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

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## LONNIE FRISBEE AND THE JESUS PEOPLE MOVEMENT ~ By David Cloud

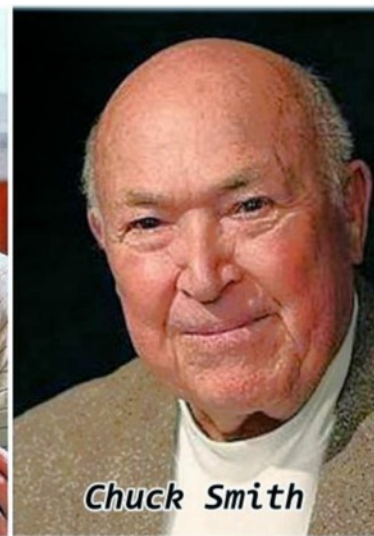
The new movie "The Jesus Revolution" documents the beginning of the Jesus People movement in California in the 1970s. It is a propaganda piece in support of Christian rock. It features the prominent role played by Lonnie Frisbee and Chuck Smith, founder of the Calvary Chapels. The following is excerpted from [The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians](https://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/directory-of-contemporary-worship-musicians), [https://www.wayoflife.org/free\\_ebooks/directory-of-contemporary-worship.php](https://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/directory-of-contemporary-worship.php)

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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



Lonnie Frisbee



Chuck Smith

"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 observes 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 in 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 occult 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 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. (This appearance 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 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 powerful, 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 Bremmer-Murray, Lonnie’s ex-wife, Special Features section of *Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippie Preacher*).

In 1980, 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

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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 Ruttkay, 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 all of this 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 kids

“started baptizing friends in hot tubs and swimming pools around town.”

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

Wimber had bought into 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 one of the latter day apostles.

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 created powerful rock & roll music that would 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 this Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians.)

When Frisbee died in 1993 (age 43) of AIDS, 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* with spiritual shipwreck, heresy, and such things as divorce, adultery, and homosexuality since its inception, as any honest history of the movement will acknowledge.

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The following is excerpted from the 2018 edition of [Dressing for the Lord](http://www.wayoflife.org), [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

It is important to understand that clothing is a language. It is a “social message,” a fashion “statement.”

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I need to ask myself what message is my clothing broadcasting?

American fashion designer Rachel Zoe said, “Style is a way to say who you are without having to speak” ([goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com)).

“Clothes change our view of the world, and the world’s view of us” (Feminist writer Virginia Woolf, *Orlando*, chapter 4).

“Choose your clothes for your way of life” (American actress Joan Crawford, [azquotes.com](http://azquotes.com)).

“Style is a simple way of saying complicated things” (Jean Cocteau, French designer, playwright, filmmaker, [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com)).

“Every day I’m thinking about change” (Miuccia Prada, Italian fashion designer, [brainyquote.com](http://brainyquote.com))

“Basically I’m trying to make men more sensitive and women stronger” (Miuccia Prada, Italian fashion designer, [brainyquote.com](http://brainyquote.com)).

“What you wear is how you present yourself to the world, especially today, when human contacts are so quick. Fashion is instant language” (Miuccia Prada, Italian fashion designer, “Interview: ‘Fashion Is How You Present Yourself,’” *Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 18, 2007).

“I’ve realized that fashion is a very powerful instrument that ... allows you to transmit ideas and shape opinion” (Miuccia Prada, Italian fashion designer, “Interview: ‘Fashion Is How You Present Yourself,’” *Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 18, 2007).

“... there are sociological interests that matter to me, things that are theoretical, political, intellectual and also concerned with vanity and beauty that we all think about but that I try to mix up and translate into fashion” (Miuccia Prada, Italian fashion designer, brainyquote.com).

George Harrison of the Beatles, who rebelled against the way his father wanted him to act and dress, testified: “*Going in for flash clothes, or at least trying to be a bit different ... was part of the rebelling.* I never cared for authority” (Hunter Davies, *The Beatles*, p. 39).

Mary Quant was the revolutionary British fashion designer of the Beatles era, and her clothing was definitely a language. In 2019, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London had a major exhibit on Quant, inventor of the mini-skirt and hot pants. The focus of the exhibit is revolution, liberation from biblical sexual mores, and breaking down the barriers between the sexes (unisex, androgyny). There was no attempt to hide this.

Quant put women in men’s attire: pants, ties, suit jackets, and short hair. One display, entitled “Boys Will Be Girls,” says that Quant “subverted menswear.” “Trousers are considered inappropriate for women [but] Quant wears them anywhere she wants.” Mary Quant knew that trousers on women is not an issue merely of comfort and freedom of movement. Following are some other quotes from the exhibition signage: “using fashion to question hierarchies and gender rules,” “a rebellious approach to established gender norms,” “mocking religion,” “an independent style,” “self-expression,” “freedom.” “The miniskirt became an international symbol of women’s liberation.” “[Quant’s] provocative styles reflected increasingly relaxed attitudes in society towards sexuality in all its forms, reinforced legally by the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967.” Quant also broke down the barriers between ages, dressing women in girl’s fashions. She said, “I didn’t want to grow up.” The 1960s was a major changing of the times. It was the dawn of the era of color television, color printing, international mass marketing, global merchandising empires. Why were Quant’s fashions so popular? Why does a Quant exhibit

at a major art museum draw thousands of eager visitors? She helped create the modern ME culture, the “lovers of their own selves” generation prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:2. The music, the fashion, the entertainment, the commerce, it all broadcasts the lie, “It’s your life; live as you please!”

Vivienne Westwood, who helped create the rock punk look, said, “I think fashion is the strongest form of communication there is. ... It’s only interesting to me if it’s subversive: that’s the only reason I’m in fashion, to destroy the word ‘conformity’” (Jon Savage, *Time Travel: Pop, Media and Sexuality 1976-96*, p. 119).

David Kidd once posed the following question to a young college girl who was inquiring about his family’s conservative dress: “If you are shopping and see a girl in a long, loose fitting dress, what is your first impression of her?” Without any hesitation, she answered “that she is probably religious.” He concluded, “It behooves us to recognize that our manner of dress is a statement that either reflects or contradicts our Christian purpose” (*The Fall and Rise of Christian Standards*, p. 154).

Hair styles are also statements. Long hair on men and short hair on women are not merely harmless fashions, a mere sign of the times, but are statements of rebellion against God’s created order (1 Corinthians 11:14-15).

The androgynous unisex image is not innocent. It was created by people who intended to overthrow tradition. One of the rock songs of the 1960s called upon young men to grow their hair long and “let your freak flag show.” David Lee Roth of Van Halen testified: “[My long hair] is a flag. It’s Tarzan. I’ll always be anti-establishment” (cited by John Makujina, *Measuring the Music*, p. 73).

Mary Quant not only dressed in pants, she wore her hair very short as a unisex statement.

Dennis Wilson of the Beach Boys sported long hair and popularized the “surfer cut” in the early 1960s. Commenting on the significance of this hair length, Wilson’s biographer observes: “The ‘surfer cut,’ as it came to be known, was a radical thing to behold in 1962. Few parents would permit their sons to sport the look” (Jon Stebbins, *Dennis Wilson: The Real Beach Boy*, p. 24). Dennis Wilson was a rebel and his appearance was merely a reflection of this. Observe, too, that the “surfer cut” was not that long compared to the long hair that came afterwards, but it was just long enough to be a bold

statement of non-conformity. Small fashion changes can have large consequences.

Paul McCartney of the Beatles flippantly acknowledged their role in overthrowing sexual distinctions: “There they were in America, all getting house-trained for adulthood with their indisputable principle of life: short hair equals men; long hair equals women. Well, we got rid of that small convention for them. And a few others, too” (Barbara Ehrenreich, “Beatlemania: Girls Just Wanted to Have Fun,” cited by Lisa Lewis, *The Adoring Audience: Fan Culture and Popular Media*, p. 102).

Where did the “small convention” of “short hair equals men; long hair equals women” come from? Why was this an “indisputable principle of life” in America prior to the onslaught of Beatles’ style rock & roll in the 1960s? The answer is that America, because of its vast number of churches, had been influenced by the Bible in these things. It was Bible principles that the Beatles ridiculed and sought to overthrow.

Abercrombie & Fitch, the clothing company that markets “edgy” clothing featuring loose sexuality, is “best known for its REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE” (“Flip-Flops, Torn Jeans, and Control,” *Business Week*, May 30, 2005). Thus even the world recognizes the message of Abercrombie & Fitch clothing. They don’t merely sell clothing; they sell an attitude via a certain style of clothing.

In “The World according to Abercrombie and Fitch,” David Seel observed: “SUCCESSFUL BRANDS IN AMERICA DON’T SELL PRODUCTS. THEY SELL LIFESTYLES” (*Critique*, 2000).

The upscale unisex Pusch brand was developed by two brothers who realized as teenagers that “music had its own subculture, complete with a lifestyle and a style of dress” (“Groovin’ to the Right Tune: A Lifestyle Brand of Clothes Inspired by Calgary’s Music Scene Rocks the Competition,” *Alberta Venture*, October 2007, p. 12). The Pusch brand is a reflection of the rock & roll dance scene.

Of the “Distressed Look” (faded, tattered, patched, holey clothing), Charlene Lau, a fashion historian who has taught at Parsons School of Design, says it “tends to work against middle-class norms of cleanliness and propriety ... they are symbolic of rebellion--whether real, contrived, or imagined.” And Nancy B. Diehl, director of New York University’s Costume Studies program, says, “It’s a protest against propriety.” One distressed-wearing female said of

trash clothes, “They lend an air of super casualness to your personality and make you just a bit more careless and carefree” (Don Boys, “The War on Modesty Decorum, and Appropriateness!” *cstnews.com*, Jan. 30, 2019).

Even the small details of clothing are significant as a language. Referring to the denim jean market in the 21st century, the web site *fashionera.com* observes that this market “is status ridden and has CODED TRIBAL SIGNS AND SIGNALS with it’s not so subtle stitching, logos, tabs, decorative pockets, shading and distressing.”

Therefore, clothing styles are not innocent. Each style preaches a message. Fashion designers are change agents.

Pantsuits preach the feminist’s message of equality of the sexes.

Tight fitting, low cut, short and skimpy styles preach the world’s message of loose sexuality.

Ripped jeans preach the message of a cheap affectation of poverty, of “I don’t care” and thus slovenliness, and of moral casualness.

Slit skirts preach the message of sexual flirtation.

God’s people must beware of sending the wrong message with their clothing. We must understand that the clothing industry is not in submission to God and cares nothing about submitting to His Word.

It doesn’t do to say, “Well, my tight, ripped jeans don’t preach that message TO ME.” The important point is not what message the clothing preaches to any particular individual who wears it, but what message it preaches in the context of its history and in the context of society at large and to those who are forced to look at it.

The child of God should ask, “Who invented this type of dress, this particular fashion, and what was his or her objective, and what message does this fashion have in culture today?”

“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*” (Eph. 5:17).

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved” (1 Cor. 10:31-33).





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“The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hear-keneth unto counsel *is* wise” (Proverbs 12:15).

“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end” (Proverbs 19:20).

One of the important parts of making wise decisions in God's will is to seek godly counsel. It is mentioned 13 times in Proverbs, the book of practical wisdom. Before making a major decision--such as marriage, education, a job, or a move--a person should seek godly counsel. But it just as important to know where to get the right counsel and how to weigh it.

The classic case in Scripture of someone who listened to unwise counsel is Solomon's son Rehoboam (1 Ki. 12:1-16). Soon after he ascended the throne, he was confronted by his subjects who beseeched him to treat them compassionately. In making his decision, he first consulted the old men that had counseled his father, and they wisely advised him to heed the people's request. He then consulted his own peers, and they advised him to treat the people as he wished and to ignore their feelings. He followed this foolish advice and lost the majority of his kingdom. This doesn't mean that young people always give bad counsel, while older people always give good counsel. A younger person that walks with the Lord and knows God's Word will give better counsel than an older person who lacks these things. In 1 Kings 13 we have the sad case of a man of God who got out of God's will by listening to a backslidden, lying older prophet.

*Seek counsel from wise people* (“by wise counsel,” Prov. 24:6).

Counsel alone will not help me make right decisions. I must seek counsel from the right people. For example, for a young person to seek counsel from his own peers is not wise. That was the error that Rehoboam made. To seek counsel about spiritual matters from unbelievers is not wise.

*Wise counselors know God's Word.* When seeking counsel in a biblical fashion, we don't need human opinions; we need biblically-informed wisdom. We are not seeking a word from man, but a word from God. Thus, we need to seek counsel from believers who have studied the Bible diligently. Wise counselors are spiritually mature and biblically knowledgeable.

*Wise counselors are doctrinally sound and likeminded.* Many people in fundamentalist homes have made bad

decisions by seeking counsel from New Evangelicals or Charismatics or Calvinists or even liberals and Roman Catholics or others who are not likeminded theologically. We think of the sad case of Norma McCorvey, who was the plaintiff in the Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion in America. She rejected abortion and was baptized by an “evangelical” minister, but later joined the Roman Catholic Church through close associations with Catholic priests in the Right to Life movement.

*Wise counselors have made good decisions in their own lives and have good character and stability* (“confidence in an unfaithful man,” Prov. 25:19). People who are lazy, don’t pay their bills, lie, cheat, are unstable, etc., will not give wise counsel. Young people must especially keep this in mind. God tells the young person to honor his parents, but if the parents are not people of good character they are not wise counselors.

An “unfaithful man” can also refer to someone that is mentally and spiritually unstable. My father fell into that category, because of the mental damage he sustained fighting in the Pacific Islands during World War II. He was never right after that and had to be institutionalized from time to time. He knew the Lord, but was unable to take any kind of pressure or make important decisions and his thinking wasn’t right. As a result my mom and us children had to learn to go on without his blessing at times. For example, he couldn’t keep a job, so Mom had to go back to work in order to support the family. There was no choice, but he was fiercely opposed to it. He couldn’t work and had no possibility of an income, but he didn’t want her to work. Mom finally went ahead and the Lord blessed and she was able to get back on at the phone company where she had worked before their marriage, and Dad gradually got used to the idea. Ordinarily this would be rebellion on the part of a wife, but not in that case. After I was saved at age 23, I wanted to go to Bible College and train for the ministry. Dad was opposed to it. The Lord led me to start writing Christian books. Dad was opposed to it. He wanted me to stay there in my home town and just work somewhere. I am so glad that I followed the Lord rather than my confused, wounded Dad. Such decisions to go against parental counsel must never be made lightly, but sometimes they are necessary.

*Wise counselors are found in good Bible-believing churches.* The first place to find such counsel is my own church, assuming I am in a good Bible-believing church.

The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). God has given pastors and teachers for the purpose of training and protecting His people (Eph. 4:11-12), and they should always be at the top of the list when it comes to spiritual counsel.

*Wise counselors have wisdom pertaining to your particular situation.* If you need advice about automotive repair, don’t go to an accountant. Likewise, if you need counsel pertaining to preaching, go to a preacher, or if you need counsel about married life, go to someone who is successfully married, or if you need counsel about a missionary calling, go to an experienced missionary. Charles Spurgeon told how that he was discouraged from preaching by a godly woman. The fact is that a woman does not understand such things, no matter how godly she is. He said, “I remember well how earnestly I was dissuaded from preaching by as godly a Christian matron as ever breathed; the value of her opinion I endeavoured to estimate with candour and patience--but it was outweighed by the judgment of persons of wider experience” (C.H. Spurgeon, *Lectures to My Students*).

*Wise counselors are willing to speak the truth* (Prov. 27:6). If we only seek counsel from those who will tell us what we want to hear, or who will only speak non-offensive things and pamper us and tiptoe around difficult issues, we are wasting our time. We need to seek out counselors who will speak the truth no matter what it entails. When a child of God seeks counsel only from those who tell him what he wants to hear, he proves that he is not serious about knowing God’s will. What we need are counselors like the prophet Micaiah who spoke the truth even when it resulted in suffering (1 Kings 22:27). For this reason, the wicked king Ahab complained said, “I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil” (1 Kings 22:8). Micaiah was exactly the counselor that Ahab needed, but he was too foolish to discern this.

*Seek counsel from more than one person* (“multitude of counselors,” Prov. 11:14; 24:6).

This is repeated twice in the Proverbs by way of emphasis. One way that God confirms His will is by the agreement of godly counselors. If a young person is seeking wisdom about marriage, for example, and he or she approaches his parents and his pastor and teachers and other mature spiritual authority figures, there should be agreement.



But do not be deceived on this matter. The multitude of counsellors mentioned in Proverbs 24:6 is a multitude of *wise* counsellors! This proverb is a Hebrew comparative parallel. The meaning is found by comparing the first part of the proverb with the second part. The multitude of counsellors of the second part refers to the wise counsel of the first part. It is a multitude of wise counsellors.

A multitude of unwise counsellors will not bring one to the truth. In fact, it will result in confusion and error.

We need a plurality of counselors who are saved, godly, biblically wise, and doctrinally likeminded.

*Again, the best place to find the “multitude of counsellors” is a God-fearing, Bible-believing church.* What Charles Spurgeon said of his Bible College is even truer of a godly church: “Meeting as you do in class, in prayer-meeting, in conversation, and in various religious engagements, you gauge each other; and a wise man will be slow to set aside the verdict of the house” (C.H. Spurgeon, *Lectures to My Students*).

This does not mean that I should never decide against something unless the authority figures in my life are agreed, because men can be wrong; but it does mean that I should only make such a decision if I have a clear Bible support for it and absolute confidence that it is God’s will.

To obtain counsel from a variety of biblically wise people protects the believer from becoming a slave to the will of one person. This is the mistake that was made in the 1970s by the Pentecostal Shepherding Movement. They taught that each believer should submit to a “shepherd” who was someone appointed by the church. No decision was to be made without consulting this “shepherd.” The result was widespread abuse. Pastors and teachers and disciplers are important *helpers*, but the believer is to have only one Master, which is Christ.

*Seek counsel from near people* (Prov. 27:10).

Many times people seek counsel from those who are far off rather than those who are near, and though this is not always wrong, it is often done for the wrong reason. A lot of strangers have written to me through the years to ask my opinion about situations in their family or church, and I have always thought this to be strange, since I know nothing about them and have no way of knowing the full picture. People sometimes want to seek counsel from

those afar off for the very reason that they don’t know them and their situation, but it is for this very reason that we should usually seek counsel from those who are near.

*For a young person, the first line of counsel should be his or her own parents, particularly if they are believers* (Eph. 6:1-3). *The next line of counsel would be one’s church leaders.* God gives leaders to the churches to watch over His people and to help them, like a shepherd with sheep. Godly church leaders “watch for your souls” (Hebrews 13:17). They think about the church members and pray for them and desire the best for each of them, and God gives them particular wisdom.

In our church we urge the young people who are thinking about marriage to talk with their parents and then to discuss the matter with their church leaders. If a boy is interested in a certain girl, we urge him not to pursue the matter until he has talked it over with the leaders. They know things that the young people don’t know, and they can give good advice about whether it is wise to pursue a certain relationship. Invariably, those who have ignored this procedure have made a mess of things!

*Seek counsel from caring people.*

It is wise to seek counsel from those who not only know you but who care about you and are interested in your spiritual welfare. A young person, for example, will get better counsel from a spiritual leader who is praying for him rather than from someone else who is not interested in his spiritual well-being and who is uninvolved in his life in this way.

*Seek counsel earnestly* (Proverbs 20:5).

One pastor observed: “Not every counselor will be quick to give counsel. The person seeking the counsel has the responsibility of sincerely and purposefully drawing out the counsel from the wise person. Most people who are considered wise will not hastily pass out counsel.”

*Seek counsel in fellowship with God and in the light of His Word.*

It is idolatry to put one’s trust in man rather than God (Jer. 17:5-8) or to submit to a man blindly as if he were God. God gives human authorities and teachers to help us, and they are very important. But ultimately our confidence must be in God and we must get wisdom

directly from Him. The Bill Gothard “chain of authority” approach is to obey the authority no matter what, but the Bible doesn’t support that. Jesus said that if we love even mother or father more than Him we are not worthy to be His disciples (Mat. 10:37). Obviously, then, there is a time when we must go against what our authority figures demand. And when is that? It is when they are leading us contrary to God’s will as supported by His Word. The apostles taught that we must obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29). One of the first converts in one of our churches in Nepal was a teenage girl. Her Hindu parents and her older sisters forbade her to attend church, but she

put Christ first and obeyed God’s Word and attended services every chance she got. As a result, most of her family members came to Christ. We must honor earthly authorities as far as possible, but Christ must be our first and only Master. As we noted earlier, the bottom line is that we must be Bereans and test everything by God’s Word (Acts 17:11).

Let us hasten to emphasize that we must *not* test counsel by our personal opinions, by the thinking of society, by our peers, by the pop culture, by human psychology, or by any other thing other than God’s Word.

### BRAIN DISAPPOINTS EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT

(Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Feb. 8, 2023: “According to evolutionary thought, humans came from ape-like creatures. These ape-like creatures came from reptiles through many steps. Likewise reptiles ultimately came from fish, through many steps. Evolutionists say that with each major stage, more parts were added to the brain. The final development, and the greatest of all, is the cerebral cortex. According to this theory, one of the oldest parts of the brain is the part deep inside. Evolutionists claim that this part of the brain, called the basal ganglia, comes from our reptilian past. They have described this part of the brain as ‘primitive.’ It controls such simple things as movement and spatial memory. These are basic functions needed by reptiles. Of course, the evolutionary view that the basal ganglia is primitive was never scientifically researched. Then researchers started to examine the workings of the basal ganglia. They have concluded that the deep structures of the brain that are supposed to be primitive are actually



quite sophisticated. In fact, these so-called reptilian structures rival the cerebral cortex in sophistication. These structures receive input from all parts of the cortex. And all the neurochemicals found anywhere else in the body are also found in these structures. In other words, there is absolutely no evidence of their being primitive. Once again scientific research has not found what evolutionists expected. The human brain has not developed by adding parts to reptile brains. It was specially created just for human beings. REF.: Miller, Julie Ann. 1985. ‘Deep core of brain gains respect,’ *Science News*, v. 128, Nov. 9. p. 297.”

## 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?



**SWEDEN: FROM DEAD CHRISTIANITY TO ATHEISM TO ISLAM** (Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Islam continues to take control of Great Britain and many parts of Europe. The following is excerpted from "Replacement theory is alive in the Islamic takeover of Europe," *Israel National News*, Mar. 15, 2023: "Sweden had 8 percent Muslims in 2016. In 2050 it will have 11 percent Muslims if immigration stops completely, but up to 21 percent if it remains 'normal,' and 31 percent if it continues at the same pace of the last years. ... Not bad for the country that boasted of being 'the least religious in the West.' There was the transition of an entire people from Christianity to atheism. A Gallup poll said that only in China are there more atheists than in Sweden. David Thurfjell in a book called it *Det Gudlösa Folket. The people without God*. Speaking with Dagen, theologian Alan Hirsch said: 'Christianity is decaying throughout the Western world and here it can die out in a generation.' In a conversation this week with the *Tribune Juive*, the Algerian writer Boualem Sansal, author of the ... novel *2084*, says: 'Islam is today the second religion in Europe, but undoubtedly the first in terms of number of practitioners. I see Islam establishing itself in the West and it has imprinted powerful evolutions which little by little change the internal structure of the West.

Laxity and the art of retreat are in place and have formed the minds of people to the point that we no longer even know whether a mortar shell in broad daylight in Paris is incivility, barbarism or jihadism. Europe is falling apart and is on a slope, absorbing blow by blow without being able to respond. But Europe would be too stupid not to understand that the weak have no future in the world to come and that globalization is not peace and prosperity for all as it naively believed, but a battleground between the strong."

## IN ENGLAND, POLICE AGAIN ARREST WOMAN FOR SILENT PRAYER - WHAT INSANITY!

(Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "UK Pro-Life Arrested Again," *CBN News*, Mar. 7, 2023: "The nonprofit law firm Alliance Defending Freedom UK (ADF UK) reports their client, Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, has been arrested for the second time for the 'offense' of silently praying within an abortion facility censorship zone or 'buffer zone.' Her arrest comes just weeks after being acquitted by a UK court for the same violation. Vaughan-Spruce was arrested again on Monday outside the BPAS Robert Clinic in Birmingham. Her exchange with two police officers was captured in a video clip that was released on social





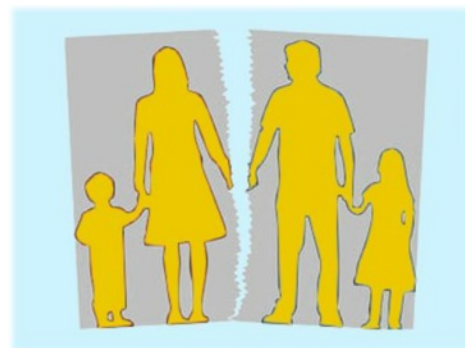
media by ADF UK. In the 46-second video ... several police officers approach her. One officer asks her, 'Can I please ask you to step away from here and step outside the exclusion zone?' Vaughan-Spruce replied, 'But I'm not protesting. I'm not engaging in any of the activities prohibited.' 'But you said you were engaging in prayer which is the offense,' the officer responded. 'Silent prayer,' Vaughan-Spruce counters. **'No, but you were still engaging in prayer. It is an offense,' the officer explained.** ... Although two police officers are seen in the video clip, the ADF UK said six police officers were involved in Vaughan-Spruce's arrest on Monday."



roughly 100 million acres of land, making 2020 the largest wildfire season recorded in California's modern history. California's August Complex fire has been described as the first *gigafire* as the area burned exceeded 1 million acres.' The study in *Environmental Pollution*, by two UCLA professors and one University of Chicago author, reports: 'Viewed from the perspective of what this means for wildfire emission reductions from all other sectors combined, if we compare to reductions from 2003 to 2019 from 483 to 418 mmt CO<sub>2</sub>e, **the likely amount of increase from the fires is close to double all the emission reductions achieved in the state from 2003 to 2019.**' ... In his book, *Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn't, and Why It Matters*, Steven Koonin considered the scientific data and concluded that 'whatever influence a changing climate might have had on wildfires globally in recent decades, human factors unrelated to climate were dominant.'"

**BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA** (Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from Paul Johnson, *A History of the American People*: "To many analysts of American society ... the decisive single development in America during the

second half of the 20th century [was] the decline of the family and of family life, and the growth in illegitimacy. The enormous number of children born outside the family structure altogether, or raised in one-parent families, appeared to be statistically linked to most of the modern evils of American life: poor educational performance and illiteracy or semi-literacy, children out on the streets from an early age, juvenile delinquency, unemployment, adult crime, and, above all, poverty. ... Up to 1920, the proportion of children born to single women in the United States was less than 3 percent, roughly where it had been throughout the history of the country. The trend-line shifted upwards, though not dramatically, in the 1950s. A steep, sustained rise gathered pace in the mid-1960s and continued into the early 1990s, to reach 30 percent in 1991. In 1960 there were just 73,000 never-married mothers between the ages of eighteen and thirty-four. By 1980 there were 1 million. By 1990 there were 2.9 million. ... In 1960, 24 percent of black children were illegitimate, compared with 2 percent of white children. By 1991, the figures of illegitimate births were 68 percent of all births for blacks, 39 percent for Latinos, and 18 percent for non-Latino whites. **At some point between 1960 and 1990, marriage, and having children within marriage, ceased to be the norm**



among blacks, while remaining the norm among whites (though a deteriorating one). By the end of 1994 it was 33 percent for the nation as a whole, 25 percent for whites, and 70 percent for blacks. In parts of Washington, capital of the richest nation in the world, it was as high as 90 percent.”

### STREET PREACHER'S CONVICTION FOR "MIS-GENDERING" OVERTURNED

(Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Street preacher," *Premier Christian News*, Mar. 10, 2023: "A Christian street preacher who was arrested for 'misgendering' a member of the public has had his conviction overturned. Dave McConnell, 42, who's from Wakefield, appealed his conviction at Leeds Crown Court after he was arrested under section 4A Public Order Act 1986 for 'insulting' a member of the public in Leeds City Centre in June 2021. He was arrested after he 'misgendered' a transgender person who identified as a woman during a one-on-one conversation with a police officer. ... Mr McConnell was subsequently convicted and made to pay costs of £620. He was also forced to do 80 hours of community service despite there being no legal obligation to use a trans



person's preferred pronouns in the UK. **Following his conviction, the Probation Service reported Mr McConnell to the Joint Counter-Terrorism Team. It is believed Mr McConnell is the first street preacher to be convicted for such an offence and reported as a potential 'terrorist.'** Mr McConnell's lawyer argued that the police response was unlawful, disproportionate and interfered with his Article 9 and 10 rights under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). **Mr McConnell, who was supported by the Christian Legal Centre was asked in court whether he knew that 'misgendering' a trans person could be insulting, to which he replied: 'I wasn't misgendering, I was telling the truth.'** ... Following the ruling, Mr McConnell said: 'I am delighted and relieved that the Judge has overturned the conviction and that I can clear my name. I am, however, appalled at how I have been treated by the authorities in this matter. No other street preacher, professional or member of the public must go through what I have.'"

### FIGHTING DEADLY BACTERIUM WITH VIRUSES

(Friday Church News Notes, March 24, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Mar. 13, 2023: "Often the most productive science is done when scientists, as one founder of modern science put it, 'Think God's thoughts after Him.'" For example, while antibiotics have saved millions of lives, they have proven to be only a temporary solution. In addition, there are some bacterial infections that move too fast for antibiotics to be effective. *Vibrio vulnificus* is one such bacterium. It is



typically found in oysters. The bacterium has little effect on healthy people, but those whom it infects are most likely to be dead within 24 hours. How do we combat such a fast-working deadly bacterium by thinking God's thoughts after Him? By finding something that is even faster at infecting the bacterium and killing it. That's exactly what medical researchers have done. They have found a virus that infects the bacteria, rapidly reproducing inside the bacterium until it causes the bacterium to burst. Once the bacteria are all dead, the virus can no longer reproduce. Researchers infected eight mice with *Vibrio vulnificus*. If they had not at the same time infected the mice with the virus, all would have been dead within 18 hours. As a result, five of the mice never became ill. This approach is also being successfully used to treat bacteria that causes skin infections. The successes that come from thinking God's thoughts after Him demonstrate that God is the Author of science and all that it studies. Ref: *Science News*, 6/3/00, p. 358, 'Viruses that slay bacteria draw new interest.'"

### FARMERS WIN VICTORY OVER DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL NUTTINESS

(Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Dutch Government Reconsiders





Green Agenda Following Farmer Victory,” *The European Conservative*, Mar. 22, 2023: “Members of the Dutch government called for alterations in the Green Agenda after the recent victory of the pro-farmer party BoerBurgerBeweging (BBB) in the provincial elections. The BBB, which based its support on fighting damaging environmentalist policies, will now become the biggest party in the provinces as well as the Senate. ... In the regional governments, the BBB said it will not enforce any anti-farmer laws. **The BBB’s rise is the result of policies that threatened to close thousands of farms, as the Dutch government followed EU plans to halve nitrogen emissions by 2030. This provoked an outbreak of farmer’s protests, leading to the BBB’s electoral landslide on March 15th. The BBB will also be the biggest party in the Senate—which is elected by the regional governments—giving it serious sway in the law-making process.** The BBB chairman, Erik Stegink, insists that the government’s environmentalist policies must be dropped, especially its plans to buy and close farms, saying that ‘2030 must be off the table and expropriation is also not an option.’”

**THE RELIGION OF THE LEFT: GRETA THUNBERG AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY** (Friday Church News

Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Yes, Leftism Is a Religion,” *PJMedia*, Mar. 20, 2023: “[Q]ueerness, along with the rest of the Left’s agenda, including climate hysteria, the vaccines, race obsessions, and every other aspect of the Left’s obsessions, are for them a god. Leftism today is a religion, a sad and tatty substitute for genuine religion, but a religion nonetheless, an all-consuming preoccupation and a prism through which the devotee sees and understands all things. The University of Helsinki confirmed this anew on Monday by announcing that it was giving climate hysteric Greta Thunberg an honorary doctorate...in theology. ... Nor are the solons of the University of Helsinki by any means the first Leftists to make a religion out of their delusions. ... New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-Planned Parenthood) revealed in September 2021 that the COVID vaccines were a kind of sacrament: ‘I prayed a lot to God during this time, and you know what--God did answer our prayers. He made the smartest men and women, the scientists, the doctors, the researchers--he made them come up with a vaccine. That is from God to us and we must say, thank you, God. Thank you. And I wear my *vaccinated* necklace all the



time to say I’m vaccinated. All of you, yes, I know you’re vaccinated, you’re the smart ones, but you know there’s people out there who aren’t listening to God and what God wants.”

**TENNESSEE BECOMES FIRST STATE TO PASS LAW LIMITING DRAG SHOWS** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Tennessee Passes,” *Christian Headlines*, Mar. 7, 2023: “Tennessee has become the first state to explicitly ban drag shows in public places. Gov. Bill Lee signed the provision into law prohibiting ‘adult cabaret performances’ that include ‘male or female impersonators’ in areas where minors could watch. Similar laws have been introduced in at least fourteen other states.”

**GOD’S PEOPLE DEVOTED TO TRIFLES** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following by F.W. Grant (1834-1902), *The Numerical Bible*, is a perfect description of the average Bible-believing, “King James only,” hymnbook-singing, conservative church today: “‘I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name’ (Ps. 86:11). This is indeed what is everywhere the great lack among the people of God. How much of our lives is not spent in positive evil, but frittered away and lost in countless petty diversions which spoil effectually the positiveness of their testimony for God! How few can say with the apostle, ‘This *one* thing I do!’ We are on the road, but we stop to chase butterflies among the flowers and make no serious progress. How Satan must wonder when he sees us



turn away from the ‘kingdoms of the world and the glory of them,’ and yet yield ourselves with scarce a thought to endless trifles, lighter than the thistle-down which the child spends all his strength for, and we laugh at him. Would we examine our lives carefully ... how should we realize the multitude of needless anxieties, of self-imagined duties, of permitted relaxations, of ‘innocent’ trifles, which incessantly divert us from that alone in which there is profit! How few, perhaps, would care to face such an examination of the day by day unwritten history of their lives!”

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE WAY OF LIFE BIBLE COMMENTARIES** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

We received the following testimony about the [Way of Life Commentary Series](http://www.wayoflife.org):

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student of Scripture)! My wife and I look forward to digging in deeply every day. I truly think this is your greatest work. I am deeply grateful for your hard labor for the Lord, and for the fact that so many of your books are offered for free.” Currently there are commentaries on 36 books

**FROG PHARMACISTS** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Feb. 10, 2023: “Some frogs are regular little drug factories. Their skins produce a wide range of powerful alkaloids, are a large family of chemicals usually produced by plants. Familiar alkaloids include quinine, caffeine and morphine. Different alkaloids have different effects, usually on the nervous system. The poison-arrow frog may be the most famous alkaloid-producing frog. South American natives simply rub their arrows or darts on the frog’s back. One species of this frog contains enough poison to kill about a 100 people! Another frog, native to Ecuador, produces an anesthetic more powerful than morphine. South American natives rub another frog on their wounds. Researchers discovered that the frog’s skin makes a powerful antiseptic. Yet another frog alkaloid will change the colors on parrot feathers. Some of the alkaloids produced by frogs are so complex that it takes years of study, using modern science’s most sophisticated equipment, to discover the active chemical. Researchers in this field are only beginning to learn



about the alkaloids produced by frogs. They have yet to research a frog that natives claim to use to heighten their senses for the hunt. What puzzles scientists who believe in evolution is that the frogs’ exotic skin chemistries don’t follow the patterns they anticipated based upon expected evolutionary relationships. This means that these frogs have one more exciting purpose. They provide evidence against evolution and for the Creator. REF.: Pennisi, Elizabeth. ‘Pharming frogs,’ *Science News*, v. 142, July 18, 1992, p. 40.”

of the Bible in the following volumes: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Minor Prophets, Romans, Corinthians, Prison Epistles, Thessalonian Epistles, Pastoral Epistles, Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation. All are available in print and eBook formats:

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**THE ANTICHRIST AND THE MAHDI** (Friday Church News Notes, March 31, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The world, including the Muslim nations, will accept the Antichrist as a brilliant saviour. The Muslims will possibly receive him as their long-awaited Hidden Imam. The following is an excerpt from the *London Telegraph*, January 14, 2006: "As Iran rushes towards confrontation with the world over its nuclear programme, the question uppermost in the mind of western leaders is 'What is moving its President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad\* to such recklessness?' ... The most remarkable aspect of Mr. Ahmadinejad's piety is his devotion to **the Hidden Imam**, the Messiah-like figure of Shia Islam, and the president's belief that his government must prepare the country for his return. One of the first acts of Mr. Ahmadinejad's government was to donate about £10 million to the

Jamkaran mosque, a popular pilgrimage site where the pious come to drop messages to the Hidden Imam into a holy well. All streams of Islam believe in a divine saviour, known as **the Mahdi**, who will appear at the End of Days. A common rumour--denied by the government but widely believed--is that Mr. Ahmadinejad and his cabinet have signed a 'contract' pledging themselves to work for the return of the Mahdi and sent it to Jamkaran. Iran's dominant 'Twelver' sect believes this will be Mohammed ibn Hasan, regarded as the 12th Imam, or righteous descendant of the Prophet Mohammad. He is said to have gone into 'occlusion' in the ninth century, at the age of five. His return will be preceded by cosmic chaos, war and bloodshed. After a cataclysmic confrontation with evil and darkness, the Mahdi will lead the world to an era of universal peace. This is similar to the Christian vision of the Apocalypse. **INDEED, THE HIDDEN IMAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN IN THE COMPANY OF JESUS.** Mr. Ahmadinejad appears to believe that these events are close at hand and that ordinary mortals can influence the divine timetable. The prospect of such a man obtaining nuclear weapons is worrying. The unspoken question is this: is Mr. Ahmadinejad now tempting a clash with the West because he feels safe in the belief of the imminent return of the Hidden Imam? Worse, might he be trying to provoke chaos in the hope of hastening his reappearance? Western officials [suspect] that Iran's president actually relishes a clash with the West in the

conviction that it would rekindle the spirit of the Islamic revolution and--who knows--speed up the arrival of the Hidden Imam." \*Ahmadinejad was president of Iran from 2005-2013 and is still a member of the government. He is a major supporter of Iran's nuclear program, which is covertly designed to produce a nuclear bomb.



**BIDEN REGIME WANTED TO CENSOR PRIVATE TEXT MESSAGES** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - We are thankful to God for America. It has been a bastion of liberty in an oppressive world. It is still the freest nation on earth, though its liberties are fading and under great assault. We want to be informed about what is happening, but we have no intention to fret or to get wrapped in an attempted political solution. Let unbelievers do that. Their only hope is this present world. What we *are* doing in the face of end-time apostasy and wickedness is simple. We are doing what God has told us to do, which is focus like a laser on Christ's Great Commission, preaching the life-changing gospel, building good churches and good Christian homes, raising children and youth for Christ, training preachers, and lots and lots of prayer, including prayer for those who are in authority that we might





lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. The following is excerpted from “Biden Regime,” *PJMedia*, Mar. 25, 2023: “The Biden regime has already abundantly established that it has no patience for dissent. The Twitter Files show regime lackeys pressuring Twitter, along with other social media giants, to silence people who dared question, among other things, its COVID-19 narrative--yes, the one that has been shown to have been full of holes all along. But as is so often the case these days, it gets worse. Now it has come to light that the Biden White House actually pressured Meta to censor private WhatsApp texts that dared to express disagreement from the regime’s line. Yes, *private* texts. ... It comes from investigative journalist David Zweig, whose Leftist bona fides are impeccable: he has written for *The Atlantic*, *New York* magazine, and *Wired*, among others. Despite this background, Zweig has had the integrity to reveal that the Biden regime is even more obsessed with crushing dissenting voices than we had previously known ... Zweig gained access to emails between White House staffers and Meta executives about WhatsApp that underlie this investigative report. The emails were obtained through discovery in *Missouri v Biden*, a first amendment case brought by two attorneys general, and New Civil Liberties Alliance (a nonprofit public interest law firm) on behalf of private plaintiffs. These emails demonstrate that less than a week after taking power, Biden’s handlers began talks with Meta executives regarding ‘content moderation.’ That was when things took a dark turn. ... **Rob Flaherty, the Biden White House’s Director of Digital Strategy, sent ‘multiple emails’ to Meta top dogs, demanding they ‘tell him what interven-**

**tions the company had taken on WhatsApp.’ He ‘wanted to know what they were doing to reduce harm on the messaging app.’ On March 22, 2021, this tinhorn authoritarian demanded specific information about how Meta was deep-sixing dissident WhatsApp messages. ...** When ‘a Meta employee responded to Flaherty’s questions, explaining that WhatsApp is for private messaging,’ Flaherty ‘replied that he was *very aware* and added a smiley face.’ ... Flaherty was still unhappy, writing Meta honchos, ‘I care mostly about what actions and changes you’re making to ensure you’re not making our country’s vaccine hesitancy problem worse. I still don’t have a good, empirical answer on how effective you’ve been at reducing the spread of vaccine-skeptical content and misinformation to vaccine fence sitters.’ Remember, he was writing this about a *private messaging service*.”

**AFGHANISTAN WORSE THAN EVER** (Friday Church News Notes, April 7, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Afghanistan,” *Religion News Service*, Mar. 2, 2023: “Until recently, Afghan professor Ismail Mashal could be found wheeling books around Kabul and passing them out for free in response to the Taliban’s ban on higher education for women and girls. An outspoken critic of the Islamist government, Professor Mashal dramatically quit his job on live TV and tore his diploma to protest the ban on women attending university. But then, on Feb. 2, Mashal was violently beaten by members of the Taliban, arrested

and hauled off to an unknown location. Sadly, this incident of repression is just one of many that regularly take place in Afghanistan. In the 18 months since the U.S. withdrawal, the situation in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime continues to disintegrate, delving ever further into the completely brutal and absurd. ... Under the Taliban’s rule, women and girls have been erased from society. They are not allowed to have jobs or attend school, are forced to wear hijabs and must be accompanied by a male relative in public. They can no longer visit parks in Kabul or go to the gym. Travel has been restricted. Laws protecting women have been abolished and public floggings have returned. ... Along with women and common sense, Christianity and religious freedom have also been erased. While the Taliban claim no Christians even live in Afghanistan, the actual number of Christians currently living in the country probably numbers in the low thousands. By some measures, the Taliban’s war on Christianity has cooled slightly, but Afghan Christians remain in grave danger. ... Since leaving Islam is considered punishable by death under the Taliban’s interpretation of Islamic law, the decision to follow Jesus can have devastating consequences.”







## SATANIC ATTACK ON SACRED MUSIC - BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES

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- This course consists of a textbook and a video series with about 17 hours of teaching, packed with photos, graphics, audio and video clips. One previewer commented, "The series is broad and deep with serious factual analysis according to properly interpreted Scripture." We deal with Emotions and the Music Issue; The Spiritual Environment of the Music Issue: The Church and the Home; Bible Principles of Music; Music's Role in the Great Changes among Fundamental Baptists; Contemporary Music as a Bridge to Dangerous Waters; Bob Jones, Majesty Music, New Reformed Calvinism, and the Gettys; The Language of Music Styles; Lancaster's Role in the Downgrade of Fundamental Baptist Churches; and A Plea to Southern Gospel Music Fans. We learn how that Contemporary Christian Music is a bridge to the "broader church": the Pentecostal/charismatic movement, the ecumenical movement, theological liberalism, New Evangelicalism, the Emerging Church, modern Bible versions, contemplative prayer, cultural liberalism, 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, *The Shack*, C.S. Lewis, and more. We show that these things are not "out there" somewhere; they are a very near danger to the most conservative churches. We document the change in music standard at Bob Jones University and Majesty Music. We learn how to discern the elements of the worldly sound in contemporary music. We learn how to discern soft rock. We learn how chords are used in contemporary music to create an unresolving sound and "feel." We examine why contemporary music always transforms churches. We show that conservative evangelicals are not safe partners. We document how that the Southern Baptist Convention is more corrupt than ever. We consider why we should be concerned about "little" changes in music. We show that trying to deal with the music issue alone won't work. Unless we have spiritual churches and spiritual homes, the battle is already lost. The book contains a detailed study of every major passage in the Bible on the subject of music. [The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic_attack_on_sacred_music.php): the video series and the book are available at

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## BABIES BAFFLE EVOLUTION

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- The following is from CreationMoments.com, Mar. 15, 2023: "The Bible teaches that until several centuries after the Flood all people on Earth spoke the same language. The fact that many supposedly unrelated languages have similar sounding words with the same or similar meanings supports this

teaching. Some language researchers say that this is simply due to chance. Now some language researchers say that they have developed another line of research that supports the belief that all humans once spoke the same language. Language researchers have spent years listening to babies in many different language groups babble. Babies younger than four months make a variety of sounds as they learn to use their voice. Speaking is a highly complex activity, requiring the coordination of 70 different muscles as well as several different body parts. By seven to ten months of age babies typically begin making sounds that alternate vowels and consonants. Researchers found that there are three distinct patterns of alternating sounds that are universal among babies in English-speaking households. Then they found that these three patterns are also common among infants from a wide range of language groups around the world. Researchers comparing infants from varying language groups then identified a fourth pattern among all groups. These findings have been interpreted as independent evidence that all people once spoke one language. We accept what the Bible says by faith, not because it has been proven. But when Scripture's truths are supported by science the Bible's integrity is upheld before skeptics. Ref: *Science News*, 5/27/00, pp. 344-346, 'Building Blocks of Talk.'"





**TRANSGENDER PASTOR COMPARES NASHVILLE MURDERER TO JESUS' CRUCIFIXION** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Transgender Pastor," *Fox News*, Apr. 4, 2023: "A liberal transgender pastor compared Nashville shooter Audrey Hale to Jesus being betrayed and crucified less than a week after Hale murdered six people [including three children] at a Christian school. Micah Louwagie, who was recently formally installed as the pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Fargo, North Dakota, delivered the Easter-themed sermon to the small congregation on April 2. After reading the Biblical account of Jesus' crucifixion, Louwagie immediately brought up the mass shooting in Nashville. ... 'Some folks have tried to focus on eradicating trans people as a solution, because they have been waiting, just waiting for an opportunity such as this. They've been waiting for a reason, any reason to stoke their hatred,' Louwagie said. ... The liberal pastor goes on to compare the Pharisees' treatment of Jesus to politicians who make laws against drag shows and transgender players in sports. ... The pastor also compared how transgenders were treated in the U.S. to the Holocaust

and Japanese internment camps later on in the message."

**NEW YORK SKYSCRAPERS PROCLAIM THE OLD AMERICA AND NEW** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- There are two Americas today, the old and the new. We described this in the Jan. 5 report "Two Americas." The Old America had a near universal belief in the almighty Creator God revealed in the Bible; acceptance of absolute truth based on biblical principles; emphasis on good character traits such as honesty, purity, humility, self-restraint, and benevolence; exalted concepts of human liberty (as summarized in the magnificent Bill of Rights); justice, republicanism, civic mindedness; pursuit of universal literacy; strong law and order; respect for authority; the centrality of the "nuclear family" (mother, father, children); private ownership of property; small government under the control of the people. Old America was free, prosperous, with little crime, the world leader in science and technology. The New America is built on cultural Marxism, humanism, and atheism, and the fruit is narcissism, licentiousness, destruction of the family, lawlessness, tyranny, and financial irresponsibility. The Old America and New America are reflected on New York City's skyscrapers. In 1956, the Old America put crosses on three skyscrapers to celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ. The 150-foot-high crosses were on City Bank, Farmers Trust, and Forty Wall Street Corp. buildings. Today, the Empire State Building is annually decked in rainbow colors to celebrate Gay Pride, and in January 2019, the One



World Trade Center was lit up in pink to celebrate the passage of a New York law legalizing abortion for any reason up to birth.

**HILLSONG PAID BIG-NAME SPEAKERS MASSIVE HONORARIUMS** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

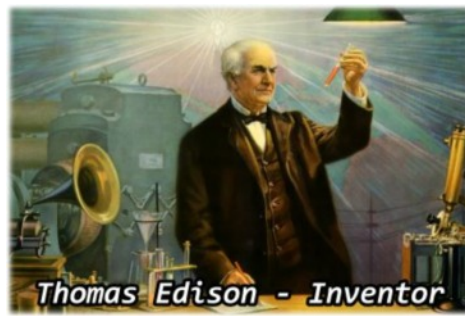
- The following is excerpted from "Hillsong Church Paid," *Christian Post*, Apr. 6, 2023: "[Hillsong paid celebrity speakers massive amounts of money as honorariums] according to a trove of financial documents from Hillsong Church first made public on March 9 by Andrew Wilkie, an independent member of the Australian Parliament. ... In a document titled, 'Hillsong Conference (with One Days) Key cost Variances' covering the period 2005-2011, Hillsong Church paid T.D. Jakes an honorarium of \$146,359 in 2010. ... The list of payouts to other prominent Christian personalities





includes \$58,605 to Israel Houghton, \$45,032 to Tim Hughes, \$25,000 to Ed Young, \$25,000 to Judah Smith, \$25,000 to Andy Stanley and \$10,000 to Nancy Beach. ... Joyce Meyer received an honorarium of \$133,420 in 2008. Both Meyer and Jakes made multiple appearances at the annual Hillsong Conference, and each time they received \$100,000 or more in honorarium payments. ... In 2015, according to the records, Hillsong Church spent just over \$522,000 on honorariums. ... The list of famous Christian pastors with global brands that have received honorariums for making appearances at the megachurch include: Steven Furtick, Jentezen Franklin, Robert Morris, Louie Giglio, Joseph Prince, Ravi Zacharias, Carl Lentz and many others. The details come after nearly 40 churches around the world were found to have paid up to \$100,000, or 3% of their tithes and offerings, annually to Hillsong Church to be a part of the Hillsong Family network, which the whistleblower has alleged offers access to a global honorarium scheme meant to funnel additional income into the pockets of celebrity pastors through sophisticated means.”

**THOMAS EDISON: PATRON SAINT OF HOMESCHOOLING** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Raymond Arroyo, “Why Thomas Edison,” *Fox News*, Mar. 21, 2023: “Though Thomas Alva Edison’s creations and ingenuity are legendary, most don’t realize that Edison almost wasn’t the world’s greatest inventor. ... At five, his zeal to understand fire ended with the family barn in ashes and a whipping from his dad. His at times dangerous curiosity and endless questions drove



his father to distraction, who wrote the boy off as ‘a dunce.’ But his mother saw something else in her Al. ... Little Al was registered at the Reverend GB Engle’s schoolhouse in 1855. The rote lessons and memorization were likely boring to Al. He daydreamed through classes ... Edison said of this period: ‘The teachers did not sympathize with me and ... my father thought I was stupid.’ His teacher did as well. One day, in front of Al, the Reverend Engle complained that the boy was ‘addled’ and ‘unable to be taught.’ Al ran home in tears. The next day, Mrs. Edison appeared at the school, upbraided the teacher, insisted that her son had more smarts than even the Reverend and that she would educate Al herself. Astoundingly, this marked the end of Edison’s formal education and the beginning of the great inventor. Nancy Edison was a teacher by trade and equipped her son with a combination of literary classics and science manuals that fed his passion. She encouraged Al’s daring, hands on experimentation. ... I don’t know why Thomas Edison isn’t the patron saint of home-schooling. He said late in life: ‘My mother was the making of me ... she let me follow my bent. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should very likely have never become an inventor.’ ... By the end of his life, he would file more than 1,000 patents

and transform the lives of millions around the globe. The alkaline battery, the lightbulb, the motion picture camera, the tattoo pen, and the first electric car—all sprang from the mind of a boy who was tossed out of school and told he was too dumb to be taught.”

**TIM KELLER’S INFATUATION WITH CATHOLIC AUTHORS AND PRACTICES** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Many of America’s most popular “evangelical” teachers are infatuated with Roman Catholicism, as we have frequently documented. Consider Tim Keller, pastor of the Redeemer megachurch in New York City, head of the Redeemer City to City church planting network, and co-founder with D.A. Carson of The Gospel Coalition (council members have included John Piper, Alistar Begg (pastor of the Gettys), Mark Dever, Moody Church pastor Erwin Lutzer, and Southern Baptists Russell Moore and Al Mohler). Keller has a huge influence via books, blogs, and conference speaking, his books reaching the top 10 of the *New York Times* bestseller list. His love for Catholicism is evident in *The Reason for God* (2012), in which he quotes and refers to Catholic theologians and philosophers frequently, passionately, and non-critically. He includes Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox





within his definition of true Christians. In *The Reason for God*, Keller quotes Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft, Catholic author Mary Flannery O'Connor, Catholic mystic Simone Weil, Polish Catholic poet Czeslaw Milosz, and Catholic Archbishop Oscar Romero, whose doctrine Keller calls "orthodox" (p. 66). He also quotes from Malcolm Muggeridge, J.R.R. Tolkien, and G.K. Chesterton. None of these people held to the true gospel of grace alone without works. They trusted in baptism and sacraments for salvation. In the lecture series *What Is Meditation?* Keller promotes the contemplative prayer techniques of four Catholic "saints": Loyola, Francis de Sales, John of the Cross, and Teresa of Avila. He says, "The best things that have been written are by Catholics during the Counter Reformation. Great stuff!" This lecture series was promoted on The Gospel Coalition website. For more about this, see [Evangelicals and Contemplative Prayer](https://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/evangelicals_and_mysticism.php), available as a free eBook and in print from Way of Life Literature

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**FASHION REVOLUTIONARY MARY QUANT DEAD AT AGE 93** (Friday Church News Notes, February 4, 2022, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Before men were wearing dresses, women were wearing pants, and the

female pioneers of this phenomenon knew that they were creating a revolution that would eventually destroy biblical morality in western culture. Consider Mary Quant, the revolutionary British fashion designer of the Beatles era, who died on April 13 in England at age 93. In 2019, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London had a major exhibit on Quant, inventor of the mini-skirt, the micro-mini, and hot pants. Mary understood that fashion is a language. The exhibit was a clothing exhibit, but the focus was revolution, liberation from biblical sexual mores, and breaking down the barriers between the sexes (unisex, androgyny). There was no attempt to hide this. Quant put women in men's attire: pants, ties, suit jackets, and short hair. **Mary Quant knew that trousers on women is not an issue merely of comfort and freedom of movement.** Following are some quotes from the exhibition signage: "using fashion to question hierarchies and gender rules," "a rebellious approach to established gender norms," "mocking religion," "an independent style," "self-expression," "freedom." "The miniskirt became an international symbol of women's liberation." "[Quant's] provocative styles reflected increasingly relaxed attitudes in society towards sexuality in all its forms, reinforced legally by the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967." Observe that this clothing exhibit directly connects unisex fashion with homosexual rights. "Asked by the *Guardian* newspaper in 1967 if her clothes could be considered 'vulgar' because they were so revealing, Quant replied that she loved vulgarity and embraced it. **'Good taste is death, vulgarity is life,' she said, adding that the provocative poses**

**of her models reflected the new sexual openness of the times, which was fueled by the development of the birth control pill**" ("Mary Quant," *Los Angeles Times*, Apr. 13, 2023). The 1960s was a major changing of the times. Mary helped create the ME culture, the "lovers of their own selves" generation prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:2. The music, the fashion, the entertainment, the commerce, it all broadcasts the ancient Satanic lie, "It's your life; live as you please!" Mary Quant was smarter than those professing Christians who think that pants on women is a non-issue. It was a major issue in the 1960s, and it is a major issue today. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). The masculinization of women is just as evil as the feminization of men. Woe be unto pastors who are silent in the face of this revolution!

**STORE CLOSURES CONTINUE IN LAWLESS CITIES RUN BY LEFTISTS** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Walmart to Close Four Chicago Stores," *Disnter*, Apr. 12, 2023: "I am writing about this because I believe that it affects Christians and is demonstrative of the judgment of God on a nation that has abandoned a Christian worldview and instead embraced progressive Democrat politics. This is only the beginning of the decline of this nation due to moral decay and depravity. Under the harrowing reign of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the malevolent rogue prosecutor Kim Foxx, Chicago has been thrust into a nightmarish inferno of gun violence and lawlessness in



Mary Quant

**THE BEES' AMAZING TEMPERATURE DEFENSE** (Friday Church News Notes, April 14, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Mar. 30, 2023: "When bees are threatened by some diseases or predators, they act like sick children--they get a fever. More specifically, they give their nest a fever, sometimes raising its temperature to levels nearly fatal to themselves. Bees are cold-blooded, but they can generate heat by flexing their flight muscles while holding their wings still. It has long been known that bees can generate temperatures as high as 96.8° (F) to keep the nursery nice and cozy. Researchers have found that this ability is used to cure a sick hive. One of the more dangerous threats to the bees' nest is the chalkboard fungus. Researchers noticed that bees raised the temperature of the nursery when threatened with the fungus. They then tested the effect of the temperature increase by introducing chalkboard fungus spores into three experimental hives. Even before the larvae showed symptoms of infection, bees raised the temperature in all three hives. While several larvae mummified in one hive, no larvae in the other two hives showed infection. Other researchers have also found that bees use the



same strategy on giant hornets. The bees cannot sting through the hornet's tough armor. So, when invaded, bees raise the hive's temperature to over 116°(F). That's enough to kill the hornet, but one degree hotter would be fatal to the bees. God has given His creatures important abilities to gain and keep physical health. But when it comes to spiritual health, we must rely completely on what God's Son, Jesus Christ, has done to give us that spiritual health. Notes: *Science News*, 5/27/00. p. 341, 'The whole beehive gets a fever.'"

the midst of the pandemic. The city, suffocated by a horrifying 33% surge in serious crime since Lightfoot seized power in 2019, has been brought to its knees with over 800 fatalities in 2021 alone and nearly 700 more the following year. ... The bloodcurdling specter of gang violence continues to terrorize the city, as brazen criminal syndicates audaciously pillage retail stores across a multitude of neighborhoods, including the once-proud primary shopping district. Carjackings, muggings, and shootings have become chillingly routine, with predominantly Black communities shouldering the heaviest burden of this chaos. In an eye-opening press release on April 11, Walmart unveiled plans to shutter four of its beleaguered Chicago stores in the

wake of relentless financial hemorrhaging due to the constant crime and theft. ... The beleaguered stores, collectively hemorrhaging tens of millions of dollars annually, have witnessed their yearly losses nearly double within the past five years. ... the bottom line is that Democrat policies have caused decent people with a good work ethic to leave this city. Chicago has some of the strictest anti-gun laws in the



nation, stripping innocent law-abiding citizens of their right to defend themselves in public. Nobody wants to risk their lives to step foot into a Walmart store where they may become the next victim of gun violence in one of the Democrats' gun-free zones."

**A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Chicago has become increasingly lawless because of the leftist city leadership and a DA who won't enforce the laws. They also have entertained a foolish defund the police program. Ultimately, it is a judgment on a nation that has rejected the Word of God, a nation of apostate

churches. Recently I preached a seven-day Bible conference in a predominantly black church in Chicago. While we were eating breakfast one morning, a man attacked some women within a couple of feet of where we were sitting. The family had just arrived from Michigan to visit a grandchild and were planning to get breakfast before checking into their motel. As they were entering the restaurant, a man attacked them with a hammer and hit a young girl in the face before he was chased off by bystanders. It took the police a long time to arrive. A few months ago, one of the preachers at my host church was held up at gunpoint when he stopped to pick up a church member on the way to services. The robber put the gun right up against his temple and demanded all his money. The young preacher said, “I don’t have any money. You can shoot me; I know where I’m going; but I don’t have any money.” The robber said, “This is your lucky day,” and ran off. It wasn’t luck! We would emphasize that God’s people have a multitude of promises that are true no matter the situation in this present world. The safest place on earth for a born-again Christian is in the center of God’s will. “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).



**A WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT “THE NEWS”** (Friday Church News Notes, April 21, 2023, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - We want to be informed about what is happening, but we want to see everything through God’s eyes. We have no intention to fret or worry, to be addicted to politics or to get wrapped in a political solution, to fill our minds with the latest conspiracy theory, or to get involved with any type of uprising. We intend to obey God’s exhortations, such as these: “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” (Ps. 37:1-3). “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mt. 6:33). “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2). Let unbelievers do the fretting, as their only hope is this present world. What we are doing in the face of end-time apostasy and rampant wickedness is simple. We are doing what God has told us to do, which is to immerse ourselves in Scripture, meditating in God’s Word day and night (Ps. 1:1-3) and focusing like a laser on Christ’s Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20), preaching the life-changing gospel as far and wide as possible, building good churches and good Christian homes, raising children and youth for the glory of Jesus Christ, training preachers, starting new churches, and lots and lots and lots of prayer, including prayer for those who are in authority that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

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