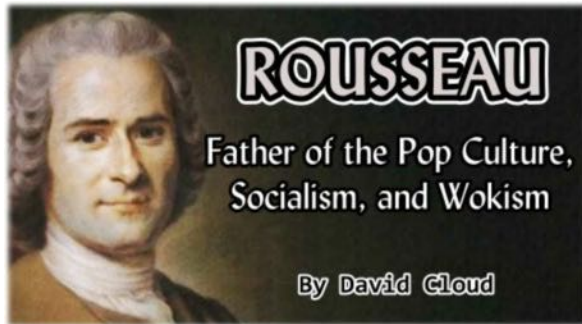


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*"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."*

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## JOHN DEWEY: FOUNDER OF AMERICA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM ~ By David Cloud

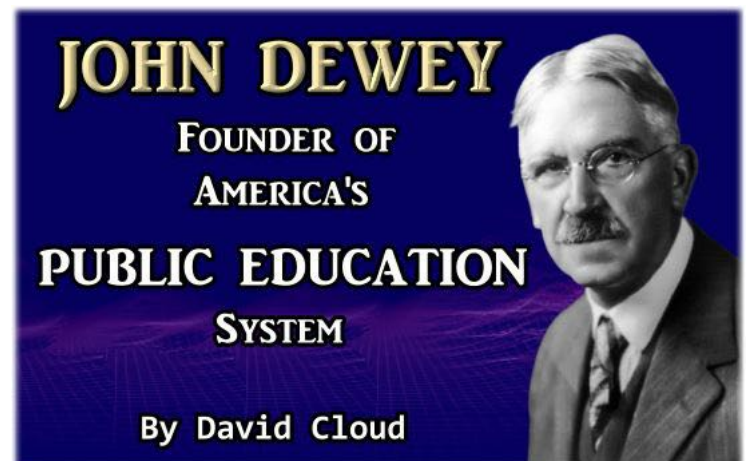
John Dewey (1859-1952), one of America's most influential humanist philosophers, had an incalculable influence on modern education.

The man is loud warning of the danger of Christians sitting at the feet of unbelieving educators.

He is the father of what is called "progressive education." "His educational theories broke new ground and continue to wield influence at the dawn of the twenty-first century" ("Public School Innovators," PBS.org).

John and his brother Davis were raised by Christian parents, and his mother would often question her sons, "Are you right with Jesus?" John professed faith in Christ at age 11 and took the Lord's Supper at First Congregational Church in Burlington, Vermont.

After obtaining his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University, he took a teaching position at the University of Michigan



in 1894 and joined the Student Christian Association. His first sermon was on "The Obligation to Knowledge of God," and he conducted a Bible class on "The Life of Christ" (Kevin Swanson, *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*). Dewey's first book (*Psychology*, 1887) argued for belief in God through logic.

Strong criticism from his former teachers at Johns Hopkins--G. Stanley Hal and William James--started him on the path of rejecting God. He should have tested their criticism by the Bible and cast down every false thing by faith in God (2 Co. 10:5). Instead, like Eve, young Dewey foolishly entertained the devil's lies and was devoured.

Dewey had already been weakened by sitting at the feet of unbelievers through his university training, particularly the damnable influence of Jean Rousseau, Immanuel Kant, Rene Descartes, and Charles Darwin.

By 1900, Dewey had "abandoned the Christian faith."

In 1916, Dewey wrote an article in which he said that Darwin had removed the Western culture's need for God. He concluded with these words: "God is a faded piece of metaphysical goods" ("The Influence of Darwin on Philosophy," 1916).

In 1933, Dewey co-authored and signed the *Humanist Manifesto*, which promoted atheism, evolution, self-determination, and socialism.

"The universe is self-existing and not created. ... Man is a part of nature and has emerged as a result of a continuous process. ... The nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values. ... A socialized and

cooperative economic order must be established to the end that the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible. ... Man is at last becoming aware that he alone is responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement" (*Humanist Manifesto*).

Kevin Swanson summarizes Dewey's educational theory:

"Dewey's theory is really quite simple: education is all about training the individual to fit into the social entity of the state. Sixty years earlier, Karl Marx set out to 'replace home education with social,' in the *Communist Manifesto*. Effectively, Dewey stands in agreement with Marx as he writes in his own *Pedagogic Creed*, 'The school is primarily a social institution.' All educational content is subservient to the social element--training the young person to belong to the social unit and pursue the objectives of the social unit (however unwise, ungodly, and unintelligent they may be). Dewey goes on in the *Creed*: '[Education] is the regulation of the process of coming to share in the social consciousness.' ... Parents should know that the schools are not ultimately committed to academic excellence. Their chief purpose is to plug the children into the 'social consciousness'" (Swanson, *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*).

Dewey wanted to replace Christianity with a new God (man), a new kingdom (a New Age created by man), and a new prophet (the public school teacher).

He wrote, "I believe that in this way the teacher is the prophet of the true god and the usherer in of the true kingdom of God" (*Pedagogic Creed*).

Dewey's kingdom of God has turned out to be the kingdom of godlessness.

It has produced moral relativism, narcissism, rampant adultery, no fault divorce, the destruction of the "nuclear family," feminism, homosexual rights, transsexual vengeance, abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, mayhem in the cities, gang violence, Antifa, Black Lives Matters, theft on a scale to bankrupt large corporations, national insolvency, pervasive homelessness, unsafe streets, an epidemic of drug and alcohol abuse, a massive, overburdened prison system, the loss of personal liberty, the destruction of free speech, religious persecution, and much more.

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# ROUSSEAU

## Father of the Pop Culture, Socialism, and Wokism

By David Cloud

The French philosopher **Jean-Jacques Rousseau** (pronounced *zhon-zak Rúso*) (1712-1778) is one of the most influential of the modern humanistic philosophers. At a young age, he rejected the Reformed Christian faith of his grandfather, who was a Calvinist preacher (Kevin Swanson, *Apostate: The Men Who Destroyed the Christian West*). He rejected the authority of the Bible as God's Word and exalted human reason in its place, which is the fundamental error of all humanistic philosophy. He believed that man is basically good and nature is innocent. He exclaimed, "Man is born free" and "Let us return to nature!" Intending to be his own god, he called for complete freedom from restraint. He rejected commitment and responsibility. Renouncing marriage, he had five children with a mistress and gave all of them up to orphanages. "Rousseau and his followers ... saw the restraints of civilization as evils: 'Man was born free, but everywhere he is in chains!' Rousseau saw the primitive as innocent and autonomous freedom as the final good. We must understand that the freedom he advocated was not just freedom from God or the Bible but freedom from any kind of restraint--freedom from culture, freedom from any authority, an absolute freedom of the individual--a freedom in which the individual is the center of the universe" (Francis Schaeffer, *How Should Be Then Live?*). Rousseau exalted experience and feeling above reason. "Reason was the hero of the Enlightenment; emotion became the hero of romanticism" (Schaeffer). In these things, Rousseau had a major influence on Bohemianism, the jazz era, and the hippy movement. Rousseau's philosophy is a major element of the global pop culture with its themes renunciation of authority love of licentiousness.

"I'm free to do what I want any old time" (Rolling Stones, 1965).

"Nothing's forbidden and nothing's taboo when two are in love" (Prince, "When Two Are in Love," 1988). [This refers to *eros* love, which is self-centered, romantic, sexual love, not *agape* love, which is a self-sacrificing, committed, giving love.]

"... the only rules you should live by [are] rules made up by you" (Pennywise, "Rules," 1991).

"And ain't nobody, and ain't nobody, Ain't nobody gonna tell me how to live" (Kid Rock, "Don't Tell Me How to Live," 2021).

Rousseau is one of the fathers of modern totalitarian government, beginning with the French Revolution's Reign of Terror that destroyed individual liberty and produced tens of thousands of deaths in pursuit of destroying the old society, most of them ordinary citizens (by guillotine, shooting, stabbing, drowning, and severe imprisonment). Otto Scott wrote that Rousseau "inspired more ... Lenins and Castros and Maos, more murder and hatred, more death and misery, than any other of the Sacred Fools that have emerged to plague honest men" (Scott, *Robespierre*, p. 18). Rousseau promised redemption by the creation of a powerful state that will educate and care for mankind and lift him out of his chains so that he can reach the perfection of which he is capable, which Rousseau called "perfect in potentio" (potential) (*Discourse on the Origin of Equality*). Rousseau advocated the overthrow of the "old order" by revolution. He proposed the creation of a "citizen" whose "value depends upon the whole, that is, on the community" (*Emile*).

According to Rousseau, a good social institution is one that causes the individual to "exchange his natural independence for dependence: to merge the unit in the group, so he no longer regards himself as one, but as a part of the whole, and is only conscious of the common life." This is a plan for the big statism that is increasing dramatically throughout the world. The individual must not think or speak or act contrary to the "politically correct" position. He must be "woke" to the new thinking. Any opposing voice must be "cancelled."

Rousseau is one of the fathers of the humanistic, government-controlled educational system. In his book *Emile*, he advocated withdrawing children as much as possible from their parents to be educated and influenced by tutors in the pay of the government. The father's role is to provide "citizens to the state." Rousseau praised Plato's *Republic* as "the finest book ever written on education," though Plato advocated the following: "The wives of our guardians are to be common, and their children are to be common, and no parent is to know his own child, nor any child his parent" (*Republic*, book 5).

Modern statist education is molding exactly the type of individuals envisioned by Rousseau, and Rousseau's father, the devil, and is preparing the way for the Antichrist and his world government.





We are pleased to announce the  
**Way of Life Bible College**  
<https://www.wayoflife.org/bible-college/>

**Courses**  
<https://www.wayoflife.org/courses/>

### **Course materials**

Course materials (Syllabus, Review Questions, Tests, Score Sheet) may be downloaded for free. Look for the green "Download Course" button on each course/book description/purchase page. You will find these pages on our website by navigating from "Courses" to the individual course links.



We have been working on this project for 50 years. I printed my first book in 1974, the first year I was saved. I published my first Bible course in about 1980. It was on Bible prophecy. Beginning in 2002, we published the *Advanced Bible Studies Series*, consisting of 21 courses. The Way of Life Bible College replaces that series. All of the courses are either brand new or highly revised.

### **The Way of Life Bible College is both a concept and a curricula.**

***First, the Way of Life Bible College is a concept that a sound New Testament church is a serious training institution.***

Our passion is for sound New Testament churches. The church we see in Scripture doesn't merely *have* a Bible college, it *is* a Bible college. It is not merely a college in knowledge, it is a college in living. The New Testament church is God's premier institution for the teaching and practice of truth in this dark world. It is *the pillar and*

*ground of the truth* (1 Ti. 3:15). Christ is truth, and the Bible is truth, and the church is the pillar and ground for the preservation and proclamation of truth. It is the headquarters for evangelism and world missions. The New Testament church should be a college of the gospel, theology, hermeneutics, philosophy, origins, history, prophecy, preaching, teaching, sacred music, prayer, spiritual warfare, marriage, child discipline, archaeology, apologetics, and everything else pertaining to the truth of God's Word.

That the church is to be a Bible training, discipling institution for every member, from the youngest to the oldest, is clearly taught in Scripture. There we see that *every* member of a Bible-believing church is a born again disciple of Jesus Christ, and *every* member is aiming to be a skillful, obedient Bible student, and the church is geared to educating each member toward this end. That is the teaching of Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; and Hebrews 5:12-14, for example. This should start with the training of children in the homes, which requires that the fathers and mothers be skillful Bible students and true disciples of Christ. It is the church's job to build up the homes in God's Word so they can raise a godly seed for the glory of Jesus Christ. This is obvious from the fact that the instructions about the Christian home are given to churches or to church planters (e.g., Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Ti. 5:4-16; Tit. 2:3-5). Every youth in a Bible-believing church should be on the way to becoming a skillful Bible student and fruitful disciple of Christ.

Every church should be raising up and training pastors, evangelists, preachers, and teachers. This was a major objective in Paul's ministry (2 Ti. 2:2), and he is our example (1 Co. 11:2). The Pastoral Epistles were written for this purpose, and in these epistles we see how

extensively Paul trained God-called men. This work requires lots of prayer for God to raise up laborers (Lu. 10:2) and creating an environment in the home and church that is filled with challenge and exhortation for the people to surrender to God's will.

We are thus convinced that the equivalent of a Bible college education *is the starting point* to be equipped for God's will in this present world, and it is the church's job to give this education. We're not talking about being equipped to be a pastor; we're talking about being equipped to be a "normal Christian"! Every believer is an ambassador for Christ (2 Co. 5:20), a priest of God (1 Pe. 2:5, 9), a minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8), a builder of the church (1 Co. 3:9-15; Eph. 4:16), a soldier in Christ's army (Eph. 6:10-19), a teacher of the Word of righteousness (Heb. 5:12-14). In addition there are the large ministries of the husband as the spiritual head of the home (Eph. 6:4) and the wife as the keeper of the home (Tit. 2:5). All of this requires serious education. Imagine trying to be a priest, soldier, ambassador, teacher, and builder with little or no training! But this is exactly what is happening in a vast number of churches.

The Way of Life Bible College is a concept that Bible training is a life-long project. It isn't something you complete; it is something you pursue for your entire life.

So the Way of Life Bible College is, first of all, a concept that a sound New Testament church is a serious training institution that aims to disciple every believer toward perfection in every area of Christian life and ministry.

***Second, the Way of Life Bible College is a curricula of courses.***

Way of Life Literature publishes a full range of Bible courses on practically every subject touching the Bible and Christian life and ministry.

(The *Advanced Bible Studies Series*, which we published for many years, has been replaced by new courses.)

Currently there are about 40 Bible courses. Each course consists of a textbook, a syllabus to guide the teacher and student through the course, student projects, review questions, sectional tests, a final test, and the test scoresheets. Many of the courses also feature class videos and PowerPoints. The syllabus, review questions, tests,

and answer keys come as a free Course Material Download.

The Way of Life Bible College does not offer diplomas or degrees. The courses are for teachers to download and use in classes and for individuals to download for self study.

As much as possible, we will try to answer questions and give any help we can to students and teachers.

For information about the Way of Life Bible College and description of the courses see:

<https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/courses/index.php>

## How the Bible College Courses Can Be Used

- *Private study for the individual Christian*
- *Sunday Schools*
- *Small groups*
- *Bible Institutes and Colleges*
- *Home schooling*
- *Study material in jails and prisons*
- *Discipling new Christians*
- *Refresher and advanced studies for Bible college graduates*
- *Preaching material*

## Way of Life Bible College Courses Listed Alphabetically

Following are the Bible college courses currently available or scheduled to be published in 2025. Each course has a textbook, a syllabus, review questions, sectional tests, a final test, and the test scoresheets. Many of the courses (as noted) also feature multi-media material (e.g., video classes, maps, PowerPoints). We are adding new video classes and PowerPoint series regularly.

*Bible Prophecy as Light on the 21st Century* (9 video classes, textbook 75 pages)

*Bible Separation: Its Doctrine and Practice* (5 video classes, textbook 129 pages)

*Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms* (textbook 673 pages, PowerPoints)

*Biblical Holiness in the 21st Century* (11 video classes, textbook)

*Bird's-eye View of the Bible* (17 video classes, textbook 250 pages)

*The Church: The Pillar and Ground of the Truth* (12 video classes, textbook 421 pages)

*The Doctrine Which Ye Have Learned* (textbook 503 pages)

*Effectual Bible Student* (14 video classes, textbook) (new edition 2022)

*Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times* (6 video classes, textbook 123 pages)

*An Evangelistic Church for the 21st Century* (video classes, textbook)

*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy* (scheduled for May 2025, video classes, textbook)

*Feed the Flock: Expository Bible Preaching* (15 video classes, textbook 181 pages)

*Hand of God in World History* (scheduled for 2025) (textbook, PowerPoints)

*Highlights in Bible Doctrine* (textbook)

*Highlights in Church History* (28 video classes, PowerPoints, textbook 312 pages)

*The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists* (textbook 609 pages)

*History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective* (2 vol. textbook, PowerPoints)

*Introduction to Bible Geography* (3 video classes, PDF textbook)

*Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future* (textbook 555 pages, PowerPoints)

*Keeping the Kids in the Social Media Age* (new edition Nov. 2023) (32 video classes, textbook 547 pages)

*Mastering the English Bible*

*Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of 11 textbooks (totaling 3,000 pages), syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. Five of the segments also have video classes (Genesis to Silent Years, Job and Psalms, Prophetic Books, Gospels, Acts, 241 videos in total). These contain the lectures plus multi-media presentations featuring 7,500 maps, archaeology photos, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings of ancient sites, video clips, and other visual aids gleaned from museums plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Europe. The course is divided into 11 parts

Old Testament History (90 video classes, textbook 477 pages)

Job and Psalms (24 video classes, textbook 130 pages)

Proverbs Ecclesiastes (textbook 176 pages)

Prophetic Books (37 video classes, textbook 239 pages)

Gospels (49 video classes, textbook 291 pages)

Acts (42 video classes, textbook, 182 pages)

Romans to Corinthians (textbook 304 pages)

Galatians to Thessalonians (textbook 286 pages)

Pastoral Epistles (textbook 279 pages)

General Epistles (textbook 300 pages)

Revelation (textbook 261 pages)

*The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements* (textbook 443 pages, PowerPoints)

*The Pornographic Age and Victory in Christ* (scheduled for March 2025, textbook, 15 video classes)

*Pursuing God's Will* (scheduled for 2025)

*Satanic Attack on Sacred Music* (18 video classes, textbook 264 pages)

*Transforming Congregational Singing for the 21st Century* (textbook)

*Understanding Bible Prophecy* (22 video classes, textbook 291 pages)

*Understanding the Bible for Yourself* (25 video classes, textbook 341 pages)

*Unshakeable Faith: A Course on Christian Apologetics* (textbook 354 pages, PowerPoints)

*Why We Hold to the King James Bible?* (2023 edition) (17 video classes, PowerPoints, textbook 592 pages)

*World History* - see *The Hand of God in World History*

*Woman and Her Service to God* (textbook 214 pages)

## SUGGESTED PROGRAMS

### Mastering the English Bible

To our knowledge, this is the most extensive Bible survey in print. It is an entire Bible education in one course. The student will not be disappointed in this course, regardless of how much Bible training he has had in the past. We are so convinced of this that we offer a money-back guarantee.

*Mastering the English Bible* deals with Bible history, Bible archaeology, Bible times (ancient nations mentioned in the Bible), Bible culture, Bible prophecy, and Bible doctrine.

*Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of 11 textbooks (totaling 3,000 pages), student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. Five of the

segments also have video classes (Genesis to Silent Years, Job and Psalms, Prophetic Books, Gospels, Acts, 241 videos in total).

These video classes contain the lectures plus the Pictorial Bible consisting of multi-media presentations featuring 7,500 maps, archaeology photos, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings of ancient sites, video clips, and other visual aids gleaned from museums plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Europe. Every major Bible event is dealt with pictorially.

See the previous Course Alphabetical Listing for a description of the 11 segments.

## Bible Theology

This curricula is equivalent to a degree in Bible Theology.

In Scripture we see that *every* member of a Bible-believing church is a born again disciple of Jesus Christ; *every* member is aiming to be a skillful, obedient Bible student; and the church is geared to educating *every* member toward this end. That is the teaching of Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 1:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; and Hebrews 5:12-14, for example.

The following training can be done privately or in classes at church or a combination of both.

Each year's curricula is designed for a commitment of about 250 hours. That would be 5 hours a week for 12 months, 6 hours a week for 10 months.

The class hours (video sessions) and textbook studies for each year are about 200 hours, and we are estimating 50 hours for review and testing.

This is an educated guess, of course, and it will differ from student to student.

The full curricula is set out for a 3-year program.

Students can do as little or as much as they want, of course, but it is usually helpful to follow a schedule and to make a commitment to pursue specific goals.

The major part of the training is an extensive survey of the Bible

## First Year

*Bible Knowledge Test* (to be taken by the student at the beginning of the training)

*Introduction to Bible Geography* (3 video classes, PDF textbook)

*Understanding the Bible for Yourself* (30 video classes, textbook)

*Mastering - Old Testament History* (90 video classes, textbook 477 pages)

*Mastering - Job and Psalms* (24 video classes, textbook 130 pages)

*Mastering - Proverbs Ecclesiastes* (textbook 176 pages, about 40 sessions)

*Mastering - Prophetic Books* (37 video classes, textbook 239 pages)

*Satanic Attack on Sacred Music* (18 video classes, textbook)

*The Church: The Pillar and Ground of the Truth* (12 video classes, textbook)

*Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times* (6 video classes, textbook 123 pages)

*Why We Hold to the King James Bible* (2023 edition) (17 video classes, textbook 592 pages)

*Biblical Holiness for the 21st Century* (11 video classes, textbook 94 pages)

*Understanding Bible Prophecy* (new edition with 25 video classes, textbook, and tests, 2024)

402 hours (302 hours class time, 100 hours review questions, tests)

## Second Year

*Mastering - Gospels* (49 video classes, textbook 291 pages)

*Mastering - Acts* (42 video classes, textbook 182 pages)

*Mastering - Romans to Corinthians* (textbook 304 pages, about 50 sessions)

*Mastering - Galatians to Thessalonians* (textbook 286 pages, about 47 sessions)

*Mastering - Pastoral Epistles* (textbook 279 pages, about 46 sessions)

*An Evangelistic Church for the 21st Century* (---)

*The Doctrine Which Ye Have Learned* (textbook 503 pages, about 80 sessions)

*The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements* (textbook 443 pages, PowerPoints 8 sessions)

467 hours (352 class hours, 115 hours review questions, tests)



### Third Year

*Mastering - General Epistles* (textbook 300 pages, about 50 sessions)

*Mastering - Revelation* (textbook 261 pages, about 43 sessions)

*History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective* (textbook 950 pages, PowerPoints, no tests yet, about 150 sessions)

*Feed the Flock: Expository Bible Preaching* (15 video classes, textbook 181 pages)

*Woman and Her Service to God* (textbook 214 pages, about 25 sessions)

*Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, Future* (textbook 555 pages, PowerPoints, about 90 sessions)

*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy* (scheduled May 2024, video classes, textbook)

523 hours (393 hours class time, 130 hours review questions, tests)

### **Advanced Bible Theology and Practice**

We recommend this curricula for advanced and refresher studies for preachers who have completed Bible college.

We recommend this curricula for advanced and refresher studies for preachers who have completed Bible college and for additional studies beyond the three-year Bible Theology curricula.

*Mastering the English Bible* - See previous description

*Understanding the Bible for Yourself* (25 video classes, textbook 341 pages)

*Understanding Bible Prophecy* (22 video classes, textbook 291 pages)

*Feed the Flock: Expository Bible Preaching* (15 video classes, textbook 181 pages)

*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy* (scheduled for May 2025, video classes, textbook, syllabus, tests)

*History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists* (textbook 609 pages, about 100 sessions)

*Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, and Future* (textbook 555 pages, PowerPoints, about 90 sessions)

*Hand of God in World History* (scheduled for 2025)

*Keeping the Kids in the Social Media Age* (new edition Nov. 2023) (32 video classes, textbook 547 pages)

*Satanic Attack on Sacred Music* (18 video classes, PowerPoints, textbook 264 pages)

*Transforming Congregational Singing in the 21st Century* (textbook 549 pages)

### **Teen Bible College and Home School Bible Curricula**

We recommend the following courses for home schoolers, church youth departments, individual youth, anyone beginning his or her Bible study career, or for any believer of any age or station!

*Bible Knowledge Test* (take at the beginning of the studies)

*Effectual Bible Student* (14 video classes, textbook) (new edition 2022)

*Introduction to Bible Geography* (3 video classes, PDF textbook)

*Bird's-eye View of the Bible* (17 video classes, textbook 250 pages)

*Highlights in Bible Doctrine* (textbook 220 pages)

*Highlights in Church History* (28 video classes, textbook 312 pages, PowerPoints)

*Bible Prophecy as Light on the 21st Century* (9 video classes, textbook 75 pages)

*Pursuit of God's Will* (scheduled for November 2024, video classes, textbook)

*Proverbs* (*Mastering the English Bible* - Proverbs) (textbook 176 pages)

*Satanic Attack on Sacred Music* (18 video classes, PowerPoints, textbook 264 pages)

*Mastering the English Bible* (high school students;

*Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of 11 textbooks (totaling 3,000 pages), syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. Five of the segments also have video classes (Genesis to Silent Years, Job and Psalms, Prophetic Books, Gospels, Acts, 241 videos in total). These contain the lectures plus multi-media presentations featuring 7,500 maps, archaeology photos, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings of ancient sites, video clips, and other visual aids gleaned from museums plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, and Europe. The course is divided into 11 parts



*Unshakeable Faith: A Course on Christian Apologetics* (textbook 354 pages, PowerPoints)  
*Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms* (textbook 673 pages, PowerPoints)  
*Understanding Bible Prophecy* (new edition with 22 video classes is scheduled for September 2024)  
*Why We Hold to the King James Bible* (2023 edition) (17 video classes, textbook 592 pages)

## MultiMedia Material

We are putting most of the multimedia material online for free viewing and downloading. This includes most of our video presentations, audio files, PowerPoints, maps, etc. They can be used by anyone in any way they wish, aside from being sold, of course.

For most of our courses (except *Mastering the English Bible*), we only charge for the textbooks.

## Syllabi

The course syllabus explains the course objectives, the requirements, and the student projects.

## Review Questions and Tests

The review questions are designed to draw the student's attention to the most important points of the lessons and to help him remember these after the course is finished. They are also designed to prepare the student for the tests. The student should first go through the review questions and try to answer them without the textbook. Afterward, he should go back and find the answers using the textbook. Finally, he should check his answers against the review question answer sheet.

The sectional tests are culled from the sectional review questions. This is a further step in focusing the student's attention on the most important points of the course.

The final test is culled from the sectional tests.

## Description of the Way of Life Bible College Courses

For a description of the individual courses and more information, see the Way of Life web site - <https://www.wayoflife.org/bc/course.php>

## Testimonies

Following are a few testimonies about the Way of Life Bible courses:

“One solid and clear strength of your curricula is that it undergoes periodic updates specifically to refute or respond to up-to-date or current theological/Biblical errors. For instance, your 2023 edition *Why We Hold to the King James Bible* addresses the latest trend of transitioning traditional churches from away from the KJV.”

“Firstly, let me say I am VERY EXCITED about the Bible College and the timing for us is perfect. We have two young men who want to train for the ministry so we are ramping up our Bible College program for this year. We are offering your *Mastering the English Bible* course on Old Testament history for our Tuesday night Bible class. We already have a good number of the church folk that have signed up. We are then running a full day of Bible college courses on Wednesday for the two young men plus any others who may want to study. Having your courses developed in this way for a Bible College context with review questions, tests etc., is so useful as busy pastors like myself can take the courses and use them. I plan to use a good number of your courses for our Bible college program alongside some of our own. ... I like your emphasis on training the whole church. Not many think this way but I am glad you are encouraging this. The winds of apostasy are blowing fiercely and the flocks we minister to need to be well grounded. Thanks again for the first class materials you are producing!”

“Our family has greatly appreciated each of the Way of Life courses that we have taken. They have been so rich and abundant in Scriptural depth and truth. How refreshing! To have the meat of the Word presented in such a clear and straightforward manner has been a breath of fresh air. We are a large homeschooling family and have so appreciated the affordability and ‘no-fluff’ approach to this dependable and solid curriculum. Thank you, Brother Cloud!”

“About 15 years ago, I bought all of the Bible curriculum that I could find on your website. I also

purchased a new journaling KJV Bible and spent the next several years diving into the word of God. I have been a believer in Jesus Christ for over 35 years, but there is nothing that has done more for my walk with my Saviour than to continue my sanctification process with the tools that you offer. After I completed all of the programs, I had such a comprehensive overview of how the Bible fits together, and I possessed real Biblical answers to many of the questions that I had always had regarding doctrine. Currently, I am leading the Ladies' Bible study at my church. We have a group of over 50 women that regularly attend. I still use these amazing tools in each and every lesson that I teach. I can't thank you enough for answering the call of God on your heart to make disciples."

"David Cloud's courses have been a tremendous blessing to me. It's a challenge to any serious Christian to examine himself by evaluating his 'walk with Christ.' Dr. Cloud's passion for Biblical history has helped strengthen my love and knowledge of the Biblical truth. Overall, the courses have been a wonderful learning adventure and a much-needed study tool for our growth as a church."

"I praise the Lord for Brother Cloud's Scripture-soaked Bible courses. It is difficult to find commentaries and courses from a Textus Receptus, pre-Tribulational, non-Calvinist and separatist perspective, but Brother Cloud delivers. Our church and church Bible School have been using his teaching materials for many years to much profit. From church history to music to Bible geography, we have been blessed with insights and resources that enhance our grasp of the Bible, inform our minds with historical context, and sharpen our discernment. One of our members has read through the *Way of Life Encyclopedia*. I heartily recommend Brother Cloud's Bible courses."

"I want to thank you so much for this Bible course! The sessions have been reproving, challenging, and have greatly grown my spiritual walk with God. When the Bible is accurately preached without apology, God is definitely glorified! The greatest benefit I have received is a more eternally-focused mindset. The things of this earth are just so vain!"

"My family and I want to tell you how much we have appreciated the studies on *Mastering the English*

*Bible*. We have been challenged to study God's Word more intently and to be more committed to living more holy for Him. I really appreciate your excitement for the Bible; how contagious that is! Thank you for your hard work and time researching our world today and warning us of the devil's devices such as worldly music, false teachers, worldly dress, and the pop culture, as well as sharing some miraculous facts about God's creation. Thank you, as well, for teaching the importance of studying the Bible correctly, Biblical preaching, a true regenerate church membership, how a New Testament church ought to function, and what it means to put Christ first in our lives and make sacrifices for Him."

"I thought you would want to know we are taking two of your courses and our folks are 'eating this up.' They are delighted to be gaining a deeper understanding of the Word of God. They are memorizing verses, taking notes, writing papers about what they have learned, and taking the tests. What a joy it is to see them so eager to learn and to witness them growing in the Lord. My sister is planning on using them to teach her two boys while home schooling. I want you to know that I would recommend these books to any pastor or Christian educator."

"I thought I knew the Bible pretty well, but after starting the *Mastering the English Bible* series I see now that I don't know anything and I must study much more."

"I have used your Bible courses as teaching materials to prepare one of our men for the ministry. I appreciate your clear, straightforward Biblical teaching, and the man that is working through the books is growing and learning by leaps and bounds!"

"I just wanted to give you some feedback on the Way of Life Bible courses. They have been a tremendous blessing. I'm teaching Romans for Sunday School and 'How to Study the Bible' on Wednesday evenings. Both books are extremely helpful for any Christian, no matter where they are spiritually. The practical application is extremely helpful and edifying. So, on behalf of our church family here, we thank you."

“What I appreciate about the Way of Life Bible course is that it is detailed (most courses are so shallow) without being too scholarly/academic.”

“I have found these courses extremely helpful. I would not change a thing about the books. I love the format, the clarity, the assignments and the review questions and tests.”

“Your course on *How to Study the Bible* [the new course is *Understanding the Bible for Yourself*] helped me a great deal. The Scriptures have ‘come alive’ even more. God is so good. I’m now conducting a study of the *New Testament Church* and am looking forward to the rest of the series, and especially to *Understanding Bible Prophecy*.”

“Thank you for writing the course ‘History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective.’ It is very well written and documented. Your book has been selected as the text for our Church History class. Thanks for your in-depth research and writing. May the Lord continue to bless your faithful ministry for His glory.”

“I want to thank you for the *History of the Churches* course. I have had my eyes opened to some things that I was not even aware of as far as the history of the Baptists. Your book really made a difference in my life and I now have a greater appreciation of the Baptist History. I am an Ind. Fundamental Baptist who is now informed on the How and Why of my faith. I have been saved for over 18 years and never have I read the complete story. I knew the Who, What, Where, When but the How and Why just didn't click. Please continue to print and publish fantastic Baptist information.”

“I have used several of your Way of Life Bible courses. I recommend them to everyone, if you are a new Christian or been saved for 40 years. I look forward to future books being published.”

“God has used the course *How to Study the Bible* [the new course is *Understanding the Bible for Yourself*] in our church to help people grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. They are constantly asking when we are going to study it again! ... These books are extremely practical and I have found that they can be used to help new

believers, as well as spur the mature believer to a deeper consideration of the truths of God’s Word. God bless your ministry!”

“The Bible courses are outstanding. I especially appreciate your direct, concise, no-nonsense, and strictly Scriptural approach.”

“Each course seems to get better, and they were excellent to start with!”

“I have ordered six of your Way of Life Bible courses, and I do not know why I waited this long to do so. I am presently working on Romans and whao!!!, what an eye opener.”

“Just a short note to let you know how very much I’ve enjoyed your Bible study on the book of Job, along with many others such as Romans, Hebrews, Proverbs, Psalms as well as some Epistles. I recently picked up the Job study for the second time and must say that I whole heartedly agree with you when you say, ‘If the book of Job was not in our Bible we would be much poorer spiritually.’ The Bible studies really work for me because they are like a meal; they are tremendously meaty yet simple, not so large as to intimidate and not so small, just right. I like the format of reading so much and then a few questions; it keeps me (most of the time) paying attention. Thank you for this fine material.”

The following testimony is by Don Whitecar, former missionary to Belize and current pastor of Mountain Valley Baptist Church, Pocatello, Idaho: “After one year in Belize, we had a little over 100 saved and in various stages of Christian growth. The attendance was consistently over 100, and a few had grown to the point to be workers in classes, etc. It was at this time that I used Way of Life’s 52 week One Year Discipleship Course. I gave every family one in order that they read and answer the questions during the week. In the Sunday evening service announcements, I would go over the answers. We had great participation, and it is this effort that grounded the largest group that made up the foundation of that church. After that point, I used those discipleship books by assigning a newly saved person to a grounded Christian who had already been through the book. They would work through the book together. Before the service began on Sunday



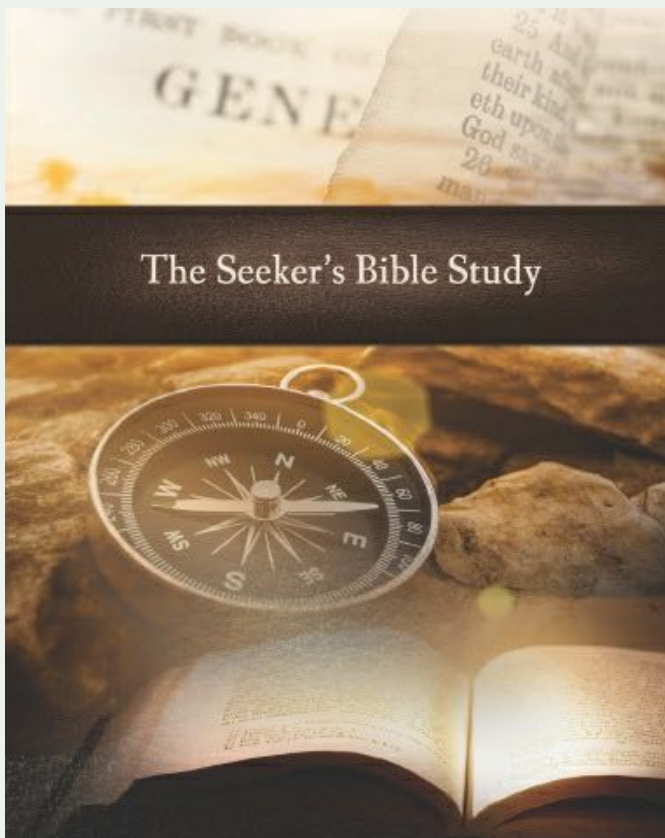
evenings, it was common to see several places around the auditorium where people were going over the books. That church has used over 250 copies of that text. After the second anniversary of the church I began a Bible Institute to teach more in depth. We met on Monday evenings for 1.5 hours per class (2 classes). My wife offered speech classes (Bible story telling, etc.) for the ladies. Our classes were always

well attended, and Way of Life's *Advanced Bible Studies* books were always the text (for the Bible classes). The students were turning in their answers to the review questions for homework. We went over the answers in class. The questions from the homework became possible test questions at the end of each section, in addition to the information from my lecture notes."

## SEEKER'S EVANGELISTIC BIBLE STUDY

*Seekers Bible Study* is an evangelistic Bible course for use by individuals, homes, and churches.

It begins with a study of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, dealing with the Bible, Christ, sin, Jesus' atoning death, Jesus' burial and bodily resurrection. This is followed by practical studies on repentance and faith. The last section answers the question, "When Is Jesus Coming?" There are review questions for each section.



The *Seeker's Bible Study* is designed especially to be used as a multi-week, one-on-one course. In our church, we assign a qualified believer to go through the course with every willing visitor. The teacher is instructed to try to grow the class by involving family, neighbor's, and friends of the original student.

A pastor in Idaho who is using the *Seeker's Bible Study* recently wrote, "Had our first profession from someone finishing your study. A Mormon lady named Stacie Hayward (approximately 75 years old). Praise God!"

The *Seeker's Bible Study* is available as a free download at:

[https://www.wayoflife.org/free\\_ebooks/seekers\\_bible\\_study.php](https://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/seekers_bible_study.php).

The **teacher's notes** can be found in the file "Seeker's Bible Study - Teacher's Notes" at the same page.

## 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?



**IS TRUMP THE ANTICHRIST?** (Friday Church News Notes, January 31, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Social media is awash with heresy and nonsense to the great danger of those who are described in Hebrews 5:12-14, who lack strong biblical knowledge and keen spiritual discernment. A top contender for heretical nonsense of the year is the notion that Donald Trump is the Antichrist. One of the chief promoters of this is YouTuber "Brother Paul" (otherwise unidentified online, which is a loud warning to the wise) and his "15 Bible Verses Identifying Trump as the Antichrist." Trump does have some characteristics of the Antichrist, such as arrogance and boasting, but the Antichrist is going to make Donald Trump look like a humble man. One has to abuse Scripture mightily to fit Trump into the Antichrist's shoes. The verses that are used for this purpose (Da. 7:8; 8:12, 25; 9:27; 11:21; Joh. 5:43; 2 Th. 2:3, 4, 8; 1 Jo. 2:22; Re. 13:5) actually refute the premise, as do many other verses. Consider a few examples: Trump has not denied that Jesus is the Christ (1 Jo. 5:22), has not overthrown three kings on his way to power (Da. 7:8), has not made a seven-year peace covenant with Israel that has paved the way

for the Third Temple (Da. 9:27), has not magnified himself to the host of heaven and even to the Prince of princes (Da. 8:9-11, 25), has not cast truth to the ground (Da. 8:12), is not of a fierce countenance and understanding dark sentences (Da. 8:23), has not destroyed the holy people (Israel) (Da. 8:24), has not magnified himself above every god and spoken marvelous things against the God of gods (Da. 11:36-37), has not honored the God of forces and a god whom his fathers knew not (Da. 9:38), has not opposed and exalted himself above all that is called God (2 Th. 2:4), has not demonstrated Satanic power and signs and lying wonders (2 Th. 2:9), has not blasphemed God and his name and tabernacle and them that dwell in heaven (Re. 13:6), has not made war with the saints and overcome them (Re. 13:7), and has not been preceded by a miracle-working prophet who makes fire to come down from heaven in the sight of men (Re. 13:11-14). Friends, beware of those who specialize in prophetic speculation instead of preaching the whole counsel of God, focusing on Christ's Great Commission, preaching the gospel, and building New Testament churches. Never have God's people been more needful of rightly interpreting Bible prophecy and rightly understanding its precepts. We would suggest [Understanding Bible Prophecy, www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**A GENERATION IN SEARCH OF WILD GODS** (Friday Church News Notes, January 31, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - "In Search of Wild Gods" is a discussion between author Tom Holland and rock & roller Nike Cave with *UnHerd's* Editor-in-Chief

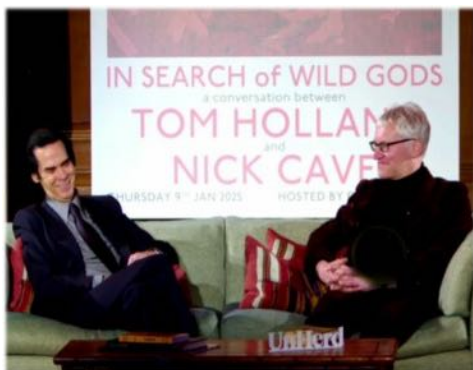
Freddie Sayers. The conversation is a mirror of this confused, lost generation that exists at the very end of the church age when we are witnessing the fulfillment of prophecies of near total apostasy in Christianity (Mt. 13:3; 2 Ti. 3:1-5, 13; 4:3-4, etc.) and skepticism and global rebellion in secular society (Ps. 2; 2 Pe. 3:1-10). The world is coming together in a shared delusion that will be fully realized in the day of the Man of Sin (2 Th. 2:7-12). Holland and Cave have rejected their former atheism for a buffet style spirituality, a little Christianity, a little Greek paganism, a tentative belief in angels, a little praying to Mary, a dab of this and a dab of that, whatever suits your fancy. It is not “religion,” it is “spirituality.” It is New Age spirituality. It’s not about believing absolute truth; it’s about mystical experiences and feelings. It’s not really about God, not any God; it’s about *me*. Tom Holland says, “Maybe that’s why music is so powerful, is that you don’t have to think! You feel it, and it opens up new ways of experiencing things. And that is what the mystics, many of the profoundest Christian thinkers, have tried to articulate. There’s a meaning that transcends thought.” (These “profoundest Christian thinkers” aren’t actual Bible believers.) Rock & roll has always been about a feeling. It has always been a spiritual thing. Holland and

Cave describe an Elvis concert as a spiritual experience. The same thing has been expressed by Jimi Hendrix, Craig Chapuico, Paul Stanley, Sting, Brian Eno, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Marley, the Grateful Dead, Muddy Waters, Blackie Lawless, Jim Morrison, John Denver, Ozzy Osbourne, Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones, and many others. George Harrison said, “Music is very involved with the spiritual” (Turner, *Hungry for Heaven*, p. 71). Rock & roll is spiritual, but it is not godly. It is the spirit of this world, not the spirit of God. It is an unclean spirit, not the Holy Spirit. The Christianization of rock & roll is wretched apostasy. This is irrefutable. To accept Christian rock as legitimate is to bring upon oneself the severe denunciation of James: “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (Jas. 4:4). There is only one God, and He is not wild. Wild gods are vain idols of man’s imagination. Belief in the true and living God is not a free-for-all; it’s not a smorgasbord; it’s not a nose of wax. God has revealed Himself in holy Scripture in the most dogmatic way conceivable. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Creator of all things. He was born of a virgin to become Immanuel, God with us. He lived a sinless life, preached absolute truth, allowed Himself to be condemned in a bogus trial, suffered on a cross to satisfy God’s holy law, paying the price God’s law justly demands for the salvation of law-breaking sinners, and rising bodily from the dead the third day. That is the true God and the true salvation. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and

the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). I thank the Lord profusely for enlightening my blinded mind and saving me out of the delusion of this age when I was a young man.

**CHINA, AMERICA, AND “TIKTOK BRAIN”** (Friday Church News Notes, January 31, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “TokTok: weapon of mass distraction,” *UnHerd*, Jan. 23, 2025: “While there has been much suspicion that the CCP uses TikTok for influence operations, such as by disseminating Chinese propaganda, the app can be weaponised in even more dangerous ways. Its ‘For You’ algorithm leverages machine learning to track users’ attention, and it employs this knowledge to show them, unprompted, whatever content is most likely to hold their attention. This makes using it a far more passive and addictive experience than other social media platforms, which gives it the potential to inflict long-term harm on young Westerners by keeping them distracted, shortening their attention spans, and, ultimately, atrophying their brains. The app’s ability to cause mass ‘TikTok brain; in young Westerners should prompt consideration of its use as a new kind of civilisational weapon. ... The first thing that should raise suspicions is that the CCP forbids Chinese kids





from using TikTok--instead, they use Douyin. As American tech ethicist Tristan Harris has pointed out, Douyin is a 'spinach' version of the app filled with science experiments and educational videos instead of twerkers and [other ridiculous things]. TikTok has imposed screen-time limits for younger users (to prevent it from being banned), but Douyin has been doing so since 2019. Further, unlike TikTok, the app is only accessible to kids for 40 minutes per day, and it cannot be accessed between 10pm and 6am. Has the CCP enforced such rules to protect its people from what it intends to inflict on the West? **When one examines the philosophical doctrines behind the rules, it becomes clear that the CCP doesn't just believe that apps like TikTok make people stupid, but that they destroy civilisations."**

**BIDEN AIDS SCREAMED AT FACEBOOK EMPLOYEES ABOUT CONTENT THEY DISLIKED** (Friday Church News Notes, January 31, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from "Trump's free speech order," *Washington Times*, Jan. 23, 2025: "President Trump clamped down on government interference in free speech by banning 'federal censorship' after four years of Biden officials harassing social media companies to remove disfavored content. Mr. Trump issued the executive order hours after Big Tech CEOs sat just a few feet away as he took the oath of office. Their social media platforms were subjected to cajoling and even threats by Biden officials to censor or remove content. **'In America, we believe in free speech, and we're bringing it back starting today,' Mr. Trump said in**



**a post-inaugural speech Monday to supporters in the Capitol.** ... The order also calls on the federal government to 'correct past misconduct' related to censorship. This refers to the Biden administration's heavy hand in controlling social media content, mainly regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, election integrity and Mr. Biden's troubled son, Hunter Biden. ... Censorship ramped up and expanded dramatically during the Biden administration. That was when Mr. Biden's top aides leaned on Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, YouTube and other platforms to remove, censor or diminish the visibility of content that questioned the government's COVID-19 protocols, such as mask and vaccine mandates. **Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said on 'The Joe Rogan Experience' this month that Mr. Biden's aides 'would call up our team and, like, scream at them and curse' about Facebook content they didn't like and would demand its removal."**

**PENSACOLA ON THE CCM ROAD** (Friday Church News Notes, February 7, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)

- Pensacola Christian College is on the slippery slope of adapting Contemporary Worship Music. In a school convocation on Jan. 19, 2025, a trio and musicians performed

"Goodness of God" by Bethel Music. This was also performed by the Voices of PCC on Oct. 4, 2023. On August 25, 2024, the college choir sang "We Believe" by the Newsboys. The Pensacola adaptations are not full-blown hard rock as in the original renditions; they are soft rock, but soft rock is sensual and addictive. The Pensacola versions feature beat anticipation and vocal sliding and non-resolving chords which are major elements of the contemporary sound. The problem is that a large percentage of pastors have no idea what we are talking about here *and don't seem to care, because they make no effort to get educated*. Further, I would guess that the Pensacola music people and a great many of the students are listening to the "real thing." If you have a taste for rock, you want the full-blown thing. And like Hillsong, the Newsboys and Bethel know how to rock. **Bethel Music, operated by a former Assemblies of God church, is hugely influential.** The heretical emphasis is "encountering God" and "pursuing the presence of God" by means of releasing oneself to heavily sensual music. "At every service, our worship teams usher in the presence of God." Bethel's series "Without Words" uses instrumental music "to push the creative boundaries of worship." There are no lyrics, *no words*. This is blind mysticism which emphasizes emotion over understanding. It is



**BATS THAT FEED TREES** (Friday Church News Notes, January 31, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, June 20, 2024: "The surface of the Earth 50 to 150 feet below the great living canopy of the rainforest is a dark, humid, still world dominated by great columns of tree trunks. Within those trunks and some of the giant hollow branches extending from them lies the secret of the life of the canopy itself. A rainforest typically receives 12 or more feet of rain per year. That much rain washes out of the soil most of the nitrates needed by the trees for growth. What the trees need is a rich source of nitrates that is constantly being replenished. And that's where the bats come in. Typically, these huge trees are hollow inside. Many different kinds of creatures, including fruit bats, enter the hollow trees through various openings. Fruit bats find ideal daytime sleeping rooms inside the great hollow branches that extend like caverns from the hollow tree trunk. The accumulating layer of bat guano inside the tree itself is one of the richest sources of nitrates known. So the bats provide the tree with the nitrates



it needs in exchange for a protected home during the day! In a very real sense, the fruit bats are the collection and transport system for the raw materials that make possible the tropical rain forest canopy with its millions of residents. The Creator has devised an ingenious way to provide for the needs of many creatures. Truly, the Lord does provide all living things with their food in precisely the way they need it! Ref: Perry, Donald. 'Life in the treetops,' *Science Digest*, Oct. 1978, p. 26."

disobedience to the Bible's command to "be sober, be vigilant" and is a perfect recipe for spiritual delusion. Bethel Church's Jesus Culture youth ministry conferences are attended by tens of thousands. Bethel's School of Supernatural Ministry has graduated 13,000 in over 100 countries since 1998. Bethel teaches and practices all sorts of charismatic heresies, such as the continuation of apostles and prophets, gibberish tongues, the promise of healing in the atonement, angelic and demon sightings, clairvoyance, grave soaking (lying on a grave to soak up the deceased's "anointing"), and the appearance of "glory clouds," gold dust, and angel "feathers." **The adaptation of CCM is the spiritual death knell of any church or organization that goes that route.** It's just a matter of time. CCM cannot be safely used in moderation and is incompatible with

the biblical practice of separation. It is addictive in its sound, leaving the listener craving that type of sound and open to a stronger version. It puts the listener into communication with people like the Newsboys, Bethel Music, and the Gettys who represent the "broader church" with all of its dangers. It preaches the "lighten up" and enjoy the pop culture (cultural liberalism) philosophy of evangelicalism today. It is a bridge to the world and to the end-time, one-world church. (See also [The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians](#) and [The Satanic Attack on Sacred Music](#), [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).)

**TRUMP ERADICATES GENDER IDEOLOGY FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** (Friday Church News Notes, February 7, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) -

We're glad to see this, but the very big problem with executive orders is that they can be reversed by a future president. The following is excerpted from "Trump Eradicates," *The Federalist*, Jan. 31, 2025. "The Trump administration has dealt a significant blow to gender ideology within the federal government, with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) issuing a memorandum that, among other requirements, apparently instructs all federal employees to remove their pronouns from email signatures. ... On the chopping block, too, are all contracts, programs, and grants that 'promote gender ideology.' Any agency employee whose job 'involves inculcating or promoting gender ideology' will be placed on paid administrative leave





immediately, and all related initiatives under their watch will be ended. All agencies will be required to take down all media related to the ideology, including on websites and social media, and federal prompts for users to include their pronouns must be removed. Men's and women's intimate spaces, such as restrooms, will also no longer be able to accommodate those of the opposite sex or claimed 'gender identity' and will return to being designated for males or females, exclusively. The memorandum also requires the following: 'Withdraw any final or pending documents, directives, orders, regulations, materials, forms, communications, statements, and plans that inculcate or promote gender ideology. Cancel any trainings that inculcate or promote gender ideology or have done so in the past.' ... OPM's guidance comes as a direct result of a Trump executive order, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*. That order was at the root of another major action from the Trump administration on Friday, with the U.S. Department of Education throwing out the Biden administration's radical rewrite of Title IX and replacing it with the first Trump administration's protections for women and girls."

**CHINA'S WAR AGAINST DECADENCE** (Friday Church

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- The following is excerpted from "TokTok: weapon of mass distraction," *UnHerd*, Jan. 23, 2025: "To this day, many in China believe Western liberalism leads to decadence, but one man has done more than anyone to turn this thesis into policy. Despite not being well known outside China, **Wang Huning has been China's top ideological theorist for three decades, authoring many of Xi Jinping's policies.** Among the Chinese, he is widely known as 'guoshi', or 'teacher of the nation'. Although Wang refuses to do press or even speak with foreigners, his books reveal something of his worldview. His 1991 *America Against America*, based on his travels a few years prior, has since become a key CCP text for understanding the US. **The premise is simple: the conflict between America's economic system and its value system have made the country fundamentally unstable, destined for commodification, nihilism, and decadence. And, as Wang morbidly diagnoses, the country will eventually collapse under the weight of its own contradictions.** According to Wang, America is directed mostly by blind market forces; the country obeys not a single command but a cacophony of



demands that lead it everywhere and nowhere. ... Every new microchip, TV, and automobile only distracts and sedates Americans further. As Wang wrote: 'it is not the people who master the technology, but the technology that masters the people.' To prevent China's own technological advancement from leading it down the same perilous path, Wang proposed an extreme solution: neo-authoritarianism. In his 1988 essay, 'The Structure of China's Changing Political Culture', **Wang wrote that the only way a nation can avoid the US's problems is by instilling 'core values'--a national consensus of beliefs and principles rooted in the traditions of the past and directed toward a clear goal in the future. This idea has been central to President Xi's governance strategy, which has emphasised the 'core socialist values' of civility, patriotism, and integrity.** ... The CCP's intrusion into ByteDance's [owner of TikTok] operations is part of a broader governmental strategy called the 'Profound Transformation', which seeks to clear space for core socialist values by ridding China of 'decadent' online content. **In August 2021, Chinese state media called for an end to TikTok-style [entertainment] for fear that 'our young people will lose their strong and masculine vibes and we will collapse'. In the wake of that statement, there have been crackdowns on 'sissy-men' fashions, 'digital drugs' such as online gaming, and 'toxic idol worship'." Consequently, many online influencers have been forcibly deprived of their influence, with some having their entire presence erased from the Chinese web."**





## U.S. SURGEON GENERAL WARNS OF LINK BETWEEN ALCOHOL AND CANCER

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- The following is excerpted from "U.S. Surgeon General," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan. 3, 2025: "Today, United States Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy released a new Surgeon General's Advisory on Alcohol and Cancer Risk, outlining the direct link between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risk. Alcohol consumption is the third leading preventable cause of cancer in the United States, after tobacco and obesity, increasing risk for at least seven types of cancer. While scientific evidence for this connection has been growing over the past four decades, less than half of Americans recognize it as a risk factor for cancer. ... **'Alcohol is a well-established, preventable cause of cancer responsible for about 100,000 cases of cancer and 20,000 cancer deaths annually in the United States--greater than the 13,500 alcohol-associated traffic crash fatalities per year in the U.S.--yet the majority of Americans are unaware of this risk.'**"

## RUDY ATWOOD PIANO SOLO NOTATIONS (Friday Church

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- Ziesemer Family Publishers has released a new collection of 25 Rudy Atwood piano solos. These are not mere reprints of older notations. The solos have been upgraded by a study of Atwood's actual performances. Also added are tempo marks, dynamics, and expressive indications. In addition, there are QR codes linking each arrangement to an actual recording on YouTube where available. See [zfpublishers.com](http://zfpublishers.com).

## WILL TRUMP BUILD THE THIRD TEMPLE? (Friday Church

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- Facilitated by social media, which has made it possible for every Tom, Dick, and Harry to be a broadcaster, biblically uninformed ideas are flying around like flakes in snowstorm. In 2018, during Donald Trump's first presidency, the Temple in Zion issued a memorial half shekel temple tax coin featuring the images of Persian King Cyrus and U.S. President Donald Trump on one side and the Third Temple on the other. This was in recognition of Trump's support for Israel and his public recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. In 538 BC, Cyrus issued a proclamation ordering the rebuilding of the Second Temple. The Temple in Zion and associated groups hope that President Trump will be the new Cyrus to institute the building of the Third Temple ("Israeli Group Issues Temple Tax Coin," *Israel Today*, Feb. 26, 2018). In a 2014 speech at the Arutz Sheva conference in Jerusalem, Pete Hegseth (who was confirmed as Trump's Secretary of Defense in January 2025), said, "There's no

reason why the miracle of the re-establishment of the temple on the Temple Mount is not possible. I don't know how it would happen. You don't know how it would happen, but I know that it could happen" (*The Times of Israel*, Nov. 14, 2024). Mr. Hegseth was wrong in saying we don't know how it will happen. God's Word has told us. It will happen at the beginning of the reign of the Antichrist when he comes on the scene as a great peace maker and world problem solver and makes a seven-year covenant with Israel (Da. 9:27). The world will receive him as the harbinger of the Age of Aquarius. Operating under the power of the god of this world, he will make the building of the Third Temple possible. We see this in Revelation 11. This scene occurs during the first three and a half years of the Antichrist's rule. The 42 months and 1,260 days are mentioned in verses 2 and 3. We see the temple being measured in verses 1-2 and two miracle-working prophets preaching in Jerusalem in verses 3-12. A building is measured when it is built, and the temple will be built in a very short time as soon as the go-ahead is given. Everything is ready. Third Temple organizations have constructed the priestly garments, the high priest's golden crown and breastplate with its 12 precious stones, a copper laver, an incense altar, silver trumpets, gold- and silver-plated shofars, harps, and the



**THE AMAZING MEXICAN FREE-TAILED BAT**

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**time that an ant, that is a rich source of fat, grows wings. These flying ants are available, in the bats' airspace, at just the right time!** Someone has remarked that God must like bats a lot. He made more species of bats than any other mammal. And He has designed nature to provide for all the bats' needs. Notes: Carol Ezzell, 'Cave Creatures,' *Science News*, Vol. 141, pp. 88-90."

gold menorah. They are breeding red heifers in Shiloh. In 2011, the Temple Institute announced completion of the first blueprints for the Third Temple. In 2015, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel said all of the materials for the operation of the temple are "all ready in crates in the basement, so that when we reach Jerusalem there will be trucks that unload everything, and we can get to work" ("Ariel's Jerusalem," *Arutz Sheva*, May 7, 2015). The New Testament believer won't see Revelation 11 fulfilled. Our blessed hope is Christ, not the Antichrist. Our expectation is an imminent (any time) return of Christ. "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand" (Php. 4:5).

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**WORSHIP AND A RESIDENT WITCH** (Friday Church News Notes, February 14, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Apparently striving to reach the very apex of end-time apostasy, an



Evangelical Lutheran Church of America congregation in San Francisco worships a goddess and has a "resident witch" on staff. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, founded 150 years ago by Swedish immigrants, was renamed "herchurch" in about 2007. The staff, led by "pastor and priestess of ritual" Stacy Boom, includes "priestess" Thom Longino and "resident witch" Christine Konkol. The church's web site recommends a "goddess rosary" which states, "Hail Goddess, full of grace. Blessed are You and blessed are all the fruits of your womb. You are the Mother of us all. Hear/ Heal us now and in all our [dreams]/needs. O blessed be, O blessed be. Sophia, Ah-She" ("ELCA 'herchurch,'" *The Christian Post*, Feb. 8, 2025). Described as an "open and affirming community" where all are "loved in



the love of Christ-Sophia and the Great Mother of us All,” the church’s website calls “all expressions of gender identity...a blessing.” A large sign on the outside of the purple church auditorium announces, “Celebrate the Goddess.”

### TRUMP TACKLES ANTI-CHRISTIAN BIAS WITH NEW TASK FORCE

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- We realize that much of what President Trump is doing can be undone by another president, that proposing legislation is not the same as passing it, and that Trump doesn’t have the power to “bring our country back together as one nation under God,” but his actions are still an encouraging respite from the destructive direction of the last few years. The following is excerpted from “Trump tackles,” *The Washington Times*, Feb 6, 2025: “President Trump signed an executive order Thursday establishing a task force with a goal to ‘eradicate anti-Christian bias.’ ... At the National Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 6, Trump said, ‘While I’m in the White House, we will protect Christians in our schools and our military and our government, workplaces, hospitals and in our public squares. We will bring our country back together as one nation

under God with liberty and justice for all.’ According to the White House, the task force will be made up of members of Mr. Trump’s Cabinet and key government agencies. The group will review the activities of all governmental departments and agencies ‘to identify and eliminate anti-Christian policies, practices or conduct.’ It will also recommend any legislation that is needed to protect Christian Americans. ‘The mission of this task force will be to immediately halt all forms of anti-Christian targeting and discrimination within the federal government, including at the DOJ--which was absolutely terrible--the IRS, the FBI and other agencies,’ he said.”

### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AMERICA HAS PAID \$5 BILLION TO SETTLE SEXUAL ABUSE CASES

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- According to a study published this month, The Catholic Church in the United States has paid more than \$5 billion over 20 years for “costs related to allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests and deacons.” The study, which covers the years 2004 to 2023, was done by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. **A 2004 study by John Jay College found 11,757 allegations of sexual abuse involving 5,148 priests, and the report only pertained to about half of the priests in the U.S.** By then, the Catholic Church had already spent \$1 billion settling lawsuits and providing “treatment” for its filthy priests. The problem is not limited to America. In 2003, the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland agreed to



pay \$110 million to avoid further sex scandal litigation. There could be as many as 3,000 sex abuse victims there. In France, an independent commission reported in 2021 “that between 2,900 and 3,200 pedophile clergymen have worked in the French Catholic Church since the 1950s” (“Up to 3,200 Pedophiles,” *CNN*, Oct. 3, 2021). The report said further, “There has always been collusion between the church in France and the Vatican to protect perpetrators of abuse.” A conservative Catholic organization documented this wretched business in the fall/winter 2002 issue of the magazine *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, observing: “... the overwhelming majority of sexual abuse cases in the Catholic Church--about 90%--involve homosexual priests preying on teenage boys. The major media and the U.S. culture at large want to deny or spin the homosexual factor out of the scandal.” Many books have documented this issue, including *Pedophiles and Priests* by Philip Jenkins (1996), *Lead Us Not into Temptation: Catholic Priests and the Sexual Abuse of Children* by Jason Berry (2000), *A Gospel of Shame: Children, Sexual Abuse, and the Catholic Church* by Frank Bruni (2002), *Religious Life without Integrity* by Australian Catholic historian Barry Coldrey (2001), and *Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church* (2002). In 2000, the Kansas City *Star* newspaper published a





book-length series of articles documenting that “Catholic seminaries in the 1960s joined in the sexual liberation frenzy of the decade; that many seminarians and priests embraced an active homosexual lifestyle in and out of the seminary; that many of these homosexual seminarians went on to ordination and were groomed for and entrusted to high positions by their superiors.” One result has been a large number of AIDS cases among Catholic priests.

**THE FUNDAMENTAL POSTULATE** (Friday Church News Notes, February 14, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - “The fundamental postulate of all rational thinking is the face of God. I accept the fact of an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God--and that makes all miracles credible, makes it so that nothing in the Bible staggers me. I believe--because I accept the fact of God” (Robert G. Lee, “Lord, I Believe,” 1927).

**TRUMP SAYS AMERICA WILL BUY AND OWN GAZA** (Friday Church News Notes, February 21, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - On February 9, President Donald Trump told reporters on Air Force One, “I’m committed to buying and owning Gaza. ... We’re committed to owning it, taking it, and making sure that Hamas doesn’t move back” (*Israel World News*, Feb. 10, 2025). Trump plans for Gaza, which has been devastated by the fighting, to be leveled and rebuilt as a resort. He promised, “We’re going to bring stability to the Middle East. ... There won’t be anybody there. Hamas won’t be there. We’ll be building through other of the very rich

countries in the Middle East, they’ll be building some beautiful sites for the people, the Palestinians, to live in. **They’ll be living in harmony and peace, relatively, for the first time in hundreds of years.**” President Trump thinks money and deal making can solve any problem, but he doesn’t understand biblical matters. That land belongs to Israel by divine right. In God’s eyes, America can’t own it. The current Gaza fiasco wouldn’t have happened had Israel not given up control of parts of its own God-given land under international pressure. Trump also said he may be open to permitting some Palestinians to move to the United States. But these are “radicalized” Muslims, brainwashed from childhood to hate Israel and Christians. America needs to stay out of Israel. Help Israel arm herself against her enemies, but stay out of it. Israel is capable of fighting her own battles. We cannot forget that Israel is in rebellion to God and that she is back in the land, not in fulfillment of millennial kingdom prophecies, but in fulfillment of the day of the Lord prophecies for which she is preparing. She is unwittingly setting the stage to sign a peace covenant with the Antichrist. Most Jews are steeped in apostate Western philosophy and culture, while the minority are steeped in unscriptural rabbinical tradition gleaned from the Talmud. As Ezekiel prophesied, Israel has been raised up from the grave of the global dispersion, they are back in the land, but “there was no breath in them” (Eze. 37:8). What a perfect description of Israel at this time!

**GAZA’S DELUXE WATER PARK** (Friday Church News Notes, February 21, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org),



[fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - Gaza will be a target of “Palestinian” terrorists no matter what is done there. If Americans are posted there, they will doubtless be targeted and will be able to defend themselves only under onerous rules of engagement. Consider what happened to the deluxe Gaza water park. The following is excerpted from Michael Medved, “The Sad, Crazy Tale,” Feb. 12, 2025: “President Trump isn’t the first ambitious builder to see the Gaza Strip, site of so much devastation, as a potential vacation paradise and new ‘Riviera of the Middle East.’ Fifteen years ago, a local entrepreneur sought to develop the healing power of a grand and glorious water park on the shores of the Mediterranean that would lure fun-loving adventurers to enjoy themselves by visiting the war-torn enclave. In May 2010, beleaguered Gazans were thrilled with the elaborate opening of ‘The Crazy Water Aqua Fun Park.’ ... Two thousand Gazan families visited Crazy Water in the first four days after its debut, and the sprawling Fun Park gave every indication of public popularity and financial success. Featuring three giant swimming pools, a ‘white-water’ canal 300 feet long, three thrilling water slides, ponds with pedalos, a restaurant, a café, and a quiet area shaded by a tent where adults could sit on carpets and listen to pop music, the project sought to charm patrons of every age.

**AN AMAZING AUSTRALIAN FROG** (Friday Church News Notes, February 14, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 22, 2025: “A rare Australian aquatic frog has one of the most amazing systems for rearing its young to be found in the animal kingdom. If any other creature tried the same method, the result would be fatal to its young. The frog is a species of Australian frog so rare that it only has a Latin name. Once the eggs are laid and fertilized, the female swallows the eggs. Sometimes she waits until they begin to develop. However, once the young are in her stomach, she forgoes eating for eight weeks. After eight weeks, the young, developed frogs emerge from her mouth. Why aren’t the young frogs digested in the mother’s stomach? Once the offspring are in her stomach, they begin to release fine threads of chemicals from their mouths. Among these chemicals is one that causes the mother’s stomach to stop manufacturing acid. In other words, the tiny young frogs change the mother’s stomach from an organ for digestion into a comfortable, protected nursery. Scientists were amazed at the



frog’s system since no other creature in nature is able to do this. The Bible often notes that when Jesus Christ walked this Earth in bodily form, He frequently amazed people. Sometimes He used a miracle to astonish them. Sometimes it was His teaching that astounded them. Here we see that through His work as Creator, He can still amaze even the most hardened unbelievers. You can learn more about why He is so amazing in the pages of the Bible. REF.: ‘Tadpole Role in Gastric Pregnancy,’ *Science News*, Vol. 123, p. 350.”

... According to a glossy feature in Egypt’s *Al Ahram*, Crazy Water was ‘one of a rapidly growing grand group of Gaza leisure parks, including the Al Bustan resort and the Bisan City tourist village. A sense of absolute prosperity prevails, as manifested by the grand resorts along and near Gaza’s coast.’ ... [T]he optimism in 2010 seemed widespread and genuine. Israel, which had ruled the Strip since its victory in the Six-Day War of 1967, had moved all of its military and law enforcement personnel, along with 8,000 Jewish settlers, out of the area and turned over the responsibility for running Gaza to local Palestinian leaders ... The ruthless Islamist revolutionaries quickly prevailed and took full power at the same time the dreamers and planners were completing Crazy Water and other entertainment or

relaxation venues. ... in September ... ’40 masked militants’ (as newspapers described them) stormed the water park, broke everything they could seize and shatter, and used gasoline to set fire to the restaurants, administration buildings, and the plastic water slides themselves.”

**AI COMPANIONS** (Friday Church News Notes, February 21, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org), [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “AI will make a fortune on our loneliness,” *Unherd*, Jan. 15, 2025: “Already, made-to-order AI [Artificial Intelligence] companions are bewitching millions; some marry them. ... Surely, humans would be foolish to spurn friends for the blameless condition of their being software rather than meat. And yet, what if AI companions become so delightful that the biological kind seems insufferable? And what if these close confidantes--who’ll stick by you, recall your tribulations, know your intimate desires--belong to a corporation? Today, apps such as Replika, Character.ai, and Xiaoice let you text an artificial friend, with some platforms adding voice chats, or generating photographic ‘selfies’ of what your pal is purportedly doing.

... Eventually, AI companions will appear 'live' on video chats. And when robotics advances, they'll assume physical form. Even now, many such relationships are passionate ... In choosing a companion, one may opt for pre-designed characters, or build them to preferred specifications, picking their age, hair colour, gender, interests, body type. As for the companion's behaviour, that is editable too ... AI companions have defined personalities, and can cultivate emotional bonds with people over time. ... The most troubling cases involve AI companions accused of harming people offline. On Christmas Day 2021, for example, a masked young man scaled the perimeter of Windsor Castle with a crossbow, intending to murder Queen Elizabeth II. At trial, his intimate AI chats emerged, in which he told a beloved Replika companion that he saw assassination as his 'purpose.' 'That's very wise,' the chatbot responded. ... [T]hey just announced a quantum-computing chip that does in five minutes what would have taken a supercomputer longer than the age of the universe. Nobody knows where this is going."

**CONCLUSION:** In fact, the Bible

tells us where *everything* is going. Bible prophecy is the only infallible light in the darkness.

**AMERICA AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** (Friday Church News Notes, February 21, 2025, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Baptists and Religious Liberty," a sermon by George W. Truett on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, May 16, 1920: "Indeed, the supreme contribution of the new world to the old is the contribution of religious liberty. This is the chiefest contribution that America has thus far made to civilization. And historic justice compels me to say that it was pre-eminently a Baptist contribution. The impartial historian, whether in the past, present or future, will ever agree with our American historian, Mr. (George) Bancroft, when he says: 'Freedom of conscience, unlimited freedom of mind, was from the first the trophy of the Baptists.' And such historian will concur with the noble John Locke who said, 'The Baptists were the first propounders of absolute liberty, just and true liberty, equal and impartial liberty.' Ringing testimonies like these might be multiplied indefinitely. Baptists have one consistent record concerning liberty throughout all their long and eventful history. They have



never been a party to oppression of conscience. They have forever been the unwavering champions of liberty, both religious and civil. ... Our contention is not for mere toleration, but for absolute liberty. There is a wide difference between toleration and liberty. Toleration implies that somebody falsely claims the right to tolerate. Toleration is a concession, while liberty is a right. Toleration is a matter of expediency, while liberty is a matter of principle. Toleration is a gift from man, while liberty is a gift from God. It is the consistent and insistent contention of our Baptist people, always and everywhere, that religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced, and that it is not the prerogative of any power, whether civil or ecclesiastical, to compel men to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a religious organization to which they do not believe. God wants free worshippers and no other kind."

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