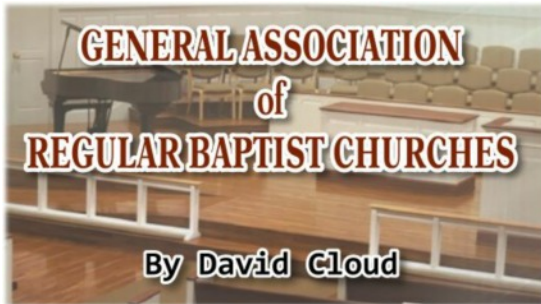


# O Timothy

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

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## STEVEN ANDERSON'S CHILDREN EXPOSE HIM ~ By David Cloud

**I**n 2024, three of Steven Anderson's oldest children have spoken out publicly about the cultic abuse in the pastor's home.

When I first learned of one of Anderson's son's testimony of abuse in the home, I decided to leave it alone and not add it to the Anderson report ("[What About Steven Anderson?](#)"), because it was only one young man's word against that of his father. But since then, that testimony has been confirmed by two other children. Further, I have since realized that many people have probably been drawn to Anderson because of what appeared to be his good Christian home. Some of his former members are publicly testifying that they feel betrayed by learning the true condition of his home.

I feel very sorry for the Anderson family. I have no ill feeling whatsoever against them. I only wish that Steven did not claim to be independent Baptist and that he would repent and step down from the ministry.



**The King James Bible says he is doubly disqualified: by his heresies and by his home life.**

Isaac, the second oldest Anderson child and the first speak out, is a Nazi and has a tattoo of a Nazi War Eagle across his chest. (This is ironic in light of Anderson's denial of the Jewish holocaust.)

John, the third oldest, confirmed Isaac's testimony. The young men both say Anderson was abusive to their mom, that he hit her, beat her with electric cords, and railed at her. They described regular screaming and yelling between the parents and of the parents towards the children, cursing, kids being hit in the face, beaten on the back with an electric cord by the mother to the point of bleeding while the mother screamed at them, withholding meals for punishment, being sent to bed without supper. John testified, "My parents were always fighting; they were always mad at each other."

The children say that a few years ago the Andersons stopped practicing in the home the standards of separation that Anderson preached. In regard to music, movies, TV, etc., "the home became extremely de-Christianized" (John Anderson). He said, "My siblings are not being held to biblical standards. My siblings as young as 11, 12 are watching R-rated movies, listening to explicit music, which my dad is publicly against. The abuse never stopped, but the standards decreased dramatically. ... We were allowed to do whatever we wanted with our worldly friends that we made at work, as long as nobody at church found out about it."

John says, "My dad is actively enrolled at ASU [Arizona State University], and anybody who knows anything about ASU knows that it is the number one college in the U.S. for STD, I want to say number one cocaine consuming

college, and the top ten for alcohol consuming. ... The school officially promotes all kinds of things he disagrees with. ... It openly supports the LGBT agenda. ... Clearly he is somebody who is willing to lie to his congregation, and we can all see now that he has no intrinsic core values, and he is willing to do whatever to protect his power and to protect his role that he very much enjoys having, of being an influential pastor. My dad is somebody who is obsessed with control and obsessed with power, and he gets that dose of control and power through his ministry."

In September, Miriam, 17 and the oldest daughter, refused to return home after a visit with an uncle (Steven's brother Clint). She agrees with her two older siblings that her father is abusive, that he hit her mother, and her parents had frequent raging arguments.

Miriam said her brothers' testimonies are "100% true." She said she had suicidal thoughts beginning at age 11. She said, "I was constantly feeling like...I'm responsible for my parents' marriage, and I'm the reason why everything's going wrong, and I have to make dinner, and I have to take care of the little kids, and I have to make sure that they don't know what dad's doing to mom in the other room. And when I got to be a teenager, I kind of decided that the second I turned 18, I was out of there." She says she is a Christian only because she met a different kind of Christian than her parents.

In a tweet dated Sept. 29, Miriam shows a true Christian character and demeanor. She shows humility, kindness, and a desire for God's blessing on their family. She said her uncle and aunt only helped her when she sought refuge and that they did not "steal" her as her father has claimed. She tweeted, "I came to my uncle desperate for help and he and his family offered me refuge. In my months of living at their house, I gained nothing but respect for both my aunt and uncle. They time and time again proved their wisdom and Godliness and I will forever be grateful for the love they showed me." Miriam ends this tweet by saying, "Please continue praying for my family as we need it more than ever. Happy Sunday, I hope everyone has a blessed day."

That same day, in his Sunday sermon, Steven Anderson went on an angry tirade, even using curse words, justifying himself and condemning his children. It was the opposite of the Christian attitude of his estranged daughter. He displayed no humility, no kindness, no

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compassion, no tenderness, no brokenness for his own children.

Listening to this self-justifying, angry rant it is easy to believe his children's testimony that he has been an abusive husband and father.

Following is a preacher friend's discerning description of Anderson's Sept. 29 sermon:

"Steven Anderson's public response to the accusations of physical abuse--much of which allegedly happened at least ten years ago--was characterized by pride, anger, and lack of brokenness over the situation. He claimed that the accusations are lies, embellishments, or distortions. Even if the most serious accusations are false, there is no indication that he recognizes or takes any responsibility for seeds that might have been planted in years past that led to this situation. In his message preached on September 29th, he called his children who made the accusations his enemies and said that they were too stupid to attack him in a way that could be seen as legitimate because they were interviewed by a *Satan-worshipping transvestite*. [The interviewer claims not to be a Satan-worshiper.] He claimed that the things he is being accused of are not condemned by the Bible. Among other things, he is accused of breaking wooden barstools in his house, beating his wife with an electrical cord, threatening to kill his son, and giving his son a gash in the head by knocking it against a concrete windowsill. He defended his qualification to be a pastor by saying he has done the job 'successfully' for 18 ½ years and that the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3 are only for unproven, untested men who are just starting out. He spent quite a bit of time bragging about his accomplishments in the ministry and how great of a father, husband, and pastor he is. He called out a couple of pastor friends by name who criticized him and then belittled them for having small churches. He said that his track record of ruling the church of God well is evidence that he rules his own house well. He says that he has always taught free will and that people have to choose to be saved and serve God on their own. He uses Jack Hyles as an example, calling him the best preacher of the 20th century even though some of his kids didn't turn out right. He bragged about all the soulwinning that John did while he was living at home. He says that he wouldn't be surprised if John won at least 100

people to the Lord. He claims to have won 200,000 people to the Lord. He concludes his sermon with these words: 'I'm not claiming to have been perfect. I'm not claiming to have been sinless. ... **I have been a great husband, a great father, and a great pastor. ... If I stopped pastoring today, it was a h\*\*l of a run. ... I'm not stepping down. I'm not sorry. I'm not repentant, 'cause I'm not guilty.'**"

This is not going to end well. It has already brought great reproach to Christ. Even an atheist and a transsexual are reporting on it via YouTube. The older children are calling on Child Protective Services to intervene on behalf of the children still at home.

The only hope is that Steven and his wife obey the Bible and practice the Christianity they profess, beginning with humility, contrition, and repentance. Steven needs to step down from the ministry and focus on healing his home. It appears that this is unlikely. John said, "My dad is an extreme narcissist, has an extreme God complex; he never does anything wrong. My dad never apologized to one of his kids or to my mom. He did what he did and is not sorry, could never be wrong, nobody could question him."

That's exactly what came across in Steven's September 29 sermon.

It is very sad that Steven Anderson identifies as an independent fundamental Baptist. He has brought great reproach to that name, but he is not the first independent Baptist preacher to do this. His hero, Jack Hyles, brought reproach to the name independent Baptist that far exceeds that of Anderson. (See [The Hyles Effect](#), a free eBook available from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

"Independent fundamental Baptist" is not a denomination. It is simply a name for a certain kind of church, a church that is Baptist in polity, independent of denominational control, and fundamentalist in sense of a zealous stance for the truth of God's Word. Independent fundamental Baptists come in hundreds of varieties.

I have long warned about unscriptural independent Baptist churches, but I personally owe a lot to sound fundamental Baptist churches. When I was a newborn Christian wandering for awhile in the wilderness of "Christianity," God led me to a small fundamental Baptist church where I was loved with Christ-like love and found serious doctrinal and spiritual help. I am thankful to know many

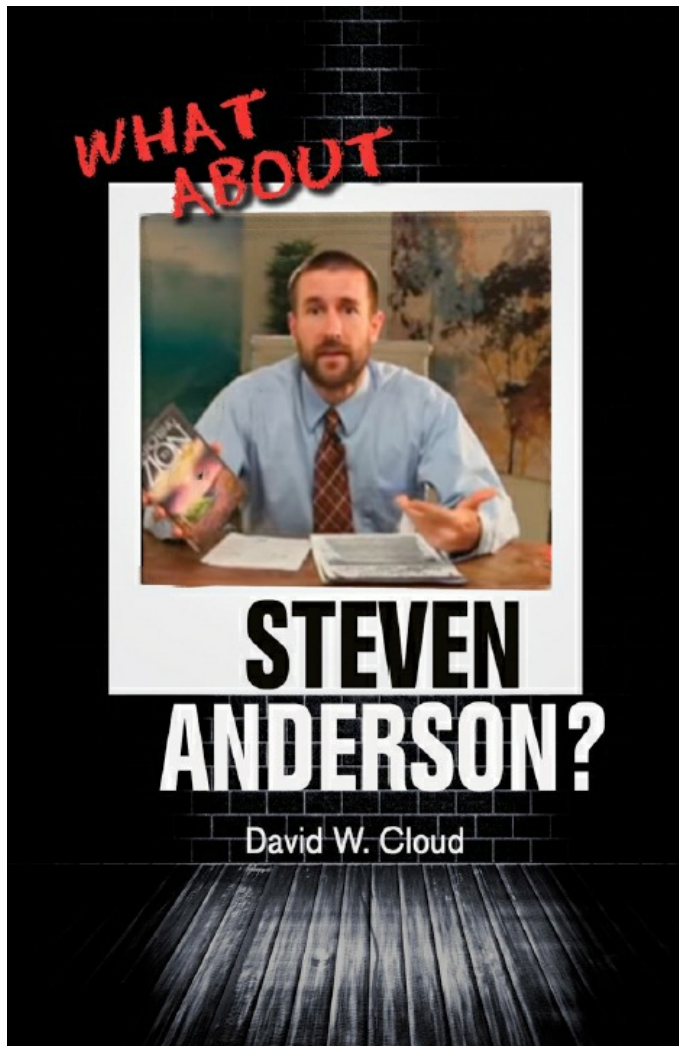


fundamental Baptist churches that are biblically sound and spiritually wholesome, where the pastors are biblically qualified, where the love of Christ reigns, where sinners can be dealt with wisely and patiently and come to understand the one true gospel of Jesus Christ and be born again (nothing in life is more important), where believers can be properly disciplined and educated in God's Word, where homes can be built by the biblical pattern in a truly godly fashion in the midst of an evil generation, where children can be educated and disciplined in a compassionate, godly way, where young people can learn how to make wise decisions in God's will and avoid the moral devastation of the pop culture, where God's people can be protected from the great spiritual and moral dangers of the last days, where the saints can come to understand Bible prophecy properly

and be taught to live expectantly of the imminent Rapture, which will be followed by the rise of the antichrist, the day of the Lord, the conversion of Israel, and Christ's second coming in glory and power.

Thankfully, we do not follow a man, only the Man Christ Jesus, whose name is Immanuel, God with us. He alone is the Saviour and the Lord. He alone will never disappoint those who trust Him.

We believe in pastoral authority as laid out in Scripture, but we do not believe in, nor will we countenance, pastoral abuse. Biblical pastoral authority is that of a shepherd, a father. It is kind, compassionate, longsuffering; it is strong, but the very opposite of abusive.

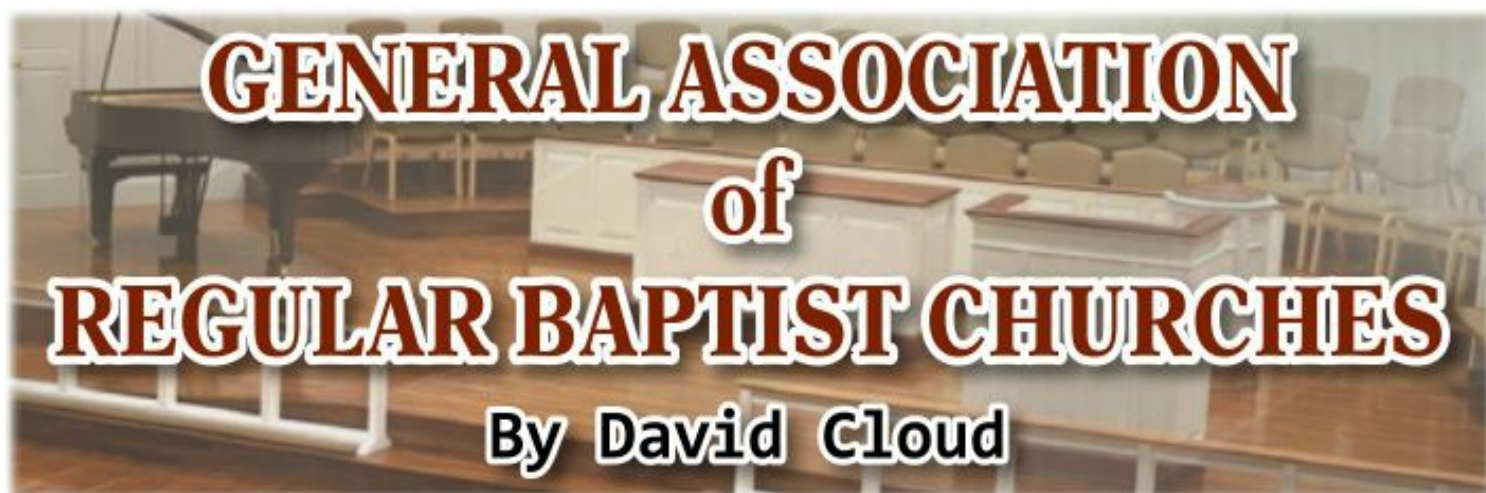


## What About Steven Anderson?

*By David Cloud*

Steven Anderson is an Independent Baptist preacher who has wide and growing influence through his YouTube videos and movies. This review of his teaching deals with the following errors: Holocaust denial, rejection of Biblical repentance, the teaching that salvation doesn't have evidence, Replacement Theology, cursing and imprecatory prayers against homosexuals, Christ suffering in hell as an atonement for sin, and the denial of the imminency of the Rapture. We give extensive proof that God is not finished with Israel and that the church is not Israel and defend the Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

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The following is a small excerpt from the study on the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the book [\*The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists\*](#), 600 pages, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC)** was founded in 1929 as a reorganization of the Baptist Bible Union. It was a separatist organization from its inception, unlike its predecessors.

It was founded under the direction of Oliver W. Van Osdel, pastor of Wealthy Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“The Baptist Bible Union came apart after the 1929 closing of its university in Des Moines. Under Van Osdel’s persuasion the Baptist Bible Union met for a final time in 1932 at Belden Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago. After formally dissolving the Union, the participants formed what became the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches” (Robert Delnay, “The Origins of the GARBC Articles of Faith,” [garbc.org](http://garbc.org)).

From the beginning, the GARBC had a pre-tribulational stance.

In 1975, the GARBC revised its Articles of Faith to add the six-day creation and a literal global flood. Member churches are required to agree with this. This was through the influence of the pioneering work *The Genesis Flood* (1961) by Henry Morris and John Whitcomb. In 1964, the *Baptist Bulletin* had endorsed the doctrine of six-day creation and global flood in an article by Arthur Williams entitled “The Genesis Account of Creation.”

GARBC congregations did not tend toward Quick Prayerism. There was more emphasis on repentance and evidentiary conversion. In church polity, the emphasis was on congregational rule. There was an emphasis on expository Bible preaching.

Originally, five mission boards were approved by the GARBC: Baptist Mid-Missions, The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, Hiawatha Independent Baptist Missions, and Evangelical Baptist Missions.

Approved colleges and seminaries were Western Baptist Bible College (Salem, Oregon), Faith Baptist Bible College (Ankeny, Iowa) (formerly Grace Baptist Bible College of Omaha), Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary (Grand Rapids, Michigan), Cedarville College (Cedarville, Ohio), Baptist Bible College (Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania), and Los Angeles Baptist College and Seminary (Newhall, California).

The GARBC reached a high of 1,603 fellowshipping churches in 1984.

### ***GARBC’s Slide into New Evangelicalism***

By the 1980s, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) was infiltrated with the contemporary evangelical philosophy. Its founding statements on separation no longer reflected the view of a growing number of its pastors.

Consider two voices from the “old GARBC” as expressed in the official literature of 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.”

By the 1980s, the association’s founding position was labeled “second-degree” or “secondary” separation” by a new generation and was rejected as unreasonable, impractical, and unloving.

In 1985, GARBC-approved Los Angeles Baptist College became The Masters College with John MacArthur as its president. It dropped the GARBC connection. MacArthur does not hold to the separation taught by the GARBC in its founding documents.

“There were significant rumblings by 1986 among GARBC pastors that the fellowship of churches, as well as its approved agencies, were tolerating things which were inconsistent with the GARBC’s earlier formal position. The vocal response of some leaders within the Association was to disclaim any drift and to accuse those so concerned of being divisive and adding petty issues to their fundamentalist position. This response resulted in the formation and rise of **Regular Baptists for Revival**. These people urged a revival of and a return to the GARBC’s former convictions. These convictions were, after all, the ‘glue’ which held the Regular Baptist movement together” (George Houghton, “The GARBC A Rich History and Heritage - Part 1” *Faith Pulpit*, March 2004).

In the late 1980s, Ralph Colas and Ernest Pickering resigned from the board of the GARBC-approved Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) because of its compromise. ABWE’s well-known work in Bangladesh, led by the medical doctor Viggo Olson (of *Daktar* fame), rejected biblical separatism for pragmatism and a larger tent of association and ministry. ABWE Bangladesh yoked together with organizations such as New Evangelical Wheaton College and the wretchedly apostate United Bible Societies. In 1988, William Commons, ABWE Director of Enlistment, praised *Choices for Tomorrow’s Mission: An Evangelical Perspective on Trends and Issues in Missions* by David Hesselgrave of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. This book endorsed Billy Graham-style ecumenical evangelism. In the 1990s, prominent ABWE board member Charles Ware, spoke at an ecumenical conference in Indianapolis with men representing Promise Keepers and Campus Crusade.

In 1987, Western Baptist College began allowing faculty and trustees to be members of Conservative Baptist churches in spite of the New Evangelical compromise that had permeated the Conservative Baptists by that time.

In the 1990s, many GARBC preachers, such as Bill Rudd and Eric Strattan of Calvary Baptist Church, Muskegon, Michigan, participated in the radically ecumenical Promise Keepers, which yoked together with Roman Catholic priests. Rudd was chairman of the GARBC’s Council of Eighteen leadership committee. Calvary Baptist of Muskegon is a rock & roll, loosey-goosey evangelical church today. In the biographical sketches of the “Ministry Team,” all of the “Things I Like” pertain to entertainment: coffee drinking, video games, camping, hiking, football, epic movies, downhill skiing, pizza, bonfires, “explaining Star Wars to my kids, and the greatest work of cinematic art ever created: Moana.” What’s wrong with this? For one thing, it is a window into worldly living. There is nothing godly or biblical about Star Wars and Moana. Second, it’s a window into living with a this-world focus. Imagine what Paul or Peter or John would have stated when asked “What do you like?” Calvary Baptist of Muskegon aims for “cultural renewal.” There is a major focus on social-justice work. There is nothing whatsoever at the web site about biblical separation.

In 1990, Tim Jordan, Chancellor of Calvary Baptist Seminary of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, spoke at the



GARBC national conference. He said, “If we produce ‘biblical’ reasons for cultural fundamentalism, they know you are lying. And why do they know you are lying? It’s because you are! ... They’re not going to do the ‘emperor’s clothes’ thing anymore” (“Fighting the Bantam Roosters,” *Sharper Iron*, June 30, 2010).

By “cultural fundamentalism,” he was talking about such things as dress standards, music standards, Bible translations, smoking, drinking, dancing, and mixed swimming. Tim was saying that there is no legitimate biblical support for these things, and those who preach such standards are liars. Dan Davey, pastor of Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and keynote speaker at the 2010 GARBC conference agreed with Jordan about the error of “cultural fundamentalism.” They do not want such things to get in the way of their push for Baptist-evangelical unity.

In the 1990s, the GARBC-approved Cornerstone College (which had begun as Grand Rapids School of the Bible, founded by David Otis Fuller) was partnering with New Evangelical and charismatic organizations through its *Mission Network News*. These organizations included Baptist World Alliance, Pat Robertson’s Christian Broadcasting Network, Evangelism Explosion, the *Jesus Film* Project, Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Youth for Christ International, which had long worked with Roman Catholics.

In June 1995, Richard Christen was elected the National Representative for the GARBC. 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.**”

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 DEMARCA-TION 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 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.**

If ever there were a time to separate plainly from the modern evangelical world it is today. Evangelicalism today is filled to the brim with heresies.

Many books have documented this sad state of affairs, such as *The Battle for the Bible* and *The Bible in Balance* by Harold Lindsell, *New Neutralism II* by John Ashbrook, *The Tragedy of Compromise* by Ernest Pickering, *Evangelicalism Divided* by Iain Murray, *The Great Evangelical Disaster* by Francis Schaeffer, *No Place for the Truth* by David Wells, and *The Coming Evangelical Crisis* edited by John Armstrong.

We have summarized this documentation in [New Evangelicalism: Its History, Characteristics, and Fruit](http://www.wayoflife.org), available as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org). It is designed to be used as a course for churches, homes, and schools and has extensive review questions.

We have also summarized the great dangers that exist in the broad world of evangelicalism in the video presentation “[Contemporary Music as a Bridge to Dangerous Waters](#),” which is part of the video series [The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music](#). In “Bridge to Dangerous Waters” we document the dangers of charismaticism, the one-world church, secular rock, homosexual Christianity, contemplative prayer, the modern Bible versions, cultural liberalism, the downgrade of Bible inspiration, process salvation, salvation apart from faith in Christ, theistic evolution, the downgrade of hell, and false gods and goddesses. The text of this series can also be found in [The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music - The Book](#). Both the [videos](#) and the [book](#) are available for free at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

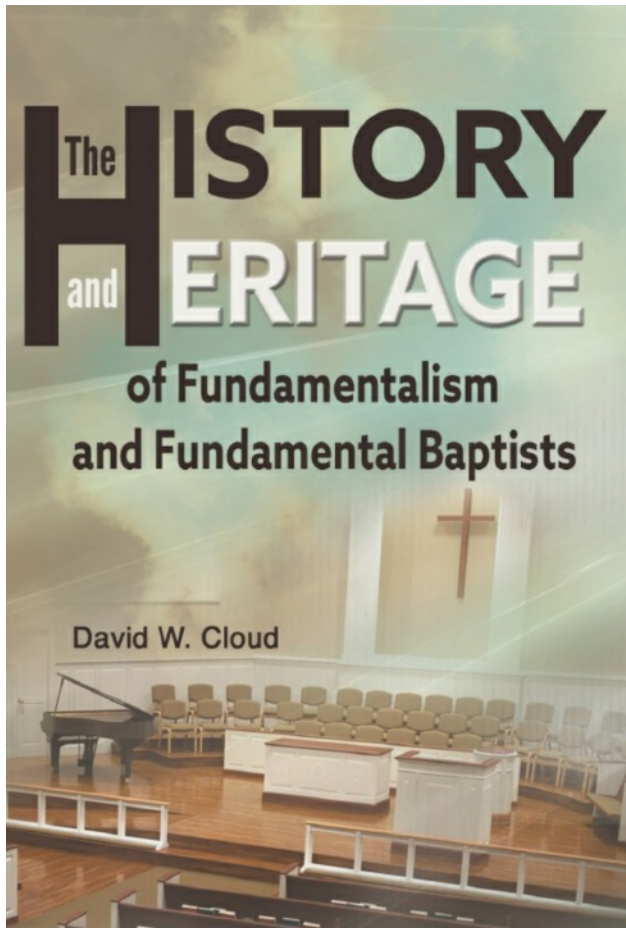
Christen’s picket fence separation was a clear rejection of the old GARBC (biblical) standard of separation. The spaces within the GARBC’s picket fence approach to separatism have grown wider with each passing decade and they will continue to do so.

In 2020, an older preacher, retired pastor, author, said, “The GARBC are on a fast track into the new evangelical mainstream.”

The study on the GARBC in [The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists](#) also includes the following sections:

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## **The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists** *by David W. Cloud*

The chief purpose of this book is to understand the past so that we can properly evaluate the present and be stronger for the future. It has been said that those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are destined to repeat them. God has given His people the right and responsibility to “prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Th. 5:21), and that is what we want to do. We aren’t critical-minded; we are biblical provers. Our chief goal is not to find things that are wrong, but to find things that are good to which we can hold fast for the glory of God.

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# Hymns - "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" - God Singing To Man

By David Cloud

"How Firm a Foundation" appeared in the first edition of John Rippon's *Selections* in 1787. The author is not certain, being attributed to K. A possible candidate is R. Keene, who was the precentor or song leader at Carter Lane Baptist Church which was pastored by Rippon.

The hymn is a glorious declaration of the believer's security in Christ and the confidence that is available in every trial: sickness, poverty, deep waters, deepest distress, fiery trials, foes, and rivers of sorrow.

The original title was "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises" with a reference to 2 Peter 1:4.

It begins with the proclamation of the sufficiency of God's Word and the necessity of faith. "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!" We are reminded that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Ro. 10:17).

The hymn is packed with references to Scripture, including Ex. 14:15-16; 2 Sa. 22:17; De. 31:6-8; 33:25; Ps. 16:10; 119:28; Isa. 1:25; 40:11; 43:2; 46:4; Zec. 13:9; Mt. 28:20; Ro. 8:25-29; 1 Co. 3:11; Eph. 2:19-22; Heb. 13:5; 1 Pe. 1:6-7; 4:12-13; 2 Pe. 1:4.

Four times, God says He will be with the child of God and will not forsake him. The hymn is unusual in that stanzas 2-7 are God the Father (or Jesus) singing to those "who unto the Savior for refuge have fled" and who "on Jesus hath leaned for repose."

The hymn has been sung to numerous tunes. Beginning with the 1793 edition of Rippon's *Selections*, two tunes were recommended: BROUGHTON and GEARD. In early American hymnals it was sung to ADESTE FIDELIS ("O Come, All Ye Faithful"). The tune FOUNDATION first appeared in an American hymnbook published by the Virginia Mennonite Joseph Fund in 1832 (*A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*). This is the tune that was used in *Sacred Harp* (1844) and *Southern Harmony* (1854) and most modern hymnals.

The hymn was sung at the funerals of Robert E. Lee, Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt and was sung at the deathbed of Andrew Jackson.

**"How Firm a Foundation," 1787**

**Author: R. Keen**

Tune: FOUNDATION

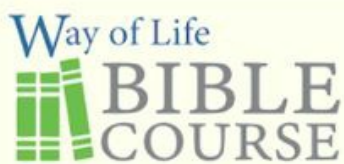
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- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
in poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,  
at home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
as days may demand, shall thy strength ever be."
- 3 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 4 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."
- 5 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."
- 6 "Even down to old age, all my people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."
- 7 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
*I will not, I will not* desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
*I'll never, no never, no never* forsake!"



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## Churches Using Way of Life BIBLE COLLEGE COURSES

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### **Simeon Western, Northside Baptist Church, Adelaide**

We are running your Mastering the English Bible Course (Old Testament) on Tuesday nights. We are doing this one over 2 semesters. Our full time students recently completed "Understanding the Bible for Yourself" This semester they are doing "Understanding Bible Prophecy." Though you taught portions of it during the conference in July, we want them to get the full benefit of going through this course in detail.

### **Steve Hensley, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Payette, Idaho**

We have gone through the One Year Discipleship course and Effectual Bible Student. I thank God for your work.

### **Tim Kelly, Lewiston Baptist Church, Lewiston, Maine**

We have gone through Understanding the Bible for Yourself. I am getting ready to order at least two of every course in your Bible course system. One for my library and one for the church folks to check out to do home study. So we will have one class going and then encourage everyone to have one course for personal study too. If it is here physically on our library shelves, it will be more of a motivation for them to get involved.

### **Steve Boots, Mt. Victory Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia**

I've expanded on the Unshakeable Faith throughout the course so I am still doing that with our teens. I am also planning, in September, to begin the One Year Discipleship course with the whole church in our institute. Planning to order all the copies for that soon.

### **Bill Hardecker, missionary to the Philippines**

As for the WOL courses, we aren't using them currently, but we will be using them for sure.

### **Wayne Boadway, Royal City Baptist Church, Guelph, Ontario**

We have used Way of Life materials for probably 20 years. We have also used your Sunday School material from years ago and parts of 'Keeping the Kids!' We are currently using the course on "Proverbs" as a help in the morning preaching time and we are using the 'Understanding The Bible Yourself' and 'The New Testament Church' in our Tuesday evening Institute. We have about 25 students each Tuesday evening (from September to May). Many of them have attended for several years and we have used your materials for each of those courses (Pastoral Epistles, The Four Gospels, A History of the Church, etc). I as well as our church family have been blessed greatly by the Way of Life ministry. Particularly the O Timothy and the Advanced Bible Studies Series. The materials that you have produced are invaluable to our church. We have used and continue to use the ABSS materials as well as other materials in our institute and Sunday School and Youth program and have seen some tremendous changes in the lives of those who participate in our Bible Institute. Thank you for your uncompromising stand especially in the area of contemporary music. It is greatly appreciated. It was my own pastor who introduced me to your materials back in 1995, particularly the O Timothy Magazine which has been a great blessing to me and many in our church over the years.

### **James McDonald, Bethel Baptist Church, London, Ontario**

I am using your Unshakable Faith for Bible class and also looking into using your material for training one of my young men for ministry.

### **Derek Seeley, Beaver Falls Baptist Church, Clatskanie, Oregon**

We are using the Bible College books. We have finished Birds Eye View, Effectual Bible Student, Repentance and Soul-winning, and are currently going through Job and Psalms in the Mastering the English Bible courses. We have an average of about 20 folks who stay after church and listen to the videos, and an average of 10 who take the entire class for a grade. Your books and sermons

are being used and are being a blessing to us for sure! Thank you so much for putting them together into a college format, I know several of our young people were torn between going to college but wanting to stay under their parents authority and also wanting to begin working and saving for their future; and you've made it possible for them to do all three! Thank you!

**Steve Houghton, Deaf Baptist Church, Pinellas Park, Florida**

I am using your two volumes of Baptist History. And your review questions are so helpful. I love it. I plan to use your books for my Deaf Bible Institute here in central Florida.

**Nathan Searle, Southern Cross Baptist Church, Engadine, NSW**

I taught the fourth lesson of An Unshakeable Faith to my high school students today. We have 23 students in our high school at present. We were working through a study on the life of Christ, but I was sensing some doubts among a few students about some key foundational issues of the Christian life, so I switched to this study a few weeks ago in order to sure up the foundations. I have also taught this course over a year in our Bible Institute and have found it to be excellent.

**Robert Hammond, Trumbull, Connecticut**

This fall, I'm using your Acts text (and Pictorial Bible) as part of a Bible college course. Last semester, I used your Gospels text. I appreciate that these materials are accessible, thorough, and doctrinally-sound. I heartily recommend your course materials for use in Bible colleges, institutes, and churches.

**Geraint Howells, U.K.**

I would like to let you know that I have recently purchased some of your Bible commentary series (Daniel, Romans, The Future According to the Bible and Corinthian Epistles). I live in the UK and have been preaching for 12 years. Despite (and I say this as graciously as possible) knowing a LOT more biblically than the average church-going Christian, I have recently been convicted of my serious lack of Biblical knowledge. There are only very few options in England for sound Bible College training. Having started your commentary on Daniel for example, I have been greatly blessed and helped in gaining and remembering the knowledge of the themes of the book- expressly, the glory of God and His almighty power over the affairs of

men. The review questions I have found to be particularly helpful. This is because it DISCIPLINES me in going over the passage and the material again and again until I can satisfactorily answer the questions and thereby retain the knowledge. Our tiny church here has already started to reap the benefits of my serious studying of your Bible college materials. Thank you and may the LORD greatly bless you in the ministry - for His name's sake.

**Courtney Lewis, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Chicago**

Currently, we are using the new series on Why We Hold to the King James Bible and Mastering the English Bible. Dr. 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.



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## DIGGING IN THE WALLS

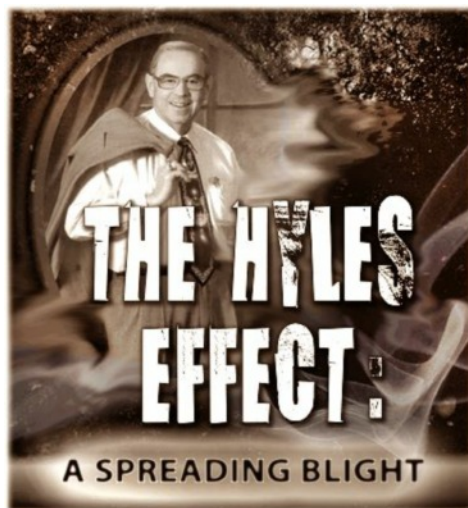
God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So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



**FIRST BAPTIST HAMMOND MISSIONARY WINS NEARLY 12,000 IN SUMMER EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN** (Friday Church News Notes, September 27, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

Recently a friend sent me the prayer letter of the Darrell Ratcliff Family serving in Mexico out of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana (of the late Jack Hyles fame). I don't know Darrell, but I would imagine he is a likable man with a nice Christian family. But his evangelism methodology is unscriptural, terrible, horrible, wretched, damaging to the cause of Christ, and harmful to the souls of men. The poor fellow has been brainwashed with a man-made Quick Prayerism program and he is using it on steroids, leaving a multitude of empty professions in his wake. Here is a quote from his recent prayer letter: "This summer, God gave me the privilege of taking 13 different people with me. Every few days, we were in a different church, so we were with 13 churches. Every day, we were doing something to reach others for Christ. God blessed; and, praise the Lord, we preached the Gospel to around **12,000 precious souls, with the majority of them trusting Christ as their Saviour!** To

God be all the glory! Let me share with you a personal soul-winning story. One Sunday, a church had an early evening service. With the extra time in the evening, my family and I went soul winning because they hadn't gotten to share Christ that day. God blessed in a powerful way. My wife got to win Enrique, Gabi, Jaci, and Abi to Christ. Later our son Michael won three kids—Rodrigo, Eleazer, and Mayra—to the Lord. Then Michael won an entire group of 7 more people. My wife then got to win Julissa, Edrick, and Mia. I wanted to enjoy the blessing as well, so I won 5 precious souls to the Lord. Then Michael won a family of 5 to the Lord. Then Buffy got to win 4 boys and another group of 8 people to the Lord. **So that night, God gave us a great blessing, with 39 precious people reached** through personal soul winning." **CONCLUSION:** The evangelistic zeal is commendable. The question we have is, Where are the 12,000? Where are the 39? It is a right, biblical question. We are to test everything by Scripture, and the 3,000 that were saved on Pentecost "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). *All* 3,000 gave clear evidence of supernatural conversion. That is biblical evangelism. To be baptized, to be growing in the Lord, and to be a faithful, participating member of a New Testament church is the "for sure" biblical evidence according to Acts 2:41-42; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, etc. Fifty years ago, as a young preacher and a student at Tennessee Temple, I was taught the same type of soul winning program that Darrell was taught. We used "Let's Go Soulwinning" in the evangelism class. I was at Temple to learn God's Word and serve Christ. I worked in the bus ministry and

pastored one of Highland Park's chapels. But I wasn't there to be brainwashed. By God's grace I obeyed His Word (Acts 17:21; 1 Thessalonians 5:21), proved this evangelism methodology with Scripture, *and rejected it*. I didn't reject evangelism; I rejected unbiblical evangelism. To all the Darrells out there, I would plead with you to listen to the King James Bible and compare it with what you have been taught. "Prove ALL things." Don't be a man follower, be a Christ follower; don't be tradition bound, be a Biblicist. Don't be a gullible fundamental Baptist mindlessly following some man-made program. I intend to prove all things *and* to hold fast that which is good. Note the "hold fast that which is good" part. I'm not joining the fundamentalist haters and mockers who only negate and tear down, who are bitter and offended and who see nothing but evil. I'm going to prove all things, but I'm also going to hold fast that which is good, and in a large number of fundamental Baptist churches there is a lot of good, a lot of very important truth. I've been in fundamental Baptist churches for more than 50 years, preached in hundreds of them, and not all fundamental Baptists are the same. While I consider First Baptist of Hammond a cult, not all fundamental Baptists are cultish, thank the Lord. Many are Christ-centered, lovers of God's Word more than lovers of tradition, careful, wise, and biblical in evangelism, sound in fundamental doctrines such as the infallible inspiration of Scripture and the vicarious atonement of Christ and the pre-Tribulational Rapture, all of which are under broad attack even within "evangelicalism," and many other good things. For more on the subject of evangelism, we recommend "Quick Prayerism Summarized," June 13, 2024, and for evidence that First

Baptist Hammond is a cult, see [The Hyles Effect](#), a free eBook available from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**HIP HOP KING UNDER INDICTMENT FOR HIS FILTHY LIFESTYLE** (Friday Church News Notes, September 27, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) Hip Hop is notoriously filthy, and it is no surprise that the filthy lyrics are not mere innocent entertainment. A window into that world has been opened by a federal jury indictment of Sean "Diddy" Combs (also known as Puff Daddy and P. Diddy) for sex trafficking and prostitution. "The indictment painted an unsavory picture of Mr. Combs, 54, as an all-powerful sex fiend presiding over 'Freak Offs'" ("Sean 'Diddy,'" *The Washington Times*, Sept. 17, 2024). The details are too wicked to be repeated. A year ago, the hip-hop mogul was flying high and seemingly the apex of success, with a fortune estimated at \$1 billion, multiple awards, executive power, mansions, super cars, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, everything a hip-hoper could dream of. Chicago Mayor Richard Daley named Oct. 13, 2006, "Diddy Day." Appearing in Times Square, Combs was given the key to New York City. One of his hits was "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," but it was a lie. Now his perverted lifestyle is on display



before the world. He is also being sued by multiple persons and is likely facing decades of imprisonment and the loss of his financial fortune. All men should take heed and learn a lesson from Sean Diddy. Nothing is hidden from God. "... be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Not only will sin be found out; it will be judged with the judgment of eternal death in the lake of fire. The only salvation is by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrificial atonement. "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). Last year, Combs said he believes that God is a woman.

**WHAT, OH WHAT, HAS HAPPENED TO AMERICA?!** (Friday Church News Notes, September 27, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) What, oh what, has happened to America? Let God's Word to ancient Israel answer: "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7). "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17). "They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel" (Psalm 106:13). "A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God" (Jeremiah 3:21). "This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood" (Jeremiah 13:25). "Because my people hath forgotten

me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up; To make their land desolate” (Jeremiah 18:15-16). “And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD” (Hosea 2:13).

**ISRAEL’S PAGER BOMBS AND THE FUTURE** (Friday Church News Notes, September 27, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) Israel rigged her enemies’ pagers with explosives and set them off in groups, killing many and wounding thousands. Israel is clever and has technological genius, and she has used this to beat her enemies since the War of Independence of 1948. For its size, Israel’s military is the best in the world. But Israel can’t obtain peace no matter what she does. It is illusive. Every time it seems like there will be a workable peace plan, peace flees away. Israel’s enemies are like the hydra of Greek mythology, with heads that multiply when cut off. When she destroys Hamas, another will take its place. This is because Israel is not right with God. Israel is still in apostasy. She is back in the land to prepare unwittingly for the completion of Bible prophecy and the fulfillment of God’s covenants. She



is helped by God, but only to a certain extent, only enough to do what she is there to do, which is to prepare for the rise of the Antichrist, the fulfillment of Daniel’s 70 Week prophecy (Daniel 9:27), and her own repentance and the New Covenant (Zechariah 12:10-13; 13:8-9; Jeremiah 31:27-34). The raging of the nations against God; the raging of the nations against Israel; Israel’s own present situation, all of this is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, all of this is irrefutable evidence of the Bible’s divine inspiration. God’s redeemed people must awake out of carnal, worldly slumber and stop playing and start meditating in God’s Word day and night (Ps. 1) in order to have spiritual wisdom and insight into the times. It is time to build godly homes and raise up a godly seed (Malachi 2:15) and preach the gospel and greatly strengthen the New Testament churches, rather than while away the time on politics and vanities. “Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire” (1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

**THE PASTOR AND HIS STUDY** (Friday Church News Notes, September 27, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) The following was stated by Frederick Trestrail, speaking at Bristol Baptist College, 1860: “They must feed the flock, and to this end they must be students of God’s word, which he insisted, required hard work, and this is the pastor’s duty. It

is your duty to study truth; to illustrate and enforce the doctrines and precepts of Christianity. This cannot be done without continued application and study. No man can preach well who does not prepare well, and this includes not leaving preparation to the last moment. And in all this, their aim is to preach Christ in His person, teachings, sufferings, and death, to preach Christ, in what He has done for man, in dying as a substitutionary sacrifice, and what He is doing now--interceding for all that come unto God by Him. And this is not just preaching the gospel to sinners, but to show all the doctrines relating to Christ’s person, work, and death, and declaring these as the great truths of the Bible” (*The Story of Bristol Baptist College Three Hundred Years of Ministerial Formation* by Ruth Gouldbourne and Anthony Cross).

**GETTYS LEAD WORSHIP AT LAUSANNE 4** (Friday Church News Notes, October 4, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Keith and Kristyn Getty led worship and conducted seminars at Lausanne IV, the ecumenical Congress on World Evangelization in Seoul, South Korea, Sept. 22-28. The Gettys are one of the most influential contemporary worship artists, and they are bridges to the one-world church because of their ecumenical philosophy and lack of true biblical boundaries. Together with Stuart Townend, who is charismatic in his doctrine and practice, they operate Getty Townend Music (GTM), which in the last several years has become increasingly popular with Bob Jones University, Majesty Music, the Wilds, and others. Over 5,000 people from 200 countries participated in Lausanne IV from a multiplicity of denominations. The 50 speakers





included Rick Warren of Purpose Driven fame and Billy Wilson, president of the Pentecostal Oral Roberts University. A major theme was ecumenism. Patrick Fung of OMF International said, "A divided church has no message for a divided world. God has called us to a unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is a great error. The statement in Ephesians 4:3 is written to a biblically sound New Testament church, not to professing Christians in general. Nowhere does Scripture call for unity between those who hold sound doctrine and those who hold heresy. To the contrary, Scripture warns of a great turning away from the faith (2 Timothy 3-4) and calls upon those who are sound in the faith to mark and avoid those who err (Romans 16:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:5). The first Congress for World Evangelization was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1974, led by Billy Graham. The Lausanne movement which is a product of that first congress has promoted ecumenical unity from its inception. In 1974, participants came from every sort of compromised and apostate denomination, such as the Church of England and the Church of South India, including many associated with the radically liberal World Council of Churches. Three Roman Catholic priests were invited to attend Lausanne I (*F.E.A. News & Views*, Jul.-Aug. 1974). One of the speakers at Lausanne I was Malcolm

Muggeridge, who, five years previously, in his book *Jesus Rediscovered* (1969), brazenly rejected Christ's virgin birth, deity, miracles, prophecies, and bodily resurrection. He wrote, "To imagine [God] having a son in any particular sense, and this son to have been born of a virgin, and to have lived on earth for thirty years or so as a man; then to have died and to have risen from the dead is, as far as I am concerned, beyond credibility" (*Jesus Rediscovered*, p. 95). He theorized that some "body-snatcher" stole Jesus' body. By 1974, when he spoke at Lausanne I, Muggeridge professed to be a Christian of sorts, but he was *never* sound in the faith. He still denied the divine inspiration of Scripture and Jesus' bodily resurrection. In his 1975 book *Jesus: The Man Who Lives*, which was supposed to be his Christian testimony, Muggeridge said it is likely that the events of the resurrection, such as the empty tomb and the stone rolled away, could not have been caught on camera, and he continued to propose the wicked body snatching theory. Muggeridge had no testimony of the new birth, stating that his "conversion" was a "lifelong journey." Yet he spoke at Lausanne and was acclaimed by prominent evangelicals as a true Christian. The ecumenical spirit of the Lausanne congress was expressed in the Lausanne Covenant, which stated that "a growing

partnership of churches will develop and the universal character of Christ's church will be more clearly exhibited." This is the false idea of a universal "church" composed of all professing Christians, which is actually the apostate "one-world church." The March 2010 edition of the *Lausanne World Pulse* (a joint venture between Billy Graham and the Lausanne Committee) featured an article by Chandler Im entitled "Interfaith Interface with Buddhists," calling for participating in Buddhism in order to understand it. Im said, "I strongly concur with [Lesslie] Newbigin's claim that until one has felt in one's soul the dynamic power and influence of a great religion, one has not heard or understood the message of it." This is a dangerous recommendation that is forbidden by God's Word. See 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Newbigin denied the verbal inspiration of Scripture, claiming that the Bible is "not a set of timeless truths," Evangelicals have a frightful habit of quoting rank heretics without any warning. The March 2010 issue of *Lausanne World Pulse* also had an article "Sharing Christ in Hindu Contexts" which stated that Hindus who "accept Christ" do not have to be baptized or identify with a church, because it "isolates them from their native community." In the September 2009 *Lausanne World Pulse*, Philip Noss of the American Bible Society stated that "God reveals himself through his word and through each culture." This is not what the apostles taught. "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. ... Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:19-21). Modern evangelicalism is shot through and through with heretical thinking, and even those who are

biblically sound to some degree are dangerous bridges to rank error. (For more about the Gettys, see the multi-media video presentation [Bob Jones, Majesty Music, New Reformed Calvinism, and the Gettys](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic_attack_on_sacred_music.php), [www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic\\_attack\\_on\\_sacred\\_music.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic_attack_on_sacred_music.php))

### SACRED MUSIC CHURCHES TARGETED WITH

“TRANSITION” SONGS (Friday Church News Notes, October 4, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Contemporary Christian Music people are proselytizers. There are even TRANSITION SONGS and BRIDGE SONGS specifically designed to move “traditional” churches along the contemporary path toward Christian rock. These include “How Deep the Father's Love for Us” by Stuart Townend and “In Christ Alone” by Townend and Keith Getty. One concerned pastor wrote: “Keith and Kristyn Getty advertise themselves as ‘Modern Hymn Writers’ and are deceiving many into the rock genre by this very innocent title and the more conservative soft rock praise music. But the fact is, that they are not modern hymn writers because they are putting out rock music which is not spiritual at all but carnal and thereby fulfilling the desires of the flesh and not the spirit (the spiritual part of us yielding to the Holy Spirit).” The frightful thing is that the average independent Baptist pastor and musicians don’t have the foggiest idea that they are being manipulated and that they are walking on a BRIDGE that leads to a place they say they are against, which is full blown CCM and its enticing philosophy of “don’t be so strict and uptight; relax; enjoy life; live the grace.” Two of the major characteristics of bridge music are

beat anticipation and unresolving chords. See the multi-media video presentation [The Language of Music Styles](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic_attack_on_sacred_music.php), [www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic\\_attack\\_on\\_sacred\\_music.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/satanic_attack_on_sacred_music.php)

### QUEERING NUCLEAR

WEAPONS (Friday Church News Notes, October 4, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

The ever-spreading Sodomite agenda is a major sign of the end times. The following is excerpted from “Queer Intel,” PowerLineBlog, Sept. 15, 2024: “Back in February, the Biden-Harris administration appointed Sneha Nair as a ‘Special Assistant’ at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Nair is co-author with Louis Reitmann of ‘Queering nuclear weapons: How LGBTQ+ inclusion strengthens security and reshapes disarmament,’ and as the authors contend: ‘Governments cannot afford to lose out on the human capital and innovation potential of queer people. Informed by their life experiences, queer people have specific skills to offer that are valuable in a policy and diplomacy context. ... queer people add value to nuclear weapons policy and discourse.’ ... But Bruce Bawer observes, ‘Homosexuality and



transgenderism are two utterly different phenomena’ and *queer* can mean anything, so there is no LGBTQ community. **The formulation is a construct that divides people into oppressed and oppressor classes**, as the left has always done. Being a component of the construct is not an accomplishment, confers no special skills, and adds no value to policy or practice.” Seven times, Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah are mentioned in connection with the end times and the coming of Christ (Luke 17:18-29, 32; 2 Peter 2:6-7). The prophet Jude tells us that the sin of Sodom was not lack of hospitality or even gang rape. “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, **giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh**, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 1:7).

### UNPRECEDENTED DEVASTATION COMING ON

THE EARTH (Friday Church News Notes, October 4, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org](http://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, and more. According to Bible prophecy, which has always been accurate, these things are but minor harbingers of greater devastation to come. The world’s population will be decimated, economies ruined, disaster management resources utterly overwhelmed. In comparison, the world wars of the 20th century were but a “walk in the park.” The 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).

**THE FRENZY TO SLOW AGING AND AVOID DEATH** (Friday Church News Notes, October 4, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Billions of dollars are being spent to slow aging and ultimately avoid death by cellular technology. "Mega money is being invested in startups researching how to regenerate and rejuvenate aging cells. Altos Labs, for example, emerged from stealth mode in 2022 with \$3 billion from investors



including Amazon's Jeff Bezos. OpenAI's Sam Altman recently invested \$180 million in Retro Biosciences. Alphabet subsidiary Calico Life Sciences has a reported \$1.5 billion budget" ("The Company Aiming to Slow Down Aging," Israel21c, Sept. 25, 2024). Some tech billionaires, including Google co-founder Larry Page and Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, are funding research to end death. Ellison says, "Death makes me very angry," so he created the Ellison Foundation to find a way to cheat death ("Larry Page Lists 5 Things That Google Will Conquer," *Business Insider*, May 15, 2014). Having achieved remarkable things through technology and having exalted the human intellect to the place of God, the captains of the tech industry are deluded into thinking that they can cure man's deepest moral and spiritual needs. I use and appreciate modern technology, but I don't trust it for salvation. These men are willfully ignorant of the fact that death is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). That awful wage includes physical death and the "second death," which is eternal punishment in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). For the aged in Christ, God has unspeakably wonderful promises, such as my godly grandmother's favorite: "I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPERATES ON OLD D.L. MOODY PROPERTY** (Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The vast majority of old fundamentalist churches and institutions have become evangelical over the past 50 years, and many of them **have morphed from fundamentalism to evangelicalism to liberalism and Catholicism**. This is the fruit of the new evangelicalism with its renunciation of separatism and its tendency to erase "boundaries." ***Consider Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield, Massachusetts***. It was made famous by the preaching of D.L. Moody and was pastored by C.I. Scofield from 1895 to 1902. In the first few decades of the 20th century, the church rejected fundamentalism for the new evangelicalism. By the mid-20th century it was completely modernistic. In 1961, it joined the ultra-liberal United Church of Christ (UCC), which is a member of the World Council of Churches. Lloyd Parrill, who pastored Trinitarian from 1977 to 2012, said the church's goal is "to seek justice and peace for all." But there is no justice or peace apart from salvation through saving faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. In 2018, Trinitarian voted unanimously to become an "Open and Affirming Church," which means homosexuals are accepted as members without repentance or conversion. (Contrast 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). ***Consider D.L. Moody's Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys***. The evangelist's goal was to educate young people in a gospel-saturated environment to produce Christian soldiers for God's work. In 1971, the schools merged as one





co-ed school, the Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH). The schools became wishy-washy evangelical and then entirely liberal. “Under subsequent administrations, the schools grew more theologically liberal and ultimately became non-denominational. Today, NMH offers diverse ways to pursue religious studies and personal spirituality” (“Northfield Mount Hermon School,” *Wikipedia*). “We’re a secular school that affirms religious diversity. After NHM, students move ... into the world with confidence. They are curious, inspired, motivated. They are ready” (nmhschool.org). They are ready for the world, but they are not ready to meet God. **In 2017, the Roman Catholic Thomas Aquinas College purchased 3/4th of the property formerly owned by the Moody’s Northfield School for Girls.** In 2018, the Catholic school began operation on the property. On March 6, 2022, the old Sage Chapel of Moody’s era was renamed Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel. To consecrate the building as a Catholic chapel, Bishop William Byrne conducted a 2.5 hour mass. He sprinkled the building’s walls with holy water, anointed the chapel’s 17 crucifixes with oil, incensed the altar, lit candles, and set up an image of Mary. The ceremony featured a procession in which the bishop and priests carried the relics

of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Henry Newman for installation in the altars (“Chapel rededicated,” *Greenfield Recorder*, Mar. 7, 2022). Changes to the building include two mass altars, confessional booths, and Stations of the Cross

### SWISS GOVERNMENT FORCEFULLY REMOVES AND TRANSITIONS CHILD

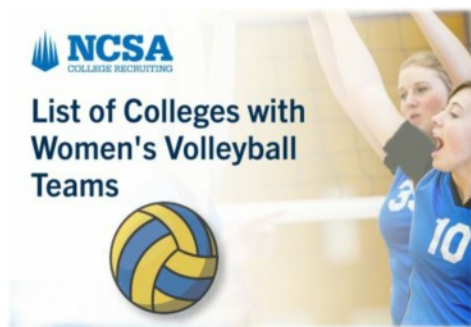
(Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Swiss Parents,” *Standing for Freedom*, Oct. 1, 2024: “Parents across the West must recognize that the left has declared cultural and spiritual war on the family and that they no longer have a choice but to engage in the battle--for what’s at stake is nothing short of the physical well-being of their children and the sanctity of the parent-child bond. Switzerland’s Federal Supreme Court has temporarily suspended criminal charges against a couple who refused to turn over their daughter’s identity documents after she was removed from their home for refusing to transition her. The girl’s father has called it a ‘nightmare’ as he and his wife have had their daughter ‘taken’ away from them by the state. According to the parents, who for the safety of their family remain anonymous, the issue began during the COVID lockdowns when their daughter was 13 years old and spending much of her time alone in her room and on the Internet. Coming out of the pandemic, she informed her parents that she was a boy. ... In a meeting government officials told the parents that they had committed child abuse by seeking alternative treatment and to ‘just accept that you have a son.’ The transgender activist organization



told the girl that the psychiatrist her parents had chosen was a ‘transphobe,’ and she immediately stopped treatment. In April 2023, a court order removed the girl from the parents’ home and placed her in government custody. The girl is now in a government home and the state regulates contact between her and her parents. ... Sadly, this story is playing out in countries around the West, including in the United States. In a case that is hauntingly similar to that of the Swiss parents, a Maryland couple, military veterans no less, have filed suit against a Washington, D.C., hospital after the hospital effectively kidnapped their autistic son when they refused to allow him to be transitioned by hospital staff. They have since lost custody of their son.”

### COLLEGES REFUSE TO ALLOW WOMEN’S TEAMS TO PLAY AGAINST “TRANSGENDER”

(Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Unscientific American,” *PowerLineBlog*, Oct. 6, 2024: “[I]t has cheered me in recent days to note that three colleges [Boise State, Southern Utah, and the University of Wyoming] have now refused to allow their women’s volleyball teams to play against San Jose State



(choosing to forfeit instead), which has a transgender male playing for the team. Some background: Blaire Fleming is an outside and right-side hitter for San Jose State University who's made headlines in recent days after another San Jose player, Brooke Slusser, joined a lawsuit to sue the NCAA over Fleming's inclusion on the Division I team. Slusser alleges in the lawsuit that Fleming is a male, and that Fleming's inclusion on the women's volleyball team poses an unfair advantage and safety hazards. 'Brooke estimates that Fleming's spikes were traveling upward of 80 mph, which was faster than she had ever seen a woman hit a volleyball,' says Slusser's addition to the lawsuit complaint, proposed this week in the U.S. District Court for Northern Georgia. 'The girls were doing everything they could to dodge Fleming's spikes but still could not fully protect themselves.'"

**TEACHER WINS LAWSUIT AGAINST SCHOOL THAT FIRED HIM OVER REFUSAL TO USE TRANSSEXUAL "PRONOUNS"** (Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "VA school district settles lawsuit with teacher over pronouns," *American Family News*, Oct. 7, 2024: "A public school district has been ordered to pay more than a

half-million dollars to a terminated high school teacher to settle his 2019 lawsuit over transgender pronouns and compelled speech. West Point Public Schools, located in East Virginia, agreed to pay fired teacher Peter Vlaming \$575,000 in damages and attorneys' fees. Vlaming, who taught French, was terminated in a 5-0 school board vote ... The student, a female who said she was male, was accommodated by the school but not by Vlaming, who cited his conscience and his Christian faith, and refused. Vlaming agreed to call the student by his new male name, but he refused to use 'he' to refer to what he knew is a biological female. ... The settlement was announced by Alliance Defending Freedom, the religious liberty law firm that has represented Vlaming since he filed a federal lawsuit. After the teacher sued, the school district appeared to win its case after a circuit court judge dismissed the lawsuit. ADF appealed the case to the Supreme Court of Virginia, which overruled the lower court and ordered the lawsuit to proceed. In the state high court's ruling, it agreed Vlaming had been terminated because the school district compelled him to do



something that violated his religious beliefs. Caleb Dalton, senior counsel at ADF, says the case is not only about free speech but also about being compelled to knowingly lie."

**COAL-FIRED POWER GROWING** (Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "The Future of Energy Is ... Coal," PowerLineBlog, Oct. 7, 2024: "In the midst of all the ongoing cheerleading for 'net-zero' and the fabulous 'energy transition,' a reality check is in order. Coal-fired power is still growing very fast. And guess where? China and India are behind almost all new coal plant proposals. China consumed 56% of the world's coal in 2023. For 2024, China proposed 38.13 GigaWatt of new coal-fired plant, while India proposed 23.48 new plants (Global Energy Monitor)..

**JONATHAN EDWARDS' CHURCH THEN AND NOW** (Friday Church News Notes, October 18, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) was a key figure in the First Great Awakening in America. The revival in the northeastern part of the United States started in his church in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1734. He preached the new birth and held to the infallible inspiration of Scripture. He believed in a God who is both holy and compassionate, a Judge and a Saviour. He preached salvation through faith in the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ. Edwards' famous sermon *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* warned people to flee God's wrath. Following is an excerpt: "The wrath



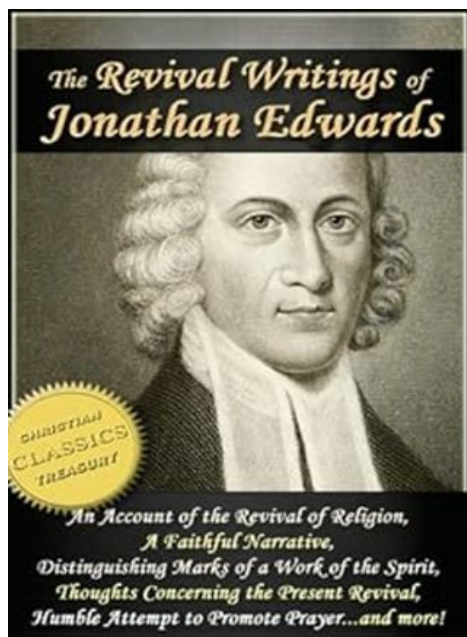
## BUTTERFLY PHYSICS AND STEALTH

(Friday Church News Notes, October 11, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 28, 2024: “One would not think that a brightly colored, relatively slow butterfly has much of a chance against a bird moving in for lunch. But you would be surprised. Scientists were. Some butterflies are protected by distinctive, bright markings that indicate they are poisonous. But what about those butterflies that are bright and tasty? Tropical birds that eat butterflies are usually fast and very agile fliers. They often have long, pointed beaks well designed to catch butterflies. It would seem that butterflies wouldn’t have a chance against faster-flying birds. In truth, it’s the bird that has the greatest disadvantage. The muscles that control the tasty butterfly’s wing are relatively stronger in terms of lifting power than a bird’s muscle. In addition, tasty butterflies have about 50 percent more flight muscle than the poisonous butterflies that birds avoid. Since butterflies weigh so much less than birds, they can change direction more rapidly. So even though a bird can fly much faster than a butterfly, by flying in a



tight, darting, erratic pattern, a skillful butterfly can easily escape. Not only is the butterfly wonderfully designed, it’s designed in view of the birds that might eat it. Notice how God carefully countered the bird’s advantage of speed by giving the butterfly stronger muscles and a more maneuverable body. Darwinism can only pretend to explain that! Notes: James H. Marden, ‘Newton’s Second Law of Butterflies,’ *Natural History*, 1/92, pp. 54-60.”

of God is like great waters that are dammed for the present; they increase more and more, and rise higher and higher, till an outlet is given; and the longer the stream is stopped, the more rapid and mighty is its course, when once it is let loose. It is true, that judgment against your evil works has not been executed hitherto; the floods of God’s vengeance have been withheld; but your guilt in the mean time is constantly increasing, and you are every day treasuring up more wrath; the waters are constantly rising, and waxing more and more mighty; and there is nothing but the mere pleasure of God, that holds the waters back, that are unwilling to be stopped, and press hard to go forward. If God should only withdraw his hand from



the flood-gate, it would immediately fly open, and the fiery floods of the fierceness and wrath of God, would rush forth with inconceivable fury,

and would come upon you with omnipotent power; and if your strength were ten thousand times greater than it is, yea, ten thousand times greater than the strength of the stoutest, sturdiest devil in hell, it would be nothing to withstand or endure it.” **Edwards’ church, First Church of Northampton, was founded by English Puritans in 1654.** Its third meetinghouse was built in 1737 during Edwards ministry and the Great Awakening. The current building was constructed in 1878 after the previous one was destroyed by fire. It is considered “one of the finest examples of High Victorian Neo-Gothic architecture in America.” It features stained glass windows, an organ built by Ernest Skinner, and a clock weighing 1,600 pounds. In 1988, First Church of



Christ of Northampton and First Baptist Church of Northampton combined to form one church known as “The First Churches.” It is a member of World Council of Churches. Though the building is beautiful and historic, the church itself is apostate. It has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof, with no supernatural new birth gospel and no belief in the divinely inspired, inerrant Scripture. First Church “has been a forerunner in welcoming LGBTQ+ people into the life of the church.” In 1996, the church officially became an “Open and Affirming congregation,” meaning it “invites all to worship with us, without regard to differences such as race, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation ... or any other difference that may be misunderstood as a barrier to Christian fellowship.” A rainbow homosexual rights flag is featured on the church sign and the church’s web site, with photos of same-sex couples. The church’s pastor, Sarah Buteux, is shown holding a sign that has God proclaiming, “Be You!” The church promotes contemplative mysticism, including centering prayer, which is a mindless practice that attempts to obtain revelation directly from God.

**HAMAS ADMITS 80% OF CASUALTIES ARE TERRORISTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS** (Friday Church News Notes, October 18, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Hamas Admits,” Israel365News, Oct. 13, 2024: “Recent reports from Israel’s Channel 12 indicate that Hamas privately acknowledged that approximately 80% of the casualties from the war against Israel were

affiliated with the organization or are their family members. This revelation casts doubt on claims made by the Biden administration and the United Nations concerning civilian deaths.”

**CBS NEWS TELLS REPORTERS NOT TO REFER TO JERUSALEM AS BEING IN ISRAEL** (Friday Church News Notes, October 18, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “CBS News Tells Reporters,” Israel365News, Oct. 11, 2024: “According to a recent report, Mark Emmott, CBS News’s senior director of standards and practices, emailed all of its employees in August, instructing them to ‘be careful with some terms when we talk or write about the news’ from Israel and Gaza. According to the report in *The Free Press*, the employees were instructed that when referring to Jerusalem, ‘Do not refer to it as being in Israel.’ It should be emphasized that this instruction was issued to thousands of journalists and reporters. ‘Yes, the U.S. embassy is there and the Trump administration recognized it as being Israel’s capital. But its status is disputed. The status of Jerusalem goes to the heart of the Israeli-



Palestinian conflict. Israel regards Jerusalem as its *eternal and undivided* capital, while the Palestinians claim East Jerusalem—occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war—as the capital of a future state.’ ... Jerusalem was unified in the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed in its entirety by the Israeli government under the Basic Law: Jerusalem, Capital of Israel passed by the Knesset on 30 July 1980. The US government has recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital under the Jerusalem Embassy Act passed by Congress in 1995.” [CONCLUSION: Jerusalem has been Israel’s capital since David conquered it 3,000 years ago. Two Jewish temples have stood there. This is where Jesus Christ was crucified and rose from the dead. The Bible says a glorified Jerusalem will be the capital of the Messianic kingdom.]

**FIRST EUTHANASIA BY SUICIDE POD** (Friday Church News Notes, October 18, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - An American woman became the first person to die in the Sarco pod in Switzerland. “The Sarco pod is a recently developed mobile assisted suicide machine. Once a person gets in and closes the lid, a computerized screen asks several questions, the last being, ‘Do you want to die?’ If the person presses a button indicating ‘yes,’ the machine starts filling with nitrogen, which then kills him or her via hypoxia” (“Sarco suicide pod,” *Standing for Freedom*, Sept. 25, 2024). The Sarco pod was developed in 2017 by Philip Nitschke, who has participated in hundreds of assisted suicides. The Sarco’s resemblance to a spaceship is “intended to convince its user that

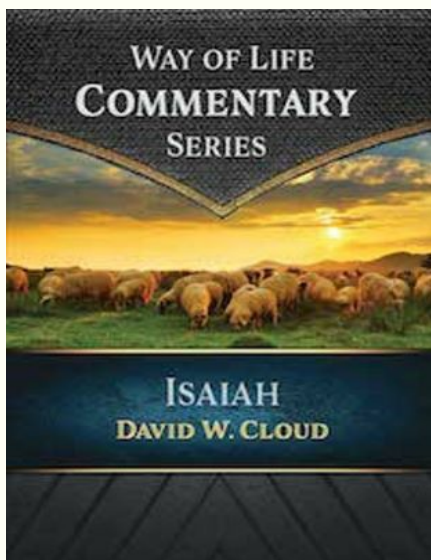


he or she is journeying to the great beyond,” Nitschke said (“Meet the Elon Musk of Assisted Suicide,” *Newsweek*, Dec. 1, 2017). Nitschke says it is the “right of a rational adult to have a peaceful death.” If man were merely an evolved animal, there would be no moral problem with this, because there would be no absolute morality, but that’s not the case. Man is not his own. He has a Creator to whom he is accountable. God’s law says, “Thou shalt not kill.” Death is not a spaceship ride to “the great unknown.” According to the Bible, there are but two destinations, heaven or hell, depending on whether the individual dies with or without the Saviour Jesus Christ. “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this

the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Hebrews 9:27-28). (For more on this subject see “[Do We Have the Right to Die?](http://www.wayoflife.org)” at [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

**THE OBITUARY OF MRS. PRAYER MEETING** (Friday Church News Notes, October 25, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following anonymous piece has appeared in various publications and frightfully describes the prayer ministry of too many supposedly Bible-believing churches: “Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected Church on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and Bible study, soon grew into worldwide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family. For the past several years, Mrs. Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until

rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the markets of trade and places of worldly amusements. Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness. They had administered large doses of organizations, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with a lack of faith, heartfelt religion, and general support, were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, except the third Wednesday night of each month when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the Men’s Handball Team.” It has rightly been said that “a prayerful life is always a powerful life; and a prayerless life is always a powerless life.”



**TESTIMONY ABOUT THE WAY OF LIFE COMMENTARY SERIES** (Friday Church News Notes, October 25, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - “I’m in chapter 29 of Isaiah in my course through it. I have to tell you how useful your commentary on Isaiah is. Over the course of the first 29 chapters I’ve used probably 70% of your notes and cross references. It’s such a wealth of material already done and prepared and makes my work so much easier. The other 30% are my own cross references and comments. But without all of that

carefully prepared material this would be so much more work. So thank you. It’s an excellent study, as I always expect from you based on my decades, now, experience of using your materials. I sometimes recommend commentators to the church. When I do I always recommend you. And I do it without reservation. I also recommend McGee, Ironside, Pentecost, Lehman Strauss and others at times. But with all of them I point out the issues with their theological positions. I never have to do that with your work and that’s a huge benefit.” <https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/all.php>

**GROCERIES, ANT STYLE** (Friday Church News Notes, October 18, 2024, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) fbn@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) The following is from CreationMoments.com, September 26, 2024: “Even a small household must have some organization to keep enough food and supplies on hand for the family. Yet, the thousands of members in an ant colony never run short of supplies even though there is no central organization and not one shopping list. Modern science is discovering how the ant’s astonishing system works. An ant colony depends on worker ants to bring in water and supplies. In the morning, workers search mainly for drops of dew that can be carried into the nest. Some of the water is shared with nest mates. Some of the water is delivered to the brood chambers where immature ants are still developing. This water is used to soak the ground to keep the humidity inside the chamber high. Food is likewise collected by the workers and returned to the colony to be shared with every member of the colony. Food is most often shared by regurgitation. To learn how widespread this sharing in the colony is, researchers gave one worker ant sugar water that was radioactively tagged. Within a day, some of the tagged material had been shared with every



member of the colony. Within a week, every member of the colony had an equal amount of the tag. This means that through continuous food sharing every member of the colony always has an equal amount of food. When one worker is hungry, she knows that the entire colony is hungry. This simple, yet ingenious grocery system designed by the Creator keeps ant colonies supplied through the sparsest of times. Notes: E. O. Wilson, Professor of Entomology, Harvard University.”

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