rights. As the *New Doe Child # 1 v. The Congress of the United States* case explains, 27 individuals who are atheists or children of atheists, along with two atheist organizations, declared that they ‘definitely do not trust in God.’ Circuit Judge Raymond Gruender explained that the motto did not constitute an establishment of religion, however, and rejected the argument that the atheists are being forced to uphold a message that goes against their beliefs by carrying money. Gruender agreed with the Seventh Circuit that the arguments that ‘In God We Trust’ on money transforms a constitutional practice into an unconstitutional establishment of religion is ‘too simplistic.’ ‘The Constitution does not prevent the Government from promoting and celebrat[ing] our tradition of religious freedom, even if the means of doing so--here, adding the national motto to U.S. money--



was motivated in part because of religious sentiment.’ Placing In God We Trust on coins and currency is consistent with historical practices,’ he added. Michael Newdow, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs, told Reuters in an email that it is ‘utterly revolting...’”

**THE NEW INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST MOVEMENT** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The New Fundamental Independent Baptist Movement (The New IFB) is a loose fellowship of Independent Baptist churches that are committed



to a slew of heresies, including Replacement Theology, Pre-wrath Rapture, and no-repentance Quick Prayerism. There is a strong association with Steven Anderson, who is featured prominently at [www.thenewifb.com](http://www.thenewifb.com) and The New IFB Twitter page - <https://twitter.com/thenewifb?lang=en>. One of the videos posted there is of Anderson preaching that “9/11 Was an Inside Job.” For more on this see [What About Steven Anderson?](#), which is available as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**IN BETWEENITES** (Friday Church News Notes, September 21, 2018, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbs@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - James Henley Thornwell was a staunch Old School Presbyterian preacher who fought against theological modernism in the 19th century. The sixth president of South Carolina College (today the University of South Carolina), Thornwell was weary with the “in betweenites” of his day who said they loved the truth but were soft in their stance and refused to boldly withstand error. “To employ soft words and honeyed phrases in discussing questions of everlasting importance; to deal with errors that strike at the foundations



of all human hope as if they were harmless and venial mistakes; to bless where God disapproves, and to make apologies where He calls us to stand up like men and assert, though it may be the aptest method of securing popular applause in a sophistical age, is cruelty to man and treachery to Heaven. Those who on such subjects attach more importance to the rules of courtesy than they do to the measures of truth do not defend the citadel, but betray it into the hands of its enemies. LOVE FOR CHRIST, AND FOR THE SOULS FOR WHOM HE DIED, WILL BE THE EXACT MEASURE OF OUR ZEAL IN EXPOSING THE DANGERS BY WHICH MEN’S SOULS ARE ENSNARED” (quoted in a sermon by George Sayles Bishop, author of *The Doctrines of Grace and Kindred Themes*, 1910).

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