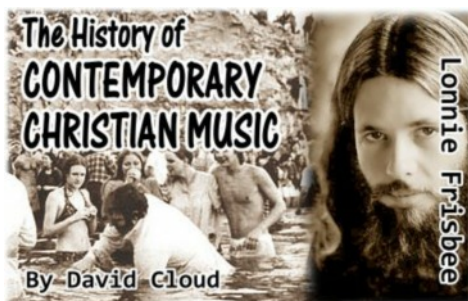


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POWERLESS CHURCHES HAVE PRODUCED A WICKED NATION ~ By David Cloud

America's fundamental problem is not systemic racism; it is systemic wickedness. And we are convinced that the root problem is the nation's corrupt, worldly, lukewarm churches. That is the root problem in the black communities and in every community.

Since the church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15), the New Testament church is the most important institution on earth. The greatest need of every community and every nation is New Testament churches. Nothing can take its place.

But in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the vast majority of churches today are apostate. I think of Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Unitarian, Seventh-day Adventist, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, the World Council of Churches and all of their affiliates, and many others.

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:5).

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What about "evangelicals"? Most are leavened with rock & roll worldliness and cultural liberalism (they are friends with, and conformed to, the world, which is spiritual adultery), charismatic and contemplative mysticism,

nothing versions (e.g., The Message, the New Living, the Good News), textually corrupt versions (e.g., the NIV, the ESV), kingdom now theology, the social justice gospel, positivism and judge not-ism. They have renounced “separatism” even though it is a clear Bible doctrine.

What about “fundamentalists”? A few exceptions notwithstanding, most of the old non-denominational fundamentalist Bible churches are New Evangelical today. The fight is gone; lines are moving. The outspoken have become silent. The holy have become worldly. The black of an unhesitating stand for the truth of God’s Word is blending into evangelical gray. The gradual acceptance of contemporary worship music is building bridges to the “wider church,” which is the apostate “one world church.”

What about fundamental Baptists? They, too, *overall*, are morphing into a wishy-washy, “Baptist-flavored” evangelicalism. Most, in our experience, are NEARLY POWERLESS. They might still have the right Bible and be sound in doctrine and even have “separation” in their church covenant and still hold to sacred music (usually in a lifeless, ritualistic, uneducated manner, just as a matter of vain tradition). *But they are so pathetically powerless.* An older preacher, who founded and pastored a large church and has preached in hundreds of churches, recently told me, “I’m sure I couldn’t join 50 churches in America, and I’m being generous. Even many pastors who have [good] music and dress standards are weak and

won’t ‘rock the boat’ for anything. It’s a sad day. Most of the churches that I could recommend are new works pastored by young men.”

Consider a simple test. How many churches in America could pass this very basic biblical test, and in truth the test should be much expanded.

(1) The test of conversions. How many churches have regenerating power? A massive number of “Bible-believing” churches are seeing frighteningly few life-changing, “turn around and go the other way,” biblical conversions. If the baptismal waters are stirred, it is for children who, when they reach maturity, launch right out into the world, thus demonstrating their unregeneracy.

(2) The test of the family. How many churches have the power to build godly homes? A New Testament church is tasked with building godly homes that can raise a godly seed for Christ. Yet a great number of Bible-believing churches don’t have the power to make fathers who are the spiritual leaders of their homes and mothers who are the spiritual keepers of the home. Look at the worldly character of the homes. Look at the entertainment, the social media, the conversation, the priorities. The homes are the products of churches.

(3) The test of discipleship. How many churches have the power to produce real disciples of Jesus Christ? God’s Word plainly states that every church member is to be equipped to observe all things that Christ has commanded and to be presented perfect in Christ (Matthew 28:20; Col. 1:28). That is the work of a New Testament church, and if a church can’t do what Christ has commanded there is something deeply, fundamentally wrong. Where are the churches that are taking this seriously and where this is really, effectually happening?

(4) The test of Bible skill. How many churches have the power to produce passionate, skillful Bible students? The Bible plainly says that every saint is to be skillful in Scripture, both in ability to use it and to apply it to daily living so that he or she has a biblical testing mindset (Hebrews 5:12-14).

(5) The test of the youth. How many churches have the power to win the hearts of youth to Christ and holiness? Youth are the product of the church and the home; neither institution can escape responsibility. I often ask pastors, “How many of the young people are on fire for the Lord?”

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Are they passionate to become skillful Bible students? Are they surrendered to seeking God's perfect will by the standard of Romans 12?" Powerless churches have produced a wicked nation.

(6) The test of evangelism and missionary vision.

Churches are dying because their evangelistic vision and zeal has largely died. The pastors aren't leading properly in this business, and the people are lukewarm or entirely cold. Christ commanded that the gospel be preached to every soul (Mr. 16:15), and that is a continual, unending

responsibility. To get the gospel to every soul in the community requires planning by the leaders and 100% participation by God's people. Christ commanded that the gospel be preached in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth (Ac. 1:8). Every church is to take this responsibility with utmost seriousness and strive to present the gospel to its own town, community, county, district, state, province, country, and beyond.

Every church is to be an Antioch church. The church that is not doing this is a disobedient, dying church.



My maternal grandmother, Julia Pollock, told me stories of how the Lord took care of them during the terrible economic depression of the 1930s when it was so difficult for my grandfather to get jobs. They had six children to feed, plus my grandfather's parents lived with them for some years in their old age.

One of Julia's favorite verses was Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

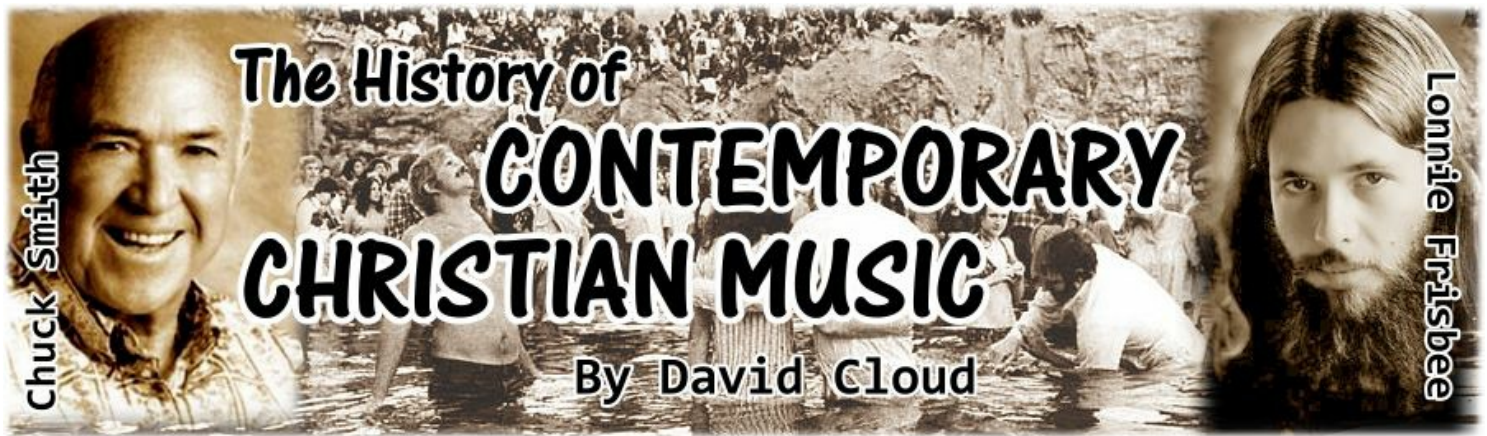
In 2007, Mom told my sister and me one of the cases of God's provision: "I remember one time when I was little and we didn't have any food in the house. We kids said, 'What are we going to eat, mom?' She gathered us around and read Psalm 37:25. She said, 'Don't worry, God will provide for us.'"

Soon after that a big land turtle walked across the road and she cooked it and fed us!"

One of my aunts told us about another occasion when there was no food in the house. After Julia prayed, a neighbor brought them two chickens and some vegetables and they had a feast.

One of my uncles told us that one morning Granddad went out to search for a job (he was a carpenter), and Julia went into her room and prayed earnestly and was impressed by the Lord that Monroe would soon be back. She went ahead and fixed him a lunch box, and sure enough, he soon came through the door and said, "Fix me a mouthful to eat, Julia, they want me on the job right now," and she replied, "Monroe, I already have it packed" and handed him the lunch she had prepared by faith. My uncle observed: "That's faith. She knew just as well as she knew her name that he was going to find work."

Julia believed in and practiced prayer with fasting. She was the first person I ever remember telling me about spiritual fasting. She showed me the Lord's words in Mark 9:29: "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting," and His promise in Matthew 6:17-18, "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." She told me that she had proven this promise several times in her life and witnessed the power of God in answer.



The following is excerpted from [*The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music*](#), which is available as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org.

Founded in 1971, Maranatha Music was one of the first contemporary Christian music publishing companies. It was founded by Chuck Smith, Sr., of Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California, to publish the music of the early Jesus hippies.

Calvary Chapel played a major role in the birth of the Jesus People movement. Mesmerized by a charismatic Jesus hippie named Lonnie Frisbee, Chuck Smith baptized massive numbers of hippies who had professed Christ, many of them “led to the Lord” by Frisbee. By accepting the young people pretty much as they were even for Christian service--long hair, immodest clothing, rock & roll, culturally liberal thinking--Calvary Chapel exploded in growth from one small church to a mega-church and beyond to a large association of churches.

“With his long brown hair, long scraggly beard, dusty clothing, scent of Mary Jane [marijuana] and glint of his last LSD trip in his eyes, Frisbee showed up out of nowhere ... literally on Chuck Smith’s doorstep” (Matt Coker, *Orange County Weekly*, March 2005).

Chuck Smith was a licensed minister in the Foursquare Pentecostal Church, the denomination founded by female Pentecostal preacher Aimee Semple McPherson. Smith held to the heresy of gibberish “tongues speaking.”

Frisbee was “commissioned” by Smith after his wife, Kay, received a “prophecy.”

“The Spirit of God came through a prophecy with Kay Smith and said, ‘Because of your praise and adoration before My throne tonight, I’m gonna bless

the whole coast of California.’ And when we started to receive the word as from God, the Spirit of the Lord fell upon us and we began to weep and the Lord began to give people visions of that prophecy and then the Lord continued on to say that it was going to move across the United States and then go to different parts of the world” (David DiSabatino, *Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher*).

Maranatha Music was built upon this unscriptural foundation. In those days, at least, Calvary Chapel was quick to accept the flimsiest “profession” and wasn’t careful to try to ascertain whether the hippies were truly born again. They encouraged the newest babes in Christ (assuming they were even saved) to perform music.

Take the members of Love Song, one of the first and most influential of the Calvary Chapel Christian rock groups. Band member Chuck Girard said in 1997:

“It was early 1970 when three of my buddies and I walked into a church called Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa to play some songs for the pastor at the suggestion of a young hippie preacher named Lonnie Frisbee. We were hippies who had turned our lives over to the Lord only days before, yet we had a few songs that we had written before we met the Lord that were about God and Jesus. The pastor thought the songs were of God, invited us to play at one of the weekly Bible studies and we accepted the invitation. ... We didn’t know much about what people called ‘gospel music,’ we were just writing the same kind of songs we would write if we weren’t Christians but now we had Jesus to sing about” (Girard, foreword to *History of the Jesus Movement* by David DiSabatino, One-way.org/jesusmusic).

Note that the members of Love Song started out by playing songs they had written before they were converted, when they were walking after the god of this world (Ephesians 2:1-2). And when they started writing “Christian” songs, all they did was add “Jesus” to their

old music. And they were encouraged to do so by the leadership of Calvary Chapel even though the Love Song hippies were the merest babes in Christ (at best). That was unwise and unscriptural and was a sin both against the new professors and the churches. Even a deacon is to be proven (1 Timothy 3:10).

The hippies should have been discipled and biblically trained before they were allowed to minister to the churches through music. They should have been grounded in sound doctrine and taught Bible principles of Christian living, spiritual music, and separation from the world.

I am thankful that this is what happened to me when I joined a church soon after I was converted as a hippie in 1973. The church members loved me and were patient with me, but they didn't quickly foist me into the limelight and put me into the ministry.

Marsha Stevens

The shallow nature of many of the Jesus People conversions that formed the foundation for Maranatha Music and the Vineyard Music is evident in the life of Marsha Stevens. She founded Children of the Day, the first group that was published by Maranatha. Her song "For Those Tears I Died" represents the mysticism that permeated the Jesus People movement.

*You said You'd come and share all my sorrows,
You said You'd be there for all my tomorrows;
I came so close to sending You away,
But just like You promised
You came there to stay;
I just had to pray!*

*Jesus, I give You my heart and my soul,
I know that without God I'd never be whole;
Savior, You opened all the right doors,
And I thank You and praise You
from earth's humble shores;
Take me I'm Yours.*

*And Jesus said,
"Come to the water, stand by My side,
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied;
I felt ev'ry teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."*

This is pure mysticism. It creates an emotional experience associated with a vague spirituality which is not solidly Bible based. There is no clear gospel message. There is

nothing about sin, the cross, repentance, or biblical faith. Jesus didn't die for our tears; He died for our sins. The song says come to the water, but what water? It says you are thirsty, but thirsty for what? It says I just have to pray, but pray how and for what? It mentions a door, but what door?

A Roman Catholic Mary venerator, a liberal Protestant who doesn't believe Jesus is God, a Muslim, or a New Age goddess like former Southern Baptist Sunday School teacher Sue Monk Kidd could sing this song with passion.

Stevens' testimony of salvation is that during a Bible study she had a vision of herself walking with Jesus near a deep blue river. The vision changed her life and soon thereafter she composed "For Those Tears I Died."

Lonnie Frisbee

Lonnie Frisbee (1949-1993) further illustrates the frightfully shallow nature of many of the Jesus People "conversions" that formed the foundation of the contemporary praise music movement.

Frisbee turned to "Jesus" through LSD trips and began to receive "prophecies" while high on drugs. On his own authority, the teenage Frisbee baptized a group of drugged up hippies at Tahquitz Falls after reading the Gospel of John to them and painting a picture of "Jesus" on the rocks. Later, in the same place, while on an acid trip, he had a "vision" that God had called him to preach the gospel to multitudes.

In a video documentary on Frisbee, David DiSabatino observed that many of the Jesus People conversions involved drugs. "One of the ironic twists of the 60s was that many openly stated that drugs, LSD in particular, played a large part of their experience in Christian salvation" (*Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippie Preacher*).

Sandy Heefner, for example, describes her salvation like this:

"I took my LSD, laid down on the floor a couple of hours and when I could get together to get up, I got up as a Christian. It's just that simple."

This is most definitely *not* biblical salvation. There is no gospel, no repentance, no saving faith. This is a deluding spirit masquerading as Christian conversion.

Frisbee was not only using hallucinogenic drugs but was still living a homosexual lifestyle, practicing hypnotism, and dabbling in various occultic and mystical practices (“The Son Worshipers,” video documentary edited by Bob Cording and Weldon Hardenbrook). In this condition, Frisbee joined a Jesus People commune in 1967. He never had a clear new birth conversion that involved a definite understanding of the gospel and clear repentance and faith. He never gave up homosexuality and partying. Even after he joined Calvary Chapel he would “party on Saturday night” and “preach on Sunday.” He would “go out and boogie down.” It was alleged that Frisbee’s ministry was accompanied by “signs and wonders,” but the devil can do miracles, and when measured by the standard of Scripture, Frisbee’s ministry was dangerously heretical.

Even so, Chuck Smith put Frisbee in charge of a Wednesday night Bible study, which soon attracted thousands (Randall Balmer, *The Encyclopedia of Evangelism*).

That Frisbee had no spiritual discernment is evident in that he appeared with the false prophetess Kathryn Kuhlman on her *I Believe in Miracles* show. Further, he lied on that program by claiming that his sin had been totally washed from his heart by the “baptism of the Holy Spirit,” when he knew full well that he was still sinning secretly in the most outrageous manner. (Frisbee’s appearance on Kuhlman’s show can be found on YouTube.)

By 1971, Chuck Smith parted company with Frisbee because of their different perspectives on Pentecostal signs and Smith’s desire to focus more on the teaching of Scripture. Smith was right to reject such things as “spirit slaying,” but the wild “spirit” represented by Frisbee and his charismatic mysticism had already had a massive influence in the Jesus Music, including Calvary Chapel’s Maranatha music, and that influence has continued to this day.

What Smith failed to renounce was Christian rock itself with its sensual mysticism and its illegitimate merging of the unholy rock of this world with the holy Rock Christ.

Frisbee was divorced in 1973. His wife says,

“At the end of the marriage he told me that he had been staying late in some gay bars” (Connie Bremer-Murray, Lonnie’s ex-wife, Special Features section of *Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher*).

John Wimber

In 1980, Lonnie Frisbee became associated with John Wimber, who was seeking to establish a “signs and wonders” ministry at the Yorba Linda branch of the Calvary Chapels. Wimber called miracles “doing the stuff,” but he was unsuccessful in “doing the stuff” until Frisbee spoke at his church. After Frisbee asked all the young people under 25 to come forward and invited the Holy Spirit to manifest His power, the roughly 300 people fell on the floor, “as if on a battlefield,” and shook and spoke in unintelligible gibberish (David Roozen, *Church, Identity, and Change*). Wimber asked God if this was of Him, and that night a Calvary Chapel preacher named Tom Stipe called him on the phone and said, “I have a word for you; the Lord says, ‘This is me’” (“Lonnie Frisbee and the Jesus People Revival,” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OgfmU13sPI&feature=related>).

Wimber should have tested the “Frisbee anointing” by Scripture, but instead he depended on signs and extra-scriptural prophecies.

Some of the elders of Wimber’s church called for a meeting to discuss the Frisbee phenomena, but the same confusion broke out to silence the protestors.

“All of a sudden, I’m seeing this guy next to me, this Ph.D. in Microbiology, begin to shake and he’s begun to shake under the presence of God. The presence of God’s coming. So I begin to stand up. The power of God knocks this guy down and he began to roll under my feet on the ground, screaming hysterically. The power of God came down on everybody in the room. And it was just absolutely mind-boggling” (John Ruttkey, quoted in *Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher*).

Frisbee had a leather jacket with a picture of “Jesus” on the back that he used to “impart the spirit.” The transference of the spirit is a pagan practice, but it has been a major element of Pentecostalism from its inception. Usually hands are used as the transference agent, but Benny Hinn often uses his jacket or his breath to transfer the spirit, and Rodney Howard-Browne has used a towel and other things.

Wimber interpreted the phenomena as the power of the Holy Spirit, but it was a deceiving spirit. The apostles and early church leaders didn’t fall down and shake and

speak in meaningless gibberish, but the practitioners of pagan religions do those very things under the power of the devil. Wimber's church experienced massive growth and young people "started baptizing friends in hot tubs and swimming pools around town."

It was at this point that John Wimber left the Calvary Chapels and joined Kenn Gulliksen and the Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Wimber soon became the leader of the Fellowship.

Wimber had accepted the "latter rain" end-time miracle revival heresy and the new prophecy movement, and he and Frisbee traveled together to spread their "signs and wonders power evangelism" to South Africa and Europe.

"John would speak and Lonnie would minister. They were the dynamic duo. Lonnie got up there and he'd wave his leather coat and the power of God would come and people would be falling all over these old pews in these Baptist churches. And Lonnie would start climbing over the pews and start laying hands on people saying, 'Speak in tongues! Speak in tongues!' And he'd hit them in the forehead and they'd instantly begin to speak in tongues. So I was blown away by that..." (Steve Zarit, Vineyard church member, quoted in *Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher*).

In one service in South Africa, Frisbee asked the children from 12 years old and under to come forward, and they all fell down "slain" ("Lonnie Frisbee in South Africa," <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYGXSac1TwM&feature=related>).

Wimber played a huge role in the spread of charismatic heresy throughout evangelicalism. He yoked up with C. Peter Wagner at Fuller Theological Seminary and taught a course called "Signs and Wonders and Church Growth." Wagner traveled deeper and deeper into charismatic deception, eventually believing that he was a latter day apostle.

Under Wimber's direction, the Vineyard churches took contemporary praise music to an edgier, more sensually-intense level. Lusting for "signs and wonders" and a tangible worship experience, they used powerful rock & roll music to feed that lust.

Eventually Wimber parted ways with Frisbee over his homosexuality after learning that he had a six-month affair with a young man in his church.

(For more see "John Wimber and the Vineyard" in the [*Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*](#).)

When Frisbee died of AIDS in 1993 at age 43, a memorial service was held at self-esteem heretic Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral, where the hippie preacher is buried. At the service, Chuck Smith likened Frisbee to "Samson," but Samson operated by the Spirit of God, whereby Frisbee operated by one who transforms himself into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:13-14).

It was not only the Calvary Chapel's Jesus People that were built upon a flimsy spiritual foundation. The field of Christian rock in general has been *rife* since its inception with spiritual shipwreck, heresy, and such things as divorce, adultery, and homosexuality, as any honest history of the movement will demonstrate.

Larry Norman

Consider Larry Norman, who has been called the father of Christian rock. Both of his marriages ended in divorce. Norman had an improper relationship with Randy Stonehill's first wife, Sarah, and he fathered a child out of wedlock with one of his backup singers, Jennifer Wallace (Mike Rimmer, "Larry Norman: The David Di Sabatino's Fallen Angel Documentary," Cross Rhythms, March 28, 2010).

Two other musicians in Norman's Solid Rock Records fold had divorces (Randy Stonehill and Tom Howard).

Just a few of the other divorced and/or adulterous CCM musicians are Steve Archer, Steve Camp, Bob Carlisle, Ralph Carmichael, Ja'Marc Davis of Raze, Eddie Degarmo, Michael English, Ryan Gingerich, Amy Grant, Stacy Jones of the rap group Grits, Ray Boltz, Marsha Stevens, Dana Key, Mylon LeFevre, Nikki Leonti, Sandi Patty (who admitted to committing adultery with at least two men and who left her husband for one of her backup singers), Kevin Prosch, John Michael Talbot, Randy Thomas, Greg Volz of Petra, Sheila Walsh, Jaci Velasquez, Wayne Watson, Deniece Williams, Derek Webb and Sandra McCracken, and members of the now disbanded Barnabas. Melody Green, the widow of Keith Green, divorced her second husband, Andrew Sievright.

Homosexuality has also played a significant role in the CCM movement. In *The Gospel Sound*, which first appeared in 1971, Anthony Heilbut said, "The gospel

church has long been a refuge for gays and lesbians, some of whom grew up to be among the greatest singers and musicians.”

Douglas Harrison, a homosexual who grew up Southern Baptist, said, “... you can’t swing a Dove Award without hitting upon evidence of the longstanding, deep-set presence of queer experience in, and its influence on, Christian music culture at all levels” (“Come Out from among Them,” *Religion Dispatches*, April 30, 2010).

In 1998, CCM star Kirk Franklin said that “homosexuality ... is a problem today in gospel music--a MAJOR CONCERN--and everybody knows it” (*Church Boy*, pp. 49, 50).

Homosexual CCM artists include James Cleveland, Ray Boltz, Anthony Williams, Marsha Stevens, Kirk Talley, Clay Aiken, Jennifer Knapp, Doug Pinnock of King’s X, Vicky Beeching, Trey Pearson of Everyday Sunday, plus Amy Ray and Emily Saliers of Indigo Girls.

The reason for all of this is not difficult to discern. Typically, CCM musicians have been accepted as saved upon the flimsiest testimony of faith and have not been properly taught and disciplined. They have fed their spiritual lives with a constant diet of sensual music and have sought after emotional highs and “signs and wonders” instead of walking by faith. They have played with the world, which is more dangerous than any poisonous snake, instead of walking separated lives.

Larry Norman, the father of Christian rock, was not disciplined properly and in fact cares little to nothing about church. When asked by *Buzz* magazine what church he attended, he refused to answer except to say, “I think it’s unimportant,” and, “I don’t like the question.” He said that he believes it is an “obsessive compulsion” to meet at regular times for church services, which flies in the face of Hebrews 10:25 and the example of the early Christians (Acts 2:42; 20:7).

Consider the All Saved Freak Band, one of the earliest Christian rock groups, which was influential then and continues to exist today in a reincarnated edition. Joe Markko, co-founder, had only been a professor of Christ out of the drug culture for three months when he formed the band in 1968. His mentor and fellow band member Larry Hill was an Assemblies of God pastor who left the denomination to start a work among hippies on the

authority of “some visions.” Hill’s ministry fell apart when he fled Ohio to avoid prosecution for sexual abuse (John Thompson, *Raised by Wolves: The Story of Christian Rock & Roll*, Kindle location 441).

We could multiply these examples almost endlessly. The spiritual foundation of Contemporary Christian Music is frightfully unscriptural. With few exceptions, it wasn’t created by mature spiritual people with a solid testimony of salvation who were grounded in Scripture and committed to sound doctrine.

Transformation Agents

Maranatha Music acted as a change agent to broaden support for Christian rock in that the early “praise” music was softer rock & roll. It was folk rock and rock ballads. Further, Calvary Chapel held to a more conservative theology, avoiding the extreme elements of Pentecostalism which were still unacceptable to most churches at the time.

In spite of Maranatha’s more “conservative” image, Christian rock was riding a wild and untamable spirit. Its radicalness is seen in its association with the Roman Catholic Church and the fact that it has become permeated with dark heresies and the most outlandish charismatic nonsense. (See “False Christs and False Gods” in the chapter “Why We Are Opposed to Contemporary Christian Music.”)

In order to gain a broader following, early Contemporary Christian Music needed the more conservative image that Calvary Chapel and Maranatha Music provided. The cutting-edge hard Christian rockers of the 60s and 70s--such as Larry Norman, Petra, and Resurrection Band--were too radical for most churches at the time. Norman’s debut album *Upon This Rock* was banned by Christian bookstores. Barriers had to be broken down.

It is important to understand that the Calvary Chapel Jesus hippies loved every sort of “Christian” rock even from the earliest days. Chuck Girard of Love Song says, “We were amazed to see and hear the album ‘Upon This Rock’ by Larry Norman.” They loved any type of “Christian” rock, but Maranatha published the “softer” stuff and thereby increased the contemporary music’s popularity and broke down the barrier that existed widely in those days against using rock in Christian music. Even the softer rock was commonly rejected by churches in the

1970s, but **the resistance was gradually broken down through the process of incrementalism.**

Through the influence of the softer rock CCM, the leaven of Contemporary Christian Music spread, and the vast majority of churches are now addicted to rock of all types. They have bought into the shallow arguments that are used to justify the merger of the holy Rock Jesus Christ with the unholy rock of this world.

The leaven did its job. The CCM songs published by Maranatha in the 1970s, which were considered “edgy” at the time, are the “old conservative hymns” of the contemporary praise movement today.

This is how the devil works. He uses the tools of confrontation, compromise, and incrementalism. He was the inventor of Hegelian Dialectics, which has been employed to great effect by communists, humanists, liberal educators, theological modernists, Christian rockers, and others to tear down the old and replace it with the new. This is done by bringing incremental change through a process of confronting the existing paradigm (be it philosophy, doctrine, culture, position, etc.) with an alternative. At first the alternative seems shocking and wrong, but with persistence on the part of the change agents, over time the new alternative is syncretized with the old paradigm to produce a compromise. This becomes the new accepted paradigm and the new base line for another round of change. In this way, the targeted group (e.g., classroom, church, political

party, nation) is carried along slowly but surely toward the objective.

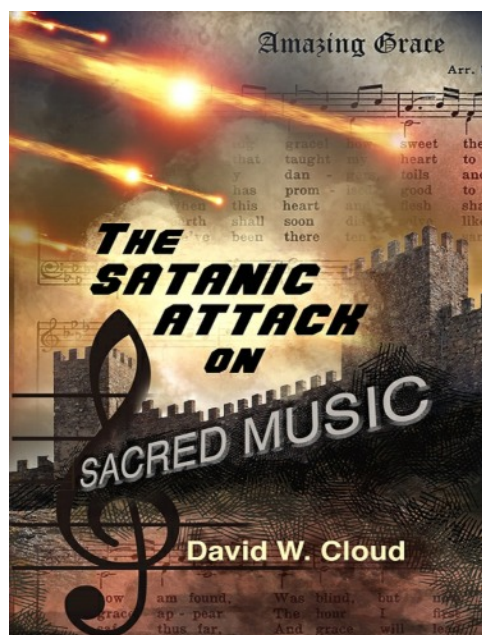
The role played by Calvary Chapel and Maranatha Music in the 1970s (whether by design or not) was similar to what Dick Clark’s *American Bandstand* did in the 1950s in broadening the popularity of rock & roll by cleaning up its “bad boy” rebel stigma in the minds of parents. Clark required the teenage rockers to dress conservatively in skirts and dresses, suits and ties, and toned down the dance moves. Clark didn’t change the licentious rebel character of rock; he merely cleaned up its image so it could leaven every sphere of society.

Dick Clark was simply having a good time and making money, but the god of this world was pulling the strings.

Through the decades, Maranatha Music has itself become ever more radical in its use of rock & roll, ever more charismatic, ever more ecumenical. Today its workshops have a large influence in cross-denominational education. Church leaders from “ALL DENOMINATIONS” are welcome (maranathamusic.com).

By 2008, 120,000 “church gate-keepers” who attended workshops “looked to Maranatha Music as the leading source of worship products and services.”

Maranatha not only spreads contemporary music, it also spreads the CCM heresies of non-judgmentalism, ecumenism, and “cultural liberalism.”



The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music

By David Cloud

This large course consists of a book and a video series with about 17 hours of teaching, packed with photos, graphics, audio and video clips.

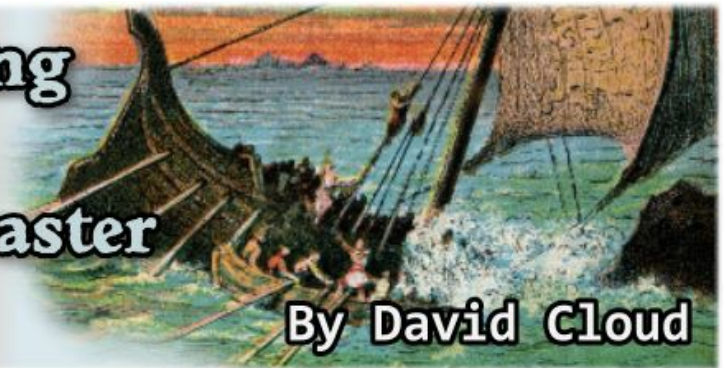
We learn about the following dangers represented by Contemporary Christian Music: the Pentecostal/charismatic movement, the ecumenical movement, theological liberalism, New Evangelicalism, the Emerging Church, modern Bible versions, contemplative prayer, cultural liberalism, the encyclopedic view of the Bible, the New Reformed Calvinism, the Jesus People movement, theistic evolution, homosexual Christianity, the downgrade in hell, secular rock, Matt Maher the Roman Catholic apostle of unity, Hillsong, Rick Warren, The Shack, C.S. Lewis, and Chuck Swindoll’s heretical doctrine of grace. We show that these things are not “out there” somewhere; they are a very near danger to the churches.

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Wailing and Gnashing of Teeth

The White Ship Disaster of 1120



By David Cloud

One of the Bible's many terrible descriptions of hell is the "wailing and gnashing of teeth." It is mentioned six times in Matthew's Gospel.

Matthew 8:12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth

The word for "weeping" and "wailing" is the Greek *klauthmós*. It is more than crying; it is a strong lamentation, a wailing.

The Bible warns of hell because of God's love to men and His desire that they might be saved.

God is both a God of love and salvation and a God of righteous wrath and judgment. For those who reject God's salvation and die without the Saviour, Jesus Christ, there is no escape from eternal judgment.

The weeping and gnashing of teeth is the literal response of the lost in the face of the unspeakable terror, the utter hopelessness, of their eternal destruction.

If the living could have but a glimpse into that terror, they would "repent," but God knows that such repentance would not be true repentance and the faith would not be true faith.

In fact, the living have more than a glimpse into eternal destruction in the Word of God if they will but read its pages and seek the truth.

We think of the scene on a winter night on Nov. 25, 1120, off the coast of Normandy when a ship carrying the cream of English society struck a rock and every lordly soul was drowned in the "black and hideous, murky and ugly and dark" waters of the Atlantic.

The ship carried the crown prince, 17-year-old William Aetheling, and his retinue of friends and hangers-on and many other high placed

men and women of the family and kingdom of Henry I, son of William the Conqueror.

On board were leading lords, dukes, knights, churchmen and courtiers, some accompanied by their wives and daughters. They had all of the money, authority, and prestige that this world has to offer.

On the way back to England after Henry had successfully pacified his territories on the French coast, they were expecting to receive even greater worldly rewards from their support of the victorious king. Their future looked sparkling bright. William had been promised the kingship of England and Normandy.

Henry sailed ahead on another ship while William and his group sailed on the *Blanche-Nef* (“White Ship”), the fastest ship available.

It was a magnificently appareled party. “To flaunt their status and wealth, the extremely affluent and influential coveted the finest silks, and William Aetheling was not slow in showing off his worth. Henry of Huntingdon wrote of how: ‘We saw William, the king’s son, clothed in silk embroidered with gold, surrounded by a throng of servants and guards, glittering in a glory all but heavenly.’ ... Richard of Lincoln [Richard FitzRoy, illegitimate son of Henry] was wearing clothes so fine that they were remembered clearly by those there who saw him--a princely peacock, happy to dazzle, proud of the admiring glances he attracted” (Charles Spence, *The White Ship*, chapter 11, “Bound for England”).

When the announcement was made to board the ship in preparation for the journey across

the English Channel, the hard-partying William ordered an enormous quantity of wine to be brought aboard, and the gay group proceeded to get drunk, together with most of the crew.

When priests attempted to bless the journey and ask for God’s favor, the drunken party mocked them and chased them away, “shouting insults.” “This made the drunken spectators aboard howl with delight.”

As a result of their intoxication, the mariners stupidly drove the ship full speed into a well-known large rock. The impact drove a huge hole into the ship and it “split completely and floundered.” “As she tipped over, the passengers and the remainder of the crew fell suddenly into the cold black water, screaming loudly.”

Their sudden cries of extreme terror, the weeping and gnashing of teeth, were heard by those back on shore and even miles away by some on Henry’s ship, but they didn’t know what it was. “They assumed that the party on the White Ship had merely reached new heights of drunkenness and abandon.”

The only soul to survive was a butcher who had boarded the ship in an attempt to obtain payment from his wealthy but undependable and careless creditors.

The sudden terror of drowning was only the beginning of the weeping and gnashing of teeth for this worldly party, because after death they woke up in a place of eternal judgment, a place of no second chances, a place of utter hopelessness.



DIGGING IN THE WALLS

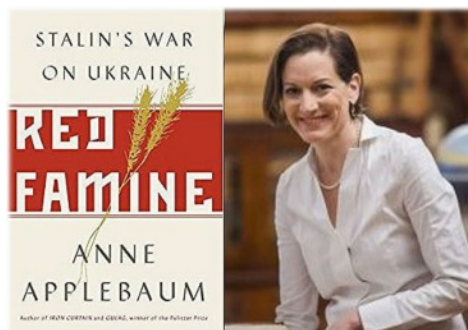
God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So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



STALIN'S HOLODOMOR OF UKRAINE (Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from Scott Johnson, "Ukrainian Contexts," Powerlineblog.com, Feb. 27, 2022: "Vladimir Putin and others insist on our understanding the rape of Ukraine in a certain context. The context consists of components including the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe, and Putin's high anxiety. If anyone has supplied the context from Ukraine's perspective, I missed it. I doubt that it's ancient history in Ukraine. Ukraine's subjugation by the Soviet Union was an unhappy experience. Although he chides Stalin for being too generous with Ukraine, Putin thinks that Stalin was quite a guy. He has sought to rehabilitate his reputation. He seeks to restore the glory of Stalin and the Soviet Union under his rule. Ukrainians see Stalin in a somewhat different context. They recall that Stalin inflicted the so-called Holodomor ("hunger extermination") on them in 1932-1933. Stalin of course did what he could to suppress the story. ... The terror famine is one of the horrors of the twentieth century. ... Robert Conquest was the first historian I know of to reconstruct the story, as he did in *The Harvest of Sorrow* (1987). Conquest implied that Stalin killed 5.5 million ethnic Ukrainians out of a population of 34.1 million at

the beginning of the trouble, or 16 percent. ... Most recently, Anne Applebaum reconstructed the story in *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine* (2017). According to Applebaum, Stalin's terror famine killed nearly 4 million Ukrainians. Applebaum explained that the numbers have been difficult to calculate because the Soviet system tried to cover up the famine immediately after it happened, even going to the extent of covering up and hiding a census that was taken in 1937 (because it showed the large numbers of deaths). Putin's anxiety to the contrary notwithstanding, you can see why Ukrainians might not want to be colonized again by Russia or to become Putin's subjects."

IS IT GOG/MAGOG TIME? (Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

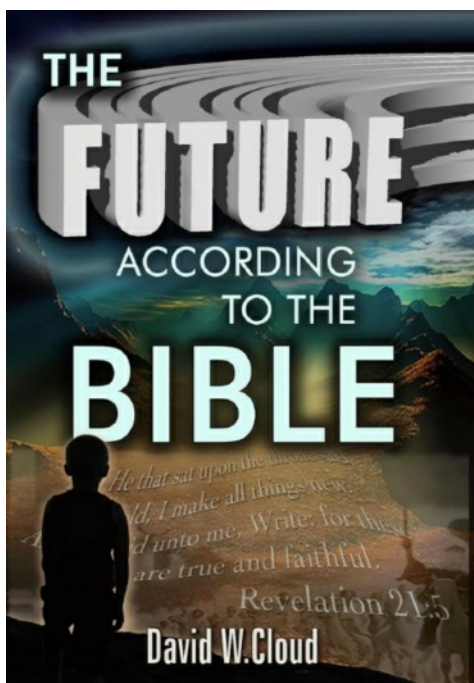
- Someone wrote to me last week and asked if the prophecy of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38-39 is post-Rapture. The answer is that it is most definitely post-Rapture. This great prophecy describes a major power north of Israel ("out of the north parts," Eze. 38:15; 39:2) that will create a strong military alliance and attack Israel and be destroyed by God. As for the timing, it is clear that it is for a time when Israel thinks herself safe and disarms. It is when Israel "shall dwell safely" (Eze. 38:8, 11, 14; 39:26). This is repeated four times for emphasis and it certainly does not



describe this present hour. Israel's cities don't have walls, but Israel has better than that. It has one of the most formidable militaries on earth. In fact, it is very possible that Israel could defeat Russia and her allies. Russia has a strong military and a strong leader, but I would put my money on Israel. The rest of our reply to this question can be found in a report published earlier this week entitled "Is It Gog/Magog Time?" available at the Way of Life web site.

THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE (Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- One of the countless reasons why the Bible is the most amazing and exciting book on earth is its prophecies. The Bible unfolds the future in great detail, and *The Future According to the Bible* deals in depth with every major prophetic event, including the Rapture, the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Tribulation, the Antichrist, Gog and Magog, the Battle of Armageddon, the Two Witnesses, Christ's Return, Muslim nations in



prophecy, the Judgment of the Nations, the resurrection body (very extensive study), the conversion of Israel, the highway of the redeemed, Christ's glorious kingdom, the Millennial Temple, the Millennial throne, the Great White Throne judgment, and the New Jerusalem. The first two chapters deal at length with the prophecies that are being fulfilled today, including the apostasy and end-time skepticism. Knowledge of these prophecies is essential for a proper understanding of the times and a proper Christian worldview. The 130-page section on Christ's kingdom describes the coming world kingdom in more detail than any book we are familiar with. Every major Messianic prophecy is examined. Prophecy is a powerful witness to the Bible's divine inspiration, and it is a great motivator for holy Christian living. In this book we show that the Lord's churches are outposts of the coming kingdom. The believer's position in Christ's earthly kingdom will be determined by his service in this present world (Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21). The book is based on nearly fifty years of intense Bible study plus firsthand research in Israel, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, and Europe. 446 pages. https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/books/future_according_to_bible.php

ISRAEL OPEN FOR BUSINESS, PUTTING COVID BEHIND

(Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)
- The following is excerpted from "Israel Omicron Exit," *The Times of Israel*, Feb. 28, 2022: "Israel's two-year-long pandemic-induced national state of emergency will end on Tuesday [March 1], as cases are plummeting, hospital wards



emptying out, and a top expert [Prof. Nadav Katz of Hebrew University] says that 'there is no cloud on the horizon, for now.' ... After so many people got infected by Omicron, experts, including those on Katz's team, expect that widespread immunity will reinforce vaccine immunity to protect Israel from a large outbreak in the near future, even with new variants. Israel will repeal most coronavirus regulations on Tuesday, as the country transitions from a 'state of emergency' to a 'special health situation.' ... Under the new guidelines, both vaccinated and unvaccinated tourists of all ages will be allowed into the country, as long as they submit a negative PCR test before boarding the flight and take another one after landing in Israel. Citizens will no longer need to test before returning home (though it's suspected that some airlines will still insist on a test); they will need to test upon arrival. ... Presenting a green pass, which proves that its holder is vaccinated or has recovered from the virus, has become a prerequisite for far fewer venues in recent weeks, and now won't be requested at all. And while masks will still be required indoors, the current requirement for masks in some large outdoor gatherings will be canceled."

ILLINOIS COUNTY MUST PAY \$370,000 FOR REQUIRING CHRISTIAN NURSE TO PERFORM ABORTION SERVICES (Friday Church News



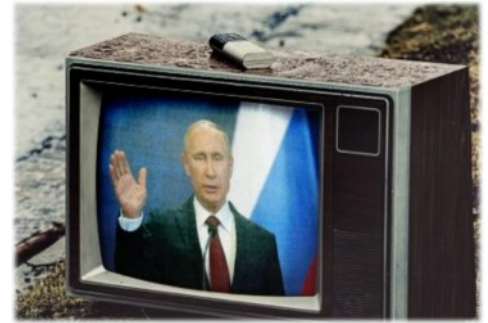
Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Illinois County," *Christian Headlines*, Feb. 18, 2022: "An Illinois county must pay more than \$370,000 in attorney's fees for requiring a Christian nurse to refer women for abortions and provide abortifacient contraceptives, a state judge ruled Wednesday. Sandra Rojas had worked as a pediatric nurse for 18 years in the Winnebago County Health Department when, in 2015, she and other nurses were required to undergo training that involved learning about abortion referrals and abortifacient contraceptives. Rojas objected, saying her Christian faith prohibited her from assisting in abortion services. Although her supervisor gave her a temporary religious accommodation, Rojas was told that the training and the abortion-related services were required to work in her position. Rojas resigned her position and then sued the county, alleging it had violated her freedom of religion and freedom of conscience rights. Judge Eugene G. Doherty of the 17th Judicial Circuit sided with Rojas last year, ruling the department 'improperly discriminated' against Rojas 'by refusing to accommodate her objections of conscience.' The department, the judge ruled, had violated the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act. On Wednesday, Doherty ordered the county to pay \$374,104 in attorney's fees."

M I C R O - P R E E M I E CELEBRATES FIRST

BIRTHDAY (Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Micro-Preemie," *Christian Headlines*, Feb. 23, 2022: "On Tuesday, a micro-preemie celebrated his first birthday, defying doctors' belief that he would not survive after being born so prematurely. Jari Lopez was born at 24 weeks of gestation on Feb. 22, 2021, and weighed about 11.5 ounces. Doctors told Jari's parents that he only had a 30 percent chance of survival due to fetal growth restrictions and his mother's preeclampsia diagnosis. ... Jari's mother, Amber Higgins, told *Fox News Digital* that at her 20-week ultrasound appointment, she learned that her baby boy was exceptionally small. This led to Higgins being admitted into Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she was monitored daily. ... 'His heart rate was dropping, so they decided to do an emergency C-section.' ... 'Jari's biggest issue when he was first born was his lungs,' Dr. Jennifer Anderson, who helped treat Jari, told *Fox News Digital*. 'The lungs aren't totally developed when born at 24 weeks. When he was first born [at] only 325 grams, and we knew at that point he was the smallest baby taken care of in our NICU, we knew it was going to be a very, very bumpy road



taking care of him.' ... Higgins was finally able to hold her son when he was a month old and was released from Pediatrix on June 29, 2021. Doctors also gave Jari and his family a ceremonial send-off. ... Nowadays, Higgins says that her son is active and 'very, very feisty.'"



P R E C I O U S L I B E R T Y O F F R E E D O M O F T H E P R E S S

(Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Russian President Vladimir Putin is attacking freedom of the press, which has only existed there since the fall of the Soviet Union and has since been tentative at best. On March 4, Putin signed into law a measure that can jail journalists for up to 15 years for reporting that contradicts the government's position. Two major independent news outlets--Ekho Moskvyy radio and Dozhd TV--were forced off the air and off the internet for their reports on the Ukraine conflict. The chief editor of Dozhd fled the country with several others, fearing imprisonment. Freedom of press is a precious and rare commodity in this oppressive world. Only 13% of the world's population has this freedom, according to a 2017 study by Freedom House. America was the first nation to give full freedom of the press. It was the promise of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1791 during George Washington's first term. "Congress shall make no law

DESIGNED TO FLY (Friday Church News Notes, March 4, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, February 28, 2022: “Many textbooks tell young people today that birds are modified reptiles. Suppose, they say, that millions of years ago the scales on some reptiles began to fray along the edges. In time, they say, the frayed scales turned into feathers and birds were born. The elegance and beauty of the feather make this story hard to believe. Can sticking a feather on a lizard produce a peacock? The bird’s feather is only a small part of the complete flying system of the bird. Even with very careful planning and redesigning, a reptile doesn’t have what it takes. A bird needs massive breast muscles for flight. In some birds, 30% of the body weight of the bird is breast muscle. By comparison, in humans breast muscles are only about 1% of body weight. A bird also needs an extremely high metabolism and blood pressure to deliver the energy those muscles need for flight. Birds have a higher metabolism than any other creature; they also have the necessary high blood pressure. Finally, as is well known, birds need light



skeletons. The man-o’-war has a wingspan of seven feet. But its entire skeleton weighs only a few ounces—less than its feathers! Even the most clever rebuilding of a reptile cannot produce a bird. In fact, birds have very little in common with reptiles. The entire being of the bird, from body to brain, has been specially designed for flight by a Creator who clearly knows everything there is to know about flight. Author: Paul A. Bartz.”

respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” These freedoms had not existed in England. For example, in 1612, the year after the publication of the King James Bible, Baptist pastor Thomas Helwys published *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity*, in which he made a simple plea for freedom of religion and supported his view with the Bible and good sense. Helwys sent a copy of the book to King James I with a handwritten note humbly and graciously asking the king to stop persecuting his subjects for their religious views. The king responded by putting the preacher in wretched Newgate prison, where he died two or three years later at about

age 40. Helwys didn’t enjoy freedom of religion, freedom of press, or freedom of petition. In America, freedom of the press is under attack by social media giants. Whereas Putin is trying to control the narrative pertaining to the Ukraine, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, etc., are trying to control the narrative pertaining to Trump, Covid, vaccine mandates, climate change, abortion, transsexuality, and whatever else they please. Censorship is spreading to “online banking, web hosting, and email delivery services.” The “mainstream” media who are complaining about Putin’s censorship but have not spoken out against social media censorship are like the early Protestants who wanted freedom for themselves from Rome but didn’t give freedom to others. (See “[Protestant Persecution of the Baptists](#),” www.wayoflife.org.)

HISTORY OF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG (Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - For all practical purposes, the Confederate flag was a Democrat flag. Every state that seceded from the Union in 1860-61 was a Democrat-ruled state. The Confederate officers were Democrats. Not to be confused with the first flag of the Confederate States which was called the “Stars and Bars,” the flag popularly known as the



Confederate flag features a blue diagonal cross emblazoned with 13 white stars on a field of red. Called “the Southern Cross” and “the Stainless Banner,” it was the battle flag of the Army of Northern Virginia. *Savannah Morning News* editor William T. Thompson, said, “As a national emblem, it is significant of our higher cause, the cause of a superior race, and a higher civilization contending against ignorance, infidelity, and barbarism” (*Savannah Morning News*, May 4, 1863). The Confederate flag was promoted by the Democrat politicians who passed the Jim Crow segregation laws. In 1948, Democrat Strom Thurmond used the Confederate flag as a symbol of his presidential candidacy and of the Dixiecrats’ rejection of civil rights for blacks. In 1956, Democrat lawmakers of the state of Georgia incorporated the Confederate flag into its state flag “as a symbol of resistance to integration.” In 1963, Alabama Democrat Gov. George Wallace flew the Confederate flag over the statehouse to protest Black civil rights. At his inauguration that year, he said, “Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever.” In 1987, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton signed Act 116 that described the state flag: “The blue star above the word ‘ARKANSAS’ is to commemorate the Confederate States of America.” When Bill Clinton ran for president in 1992 and 1996 and Hillary Clinton ran for president in 2016, some of their campaign buttons and other paraphernalia featured Confederate flags.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER ON THE POLITICAL/JUDICIAL FRONT

(Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - America is in a mess, a fundamental



reason being that the vast majority of churches have so blatantly turned from God’s Word. But America is not dead and God still answers prayer. He has commanded people to pray for “all that are in authority...” and some are definitely praying. Following are a few of the many things that just might be answers to prayer: **On Jan. 13**, the Supreme Court blocked the largest part of Biden’s vaccine mandate. **On Jan. 15**, Virginia’s new Republican governor, Glenn Youngkin lost no time “restoring trust in the government and power to the people.” On his first day in office he banned critical race theory (CRT) from public schools, rescinded the school mask mandate, promised to give parents more say in the education of their children, rescinded the vaccine mandate for state employees, withdrew from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and took steps to correct a liberalized, soft-on-crime Parole Board. Virginia’s new law-and-order Attorney General Jason Miyares is working in lock-step with the new governor. This new government is a major change in Virginia from its previous leftist regime. **On February 15**, Ontario Premier Doug Ford made a bold statement *against* further Covid mandates and *for* democracy and liberty, which will make it more difficult for Prime Minister Trudeau to continue his tirade against law-abiding citizens who simply want their constitutional liberties to be

restored. **On February 15**, ultra leftist San Francisco voted to recall three of the city’s school board members, a move that was supported by Mayor London Breed. Critics of the board members called for a return to real education. “It’s not about changing the name on a school, it is about helping kids inside the school building read and learn math.” **On March 1**, the U.S. Senate voted to block a bill enshrining abortion as a federal law. One Democrat, Joe Manchin, joined the Republican senators in this victory. The murderous Biden-backed bill “would have guaranteed legalized abortion ‘without limitations’ and overturned hundreds of state-level pro-life laws.”

NAVY SEALS WIN SUIT AGAINST VACCINE MANDATE

(Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Appeals Court Rejects Navy’s Request,” *Christian Headlines*, Mar. 2, 2022: “The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit ruled in favor of service members objecting to the Navy’s Covid-19 vaccine mandate due to their religious beliefs. On Monday, a three-judge panel denied the Navy’s request to require about three dozen personnel to get vaccinated despite their objections on religious grounds. The SEALs, represented by First Liberty Institute, filed a lawsuit against the Navy since they were at risk of being fired for



not complying with the mandate. ... 'Events around the world remind us daily that there are those who seek to harm America. Our military should be welcoming service members, not forcing them out because of their religious beliefs,' Director of Military Affairs for First Liberty Institute Mike Berry said in a statement. 'The purge of religious service members is not just devastating to morale, but it harms America's national security,' he continued."

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE OWNERS HAVE ONEROUS COVID FINES OVERTURNED

(Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Christian Couple," *Premier Christian News*, Mar. 2, 2022: "A Christian couple that accrued more than £40,000 in fines after opening their store in the national lockdowns has had their sanctions revoked. After being hit with multiple fines, Lydia and Alasdair Walker-Cox appeared in court twice. They argue that their Worcestershire store--which sells Christian books and newspapers, as well as gifts, cards and baking ingredients--should have been deemed essential. ... However, even after having the fine overturned, Lydia says the ramifications of the pandemic and multiple lockdowns continue to have a distinct effect on businesses. ... 'Independent retail, in



general, was in difficulty anyway, but lockdowns, 32 weeks of shops being closed, 32 weeks of people being told you can only shop in the big shops, it pushed people online probably 15 years earlier than it would have happened naturally.'"

CRITICAL RACE THEORY

(Friday Church News Notes, March 18, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "Critical race theory (CRT) categorizes people. One's gender, race, or sexual orientation posits you as the oppressed or an oppressor—a status from which you are freed only when all existing societal structures, which are inherently racist, are overthrown" ("How Leftists' Critical Race Theory Poisons Our Discussion of Racism," *The Daily Signal*, June 28, 2020). The following is excerpted from "4 Main Things Christians Need to Know about Critical Race Theory," *Pulpit & Pen*, Aug. 6, 2019: "As the Southern Baptist Convention approved Resolution 9 in June [2019], which promotes Critical Race Theory as an analytical tool, we need to know why it's dangerous. ... CRT rejects most of the things that the 1960s Civil Rights Movement fought for, like treating people equally in institutions and under the law. Instead, CRT teaches that if power is to be properly redistributed from the 'haves' to 'have-nots' (which in their eyes includes minority identity groups), the law may actually need to be biased in favor of minority identity groups. ... CRT is a system that rejects both human biology and Biblical doctrine and teaches that mankind should be separated into various ethnic minority groups. With CRT, people are encouraged to identify with their ethnicity (which CRT thought-leaders inaccurately label 'race'), rather than with greater



and more significant distinguishing factors, like Jesus, their nation, or their community. ... Critical Race Theory doesn't just deal with race. CRT promotes division between 'identity groups,' dividing people into either the 'oppressor class' (usually, White and 'straight' men holding to the majority religion) versus 'victim identity groups' which can include so-called 'sexual minorities,' the disabled, abuse victims, women, the 'transgender,' as well as ethnic groups. CRT is used by homosexuals, the transgender, and women as much as it is used by ethnic minorities. In CRT, 'whiteness' refers to anything identifying with power or privilege as it relates to the 'majority class' (usually, those who hold ethnic or religious majority). For CRT theorists, to be white is to have privilege, and to have privilege is to be white. ... CRT views race as a pure social construct, anyone who enjoys social, political, racial, economic, or cultural standing that is better than the average can be classified as a part of the 'White Identity Class' whether or not they are Caucasian, have light skin, or are of European descent. Likewise in CRT, being 'black' means one's identification with oppression (much of this is from the work of James Cone who founded Black Liberation Theology and went so far as to say Jesus was black

because he identified with the oppressed). In this sense, one can be ‘black’ even if they do not have dark skin or African or Islander ancestry, so long as they identify themselves with an oppressed people group. ... if there are homosexuals who are white, because they face bigotry, they have ‘blackness’ and are not considered to have oppressive ‘whiteness.’ CRT teaches that all white people (unless they can identify with another minority group like the disabled, homosexual, transgender, or victims) suffer from racism, because they have power and exhibit ‘micro-aggressions’ (invisible or unperceivable slights of language and behavior that indicate the person is secretly a racist) that demonstrate bigotry” (*Pulpit & Pen*, Aug. 6, 2019).

BEN CARSON SAYS CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS “A BUNCH OF GARBAGE” (Friday Church News Notes, March 18, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Critical Race Theory,” ChristianHeadlines.com, July 6, 2021: “Neurosurgeon and former HUD Secretary Ben Carson on Sunday called Critical Race Theory ‘a bunch of garbage,’ saying it would redefine what American society ‘is based on.’ Carson made the comments during an Independence Day interview with *Newsmax*’s Eric Bolling, who began by asking Carson to define CRT. ‘It’s an attempt to use race as a mechanism for redefining our society, redefining what it was

based on, and how it impacts everybody,’ Carson said. ‘And it wants our people to believe that your race is the most critical determinant of who you are and what happens to you in our society. In other words, it’s a bunch of garbage.’ ... *Britannica* says Critical Race Theorists ‘hold that the law and legal institutions in the United States are inherently racist insofar as they function to create and maintain social, economic, and political inequalities between whites and nonwhites, especially African Americans.’ Critical Race Theory, Carson said, is dividing America. ... ‘Our country is a magnificent place,’ Carson said. ‘It can’t be destroyed by Russia or China, or Iran or North Korea. But it can be destroyed from

BACTERIA’S EYES AND EARS (Friday Church News Notes, March 11, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 6, 2021: “Modern researchers are learning that bacteria are not a simple form of life. Rather, a bacterium is a tremendously complex creature that thinks. Scientists have discovered that bacteria actually have molecule-sized sensors. Some of these sensors act as eyes, while others act as ears. A dozen other proteins have been discovered that receive the information gathered by the bacteria’s ‘eyes’ and ‘ears.’ The collected information is then processed the same way your brain gathers and makes sense of information. Bacteria have specialized senses and a brain. In fact, bacteria are better at sensing some things than you and I are. A bacterium can, for example, sense the difference between two parts and one part in 10,000. This is the same as if you could tell the difference between one jar with 9,999 pennies and another jar with 10,000 pennies! The idea that bacteria are just ‘simple’ forms of life comes from evolution. Growing research is showing that even one-celled creatures are not simple at all. Think of it. Every



single-celled bacterium must accomplish, within that one cell, all the tasks we accomplish using the trillions of cells in our bodies. Eating, digestion, metabolism, waste removal, reproduction--and even thinking--all take place within a single cell! There is no such thing as a simple form of life. Science certainly argues against the idea that life began by accident. What science is learning urges us to think about the wise and thoughtful Creator Who made us! Author: Paul A. Bartz. Ref: Pietsch, Paul, ‘The mind of a microbe,’ *Science Digest*, Oct. 1983, p. 69.”



Ben Carson

within--there's no question about that. That's what Jesus meant when he said a house divided cannot stand. Lincoln reiterated that, and we need to recognize that we, the American people, are not enemies. ... America's schools, Carson said, are changing--for the worse--what America's youth believe about the country. 'It was Vladimir Lenin who said, *Give me your children, to teach for four years, and the seeds that I plant will never be uprooted,*' Carson said. Supporters of CRT, he said, 'know the importance of getting into the school systems, and indoctrinating the young people, and that will have a permanent effect.' ... 'They've been taught to hate the United States [and] hate who we are. **If they were taught the true history, they would recognize that this is a time to celebrate who we are, and particularly in the black community.** When I was a kid growing up, it was a big deal when some black person came on television in a non-servant role. And now you have black admirals and generals and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies and presidents [of] universities -- even Ivy League

schools, a black president, black vice president. I mean, give me a break!'"

AMERICA'S LARGEST TEACHERS UNION VOWS TO TEACH CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN ALL 50 STATES

(Friday Church News Notes, March 18, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Nation's Largest Teachers Union," *The Daily Wire*, July 5, 2021: "The nation's largest teacher's union pledged to teach critical race theory--the ideology that claims America is irredeemably rooted in racism--in all 50 states and across the more than 14,000 school districts the union works with. ... In what the NEA claims to be the inclusion of 'accurate and honest teaching,' it vowed to 'oppose attempts to ban critical race theory' and the *New York Times*' '1619 Project,' which has been scrutinized by historians as ahistorical. Several states across the country are fighting back against critical race theory by banning educators from teaching it as fact in public school classrooms. Idaho was the first state to pass laws banning critical race theory, and other states such as Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Florida, and Iowa passed similar legislation. Despite the bans, thousands of teachers nationwide have pledged to continue teaching critical race theory." CONCLUDING COMMENT: The teacher's union quickly removed its pledge to teach



critical race theory from their web site after the issue became national news, but this does not indicate a change of heart, just cowardly deception.

HUNGARY PRO-LIFE, PRO-FAMILY PRESIDENT AND CONSTITUTION

(Friday Church News Notes, March 18, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Pro-Life, Pro-Family," *The Daily Wire*, Mar. 10, 2022: "Hungary has chosen a pro-life, pro-family mother of three to become the country's first female president. Katalin Novak, the country's former Minister for Family Affairs, was elected by a two-thirds majority in the Hungarian Parliament, according to *Hungary Today*. ... Hungary's pro-family policies have been painted as 'far-right' by both Western media and left-wing Hungarian media. In 2019, the new president told the *National Catholic Register* that 'in many cases, everything is considered far right; that is to the right of a given position.' 'Is it far right and extremist to support families? ... Our main aim is to provide opportunities and to make it possible for young Hungarians to freely decide about their lives. Is this far right?' ... The 2011 Hungarian Constitution protects 'the institution of marriage as the union of a man and a woman,' supports family systems and caring for the elderly, and recognizes life from conception. ... Novak told *The Daily Caller* that Hungary has introduced pro-family concepts into the national curriculum in schools ... Hungary also focuses on training teachers, Novak said, because 'no matter what you put in the textbooks, if the teachers do not share the same mindset' teaching pro-family concepts will fail. ... Novak also laughed off the idea that



someone who wishes to save the planet must abstain from having children, calling such a sentiment ‘crazy’ and noting that such ideas were not common in Hungary. ‘We just say that it’s stupid,’ she said, adding, ‘That is an advantage of our politics, we speak frankly, we are outspoken. We use simple language that everyone understands. If you don’t have children, for whom do you preserve the planet for?’ she asked.”

ANTIBIOTICS: “EVOLUTION” AND SUPER-WEAPONS (Friday Church News Notes, March 18, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is from CreationMoments.com, November 11, 2021: “Antibiotic resistance is one of the most troubling properties of certain strains of bacteria. If a strain of bacteria has developed resistance, then it is very difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate. Certain such strains have developed in hospitals, where their non-resistant cousins have all been killed off by the antibiotics, leaving only the resistant ones left to cause damage.



Evolutionists claim that the bacterial strains have ‘evolved’ antibiotic resistance, in a classic example of bait-and-switch. While it is true that the bacteria have changed, this is not evolution in the Darwinian sense because no new genetic information has been formed. Indeed, resistant bacteria have lost information which otherwise would have switched on a mechanism, enabling antibiotics to penetrate the bacteria. So this is the opposite of biological evolution and akin to the old saying that ‘the one-eyed man is king in the land of the blind.’ Now, a new medicine has been developed which appears to kill all bacteria, including those that are supposedly resistant. But scientists cannot examine how it works. To see how an antibiotic works, it is usually necessary to breed many generations of bacteria until they develop resistance and then reverse engineer how that resistance happens. So the new antibiotic’s very power actually prevents the discovery of how it works! When God made this world, He made it perfect, so that, whatever purposes bacteria had in that world, they were benign purposes for the glory of God. Author: Paul F. Taylor. Ref: Princeton University. ‘*Poisoned arrow* defeats antibiotic-resistant bacteria: A dual-mechanism antibiotic kills Gram-negative bacteria and avoids drug resistance,’ *ScienceDaily*, 3 June 2020.”

HILLSONG FOUNDER BRIAN HOUSTON’S IMMORAL BEHAVIOR (Friday Church News Notes, March 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Brian Houston, former senior pastor of the Hillsong association of churches (Pentecostal) headquartered at Hills Christian Life Centre, Sydney, Australia, has been exposed

by his own church for “inappropriate behavior” with women. A letter sent to church members last Friday, March 18, acknowledged that two women complained about Houston’s behavior in 2013 and 2019, but only now was the matter being addressed publicly (“Hillsong Founder Breached Code of Conduct,” Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Mar. 18, 2022). In the first case, Houston sent sexual text messages to a female staffer. He blamed the matter on sleeping pills! In the most recent case, Houston spent time in the hotel room of a female that he met during a church conference. He had been drinking. Afterward Houston took three months off and promised to abstain from alcohol, but “he didn’t abide by that,” according to the church’s letter. “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Pr. 20:1). “Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. ... Thine eyes shall behold strange women...” (Pr. 23:29, 33). Earlier this year, Houston stepped down as director of all Hillsong boards after being indicted for concealing his father’s sexual child abuse. In 2003, Brian’s wife, Bobbie (who was co-pastor of Hills Christian Life Center at the time), published a tape set entitled *Kingdom Women Love Sex*. In May 2016, Hillsong



New York City hosted a Hillsong Women's Conference that featured, among other things, scantily-dressed 'cheerleaders,' an Elvis impersonator, and a "naked cowboy" wearing only a cowboy hat, boots, and a guitar. The cowboy was Hillsong NYC's own youth pastor, Diego Simla. In August 2019, Marty Sampson, worship leader and song writer for Hillsong, said he was seriously entertaining atheism and was "so happy now, so at peace with the world." In 2020, Carl Lentz, pastor of Hillsong New York City, was fired for adultery. In 2021, Darnell Barrett, pastor of Hillsong Montclair, New Jersey, resigned after posting filthy photos of himself on social media. A short time later, Hillsong Dallas, Texas, shut down due to the worldliness of its husband-wife "pastor team," Reed and Jess Bogard. It was reported that they had "been using church money to fund their lavish lifestyle, including insanely expensive designer clothing, frequent stays at expensive Airbnb rentals, and thousands of dollars on single meals" ("Hillsong Caving in on Itself," *Reformation Charlotte*, Apr. 12, 2021). Hillsong is one of the most influential producers of contemporary worship music, but its worldly rock & roll is a reflection of the worldliness of its leaders and people. Observers need to understand that Hillsong churches are not true New Testament churches and Hillsong does not represent biblical Christianity. It is the apostasy described in 2 Timothy 4:3 - "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." In fact, in 2003, Brian Houston told a *Sydney Morning Herald* reporter that the church is so successful because "we are

scratching people where they are itching" ("The Lord's Profits," *Sydney Morning Herald*, January 30, 2003). Bible-believing churches that use contemporary praise music are playing with fire. This music brings with it a philosophy that will change the character of any "Biblicist" church. Worldliness produces the climate in which contemporary Christian music is embraced, and the embracing of it increases the worldliness and leads to apostasy.

MUSLIMS KILL EVANGELIST IN UGANDA (Friday Church News Notes, March 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Hardline Muslims," *Morning Star News*, Mar. 8, 2022: "Hardline Muslims who grew furious at the preaching of a speaker at an open-air evangelistic event last week in eastern Uganda beat him to death and burned his body, sources said. John Michael Okero was quoting verses from the Koran about Christ on Feb. 28 in Kadungulu village, Serere District when a Muslim identified only as Shakuuru grabbed the microphone from him. He and other Muslims started beating Okero as they accused him of blaspheming Allah by saying that he has a Son, misinterpreting the Koran, touching the Koran without ritual cleansing ... They beat him to death with iron bars, stones and sticks and later burned his body to a chant in the Ateso language

referring to a thief who steals people from one religion to join a bad religion, the source said. Okero was 43. Police were called but arrived after the assailants had fled, the source said. ... The assault was the latest of many instances of persecution of Christians in Uganda that *Morning Star News* has documented."

ONLINE CRACKDOWN AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN CHINA (Friday Church News Notes, March 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Morning Star News*, Feb. 14, 2022: "Unregistered house churches that have relied on online gatherings and teaching to survive the COVID-19 pandemic and persecution will have that option taken away under draconian measures taking effect on March 1, sources said. Churches, seminaries and other ministries have been shaken by the government announcement on Dec. 20 that all religious information on the internet will be forbidden unless organizations obtain government permission--an option not open to unregistered house churches. Only the five government-approved religious organizations may apply for such permission: The Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM, representing officially-approved Protestant churches), the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association and the officially recognized organizations of Buddhism, Islam and Taoism. ... Starting March 1, all information relating to religion on all social media platforms and independent media must have authorization from the government, China Aid stated. If any religious content on the internet--all words, images and videos--are not approved by authorities, internet





service providers in conjunction with religion departments and public security departments are to stop their internet service, according to the group. **‘If an individual or organization posts religious events without permission or the official license, they will be categorized as people with no social credit**

score,’ China Aid noted. Huang wrote that the measures were issued by a department of the State Council and contravene laws of higher bodies such as the National People’s Congress. ... **The measures require an ‘Internet Religious Information Service License,’** that can be obtained only by organizations belonging to the five authorized religions, according to *Bitter Winter*. The officially recognized organizations are subject to surveillance and limitations, it noted.”

THE PSYCHEDELIC PANDEMIC (Friday Church News Notes, March 25, 2022,

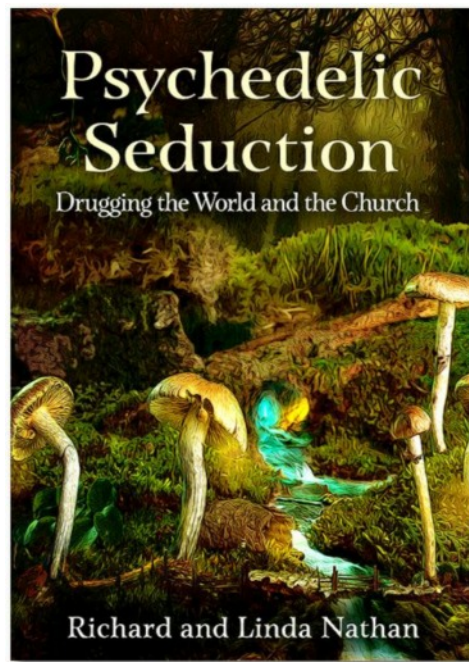
www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Psychedelic Seduction: Drugging the World and the Church* by Richard and Linda Nathan, available from lighthouse trailsresearch.com: “Psychedelic drugs are integrating into our society at breakneck speed. ... Psychedelics are a huge rising star in the drug therapy industry, and ‘there’s almost no mental health condition right now that’s not being looked at.’ That’s because mental health issues currently are costing the global economy \$1 trillion per year. Consequently, numerous large organizations, schools, and

LEARNING FROM THE DRAGONFLY (Friday Church News Notes, March 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 19, 2022: “Evolutionary naturalism paints the picture of life as if it were a haphazard series of accidents that just barely resulted in a range of living things that just manage to survive. This fanciful picture destroys our sense of wonder over the sophisticated engineering designs in nature. Consider the mystery of flight, for example. Some evolutionists suggest that perhaps birds are descended from lizards that fell out of trees a lot. Other evolutionists say that birds came from lizards who grew wings—not for flight, but to chase down and catch insects. Yet, they have little to say about the fact that we humans have come by most of our sophisticated knowledge about flight from studying the birds. Then there is the problem, for the evolutionist, of how flight accidentally evolved *so many times* for so many creatures. Scientists studying the dragonfly are learning even more secrets of flight. Our best high-performance aircraft can barely lift themselves off the ground. However, the dragonfly can lift 15 times his own weight into the air. Scientists have learned that



this is because the dragonfly’s wings are designed to create little whirlwinds over their top surfaces. These whirlwinds are the secret to creating incredible lifting power. Ways are now being planned to apply this secret to new aircraft designs. The engineering excellence found in nature and from which we have learned so much even in this day of interplanetary probes, is not witness to a mindless process of evolution, but to a wise and mindful Creator. Author: Paul A. Bartz. REF.: ‘Dragonfly model for future wings,’ *Science Digest*, Mar. 1984, p. 87.”

companies are studying the use of psychedelics for such conditions as mood and substance use disorders, PTSD, opioid addiction, alcohol and cancer issues, Alzheimer's, end-of-life fears, anorexia nervosa, and major depression, among other areas. In 2019, Johns Hopkins University opened the first-of-its-kind Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research. They also have published 'groundbreaking studies in more than 60 peer-reviewed articles in respected scientific journals. This makes Johns Hopkins the leading psychedelic research institution in the U.S., and among the few leading groups worldwide.' The



Center's opening fortuitously corresponded with the FDA's 'breakthrough therapy'

classification for psilocybin. This new classification helps fast-track the approval of promising pharmaceuticals, of which psilocybin is major. ... 'The psychedelic pharma market is currently a little over \$2 billion and is expected to be valued at more than \$6.8 billion by 2027.' ... 'I believe that the future of psychiatry will find psychedelic medicine at its heart' (Alex Belser, Ph.D.). ... While psychedelic 'therapy' focuses on non-directive support of a patient's inner experience and is wrapped in psychological jargon, it's the same method shamans and sorcerers use to contact spirits and gain supernatural power."

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