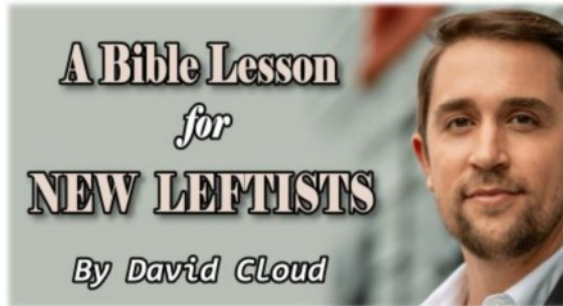


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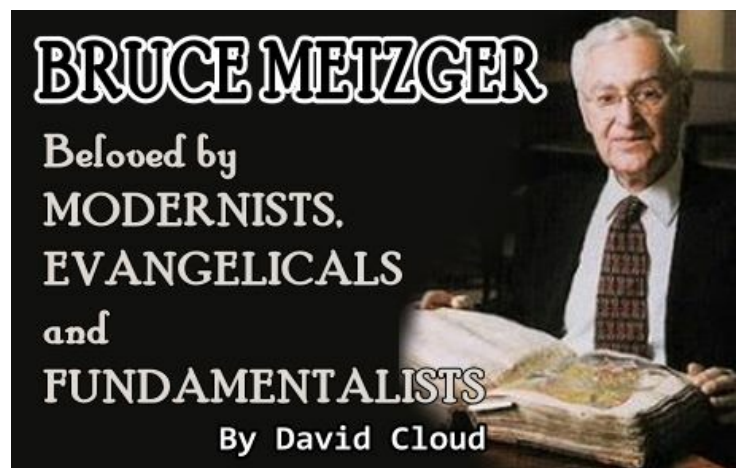


BRUCE METZGER, BELOVED BY MODERNISTS, EVANGELICALS, AND FUNDAMENTALISTS ~ By David Cloud

As a student at Tennessee Temple in the 1970s, I was given zero information about the editors of the United Bible Societies Greek New Testament that we were required to use. These were Bruce Metzger, Matthew Black, Allen Wikgren, Carlo Martini, Kurt Aland, Barbara Aland, and Johannes Karavidopoulos.

I looked into these people for myself as a young missionary in the early 1980s and was amazed to find that Martini was a Roman Catholic cardinal and most of the others were theological modernists. I found, further, that the entire field of modern textual criticism was rife with unbelief from its inception. Modernists and Unitarians and modernist-influenced Evangelicals were the chief voices, with few exceptions.

I decided that I had been kept in the dark and nearly led astray. God commands me to mark and avoid heretics, not



study their writings, adopt their principles, and use their Testaments.

In [*Faith vs. the Modern Bible Versions*](#), we have given extensive information about Martini, the Alands, Black,

Wikgren, and Karavidopoulos. In this report we will focus on Metzger.

Bruce Metzger (1914-2007) was probably the most influential textual critic of his generation. Most books defending the modern versions lists his works. He is popular across all Christian lines: Catholic, liberal Protestant, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, Baptist.

He is popular with evangelicals and, in fact, is considered an evangelical. Metzger was mentioned in *Christianity Today* as one of the “highly skilled, believing scholars” of our day (Michael Maudlin, “Inside CT,” *Christianity Today*, Feb. 8, 1999). The book *Bible Interpreters of the 20th Century: a Selection of Evangelical Voices*, edited by Walter Elwell and J.D. Weaver (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999), features a chapter on Bruce Metzger by James A. Brooks (pp. 260-71).

Metzger is even popular with fundamentalists who support modern textual criticism, and that is a large and growing population. He is often mentioned and recommended in books written by fundamentalists (e.g., *From the Mind of God to the Mind of Man*, 1999, written by BJU graduates and associates; Central Baptist Seminary’s *The Bible Version Debate*, 1997). In a letter to me in the 1980s, fundamental Baptist evangelist Robert L. Sumner said that he trusts Metzger and he rebuked me for labeling Metzger a liberal. On a visit to the Bob Jones University bookstore in March 2005, I counted five of

Metzger’s books for sale, and there was no warning of his theological liberalism.

Metzger was one of the editors of the United Bible Societies’ Greek N.T. He was George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Princeton Theological Seminary. He headed up the New Revised Standard Version translation committee, which is owned by the theologically radical National Council of Churches in America. He has served on the board of the American Bible Society.

Metzger’s 1997 autobiography, *The Reminiscences of an Octogenarian*, omitted any reference to a personal salvation experience.

Metzger was a radical ecumenist. He was at the forefront of producing “the Ecumenical Edition” of the RSV in 1973 and personally presented a copy to Pope Paul VI. “In a private audience granted to a small group, comprising the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Athenagoras, Lady Priscilla and Sir William Collins, Herbert G. May, and the present writer, Pope Paul accepted the RSV ‘Common’ Bible as a significant step in furthering ecumenical relations among the churches” (Metzger, “The RSV-Ecumenical Edition,” *Theology Today*, October 1977). Metzger also presented a Bible to Pope John Paul II.

Metzger was rationalistic in his approach to the Bible’s text. He did not believe in the divine preservation of the Scripture in any practical sense. In fact, he claimed that it is possible that we do not have sufficient manuscript evidence to recover the original text, because the manuscripts that exist might not even represent the text of the early churches. “... the disquieting possibility remains that the evidence available to us today may, in certain cases, be totally unrepresentative of the distribution of readings in the early church” (Metzger, *Text and Interpretation: Studies in the New Testament Presented to Matthew Black*, 1979, p. 188).

Metzger blatantly denied the infallible inspiration of the Bible.

Metzger brazenly claimed that some portions of the original Scriptures might have been unfinished or lost before any copies could be made. Of the original ending of Mark 16 he says, “Whether he [Mark] was interrupted while writing and subsequently prevented (perhaps by

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death) from finishing his literary work, or whether the last leaf of the original copy was accidentally lost before other copies had been made, we do not know” (*The Text of the New Testament*, p. 228).

Metzger advocated that Matthew incorporated errors in his royal genealogy of Christ (Metzger, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, 1975, p. 1; cited from Thomas Strouse, “The Pauline Antidote for Christians Caught in Theological Heresy: An Examination and Application of 2 Timothy 2:24-26,” Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary, Newington, CT, 2001).

Metzger’s theological liberalism in regard to inspiration was expressed in the *Reader’s Digest Condensed Bible*. He was the chairman of the project and wrote the introductions to each book, in which he questioned the authorship, traditional date, and supernatural inspiration of books penned by Moses, Daniel, Paul, James, and Peter. Consider some examples:

Genesis: “Nearly all modern scholars agree that, like the other books of the Pentateuch, [Genesis] is a composite of several sources, embodying traditions that go back in some cases to Moses.”

Exodus: “As with Genesis, several strands of literary tradition, some very ancient, some as late as the sixth century B.C., were combined in the makeup of the books.”

Deuteronomy: “Its compilation is generally assigned to the seventh century B.C., though it rests upon much older tradition, some of it from Moses’ time.”

Daniel: “Most scholars hold that the book was compiled during the persecutions (168-165 B.C.) of the Jewish people by Antiochus Epiphanes.”

John: “Whether the book was written directly by John, or indirectly (his teachings may have been edited by another), the church has accepted it as an authoritative supplement to the story of Jesus’ ministry given by the other evangelists.”

1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus: “Judging by differences in style and vocabulary from Paul’s other letters, many modern scholars think that the Pastorals were not written by Paul.”

2 Peter: “Because the author refers to the letters of Paul as ‘scripture,’ a term apparently not applied to them until long after Paul’s death, most modern scholars think that this letter was drawn up in Peter’s name sometime between A.D. 100 and 150.”

Metzger’s radical modernism in relation to the Scripture was also evident in the notes to the *New Oxford Annotated Bible RSV*, which he co-edited with Herbert May. It first appeared in 1962 as *The Oxford Annotated Bible* and was the first Protestant annotated edition of the Bible to be approved by the Roman Catholic Church. It was given an imprimatur in 1966 by Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston. Metzger and May claim the O.T. Contains “a matrix of myth, legend, and history,” deny the worldwide flood, call Job an “ancient folktale,” claim there are two authors of Isaiah, call Jonah a “popular legend,” and otherwise attack the divine inspiration of Holy Scripture.

Introductory Notes to the Pentateuch: “The Old Testament may be described as the literary expression of the religious life of ancient Israel. ... The Israelites were more history-conscious than any other people in the ancient world. Probably as early as the time of David and Solomon, **out of a matrix of myth, legend, and history**, there had appeared the earliest written form of the story of the saving acts of God from Creation to the conquest of the Promised Land, an account which later in modified form became a part of Scripture” (Bruce Metzger and Herbert May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*).

Note on the Flood: “Archaeological evidence suggests that traditions of a prehistoric flood covering the whole earth are **heightened versions of local inundations**, e.g. in the Tigris-Euphrates basin” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*).

Note on Job: “The **ancient folktale** of a patient Job circulated orally among oriental sages in the second millennium B.C. and was probably written down in Hebrew at the time of David and Solomon or a century later (about 1000-800 B.C.)” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*).

Note on Psalm 22:12-13: “the meaning of the third line [they have pierced my hands and feet] is obscure” COMMENT: In fact, it is not obscure; it is a prophecy of Christ’s crucifixion!

Note on Isaiah: “**Only chs. 1-39 can be assigned to Isaiah’s time**; it is generally accepted that chs. 40-66 come from the time of Cyrus of Persia (539 B.C.) and later, as shown by the differences in historical background, literary style, and theological emphases. ... The contents of this section [chs. 56-66] (sometimes called Third Isaiah) suggest a date between 530 and 510 B.C., perhaps contemporary with Haggai and Zechariah (520-518); chapters 60-62 may be later.” COMMENT: The Lord Jesus Christ quoted from both major sections of Isaiah and said they were written by the same prophet (Jn. 12:38-41).

Note on Jonah: “The book of Jonah is didactic narrative which has taken older material from the realm of **popular legend** and put it to a new, more consequential use” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*).

Introduction to the New Testament: “Jesus himself left no literary remains; information regarding his words and works comes from his immediate followers (the apostles) and their disciples. At first this information was circulated orally. As far as we know today, the first attempt to produce a written Gospel was made by John Mark, who according to tradition was a disciple of the Apostle Peter. This Gospel, along with a collection of sayings of Jesus and several other special sources, formed the basis of the Gospels attributed to Matthew and Luke” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*). COMMENT: The Gospels, like every part of the New Testament, were written by direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:13). This nonsense of trying to find ‘the original source’ for the Gospels is unbelieving heresy.

Notes on 2 Peter: “The tradition that this letter is the work of the apostle Peter was questioned in early times, and internal indications are almost decisive against it. ... Most scholars therefore regard the letter as the work of

one who was deeply indebted to Peter and who published it under his master’s name early in the second century” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*). COMMENT: Those who believe this nonsense must think the early Christians were liars and fools and that the Holy Spirit was on vacation.

Notes from “How to Read the Bible with Understanding”: “The opening chapters of the Old Testament deal with human origins. They are not to be read as history ... These chapters are followed by the stories of the patriarchs, which preserve ancient traditions now known to reflect the conditions of the times of which they tell, though they cannot be treated as strictly historical. ... it is not for history but for religion that they are preserved ... When we come to the books of Samuel and Kings ... Not all in these books is of the same historical value, and especially in the stories of Elijah and Elisha there are legendary elements. ... We should always remember the variety of literary forms found in the Bible, and should read a passage in the light of its own particular literary character. Legend should be read as legend, and poetry as poetry, and not with a dull prosaic and literalistic mind” (Metzger and May, *New Oxford Annotated Bible*).

Metzger also supported the form criticism approach to the Gospels. In *The New Testament, Its Background, Growth, and Content*, which was published in 1965, he said, “What each evangelist has preserved, therefore, is not a photographic reproduction of the words and deeds of Jesus, but an interpretative portrait delineated in accord with the special needs of the early church” (*The New Testament, Its Background, Growth, and Content*).

Metzger was wrong. The Gospel writers have indeed given us, by divine revelation, a careful reproduction of the words and deeds of Jesus Christ in precisely the form designed by the Holy Spirit, a supernatural four-fold portrait of the Saviour. Praise God for it!

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A Bible Lesson for NEW LEFTISTS

By David Cloud

Christopher Rufo

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Christopher Rufo is the author of *America’s Cultural Revolution: How the Radical Left Conquered Everything*, an excellent overview of the history, principles, and operation of the New Left. It is must-reading for understanding what is happening in America today (though like most conservatives, Rufo doesn’t understand fundamental spiritual and biblical issues). *America’s Cultural Revolution* explains the roots of Black Lives Matter and the critical theories that have permeated the educational system.

Rufo identifies the “four prophets of the revolution as Herbert Marcuse (1898-1979). Angela Davis (b. 1944), Paulo Freire 1921-1997), and Derrick Bell (1930-2011). “These figures established the disciplines of critical

theory, critical praxis, critical pedagogy, and critical race theory, which, in the subsequent half century, multiplied into a hundred subdisciplines and devoured the university, the street, the school, and the bureaucracy” (*America’s Cultural Revolution*, p. 2).

The New Left has been very successful. It has infiltrated every aspect of the American government. It has leavened public education from kindergarten to university. It has permeated Fortune 100 corporations, which are pushing the very philosophy that will destroy the economic liberty that built them.

Rufo describes what has happened in the past half century:

“During the 1970s, the most violent elements of the New Left coalition--the Weather Underground, the Black Panther Party, and Black Liberation Army--fell apart, but the spirit of their revolution carried on in a subtler but equally dangerous form ... the most sophisticated activists and intellectuals of the New Left initiated a new strategy, the ‘long march through the institutions,’ which brought their movement out of the streets and into the universities, schools, newsrooms, and bureaucracies. They developed intricate theories along the lines of culture, race, and identity, and silently rooted them into the entire range of America’s knowledge-making institutions. Over the subsequent decades, the cultural revolution that began in 1968 transformed, almost invisibly, into a structural revolution that changed everything. The critical theories, first developed by Marcuse, Davis, Freire, and Bell, were not designed to operate as mere abstractions. They were designed as political weapons and oriented toward the acquisition of power” (*America’s Cultural Revolution*, p. 3).

Marxism has failed wherever it has been tried, and it will always fail. It must fail, because it is founded upon lies:

the Bible is not true; there is no almighty Creator God; man is not a fallen creature in need of a Saviour, but is a blank slate that can be molded into a “new man.”

Marxism will always fail because it has a false interpretation of history, a false understanding of economics, and a false understanding of man.

America needs to get back to the Word of God which once made it a great nation. Marxist philosophy has never built anything good and right in its 175 year history but rather has left behind a heritage of confusion, mayhem, totalitarian enslavement, and death.

“Revolutionary Marxism still holds the record for having deceived, enslaved, terrorized, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered more millions of people than any other ideology. The Leninist and Maoist interpreters of Karl Marx sacrificed *over 160 million* civilians on the altar of global equality. And that’s the conservative estimate” (Christopher Haun, *The Eight Spectres of Karl Marx in the 21st Century*).

The fundamental problem in America is the apostasy of its churches. The failure of churches over the past century to preach and teach God’s Word faithfully and without fear, to maintain a regenerate membership, and to produce true pilgrim disciples of Jesus Christ has created widespread biblical illiteracy with the resulting lack of wisdom and spiritual and moral discernment.

It has created a spiritual and moral void in which every sort of error propagates. The rise of the New Marxism exactly parallels the downgrade of America’s churches.

The Word of God can bring true heart-level change of character, racial harmony, generational accord, economic wisdom, stability in home and government. It teaches mercy, forgiveness, kindness, peace, gentleness, and goodness. It teaches true wisdom to mothers and fathers and youth and political leaders and law enforcement personnel.

It taught Samuel Armstrong, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and a great many others to reject hatred and to embrace love for their fellow man.

“I learned this lesson from General Samuel Chapman Armstrong [head of the school where Booker T. was educated], and resolved that I would permit no man, no

matter what his color might be, to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him. With God’s help, I believe that I have completely rid myself of any ill feeling toward the Southern white man for any wrong that he may have inflicted upon my race. I am made to feel just as happy now when I am rendering service to Southern white men as when the service is rendered to a member of my own race. I pity from the bottom of my heart any individual who is so unfortunate as to get into the habit of holding race prejudice” (Booker T. Washington, *Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“In the sight of God there is no color line, and we want to cultivate a spirit that will make us forget that there is such a line anyway” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“The man is unwise who does not cultivate in every manly way the friendship and goodwill of his next-door neighbor, whether he be black or white” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“Great men cultivate love ... Only little men cherish a spirit of hatred” (*Up from Slavery*, 1901).

“Keep your hand in that of the Master, walk daily by His side, so that you may lead others into the realms of true happiness, where a religion of hate, (which poisons both body and soul) will be unknown, having in its place the ‘Golden Rule’ way, which is the ‘Jesus Way’ of life, will reign supreme” (George W. Carver, 1927).

Following is a Bible lesson for New Leftists. These are some of the great truths of God’s Word that are far wiser than any form of Marxism. These are eternal truths. They can be ignored and denied, but they cannot be destroyed and they will not fail.

There is an almighty Creator God, and all men are created in God’s image and have descended from the first man, Adam. There is only one “race” of men.

“Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all” (1 Chronicles 29:11).

“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).

“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring” (Acts 17:24-28).

All men are responsible to the one Creator God and will give account to God.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

The Bible does not address a sin of “racism,” but it does address the sins of pride, malice, envy, hate, murder, kidnapping, ingratitude, and many other such things. The sin nature inherited from Adam is man’s root problem.

“The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:21-22).

“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:21-22).

“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the

judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:29-32).

“These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (Proverbs 6:16-19).

All men are equally sinners before God and equally condemned.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet *are* swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Romans 3:9-18).

The nations have been wicked since their origin in the days of Cain and his descendants. Every nation has been corrupted because its citizens are sinners. There has not been a fully righteous, totally just nation on earth since man’s fall. Nations are imperfect because men are imperfect.

“The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence” (Genesis 6:11).

History describes many ancient nations--such as Egypt, Elam, Edom, Hittites, Philistines, Canaanites, Midianites, Phoenicia, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Bantu, Yoruba, Nok, Ashanti, Aztec, Inca, Apache, Navaho, Hun, Mongol--and all were unrighteous. All of them practiced slavery. There was no economic equality, no social equality, no equality in justice. To demand perfection of America is mindless utopianism that ignores the reality of the entire human history.

The consequences of sin cannot be escaped even in this present life.

The consequences of sin cannot be avoided, no matter how stoutly one rejects God. The Bible can be denied and ignored, but its truth cannot be escaped.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7).

“be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23).

“For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known” (Luke 12:2).

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5:20-21).

“His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate” (Psalm 7:16).

“The heathen are sunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken”(Proverbs 9:15).

“He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail” (Proverbs 22:8).

“Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him” (Proverbs 26:27).

“He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him” (Ecclesiastes 10:8).

“Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession” (Proverbs 28:10).

“Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men” (Hosea 10:13).

“In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Romans 2:16).

“... the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts” (1 Corinthians 4:5).

“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage” (2 Peter 2:19).

All men can be saved and changed, reconciled to God and reconciled to their fellow man. This is the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only the gospel has the power to change men’s hearts and create a “new man.” Only the gospel brings true liberation.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference” (Romans 3:21-22).

“Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

“Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36).

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

God’s Word is the only infallible standard of right and good, of truth and justice.

Marxists want to tear down existing society and build a new one, but what is a good society? The Creator alone

knows what is right for man, and He has revealed this in the Scripture. Good must be measured by the Bible rightly divided or interpreted.

When man tries to rule himself by his own thinking, there is confusion and every evil work.

“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23).

“Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:5).

“The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psalm 19:7-8).

“The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom *is* in them?” (Jeremiah 8:9).

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32).

“Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29).

Jesus Christ came to teach men the law of love, which is the foundation of God’s law and the solution for all of man’s problems.

“These things I command you, that ye love one another” (John 15:17).

“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:8-10).

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14-15).

“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Rage, hatred, robbery, rampage, and killing are evil in God’s eyes. There is no justification for these things in God’s Word. They are never righteous.

“Thou shalt not kill” (Exodus 10:13).

“Thou shalt not steal” (Exodus 20:15).

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour’s” (Exodus 20:17).

“Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of a destroyer” (Proverbs 28:24).

“A man that doeth violence to the blood of *any* person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him” (Proverbs 28:17).

“My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird. And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives. So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof” (Proverbs 1:10-19).

Anarchist movements are prophesied in the Bible and are condemned.

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves,

covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. ... But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was” (2 Timothy 3:1-4, 9).

“My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?” (Proverbs 24:21-22).

“*There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men*” (Proverbs 30:11-14).

The so-called “nuclear family” is a divine institution. It was created by God at the dawn of man’s history. It is composed of a man and a woman joined together in holy matrimony, committed to one another for life, plus the offspring of that couple. This institution has been recognized universally for the full length of man’s history until this present generation.

“And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Jesus Christ, Matthew 19:4-6).

The Bible prophesies of a false Christianity that will bring reproach upon the name of Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ warned of the coming of false teachers who will be clothed in wolves in sheep’s clothing, and they will bear evil fruit (Matthew 7:15-20). Christ’s apostles warned of the same thing. “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Peter also warned of these false Christians: “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies ... And many shall by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of” (2 Peter 2:1-2).

These and many other prophecies describe the coming of false Christianity built by false prophets. It will pretend to believe in Christ and follow the Bible, but instead it follows man’s false tradition and thinking.

These prophecies were fulfilled in the Roman Catholic Church, Greek Orthodoxy, and other false Christianities. When men look at history and talk about “the church,” more often than not, they are looking at false Christianity that is condemned by God’s Word. This is the Christianity of popes and bishops and priests and friars and sacraments and infant baptisms and indulgences and pilgrimages and cathedrals and inquisitions and crusades and conquistadores and colonialization.

The true churches that Christ established by His apostles are simple entities composed of born again Christians who have experienced the miracle of salvation. Jesus called them the “little flock” (Luke 12:32). True churches of Jesus Christ are not impressive in the world’s sight. They are typically composed of the lower segment of society, not of the high and mighty. This is what the apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth: “For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty” (1 Corinthians 1:26-27). Each true church has its own pastors and business. There is no worldly headquarters. The true churches are pilgrim churches. Their citizenship is in heaven and they seek no kingdom in this present world. They aim to shine as lights in the darkness of this present age by proclaiming the gospel, by bearing witness to the truth of God’s Word, and by holy living, and they are waiting for Christ’s return.

Many examples of true churches are given in the book of Acts and in the New Testament epistles. For example, consider the church at Thessalonica, a major city of ancient Rome. “For they themselves shew of us what

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

There will be no utopia on this earth until Jesus Christ establishes His kingdom, and it will be a kingdom of truth and righteousness. It will be established by God's almighty power, not by man's feeble efforts.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Matthew 24:29-31).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to

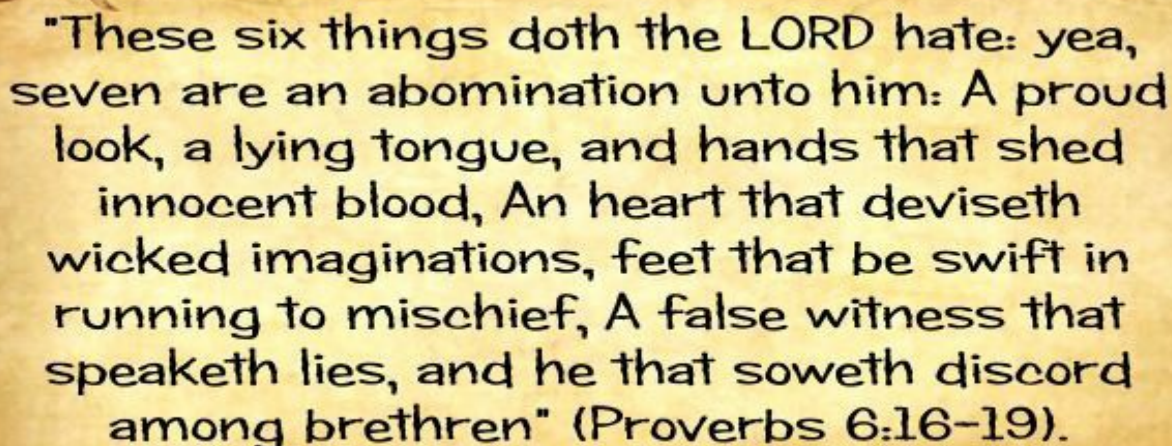
order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Christ's kingdom is described in many prophecies, such as the following:

"Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. ... He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. ... In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ... Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight" (Psalm 72: 1-2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14).

Only those who are born again will see Christ's kingdom.

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



"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16-19).

DIGGING IN THE WALLS

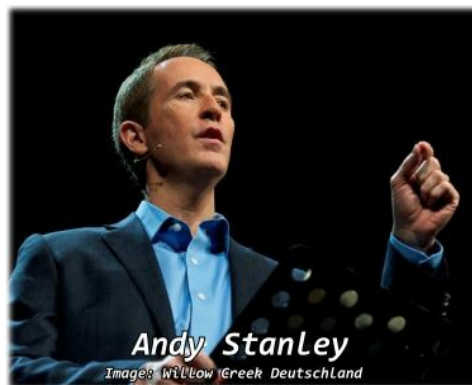
God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So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



ANDY STANLEY'S FURTHER DEPARTURE FROM BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "The train is leaving the station," *World*, Sept. 18, 2023: "In the coming days, Andy Stanley is set to host the "Unconditional Conference" at a campus of North Point Community Church in the metro Atlanta area, and the website for the conference bills it as a 'two-day premier event' especially designed for parents of LGBTQ+ children and ministry leaders. 'You will be equipped, refreshed, and inspired as you hear from leading communicators on topics that speak to your heart, soul, and mind,' it promises. One statement stands out in the description: 'No matter what theological stance you hold, we invite you to listen, reflect, and learn as we approach this topic from the quieter middle space.' The promise of 'the quieter middle space' might appear attractive ... But the advertising for the Unconditional Conference indicates clearly that this event is designed as a platform for normalizing the LGBTQ+ revolution while claiming that the conference represents 'the quieter middle space.' In truth, there is no 'middle space' on these issues, and it is no longer plausible to claim that such middle

space exists. Scheduled speakers for the event include two men who are married to other men, at least according to current civil law. Biographical background on speakers Justin Lee and Brian Nietzel indicates that both men are in what are now described as 'same-sex marriages.' ... This is not 'the quieter middle space.' Another major speaker is David Gushee, a prominent intellectual who ... traces his own pilgrimage to eager LGBTQ+ advocacy. ... Andy Stanley, one of the most influential pastors in the United States, has been moving in this direction for years, often by suggestion and assertion but clouded by confusion and the deliberate avoidance of clarity."

POLICE DROP CHARGES AGAINST WOMAN SILENTLY PRAYING OUTSIDE AN ABORTION CLINIC (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from *The Christian Post*, Sept. 22, 2023: "British police have decided not to press charges against a pro-life activist for praying silently outside an abortion clinic nearly a year after her pro-life advocacy first subjected her to adverse legal consequences. In a statement published Friday, the law firm ADF UK reported that West Midlands Police in Birmingham, England, won't be pressing charges



against pro-life activist Isabel Vaughan-Spruce for engaging in silent prayer outside an abortion clinic and have issued an apology to her for arresting her on two separate occasions for praying. The police also vowed that ‘there will be no further investigation into the alleged matter, and there will be no further action taken.’ Vaughan-Spruce reacted to the development by declaring, ‘I welcome West Midlands Police’s decision to end their investigation and their apology for the time it took to do so, but it’s important to highlight the extremely harmful implications of this ordeal not just for myself, but for everyone concerned with fundamental freedoms in the U.K.’ She added, ‘What happened to me signals to others that they, too, could face arrest, interrogation, investigation, and potential prosecution if caught exercising their basic freedom of thought. Now that authorities have twice settled on the conclusion that silent prayer is not a crime--a conclusion also reached by the Home Secretary last week--I am thankful to resume my practice of praying silently for women in crisis pregnancies.’”

LAW PROFESSOR WARNS THAT FEAR AND INTIMIDATION ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNPRECEDENTED (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



Jonathan Turley

- The following is excerpted from “Law Professor Testifies,” *The Daily Wire*, Aug. 5, 2020: “Jonathan Turley, Constitutional Law Professor at George Washington University, issued a dire warning at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Tuesday: ‘If you go through their antifa handbook and look at their literature, it’s quite express, they, as stated in the handbook, they reject the premise of what they call a classical liberal view of free speech,’ Turley said. ... ‘They believe that free speech itself is a tool of oppression. And that has been the message on campuses. What I thought was disturbing about these statements that antifa is a myth is that many of us on campus have been dealing with antifa for years. And antifa is winning,’ Turley continued. ‘I’ve been teaching for 30 years. I have never seen the level of fear and intimidation on campuses that we see today. Faculty are afraid to speak out about issues. We can’t have a dialogue about the important issues occurring today because there’s a fear that you might be accused of being reactionary or racist. We’ve had law professors who have been physically attacked, have required police protection. That’s the environment that we’re developing,’ Turley continued. ‘And for people that think that antifa and groups like it can be allies, they don’t know antifa. Those of us who have been teaching on campuses can tell you about these groups. And the alarm that I have is because **I’m watching my profession, the teaching profession, die, with free speech.** ... We’re seeing, many of these speakers are being prevented from speaking on campus under various theories. The message is clear to faculty and to students: There’s a new orthodoxy that you should not

confront and certainly shouldn’t disagree with. There are some Democratic politicians that have not only failed to denounce antifa but in that case seemed to give it a shout out,’ Turley concluded. **‘If you go to campuses today you’ll find more advocates for limiting speech than protecting it. They’re winning. ... it’s very disturbing because antifa is not coming after ... Democrats, they’re coming after Republicans, conservatives, and those of us in the free speech community. They’re coming after us. But don’t think we’ll be the last ones. That’s not how this works.’**”

UNPRECEDENTED DEVASTATION COMING ON THE EARTH (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - World news is filled with reports of disaster, both natural and manmade. There are floods, earthquakes, active volcanos, violent revolution, wars, terrorism. According to Bible prophecy, which has always been accurate, these things are but minor harbingers of much greater devastation to come. The world’s population will be decimated, economies ruined, disaster management resources utterly overwhelmed. In comparison with what is coming, the world wars of the 20th century were but a “walk in the park.” This time of unprecedented



trouble will occur in a seven-year period called “the day of the Lord” and “the great tribulation.” It is a time when God will judge the world for its rebellion, a time when man will be humbled and God exalted. Some of the highlights are as follows: A fourth part of the earth’s population will die in warfare and associated famines at the very beginning of the tribulation (Re. 6:8). A third part of the sea will be turned to blood and a third of the ships destroyed (Re. 8:7-9). A third part of the waters will be made bitter (Re. 8:10-11). Demonic armies will torment and kill men (Re. 9:1-19), one-third of mankind perishing in this one judgment. A malevolent world ruler will exercise control over a global economy, forcing all men to worship him and killing those who refuse (Re. 13:15-18). Men will be scorched by a super-heated sun and gnaw their tongues for pain (Re. 16:8-11). A great earthquake will shake the world so terribly that the mountains will fall and the islands will flee away (Re. 16:18-20). Hail stones weighing 100 pounds will fall upon the earth (Re. 16:21). “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:3, 4, 9).

LOTS OF UNSAVED CHURCH MEMBERS (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - R.A. Torrey (1856-1928), Bible teacher, educator, Bible conference speaker, editor of *The Fundamentals*, and a prominent evangelist, said that



he believed that only 10% of those who professed to be believers were really converted (cited from William Ashbrook, *Evangelicalism The New Neutralism*, p. 118). Monroe “Monk” Parker, evangelist, president of Pillsbury Baptist College, and general director of Baptist World Mission, said, “I have concluded that if we could get half the church members saved, we would see a great revival. In fact, I think if we could get half of the preachers in America converted, we would see a mighty revival that would stop the floodtide of evil and turn America back to God. Just belonging to a church did not save me” (Parker, *Through Sunshine and Shadows*, 1967, p. 62).

CREATING A MYTHICAL LIFE VIA PHOTO EDITING (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Google Pixel 8’s new editing feature is dystopian,” *UnHerd*,” Sept. 27, 2023: “A video has leaked showing the new camera specs for Google’s



latest phone, the Pixel 8, which launches in early October. The video demonstrates the new and improved Magic Editor tool, which, with the click of a button and the help of AI, will allow users to move subjects around in an image, erase objects or people, change backgrounds altogether, get rid of unwanted noise in videos, and, most creepily, change people’s faces altogether by swapping in expressions from other photos. Apps like FaceTune, which allow users to easily tweak and tamper photographs in the pursuit of physical perfection, have already existed for years. However, the difference between FaceTune and the new Google Pixel is that the former allows users to distort memories, whereas the latter can manufacture completely new ones. ... In our increasingly deceptive digital world, photography has become less about seeing, and more about projecting. By documenting every aspect of our lives online, personal experiences have become public consumption, and the inevitable self-consciousness that comes with sharing means that moments only carry meaning if we can crop, filter and airbrush them into a carefully-curated highlights reel. These **fictionalised visual narratives** are having profound effects on the ways in which we think about ourselves and each other. The pressure to look ‘perfect’ means that 90% of young women report using a filter or editing their photographs before posting ... This new editing software will also change how we process memories. ... we will remember things as [to] how we *wanted* them to happen, rather than how they actually did.”

END-TIME FANTASY WORLDS (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org,

THE BRAINY JELLY FISH (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, September 18, 2023: “Jellyfish and their cousins are often described as the simplest animals without nervous systems. Because evolutionary scientists have thought jellyfish were such simple creatures, and because many of them show up early in the fossil record, jellyfish were said to be among the earliest animals to evolve. Marine biologists have been surprised to learn that the modern populations of jellyfish and their cousins are actually much more complex than they ever suspected. Creationists point out that because there are so many of these creatures, there was also probably a large population in the past. The more common a creature is, the more likely it is to be found in the deeper rocks of the fossil record. More recently, scientists have learned that the supposedly simple nervous system of the jellyfish is actually not so simple. They have confirmed that at least one type of jellyfish has a nervous system with the same advanced features found only in mammals and humans. Most animals generate electrical impulses using sodium. However, like humans, this jellyfish can generate different kinds of impulses depending on whether sodium or calcium



is used. Thus, the jellyfish can send twice as much information through its nervous system as most other animals! We’re learning that when humans refer to a creature as simple, it’s probably because of human ignorance of the creature, *not* because it’s a simple form of life. This should remind those of us who believe in creation that all things witness in support of God’s wisdom, not human stories of evolution. Ref: Brownlee, Shannon, ‘Jellyfish aren’t out to get us,’ *Discover*, Aug. 1987, p. 53.”

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Could ChatGPT be your new girlfriend?” *UnHerd*, Sept. 27, 2023: “This week, OpenAI announced that ChatGPT can now ‘see and speak,’ broadening its interactive range. ‘Settl[ing] a dinner table debate’ and ‘request[ing] a bedtime story for your family’ are among the list of potential use cases suggested. OpenAI seems to be positioning ChatGPT to be more than just a tool--perhaps an AI companion. ... These developments could well mean that we are heading towards an ever more atomised future in which people feel more comfortable with robots (or chatbots, as it were) than with other people. ... [This is already happening and] has



been well-documented in Japan, in books like *The Moe Manifesto*, where people regularly become attached to pop idols and anime characters. ... AI companionship might not be such a far-off prediction after all.” (For more on this, see the free eBook *Fantasy Dangers*, <https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/all.php>.)

CONSERVATIVE BLACK MAYOR OF DALLAS JOINS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Eric Johnson, mayor of Dallas, Texas, announced his departure from the Democratic Party in a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed entitled “America’s Cities Need Republicans, and I’m Becoming One.” Johnson wrote, “I have been mayor of Dallas for more than four years. During that time, my priority has been to make the city safer, stronger and more vibrant. That meant saying no to those who wanted to defund the police. It meant fighting for lower taxes and a friendlier business climate. And it meant



investing in family friendly infrastructure such as better parks and trails. That approach is working. Alone among America's 10 most populous cities, Dallas has brought violent crime down in every major category, including murder, year-over-year for the past two years. In a recent Gallup poll asking Americans to rate the safety of major cities, Dallas came out on top. We have also reduced our property tax rate every year since I took office, signaling to investors that Dallas intends to remain the nation's most pro-business city. ... After these wins for the people of Dallas--and after securing 98.7% of the vote in my re-election campaign this year--I have no intention of changing my approach to my job. But today I am changing my party affiliation. ... **The future of America's great urban centers depends on the willingness of the nation's mayors to champion law and order and practice fiscal conservatism.** Our cities desperately need the genuine commitment to these principles (as opposed to the inconsistent, poll-driven commitment of many Democrats) that has long been a defining characteristic of the GOP. In other words, American cities need Republicans—and Republicans need American cities. ... Unfortunately, many of our cities are in disarray. Mayors and other local elected officials have failed to make public safety a priority or to exercise fiscal restraint. **Most of these local leaders are proud Democrats who**

view cities as laboratories for liberalism rather than as havens for opportunity and free enterprise. ... with my change in party affiliation, I recognize that the number of Republican mayors leading the nation's 10 largest cities has increased from zero to one. This is hardly a red wave. But it is clear that the nation and its cities have reached a time for choosing. And **the overwhelming majority of Americans who call our cities home deserve to have real choices--not 'progressive' echo chambers--at city hall**" (*Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 22, 2023). In February, Johnson posted a *Fox News Digital* article on social media "outlining how Austin police officers are retiring in droves due to low morale resulting from defunding and encouraged those officers to move to Dallas and work there" (*Fox News*, Sept. 22, 2023). (For more on this subject, see "[Black American Conservatives](https://www.wayoflife.org/BlackAmericanConservatives)," www.wayoflife.org.)

OXFORD GROUP RANKING CHURCHES ACCORDING TO SUPPORT FOR HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "They're Ranking Churches Now," *PJMedia*, Sept. 27, 2023: "This probably shouldn't come as a surprise to us, but a group at Oxford



University in the UK has begun rating churches in the area based on their capitulation to the heresy of the LGBTQ movement. 'The Oxford Safe Churches project, run by a coalition of LGBTQ+ organisations and Churches in Oxford, have published their first faith report, titled *Attitudes to Queer Christians in Oxford Churches*,' reports the *Oxford Student* news website. 'The report, published on Friday 22 September, uses a 'traffic light' system to rank the LGBTQ+ inclusivity of churches in Oxford.' Needless to say, the red light means that a church preaches sound doctrine about gender, sex, and marriage, while a green light represents a church that affirms and celebrates open sin. Furthermore, churches receive a numerical score on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 and 2 corresponding to red lights, 3 equating to an amber (or yellow) light, and 4 and 5 representing green. ... The only reason there's this debate about LGBTQ+-affirming churches is that the Rainbow Mafia demands acquiescence and will take nothing less. These days, we can't simply love gay people for who they are; we must celebrate their lifestyles if we are to be in good standing with the Pride Mob. ... Stand firm. Don't yield to the pressure to 'affirm' the LGBTQ agenda. Know the truth from scripture and be confident in the knowledge that we know how the war ends. Forget 'the right side of history.' What's most important is being on the right side of eternity."

CANADA GENDER WARS AND TAXPAYER FUNDED TRANS SURGERIES (Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "In Canada, the gender wars are now a



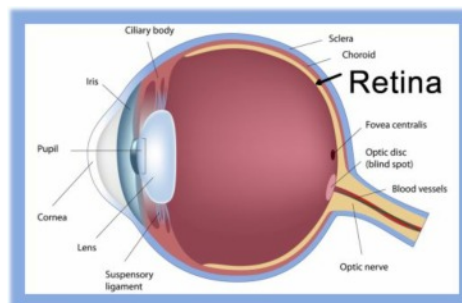
national issue,” *UnHerd*, Sept. 21, 2023: “Yesterday, Canadians turned out by the thousands in cities and towns across the country for the 1 Million March 4 Children--the most visible pushback to date against what many Canadians see as indoctrination into a radical set of new beliefs about sex and gender being pushed on their children in schools and healthcare settings. Now, it seems as though Canada’s long and uncomfortable silence on gender is breaking down quickly. ... In the province of Ontario, over 200,000 people are on the waiting list for surgeries--and that includes patients waiting on life-saving procedures. The last few years have also heralded the dystopian rise of Maid, Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying programme, which has seen a surge of applications from patients with unmet needs for healthcare and social services. But even as basic needs go unmet, provincial healthcare systems have expanded access to bespoke cosmetic interventions for those seeking to transition. All provinces and territories now cover mastectomies and genital surgeries. Provinces and territories that cover genital surgery but lack clinics to perform these surgeries may cover travel expenses for patients who wish to seek care elsewhere. The Yukon covers the widest range of ‘gender-affirming’ interventions, including laser-hair removal, facial-

feminisation surgery, vocal surgery, and chest contouring.”

THE BOTTOMLESS SUITCASE

(Friday Church News Notes, October 6, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is from CreationMoments.com, September 20, 2023: “It was first discovered in 1855, but many scientists debated its existence for another 50 years. Once its existence was finally proven to everyone’s satisfaction, it was another 50 years before science had any tools to begin studying it. Finally, in the late 1980s, scientists began to learn a little about the secrets of one of the tiniest, yet most amazing structures in the body. At the back of the eye, between the deepest layer of the retina and the cells beneath it, lies a tiny moat made up of about 10 drops of a mysterious fluid. The entire moat is thinner than a sheet of cellophane. It seems that the clear fluid in the moat serves the surrounding light sensing tissues of the eye in place of blood, bringing in nutrients and carrying away waste. It *also* transports light-sensitive chemicals needed by the light detecting cells in the eye. *In addition*, it seems to glue the retina in place. *More than that*, the moat is rich in a growth factor. This fact makes scientists believe that the gel may also be important to repairing injuries to the retina, keeping the cells of the retina young and active, as well as helping in the growth of new cells.



As one researcher said, the more they study this tiny structure the more unexpected abilities they find--something like a bottomless suitcase. Charles Darwin, who didn’t even know about the moat, was right when he said that it was impossible to believe that natural selection could have produced the eye. REF: Weiss, P.L, ‘Eye diving,’ *Science News*, v. 138, Sept. 15.1990, p. 170.”

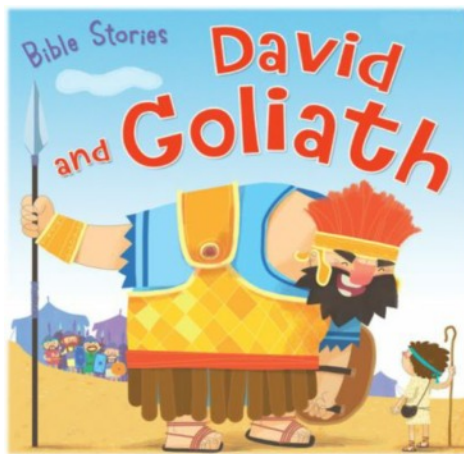


PRAY FOR ISRAEL (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Israel’s war with Hamas is front page news throughout the world. Apart from the Bible, it makes no sense that one of the tiniest nations would constantly be an international headliner. A wise man was once challenged to give evidence in one word that the Bible is divinely inspired, and he replied, “Israel.” God created Israel and put her in the midst of the nations to be a light to a dark world. It was an act of God’s love and unmerited favor. “Thus saith the Lord GOD; This *is* Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are* round about her” (Ezekiel 5:5). Through Israel, God gave the world the holy Scriptures and Christ the Saviour, gifts of infinite value. Israel is God’s nation even in her rebellion to God, which is her present condition. The past 2,000 years of Israel’s history was

prophesied in detail in Deuteronomy 28 more than 3,400 years ago, before the 12 tribes even entered the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 30 and many other Scriptures prophesy Israel's spiritual conversion, which has not yet occurred. Israel will not have peace until she receives the Prince of Peace as her Messiah. We don't know how this present war will turn out, but we know from Bible prophecy, which has never been wrong, that Israel's greatest trouble lies ahead. In her zeal for peace, Israel will receive a false messiah, the anti-christ, the man of sin, the son of perdition, who will come upon the scene in desperate times as an awe-inspiring figure, a magnificent peace-monger, a world-class problem solver. He will make it possible for the third temple to be built as we read in Revelation 11, but he will show his true character when he sets himself up *in that very temple* as God. "... and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Regardless of Israel's apostasy, Israel is still Israel, and God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) is still true. "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Genesis 12:3). When God says something, the wise heed His words, knowing that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We bless Israel, because God has instructed us to do so. Woe be unto those who curse her.

AVOID TRIVIALIZING THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- When I think of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School lessons from my childhood, I think of the term "trivializing." The people and events seemed so unreal and the lessons so far removed from my daily life. The situation has gotten much worse since then. Most of the Bible materials for children today are cartoonish and sillified. I was reminded of this recently when I was searching for books as birthday gifts for some young grandchildren. Everything is geared to lighthearted entertainment. It doesn't produce sobermindedness about the things of God. I don't believe this is a small thing. It is a great error. It is a product of a Laodicean age. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Ti. 3:5). For example, many Sunday Schools present lessons such as Noah's Ark and David's slaying of the giant almost as fairy tales. The Ark is depicted as a silly-looking cartoon thing that could not possibly have held all of the animals or survived the raging storms. David is depicted as a boy, whereas he was actually a young man who could put on Saul's armor. Jesus is depicted as an effeminate, long-haired individual, whereas He was an ordinary-looking, short-haired Jewish man. A *real* Man! Scripture says if a man has long hair, it is a shame unto him (1 Co.

11:14). The only men who had long hair in ancient Israel were Nazarites like Samson or narcissistic rebels like Absalom.

DISNEY'S HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)
- The following is excerpted from "You Won't Believe How Much LGBTQ Content Disney Produced Last Year," *PJMedia*, Oct. 3, 2023: "On Tuesday, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released its annual 'Studio Responsibility Index' which tracks how much LGBTQ content various movie studios are pumping out each year. **Of all the studios, in 2022, Disney topped them all. ... 'Walt Disney Studios included LGBTQ characters in all five of its Disney theatrical releases...'** GLAAD writes in its summary of Disney. ... By GLAAD's count, Disney released 59 films last year, 24 of which they designated as 'LGBTQ inclusive.' ... Sadly, GLAAD knows the power they have over movie studios, pressuring them to push this grooming content on children. 'Over the last decade, the percentage of LGBTQ-inclusive films grew by 50 percent, or 1.5 times, in large part due to GLAAD's annual study, alongside work with studio leadership and creatives,' writes GLAAD president and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis. ... It's all



part of the plan to groom your children.”

JUDGE SIDES WITH PARENTS OVER SCHOOL IN TRANSGENDER CASE

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- The following is excerpted from “Judge Sides with,” *Christian Headlines*, Oct. 4, 2023: “In a major victory for parental rights, a judge ruled on Monday that a Wisconsin school violated the state constitution when it defied the wishes of a female student’s father and mother by allowing her to identify as a male. The case involved a 12-year-old female student in the Kettle Moraine School District who began experiencing anxiety and depression and told school officials she wanted to change her name and pronouns in order to transition to a boy socially. Her parents objected to the change, yet the school said it would follow the wishes of the student over the opposition of the mom and dad. The parents then pulled her from school, after which her demeanor changed, and she decided she wanted to continue using her birth name and female pronouns. The parents sued the school district, alleging it violated their parental rights guaranteed within the Wisconsin Constitution. Another family also joined the suit. Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge Michael P. Maxwell sided with the parents on Monday. ‘The School District could not administer medicine to a student without parental consent. The School District could not require or allow a student to participate in a sport without parental consent. Likewise, the School District cannot change the pronoun of a student without parental consent without impinging on a



fundamental liberty interest of the parents,’ Maxwell ruled. A school district, he ruled, cannot ‘supplant a parent’s right to control the healthcare and medical decisions for their children.’ Doing so ‘violates parents’ constitutional right to determine the appropriate medical and healthcare for their children,’ he wrote. ... Social transitioning, he noted, ‘can lead them to use puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, which carry known risks.’ ‘Thus, informed consent from the parents must be obtained before socially transitioning a child,’ he wrote. The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty and Alliance Defending Freedom represented the child.” “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

THE INTERNET: EVERY HERETIC AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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- There are great dangers with the internet: There are moral dangers, and there are heretical dangers, to name just two of the major categories. The following is a testimony that was sent to us by a

pastor: “It is my observation one of the greatest dangers of the internet technology is that it brings (literally) thousands of teachers into your home. Any church member now, in the absence of serious biblical study, can hold forth on any topic by putting the verses in question in Google and then quoting his favorite teacher. The speaker has no knowledge of the subject, no knowledge of the teacher. I had a man in our congregation who got involved with many different online ‘Baptist’ teachers. He adopted all kinds of silly doctrines (amillennialism, no eternal security, etc.). He was, at best, a baby Christian, with no time in the Word of God, but because he read all these people, he considered himself an expert. He was shocked when I told him to stop reading all those teachers. It is shocking to Americans to tell them that. Right away they say you are trying to hide something from them. Everything is a conspiracy. ‘We have the right to read and learn from anything we want.’ It used to be you had to put effort into finding other teachers, and a pastor who had been saved for decades and approved by a sending church which had standing. But now, thanks to the internet, you can find all kinds of experts to tickle all your fancies. With the man in our assembly, it got to a point where he was bringing his smart phone and computer to church and looking up the texts we were using in real time. Then he would raise his



hand and contradict me by quoting the internet teacher. Even though I could answer the childish and shallow arguments, he gave more credence to the online teachers. We threw him out. **You want booze, we have a teacher for that. You want to be a pastor without meeting the qualifications, we have a teacher for that. You want to have women leaders, we have a teacher for that. You want to stop separating, we have a teacher for that. You think your pastor is a bad guy, we have a teacher for that. Anything you want, we have a teacher for that. This is one of the worst parts of new technology. It puts every heretic right at your fingertips.**"

THE LANGUAGE OF HABITUAL LATENESS (Friday Church News Notes, October 13, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is by Pastor Stacey Shiflett, Calvary Baptist Church, Dundalk, MD: "Being habitually late is more than a character flaw. Constantly being late speaks volumes, whether you realize it or not. Here are just a few of the things you're saying to people if you are always late: 1. This appointment was not a priority. 2. I'm not capable of planning ahead. 3. My time is more important than yours. 4. I'm not in control of my life. 5. I don't know how to manage my time. 6. I'm a victim of circumstances. 7. This



meeting was an inconvenience. 8. This was a bad time to meet with you. 9. I don't really want to be here. 10. I have more important things to do. On the other hand, when you are on time for an appointment, you are also speaking volumes. Here is what you're saying to people just by arriving a few minutes early. 1. This meeting is important to me. 2. I value your time. 3. My life is under control. 4. I can manage my time well. 5. I'm thrilled to be here. 6. I'm anxious to contribute. 7. I respect what we are about to do. 8. I can plan and manage my life. 9. This is not an inconvenience. 10. I'm here. I'm ready. Let's do this!!"

ROMAN SWORDS IN A DEAD SEA CAVE (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Archaeologists have found four Roman swords in a Dead Sea cave high above Ein Gedi. Dating to the Bar Kokhba Revolt (AD 132-135), the swords are in excellent condition. "The blades have been preserved so well, they look like they could be picked up and used right now, even 2,000 years after they were forged," geologist Boaz Langford of Hebrew University observed. This is a fascinating window into the fulfillment of Bible prophecy in those times. **It was a time of false christs.** Jesus prophesied, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:5). Simon Bar Kosiba was one of the false christs. He was pronounced the Messiah by prominent Rabbi Akiva ben Yosef, a major contributor to the Talmud. Coins were minted depicting the silver trumpets with the hope that the trumpets would soon sound from a third temple. It was not to be, because



Israel did not have God's blessing. **It was a time of judgment on Israel and worldwide dispersal.** Moses had prophesied that the time would come when Israel would be "scattered among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other" (De. 28:64). The scattering began with the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, but it was Rome that brought it to completion. The Emperor Hadrian sent 10 legions to deal with Israel. That was one-third of the Roman army. The Roman historian Cassius Dio said 580,000 Jewish men were killed in battle and countless others died of starvation, disease, and fire. Tens of thousands of Jews were sold as slaves and carried away to other nations. After the war, Hadrian determined to erase the name of Israel from the land. He renamed it *Syria Palestina*. He razed Jerusalem and built a Roman city over the ruins. He minted a coin depicting him driving a team of oxen to plow up Jerusalem, which was a dramatic fulfillment of Jeremiah 26:18, "Zion shall be plowed *like* a field." Moses had further prophesied that during the era of worldwide dispersal, Israel would have no might to resist her enemies (De. 28:32). Israel would "become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations" (De. 28:37); "among these nations shalt thou find no ease" and "thy life shall hang in doubt before thee" (De. 28:65, 66). This is a perfect description of the diaspora that followed the Bar

Kokhba revolt. As century after weary century rolled along, there was no Jewish army. There was no Joshua or Gideon or David or Judah Maccabee to lead Israel against her enemies. The same Scripture that was fulfilled in these amazing prophecies further prophesies the rest of Israel's history. She is back in the land to prepare for the Antichrist (Daniel 9:27). She is back in a spiritually dead condition in preparation for her repentance and conversion (Ezekiel 37:1-14). A remnant of Israel will be converted and receive Jesus as the Christ (Ezekiel 20:37-38; Zechariah 12:10 - 13:1), and converted Israel will be the chief nation in Christ's worldwide kingdom (Isaiah 2:1-5). Only then will Israel live in peace and war will cease from the earth.

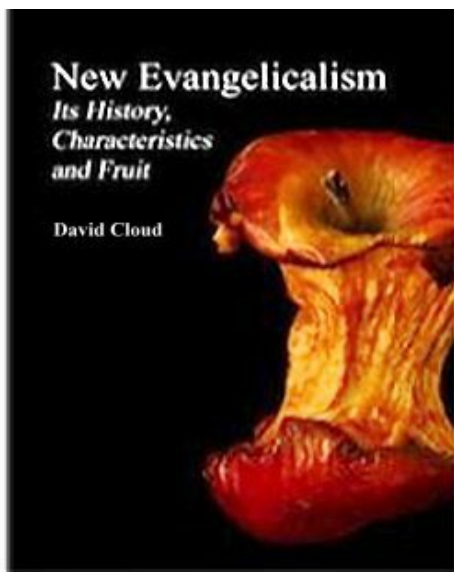
WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP JOINS HANDS WITH THE POPE IN ECUMENICAL PRAYER (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - On September 30, Thomas Schirmacher, secretary general of the World Evangelical Fellowship, joined hands with the pope in an ecumenical prayer venture at the Vatican. The 3,000 attendees of

"Together--Gathering the People of God" included Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Pentecostals, and others. Participating leaders included Bartholomew I (Patriarch of Constantinople), Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury), Anne Burghardt (Secretary General, Lutheran World Federation), Jong Chun Park (President, World Methodist Council), Elijah Brown (General Secretary, World Baptist Alliance), and William Wilson (President, Pentecostal World Fellowship). The gathering featured a Roman Catholic Mass which promotes the gross heresy that Christ is re-sacrificed on the Roman altar. (See [Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents](#), The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, Introduction, C 1,2, p. 108.) "Gathering the People of God" is a glimpse into the incipient "one world church." The Italian Evangelical Alliance (AEI) issued the following warning: "Once you pray publicly with the Pope, in St. Peter's square, in front of a Marian portrait, embracing the message of spiritual unity with liberals and orthodox

leaders, your alleged distinction becomes secondary. Evangelical identity is absorbed into the ecumenical unity..." ("From Evangelical Unity to Ecumenical Unity: The Latest Tumble of the WEF," *Evangelical Focus*, Oct. 3, 2023). The term "evangelical" means nothing. It encompasses an amazing variety of false gospels and heresies.

PRACTICAL BOOK ON EVANGELICALISM WITH REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR TRAINING (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Church members are confronted with (New) Evangelical philosophy on every hand, including through nationally-syndicated radio personalities, bookstores, internet blogs, and social media. To be ignorant of the insidious and pervasive nature of evangelicalism is to be unprepared to identify and resist it, yet large numbers of Bible-believing Christians know little or nothing about it. Hosea 4:6 warns, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." Large numbers of formerly "fundamentalist" churches have capitulated to the evangelical philosophy in the past 20 years. The book [New Evangelicalism: Its History, Characteristics, and Fruit](#) documents THE HISTORY AND SPREAD of evangelicalism since the 1950s and describes THE PRINCIPLES of evangelicalism in a practical manner so that church members can understand what it is. These principles include the following: **Evangelicalism is characterized by a repudiation of separation, by a love for positivism, by a repudiation of the**





more negative aspects of biblical Christianity, by a judge-not philosophy, by a dislike of doctrinal controversy, by exalting love and unity above doctrine, by a desire for intellectual respectability, by pride of scholarship, by an attitude of anti-fundamentalism, by the division of biblical truth into categories of essential and non-essential, and by a general mood of softness and tolerance, of a desire for a less strict Christianity, and of a weariness with theological fighting. The book also describes THE APOSTATE FRUIT OF EVANGELICALISM, which is admitted by some of its own leaders. Its apostasy is seen in the questioning of biblical infallibility, in its ecumenicalism, in its embracing of the world, and in its tolerance of heretics. The third edition, August 2017, includes an extensive set of review questions as a teaching tool. We have used this book and the review questions to help prepare people for church membership when they are coming from a weak background. 219 pages. It is available as a print edition or a free eBook at <https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/all.php>

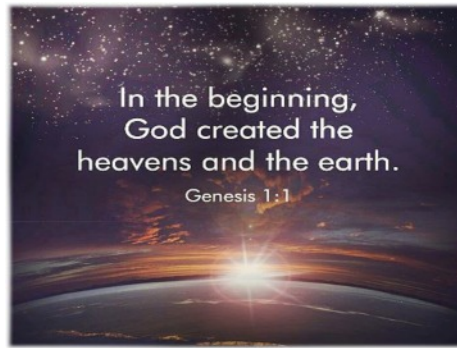
EUROPE ENGULFED IN PRO-PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATIONS (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "All Corners of Europe," *The European Conservative*, Oct. 16, 2023: "[T]he ethnoreligious tinderbox that Europe has become was on full display over the weekend as massive numbers of pro-Palestinian demonstrators flooded the streets of its major cities. Protesters demanded a halt to Israel's military operations in Gaza that came in reaction to the rampage last weekend by Islamist militant group Hamas. Across the continent and beyond—in Germany, Sweden, Poland, the UK, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and elsewhere—tens of thousands of livid, and sometimes violent protesters occupied squares and streets, in some cases in defiance of bans on demonstrations. ... This weekend's demonstrations come one week after Islamo-Leftists across the West celebrated after Hamas militants, in an unprecedented incursion out of Gaza, stormed communities in Israel ... As of Sunday, October 15th, some 1,400 people have been killed and more than 120 Israelis have been kidnapped since Hamas' initial onslaught, according to statements from Israel's Prime Minister's Office."



A WORLD OF DUST (Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, September 21, 2023: "It's behind your refrigerator and under your bed. It's part of the air you breathe. While dust is common, it's not commonplace at all. Much of the dust in our everyday lives is nothing more than tiny particles of skin, clothing, carpeting—just pieces of every-day life floating in the air. Studies of dust particles reveal that most dust is soil. However, a second common dust, even a thousand miles from the sea, is salt, driven into the wind by the waves. This salt helps form the clouds that bring us rain. The next most common forms of natural dust are volcanic eruptions and forest fires. Transatlantic winds pick up the dust of the Sahara and sweep it across the ocean where enough of it lands in Miami to sometimes give the rain a light pink color. Not only does your home have dust from all over the world, there's probably also some from outer space. Ten thousand tons of disintegrating meteorites and comets rain down on earth every year. You can even identify some of this dust by running a magnet through the dust in a rain gutter. Most of the magnetic particles that stick to the magnet are probably from space. In addition, some dust is alive, made up of pollen, fungus spores, and even dormant bacteria hoping to land on a good place to grow. Dust reminds us that the world is smaller than we think and that it won't last forever. Are you ready for the next world? All your preparations have been made by Jesus Christ. Find out in the Bible what He has done for you today. REF: Moser, P.W. *Discover*, Nov. 1986, p. 107."

CREATION: THE WORD OF AN EYEWITNESS OR THE CONJECTURE OF AN ABSENTEE

(Friday Church News Notes, October 20, 2023, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “Faith learns more in the first sentence of the Bible than all human science and philosophy ever discovered, to wit: ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.’ To create



is to bring into being without the use of pre-existing material. That one sentence answers all atheism, pantheism, stoicism, Epicurian-

ism, agnosticism, materialism. ... No man was there to witness. We take it on God’s word. He alone being present, reveals the past. We do not ask science or philosophy to account for the universe. The scientist and philosopher were not there. We prefer to accept the testimony of the infinite eyewitness and agent rather than the puerile fancies and contradictory conjectures of finite absentees” (B.H. Carroll).

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