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

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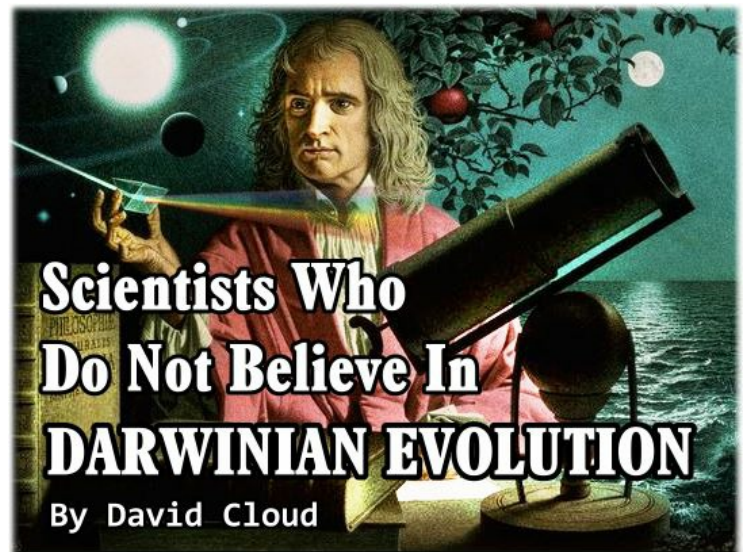


SCIENTISTS WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN DARWINIAN EVOLUTION ~ By David Cloud

The Big Lie about evolution has spread throughout the world since it was hatched by Charles Darwin in the 19th century. It is a major aspect of end-time apostasy and the preparation for the Antichrist.

Evolution's very scoffing is proof for the Bible's divine inspiration, as it was prophesied by the Bible (e.g., 2 Peter. 3). Though lacking a fundamental scientific foundation and though strange and unscientific on its very face (e.g., everything came nothing, precision laws came from an explosion, order arose from disorder, life arose from non-life, intelligence arose from non-intelligence, incredible complexity arose without a designer) evolution is taught in middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. Students are not taught to analyze the theory scientifically. In fact, typically the institutions do not allow exposure to an Intelligent Design viewpoint.

In fact, the students are given the idea that no true scientist today is a creationist.



In June 2022, Armin Moczek, a biologist at Indiana University, told Stephen Buranyi of *The Guardian* (London), "There are certain core evolutionary principles that no scientist seriously questions."

Richard Dawkins, a brash atheist and anti-creationist, says in his book *The Greatest Show in Earth*: “Evolution is a fact. Beyond reasonable doubt, beyond serious doubt, beyond sane, informed, intelligent doubt, beyond doubt evolution is a fact. ... Evolution is a fact, and [my] book will demonstrate it. No reputable scientist disputes it, and no unbiased reader will close the book doubting it.”

According to Dawkins, if you reject evolution, you are unintelligent and your sanity should be questioned, and he proclaims that no reputable scientist disputes it.

In fact, modern science was invented by men who believed in divine creation. In his book *Refuting Evolution*, Jonathan Sarfati, who has a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, says: “It is fallacious to claim, as many evolutionists do, that believing in miracles means that laboratory science would be impossible. In fact, most branches of modern science were founded by believers in the Bible’s account of creation.”

Consider some examples:

Physics -- Newton, Faraday, Maxwell, Kelvin, Joule
Chemistry - Boyle, Dalton, Ramsay
Biology - Ray, Linnaeus, Mendel, Pasteur, Virchow, Agassiz

Geology - Steno, Woodward, Brewster, Buckland, Cuvier

Astronomy - Copernicus, Galileo, Kepler, Herschel, Maunder

Mathematics - Pascal, Leibniz, Euler

Today, 163 years after the publication of Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species* (1859), there are thousands of scientists who disagree with the Darwinian view of evolution.

These can be divided into four general categories: Christian “young earth” creationists, Christian “old earth” creationists, non-Christian theistic evolutionists, and those who believe in an undefined Intelligent Designer.

In 1979, *Science Digest* reported that “scientists who utterly reject evolution may be one of our fastest-growing controversial minorities,” and stated that “many of the scientists supporting this position hold impressive credentials in science” (Larry Hatfield, “Educators Against Darwin,” *Science Digest Special*, Winter 1979, pp. 94-96).

According to recent research, **there are an estimated 113,000 Darwin skeptic scientists and academics in the United States alone** (Neil Gross and Solon Simmons, *How Religious Are America’s College and University Professors?*, working paper Harvard University, Oct. 5, 2006).

“A 2005 poll by the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Social and Religious Research found that **60% of American medical doctors reject Darwinism**, stating that they do not believe humans evolved through natural processes alone. Thirty-eight percent of the American medical doctors polled agreed with the statement that ‘humans evolved naturally with no supernatural involvement.’ The study also reported that one-third of all medical doctors favor the theory of intelligent design over evolution” (“Evolution,” *Conservapedia*).

Dr. Jerry Bergman has compiled a list of about **3,000 “Darwin Skeptics,”** including about a dozen Nobel Prize winners. See <https://www.rae.org/essay-links/darwinskeptics/>.

Bergman has a private list of about 1,000 names of persons who do not want their names on a public list “because of real concerns over possible retaliation or

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harm to their careers.” Bergman says, “I estimate that, if I had the time and resources, I could easily complete a list of over 10,000 names” (“Darwin Skeptics: A Select List of Science Academics, Scientists, and Scholars Who Are Skeptical of Darwinism,” Aug. 24, 2014).

This is a result of the Darwinists who act like howler monkeys and Nazi SS troopers to try to stamp out every vestige of “creationism” from the field of science. (For documentation, see *Silencing the Darwin Skeptics: The War Against Theists* by Jerry Bergman.)

The Discovery Institute has published “**A Scientific Dissent from Darwinism**” -- <https://dissentfromdarwin.org>. On the front page is the following quotation from David Berlinski, Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University:

“Darwin’s theory of evolution is the great white elephant of contemporary thought. It is large, almost completely useless, and the object of superstitious awe.”

As of May 2021, the list had been signed by about 1,213 scientists who agree with the following statement: “We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life.

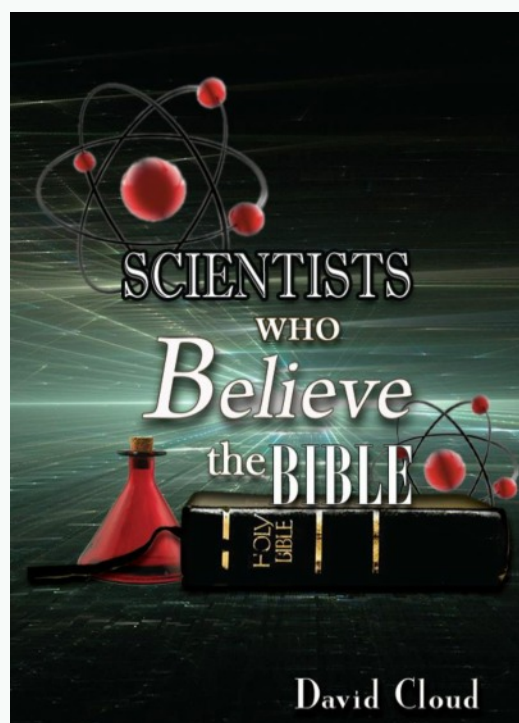
Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.”

Of course, even if NO scientist disputed evolution, this does not mean it is correct. The Bible says, “Let God be true, but every man a liar” (Romans 3:4); and Jesus said, “I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes” (Matthew 11:25).

But it is a fact that thousands of men and women with higher degrees in the sciences reject Darwinian evolution.

The book **SCIENTISTS WHO BELIEVE THE BIBLE**, available in print or a free eBook edition, contains testimonies of nearly 100 scientists and inventors of the 20th and 21st centuries who believe in a literal six-day creation. Most have earned doctorates. We have included selections from their testimonies and writings. These include statements of many evidences against evolution and for creation. *Many of these men and women are former Darwinists who rejected it on the basis of evidence.*

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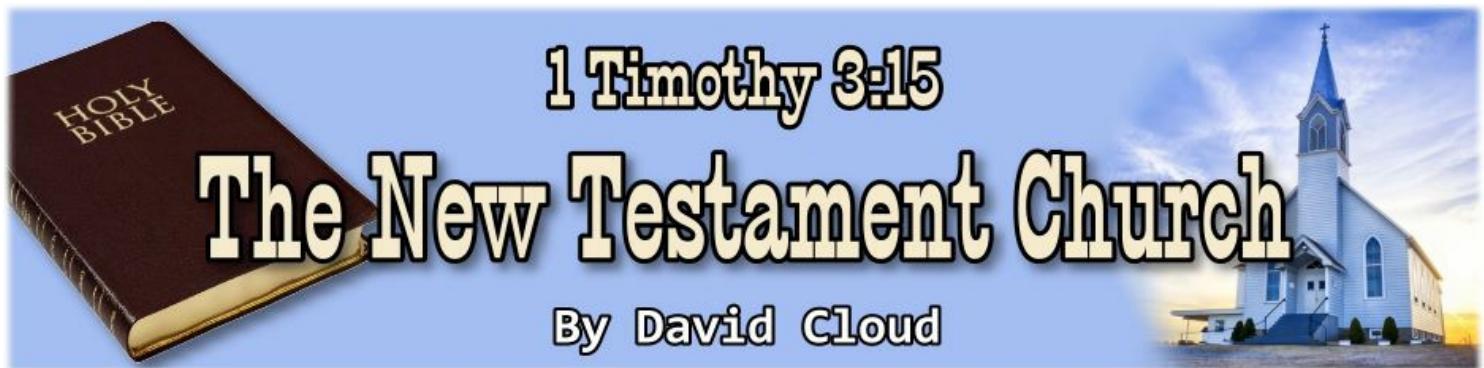
By David Cloud

High Schools, colleges, and universities typically teach only one theory of origins, that being evolution, and the students are not presented with a creationist or even an Intelligent Design viewpoint. In fact, they are often given the idea that no true scientist today is a creationist.

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The following is excerpted from the [*Way of Life Commentary Series, Pastoral Epistles*](#).

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

This is a foundational passage about the church with far-reaching implications. It teaches the pre-eminence of the church in God's plan. It teaches that the church is the headquarters for Christ's Great Commission.

The church is to be operated according to God's Word (*"that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God,"* v. 15).

- The Greek word for "behave" (*anastrepho*) is also translated "conversation" (2 Co. 1:12; Eph. 2:3).
- The church, being God's house, is to operate by God's ordinances as revealed in Acts and the New Testament Epistles. If someone visits your house, he is expected to conduct himself by your rules and not do whatever he pleases. Man has never had the authority to make a different kind of church than the church that is revealed in Scripture. To operate the church by human thinking and tradition is a great evil; it is no small thing. But this rebellion began even in the first century and increased through the centuries, resulting in a steady stream of apostate "churches."
- Church leaders are responsible to make sure that God's will is done in the church, and they will give account to God for how things are conducted.
- Church members are responsible to conduct themselves according to God's Word. Church membership

is a serious business. It is not something to be taken casually. It is not like membership in a social club. Church membership is only for true disciples of Jesus Christ, and they stand accountable to Him. Christ addressed the churches' members in Revelation 2-3, and He dealt sharply with those who were walking disorderly. See Re. 2:4-5, 14-16, 20-23; 3:2-3, 15-19. Church members who walk disorderly and do not repent are to be disfellowshipped (Mt. 18:15-20; 1 Co. 5; 2 Th. 3:6; 1 Ti. 6:3-5). They are in danger of sickness and death (1 Co. 11:27-32).

The church is "*the house of God*" (1 Ti. 3:15).

- Under the law of Moses, the house of God was the tabernacle (1 Ch. 6:48) and later the temple in Jerusalem (2 Ch. 3:3). Today the house of God is the church.
- In the context, this clearly refers to the assembly with pastors and deacons. It does not refer to a "universal church," nor does it refer to a Bible study or prayer meeting. The difference between a New Testament church and a Bible study or prayer meeting is qualified leadership and biblical organization, meaning that it operates according to the rules set forth in the New Testament (e.g., discipline, 1 Co. 5) and it is devoted to the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20). We see this in 1 Timothy and Titus, which were written to set in order the things that are lacking in the churches (Tit. 1:5).
- That the church is the house of God means *the church belongs to God*. It is God's possession. This is emphasized by the repetition ("*the house of God, the church of the living God*").
- That the church is the house of God means *it is the most famous and important house on earth*. Through-

out the world, tourists clamor to see the houses of famous people both living and dead, such as George Washington and Bill Gates. But without doubt, God's house is the most important! Recently a report was published listing the richest people in every country, but that is a short-sighted report. Actually, the richest people in every country are those who are joint heirs with the Son of God!

- That the church is the house of God means *this is where God's business is conducted*. It is the headquarters of world evangelism, which is the great program that Christ commanded and emphasized after He rose from the dead (Mt. 28:18-20; Mr. 16:15; Lu. 24:44-48; Joh. 20:21; Ac. 1:8). In the book of Acts, it is the churches that fulfill this great work (Ac. 13-14). The church should, therefore, be at the center of every believer's life. How can I say that I love and honor God, if I don't love His house in the sense of being committed and engaged and faithful?

- The church as the house of God means that *it is to be operated by His laws*. When I visit a man's house, I am expected to follow his rules. Men have no authority to act as they please in the church. Everything must be done according to God's will as set down in Scripture, the sole authority for faith and practice in the church. We don't want an American church or a British church or a Chinese church; we want a biblical church!

- The church as the house of God means that *it is only for God's children*. It is necessary to be born again to be qualified to be a church member, as we see in the example of the first church (Ac. 2:41-42). Haste and carelessness about church membership turns God's house into a mixed multitude, which is confusion. This is the most fundamental cause of apostasy. The church is always one generation away from spiritual destruction if the door is not guarded by the principle of a regenerate church membership.

- The church as the house of God *describes the church as a family*. The church is where the people of God are loved, protected, nurtured, educated, developed, disciplined. It is where they learn to know the Father through the Son. It is where they learn the will of the Father. It is the nursery for spiritual infants and the training school for spiritual warriors.

The church is “*the church of the living God*” (1 Ti. 3:15).

- He is the true and living God as opposed to dead gods. “Living” encompasses all that God is. The church is the possession of the God who is the source and sustainer of all life. He is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal, unchanging, unconquerable, utterly trustworthy.

The church is the “*pillar and ground of the truth*” (1 Ti. 3:15).

- Truth is the church's chief business. Nothing is more important and more valuable than truth in this dark world of lies. The truth is God's Word (“thy word is truth,” Joh. 17:17). The truth is Christ (“I am the truth,” Joh. 14:6).

- Ground refers to the foundation, and pillar refers to the proclamation.

- Note that the pillar and ground of the truth is not a denomination or an interdenominational or parachurch organization or a university, etc. This great task is given to the New Testament church alone. “The Bible alone would not save the world. There must be an organization back of the Book, an organization that has in it the elements of perpetuity, otherwise the truth would go to pieces. If there was no competent body to exercise discipline, to insist upon the gospel elements of the truth in preaching, and to exercise jurisdiction over the preachers of that doctrine, then there would be all sorts of preaching, all sorts of doctrines, and there would be no conservation of the truth” (B.H. Carroll).

The church is “*the ground of the truth*.”

- Being the pillar is the chief business of the church, so it is mentioned first in this verse. What good is it for the church to be the foundation of the truth if it is not also the pillar of the truth to broadcast the truth to needy sinners? Bible study without evangelism is not God's will.

- But since in practice the ground must precede the pillar, we will discuss the church as the ground first.

- *The church is the ground of the truth by possessing the truth*. God has delivered the truth to the New Testament churches, and this is where a man or woman

must come if they want to find the truth. Christ promised that He would send the Spirit which would guide the apostles into all truth (Joh. 16:13). The apostles and prophets delivered the truth to the churches, and the churches received the truth (1 Th. 2:13). We see this process in 1 Co. 15:1-4, where Paul said he received the gospel from Christ, and he then delivered it to the churches. To possess the truth requires possessing the preserved Scripture, which shows the importance of the Bible text/version issue. We are convinced that the preserved truth is the Hebrew Masoretic and the Greek Received Text and accurate translations thereof. In English, the most perfect edition of truth is the King James Bible.

• *The church is the ground of the truth **by understanding the truth.***

It is not enough that the church possess the Word of God; it must understand it. The church should not merely *have* a Bible Institute; it should *be* a Bible Institute. It must train every believer to be an effectual Bible student and grow up every believer in the full knowledge of the truth. This begins with properly trained and qualified leaders who are the headmasters of God's Bible Institutes. If the leaders are weak in doctrine and in knowledge of the Word of God, if they are not capable teachers, the church will not be the ground of the truth.

• *The church is the ground of the truth **by preserving the truth.***

The church preserves the Bible. The completed canon of Scripture has been placed into the hands of the churches to be kept. It is to be passed on from generation to generation by being committed to faithful men (2 Ti. 2:2). Each generation is to be taught to observe all things that Christ has commanded, which refers to the entire canon of Scripture (Mt. 28:20). The entire Book is the Word of Christ. The Old Testament was preserved by Israel (Ro. 3:2), particularly by the Levites (De. 17:9-13). The Jewish Masorete scribes kept every jot and tittle. They counted every letter on a page, and if they made a mistake they destroyed the whole page. The churches should care about God's Word like this!

• *The church is the ground of the truth **by defending the truth.***

Compare Jude 1:3, "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." Because there are many enemies of the truth, no position can be maintained without constant indoctrination and aggressive defense. It is said that "no position can be maintained

with a campaign." It is like a castle being attacked from every side. If the defenders do not watch one of the walls or towers, it will be taken from that side. The full New Testament faith is the church's castle, and each doctrine of the faith is assailed by "doctrines of devils" (1 Ti. 4:1). The apostles give the example of defending the truth. We see them defending the truth against the Judaizers and false christs and false gospels and false spirits and gnostics and antinomians and many others. Again, this essential work of preserving the ground of the truth requires extensive and effectual Bible education. The church must be so well educated in Bible truth that it can maintain the truth against every error. Teaching, preserving, and defending truth are fundamentals. If the church does not hold onto the truth, if it is not zealous for the truth, and if the believers are not thoroughly grounded in the truth, if the truth is not defended against false teachers, none of the church's other business can be accomplished.

• *The church is the ground of the truth **by good Christian living.***

Doctrinal orthodoxy is not enough. The truth must be demonstrated. Note in the following passage that blameless living is necessary to shining as lights in the world. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Php. 2:14-15). Verse 14 describes the church as the ground of the truth, and verse 15 describes the church as the pillar of the truth. This is the theme of Titus 2. The godly living described in that chapter is what "becomes sound doctrine" (Tit. 2:1). Every category of Christian is named: old men, old women, young women, young men, and servants. All are given their instructions about good Christian living, and it is this that causes the Word of God *not* to be blasphemed (Tit. 2:5). It is this that adorns the doctrine of God (Tit. 2:10).

• *The church is the ground of the truth **by discipline,***

which keeps the light of the gospel pure. We see this in 1 Co. 5:6-8. The church is to be a pure loaf of unleavened bread, and this requires discipline. If the church members live unrepentant wicked lives and aren't disciplined, the church's light becomes corrupt; the world cannot see the pure truth about Christ. I think of a church member who did not pay her debts, who did not pay her rent on time, and got into fist-fights with unbelievers! She gave the church and the

truth of Christ a bad name until she was disciplined for her sin.

- All of this is foundation work, groundwork. It is not a small task, and it is not something that can be done and then forgotten. It is a big and continual work. The church's foundation must be deep and strong, and it must be maintained so that cracks do not appear and spread.

The church is also the *pillar* of the truth (1 Ti. 3:15).

- The church is the pillar of the truth to hold it up high before the world. The church is the pillar of truth by proclaiming God's Word, by preaching the gospel. The church as the pillar of truth is the church as the candlestick of Christ (Re. 1:20). To be the pillar of the truth is to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mr. 16:15). It is to "hold forth the word of life" (Php. 2:15). It is to be witnesses of Christ to all the earth (Ac. 1:8). It is to be "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Co. 5:20).
- The pillar is mentioned first, before the ground, though the ground or foundation is what upholds the pillar. The pillar is mentioned first by way of emphasis, and perhaps because often it is one of the first things to be left off of the church's program.
- The church must be *both* the ground and pillar of the truth. As we have said, to be the ground of the truth is not enough. To know and love and preserve God's Word is an essential business of the church, but it is not an end in itself. It is the foundation from which the Word of God is to be proclaimed to a needy world of lost and dying sinners. A church that focuses on Bible study for the saints but neglects the evangelization of the lost is a selfish and dying church. Likewise, it is not enough for a church to be the pillar of the truth while neglecting the ground. Some churches have emphasized evangelism and ignored serious Bible study and godly Christian living.
- In Paul's day, the Romans built many great pillars as testimonies and memorials, such as Trajan's Column in Rome which celebrated the Emperor Trajan's victories in the Dacian Wars. It was 35 meters (115 feet or 11 stories) high. It featured relief carvings depicting various aspects of the wars, and it was topped by an image of Trajan. It was a proclamation, a witness,

a message, an educational tool. Likewise, the church is to build a pillar proclaiming the glorious gospel to "whosoever will." At the top of the church's pillar is Jesus Christ. He is the one we are to hold up before the eyes of the world. The church's main message is found in the verse following 1 Ti. 3:15 ("God was manifest in the flesh," 1 Ti. 3:16).

- 1 Timothy 3:15 summarizes the church's main business, which is Christ's Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20). Churches must not get sidetracked to less important things, such as entertainment, sports, politics, and any type of social gospel. Other institutions in this world can do those things and do them better than the churches, but only sound churches can fulfill Christ's Great Commission. Whenever churches get involved in social work in a big way, they compromise the truth. They accept the heresy of ecumenism and join hands with false teachers. They stop preaching the gospel. Consider World Vision. "In all World Vision projects, staff are ready to give a reason for their hope ... WHENEVER APPROPRIATE AND DESIRED BY THE COMMUNITY. In many countries where we work, formal public evangelism is forbidden by government policy and we respect this." We see that World Vision is committed to doing social work even apart from gospel preaching, which is nowhere supported by Scripture. We think, too, of the anti-abortion movement and how that it has often produced great compromise on the part of Bible believers when they have yoked together in ecumenical relationships with false teachers, which is forbidden by Scripture (e.g., Ro. 16:17-18; 2 Co. 6:14-18; 2 Ti. 3:5). In 1990, I heard Catholic priest Michael Scanlan, head of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Ohio, testify of being jailed for picketing an abortion clinic. He said the group of demonstrators--Catholics and Protestants--were placed in an armory and spent some days together. They had mass every morning; they said the rosary (which features prayers to Mary as Queen of Heaven) two or more times a day; they had a seminar on Marian theology and papal teaching. He said that some of the Protestant abortion protestors continued to say the rosary after they were released from incarceration. Ecumenical social work does not further the truth; it hinders it.

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“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3)

Note the word “*beloved*.” Contending for truth and warning of error is a work of genuine Christian love. Jude exhorted the brethren to contend for the faith and to deal with heretics because he loved them and wanted to protect them and because he loved the truth and wanted to see it continue and prosper. He is not a severe, Pharisaical man. He is a compassionate preacher, a lover of God, a lover of God’s people, a lover of truth and righteousness.

Defending the faith is a work of all the saints (“*to them that are sanctified*”). This exhortation is addressed to all the brethren in Christ. It is not the work of a select few only. The saints are no longer of this world. They have been made citizens of heaven and soldiers on the side of God and truth in the great spiritual warfare that is raging. To be the friend of heretics is to partake of their evil deeds (2 Jo. 1:8-11).

Defending the faith is to be done with “*all diligence*.” Jude was giving all diligence to instruct the brethren. “Diligence” is the Greek *spoude*, which is translated “haste” (Mr. 6:25), “carefulness” (2 Co. 7:11), and “earnest” (2 Co. 8:16). “All diligence” is a full-out effort that should characterize every aspect of Bible preaching/teaching, including defense and warning. Defending the faith is a necessary part of teaching about “*the common salvation*.” Jude was not limited to

teaching positive truth. He shows us that defense of the faith and exposure of error is an essential aspect of teaching sound doctrine. It is “*needful*.” The common salvation refers to the one doctrine of salvation that is revealed in Scripture and that is held in common by those who know and love the truth. Paul called it “the common faith” (Tit. 1:4).

Defending the faith must be “*exhorted*.” The work of contending for the faith is to be taught and encouraged to the brethren. It is a duty that must be stirred up.

Defending the faith must be done “*earnestly*.” The Greek translated “earnestly contend” is *epagonizomai*, which means “to contend about a thing, as a combatant” (Vine). It is from *epi* (for, with an intensive force) and *agonizomai* (to strive, to contend, to fight). It was used to describe the contenders in the Greek games (*agon*). “The word ‘earnestly’ is added to convey the intensive force of the preposition” (Vine). The defense of the faith is not to be a half-hearted thing. It is to be done with all diligence and with earnestness. Every preacher, and every child of God, should be set for the defense of the faith, a soldier in the battle of truth, a fighter of the good fight. This requires study and preparation and a willingness to engage error. The earnest contention of the faith should be a major emphasis of every preachers’ training institute.

That which is to be defended is “*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*.” This is what we are to defend. “*The faith*” here is not the believer’s faith (e.g., “by grace are ye saved through faith”); it is the body of truth revealed to the apostles and prophets and inscribed in the New Testament Scripture. It is so used in Ac. 6:7; 14:22; 16:5; Ro. 1:5; 2 Co. 13:5; Ga. 1:23; Eph. 4:13; Col. 1:23; 2:7; 1 Ti. 3:9; 4:1; 5:8; 6:10, 21; 2 Ti. 3:8; 4:7; Tit. 1:13; 3:15. False teachers depart from the faith and err from the faith (1 Ti. 4:1; 6:10). Observe that the faith was “*once delivered*.” This emphasizes that the faith was

completed in the days of the apostles. It was delivered by the Spirit to the apostles and prophets who penned the New Testament Scripture. “Delivered” is the Greek *paradidomi*, “from *para* (to the side of, over to) and *didomi* (to give), to deliver over or up to the power of someone” (*Complete Word Study Bible*). This was done “once,” one time. “Delivered” is an aorist participle, which is action completed rather than continuous. The New Testament faith was sealed with a solemn warning that it is not to be added to or subtracted from (Re. 20:18-19). In every canon of the New Testament, both Greek and Latin, the book of Revelation comes at the end and thus concludes the Book with that warning. **Note that all of the faith is to be defended.** Jude doesn’t indicate that only some truths are to be defended. It is “the faith” as a body of truth that is to be defended. Some teachings of Scripture are more “fundamental” or essential than others, but all teachings of the faith are to be defended. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and all is profitable to make the man of God perfect (2 Ti. 3:16-17).

Not all Scripture is of equal importance, but all is divinely inspired and all must be kept and preached and obeyed and defended. The Bible stands or falls as a whole. Jesus taught His people to respect the very jots and tittles (Mt. 5:18). He taught that while not every teaching has the same weight, all has some weight and nothing is to be despised (Mt. 23:23).

Defending the faith must be done with zeal and forthrightness. Jude shows the way of right contending for the faith, and it is the way of plainness of speech and sharpness of warning (“ungodly men ... filthy dreamers ... brute beasts ... Woe unto them! ... clouds without water ... trees whose fruit withereth ... raging waves of the sea ... wandering stars”). Jude doesn’t discuss damnable heresy in gentle, scholarly terms. Jude wouldn’t be welcome in a modern dialogue. Truth is a matter of black and white to this servant of Jesus Christ, and those who turn from the faith are under the most severe condemnation.



The born again child of God, who is saved by faith in Jesus Christ, has the privilege of understanding and believing God’s Word, and this gives good mental health in an age of unbelief, skepticism, confusion, uncertainty, turmoil, fear, lies, slander, and a bewildering multiplicity of conflicting philosophies.

Of course, the good mental health doesn’t come automatically, even for the child of God, simply because the promises of God are available. They must be “owned.”

I must make them mine by studying them, understanding them properly, meditating upon them, and believing them in the face of adversity.

And I must stay in “the place of blessing” by walking in the light, obeying God, and confessing my sin.

Following are a sampling of the benefits of a biblical worldview:

Victory over fear of judgment

“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:11-12). “What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? *It is* God that justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Romans 8:31-34).

Victory over fear of losing one's salvation

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand" (John 10:27-29).

Victory over fear of the times

"Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding" (Daniel 2:20-21).

"But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my God. My times *are* in thy hand" (Psalm 31:14-15).

Victory over fear of enemies

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies" (Psalm 23:5).

Victory over fear of lack

"The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

Victory over fear of trouble and tribulation

"And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:3-6).

Victory over fear of persecution

"Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12).

Victory over fears in old age

"I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

Victory over fear of death

"We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Victory over fear in general

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Victory over anxiety about today

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose" (Romans 8:28). "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). "In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, *and* strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul" (Psalm 138:3).

Victory over anxiety about tomorrow

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:33-34).

Victory over unanswered questions

"The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Victory over covetousness

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can

carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:6-10). “*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me*” (Hebrews 13:5-6).

Victory over Satanic attack

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world” (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Victory over fretting because of evildoers and their activities and conspiracies

“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; *so* shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall* not *be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall* not *be*. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace” (Psalm 37:1-11).

Victory over loneliness

“for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

Victory over guilt from an unprofitable, unfruitful life

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it” (Luke 9:24).

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).

Victory over guilt of sin

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9).

Victory over pride and jealousy

“Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye *are* God's building” (1 Corinthians 3:5-9).

“Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me” (John 21:21-22).

“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith” (Romans 12:3).

Victory over wrong imaginations

“(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing

that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

Victory over wrong thoughts

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Victory over worrying about what people are saying about me

“Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others” (Ecclesiastes 7:21-22).

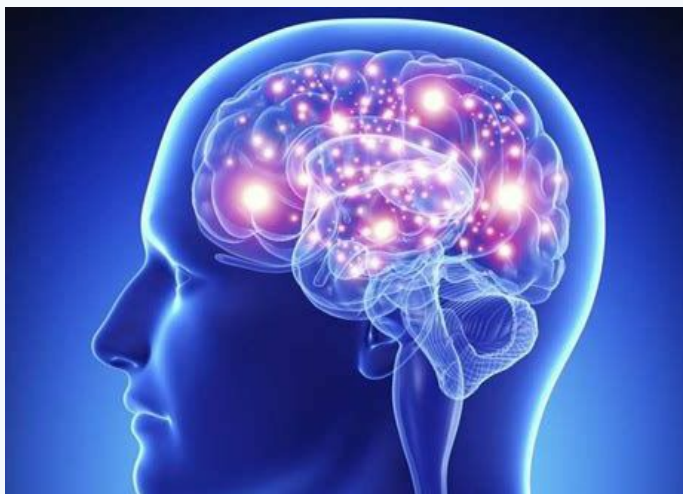
Victory over taking offense

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them” (Psalm 119:165).

The Bible’s Description of a Bad State of Mind vs. a Good State of Mind

“Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:13-18).

YOUR 20-WATT BRAIN (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com: “Picture in your mind the sight and sounds of popcorn popping. As you picture the popping becoming more frantic as the popper fills up, do you begin to smell the popcorn? That’s part of the wonder of the brain. The brain can not only store words and ideas, but sights, sounds and even smells. The average person’s memory is able to retain about 100 billion bits of information the information found in 500 sets of encyclopedias. But, to use computer language, the brain is not only a place where information is stored, it is also an information processor. Yet it only weighs a little less than four pounds and uses about 20 watts of energy. Our most sophisticated modern computers don’t even begin to approach such efficiency. Research has shown that the more you use part of your brain, the larger that part becomes--just like building muscles. And if you



don’t use part of your brain, it starts shrinking. Few of us have developed our ability to memorize things to any great extent. But to show what can be done, in May of 1974 a Burmese man recited, from memory, 16,000 pages from a Buddhist religious text! What are you doing with that marvelous organ, the brain, that your Creator gave to you? How much of His Word have you stored in your memory as a treasure which can never be taken away?”

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?



SCHOOL CHOICE GROWING IN U.S. (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- School choice is the only program that can have a significant impact in reducing the power of the mainstream public school system, and school choice is growing. The following is excerpted from Scott Jensen, American Federation for Children, June 28, 2022: "At the American Federation for Children, the nation's voice for educational choice, we only count programs that 1) give parents enough assistance to actually make a different choice; and 2) provide parents with a variety of private school options *including* religious schools. These states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In addition, you have the District of Columbia and Douglas County, Colorado. ... Illinois' \$500 tax credit is too small to affect a parent's decisions. And, Minnesota's

\$1,000 tax credit does not cover tuition--just other educational expenses. The Vermont and Maine programs do not allow students to attend a religious school, and therefore, do not truly empower parents with full educational options."

CONCLUDING NOTE: Many of these states limit their school choice programs to select students, such as special needs and military, but there is an ever-increasing push to expand them. In October, West Virginia's Supreme Court reversed a circuit court injunction on the Hope Scholarship Program which provides public funds to students "leaving the public school system for either charter, private, religious, or home-schooling" (Fox News, Oct. 7, 2022). Currently eight states have an Education Savings Account (ESA) program. These are Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Education Savings Accounts "allow parents to withdraw their children from public district or charter schools and receive a deposit of public funds into government-authorized savings accounts with restricted, but multiple, uses. Those funds—which families generally access via an online platform—can cover private school tuition and fees, online learning programs, private tutoring, community college costs, higher education expenses and other approved customized learning services and materials" ("ESAs," EdChoice.org).

MENTAL HEALTH CARE BELGIUM STYLE: ANTIDEPRESSANTS AND EUTHANASIA (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "A



Belgian Euthanasia Case,” *Breakpoint*, Nov. 17, 2022: “Back in May, a Belgian woman named Shanti De Corte was killed by euthanasia. Six years ago, when only a teenager, De Corte had survived the horrific terrorist attack on Brussels. Thirty-two people were killed in the attack, which was perpetrated by Islamic State terrorists. Many students were among the victims, classmates of De Corte. Though she narrowly escaped being killed, De Corte struggled to cope with the trauma of the event. **She was prescribed heavy medication for depression which only got worse over time.** ‘I get several drugs at breakfast and up to 11 antidepressants a day,’ she wrote. ‘With all the drugs I take, I feel like a ghost who doesn’t feel anything anymore. Perhaps there were solutions other than the drugs.’ In April of 2022, De Corte submitted a request to be euthanized due to her ‘medically futile’ condition of mental suffering. Two psychologists approved the request, and a month later, at age 23, she was given a cocktail of lethal drugs. Shanti De Corte is the 33rd victim of her nation’s deadliest terror attack. Only, she was not killed by terrorists, but by her own government. ... Though advocates often ridicule the opposition as only appealing to ‘slippery slope’ arguments, the slope of doctor-assisted death isn’t just slippery, it’s steep, greased, and leads to the moral abyss. Executing the victim instead of the attackers was not

only legal, but logical in this world turned upside down.” (For more on antidepressants, see “No Happy Pill: A Study of Antidepressant Drugs,” https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/no_happy_pill_antidepressant_drugs.php.)

RETIRED GREEK FOOTBALLER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ANTI-LGBT COMMENTS (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “God created Adam and Eve,” *Premier Christian News*, Nov. 14, 2022: “A Greek football legend has been sentenced to time in prison after he criticised a gender identity law on social media. Retired midfielder Vasilis Tsiartas has been sentenced by an Athens court to ten months in prison and a 5,000 fine after he was charged with hate speech following comments he made in 2017. Tsiartas wrote on his Facebook page that he hoped ‘the first sex changes are carried out on the children of those who ratified this abomination,’ according to news outlet *The Greek Times*. ‘Legitimise paedophiles, too, to complete the crimes,’ he continued. Tsiartas later added, ‘God created Adam and Eve.’ The law being criticised by Tsiartas removed the medical requirement from the process of changing legal gender, and dropped the minimum age to 15. Following Tsiartas’ comments, prominent Greek trans activist Marina Galanos filed a lawsuit against him. The 49-year-old has become the first person to be convicted after Greece introduced an anti-racist law for public incitement of violence or hatred on the basis of gender identity. The Transgender Support Association (SYD)



described Tsiartas’ conviction as ‘particularly important for the transgender community.’ Reacting to the news on Twitter, Tsiartas said he will be appealing the decision.”

NO LOST TRIBES (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Beginning with the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities in the 8th and 6th centuries BC, the tribes of Israel were scattered, but they were never lost. James speaks of them in his day. “James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting” (Jas. 1:1). In the Tribulation, 144,000 evangelists will be sealed out of the 12 tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:4-8). “The mention of the twelve tribes of Israel is likewise a refutation of the idea that the tribes of Israel are lost, as well as of the theory that the lost tribes are perpetuated in the English-speaking people of the world [British Israelism]. Though genealogies have been lost, a modern Jew can be



assured that he belongs to the seed of Abraham; and God knows into which tribe he should be classified” (John Walvoord).



NEW STUDY SUGGESTS BAN ON SINGING IN CHURCHES AND MASK REQUIREMENT DURING COVID UNNECESSARY

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- The following is excerpted from “New Study,” *Premier Christian News*, Nov. 17, 2022: “A new study has suggested that a ban on indoor singing within church congregations and in choirs during the Covid 19 pandemic was based on misleading evidence. The reason for the ban which applied in most countries, was based on a choir rehearsal that took place in March 2020 with the Skagit Valley Chorale in Mount Vernon, in a Washington Presbyterian Church, in which 52 of the 61 attendees became infected with coronavirus. A later investigation however by Skagit County Public Health officials shed new information that a single chorister, who turned up to the 2020 rehearsal with symptoms and later tested positive for the virus was more likely to have come from an infected community and was a single source of the virus. A review of this new information by Brunel University, Nottingham Trent University and Brighton and Sussex Medical School concluded that **many of the**

choristers’ symptoms started too early to be caused by the rehearsal. Brunel University London’s Dr Colin Axon spoke to *Premier* and said he believes the global bans were unnecessary. ‘I can see why there was caution, but I think it was overcautious, and I don’t think it was necessary. **The value of people getting together and singing was completely forgotten about. Masks are also not effective in church settings, there is no more scientific evidence that they work, these things together created that fear in people, which was unfounded, unjustified.** People do not need to be fearful because the effect on people’s health of socialising with other people, whether it’s in a church setting or choir or anything else, it’s the social interaction that is important that people need, and that has a significant effect upon someone’s health.’”

KILLFIES (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- “A study by the iO Foundation found 379 people were killed while taking selfies around the world between January 2008 and July 2021” (*Petapixel*, Nov. 15, 2022). At least nine deaths have been reported since then, but many selfie deaths are not reported as such. On Nov. 10, 2022, Igor de Oliveira Rodrigues Dias died after falling 40 feet from a



rock in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He climbed the rock to take a selfie to celebrate a new job. Selfies are dumb even when they aren’t dangerous.

KING HEZEKIAH INSCRIPTION (Friday Church News Notes, November 25, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “Bible’s Reliability Further Affirmed,” *Israel Today*, Nov. 8, 2022: “A broken portion of an engraving on a limestone tablet the size of your palm is adding yet further confirmation to the biblical account and giving a new twist on how Israel’s kings saw themselves. The partial inscription engraved in ancient Hebrew letters was originally reported in 2008, but was not deciphered until recently. The letters on the inscription are only fragments of words, with the rest of the letters having been broken off. When found, the artifact was near an ancient man-made pool together with pottery shards dating to the 8th century BC. However, at the time the Israel Antiquities Authority did not make a conclusive connection between the inscription, King Hezekiah and the pool. **Now two mainstream Israel archaeological experts, Gershon Galil and Eli Shukron, have**

concluded that the full inscription was: 'Hezekiah made the pool in Jerusalem.' The parallel passage is found in 2 Kings 20:20, which reads: 'As for the other events of Hezekiah's reign, all his achievements and how he made the pool and the tunnel by which he brought water into the city...' (NKJ). Not so many years ago, skeptical archaeological minimalists were claiming only minor evidence had been found for the reliability of the Bible. However, year by year those claims are increasingly being shown to have been premature and mistaken."



T.D. JAKES SAYS HUG YOURSELF (Friday Church News Notes, December 2, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - T.D. Jakes, one of America's most popular and influential preachers, is exhorting people to hug themselves. On Nov. 6, 2022, he preached, "The courage you need to survive must come from within you. When it doesn't come from around you, it must come from within. ... [Say to yourself,] 'I'll encourage myself, I'm taking myself out to dinner. I'm gonna be my valentine. You're not going to help me. I'm gonna be my own valentine.' ... If the kids don't bring you no roses, get yourself some roses. If they don't send you no card, get

yourself a card. Encourage yourself! I want you to do something right now. I want you to throw your arms around yourself and hug yourself. I want you to rock from side to side and say, 'I got you, I got you.' In the season you are in your life, hug yourself and say, 'I got you. I got you.' You're gonna get through this" (Jakes, "Stop Living in Limbo," Nov. 6, 2022). "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves..." (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

HUNDREDS OF CONGREGATIONS LEAVING THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Friday Church News Notes, December 2, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Hundreds of congregations are leaving the United Methodist Church (UMC) over the issues of ordaining homosexual pastors and hosting same-sex marriages. Though the denomination officially bans these things and its Book of Doctrine says "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching," many congregations have flaunted homosexual rights. The result is a large ongoing split, with the more conservative congregations departing to join a new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, which was formed in April 2022. This month, 249 North Carolina congregations departed, which is 32% of the total ("Nearly one-third of church split," *Fox News*, Nov. 23, 2022). They join 58 congregations in Louisiana and 70 in North Georgia. In other states, many churches have expressed their intention to leave. Typical of these is Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas. Jeff Gage, senior pastor, says, "We will be



disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church at the end of the year. It's not the denominational structure that troubles us. It's what's happening across the denomination that is contrary to what we see as solid biblical teaching" ("Methodist church split," KETK.com, Sept. 23, 2022).

POLISH PARTY LEADER SPEAKS OUT FOR TRADITIONAL GENDER DISTINCTIONS (Friday Church News Notes, December 2, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "PiS Party Leader," *The European Conservative*, Nov. 12, 2022: "Poland's ruling Law and Justice (PiS) party has come out in defense of traditional gender distinctions. On November 12th, the head of the party, Jarosław Kaczyński, gave a speech in Wadowice during which he harshly attacked the LGBT movement's effects on children. 'We do not want, ladies and gentlemen, a country in which twelve-year-old girls declare themselves lesbians, although



unfortunately these things are already spreading in Poland,’ said Kaczyński. Kaczyński also spoke out against the transgender movement, to which his country has become increasingly susceptible. Polish universities, Kaczyński asserted, were implementing policies friendly toward an agenda, in which normative behavior and honest debate were punishable. On college campuses in Poland, if a student, ‘a boy, two meters [6 feet] tall and 120 kilos [264 pounds] in weight with a beard says he is Zosia [a female name], then the teacher has to call him that or be fired. This is madness, ladies and gentlemen, and this madness must be fought. What is in the genes cannot be interpreted,’ the party leader warned. ... Kaczyński’s colleague and Polish Minister of Education Przemysław Czarnek urged Poles to take responsibility for the unique role they play in staving off the destructive ideologies of the West, warning them they ‘must be counter-revolutionaries’ ... To him, gender ideology ‘destroys the family, destroys common sense.’”

MASTECTOMIES AMONG TRANSGENDER MINORS HAVE “EXPLODED” (Friday Church News Notes, December 2, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *Answers in Genesis*, Oct. 10, 2022: “How many children will be sacrificed on the altar of the LGBTQ religion



before parents wake up and stand against the madness that’s preached fervently in so many schools around our nation and through the media? It seems the answer is many thousands of children. You see, the push to teach gender ideology to young children and teens isn’t without consequences—it’s scarring (quite literally) thousands of children, leading them to do irreversible damage to their bodies. A recent article [*New York Times*, Sept. 26, 2022] shared that rates of so-called ‘top surgeries’ (mastectomies or chest reconstruction on trans-identifying patients) have soared in recent years, with one medical center performing just 5 on minors in 2013, compared to 70 in 2019. A survey of 26 ‘leading pediatric gender clinics’ in America uncovered ‘long waiting lists’ of minors for these surgeries and a group of 11 clinics reported a total of 203 such surgeries ... irreversible surgeries on teenagers based on their subjective feelings! ... A recent report claims this industry will be worth a whopping \$5 billion by 2030 because, as one such clinic pointed out, these surgeries are a ‘big money-maker’ as they require lots of follow-up. These young people have been lied to by their schools, the media, and social media influencers who’ve told them all of their pain, discontentment with their bodies, mental illness, and trauma will be healed if they just become their ‘true selves’ and identify as trans or something on the LGBTQ spectrum. And I’m not exaggerating when I say they are being convinced by much of the media they consume to go down this path: a recent study found ‘86.7% of the parents of gender-dysphoric teenagers reported that the gender dysphoria coincided with an increase in internet/social media use, or the self-identification of a friend of that

teen as *transgender*, or both.’ The gender madness sweeping through our Western cultures is nothing short of horrific child abuse. Children, who are highly susceptible to suggestion and peer influence, are having the seeds of gender confusion planted in preschool, watered through social media pages (such as TikTok), and then that seed blooms as their peers begin to ‘come out’ as trans.”

THE MASKING OF AMERICA (Friday Church News Notes, December 2, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Jeffrey Anderson, “Masking,” *Claremont Review of Books*, Summer 2021: “In its worldwide impact, the COVID-19 pandemic has been the worst in a century. As a threat to Americans’ health, however, it is closer to the 1968 Hong Kong flu or the 1957 Asian flu—neither of which noticeably altered Americans’ everyday lives—than to the 1918 Spanish flu. In a head-to-head comparison, COVID-19 makes the Spanish flu look like the Black Death of medieval Europe. According to the best available figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and elsewhere, the typical American under the age of 40 in 1918 was more than 100 times as likely to die of the Spanish flu than the typical American under the age of 40 in 2020 was to die of COVID-19. Whereas COVID-19 sadly shortened the lives of many older people already in poor health, the Spanish flu took people in the prime of life and left orphans in its wake. Americans’ reaction to COVID-19, however, has been radically different from their behavior in 1968, 1957, or even 1918. ... One major difference between then and now is the



increased role of public health officials. ... The most reliable science on whether masks are effective in stopping the transmission of viruses comes from randomized control trials (RCTs). ... Randomized control trials have found little to no evidence that masks work to prevent viral transmission—either from the wearer to others or vice versa. In fact, some significant evidence from RCTs indicates that masks *increase* transmission. ... A 2020 study by Professor Henning Bundgaard and his team in Denmark is the only RCT that has tested the effectiveness of mask-wearing against COVID-19. It found that 1.8% of those participants in the group wearing masks, and 2.1% of those in the unmasked control group, became infected with COVID-19 within a month. This difference was not statistically significant. ... In sum, not only do masks apparently not work as advertised, they are uncomfortable and unhygienic. They obscure our humanity and undermine our children's development. They prevent us from seeing the emotions, sensibilities, and affections of others, or sharing our own. They limit communication and erode understanding. They profoundly compromise human interaction and substantially reduce our quality of life. Public health officials understand none of this."

THE END OF A SPACE MISSION
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- The following is from CreationMoments.com: "The Cassini-Huygens Mission, which ended in 2017, was, by any stretch of the imagination, a remarkable human achievement. Launched on October 15, 1997, the craft was active for nearly 20 years before its final descent into the oblivion of Saturn's gravity on September 15, 2017. Cassini-Huygens took seven years to reach Saturn. In order to save fuel, an extremely complicated orbit was calculated to use planetary gravitational fields to accelerate the craft enough for its long journey to Saturn. This involved two close approaches to Venus, one to the Earth, and another to Jupiter, which finally whipped the craft off in the right direction for the rendezvous with the ringed planet and its moons. The complexity of the calculations required to power the craft to Saturn relied on the predictability and measurability of gravitational forces elsewhere in the Solar System. Such confidence in calculations was only possible because these universal constants display the wisdom of God. NASA's brilliant scientists did not assume that their work would be hindered by random evolutionary chance in the way that all these



planets behaved. Yet, part of their mission was the vain search for the evolution of life on one of Saturn's moons. Evolution-minded scientists often cannot see the irony or the inconsistency of such an approach--a reliance on divine design in an attempt to prove such design does not exist! Ref: NASA press release on Cassini-Huygens, www.nasa.gov."

UNION SEMINARY TEACHING STUDENTS TO "THINK AND FEEL WITH TREES"

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- Union Seminary in New York City is teaching students how to communicate with trees. In the course Master of Arts in Social Justice for 2023-24, taught by Claudio Carvalhaes, students learn to "think and feel with other species, with the trees, with the soil, with the rivers" and "how do we connect with those other species in our communities and how to create ritual to honor them?" (@UnionSeminary, Nov. 29, 2022).

In a chapel service in 2019, Union students asked forgiveness of some plants that had been set up in the auditorium. From its official account, the school tweeted, "Today in chapel, we confessed to plants. Together, we held our grief, joy, regret, hope, guilt and sorrow in prayer; offering them to the beings who sustain us but whose gift we too often fail to honor. What do you confess to the plants in your life?" (@UnionSeminary, Sept. 17, 2019). This is the final stage of theological liberalism. It leads to atheism and pantheism. Union Seminary was founded in 1836 by the Presbyterian Church in the USA; but by the end of the 19th century, it was roaring drunk on liberal theology, the essence of which is the rejection of the Bible's infallibility. In January



1891, Charles Briggs attacked the Bible in his inaugural address at Union Seminary after being appointed to the Edward Robinson Chair of Biblical Theology. He questioned the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch and one-Isaiah authorship of Isaiah. He questioned the Bible's miracles. He claimed that the doctrine of verbal inspiration is a "barrier" that hinders a proper approach to the Bible. He denied Scripture's predictive prophecy. He claimed that the doctrine of inerrancy is "a ghost of modern evangelicalism to frighten children" (Jabez Sunderland, *Is the Bible Infallible?*, 1906). When Briggs was found guilty of heresy and suspended from the ministry by the Presbyterian Church in 1893, Union Seminary stood behind their heretic and broke away from the Presbyterians. In 1897, Union professor A.C. McGiffert published *A History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age*, in which he denied the supernatural inspiration of Scripture and "questioned the genuineness of half the books in the New Testament." McGiffert implied that the Lord Jesus was mistaken in some of His views and denied the doctrine of Christ's substitutionary atonement. In 1931, Henry Sloane Coffin, President-Emeritus of Union Seminary, wrote, "There is no cleansing blood which can wipe out the record of what has been. ... The Cross of Christ is not a means of procuring forgiveness" (Coffin, *The Meaning of the Cross*, pp. 118-121).

When the Bible's infallible inspiration is rejected, one is driven about by every wind of false doctrine. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:5).

APPLE DANCING TO CHINA'S CENSORSHIP TUNE (Friday Church News Notes, December 9, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Apple Blackmailed Developer," *PJMedia*, Nov. 28, 2022: "Apple threatened at least one developer with banishment from the company's lucrative App Store if they didn't remove all search engine returns regarding COVID-19 from their library application. LBRY bills itself as 'an open, free, and fair network for digital content,' designed to circumvent social media and government controls. But the company told Twitter owner and CEO Elon Musk on Monday that, 'During Covid, Apple demanded our apps filter some search terms from being returned. If we did not filter the terms, our apps would not be allowed in the store.' ... Musk quickly replied, 'What terms?' LBRY answered, 'Apple disallowed almost anything related to Covid, especially vaccines or human origins of the virus.' Musk tweeted back, 'Secret suppression of free speech by Apple. Customers were never told. What ***** is going on here?' So far, there has been no public response from the notoriously tight-lipped company, but I can tell you what's going on here in just two words: Communist China. According to Apple's latest quarterly results, the Greater China region (including the mainland, Hong Kong, and Taiwan) generated more than \$15 billion in revenue over the previous three-month reporting

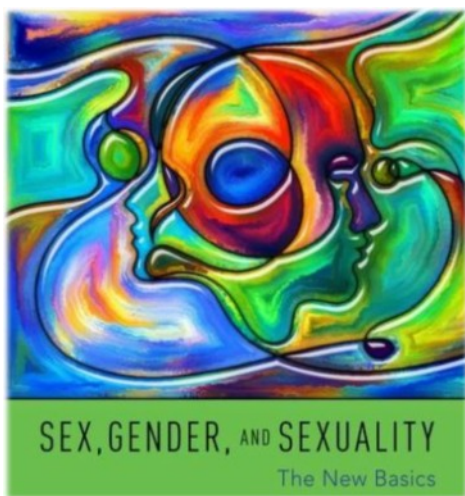


period. That was nearly 20% of the company's quarterly revenue. So when communist strongman Xi Jinping says 'Jump!' Apple CEO Tim Cook probably doesn't even bother to ask 'How high?' before he starts making himself airborne. ... In 2019, Apple notoriously removed an app that Hong Kong protesters used to track where police were headed next to crack protesters' skulls. ... Just in the last few days, Apple handicapped iPhone's nifty AirDrop feature--but only in Communist China, [thus hindering protesters' efforts to bypass the nation's draconian control of social media] ... On Nov. 29, Elon Musk tweeted, 'Apple has also threatened to withhold Twitter from its App Store, but won't tell us why.'"

DESCRIPTION OF A "WOKE" ENGLISH COURSE AT A PREEMINENT U.S. COLLEGE

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- Following is excerpted from the actual course description of Reading and Writing Gender and Sexuality ENGL 214 at Kenyon College, where annual fees are "upwards of \$80,000." "This course serves as an introduction to queer and transfeminist theories and practices in gender and sexuality studies. Conceptualized through its intersections with race, ethnicity, coloniality, class, and ability, the



sex/gender system of oppression has long served as a taxonomizing apparatus. And yet, the literary, in league with anticolonial, civil rights, and LGBTQ social movements, not only sheds sharp light on how gender and sexuality are regulated and troubled, but also animates the liberatory potential of imagining embodied relations otherwise. At once world-building and world-shattering, representations of gender and sexuality can leverage critiques against normativity in the same gesture as they bow to reproducing it. Taking our transnational cue from subjugated knowledges and intersectional epistemologies, we'll constellate the diverging genealogies and methodologies that have shaped the politics and aesthetics as well as the ethics and affects of gender and sexuality." In "The Babylon Bee Publishes a Hysterical Spoof," *PJMedia*, Nov. 27, 2022, George Harbison comments: "Sadly, this nonsensical, unintelligible gibberish was copied, word-for-word, from an actual English course description currently appearing on the website of Kenyon College, one of the nation's preeminent liberal arts colleges. That Kenyon approved a course description (and course) so replete with esoteric academic jargon and hackneyed, woke buzzwords reveals

the intellectual vacuousness that currently permeates the college. ... [The course description] reveals its true agenda: indoctrinating students in cultural Marxism. Kenyon parents shell out upwards of \$80 thousand per year to have their children exposed to this dangerous pedagogy and agenda. Are they aware of what those dollars are going for? And why in the world is this garbage part of an undergraduate

English curriculum? As a Kenyon alumnus, I am saddened by the steep degradation in academic rigor at Kenyon revealed by this situation. Unfortunately, Kenyon is not alone in propagating such mindless, worthless dreck. **Most of America's colleges and universities are woke cesspools, spitting out ill-informed and arrogant social justice warriors steeped in bitterness, victimhood, resentment, entitlement, and guilt.**"

1,000 CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGY SAY THEY WOULD PERFORM SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

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- The following is excerpted from "Over 1,000 Church of England clergy," *Premier Christian News*, Oct. 27, 2022: "At least 1,100 clergy have indicated they would conduct same-sex marriages should it become allowed in the Church of England, according to a survey. Carried out by the Campaign for Equal Marriage in the Church of England, the survey was launched at the beginning of September to compile a list of those favouring changing the Church of England's current stance on same-sex marriages. During this year's Lambeth Conference, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Rev Justin Welby, acknowledged there's a



'plurality of views' within the Anglican Communion regarding the same-sex marriage issue, but admitted the Church only recognises a Christian marriage as between a man and a woman."

PASTOR PREACHES AGAINST "MODERATE DRINKING"

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- "Tennessee Pastor Robby Gallaty (Long Hollow Baptist Church, Hendersonville) urges believers to hold the traditional Baptist line. He wishes he had earlier in life. Gallaty was raised in New Orleans in a culture where drinking was part of life. He started drinking alcohol at 15, became an 'alcoholic' and was in his second attempt at treatment before he found sobriety--and Jesus. Now sober for 16 years, Gallaty said he discusses alcohol in his preaching 'all the time.' He said, 'I used to think I could drink in moderation ... The problem is the line between buzzed drinking and drunkenness is a blurry line, and so I abstain completely from alcohol.' He added, '**I've never met a person drinking who becomes more holy as a result of it.** I have seen people destroy their lives because of it though'" ("Baptists & Alcohol," Baptist Press, Nov. 2, 2018). For more about this subject, see "[Christian Drinking Is a Bellwether Issue](#)."



THOMAS JEFFERSON SPEAKS OUT (Friday Church News Notes, December 9, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com: "The theory of evolution did not begin with Charles Darwin. The Greek philosophers who chose not to believe that there is a Creator God tried to explain the origin of everything by time and chance. That great Statesman, Thomas Jefferson, lived in the generation before Charles Darwin and had been influenced by the writings of some of the German and the English philosophical writers. Jefferson was at home in six languages, had three earned doctorates and was well versed in the sciences, yet he pointedly rejected the idea of evolution. Jefferson was not a believing Christian, but he wrote in defense of the Creator. Here are some of his words: 'I hold --without appeal to revelation--that when we take a view of the universe in its parts, general or particular, it is impossible for the human mind not to perceive and feel a conviction of design, consummate skill, and indefinite power in every atom of its composition. It is impossible for the human mind not to believe that there is, in all this, design, cause, and effect, up to an ultimate cause, a Fabricator of all things.' We might add, that the creation testifies abundantly to the Creator, or

Fabricator, as Thomas Jefferson calls Him. Moreover, this Creator has a deep love for His creation and especially for you and me, through His Son, Jesus Christ."

AMY GRANT HONORED BY THE WORLD (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Amy Grant, called the "queen of Christian pop," was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors at a gala event on December 4. It was the first time that this "top cultural distinction was given to a contemporary Christian musician" (Religion News Service, Dec. 5, 2022). Also awarded were actor George Clooney, singer Gladys Knight, composer Tania León, and the rock band U2. All wore rainbow banners to show their support for homosexual rights. Grant has been a ground breaker in dissolving the biblical wall of separation between the flesh and Spirit, the world and Christ, in Christian music. She was the first "crossover Christian musician" to have a No. 1 hit on the secular music charts in 1986 ("Next Time I Fall"). In 1985, she said, "I'm trying to look sexy to sell a record" (*Rolling Stone*, June 6, 1985, p. 10). A few years later she said, "Christians can be sexy. What I'm doing is a good thing" (*People*, July 15, 1991). But clothing is a moral language. The Bible speaks of "the attire of an harlot" (Pr. 7:10). Grant has also been at the forefront of tearing down doctrinal walls of separation that God's Word requires. In 1997, Grant joined Roman Catholic Kathy Troccoli and 40 other CCM artists to record *Love One Another*, a song preaching an ecumenical, one-world church theme. In April 2015, Amy joined with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Roman



Catholic Matt Maher, Sanctus Real, and others for a Unity concern at Eastern Michigan University. In March 1999, Grant filed for divorce from Gary Chapman, her husband of 16 years, and in March 2000, married Vance Gill, who traded his wife, Janis Oliver, for Amy. In typical CCM fashion, Grant lashed out at those who judged this as wrong. Grant has promoted yoga, Roman Catholic contemplative prayer, and homosexual rights. In 2021, she said, "I was invited to a table where someone said 'don't be afraid, you're loved.' ... Gay. Straight. It does not matter. It doesn't matter how we behave. It doesn't matter how we're wired" ("CCM Icon Amy Grant," *Relevant Magazine*, July 12, 2021). **"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).**

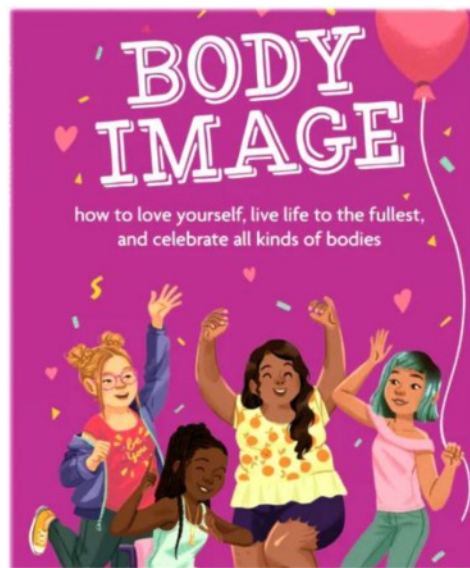
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FEDERAL COURT RULES BIDEN ADMIN CAN'T FORCE DOCTORS TO PERFORM GENDER MUTILATION SURGERIES (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from *LifeSiteNews*, Dec. 10, 2022: "A federal court ruled Friday that doctors and hospitals cannot be forced to perform gender mutilating surgeries, echoing a similar recent court ruling in a striking win for

religious freedom. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Catholic groups' free exercise of religion in refusing to perform or insure so-called 'gender transition' procedures, citing a prior district court ruling in the same case which found that 'intrusion upon the Catholic Plaintiffs' exercise of religion is sufficient to show irreparable harm.' ... Becket Law Senior Counsel Luke Goodrich remarked Friday, 'Today's ruling protects patients, aligns with current medical research, and ensures doctors aren't forced to violate their religious beliefs and medical judgment. This is a victory for common-sense, conscience, and sound medical judgment. Gender-transition procedures not only go against many healthcare professionals' religious beliefs, but can be deeply harmful to patients.' Indeed, many medical experts are decrying gender 'transition' mutilation surgeries and cross-sex hormones as unsafe and even as 'child abuse.' For example, the Florida Department of Health has noted there is 'a lack of conclusive evidence' for 'gender transitioning' and 'the potential for long-term, irreversible effects,' and noted that systematic reviews on hormonal interventions 'show a trend of low-quality evidence, small sample sizes, and medium to high risk of bias.' Detransitioners are also increasingly speaking out about their deep regrets over their attempts to 'switch' their sex and its physically and psychologically harmful consequences."

MAKER OF POPULAR DOLLS PROMOTES TRANSSEXUALISM TO LITTLE GIRLS (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org,

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "American Girl Book Angers Parents," *Christian Headlines*, Dec. 9, 2022: "A colorful new American Girl book marketed to girls as young as 10 has sparked a backlash among parents for its promotion of transgenderism ... *A Smart Girl's Guide: Body Image Book*, which American Girl says is appropriate for children ages 10 and up, supposedly tells readers what 'every girl needs to learn to live comfortably in her own skin' ... With colorful, kid-like illustrations, the book tells girls that the 'way you show your gender to the world through clothes and behaviors is your *gender expression*. **Your gender expression can be feminine, masculine, or somewhere in between--and it might change!** Maybe you'll experiment with bright dresses and long, feminine hairstyles,' the book says. 'Or you might try baggy shorts, plaid shirts, and a buzzed haircut. Your gender expression should make you feel at home in your body.' The book then explores transgenderism. '**While gender expression is what you show on the outside, gender identity is how you feel on the**

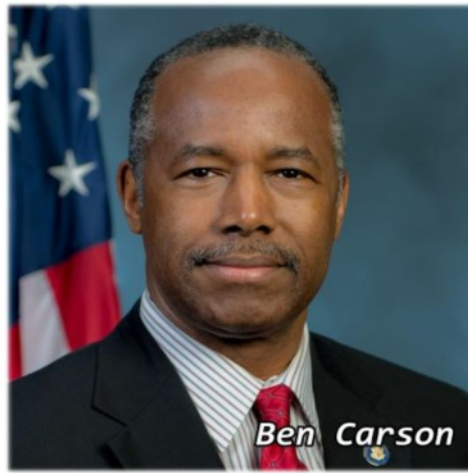


inside--a girl, a boy, or someone who doesn't fit into either category. ... Some people don't feel like a girl or a boy inside--which is totally OK! People in this group are usually called nonbinary and might use a pronoun like *they* instead of *he* or *she*.' The American Girls book also promotes puberty blockers. 'If you haven't gone through puberty yet, the doctor might offer medicine to delay your body's changes, giving you more time to think about your gender identity,' the book says." ["The book also tells these young, impressionable girls to seek these treatments without parental consent. 'If you don't have an adult you trust, there are organizations across the country that can help you. Turn to the resources on page 95 for more information.'"]

14 STATES NOW ABORTION FREE (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Abortion Businesses Close Down," *LifeNews*, Nov. 15, 2022: "Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* on June 24, 2022, the landscape of abortion in the U.S. has dramatically changed. According to a survey of all abortion facilities nationwide conducted by Operation Rescue in October and November, there are currently 683 abortion facilities/businesses operating in 36 states and the District of Columbia. This represents the lowest number of abortion facilities in the U.S. in nearly five decades. In 1991, there were 2,176 abortion facilities in the U.S. Since that time, the number of abortion facilities has decreased a remarkable 68 percent. There can be no doubt that the Pro-Life movement

is winning the long battle to end abortion. **There are, as of this writing, 14 states that are considered Abortion-Free.** Those states include Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and West Virginia. While abortions are still legal in North Dakota, there are currently no abortionists operating in that state. The survey found that 88 abortion facilities closed or halted all abortions.”

SCHOOL REMOVES NAME OF BEN CARSON (Friday Church News Notes, December 16, 2022, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The super-woke Detroit School Board voted in November to change the name of the Benjamin Carson High School of Science and Medicine. This is because of Carson’s association with Donald Trump administration as Housing and Urban Development Secretary. Board member LaMar Lemmons said that having Carson’s name on the school was “synonymous with having



Trump’s name on our school in blackface” (“Detroit School Board Votes,” *Essence*, Oct. 23, 2022). So Dr. Carson isn’t *really* black and doesn’t have a mind of his own; he’s just a “blackface” for white people’s policies. Mr. Lemmons and his school board friends won’t allow black people to have opinions different from theirs, and if they dare to do so, they are slandered. In response, 56 men and women of all colors who have worked for Dr. Carson have spoken up against this tyranny, saying: “Dr. Ben Carson was born into poverty in Detroit and raised by a single mother. He grew up attending Detroit public school, and his mother worked multiple jobs

to provide for him and his brother, Curtis. Although things were tough, his mother instilled in him and his brother the values of hard work, perseverance and faith. ... Thanks to these values that his mother worked so hard to instill, Dr. Carson earned a full scholarship to Yale. After his time at Yale, he went to the University of Michigan School of Medicine, and then on to Johns Hopkins University for their neurosurgery program. After residency, Dr. Carson returned to Johns Hopkins and served as the director of pediatric neurosurgery and led a 70-surgeon team to conduct the first successful separation of twins conjoined at the back of the head. This famed procedure thrust him into the national spotlight as one of the highest-profile surgeons in the world, particularly due to his specialty in pediatric neurosurgery. ... In today’s culture plagued by anger, violence and division, Dr. Carson is exactly the sort of man we should highlight for our children. In an age where honor and virtue are increasingly scorned, he stands as an example for our future generations to look up to.”

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