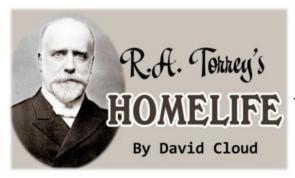
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"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."

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## THE DECEPTIVE DANGERS OF LOGOS BIBLE SOFTWARE ~ By Brian Snider

We are pleased to announce an important new book <u>The Deceptive Dangers</u> of <u>Logos Bible Software</u> by Brian Snider.

It is available for free at

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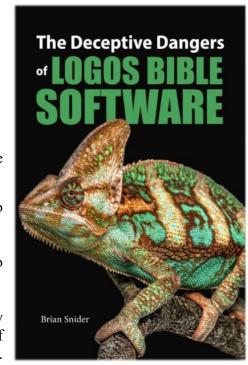
## Following is an excerpt:

(Faithlife is the parent company of Logos Bible Software, Verbum Bible Software, Lexham Press and other subsidiaries.)

Faithlife's Mission Statement is: "We use technology to equip the Church to grow in the light of the Bible."

Yet their digital shelves are filled with works that would damn anyone who believes the doctrines they promote.

Logos has risen to the top of the Bible software heap by means of crafty positioning that allows them to present themselves as promoting the word of God, while selling the most grotesque forms of Bible criticism and heresy.



Like a chameleon, they have the ability to quickly change appearance as needed to avoid criticism on a number of fronts.

We understand, of course, that there are just some things a real Christian could never do. He would never give someone materials that would hurt him spiritually. It would be anathema to a man who's been converted to Christ to lead someone astray or encourage them in their error.

But the business model that Logos has adopted allows them to play both sides against the middle. They sell material for cults, the Roman Catholic Church, and shamelessly endorse the grossest apostasy of the Jesus Seminar. And yet, they use phraseology about themselves that would lead people to think that they are evangelical Christians who are promoting the gospel through their endeavors.

They were early in figuring out how to digitize and monetize the Bible. That monetization seems to have driven them beyond their original intentions and their evangelical position, as money often does.

They have now gone into Bible publication, book and magazine publication, video production, presentation software for church production and have also become very influential.

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Bethel Baptist Church 4212 Campbell St. N. London, Ontario, N6P 1A6 Canada 519-652-2619 Logos has defined themselves in such a way so that they do not take responsibility for the materials they offer. "Logos is a technology company and bookstore that serves churches, pastors, academics, and laity, but Logos is not a church, charity, ministry, or nonprofit."

When you go to their website, you get to 'shop by tradition' so that you will be offered materials that you are comfortable with and that suits your belief system.

The offerings include: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Charismatic, Lutheran, Messianic Jewish, Orthodox, Reformed, Seventh Day Adventist and Wesleyan.

If you criticize Faithlife/Logos for publishing modernism, heresy or materials that appeal to the cults, their carefully worded answer makes it appear as if they only have these materials for academic purposes and that the buyer should beware. They want to claim neutrality when it suits them, but the reality is that they make spiritual decisions all the time. At first, they did not include Romanism in their offerings, but somewhere along the line, the temptation of such a large market apparently became too great to resist. Their filter changed.

In refusing responsibility for the materials they offer, they act is if they are a library, but the fact is they are a bookstore that makes a profit when you buy these materials, which are offered, not only without warning, but with positive recommendations, no matter how dangerous they might be.

In 2011, Logos released an entire version of their software for Roman Catholics, Verbum, which represents a massive segment of the religious market.

They claim that you must use your own discernment when choosing material, and then turn around and wholehearted endorse and promote the wicked dogmas and doctrines of Rome.

Logos boasts that the "Bible has been the heart and soul of our company for over 30 years." Yet, Galatians 1:8,9 tells us in no uncertain language that a curse rests on those who preach or promote false gospels, which Faithlife clearly does.

## The Deceptive Dangers of Logos Bible Software deals with the following:

- Michael Heiser
- John Piper
- Kevin Bauder and Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- Mark Ward and the King James Bible
- Seventh-day Adventism

- Pornography
- Transgender Issues
- Faithlife Streaming
- Craig Evans

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## Way of Life Bible College

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## A whole church, whole life Bible college

A "WHOLE CHURCH" Bible college is a challenge to every church member to pursue a serious Bible education at his or her own pace. It is a challenge to continue to pursue a Bible education throughout his or her life.

We had a full-time Bible college for many years and graduated multiple classes of three-year students. The 2023 graduation was the final one. This year we are starting a whole church Bible college.

We believe this will be a better use of personnel and meet the needs of a wider group of people and build up the church to a stronger level. The "whole church" Bible college is designed to provide a Bible college education for *all* of God's people. It can be a full-time program for those who have the time to devote to it. But it can work for those who can devote as little as a few hours a week.

It expands on a Bible Institute that consists of one or two church classes a week.

It consists of a combination of the following:

*Church classes.* e.g., one or more classes a week, such as evening classes or Sunday afternoon.

Pulpit ministry. Here we refer primarily to expository preaching through Bible books. Right now we are preaching through James by giving a strong introduction and focusing on some of the highlights. The students take the material taught in these services for credit, while the others learn as they do in normal church services. The church member who approaches an expository preaching series as a Bible course--taking notes, reviewing, and being tested--will get much more out of it than by merely listening.

Christian school and Home school. In our Christian school, some of the courses in the Bible college curriculum are administered in the higher grades, and the students can get credit for these toward the Bible college degree. The same is true for approved courses taught in home school programs.

*Private study.* Students can take courses on their own time, particularly the courses that have video classes.

It is a supervised program with a set curricula that the student moves through toward a degree. It works like this:

- Those who want to participate, register as students.
   The registration paper has the list of courses on the back, and as the student completes courses they are checked off.
- The student is assigned a supervisor to guide him or her through the curricula. The supervisor advises about the order of courses, answers questions, helps the student stay on track, administers tests, registers the scores, and prepares course completion certificates.
- As quickly as possible, the student takes the three introductory courses that are designed to help him take the Bible college courses more effectually. These are Introduction to Bible Geography, Effectual Bible Student, and Introduction to Time Management.
- The student takes the courses that are available in church classes and in the pulpit ministry. If he has already completed a course that is being taught in the church classes, he should take a different course privately so he can move along toward completion of the curricula.
- The student takes additional courses privately as he or she has time.
- Each year in our missions conference we have had a graduation service for the Bible college. Beginning in 2025, those who have completed courses that year will receive certificates for their work, and those who have completed an entire curricula will receive a degree.

At the heart of our Bible college curricula is a comprehensive Bible survey called *Mastering the English Bible*, which takes the student from Genesis to Revelation and incorporates multi-media presentations featuring 7,500 slides with maps, archaeology photos, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings of ancient sites, video clips, and other visual aids gleaned from museums and libraries plus on-site research in Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, England, and Europe.

Our Bible college is also called "WHOLE LIFE" because it aims to provide serious Bible training for the whole life. The three Bible college degrees (Old Testament Theology, New Testament Theology, General Theology) is the beginning, not the end. We want to urge our members to take Bible courses to the end of their lives to supplement the church's pulpit ministry and their own private Bible study.

A whole church, whole life Bible college is based on the concept that the New Testament church IS a Bible college, and every member must be trained up as highly as possible as a whole life pursuit. The goal is "to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). The goal is to "come ... unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). To obey Christ's command--"teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20)--requires teaching the whole Bible and the whole counsel of God to every believer that he might be equipped to be the **priest** (1 Pe. 2:5), **ambassador** (2 Co. 5:20), soldier (Eph. 5:10-18), minister of gifts (Ro. 12:3-8), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), and builder of the church (1 Co. 3:9-15; Eph. 4:11-16) that God has called him to be (and if married, the father the spiritual head of the home and the mother the keeper of the home).

In addition to the three-year Bible college curricula, our church offers many other Bible courses that the members can take. These are additional and advanced courses for those who have completed the Bible college.

When we talk about a whole church, whole life Bible college, we are not referring to doctrine without practice. We're not talking about merely filling people's minds with knowledge. We aren't talking about "arm chair theology." Proper Bible training is practical training for the Christian life and ministry. We are talking about "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20). The emphasis is on "all things" and the emphasis is on "to observe," which is obedience. The Greek *tereo* is "to guard, to keep, to obey."

Imagine what a church could be that is trained like this for multiple generations, assuming it doesn't fail to keep the emphasis on the gospel, regeneration, Spirit filling, holiness, a pilgrim lifestyle, surrender to Christ, separation, and aggressive evangelism.

Churches can use whatever curricula they want, of course.

For those who are interested in the Way of Life Bible College curricula, 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). As of January 2025, there are 511 videos, with another 35 scheduled for the first half of 2025. There are also more than 180 PowerPoint series with about 30,000 slides. We are adding new video classes and PowerPoint series regularly. The videos (except *Mastering the English Bible*) and the PowerPoints are available for free.

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## **Suggested Degree in Old Testament Theology**

- *Bible Knowledge Test* (to be taken by the student at the beginning of the training)
- Introduction to Bible Geography (to be taken by the student at the beginning of the training)
- Effectual Bible Student (to be taken by the student at the beginning of the training)
- Introduction to Time Management (to be taken by the student at the beginning of the training)
- Mastering the English Bible Old Testament History (90 video classes, textbook 477 pages)
- - Genesis to Chronicles, The Babylonian Captivity, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Between the Testaments
- Mastering Job and Psalms (24 video classes, textbook 130 pages)
- Mastering Proverbs Ecclesiastes (textbook 176 pages, about 30 sessions)
- Mastering Prophetic Books (37 video classes, textbook 239 pages)

## **Suggested Degree in New Testament Theology**

- *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)
- *Mastering General Epistles* (textbook 300 pages, about 50 sessions)
- *Mastering Revelation* (textbook 261 pages, about 40 sessions)

## **Suggested Degree in General Theology**

- The Church: The Pillar and Ground of the Truth (12 video classes, textbook)
- The Doctrine Which Ye Have Learned (textbook 503 pages, about 70 sessions)
- 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* (25 video classes, textbook, and tests, new edition 2024)
- Satanic Attack on Sacred Music (18 video classes, textbook)
- Effectual Prayer in Perilous Times (6 video classes, textbook 123 pages)
- Highlights in Church History (28 video classes, PowerPoints, textbook 312 pages)
- An Evangelistic Church for the 21st Century (11 video classes, textbook 164 pages)
- Woman and Her Service to God (textbook 214 pages)

## **Suggested Advanced Degree in General Theology**

- Bible Times & Ancient Kingdoms (textbook 673 pages, PowerPoints)
- History of the Churches from a Baptist Perspective (textbook 2 volumes 950 pages, 11 PowerPoints series with 2,890 slides, about 100 sessions)
- Feed the Flock: Expository Bible Preaching (15 video classes, textbook 181 pages)
- The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements (textbook 443 pages, 8 PowerPoints series with 1,400 slides, 8 sessions)
- Jews in Fighter Jets: Israel Past, Present, Future (textbook 555 pages, 15 PowerPoints with 2,650 slides, about 70 sessions)
- Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy (scheduled

May 2025, 15 video classes, PowerPoints 480 slides, textbook)

- The Pornographic Age and Victory in Christ (scheduled April 2025, 16 video classes, textbook 178 pages)
- Hand of God in World History (scheduled for 2025) (textbook, PowerPoints)

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## Courses <a href="https://www.wavoflife.org/courses/">https://www.wavoflife.org/courses/</a>

## 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 to "Books" and then "Courses."



## **The Way of Life Research Library**



**By David Cloud** 

The Way of Life web site is a massive library of information, much of which that can be searched by our fine-tuned search engine.

In addition to the hundreds of books, PowerPoints, and videos, there are currently about 2,000 well-researched individual reports containing information on a large number of influential men, women, organizations, heresies, movements, churches, denominations, schools, philosophies, etc., past and present.

The Way of Life web site is a research library on Bible Doctrine, Bible Prophecy, Bible Culture, Salvation, Prayer, Preaching, Evangelism, Repentance, Ancient Nations, World History, British History, European History, Baptist History, Waldensian History, Church Fathers (so-called), Protestant History, American History, the Inquisition, the Crusades, Israel, Dispensationalism, Archaeology, Evolution, Philosophy, Creation Science, Apostasy, Heresy, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, New Age, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Seventh-day Adventism, Denominationalism, Pentecostalism, the Charismatic Movement, Abortion, Sacred Music, Hymns, Psalm singing, Rock Music, Contemporary Christian Music, Christian Biography, Theological liberalism, Atheism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Unitarianism, Bible Versions, Bible Texts (Hebrew/Greek), Cultural Liberalism, Hollywood, Contemplative Prayer, Clothing, Fashion, Fundamentalism, Evangelicalism, Emerging Church, Independent Baptist, Southern Baptist, Baptist World Alliance, Church Growth, Jesus Movement, Social Gospel, New Age Medicine, United Nations,

Communism, Psychology, Missions, Home Schooling, Bible Animals, and Bible Trees, to name of the topics.

There are more than 100 **FREE EBOOKS** with about 13,000 pages of information and averaging 125 pages each.

There are about 100 BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

There is a complete **BIBLE COLLEGE CURRICULA** with about 40 courses featuring textbooks, review questions, and tests, and many of the courses have video classes.

There are about 200 multimedia **POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS**, mostly free.

There are 300 **VIDEO PRESENTATIONS**, most of them free.

There is a **HOME SCHOOLING BIBLE CURRICULUM**.

There are about 200 issues of the illustrated, full-color weekly FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

There are about 90 issues of the 24-page, illustrated, full-color monthly **O TIMOTHY** magazine.

There is a **DIRECTORY OF FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCHES**.

# Charles Wesley's Hymns for the Naitivity of the Lord By David Cloud

The following is excerpted from <u>Transforming Congregational Singing for the 21st Century</u>, www.wayoflife.org –

Charles Wesley's *Hymns for the Nativity of the Lord* (December 1745) proclaim, in peerless poetry, the glories of Christ's incarnation. The collection is not merely about a babe in the manger; it is about the magnificent mystery of God manifest in the flesh. This is the true message of Christmas. (The original collection consisted of 18 hymns. Three more were added to the 1810 edition.)

*Hymns for the Nativity* was very popular, going through about 25 printings in Wesley's lifetime.

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The only well-known hymn that remains from this collection is "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," which was hymn number X.

In this collection, every biblical aspect of the incarnation is considered:

- Its mystery and paradox (God made man)
- Its purpose (Christ's vicarious sacrifice, resurrection, the eternal redemption of sinners, and the new creation made one in Christ)

- Its revelation of God (infinite power, infinite love, infinite grace and mercy, infinite wisdom, infinite holiness)
- Its infinite benefits to man
- Its infinite instruction for men and angels
- Its endless delight as the subject of meditation
- The necessity of proclaiming it to all men
- The necessity and joy of worshipping the God of the incarnation

The delightful, challenging lyrics are bursting with instruction. Nearly every stanza is a perfect theological jewel. They "are sprinkled with vivid, arresting, and provocative phrases as well as soul-lifting and exhilarating thought. The spirit is that of adoration and wonder" (T. Crichton Mitchell, *Charles Wesley: Man with the Dancing Heart*, p. 196).

## "Join All Ye Joyful Nations"

Charles Wesley, 1745 Meter 7.6.8.7

Tune "Crosby" <a href="https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/114600">https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/114600</a>

- 1. Join all ye joyful nations
  The acclaiming hosts of Heav'n!
  This happy morn a child is born
  To us a son is given.
- 2. The messenger and token
  Of eternal favor,
  God hath sent down to us His Son,
  A universal Savior!
- 3. The wonderful Messiah,
  Joy of every nation,
  Jesus His name, with God the fame,
  The Lord of all creation.

4. The counselor of sinners,
Mighty to deliver,
The Prince of Peace, whole love's increase,
Shall reign in Man forever.

5. Go see the King of glory, Seek the heavenly stranger, So poor and mean, His court an inn, His cradle is a manger.

6. Who from His father's bosom
Now for us descended
Who built the skies, on earth He lies,
By only beasts attended.

7. Whom all the angels worship,
Hid in human nature;
Incarnate see the deity,
The infinite creator!

**8.** See the stupendous blessing God to us hath given!

A child of man, in length a span, Who fills both earth and Heaven.

9. Gaze on that helpless object,
Endless adoration!
Those infant hands shall burst our bands,
And work out our salvation.

10. Strangle the crooked serpent, Burn his works forever,And open set the heavenly gate To every true believer.

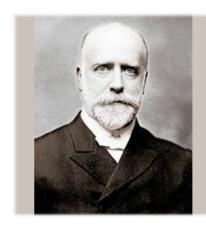
11. Till then, Thou holy Jesus,
We bow low before Thee,
Our treasures bring, to serve our king,
And joyfully adore Thee.

12. To Thee we gladly render, What Thy grace hath given, Till Thou appear in glory here, And take us up to Heaven.

A COMPUTER WITH FINS (Friday Church News Notes, April 18, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, March 8, 2025: "The glass knifefish, popular in home aquariums, has been the subject of study by two University of California researchers. They have concluded that this unusual looking fish has such a complex nervous system that it is basically a computer with fins. As the 6- to 7-inch native of South America swims along, it generates up to 700 weak electrical impulses a second, which it uses like radar to navigate. The returning signals are received by specialized cells all over the fish's body. The fish's brain then processes these signals in much the same way that our brain processes the signals from our ears and tells us the direction of the source of sound. However, where we use sound waves to tell us direction, the glass knifefish uses electrical impulses that travel much faster than sound. But not only are those impulses



faster but there are up to 700 signals per second to process. The fish's secret to processing this huge amount of information is called parallel processing. This is a technique that has been discovered and applied to produce the fastest computers yet. The glass knifefish is an unlikely design to have evolved. The highly sophisticated information-processing technology built into this fish can only be attributed to the Creator, presented to us in the Bible."



## R.H. Torrey's HOMELIFE

By David Cloud

he following is excerpted from <u>The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists</u>, www.wayoflife.org –

Christian homes that raise happy, healthy, dedicated Christian youth are homes that are filled with God's Word and also filled with every blessing of life.

Consider R.A. Torrey, who was an evangelist who conducted worldwide crusades and also pastored Moody Church and was the head of Moody Bible Institute and later the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (Biola). He married Clara Smith in 1878, when he was 23, and they had four girls (Edith Clare, Blanche, Elizabeth, Margaret) and one boy (Reuben). All of the children served the Lord, and Reuben and his wife Janet were missionaries in China and Korea for 46 years.

The Word of God had first place in the Torrey home. Torrey loved to teach the Bible, and he continually taught it to his own family. So did Clara. She taught Sunday School and ladie's' classes, but her first and foremost pupils were her own children. There was an emphasis on church life. The children were taught to be faithful to the house of God and to be active in service. There was strict separation from evil things.

But the family also had a lot of all-around wholesome fun. (An emphasis on separation and rules without wholesome enjoyment tends to produce hypocrisy and rebellion. And an emphasis on fun apart from a priority on the Word of God and separation simply produces a "clean," Christianized version of the world that results in lifestyles centered on having fun rather than on pilgrim lifestyles that are characterized by surrender, self-sacrifice, and a passion for fulfilling the Great Commission.)

Following is a description of the Torrey home:

"Torrey's relationship with each member of his family was one of warmth, love, and enjoyment. They were a very closely knit household and were as happy as any family could be. Each member of the family, although widely differing in personality, was very devoted to both his or her father and mother. ...

"Torrey ruled his household with a firm but tender hand. He took heed to the injunction that 'a bishop must then be blameless ... one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity' (1 Ti. 3:2, 4). ... Family devotions were always held immediately after breakfast. ... He endeavored to instill within them a true love for the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God. He also kept a careful watch over the friendships the children formed realizing the tremendous influence of bad companions. ... He laid down a few principles of action but not a lot of laws as to what they should or should not do. He did not always explain the 'why' of these, as he wanted them to learn the principle of authority. ...

"The devoted attitude of the children toward their parents is reflected in an incident involving Blanche. ... Blanche was offered two tickets [to a Sunday gathering featuring President William McKinley and famous U.S. Navy Commodore Dewey], but she refused them. Her astonished teacher asked, 'Did your father forbid you to go?' 'No,' she replied, 'but I don't think it would please him if I did, so I am not going.' The children gladly accepted the principles which their parents laid down for them.

"As Reuben in later years recalled, 'We did not resent the fact that theaters, dancing, and the like were denied us, for two reasons. First, the reasons why these were not countenanced were fully explained. ... Second, we realized how continually our parents were endeavoring to meet the youthful craving for pleasurable activity and excitement by making possible good times that were wholesome and normal. What dance could compare with the thrill of meeting Father in Lincoln Park for an afternoon's skate and the jolly tramp home as the old gas lamps began to twinkle? Who cared to sit in stuffy theaters when there were art galleries and museums to visit with one who appreciated them so keenly and knew so much of history and science.'

"Torrey scheduled certain times to be with his children on their time. On Saturday afternoon it was either hunting, fishing, swimming, hiking, canoeing, golfing, horseback riding ... picnicking, or tennis in the summer. Ice skating was the favorite in the winter. ... The family also enjoyed frequent visits to zoos, museums, art galleries, and other places of interest. Whatever his schedule, he scrupulously observed Monday night as a family time. How delighted the children were to hear their father tell them stories and play such then-popular games as Upjenks, Rook, Crockenole, and Pillow Dex. ...

"Torrey's devotedness to his children was great, but it did not compare to the deep attachment which he had for his wife Clara. ... Whenever possible, she always went with him in his journeys. When he was away from her, the daily letter was a must no matter how pressing the duties. A birthday or wedding anniversary was never forgotten" (Roger Martin, *R.A. Torrey, Apostle of Certainty*).

## BRO, CLOUD AVAILABLE FOR BIBLE CONFERENCES IN 2026

## Hello, friends

I am preparing my travel schedule for 2026. I will consider any length of conference on any proposed subject, but I am particularly interested in Bible conferences with 10 or more sessions to preach and teach and video record highlights of Way of Life Bible College courses.

This kind of extended immersion in the Word of God has almost gone the way of the Dodo Bird but it has great benefits for a church.

Our passion is to help strengthen New Testament churches and the Christian home in these last days.

For feedback from pastors who have hosted such conferences in the last couple of years, you are welcome to contact -

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Pastor Wayne Boadway - info@royalcity.org, 519-823-5099

Pastor Derek Seeley - derekseeleykjv@yahoo.com, 503-308-0801

For videos of the July 2024 conference at Northside Baptist Church, Adelaide, Australia, the theme of which was *Understanding Bible Prophecy*, see <a href="https://www.wayoflife.org/s3/understanding-bible-prophecy-videos.php">https://www.wayoflife.org/s3/understanding-bible-prophecy-videos.php</a>

### 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?



**ROCK'S HAND-HORNS SIGNAL** (Friday Church News Notes, March 2025. www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The rock hand-horns signal is ubiquitous in today's society, but there is nothing right about it from a biblical perspective. God's people are admonished to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good," "abstain from all appearance of evil," and "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but reprove them" rather (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; Ephesians 5:11). I began to do this in 1973 when I was saved out of a lifestyle steeped in rock & roll, submitted to the Bible as the sole authority for my life, and no longer wanted the rock & roll culture to shape my life. Consider two facts about the rock handshorn signal in modern times: First, the signal began with the occult side of 60s and 70s rock and signified the sign of the devil. The back cover of Coven's 1969 album Witchcraft Destroys Minds and Reaps Souls featured two of the band members showing the horns sign ("Where Did the Rock + Metal's Devil Horn Come From?" Loudwire, Apr. 21, 2021). Coven was photographed using the sign beginning in 1967. The album included a 13-minute Satanic Mass. In that context the sign was called "the devil's horn" and was used with that meaning by John Lennon, Geezer

Butler and Ronnie James Dio of Black Sabbath, and others. occult was a major theme of rock in the 60s and 70s. Second, by the 1980s the horn signal had infiltrated pop music in general and morphed into a sign of rock & roll itself and its fundamental philosophy, which is "live as you please, live life as a party, live free." "The 'sign of the horns' has morphed into mainstream way of saying, 'Rock on' ... or 'Good times'" ("Hand-horns," Florida Times-Union, Aug. 15, The fundamental rock philosophy was encapsulated by the Rolling Stones in their 1965 hit "I'm free to do what I want any old time." The Animals seconded that with "It's my life and I'll do what I want." More recently, Snoop Dog added his amen to this in the "weed anthem" "Live Young Wild and Free." In 2017, Gene Simmons of KISS tried to trademark the horns sign, but was thwarted when Coven threatened a lawsuit. No matter which meaning you choose, the rock horn sign doesn't pass the Bible test. It is not "good" (1 Th. 5:21); it has the appearance of evil (1 Th. 5:22); and it is associated with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11).

NEW JERSEY HOSPITAL ASKS PARENTS IF THEIR NEWBORNS ARE STRAIGHT, GAY OR TRANS (Friday Church News Notes, March 28, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

What sex was your baby assigned at birth?

Female

Male

Prefer not to answer

Do you identify your baby as?

Female

Male

Transgender Female/Trans Woman/Male To Female

Transgender Male/Trans Man/Female To Male

GenderQueer, neither exclusively male nor female

Additional gender category/ Self-described; please specify

Prefer not to answer

- The following is excerpted from "Is Your Baby Straight or Gay?" NJ.com, Mar. 10, 2025: "At the height of the pandemic when COVID-19 was taking a heavier toll on Black people, Gov. Phil Murphy signed a law that required hospitals and labs in New Jersey to collect more detailed demographic information on its patients. Four years later, the law has taken a surprising turn. Hospitals are handing out forms asking pregnant and post-partum mothers the gender identity and sexual orientation of their babies, according to a patient in South Jersey. 'Which of the following best describes your baby? Lesbian or gay; straight or heterosexual, bisexual, questioning/unsure, prefer not to answer.' The form from Inspira Health explains the questions are required under state law and to help the hospital fulfill its mission 'to provide a safe and compassionate experience.' ... State Sen. Holly Schepisi, R-Bergen, got wind of the chatter and investigated. On Friday, she said she was drafting legislation that would amend the law to introduce some 'common sense.""

BEWARE OF LOGOS BIBLE **SOFTWARE'S BIG TENT** (Friday Church News Notes, March 28, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Logos Bible Software is one of the most popular and influential Bible software packages, but it is an ecumenical blending machine that encompasses nearly every branch of end-time Christianity: Roman Orthodox. Catholic. Reformed, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Seventh-day Adventist, Baptist, theological liberalism, evangelicalism, and more. Logos is a subsidiary of Faithlife, as are Verbum Bible Software and Lexham Press. Logos Bible Software is a dangerous

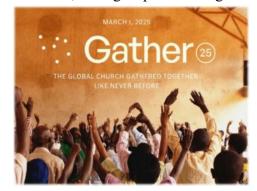


world that can easily draw the individual into association with heretics and put them under the influence of heresy. God's Word contains strong warnings about such things. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Co. 15:33). See also Romans 16:17-18; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 11:1-4; Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:5; Jude 1:17-23; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 1:7-11; Revelation 2:2. 14-16. We are living in an age of ecumenical blending and merging toward the ultimate fulfillment of Mystery Babylon. We are witnessing the overall collapse of every "fundamentalist" element in Christianity, including fundamental Baptists. Large numbers of them are moving away from core doctrinal convictions by dabbling in the broad tent of evangelicalism that has bridges to cultural liberalism, amillennialism, post-tribulationalism, replacement theology, the church fathers, Christian rock, C.S. Lewis, the downgrade of hell, contemplative gibberish prayer, tongues, prophesying, and a slew of other errors. Logos Bible Software is a major player in this Babel. It started offering Roman Catholic material in 2011 and founded a full-blown Roman Catholic edition called Verbum in 2013. Roman Catholics hold positions in Logos and Faithlife. Consider how Logos describes their role as a blending machine: "In the

very simplest terms, Logos links together thousands of texts and keys them all to the Scripture. The Bible becomes a sort of hub around which the whole tradition revolves. But, all the texts are linked to each other as well. So, as you read the Bible the software is mining the data of the library for information about the passage. What did St. Augustine say? Aquinas? Vatican II? Once you start following a thread, you can go in any direction with it." Any direction, indeed! That is a recipe for doctrinal disaster and spiritual shipwreck. A few brethren are biblically grounded enough and spiritually strong enough critically minded enough to use Logos and not be led astray, but this software package is extremely dangerous. We would not recommend it except for an extreme minority that might need its powerful search tools and are able to protect themselves. (For more on this see the free eBook The Deceptive Dangers of Logos Bible Software by Brian Snider, www.wayoflife.org.)

## GATHER25: MORE APOSTASY MASQUERADING AS REVIVAL

(Friday Church News Notes, March 28, 2025, <u>www.wayoflife.org</u> <u>fbns@wayoflife.org</u>, 866-295-4143) - Gather25 was a "global prayer event led by Bible teacher and bestselling author Jennie Allen ... which featured live gatherings in seven locations and over 21,000 groups meeting in



FLIPPERPITHICUS (Friday Church News Notes, www.wayoflife.org March 28, 2025, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 17, 2025: "Creation Scientists have often complained that evolutionists seem unscientifically eager to turn any ancient fossil into proof of human evolution. In the past, bones from pigs, monkeys, alligators, horses and even an elephant have been 'reconstructed' into missing links between humans and ape-like creatures. While these examples are all old, evolutionists continue to be over-enthusiastic about using animal bones to make human-like creatures. A more recent example caused the respected magazine, Science News, to note that even some evolutionists have begun to discuss 'anthropologists' over-zealous pursuit of human ancestry.' In 1979, a bone discovered in northern Africa was described as a hominoid clavicle. In plain English, the bone was said to be the collarbone of a creature that was an ape becoming man. Its discoverer said that the bone indicated that its owner had possibly even walked upright, like modern humans. As in most of these claims, its discoverer said that it was the oldest evidence yet for the evolution of modern man. Others



studied the fossil bone over the next few years. They came to the conclusion that it was, in fact, the rib bone from a Pacific white-sided dolphin. One scientist jokingly nicknamed the creature 'flipperpithicus'-meaning the dolphin ape. We need to take care that we don't become over-impressed by the conclusions of scientists with lots of letters behind their names. When it comes to supporting evolution, many scientists are driven more by their desire to prove evolution than by any facts. REF.: W. Herbert, 'Hominids Bear Up, Become Porpoiseful,' *Science News*, Vol. 123, p. 246."

churches and homes an unprecedented moment in Christian unity and worship" ("We are living in Pentecost," The Christian Post, Mar. 11, 2025). The event harnessed AI translation technology to make "realtime communication possible across languages." Allen, Theological Seminary graduate and founder of IF:Gathering, said the "vision for Gather25 took shape" from a "vivid dream that Jesus was coming back soon, in 10 years" (though she also claims that she doesn't know when Jesus is coming back). She said, "How do you know if you're obeying God or if this vision is from God?' And a wise person once said, 'When it happens," but that is not a biblical stance. The devil can answer misguided prayers. Scripture warns that if a prophecy comes to pass but it is contrary to God's Word, it is not of

(Deuteronomy God 13:1-4). GATHER25 is contrary to God's Word in multiple ways, such as the following: It neglects the earnest defense of the faith, which God's Word commands (Jude 1:3). It ignores the Bible's strong warnings about end-time apostasy (Matthew 13:33; 2 Timothy 3:1-13; 4:3-4). It ignores the Bible's command to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). It incorporates the world's music into the worship of a holy God, which is gross confusion (2 Corinthians 6:14-17; Ephesians 5:11; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17). It ignores the command of God's Word to separate from error (Romans 16:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:5). It ignores God's disallowance of women church leaders and women teaching men (1 Timothy 2:11-14; 3:2). Finally, it is founded on an unbiblical doctrine of "the church." There is no "global church" described in Scripture. There is the "general assembly and church of the firstborn" in heaven (Hebrews 12:23). And on earth there is the New Testament church that has pastors and deacons (1 Timothy 3:1-15). It is this church that is the house of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. A "global church" is a biblical impossibility. Who are the leaders? How are they chosen? Who ordains them? Who are the members? What baptism do they receive? By whom? How is a "global church" taught to "observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you"? How is it taught "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27)? How is it disciplined? How is it protected from false teachers and "every wind of doctrine"?



INEFFECTUAL PRAYER FOR **TRUMP** PRESIDENT (Friday Church News Notes, April 4, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - On March 18, Christian leaders prayed for U.S. President Donald Trump in the Oval Office at the White House. The meeting was led by Paula White-Cain, "Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office and Trump's longtime spiritual advisor" ("Evangelical Leaders Pray with Trump," Christianity Daily, Mar. 23, 2025). Vice President J.D. Vance was baptized into the Catholic Church in 2019 ("Vance Becomes Catholic," The American Conservative, Aug. 11, 2019). On March 19, Trump hosted a Catholic for Catholics Gala at Mar-a-Largo in Palm Beach. We delight in prayer for the nation, but prayer led by those who blatantly disobey God's Word is ineffectual. God says so. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination" (Proverbs 28:9). "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). See also Job 27:8-9; Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 15:29; Isaiah 1:15; John 9:31; James 4:3; 1 Peter 3:12.

"Evangelicalism" today is apostasy, or, at the very least, a dangerous bridge to apostasy. It is laying the groundwork for Mystery Babylon. In an interview with the *Tennessean*, Jonathan Cain of the rock band Journey says his wife, Paula White-Cain, was taking care of President Trump's soul ("He Kept Believin': Journey's Jonathan Cain on his wife, her role with Trump, and faith," Tennessean, May 7, 2018). Paula delivered the invocation at Trump's first inauguration. She claims to have had a vision in which God called her to preach and told her "that every time I opened my mouth and declared the Word of the Lord, there was a manifestation of His Spirit where people were either healed, delivered, or saved" (Shanye Lee, Holy Mavericks, pp. 107-128). Paula and her second husband, Randy White, were co-pastors of Without Walls International, a multi-location church in Tampa and Lakeland, Florida, but they divorced in 2007 and the operation folded. "A Senate report found that the couple had used tax-exempt ministry money to pay for a private jet, salaries to family members and nearly \$900,000 for a waterfront mansion" ("Who Is Paula White-Cain?" Newsweek, Feb. 7,

2025). Paula traveled frequently to New York City where she had a Trump Tower condo and conducted services at New Life by Design Empowerment Center as motivational speaker. In 2015, Paula married Jonathan Cain, the third marriage for both. After the wedding, she tweeted, "We're so excited to share our wedding vows and celebration with our church family tonight." Her "vows" must be something like, "I vow to remain married to you until I don't want to remain married to you." At Unleashed 2016, Jonathan advised women that "if he [your husband] likes to watch porn, watch porn with him." At this foolish. wicked. unscriptural statement. Paula laughed (Tennessean, May 7, 2018). Paula White-Cain exemplifies American Christianity today, and this is the nation's fundamental problem. The grace these people preach is not the true grace of God as described in Titus 2:11-14. It is the "live according to lusts" Christianity your own prophesied in 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Try bringing up the subject of modest dress or worldly music and see what happens. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

PRESIDENT OF TURKEY PRAYS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL (Friday Church News Notes, April 4, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Leading prayers marking the end of Ramadan at the Grand Camica Mosque, Turkey's largest, President Recep Erdogan prayed, "May Allah, for the sake of his name Al-Oahhar



[All-Prevailing One], destroy and devastate Zionist Israel. And may we all, witnessing what is happening there [in the Gaza Strip], stay united, strong and resilient as brothers; may Allah keep our unity everlasting" ("May Allah Destroy Israel," World Israel News, Mar. 30, 2025). In this objective, Erdogan joins Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and other avowed enemies of Israel. In August 2012, president, Mahmoud Iran's Ahmadinejad, called Israel "cancerous tumor" and said "the ultimate goal of world forces must be the annihilation of Israel" (Jerusalem Post, Aug. 2, 2012). In 2024, Iran's newly elected president, Masoud Pezeshkian, reaffirmed Tehran's dedication to destroying Israel (Israel Today, July 9, 2024). The rage against Israel is setting the stage for the great Gog Magog prophecy in Ezekiel 38-39. Russia is the northern power that will lead an attack on Israel with a vast military alliance. Persia and Togarmah are listed as members of this alliance. Persia's name was changed to Iran in 1935. As for Togarmah, "Both Christian and Jewish writers tell us that Togarmah refers to the Turkoman tribes of Central Asia--enemies of the Jews and anti-Christian all!" (Louis Bauman, Russian Events in the Light of Bible Prophecy). The threats will turn out to be hot air. The Gog Magog alliance will suffer destruction. Jehovah God says, "And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I

will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD" (Ezekiel 38:22-23). This will mark the time of Israel's repentance and conversion. See Ezekiel 39:7, 21, 22, 28, 29. (For a study on Gog Magog, see <u>The Future According</u> to the <u>Bible</u>, www.wayoflife.org.)

IRISH COURT SEIZES LIFE **SAVINGS OF TEACHER** DENYNG TRANS IDEOLOGY (Friday Church News Notes, April 4, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Irish Court," PJMedia, Mar. 25, "Teacher Enoch Burke respectfully refused to use invented pronouns for a student who claimed to be transgender. Since he was teaching at a Christian school, the young Irishman believed that his Christian belief that there are only two sexes would be respected. He was wrong. The Church of Ireland has been silent as the Irish courts railroad Burke for his beliefs. And according to Burke, schools across Ireland are sexualizing children and demanding fidelity to the religion of wokeness. ... Burke is facing the complete robbery of his life and



livelihood. Burke's X account shared details. In one video, Burke explained that on payday, he received no salary and his bank account was raided. As he makes €750 weekly, and has to put aside a little at a time, the loss of his life savings--€40,000--is indeed a significant blow. ... he simply refused in 2022 to refer to a student as 'they' when his principal demanded it. The Church of Ireland has apparently gone as woke as its counterpart, the Church of England. Simply for refusing to violate his conscience and submit to transgender ideology, Burke said he subsequently spent 500 days in jail. 'I refused to be compelled into promoting an anti-Christian belief in the [Christian] school where I was employed,' the young teacher said. ... It is worth noting that the European Union, of which Ireland is a member, is currently planning to expedite its digital euro, which would make it even easier for the government to seize an individual's money, even potentially without any trial. In Communist China, the government can immediately shut off digital funds for dissidents."

DESTRUCTION **OF** THE MORAL FIBER OF BLACK **CULTURE** (Friday Church News 4, Notes, April 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The world's music has played a major role in the destruction of the moral character of black churches and homes. We could address hiphop, but let's go farther back than that. Consider the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival which is featured in the documentary Summer of Soul. The festival consisted of six concerts attended by 300,000. Called a "revolution," it was driven by music. There was the mixing of every type

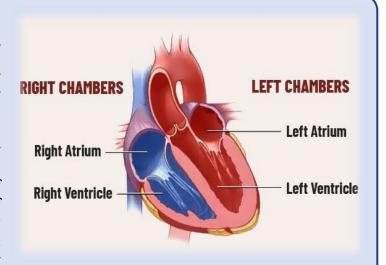
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YOUR FAIL-SAFE HEART (Friday Church News www.wayoflife.org 4. 2025, Notes, April fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 16, 2025: "Your heart will beat some 100,000 times today. That's over 36 million heartbeats a year and over 2.5 billion times in a 70-year lifespan. A healthy heart ticks along, producing beat after beat, whether we are awake or asleep. If we become more active, the heart increases its beating to meet the increasing needs of the rest of our body. Doctors tell us that it's amazing how few of these beats are faulty. They say that it's perfectly normal for even a healthy heart to produce an occasional irregular heartbeat. Sometimes an irregular heartbeat is noticeable, but most often it's not. Doctors say that when your heart seems to skip a beat, it has really only beat prematurely. The premature beat leaves a pause before the next regular beat, making it feel as if your heart skipped a beat. The clockwork precision of the heart's continuing beats is controlled by a built-in pacemaker. The pacemaker, called the sinus node, is a group of cells in the heart's upper right chamber. However, research has shown that every cell in the heart



is able to send the electrical signal needed to produce a heartbeat if the sinus node fails. Using highly complex computer models, medical researchers have only begun to understand within the past few years, the electrical action within the heart. The human heart is much more than a pump, as once believed. It is also a computer and regulator. Every beat of this wondrously designed biological machine glorifies the Creator Who made it!"

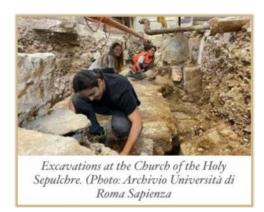


of music: filthy blues and boogie woogie and rock (B.B. King, Sly and the Family Stone, Stevie Wonder) with Gospel (Mahalia Jackson "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"; Staple Singers "Help me, Lord Jesus"; Gladys Knight and the Pips -"We join our hands and said prayers before going on stage"). The Fifth Dimension mixed "Aquarius" from the filthy new age opera Hair with "Let the Sun Shine In," a 1954 gospel song by Stuart Hamblin. The Edwin Hawkins Singers performed "O Happy Day" ("when Jesus washed

my sins away; He taught me how to watch and pray and live rejoicing every day"). This is a jazzed up version of a godly hymn by Philip Doddridge 1755. The Edwin Hawkins Singers' version consists of endless repetition of the chorus divorced from its rich theology; "O Happy Day" is repeated 21 times. The Harlem Cultural Festival was a merging of philosophy and religion. There was Black Marxism (Nina Simone shouted to the crowd, "Are you ready to smash White things, to things?"); Black Power (represented by the Black Panthers); Voodoo (there was a voodoo dance); Black Islam; Christianity; Jesse Jackson said, "I want us to bow our heads in prayer. It does not really matter who your God is, whether vou call him Allah, Buddha, Jehovah, Elohiym, or Yahway" (Summer of Soul).

TRACES OF GARDEN FOUND UNDER THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org

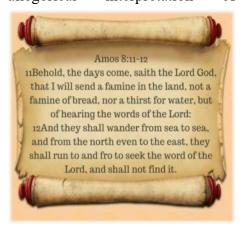
fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Archaeological work beneath the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem since 2022 has identified the remains of olive trees and grapevines dating to the time of Christ. The excavations have been carried Sapienza out by the University of Rome under the direction of Francesca Stasolla ("Echoing Gospel account, traces of ancient garden found," The Times of Israel, Mar. 22, 2025). This is further confirmation that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is built over the place of Christ's crucifixion and burial. John tells us that Christ's tomb was near the cross. "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a



garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid" (Joh. 19:41). The historical timeline leaves no doubt that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built over that place. In about AD 132, the Roman Emperor Hadrian built a pagan goddess temple over the site known to have been Christ's tomb. There can be no doubt that the correct place was known at that time. In AD 325, Emperor Constantine tore down the temple of Aphrodite and built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on the same site. Though the church was destroyed by Muslims in 1009, it was subsequently rebuilt at the same place. In 2017, two independent OSL (optically stimulated luminescence) tests found that the tomb's mortar and marble cladding dates to the fourth century AD, the time of Constantine ("Age of Jesus Christ's Purported Tomb Revealed," National Geographic, Nov. 28. 2017).

ISRAEL'S FAMINE (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Amos 8:11-12--"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word

of the LORD, and shall not find it." This amazing prophecy describes Israel's relationship with God's Word during her wanderings among the nations. It is a perfect description of Talmudic Judaism which has buried God's Word under layers of vain tradition. The Talmud is composed of two parts: First, there is the Mishnah, which is the Rabbinic commentary on the Torah (Pentateuch). It is filled with debate and argument. Nothing is concrete and settled. The rabbis argue about such things as whether meat and cheese can be on the same table and how much water validates a ritual bath. Second, there is the Gemara which consists of rabbinical comments and debates about the Mishnah. Thus the Gemara is a commentary on a commentary. The Talmud is basically a massive encapsulation of the very Pharisaical teaching that the Lord Jesus Christ condemned (Mt. 13:14-15; 23:1-33; Mr. 7:5-13; Joh. 12:37-40). The Talmud is filled with nonsense, such as angels as best men at Adam's marriage and the serpent lusting after Mary. The famine for hearing God's words was further deepened with the spread of Kabbalah. This is supposed to be a third or "hidden" Torah that was revealed to Moses. together with the Torah (Pentateuch) and the Mishnah. It is based on an interpretation allegorical



Scripture that finds secret and "inner" meanings in the words and even letters of Scripture. It borrows heavily from pagan occultism, such as astrology and numerology. Kabbalah consists of a bewildering variety of doctrine and practice. It is esoteric (secret teaching) and mystical (emphasizing intuition and feeling over reason). Hasidic Judaism is permeated with Kabbalah. The geographic focus of Kabbalah is Mt. Meron in northern Israel, where Hillel the Elder, Shammai, Shimon Bar Yochai, and other influential rabbis are buried. Mt. Meron is a major Jewish pilgrimage site where practitioners go in search of spiritual power and "good fortune." On the anniversary of Shimon's death, called Lag BaOmer, the day on which he was supposed to have revealed the deepest secrets of Kabbalah, an estimated 250,000 people visit Mt. Meron seeking blessing and mystical enlightenment. (For a study on the Talmud and Kabbalah see Jews in Fighter Jets, www.wayoflife.org.)

U.K. PARENTS ARRESTED FOR CRITICIZING SCHOOL LEADERS ON **PRIVATE SOCIAL MEDIA** (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Police Arrest U.K. Parents," Standing for Freedom, Apr. 1, 2025: "The increasingly authoritarian nature of the British government is back in the spotlight this week after news broke that police arrested, interrogated, and jailed parents in England, Hertfordshire, complaining about school policy and criticizing school leaders in a private group chat. ... It all started in May 2024, when Maxie Allen, whose



daughter Sascha, 9, was attending Cowley Hill Primary School. contacted the chair of governors of the school to question the hiring process of its new head teacher. ... Allen says that the chair's response was 'evasive,' so he sent a letter to all the school governors asking about the decision not to open recruitment to other candidates. Allen posted the letter in a private WhatsApp parents' group. The next month, Jackie Spriggs, who is the chair of governors, wrote a letter to parents claiming that parents were using WhatsApp 'to make inflammatory and defamatory comments about senior leaders in the school.' Spriggs then ordered parents not to criticize leaders ... Shortly after, Levine and Allen were banned from school grounds. ... six police officers in three police cars showed up at Allen and Levine's home. ... The officers searched the home. They then arrested the couple on 'suspicion of harassment. malicious communications and causing a nuisance on school property' and questioned them at the station, where they were later locked in a cell for at least eight hours before being released at midnight. ... Five weeks later, the Hertfordshire police concluded there should be no further investigation. ... The arrest has received criticism as U.K. police increase their targeting of U.K. citizens over their speech. Lord Toby Young of the Free Speech Union questioned, 'Why are Hertfordshire Police dispatching six officers to

arrest a middle-aged couple for criticising their children's school in a WhatsApp group and ignoring serious crimes? We've entered a topsy turvy world in which hurty words by the law-abiding middleclasses are treated as dangerous crimes and violent assaults by marauding gangs as a legitimate form of expression.' ... The United Kingdom has traded its heritage as the birthplace of the Magna Carta and the foundational principles of individual rights and due process for the unserious, illogical notions of social justice, virtue signaling, and political correctness."

**COLORADO DEMOCRATS** PROPOSE ABORTING BABIES TO SAVE MONEY (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Abort Babies, Save Money," Standing for Freedom, Apr. 3, 2025: "On March 25, 2025, Colorado House Speaker Julie McCluskie, D, sat before a legislative committee to discuss Senate Bill 25-183, a measure designed to force the state's Medicaid program to cover abortion services. The hearing was one of those moments where the mask drops, and the cold, deathly, skeletal face of progressive policy ambitions looked America right in the eyes. McCluskie didn't even really try to hide her position. She just brazenly leaned into a fiscal argument that's



as chilling as it is revealing: 'A birth is more expensive than an abortion,' she said, citing a fiscal note projecting that Colorado could save over \$550,000 annually by funding abortions rather than births. She euphemistically called them 'averted births.' Averted births?! Ma'am, the word you're looking for is 'murdered children.' The bill's 'numbers' (apparently) back her up--\$5.9 million to pay for abortions in the first full year, offset by \$6.4 million in 'savings' from these 'averted births.'"

THE GREAT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST COLLAPSE (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - We are witnessing a great collapse fundamental **Baptist** among churches. The majority are either dying or are moving in the contemporary path. We could give examples by surveying any city in the United States. The changes are sweeping through fundamental Baptist churches like a hurricane. Most Independent Baptist preachers and their churches are not doing what is necessary to stand. It is a day to narrow down one's associations in order to protect oneself and one's family and friends and ministry and church from the contagious disease of compromise. It's a day when pastors need to rise up and make themselves counted among the warriors for God's truth, stop entertaining the saints, stop being a mere hireling, stop overlooking the worldliness and lukewarmness in the membership, and start building true New Testament churches that are strong enough in God's Word to stand in this evil time and are looking for the imminent return of Christ with cheerful expectation.

THE GETTYS: A BRIDGE TO **GREAT DANGERS** (Friday Church News Notes, April 18, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Even the most conservative of the contemporary worship musicians, such as the Gettys (Getty-Townend Music), are a path to a wide variety of spiritual, moral, and doctrinal dangers. The Gettys are conservative in their Reformed theology, but they have no boundaries. They don't believe in separation. They are positive-only, non-judgmental. The Gettys are people that say they love sound doctrine, but they don't hate heresy. They say they love righteousness, but they don't hate worldliness. At least they don't speak out about it, and the Bible says they should. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians



5:11). Because of the lack of effectual boundaries, the Gettys are a potential bridge to the exceedingly dangerous world of the "broader church" with all of its sins and heresies, as surely as Hillsong or any of the other contemporary worship groups. The Gettys are a bridge to the world of rock & roll. Their music is syncretistic. They "fuse the music of their Irish heritage with the sounds of Nashville, their newly adopted

home." They are "crossing the genres of traditional, classical, folk and contemporary composition." The Gettys are hard rockers and they even promote hip hop. Keith Getty has called Bono, U2's lead singer, a brilliant theologian and heaped praise upon him, but Bono is a rank heretic and a moral reprobate, as we have documented. The Gettys are a bridge to immodest dress. The Gettys are a bridge to the Roman Catholic Church. In July 2012, the Gettys joined Roman Catholic Matt Maher, who prays to Mary as the Queen of Heaven. on NewsongCafe on WorshipTogether.com. They discussed "The Power of the Cross," which was co-written by Getty-Townend. The program promoted ecumenical unity, Maher/Townend/Getty entirely one in the spirit through the music. Jude 1:3 was despised and Romans 16:17

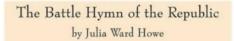
SPIDER SUPER CHEMISTRY (Friday Church News Notes, April 11, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 3, 2025: "The bola spider is said to have evolved its amazing abilities all by itself. Why, then, is it smarter and why does it have more abilities than mankind? The bola spider's favorite food is moths, but it doesn't weave a web. The bola spider produces the same scent produced by a female moth. Male moths are attracted to this scent, and the spider waits for the inevitable appearance of a male moth. As the male moth nears, the bola senses the vibrations from its wings. At just the right moment, the spider casts out its bola. The bola, after which the spider is named, is a special spider-silk thread with a sticky glob on the end. Scientists who have studied this glue-glob say that modern chemistry could not equal it. The silken line is so elastic that it can stretch up to six times its original length. This allows the spider to conserve its energy while the moth struggles. Once reeled in, the bola wraps the moth in silk for storage until it's hungry. The bola's method works so well that it is not unusual for one spider to catch up to



eight moths a night. Normally, a species is unable to detect the mating scents of other species. How could the bola spider devise its plan? Once the plan was invented, how could the spider learn how to duplicate the female moth's chemistry? How could the bola spider be more clever than our best chemists? Of course, the only answer to these questions is that the bola spider was designed and created by God, Who invented chemistry in the first place."

disobeyed. Keith Getty collaborated with Catholic Margaret Becker in the song "Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer" and with Roman Catholic Máire [pronounced Moya] Brennan in writing "With the Early Morning." The Gettys are a bridge to many other dangers, and anyone who is influenced by the Gettys is in great danger of unwittingly following these bridges to doctrinal apostasy and spiritual shipwreck. (See "The Gettys: The Pied Pipers of Contemporary Worship Music," www.wayoflife.org.).

**UNITARIANISM** AND THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE **REPUBLIC** (Friday Church News April 18, 2025. Notes, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" is a popular rousing march that preaches the false social gospel. The author, Julia Ward Howe, a Unitarian universalist, confused the coming of Christ with the armies of the North. Howe misidentified God's altar as "the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps," referring to army camps, and falsely claimed that the gospel was "writ in burnish'd rows of steel."





"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the lord."

At the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893, Julia Ward Howe delivered a pantheistic (God is everything), universalistic (Fatherhood of God) message entitled "What Is Religion?" (www.womenshistory.about.com). Howe was related to and in close association with the Beechers who were at the center of apostasy in American churches. Henry Ward Beecher was the hugely influential pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. He was an advocate for "the evolutionary theory and biblical scientific criticism" (Encyclopedia Britannica). He opened his pulpit to Unitarians such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and even to agnostics such as Horace Greelev and Mark Twain.

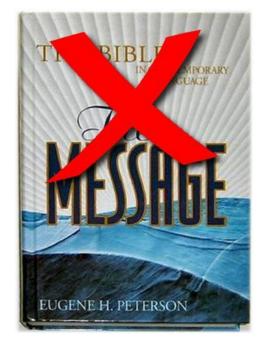
FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST PROBLEM AND SOLUTION (Friday Church News Notes, April

www.wayoflife.org 18, 2025, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Following is an excerpt from communication I had recently with a man on the subject of what is happening with fundamental Baptist churches: The traditional independent Baptist model was never strong enough, never biblical enough, never spiritual enough, never wise enough, never serious enough. Having been an independent Baptist since 1973, my observation is that a independent Baptist traditional church, generally speaking, has been hasty about evangelism, careless in members, receiving biblically shallow, lacking sound in scholarship, weak in true discipline, externally-oriented about modesty, entertainment oriented in youth discipleship, soft in separation, and lacking in a true body ministry (Ephesians 4:16). But the solution is not to go down the path of

evangelicalism or contemporary Reformed theology, which is a path to end-time apostasy. The solution is to go back to the Bible alone and to reject every tradition and every pragmatic element that does not stand up to the light of God's Word. The solution is to stop being man followers and to be Christ followers in reality, not in mere profession, and to establish churches that are thorough-going Bible churches that please the Lord Jesus Christ. The solution is not to establish modern churches, but to establish true pilgrim churches.

DON'T QUIT (Friday Church News Notes, April 18, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The secret to a special forces mindset persistence is and doggedness. Admiral William McRaven describes this as follows: "Like many things in life, success in BUD/S [SEAL trials) didn't always go to the strongest, the fastest, or the smartest. It went to the man who faltered, who failed, who stumbled, but who persevered, who got up and kept moving. Always moving forward, one evolution at a time. 'Never quit. Never quit. Never quit!" (Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations). This is true in the Christian life, but whereas the special forces soldier typically trusts in himself, the child of God perseveres in Christ and by God's power. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

MODERN BIBLE VERSIONS A
SLIPPERY SLOPE (Friday
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text/version position is a slippery slope toward abandoning conviction about the purity of God's Word. It might begin with acceptance of the New King James Version, but rarely is that the end. Typically, the acceptance of one modern version leads to acceptance of most of them. Consider that the frightfully corrupt The Message has been recommended by Billy Graham, Warren Wiersbe, J.I. Packer, Joni Earekson Tada, Bill Hybels, Bill Gaither, Chuck Swindoll. Joyce Meyer, John Maxwell, Max Lucado, Focus on the Family, and many others. The multiplicity of versions weakens the authority of Scripture in the hearts and lives of individuals churches. Consider the insightful testimony of a pastor who left the Southern Baptist Convention in 1996: "The problem with the SBC is that they have no absolute authority. The typical SBC church has no less than four different translations in any given service. So it is impossible for the people to hear a 'Thus saith the Every Lord.' issue becomes debatable. Everv conviction becomes questionable" (Pastor Marty Wynn, Lighthouse Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, May 2011).

## DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

(Friday Church News Notes, April www.wayoflife.org 2025, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Social media is a major element in the destruction of the holy pilgrim character of churches, yet most churches have given up this battle. Consider some of the dangers: Social media is used to create false lives. Young people pretend to be something they aren't. It is a massive forum for the seduction of women. It is a forum for vanity (endless selfies and the promotion of self). It is the devil's mixing bowl. It is a forum for mixing the good together with the bad, the godly together with the ungodly, truth with error. It is breaking down the barriers of separation between God's people and the world. It is weakening spiritual convictions. It is a forum for moral filth. It is a forum for heresies. It is a great time waster. Social media is purposefully engineered to be addictive. Asa Raskin, who designed the endless scroll and other popular app features, says, "We're in the largest behavioral experiment the world has ever seen. You're being tested on all the time. ... Behind every screen on your phone there are literally a thousand engineers to try to make it maximally addicting.



IT'S AS IF THEY'RE TAKING BEHAVIORAL COCAINE AND JUST SPRINKLING IT ALL **OVER** YOUR **INTERFACE**" (Mind Control: The Dark Side of Your Phone, BBC documentary, "Redeeming the 2018). because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:16-17). Homes and churches must do everything they can to protect God's people. Our church has a buddy system. Cornerstone Baptist Church in Chicago has a buddy system. They also use TheCord.app. We deal with this subject extensively in *The Porno*graphic Age and Victory in Christ (March 2025).

## POPE FRANCIS' DEATH AND THE ONE WORLD CHURCH

(Friday Church News Notes, April 25. 2025. www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Pope Francis (born Jorge Mario Bergoglio) died on April 21 at age 88. Elected in 2013 at age 76, he was the latest man to perpetrate the myth of Peter's supremacy, which was a major building block in the development of the apostate "church" prophesied in the New Testament (Mt. 13:33; 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13; 4:3-4; 1 John 2:18-27; Revelation 17-18). By twisting Scripture like a nose of wax, the papacy falsely claims that Christ made Peter the rock upon which "the church" is built and gave him the keys of heaven and hell. Francis' coat of arms featured the papal crown with its three-fold tiara signifying the pope's authority over the earth and all rulers. Rome has a false gospel of salvation by faith plus works. The Second Vatican Council in the 1960s affirmed that salvation was given to Peter and the



Pope John Paul II and Billy Graham, Pope Francis and Franklin Graham

popes to distribute through the sacraments, beginning with baptism. "By the sacrament of Baptism ... man becomes truly incorporated into the crucified and glorified Christ and is reborn to a sharing of the divine (Vatican II, "Decree on Ecumenism," chap. 3, II, 22). Every false gospel of works is under God's terrible curse (Galatians 1). A false gospel is a damnable heresy (2 Peter 2), meaning a heresy that damns the soul to eternal judgment. The Pope's complete apostasy was further revealed in his "veneration of Mary" and his desire to be buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Inside the basilica is a statue of Mary as Queen of Peace; on the ceiling is a painting of Mary sitting in Christ's throne being crowned Queen of Heaven; outside the church is a large crucifix with Jesus hanging on one side and Mary hanging on the other. According to Roman theology, Mary is sinless, ever virgin, ascended bodily to heaven, was crowned Queen "coof Heaven. is redemptress" with Christ, and intercedes for sinners. This is

blasphemous heresy. The Pope's death is a window into the formation of the one world church in our day. President Trump ordered American flags to be flown at half mast. The Eiffel Tower went dark. World political leaders, including Trump, and world religious leaders will attend the papal funeral to honor this deceiver. Franklin Graham, one of the most prominent evangelicals, published a photo of him shaking hands with the Pope and said, "Pray for

the Catholic Church as they begin the process of selecting the next pope." Pray for the election of the pope? What blindness! We will listen in vain for prominent evangelical leaders to denounce Rome in plain biblical language. Franklin's father, Billy, did more to promote ecumenical unity and build a one world church than any man in history. (For documentation, see the free eBooks Is the Roman Catholic Church Changing? and *Billy* Graham and the One World Church, www.wayoflife.org.)

**UK SUPREME COURT ISSUES** LANDMARK **RULING** ON LEGAL **DEFINITION OF** WOMAN (Friday Church News Notes, April 25, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "UK Supreme Court Ruling," Global Law Today, Apr. 16, 2025: "In a significant and closely watched decision, the UK Supreme Court has ruled that the term 'woman' under UK Equalities Law refers to an

individual born biologically female. This ruling, issued on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 brings clarity to a long-standing debate over gender identity and its intersection with protections legal against discrimination. The case, which had significant implications for both equalities law and the rights of transgender individuals, arose from a legal challenge brought by a transgender woman. The claimant argued that UK equalities law should be interpreted to include individuals who identify as women, regardless of their biological sex. ... The claimant's argument was predicated on the idea that gender identity--not just biological sex--should define legal categories like 'woman' under the Equality Act 2010, which offers protection against discrimination based on sex, gender, and other protected characteristics. ... In its ruling, the UK Supreme Court concluded that the term 'woman' under the Equality Act 2010 should be understood as referring to someone who is biologically female at birth. The judgment reaffirmed the longstanding legal definition of sex as a biological characteristic, setting a clear boundary between biological sex and gender identity in the context of legal protections against discrimination. society ... As continues to evolve in its understanding of gender, this decision may not be the final word on the issue. Legislators, advocates, and courts will likely continue to



grapple with the balance between safeguarding women's rights and ensuring fair and equal treatment for transgender individuals." CONCLUSION: No doubt society and courts will continue to "grapple" with this issue, since the leaven of homosexual rights is a sign of the end times. Sodom is mentioned in the context of Christ's return (Luke 17:29-30).



HOMOSEXUAL CHRISTIANS **EXPRESS "RIGHTEOUS RAGE** AND HOLY HOPE" (Friday Church News Notes, April 25, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The homosexual rights movement proceeds apace with its global agenda of mainstreaming moral perversion, and it is spreading rapidly within Christianity. On April 14, the Collective of Queer Christian Leaders, meeting in Washington D.C., proclaimed that gender is fluid. Don Abram, founder of Pride in the Pews, a Black LGBT advocacy group, said, "God is in everyone" and "all people are deserving of rights,

protections, resources and safety" ('LGBTO Christians invoke 'righteous rage," Fox News, Apr. 17, 2025). There is an entire denomination of homosexual churches called the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) consisting of more than 220 congregations in 37 countries. Founded in 1968 by Troy Perry, it has official observer status with the World Council of Churches. In 1969, Perry performed the first same-sex "marriage" in the United States. The MCC has been "a leading force in the development of queer theology," which is the idea that Scripture supports

homosexuality. The MCC supports abortion rights. Jan Lawrence, executive director of Reconciling Ministries Network, said, "From a faith perspective, we are all children of God, and if someone identifies as transgender and claims that as their identity, then who is anyone else to argue with that?" The answer, of course, is that God argues with that, and His argument is final and unappealable. Everywhere in

Scripture, Old and New Testaments, homosexuality is condemned as a sin. Nowhere is it well spoken of. In the Epistle to the Romans, the apostle called homosexuality "uncleanness," "dishonour," "vile nature," affections," "against "unseemly," and "a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:24-28). Marriage as established and approved of God is clearly defined in Scripture as a holy union between a man and a woman, and any sexual activity apart from holy marriage is sin that will be judged. "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4).

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