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THE EVER-PRESENT DANGER OF NEO-ORTHODOXY ~ By David Cloud

Neo-orthodoxy, which was invented in the 20th century, should be called neo-liberalism because it is not orthodox or doctrinally sound. Neo-orthodoxy is no friend of the truth. It is just only subtle and deceptive and less forthright in its unbelief than the old liberalism.

Neo-orthodoxy is known as "crisis" or "dialectical" theology in Europe.

Some of the fathers and influencers of neo-orthodoxy are Karl Barth (1886-1968), Emil Brunner (1889-1965), Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), and Reinhold Niebuhr (1893-1971).

NEO-ORTHODOXY'S HERESIES

Neo-orthodoxy generally accepts many heresies of the old liberalism such as these: The Bible contains historical and scientific errors; the Genesis account of the creation and fall is not literal; Moses did not write the Pentateuch



but it was written hundreds of years later during the time of the kings; the prophet Isaiah did not write Isaiah; Daniel was not written by the prophet Daniel; there was no global flood, etc.

J. Sidlow Baxter observed, "My own reading convinces me that the leaders of the 'Neo-Orthodoxy' assume,

generally speaking, the results of the more radical ‘Higher Criticism.’ The Higher Critics *argued*. The Neo-Orthodox *assume*. The former attacked the historical facts of the Christian faith; the latter now by-pass them as not vitally necessary to Christian faith. ... the inner attitude of mind toward the Bible and the historical facts of Christianity and the miraculous is practically the same as that of the older Modernism” (Baxter, *Explore the Book*).

According to neo-orthodoxy, the Bible only becomes the Word of God as it is experienced by the hearer.

Karl Barth said, “The Bible is God’s Word to the extent that God causes it to be His Word, to the extent that he speaks through it” (*Church Dogmatics*, Vol. 1, 1, p. 109).

Neo-orthodox theologian Donald Bloesch says, “the Bible is the divinely prepared medium or channel of divine revelation rather than the revelation itself” (*Holy Scripture: Revelation, Inspiration & Interpretation*, p. 18).

Bloesch agrees with the Catholic mystic Bernard of Clairvaux that “the Word of God is not primarily a book of general truths and principles but a transforming energy that brings light to the mind and power to the will” (*Holy Scripture*, pp. 21, 22).

Neo-orthodoxy emphasizes that Jesus is known by a mystical encounter more than by the Bible.

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“Truth is not a book ... or a creed ... Truth is a person. And Jesus is His name. Christianity, therefore, is not fundamentally about following a book” (Frank Viola and Leonard Sweet, *Jesus Manifesto*, 2010, p. 137). This book was recommended by Ed Stetzer, who was head of the research department of the Southern Baptist Convention’s LifeWay company.

This view is heretical, since it is impossible to know Jesus apart from the revelation of Him in Scripture. We are warned of false christs (2 Co. 11:4), and Scripture is the only way to discern the true from the false. A proper view of Jesus requires an infallible revelation of Him in Scripture.

Neo-orthodoxy claims that human language is incapable of communicating absolute, unchanging, eternal, inerrant truth.

Consider Eugene Nida who had a great influence on Bible translation worldwide by his work with the American Bible Society and the United Bible Societies from 1943-1980. He wrote influential books and conferred with scores of translators on linguistic problems involving more than 200 different languages.

“... God’s revelation involved limitations. ... Biblical revelation is not absolute and all divine revelation is essentially incarnational. ... The words are in a sense nothing in and of themselves. ... The word is void unless related to experience” (Nida, *Message and Mission*, New York: Harper & Row, 1960, pp. 222-226).

This is neo-orthodoxy. The psalmist did not hold to Nida’s theories about the words of Scripture. He said, “The words of the Lord are pure words...” (Psalm 12:6).

Throughout Scripture, it is the very words that are said to be important, not just the basic meaning. Three times we are told that “man doth not live by bread only, but by EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live” (De. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lu. 4:4). The words of the Bible *are* something in and of themselves, regardless of whether they are related to anything else. The words of the Bible *are* intrinsically the eternal words of God.

Nida’s foundational error was the rejection of the fundamental doctrine of verbal, plenary inspiration. “The languages of the Bible are subject to the same limitations

as any other natural language” (Nida, *Theory and Practice*, p. 7).

The idea that human language is incapable of communicating the infallible Word of God is contrary to what Scripture itself teaches. God created man’s language for the purpose of divine revelation. The prophets claimed to speak the Word of God in the words of God. Paul described this in the beautiful passage of 1 Corinthians 2:7-13.

Here we have some fundamental teachings about the Scripture from the apostle of Jesus Christ.

- (1) Scripture is “the wisdom of God.”
- (2) Scripture communicates “the deep things of God.”
- (3) Scripture is the product of “the Spirit of God.”
- (4) Scripture is given “in the words ... which the Holy Ghost teacheth.”

The inspiration is verbal, not general.

NEO-ORTHODOXY DANGER

Neo-orthodoxy is very dangerous.

It is subtle. It hides its unbelief beneath obscure language and biblical terms that are given a heretical meaning (e.g., speaking of the “bodily resurrection” of Christ or the “second coming” or “the inspiration of Scripture” but not believing these doctrines in a biblical sense).

Neo-orthodoxy also hides its unbelief by contradictions. This deceives the gullible. For example, the “evangelical” theologian Donald Bloesch seems, at times, to be sound in his view of the Bible’s divine inspiration. He criticizes liberalism and even criticizes neo-orthodoxy. He praises orthodox creeds such as the Westminster Confession of Faith which says, “The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old), and the New Testament in Greek (which, at the time of the writing of it, was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and, by His singular care and providence, kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic.” The Westminster Confession calls Scripture “the Word of God” and “infallible truth.” But Bloesch doesn’t believe this. He says, “God’s Word cannot be frozen in the pages of Scripture” (*Holy Scripture: Revelation, Inspiration & Interpretation*, p. 67). He says the Scripture contains errors. He says, “[W]e need to

recognize that not everything reported in the Bible may be in exact correspondence with historical and scientific fact as we know it today” (*Holy Scripture*, p. 37). He says that not every text of Scripture “can be shown to coincide exactly with objective history” (*Holy Scripture*, p. 112).

This reveals the great danger of neo-orthodoxy. A reviewer of Bloesch’s work warns, “Though Dr. Bloesch expresses a love for Christ and his written Word, and though some of what he says is true to the historical Reformed faith, his view of Scripture is false. If one takes the author’s ‘middle road’ view of the Word of God, which seems to the present writer to be virtually neo-orthodox, to its logical conclusion, one will find himself mired in skepticism” (W. Gary Crampton, “The Neo-orthodoxy of Donald Bloesch,” trinityfoundation.org).

The same can be said for neo-orthodoxy as a whole.

It is very dangerous.

KARL BARTH

“Those who ... assume that Barth developed a valid view of the Bible, God, Christ Jesus, the resurrection, truth, or salvation will be in for a sad delusionment if they are honest with themselves. He began his career with his [commentary on] Romans and concluded his academic career with his lectures which were later published as *Evangelical Theology: An Introduction*. In these volumes, and in every volume in the interim, **his approach to the Scriptures is the same; a rejection of them as the Word of God**” (Raymond Waugh, *Baffling Karl Barth’s Neo-Orthodoxy*).

Consider some quotations from Barth:

“THE WORD [FROM SCRIPTURE] WHICH ENTERS HUMAN EARS AND IS UTTERED BY HUMAN LIPS, IS THE WORD OF GOD--ONLY WHEN THE MIRACLE TAKES PLACE. OTHERWISE, IT IS JUST A HUMAN WORD LIKE ANY OTHER. ... What stands there, in the pages of the Bible, is the witness to the Word of God” (Barth, *Romans*).

“The prophets and apostles as such, even in their office ... were ... actually guilty of ERROR IN THEIR SPOKEN AND WRITTEN WORD” (Barth, *Church Dogmatics*).

“The assumption that Jesus is the Christ (1.4) is, in the strictest sense of the word, an assumption, void of any content that can be comprehended by us” (Barth, *Romans*, p. 36).

“THIS TOMB MAY PROVE TO BE DEFINITELY CLOSED OR AN EMPTY TOMB: IT IS REALLY A MATTER OF INDIFFERENCE” (Barth, *The Resurrection of the Dead*, p. 135).

Barth was considered for posts in the faculties of the schools at Halle and Freifswald, but “his denial of the virgin birth in particular twice cost him a professorship” (Eberhard Busch, *Karl Barth: His Life from Letters and Autobiographical Texts*, p. 10)

At a luncheon in Washington D.C., May 25, 1960, Barth was asked by *Christianity Today* editor Carl Henry if the virgin birth and the resurrection of Christ were events which occurred in a normal historical sense. Barth got “visibly angry” at this line of questioning. Barth mockingly replied, “Did you say Christianity Today or Christianity yesterday?” He said “the resurrection of Jesus had significance only for His disciples,” implying that it had no significance to the world. The religious editor of United Press International, Louis Cassels, said upon leaving, “We got Barth’s answer; it was ‘Nein’ [German word for ‘no’]” (Gordon H. Clark, *Historiography--Secular and Religious*, 1972).

Though Barth wrote a commentary on Romans, he was a philosopher rather than a Bible teacher. He spoke and wrote so obscurely it is difficult to know what he was saying. Barthian experts disagree among themselves as to the interpretation of his theology. It is this very obscurity that attracts those who fancy themselves to be intellectuals and scholars. Consider this excerpt from Barth’s writings:

“If you ask about God and if I am really to tell about him, dialectic is all that can be expected from me. ... Neither my affirmation nor my denial lays claim to being God’s truth. Neither one is more than a witness to that truth which stands in the center, between every Yes and No. And therefore I have never affirmed without denying and never denied without affirming, for neither affirmation nor denial can be final. If my witness to the final answer you are seeking does not satisfy you, I am sorry. It may be that my witness to it is not yet sufficiently clear, that is, that I have not limited the Yes by the No and the No

by the Yes incisively enough to set aside all misunderstanding--incisively enough to let you see that nothing is left except that upon which the Yes and the No, and the No and the Yes, depend. But it may also be that your refusal of my answer arises from your not having really asked your question, from your not having asked about God--for otherwise we should understand each other” (Karl Barth, *The Word of God and the Word of Man*, Pilgrim Press, p. 209).

This is Barth, the “giant among theologians.” You say, I don’t understand the man. Neither does anyone else, if they would be honest. The Bible, on the other hand, comes to us with plain speech. The apostle Paul warned the puffed-up Corinthians that it is the devil who complicates the simplicity of Bible truth.

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Co. 11:3).

Paul warned, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” (Col. 2:8).

Barthianism is human philosophy rather than Bible-believing Christianity. It is rank heresy.

Beware of the Barths of this world AND of those who speak highly of them.

Barth’s Adultery: “In 1924 Georg Merz introduced Charlotte von Kirschbaum to Barth [she was 13 years younger]; she soon became a loyal assistant and joined his household in 1929. ... In September 1925 Barth stayed at the Bergli (a remote cottage) again. This time he got to know Charlotte (‘Lollo’) von Kirschbaum more closely. ... Many people, even good friends, and not least his mother, took offense at the presence of ‘Lollo’ in Barth’s life, and later even in his home. There is no question that the intimacy of her relationship with him made particularly heavy demands on the patience of his wife Nelly. Now she had to retreat into the background. Nevertheless, she did not forsake her husband. ... However, it was very difficult for the three of them to live together. ... The result was that they bore a burden which caused them unspeakably deep suffering. Tensions arose which shook them to the core. To avoid these, at

least to some extent, was one of the reasons why in future Barth and Charlotte von Kirschbaum regularly moved to the Bergli during the summer vacation.” (pp. 158, 164, 185-86).

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Like other Neo-Orthodox theologians, Bonhoeffer’s writings are obtuse and often contradictory. He did not speak with the clear voice of truth. For this reason, he can sometimes be cited on both sides of theological issues, but any man who speaks with such lack of clarity on the fundamental issues of the faith should be avoided as a dangerous spiritual guide.

The following list of some of Bonhoeffer’s heresies is from Don Jasmin’s *Fundamentalist Digest*:

1. He denied the verbal-plenary inspiration of Scripture, believing that the Bible is only a “witness” to the Word of God and becomes the Word of God only when it “speaks” to an individual; otherwise, it was simply the word of man (*Testimony to Freedom*, pp. 9, 104; *Sanctorum Communio*, p. 161).

2. He denied the biblical God, believing that the concept of God as a “supreme Being, absolute in power and goodness,” is a “spurious conception of transcendence,” and that “God as a working hypothesis in morals, politics, and science ... should be dropped, or as far as possible eliminated” (*Letters and Papers from Prison*, S.C.M. Press edition, Great Britain: Fontana Books, 1953, pp. 122, 164, 360).

3. He questioned the Virgin Birth (*The Cost of Discipleship*, p. 215).

4. He denied the deity of Christ, advocating that “Jesus Christ Today” is not a real person and being, but a “corporate presence” (*Testimony to Freedom*, pp. 75-76; *Christ the Center*, p. 58).

5. He denied the sinlessness of Christ's human nature and further questioned the sinlessness of His earthly behavior (*Christ the Center*, pp. 108-109).

6. He denied the physical resurrection of Christ, believing that the bodily resurrection is in “the realm of ambiguity,” and that it was one of the “mythological” elements of Christianity that “must

be interpreted in such a way as not to make religion a pre-condition of faith.” He also believed that such things as miracles and the ascension of Christ are “mythological conceptions” (*Christ the Center*, p. 112; *Letters and Papers from Prison*, S.C.M. Press edition, Great Britain: Fontana Books, 1953, pp. 93-94, 110).

7. He believed that Christ is not the only way to God (*Testimony to Freedom*, pp. 55-56).

8. He was an evolutionist (*No Rusty Swords*, p. 143) and believed that the book of Genesis is scientifically naive and full of myths (*Creation and Fall: A Theological Interpretation of Genesis 1-3*).

9. He adhered to neo-orthodox theology and terminology concerning salvation (*Testimony to Freedom*, p. 130), was a sacramentalist (*Life Together*, p. 122; *The Way to Freedom*, pp. 115, 153), believed in regenerational infant baptism (*Letters and Papers from Prison*, Macmillan, pp. 142-143) as well as adult baptismal regeneration (*The Way to Freedom*, p. 151), equated church membership with salvation (*The Way to Freedom*, p. 93), and denied a personal/individualistic salvation (*Letters and Papers from Prison*, Macmillan, p. 156). Dr. G. Archer Weniger declared, “If there is wholesome food in a garbage can, then one can find some good things in Bonhoeffer, but if it be dangerous to expect to find nourishment in a garbage can, then Bonhoeffer must be totally rejected and repudiated as blasphemy. It is worse than garbage” (*FBF Information Bulletin*, May 1977, p. 12).

NEO-ORTHODOXY AND EVANGELICALISM

Neo-orthodoxy has spread widely within evangelicalism. A great many evangelical theologians and writers are Neo-orthodox. This is one of the terrible dangers that are everywhere present in wishy-washy evangelicalism today.

“Since the 1960s, many evangelical seminaries and colleges, denominations and organizations have been infected by the prevailing fog of Neo-orthodoxy. Many sincere evangelicals, including many pastors and professors, are Neo-orthodox liberals in regard to Scripture and don't even know there is anything wrong with their view. ... many evangelical seminaries and colleges sent their bright young scholars to European universities to get their doctorates. A large percentage of

these young scholars were infected with liberal and Neo-orthodox views of the Bible; and then they returned to their evangelical schools to teach a Neo-orthodox view of the Bible (what they sincerely believed were the ‘latest, most scholarly’ views) to their students” (Jay Grimstead, “How the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy Began”).

In December 11, 1995, *Christianity Today* called Karl Barth “the giant of this century’s theologians.” Instead of labeling Barth the rank heretic he was, they largely praised him.

In 2006, Mark Devine, a professor at the Southern Baptist Convention’s Midwestern Baptist Seminary, praised the Neo-orthodox Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *Bonhoeffer Speaks Today*. It was sold by LifeWay Christian Stores and positively reviewed in the Baptist Press. While admitting that Bonhoeffer was not “an evangelical,” Devine claims that since Bonhoeffer “got many things right” he therefore “belongs to the entire Church” and should be given a hearing.

We could not disagree more strongly. By denying Christ’s virgin birth, miracles, bodily resurrection, and ascension, Bonhoeffer worshipped a false Christ and taught a false gospel. By denying the infallible inspiration of Holy Scripture, Bonhoeffer destroyed the very foundation of the faith. He was, in fact, an unbeliever, and this unbelief perverted everything he did and wrote.

To deny the infallible inspiration of Scripture alone is a “damnable heresy,” meaning that a truly saved person will

not commit this sin. The Lord Jesus Christ quoted from every part of the Old Testament and upheld all of it as divinely inspired and wholly authoritative. He quoted even obscure and difficult passages and testified that “the scripture cannot be broken” (Joh. 10:35), meaning the Scripture’s testimony is 100% true.

We are not to sit at the feet of heretics to see how much we can learn from them; we are to separate from them because they are spiritually dangerous.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple” (Ro. 16:17-18).

“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Co. 15:33).

By rejecting biblical separation, which is the divine means of spiritual protection, evangelicalism opens itself to destructive influences. Though the Southern Baptist Convention claims that it has cleansed its seminaries of theological liberalism, unbelieving leaven is still present. The writings of unbelievers such as Kurt Aland, Bruce Metzger, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Karl Barth, and F.F. Bruce, to name a few, are available without warning in the seminary bookstores, are cited by the teachers, and are used in the classrooms, and are thus quietly spreading the leaven of unbelief.



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THE ROLE OF THE REJECTION OF PRE-TRIBULATION THEOLOGY IN THE DOWNFALL

By David Cloud

In his history of the downfall of the Conservative Baptists, Richard Clearwaters emphasized the importance of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture several times. He showed that one of the principles of both theological modernism and New Evangelicalism is the denial of the imminency of the return of Christ and a replacement of a concentrated focus on the Great Commission of world evangelism with a kingdom building emphasis. Clearwaters observed that one of the elements of the downgrade was “a more tolerant attitude toward varying views of eschatology.” In 1956, he wrote, “Students have gone from Northwestern [founded by W.B. Riley and Pre-Trib from its inception] and other similar schools to these schools [Fuller Seminary and Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary] with a simple faith in the Word of God about the Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming only to later come to me disturbed, not knowing whether they were now looking for the Christ to rapture His Church or for Anti-Christ; whether the ‘blessed hope’ of the church was half or all of the Tribulation; whether Christ was coming with His Church or for His Church” (*The Great Conservative Baptist Compromise*, chapter 3, “The Bible, the Unchanging Evangelical,” p. 48).

Clearwaters said, “The only contribution made by rethinking eschatology has been a glorified question mark” (p. 49).

Clearwaters emphasized that the dispensational Pre-tribulational doctrine is established by a consistent literal method of interpretation (p. 50).

Clearwaters said the early Christians believed in and were looking for the imminent return of Christ.

“Clement of Rome, fellow-laborer with Paul (Phil. 4:3) wrote (AD 95), ‘Let us every hour expect the kingdom of love and righteousness, because we know not the day of His appearing.’ ... They were not looking for one half or all of the Tribulation to prepare them for it” (*The Great Conservative Baptist Compromise*, p. 197).

The prominent role of post-tribulationism in the downfall of the Conservative Baptists was emphasized in the report “Conservative Baptist Cross Currents in Colorado,” published in May 1962 in the *Baptist Missionary-Evangelist*. Written by four preachers who had been active in Conservative Baptist work in Colorado since the 1940s, it documented the invasion of new evangelicalism. They emphasized that one of the ways the new evangelicalism showed itself was in the rejection of dispensational Pre-tribulation theology. “By 1954 it was evident that the [Denver Baptist Theological] Seminary had introduced a doctrine foreign to Colorado Conservative Baptists--the accepted dispensational premise was being abandoned in favor of reformation theology. In relation to this position is the theory of the post-tribulation rapture of the church. Dr. Burdick is reported to hold strongly to this ‘post-trib’ position, and President Vernon Grounds has stated, ‘As for myself, I am in a state of indecision. ... I will not say that I am a pretribulationist. ... I simply do not know, though I incline toward the ‘post’ view” (from ‘Divided We Fall,’ page 5, compiled by Wayne Musson, Lake Crystal, Minnesota). In 1962, it was estimated by a Denver Seminary graduate that ‘half of the graduates now take the post-trib position, about 25% take the pre-trib position, and the other 25% are so confused they do not know what to believe.’”

Evangelicalism's PICKET FENCE Separation

By David Cloud

“**E**vangelicalism” is that part of Christianity that holds to the necessity of personal salvation, a belief in the Bible as God’s inspired Word and sole authority, conservative Bible doctrine, Christian living according to the Bible, and the proclamation of the gospel.

The term “evangelical” is from the Greek *evangelion*, which is translated “gospel” in the Bible. In America, one-third of adults who identify as Christians identify as evangelical (Christianity.com, July 14, 2021). Evangelicalism is the Christianity of Southern Baptists, most of the mega-churches, and the myriad of evangelical parachurch organizations such as Cru (formerly Campus Crusade), Youth For Christ, Youth With A Mission, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Answers in Genesis, The Gospel Coalition, Samaritan Ministries, World Vision, Navigators, Moody, LifeWay, and Zondervan Publishers. It is the Christianity of Liberty University, Moody Bible Institute, and Wheaton College.

Evangelicalism seems fairly safe, but in reality it is filled with dangers and is a bridge to every sin and heresy in the “broader church,” which is the one-world church being formed in our day in preparation for the final edition of Mystery Babylon in the Day of the Lord as described in Revelation 17-18.

The reason evangelicalism is dangerous is its lack of firm boundaries because of its rejection of biblical separation.

Evangelicalism’s separatism is not totally nonexistent, but it is mild, mushy, plastic, ineffectual.

Consider what happened to the General Association of Regular Baptists (GARBC). Founded in 1929 as a

reorganization of the Baptist Bible Union, the GARBC had a separatist stance from its inception. It was pre-tribulational and committed to the six-day creation and a literal global flood. The GARBC’s former publications on separation helped me as a young preacher. Consider two examples from the 1940s and 1950s:

GARBC Literature Item # 12, “The Position, Attitudes, and Objectives of Biblical Separation,” by Paul Jackson: “Separation is an eternal principle. It is God’s commandment that we must separate from unbelievers. **Further, in the third place, it is God’s commandment that we separate from our brothers when they walk in disobedience.** Now I know that many men who will go along forthrightly, and shout Amen as far as we have gone, will object at this point, and say ‘I believe in full fellowship with all evangelicals.’ Well, God doesn’t!”

GARBC Literature Item # 10, “A Limited Message or a Limited Fellowship,” by David Nettleton: “Many have been carried away from full obedience by a noble-sounding motto which has been applied to Christian work, ‘In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity.’ **Some things are not essential to salvation but they are essential to full obedience, and the Christian has no liberty under God to sort out the Scriptures into essentials and non-essentials!** It is our duty to declare the whole counsel of God, and to do it wherever we are.”

The separation of the old GARBC is gone, having been devoured by New Evangelicalism. By the 1980s, the association’s founding principle was labeled “second-degree” or “secondary” separation” by a new generation and was rejected as unreasonable, impractical, and unloving.

Consider Richard Christen who was elected the National Representative for the GARBC in 1995. In a "Vision Statement," Christen said, "We must allow for differences in drawing the lines of secondary separation. ... We must shape a positive outlook and image." Prior to his election, he told the gathering: **"Instead of a two-foot thick wall around our GARBC, let's build A STURDY PICKET FENCE."**

That is almost like a bad joke. A picket fence is chiefly for decoration, not protection. The typical picket fence keeps nothing out. Small predators can walk right in, and larger ones can climb or jump over or crash right through.

Earlier that year, Christen published an article entitled "A Reaffirmation and Clarification of Belief." It was a clever repudiation of biblical separation. Consider an excerpt:

"Distinctions do exist between evangelicals and fundamentalists. **BUT LINES OF DEMARCATION ARE DOTTED, NOT SOLID.** ... there may well be legitimate individual back-and-forth fellowship through the dotted lines, carefully orchestrated for the sake of mutual benefit and oneness in Christ's true body. ... **there are times when fundamentalists may venture into the evangelical camp and evangelicals into the fundamentalist camp.** ... **To be a voice repudiating does not mean we have to be a people alienating.** ... There are legitimate inter-cooperative efforts among evangelicals."

This ignores two important facts:

First, it ignores the rebellious character of compromise. The typical evangelical today is involved in deep disobedience. The Bible plainly forbids him to fellowship with heretics, but he claims he is free to do so. He claims there are advantages to doing so; therefore, he will do it. He follows pragmatism and ignores the clear instructions of the Scriptures. To fellowship with him in his disobedience instead of rebuking him and separating from him is to participate in his disobedience and is to say that his disobedience is not serious.

Second, it ignores the corrupting character of compromise. Compromise is a contagious disease. Compromise is an ATTITUDE of neutralism, a MOOD of positivism, a SPIRIT of non-militancy. This attitude, mood, and spirit is highly contagious. Those who refuse

to practice biblical separation and persist in mingling with modern evangelicals will be affected by their compromise as certainly as night follows day. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Co. 15:33). Pastors who affiliate with compromising evangelicals bring that compromise into the lives of their people.

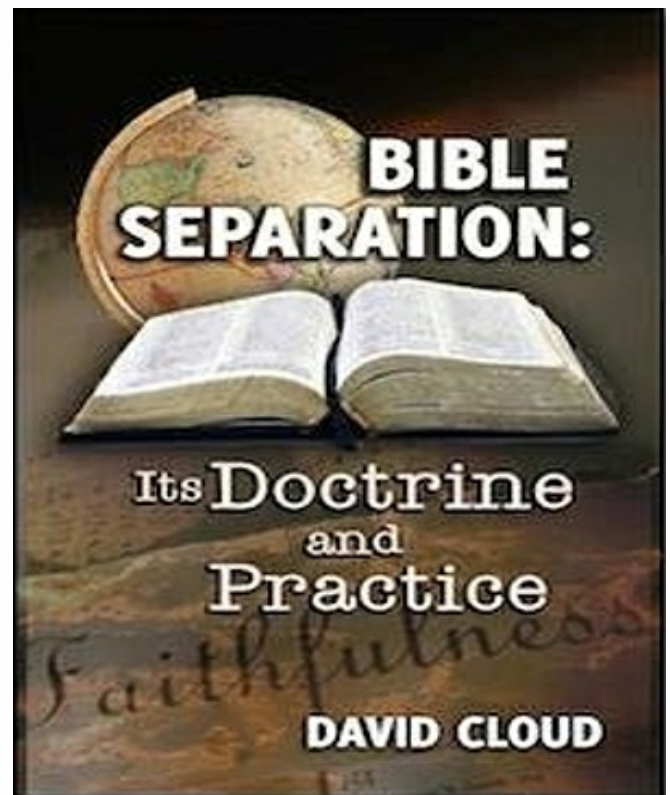
Christen's picket fence separation was a clear rejection of the old GARBC (biblical) standard of separation. The spaces within the GARBC's picket fence approach to separatism have grown wider with each passing decade and they will continue to do so.

The same is true for evangelicalism at large. This is why the world of evangelicalism is so dangerous. If you join an evangelical church or read evangelical literature or peruse evangelical social media or listen to evangelical contemporary music, you will have no protection against the dangers that proliferate in these evil days.

BIBLE SEPARATION

It's Doctrine And Practice

By David Cloud



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A Biblical Testing Mindset

By David Cloud

The path of spiritual safety in this dark world is described in Hebrews 5:11-14.

“Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Paul taught that four things are necessary for a biblical testing mindset.

First, a biblical testing mindset requires the new birth. We see this in two ways in this passage. The people addressed here used milk and they had spiritual senses. That only happens through the new birth. Before that, there is no spiritual life and mind. Before salvation, the individual is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1), by nature a child of wrath (Eph. 2:3), having no ability to receive the things of the Spirit, no spiritual discernment (1 Co. 2:14). It is the new birth that brings new life and the equipment necessary to understand the Bible properly and to use it wisely.

Second, a biblical testing mindset requires a conviction that the Bible is God’s infallible Word. It is “the oracles of God” and “the word of righteousness.” This is foundational. Unless the Bible is the infallible Word of God, it cannot be used to test right and wrong. The evidences that the Bible is God’s Word are endless. The man who led me to Christ showed me the evidence of Bible prophecy. Take the prophecies pertaining to Christ’s coming. The details of His life were written in Scripture hundreds of years before He was born: His birthplace (Mic. 5:2), His place of ministry (Galilee, Isa. 9:1), His miracles (Isa. 35:5-6), His rejection by Israel (Isa. 53:1-4), His unjust trial (Isa. 53:8), His crucifixion (Ps. 22:16), His words from the cross (Ps. 22:1), His mockers (Ps. 22:7-8),

the gambling for His garments (Ps. 22:18), His bones not broken (Ps. 22:17), His burial in the tomb of a rich man (Isa. 53:9), and His resurrection (Ps. 16:10). The Bible’s prophecies of Christ set the Bible and Christ apart as entirely unique.

Third, a biblical testing mindset requires being skillful in God’s Word. You can’t test right and wrong by the Bible unless you know it well. It is not enough to know a little. “Skillful” is the Greek *peiros*, “to perforate, pierce through to test, experience” (*Complete Word Study Bible*), the ability to make a trial (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*). To be unskillful in the Scripture means the individual doesn’t have sufficient experience in using it so that he is knowledgeable; he doesn’t have the ability to use it well; he cannot use it effectively to try things. The context explains the level of skill that every believer is to pursue: Skillful enough to be a teacher of the Word (Heb. 5:12), to understand the strong meat of the Word (Heb. 5:12), to be able to discern good and evil in a fully mature way (Heb. 5:14). For protection from apostasy, you must set out to be a serious Bible student. You must make the Bible the book of your life. You must read it, study it, memorize it, meditate on it. You must learn to rightly interpret Scripture, to handle prophecy by the normal-literal approach, to understand figures of speech, to do word studies, to know the law and the gospel, to know Bible history, geography, times, culture, to use Bible study tools properly, etc.

Fourth, a biblical testing mindset requires having a testing mindset and habit (“who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”). This must be a way of life. I must be on the outlook against error. Everything I encounter must be tested by God’s Word to see if it is right or wrong, true or false, good or evil. Note that I must discern “both good and evil.” I am not just looking for error; I don’t have a critical mind and spirit; I am looking for truth to hold to as well as error to reject. “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Th. 5:21).

At age 23, this is the path I chose.

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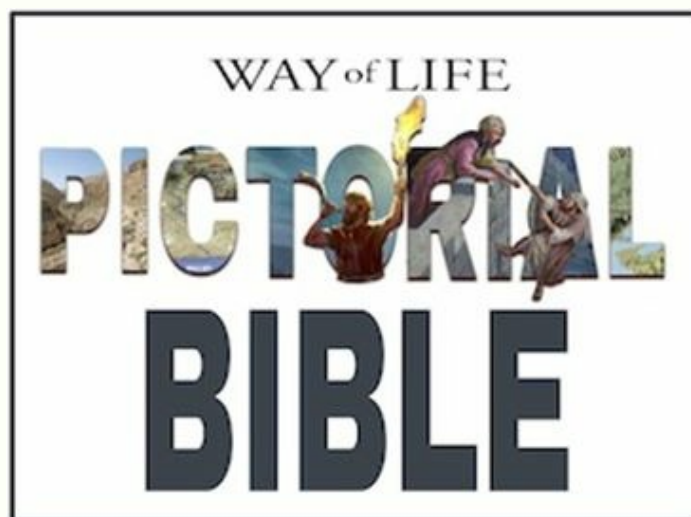
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DIGGING IN THE WALLS

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?



THE BIG LIE (Friday Church News Notes, August 30, 2024, www.wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "Adolf Hitler coined the term 'Big Lie' (*grosse Lüge*). 'If we want to score a victory, we must actively make use of lies. They have to be big. The bigger the lies the quicker people will believe them,' he said. Hitler used the Big Lie to spread untruths about Germany's Jewish population. Dictator Joseph Stalin didn't much like Hitler, but he appropriated the Big Lie to explain purges of Soviet citizens. In America, almost a century later, the Big Lie is now woven into the fabric of daily political discourse" (Martin Dugard, *Taking London: Winston Churchill and the Fight to Save Civilization*, p. 44).

CONCLUSION: Actually, Hitler and Stalin are not the fathers of the Big Lie. The Big Lie was invented 6,000 years ago at the dawn of human history when Satan, the father of lies, told Eve, our mother, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5). The Big Lie, being a lie, resulted in the Big Death, because God, who cannot lie, had said to Adam, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt

surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Lies, no matter how big, cannot do away with truth. Sure enough, the Big Death came upon all men, for all have sinned, but the Good News for those who will receive it in repentance and faith is that God has intervened on man's behalf. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

FACEBOOK CEO ADMITS HE WAS PART OF GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP SCHEME

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- The following important information is excerpted from Jonathan Turley, "Meta CEO Zuckerberg," *Fox News*, Aug. 27, 2024): "I believe the government pressure was wrong, and I regret that we were not more outspoken about it.' Those words from Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg came this week with an admission in a letter that his company, Facebook, did yield to pressure from the Biden-Harris administration to censor American citizens on a wide array of subjects. For those of us who have criticized Facebook for years for its role in the massive censorship system, Zuckerberg's belated contrition was more insulting than inspiring. It had all of the genuine regret as a stalker found hiding under the bed of a victim. **Zuckerberg's sudden regret only came after his company fought for years to conceal the evidence of its work with the government to censor opposing views.** Zuckerberg was finally compelled to release the documents by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, and the House Judiciary Committee. Now forced to admit



what many of us have long alleged, Zuckerman is really, really sorry. In my book *The Indispensable Right: Free Speech in an Age of Rage*, I discuss **Facebook's record at length as a critical player in the anti-free speech alliance of government, corporate, academic, and media forces.** In prior testimony before the House Judiciary Committee and other congressional committees, I noted that Zuckerberg continued to refuse to release this information after Elon Musk exposed this system in his release of the 'Twitter Files.' **Zuckerberg stayed silent as Musk was viciously attacked by anti-free speech figures in Congress and the media. He was fully aware of his own company's similar conduct but stayed silent.** When the White House and President Joe Biden repeatedly claimed that the Hunter Biden laptop was Russian disinformation, Facebook continued to withhold evidence that they too were pressured to suppress the story before the election. ... **While Zuckerberg now expresses 'regret' at not speaking out sooner, his company previously sought to sell Americans on censorship.** In 2021, I wrote about the Facebook commercial campaign in which the company attempted to rally young people to embrace censorship. ... For years, young people have been taught that free speech is harmful and triggering. We are raising a

generation of speech-phobics and Zuckerberg and Facebook wanted to tap into that generation to get people to stop fearing the censor and love 'content modification.' ... Now, Zuckerberg and Meta want people to know that they were 'pressured' to censor and really regret their role in silencing opposing voices. It is the feigned regret that comes with forced exposure."

ANOTHER COMPANY DITCHES DEI (Friday Church News Notes, August 30, 2024,

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- The following is excerpted from "Harley-Davidson opts out," *Washington Times*, Aug. 20, 2024: "American motorcycle powerhouse Harley-Davidson has kicked diversity, equity and inclusion to the curb, adding to the list of companies abandoning the initiative. The Milwaukee-based firm announced in a Monday post on X that the end of its DEI operation came months ago. 'It is critical to our business that we hire and retain the best talent and that all employees feel welcome,' the statement said. 'That said, we have not operated a DEI function since April 2024, and we do not have a DEI function today. We do not have hiring quotas and we no longer have supplier diversity goals.' ... Among other companies, tractor manufacturer John Deere said it would discontinue its DEI division after significant social media backlash. Tractor Supply Co. also slashed its DEI and climate goals after a conservative pressure campaign. DEI programs are intended to eliminate racist or sexist practices in the workplace. While the programs have existed for decades, private companies greatly increased the scope of their DEI initiatives in



the wake of the George Floyd protests in 2020. Conservative activists and politicians say the programs increase division in the workplace and are fundamentally unfair."

THE UNITED NATION'S INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE DECLARES ISRAEL'S "OCCUPATION" OF JUDEA AND SAMARIA "UNLAWFUL" (Friday Church News Notes, August 30, 2024, www.wayoflife.org
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- The following is excerpted from "Top UN court," *Israel365News*, July 21, 2024: "The International Court of Justice, the principal judicial arm of the United Nations located in The Hague, issued a non-binding, 83-page opinion on Friday declaring Israeli 'occupation' of Judea and Samaria to be 'unlawful.' The U.N. high court stated that Israel is 'obliged to bring an end to its presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible.' ... Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the ruling on

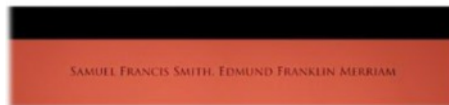


Friday. ‘The Jewish people are not occupiers in their own land, including in our eternal capital Jerusalem nor in Judea and Samaria, our historical homeland,’ he said. ‘No absurd opinion in The Hague can deny this historical truth or the legal right of Israelis to live in their own communities in our ancestral home.’ ... Israel Gantz, head of the Binyamin Regional Council and chairman of the Yesha Council, stated that the court’s opinion ‘deserves condemnation and denunciation from all countries around the world.’ ... ‘This decision is intended to bring Hamas terrorists closer to the beds of our children and women in the center of the country and to eliminate the State of Israel. ‘The Western Wall, the Cave of the Patriarchs, Jerusalem and all of Judea, Samaria, Binyamin and the Jordan Valley are the land of our ancestors,’ Gantz added. ‘No opinion will erase the historical truth or undermine the deep connection between the people of Israel and its country.’ ... Harriet Schleifer and William Daroff, chair and CEO respectively of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, condemned the court’s ruling ‘in the strongest terms.’ **‘The ICJ, like the entire United Nations’ system, is rife with antisemitism and anti-Israel bias--this verdict has given us simply more proof of what was already evident,’** the two leaders stated. ‘The accusations in the ruling amount to a modern-day blood libel.’”

OLD BAPTISTS AND REGENERATE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (Friday Church News Notes, August 30, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from a report from Baptist missionaries in China in 1877: “One hundred and nine men and sixty



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women have renounced idolatry, **have given evidence of faith in Christ**, and have been baptized into his name. None of all these have thus far given us reason to regret that we admitted them into the church. Fifteen of the numbers are seventy years old and upwards, the oldest being eighty-four years of age. ... Besides those received, a large number have been examined, who have been advised to wait until they should obtain more definite knowledge of the truth, or **until there was more satisfactory proof of a change of heart**” (*Missionary Sketches: A Concise History of the Work of the American Baptist Missionary Union*, 6th edition, 1879).

ANCIENT SEAL DISCOVERED IN JERUSALEM SUPPORTS BIBLICAL RECORD (Friday Church News Notes, September 6, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Last week, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced the discovery of an ancient black stone seal at the City of David National park archaeological site south of the Temple Mount. The seal features the image of a pagan

Assyrian “genie” plus the name “LeYeho’ezer ben Hosh’ayahu” (Yeho’ezer son of Hosh’ayahu) inscribed in Hebrew. It has been dated to the 8th century BC, which is the very time that the Assyrians were on a rampage throughout Israel. In 732 Tiglath-pileser destroyed large portions of northern Israel (2 Ki. 15:29) and entered Judah in about 728 (2 Ch. 28:20). In 721 Sargon II captured Samaria and deported the northern tribes (2 Ki. 17:1-6). In 701 Sennacherib attacked Judah, destroyed Lachish, and threatened Jerusalem. The genie, a winged man (sometimes with a bird’s head) representing a supernatural creature, appeared frequently on Assyrian palace walls. Images of the mythological creature were used as protective amulets, and such superstitious practices appealed to a large portion of apostate Israel in that day, including those in high positions. In fact, some of Judah’s kings were idolaters, and their courts would have been permeated with paganism. These included Ahaz (742-726), who sacrificed his sons to idols in the Hinnom Valley (2 Ch. 28:2-4), and Manasseh (697-642), who worshipped Baal, sacrificed his son to pagan gods, communed with spirits through witchcraft, and set up idols in the temple itself (2 Kings 21:3-9). Archaeology has filled museums with artifacts supporting the biblical record



SYNCHRONIZED FIREFLIES (Friday Church News Notes, August 30, 2024, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 6, 2024: “Fireflies in southeast Asia regularly put on a show like that seldom seen from fireflies in the rest of the world. These fireflies have an ability found only among humans. As the evening darkness deepens along a riverbank, fireflies in the trees over the riverbank begin to flash. At first the flashing is familiar to anyone who has ever seen fireflies anywhere in the world. Flashes come randomly from different parts of the tree. Within a few minutes, something strange begins to happen. Instead of the flashes appearing randomly, they now appear in groups. Fireflies in one part of the tree flash in unison, then a group in another part of the tree flashes. In less than half an hour, the entire swarm, which may extend over more than one tree, is flashing once per second in perfect unison. This ability to pick up a rhythm to synchronize actions is found otherwise only in human beings. Scientists report that different species have different rates at which they synchronize. They have also discovered



that fireflies of one species ignore the synchronized flashing of other species. Some firefly swarms even flash in waves, creating an especially eerie sight along riverbanks. One scientist, who has been trying to understand how fireflies do this, said that this behavior is so complex he has no idea how it works. Whether or not these scientists believe in the Creator, their wonderment is a tribute to His unsurpassed handiwork, even in the lowly firefly. Notes: Ivars Peterson, ‘Step in time,’ *Science News*, Vol. 140, August 31, 1991, pp. 136-137.”

and providing excellent background information to assist in understanding the biblical text. Numerous books and tours highlight the biblical artifacts in the British Museum. [Biblical Treasures in the Israel Museum](http://www.wayoflife.org/BiblicalTreasuresintheIsraelMuseum) is available in print and eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org. [Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms](http://www.wayoflife.org/BibleTimes&AncientKingdoms) is a Bible course packed with the findings from archaeology. It is accompanied by 35 PowerPoint presentations with 6,100 high quality color photos, drawings, historic reconstructions, and video clips. See www.wayoflife.org.

NEW BJU PRESIDENT HOSTS ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETING (Friday Church News Notes, February 15, 2013, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- Joshua Crockett, pastor of Morningside Baptist Church, Greenville, and the new president of Bob Jones University, hosted an ecumenical prayer meeting in May with the Southern Baptist Convention’s Greenville association. Attendees included independent Baptists, Southern Baptists, and Presbyterians. Participating Southern Baptist pastors included Al

Phillips, Matt Wireman, Will Broadus, Michael Bayne, and Matt Rogers. Crockett’s close association with the Southern Baptist Convention is a loud message. Almost without exception SBC congregations are worldly, rock & roll, “non-judgmental,” multi-version churches where biblical modesty is not an issue. In fact, the Southern Baptist Convention is deeply compromised today at every level, including growing support for receiving non-repentant homosexuals as members, and many churches have left in recent decades by way of protest. For example, when Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church of Shelbyville, Tennessee, left the convention in July 2021, Pastor Jonathan Sims described SBC congregations as “weak, sick, and unhealthy” and said, “my

conscience will no longer allow me to even be loosely affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.” Thus Joshua Crockett is moving toward the Convention even when more discerning men are moving away. It is obvious that Pastor Crockett will continue the path trod by BJU’s previous president, Steve Pettit, which is that of non-separatist evangelicalism, Reformed theology, and contemporary worship. In October 2019, Pettit participated in the “Greenville Conference on Reformed Theology” at the Second Presbyterian Church. Under Pettit’s leadership, BJU capitulated to the siren song of contemporary worship music. This was a rejection of the school’s former position. Speaking at a BJU chapel service on March 12, 2001, Dr. Frank Garlock of Majesty Music warned, “If a church starts using CCM it will eventually lose all other standards.” Note that he said that if a church even STARTS to use CCM, it is on an inevitable slide away from its founding standards. At the time, that was still the prevailing view at BJU, but this has been replaced with the view that CCM can be used *with discretion*. This dramatic change in philosophy will produce an ever-increasing acceptance of CCM. Twenty-nine Getty Townend Music (GTM) songs are featured in *Hymns Modern and Ancient*, published by Heart Publications, a Steve Pettit ministry, and compiled by Fred Coleman who heads up Bob Jones University’s Department of Church Music. At least 10 GTM contemporary hymns are included in Majesty Music’s new *Rejoice* hymnal. Getty-Townend are out-and-out contemporary rockers with no boundaries either in musical styles or associations. Getty is new Reformed Calvinist, while Townend is a “gibberish tongues-speaking,

prophesying is for today, apostles are among us, kingdom now” charismatic. The Gettys partner with Roman Catholics such as Matt Maher, Margaret Becker, and Máire Brennan. GTM is a bridge to the one world church as surely as Hillsong. We have documented this extensively in the report “[The Gettys--Pied Pipers of Contemporary Worship Music](#),” www.wayoflife.org, and in the video presentation “Bob Jones, Majesty Music, the New Calvinism, and the Gettys,” which is a part of [The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music](#) video series (2020), available for free viewing and downloading at wayoflife.org.

PASTOR’S TESTIMONY OF THE WAY OF LIFE BIBLE COLLEGE MATERIAL (Friday Church News Notes, February 15, 2013, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “Dr. David Cloud’s Bible courses offer an exceptional educational experience for those seeking to deepen their understanding of Scripture while remaining rooted in sound doctrine. His courses (and in-person conferences) are meticulously crafted, providing a rich depth of content that explores Bible truths thoroughly. Each course is designed to be both doctrinally robust and highly practical, ensuring that the principles taught can be effectively applied in everyday life and ministry. These courses have been of immense help in strengthening our church in Chicago. The practical nature of the video courses makes it feel like bringing Bible college directly to your church, allowing our people to benefit from high-quality theological training without leaving their local church!!! Whether you are a pastor, a teacher, or a layperson, Dr. Cloud’s courses are an invaluable resource for

enhancing Biblical knowledge and strengthening one’s faith” (Pastor Courtney Lewis, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Chicago).

WHY ISRAEL HAS NO PEACE (Friday Church News Notes, September 6, 2024, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - A large number of Jews returned to their land in the 20th century and established the state of Israel in 1948, but Israel has had no peace. She has been on a war footing at all times. Why can’t Israel have peace? The answer is clearly stated in Deuteronomy 28, which addresses Israel directly and promises blessing for obedience to God (De. 28:1-14) and curse for disobedience (De. 28:15-68). Israel has no peace because Israel is not right with God. Israel had peace during the early reign of Solomon (1 Ki. 4:20-21, 24-25), but the peace was taken away when Solomon sinned (1 Ki. 11:9-40). After that, Israel had peace for brief times when her kings honored God (2 Ch. 14:5-6; 15:15; 20:30). Israel was removed from the land for her sin against God (Deuteronomy 28:63-67) and even on her returns (after the Babylonian Captivity and in the 20th century), she has not had peace, and she will not have peace until she is right with God. Israel was created by



God and is owned by God and has no purpose other than serving God. “For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth” (Deuteronomy 14:2). Israel’s attempt to exist as a secular nation has led her into a quagmire of danger and confusion. No matter how powerful her military, how clever her scientists, and how successful her secret agents, Israel will not have peace until she repents of rejecting her own Messiah. That day is rapidly approaching, but it will be preceded by a time of unprecedented global trouble and the rise of the Antichrist.

BIBLE NEGLECTED IN ENGLAND (Friday Church News Notes, September 6, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “The Word of God is not loved and studied, either privately or publicly. ... Thousands will flock to hear music, and pay for admission, but how few care for a meeting to read the holy Scriptures! These are facts, and facts are powerful arguments. We cannot get over them. There is a growing thirst for religious excitement, and a growing distaste for the calm study of holy Scripture and the spiritual exercises of the Christian assembly. It is perfectly useless to deny it. We cannot shut our eyes to it. The evidence of it meets us on every hand” (C.H. Mackintosh, c. 1880).

WHAT THE UNBORN TELLS THE MOTHER (Friday Church News Notes, September 6, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 31, 2024: “When talking about a baby’s



expected time of birth, we have all heard someone say, ‘The baby will come when it’s ready.’ While that might not sound very scientific, new research shows that the statement is probably scientifically accurate. The infant, not the mother, seems to control the start of the birth process for mother and infant. Medical researchers are doing more research to confirm their theories. They believe that the brain of the unborn child monitors the infant’s development so that it knows when the infant is ready for birth. As the time for birth approaches, a pea-sized part of the fetal brain signals the adrenal and pituitary glands that it is soon time to be born. These glands respond by producing two hormones. These hormones build up in the infant’s blood. As they build up, they create changes in the mother’s hormones that begin the process of giving birth. A complete understanding of this amazing sequence may help medicine treat the problem of premature labor. What is more important, we see how exquisitely God has designed the process of giving birth. How wise of God to design the process so that when the baby is ready to be born, the mother’s convenience must give way to the baby’s need. Nor does the baby’s birth time depend on the mother’s limited understanding of the developing infant. Perhaps these realities offer some lessons to an age that places so much less value on the

unborn child than God clearly does. Notes: Fackelmann, K. ‘A Fetus Tells Mother: It’s Time for Labor,’ *Science News*, Vol. 140. p. 182.”

CHURCH MEMBER PUZZLED OVER LACK OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NATION (Friday Church News Notes, September 13, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- In former times, churches in America, both Protestant and Baptist, had days of fasting and prayer for the nation. The first president, backed by Congress, called for national days of fasting and prayer, and the churches rose to the occasion, not with feasting and playing, but with true confession, repentance, and earnest prayer. God answered with the Second Great Awakening. Many of the founding fathers attributed earnest prayer as a major factor in the fledgling nation’s military success over Britain, the world’s mightiest power at the time, and success in forming an effectual national government from the ever-bickering 13 colonies. That was the last half of the 18th century and first half of the 19th. The 21st is an entirely different matter. Even most of the “best” churches, the most biblical, are Sardis, with a name that they live but they are dead when measured by the bright light of Scripture. One clear evidence is in the matter of prayer. On



July 19, we posted a notice in Friday News that a church in Idaho has determined to have a day of corporate fasting and prayer for the nation every Friday until the presidential election and a special prayer meeting each Friday evening. This week I received the following testimony from a member of that church: “We’ve been having our prayer and fasting every Friday. Pastor has tried to get other churches to do it also. None he’s contacted have yet. Most say ‘Great idea. I could never get our people to do that.’ It surprises me. I thought people would jump at the chance to gather and pray exclusively for the country. I’d bet others are somewhere. But if so I don’t know about them and Pastor has a lot of church contacts in the south. Isn’t it an odd thing? I honestly do not understand the resistance to it. It makes absolutely no sense to refuse to seriously gather and beg the Lord for mercy for our country. I know all of us are lazy to some degree. But this seems simple and easy to do. And obviously needed. I’m baffled by the refusal to do it. When I have a problem I go to God. First thing. Our country has a serious problem. It seems obvious we need Him to intervene and aid us. We have been working seven days a week preparing for the changeover in our law practice on October 1 so I can meet my client duties and we can get a private practice going. ... But we have no problem managing that around our church obligations and meetings. I just don’t understand it.” Friends, don’t be deceived. A true New Testament church is a praying church. “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). By that standard, there are very, very, very few New Testament churches by any name.



COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF CHRISTIAN TEACHER FORCED OUT FOR REFUSING TO USE PREFERRED PRONOUNS

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- The following is excerpted from “Federal court rules,” *Standing for Freedom*, Sept. 6, 2024: “In a win for free expression and religious liberty, an Ohio school district is scolded for compelling a teacher --at the cost of her job--to say words and advance ideas that went against her deeply held religious beliefs. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division last month ruled that a local school district violated the First Amendment rights of a Christian teacher when it forced her to use students’ preferred pronouns. Vivian Geraghty, who took a job in 2021 as a long-term substitute teacher at Jackson Memorial Middle School in Massillon, Ohio, resigned a year later after the school told her she had to address two transgender students by pronouns that didn’t line up with their biological sex. Geraghty, who is represented by Alliance Defending Freedom, argued in court filings that the use of pronouns that did not reflect the sex listed on the student’s birth certificate would require her to ‘embrace the concept of gender identity against her religious belief that God created two unchanging sexes, male and female.’

... Officials with the Jackson Local School District then called Geraghty to a series of meetings, leading up to the school’s principal asking for her resignation letter if she continued to refuse to address the students the way the school wanted her to. Judge Pamela Barker [wrote in] her decision that district officials had ‘compelled Geraghty to use the students’ preferred names and pronouns’ and, by doing so, required the teacher ‘to utter what was not in her mind about a question of political and religious significance.’”

MORE COMPANIES ABANDONING DEI (Friday Church News Notes, September 13, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- DEI, which stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion, but actually shows favoritism toward select groups of people, is being abandoned by a growing number of American companies, including John Deere, Harley Davidson, Lowe’s, and Tractor Supply. This month Ford motor company CEO Jim Farley sent a letter to its employees stating that Ford does not utilize quotas in hiring, instead prioritizing its resources for business purposes. The letter also stated that the company will not comment on the polarizing issues of the day and will no longer participate in the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality



ty Index, which is a survey used to gauge a company's support for homosexual policies ("Ford walks back 'woke' DEI policies," *Fox News*, Aug. 20, 2024). Lowe's home improvement chain also announced that it is ending its participation in surveys for the Human Rights Campaign. Previously, the company had boasted of its support for homosexual rights and sponsorship of Gay Pride Month ("Lowe's drops some DEI policies," *Fox News*, Aug. 27, 2024).

UNITED METHODIST HOMOSEXUAL HERITAGE CENTER

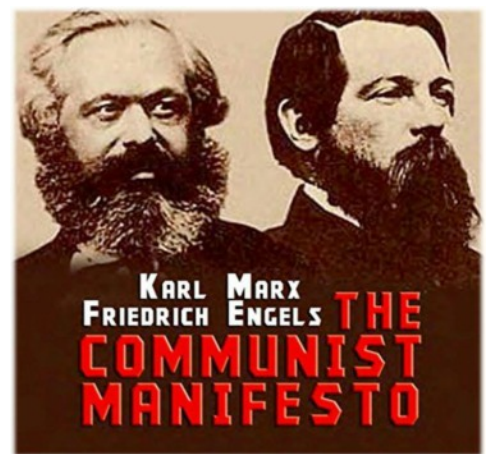
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- The United Methodist Church recently voted to lift its longstanding ban on "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" serving as clergy. Now it has announced a new Center for LGBTQ+ United Methodist Heritage. The press release said, "Stories, songs, exhibits, and a special film screening are part of the festivities when the new Center for LGBTQ+ United Methodist Heritage holds its Kickoff Celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Craig Chapel on the Drew University campus." Karen Oliveto, the first lesbian bishop, will be present. A documentary "tried to claim



that homosexuality was not a sin in the Bible until translations added it in 1946" ("United Methodist Church's New LGBTQ Heritage Center," *PJMedia*, Sept. 4, 2024). This is nonsense, of course, as the King James Bible of 1611 described same-sex relationships as an abomination, vile affections, unseemly, and a reprobate mind. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is ABOMINATION" (Leviticus 18:22). "For this cause God gave them up unto VILE AFFECTIONS: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is AGAINST NATURE: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, BURNED IN THEIR LUST one toward another; men with men working that which is UNSEEMLY, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their ERROR which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to A REPROBATE MIND, to do those things which are NOT CONVENIENT" (Romans 1:26-28). The same Bible prophecies of false Christians such as the United Methodists. "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, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ... Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children" (2 Peter 2:1, 2, 14).

KARL MARX AND GOD (Friday Church News Notes, September 13,



2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Karl Marx, a chief father of Socialism, raged against God with the most frightful blasphemies. Consider some excerpts from his writings: "I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above" (Marx, cited from Richard Wurmbrand, *Marx and Satan*, p. 12). "I am great like God, I clothe myself in darkness like him" (Marx, a poem sent to his father on his 55th birthday). Marx's play *Oulanem* gloried in the destruction of the world. "If there is a something which devours, I'll leap within it, though I bring the world to ruins--the world which bulks between me and the abyss I will smash to pieces with my enduring curses." Marx considered religion "the opiate of the people" (*Contribution to Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*, 1843). Marx believed the very concept of God is a hindrance to human development. *The Communist Manifesto* announces a war to the death against absolute truth, religion, and morality: "Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality."

MUSHY, DANGEROUS EVANGELICALISM TODAY: PRESTON SPRINKLE AND THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM STUDY BIBLE (Friday Church

News Notes, September 20, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) The *Upside Down Kingdom Study Bible* NIV was published this month by Zondervan. Preston Sprinkle, general editor, is influential among Southern Baptists and evangelicals in general. Sprinkle is the founder of The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, Theology in the Raw podcasts, and Exiles in Babylon conferences. Sprinkle has taught at Cedarville University which was GARBC from 1953-2006, at which time it moved into the Southern Baptist orb. (Sprinkle taught there in its SBC incarnation.) Cedarville's history illustrates the downgrade of the General Association of Regular



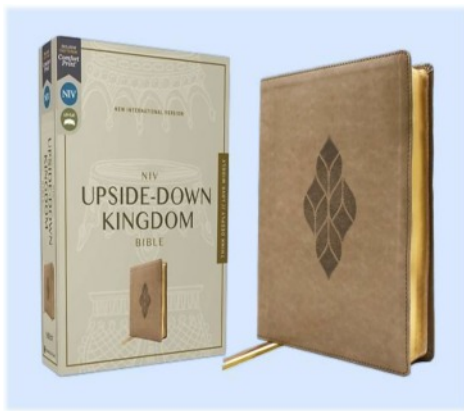
Baptists from fundamental Baptist in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s to non-separatist evangelicalism since the last two decades of the 20th century. This is part of the general collapse of “fundamentalism” in the past 50 years. Sprinkle promotes textual criticism and wanders in the wilderness of the modern texts and versions, with no absolute Scriptural

authority. He is a Mr. Facing Both Ways, which is typical of evangelicals. He can sound like a Biblicist at times, but he is, in fact, an enemy of solid Biblicism. At the RateMyProfessors web site, a Cedarville student said **Sprinkle is “funny and open to different interpretations of the Bible.”** Sprinkle says, **“read the Bible with conviction” but “hold your predetermined beliefs loosely.”** In other words, practice dialogue and ecumenism, not separation. This principle is one of the chief building blocks of the “one world church.” Don’t be dogmatic in doctrine. Be open to other views in such things as the following: the days of creation (are they literal 24 hour days?), the

VOODOO ASPIRIN (Friday Church News Notes, September 13, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 23, 2024: “When they flower, some plants actually generate their own heat. The voodoo lily can raise its temperature by 25 degrees. As it does so, it releases a scent that attracts the beetles that pollinate it. When the voodoo lily generates heat, it burns starch in a way similar to our own bodies. Scientists weren’t sure how voodoo lilies generated their heat and scent until only a couple decades ago. Once they unraveled the complex chemical reactions going on within the plant, they found unexpected surprises. They discovered that a component of aspirin is responsible for raising the lily’s temperature. They remain puzzled about why salicylic acid should lower our temperature, yet raise the temperature of the plant. Scientists were also amazed when they discovered how many separate complex chemical reactions take place to produce a chemical symphony that helps the lily reproduce. Not only does the lily make its own aspirin, it also makes the same chemicals that are found in the rotting meat that its pollinator beetles feed on. The rising temperature of the plant



evaporates the chemicals, creating a scent that attracts the beetles. As the beetles look for food in the flower, they become covered with pollen, which will be delivered to the next lily they visit. The voodoo lily is an example of how, even in the plant kingdom, there is no such thing as a simple life form. As this plant duplicates several of the processes taking place in animals, we see that all life was created at about the same time by one Designer! Notes: ‘Do Do That Voodoo That You Do So Well,’ *Discover*, Feb. 1988, p. 10.”



extent of the flood (was it global or local?), the nature of homosexuality (is it always a sin? can you be born that way? are homosexual desires wrong? should impenitent homosexuals be received as church members? was the sin of Sodom actually the sin of being homosexual?), abortion (is it always wrong?), hell (is it a place of fiery torment; is it eternal?), baptism (is infant baptism heretical? is immersion essential?), women in ministry (can't women be pastors?), salvation (can salvation be a process rather than a conversion experience? does a person have to personally believe in Jesus Christ to be saved? will only born again people go to heaven?). **Regardless of his personal Reformed Calvinist beliefs, Sprinkle, by his "hold your beliefs loosely" philosophy, is teaching God's people to build bridges to every heresy in the "broader church" of end-time apostasy.** The notes in the *Upside Down Kingdom Study Bible* reflect this confusion. "Christians would do well to research the various Christian viewpoints and ongoing discussions ... Christians should be patient in forming their view on questions related to the flood and should not condemn other thoughtful Christians" (pp. 166, 173). In contrast, Paul instructed Timothy, "**Hold fast** the form of sound words,

which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13), and, "**keep** this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Timothy 6:14). Paul further exhorted, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). That is the opposite of "look into all views and dialogue with openmindedness." Further, in typical evangelical fashion today, Sprinkle boasts of a worldly lifestyle. He is comfortable with the sensual pop culture. In his biographical sketch, he says his favorite bands include raunchy secular rockers "Coldplay, U2, Josh Garrels, Beck, Rush, Def Leppard, Pearl Jam, Bob Marley." Secular rock is so filthy that it is impossible just to browse the album artwork at Amazon without being morally polluted. Sprinkle says his favorite beers are "IPAs [India pale ale], Belgium Tripels, Quads, and anything that tastes like New Holland's Dragon Milk [sweet, highly flavored]." In contrast, John said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16). Sprinkle would probably ridicule my interpretation of "worldliness" with a knowing wink and smile, but I say on the authority of God's Word that he is wrong on that as he is on many other fundamental matters, but he well represents evangelicalism today. Like the church at Sardis, the vast part of evangelicalism has a name that it lives, but is dead (Revelation 3:1). Beware!

POPE SAYS ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD (Friday Church News Notes, September 20, 2024, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - At a youth inter-religious gathering in Singapore, Pope Francis said all religions lead to God. "If you start to fight, 'my religion is more important than yours, mine is true, and yours isn't,' where will that lead us? There's only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sheik, Muslim, Hindu, Christian, and they are different paths [to God]. ... They are like different languages in order to arrive at God, but God is God for all. Since God is God for all, then we are all children of God" ("Pope in multi-faith Singapore," *Crux Now*, Sept. 13, 2024). Francis made similar remarks in Kazakhstan in 2022. There is nothing new here. In 1987, Pope John Paul II led an inter-religious prayer meeting in Assisi consisting of representatives of 32 "Christian" denominations plus representatives of most non-Christian religions: Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists,



Pope Francis

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Jews, Muslims, African and North American animists, Japanese Shinto's, fire-worshipping Zoroastrians, and Baha'i. Though Pope John Paul did not specifically say that all religions are paths to God, it is obvious that he believed that to be true by inviting all religions to pray for world peace. Though great changes have occurred in the Roman Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, the Roman Catholic Church of today is actually more unscriptural than it was in Luther's day. It still holds the ancient heresies that were condemned by Baptists and Protestants of old, such as the pope the head of church, the mass the re-sacrifice of Christ, the sacraments a channel for salvation. Mary the ever-virgin Queen of Heaven, and prayers to and for the dead. In addition to traditional Catholic heresies, the Roman Catholic Church today is filled with gross errors which were almost unknown to the Catholic Church of the sixteenth century, such as evolution, New Age faith and practice (i.e., a seminar at Catholic Quigley Seminary in Chicago in 1988 featured messages by Matthew Fox and other New Age speakers on "the cosmic Christ within"), universalism (Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II are examples of Catholic leaders who believe all men are children of God), and modernistic theology (Rome's theological schools are largely given over to the modernistic approach to the Bible which denies the infallible inspiration of Holy Scripture, the six-day creation, the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, etc.).

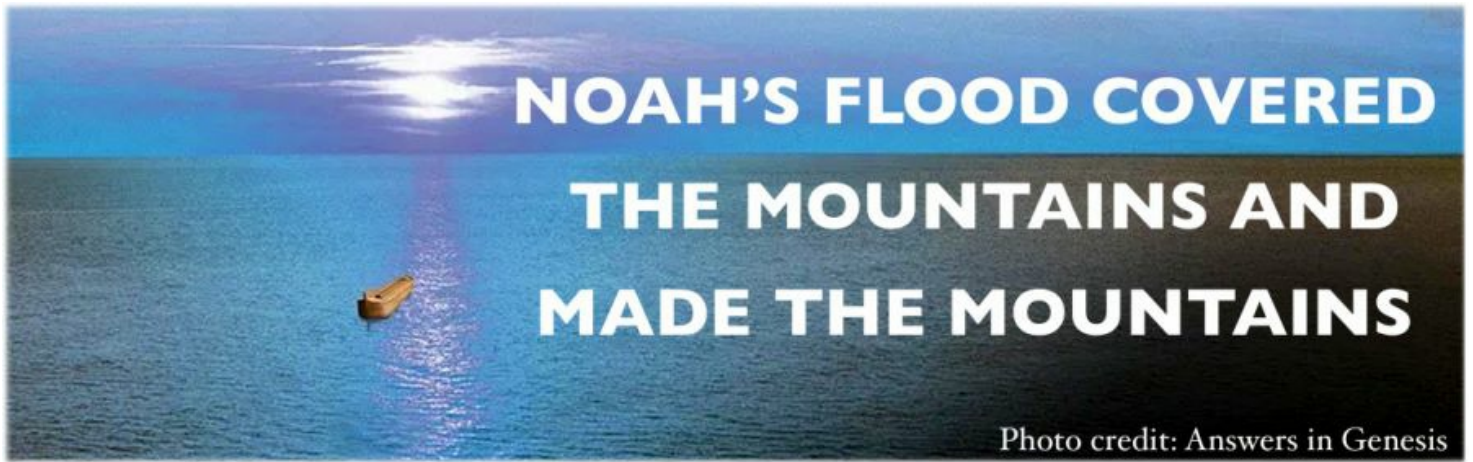
PASTOR SCANDALS IN DALLAS MEGACHURCHES (Friday Church News Notes, September 20, 2024, www.wayoflife.org



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) This year has witnessed a rash of pastoral scandals in megachurches in the Dallas, Texas, area. "the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, as the area is called, which has seen a string of at least eight pastors step down from megachurches in the past few months over moral failings, mostly sexual in nature. The leaders oversee at least 50,000 in-person churchgoers. In June, Gateway's founder and senior pastor, Robert Morris, resigned following a report of his repeatedly molesting a 12-year-old in the 1980s. ... Gateway asked another one of its executive pastors, Kental Glasgow, to resign after an undisclosed 'moral failing' ... In June, Tony Evans resigned from the megachurch he founded, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, after admitting to an undisclosed sin. ... Stonebriar Community Church, founded by Chuck Swindoll, fired one of its longtime associate pastors in July after an undisclosed 'moral failure.' Three other pastors of large churches were arrested. The senior pastor of North Dallas Community Bible Fellowship, Terren Dames, was arrested in May for soliciting a prostitute, and the church fired him. The founding pastor of Koinonia Christian Church, Ronnie Goines, was arrested for sexual assault in late July. Lakeside Baptist Church's youth pastor, Luke Cunningham, was arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a child ... In late July, Josiah Anthony, lead pastor of the megachurch Cross Timbers Church,

resigned for 'a pattern of inappropriate communication--sometimes sexual--with women in the church and on staff'" ("Deep in the Heart of Megachurch Country," *Christianity Today*, Sept. 3, 2024). A megachurch is a church with an attendance of 2,000, but they aren't New Testament churches that are founded on Scripture and pastored by men who actually know and shepherd the flock. They are man-centered theaters with rock & roll concerts and an overall upbeat party atmosphere.

NOAH'S FLOOD COVERED THE MOUNTAINS AND MADE THE MOUNTAINS (Friday Church News Notes, September 20, 2024, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is by John D. Morris, Ph.D. in geological engineering: "We now know, of course, that the earth has plenty of water to launch a global flood. It has been calculated that if the earth's surface were completely flat, with no high mountains and no deep ocean basins, that water would cover the earth to a depth of about 8,000 feet. But is there enough water to cover a 29,035 foot mountain? The key is to remember that the Flood didn't have to cover the present Earth, but it did have to cover the pre-Flood Earth, and the Bible teaches that the Flood fully restructured the earth. 'The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished' (2 Peter 3:6). It is gone forever. The earth of today was radically altered by that global event. That Flood accomplished abundant geologic work. Eroding sediments here, redepositing them there, pushing up continents, elevating plateaus, denuding terrains, etc., so that the earth today is quite different from before. Today even mountain ranges rise high above the sea. Mt.



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Everest and the Himalayan range, along with the Alps, the Rockies, the Appalachians, the Andes, and most of the world's other mountains are composed of ocean-bottom sediments, full of marine fossils laid down by the Flood. These rock layers cover an extensive area, including much of Asia. They give every

indication of resulting from cataclysmic water processes. These are the kinds of deposits we would expect to result from the worldwide, world-destroying Flood of Noah's day. At the end of the Flood, after thick sequences of sediments had accumulated, the Indian subcontinent evidently collided with

Asia, crumpling the sediments into mountains. Today they stand as giants--folded and fractured layers of ocean-bottom sediments at high elevations. No, Noah's Flood didn't cover the Himalayas, it formed them!" (John Morris, Ph.D., "Did Noah's Flood Cover the Himalayan Mountains?" www.icr.org).



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