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

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"We live at the end of the church age in the depths of apostasy at the end of the church age. The little leaven that began in the days of the apostles has leavened "Christendom" for two millennia, until the whole is almost leavened. And never has it been so easy for people to come into contact with every type of heresy and goofy principle, from emerging church to flat earth, from Christian rock to New Age dieting, from theistic evolution to yoga." Page 10.

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HYMNS - WESLEY'S MAGNIFICENT HYMNS ON CHRIST'S INCARNATION

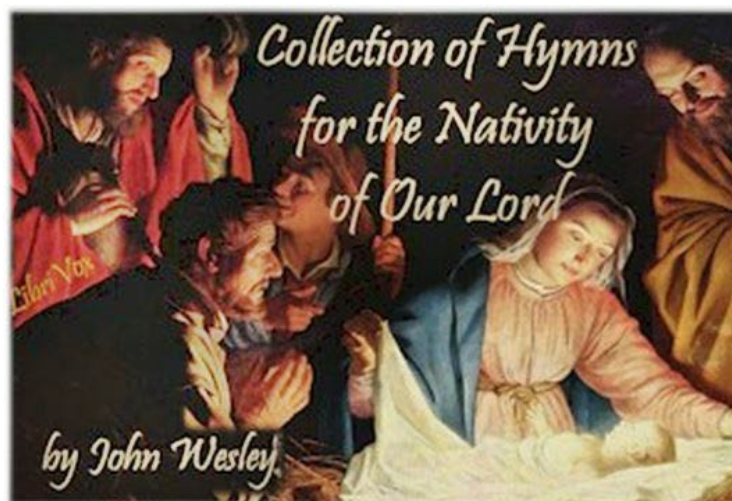
By David Cloud

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. It is readily available online today.

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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 Christ's incarnation is considered. Wesley looks at Christ's nativity in light of God's eternal plan described in Eph. 1:10. The plan begins in eternity with the Triune God. The coming of Christ was prepared by God's covenant with

Abraham, the creation of Israel, and the giving of the law and the prophets. In the fulness of time, the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world (1 Jo. 4:14). The Son came willingly, was born a virgin, became the God-man (*Immanuel*), lived a sinless life, performed miracles, spoke as no man ever spoke, made the vicarious atonement for man's sin, rose from the dead, instructed His disciples to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth in the church age, ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest, is coming again to reign on David's throne, will judge all of the unsaved at the great white throne judgment, will make a new heaven and a new earth, will reign forever as the Head of the new creation. Then, all things will be one in Christ, both in heaven and in earth (Eph. 1:10).

In Hymns for the Nativity of the Lord, Wesley considers

- The incarnation's mystery and paradox (God made man)
- its purpose (Christ's vicarious sacrifice, resurrection, the eternal redemption of sinners, and the new creation with all things 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

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- 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).

Consider **Hymn VI, "Join, all ye joyful nations,"** stanzas 3, 4, and 5 -

3 Go, see the King of Glory,
Discern the heavenly Stranger,
So poor and mean, His court an inn,
His cradle is a manger.
Who from his Father's bosom
But now for us descended,
Who built the skies, on earth he lies,
With only beasts attended.

4 Whom all the angels worship,
Lies hid in human nature:
Incarnate see,--The Deity,
The infinite Creator!
See the stupendous Blessing,
Which God to us hath given:
A child of man, in length a span,
Who fills both earth and heaven.

5 Gaze on that helpless Object
Of endless admiration!
Those infant hands, shall burst our bands,
And work out our salvation;
Strangle the crooked serpent,
Destroy his works for ever,
And open set,--The heaven gate,
To every true believer.

The words are striking, remarkable, memorable.

Consider **Hymn X, "Come, thou long-expected Jesus,"** stanza 2. Observe the repetition of "Born" in stating the purpose of Christ's incarnation. Note the imperatives addressed to Christ: "Now bring ... Rule ... Raise." This is dramatic praying based on the promises of God's Word. Christ taught us to pray like this: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. Give us ... forgive us ... lead us ... deliver us..." (Mt. 6:9-13).

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a Child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring;
By thy own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By thy all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne. (Hymn X, stanza 2)

Consider Wesley's description of Christ in these hymns -

"the Saviour of mankind" (Hymn I, stanza 4)
"The incarnate God" (Hymn 1, stanza 4)
"our Saviour and Lover" (Hymn II, stanza 3)
"Him, strong to redeem" (Hymn II, stanza 6)
"the everlasting Lord, Who made both earth and heaven" (Hymn III, stanza 1)
"God of God, and Light of Light" (Hymn III, stanza 2)
"the God replete with Truth and Grace" (Hymn III, stanza 3)
"A universal Saviour" (Hymn VI, stanza 1)
"The wonderful Messiah, the joy of every nation ... The Counsellor of sinners, Almighty to deliver" (Hymn VI, stanza 2)
"The Prince of Life and Peace" (Hymn VIII, stanza 1)
"Christ, the Sun of Righteousness" (Hymn VIII, stanza 2)
"thou long-expected Jesus" (Hymn X, stanza 1)
"Israel's Strength and Consolation" (Hymn X, stanza 1)
"Hope of all the earth" (Hymn X, stanza 1)
"Dear Desire of every nation" (Hymn X, stanza 1)
"Joy of every longing heart" (Hymn X, stanza 1)
"The new heaven and earth's Creator" (Hymn XI, stanza 1)
"thou mild, pacific Prince" (Hymn XI, stanza 3)
"Son of man our Maker is, Lord of Hosts, and Prince of Peace" (Hymn XII, stanza 1)
"the wonderful Immanuel" (Hymn XIII, stanza 1)
"All-wise, all-good, almighty Lord" (Hymn XV, stanza 1)
"Servant of God, and Son of Man, Eternal Son of God Most High" (Hymn XVI, stanza 1)

"the holy, heaven-born Child, Heir of the everlasting throng" (Hymn XVII, stanza 1)
"the Nation's Hope, the World's Desire" (Hymn XVII, stanza 2)
"The Giver of concord and love, the Prince and the Author of Peace" (Hymn XVIII, stanza 2)
"The God supreme, the Lord most high, the King Messiah" (Hymn XIX, stanza 1)
"The Almighty God is he, Author of heaven bliss, the Father of eternity, the glorious Prince of Peace" (Hymn XIX, stanza 3)
"the universal Monarch ... the saint's eternal King" (Hymn XIX, stanza 5)
"thou universal Blessing, Abraham's long-expected Seed" (Hymn XXI, stanza 1)

Consider Wesley's description of the incarnation -

By this the Saviour of mankind,
Th' incarnate God shall be display'd,
The Babe, ye wrapp'd in swathes shall find,
And humbly in a manger laid. (Hymn I, stanza 4)

What angel can the grace explain,
That very God is very Man!
By love paternal given:
Born is the everlasting Lord;
Who made both earth and heaven! (Hymn III, stanza 1)

Behold him, high above all height!
Him, God of God, and Light of Light
In a mean earthly shrine:
Jehovah's Glory dwells with men,
His Person in our flesh is seen,
The character divine! (Hymn III, stanza 2)

What angel can the grace explain,
That very God is very Man! (Hymn III, stanza 1)

God comes down; he bows the sky,
And shows himself our Friend! (Hymn IV, stanza 1)

God, the Invisible appears!
God, the blest, the great I AM,
Sojourns in this vale of tears,
And Jesus is His Name. (Hymn IV, stanza 1)

Emptied of his majesty,
Of his dazzling glories shorn,
Being's Source, begins to be,

And Christ himself is born. (Hymn IV, stanza 2)

See the eternal Son of God, A mortal son of man,
Dwelling in an earthly clod,
Whom heaven cannot contain!
Stand amaz'd, ye heavens, at this!
Se the Lord of earth and skies!
Humbled to the dust he is,
And in a manger lies! (Hymn IV, stanza 3)

The incarnate Deity,
Our God contracted to a span,
Incomprehensibly made man. (Hymn V, stanza 1)

He laid his glory by,
He wrapp'd him in our clay,
Unmark'd by human eye,
The latent Godhead lay;
Instant of days he here became,
And born the mild Immanuel's Name. (Hymn V, stanza 2)

See in that Infant's face,
The depths of Deity,
And labour while ye gaze,
To found the mystery. (Hymn V, stanza 3)

To us a Son is given.
The Messenger and Token
Of God's eternal favour,
God hath sent down, to us his Son,
A universal Saviour! (Hymn VI, stanza 1)

Go, see the King of Glory,
Discern the heavenly Stranger,
So poor and mean, His court an inn,
His cradle is a manger.
Who from his Father's bosom
But now for us descended,
Who built the skies, on earth he lies,
With only beasts attended. (Hymn VI, stanza 3)

Whom all the angels worship,
Lies hid in human nature:
Incarnate see,--The Deity,
The infinite Creator!
See the stupendous Blessing,
Which God to us hath given:
A child of man, in length a span,
Who fills both earth and heaven. (Hymn VI, stanza 4)

Gaze on that helpless Object
Of endless admiration!
Those infant hands, shall burst our bands,
And work out our salvation;
Strangle the crooked serpent,
Destroy his works for ever,
And open set,--The heaven gate,
To every true believer. (Hymn VI, stanza 5)

God is in our flesh reveal'd,
Heaven and earth in Jesus join,
Mortal with Immortal fill'd,
And human with divine! (Hymn VIII, stanza 1)

Lo! he lays his glory by,
Emptied of his Majesty;
See the God who all things made,
Humbly in a manger laid. (Hymn XII, stanza 2)

The everlasting God comes down,
To sojourn with the sons of men;
Without his majesty or crown
The great Invisible is seen;
Of all his dazzling glories shorn,
The everlasting Word is born! (Hymn XIII, stanza 2)

tho' now he on his footstool lies,
Ye know, ye built both earth and skies (Hymn XIII, stanza 3)

Th' eternal God from heav'n came down,
The King of glory dropp'd his crown,
And veil'd his majesty;
Emptied of all but love, he came (Hymn XV, stanza 2)

Jehovah is come down from heaven (Hymn XVII, stanza 8)

Rejoice in Jesu's birth!
To us a Son is given,
To us a Child is born on earth,
Who fills both earth and heaven!
His shoulder props the sky,
This universe sustains! (Hymn XIX, stanza 1)

Consider Wesley's description of man's lost condition

"the fallen race" (Hymn I, stanza 2)
"those whose dreary dwelling borders on the shades of death" (Hymn XI, stanza 1)

“the sin-sick sons” (Hymn VIII, stanza 2)
 “my soul, diseased and blind” (Hymn VIII, stanza 3)
 “our deepest darkness” (Hymn XI, stanza 1)

Consider Wesley’s description of salvation -

The forfeited favour, of heaven we find
 Restor’d in the saviour, and Friend of mankind.
 (Hymn VII, stanza 1)

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
 n them shall rise to set no more,
 All the sin-sick sons of grace,
 To health and heaven restore. (Hymn VIII, stanza 2)

Jesus the Holy Child,
 Doth by his brith declare,
 That God and man are reconcil’d,
 And one in him we are. (Hymn IX, stanza 2)

His kingdom from above,
 He doth to us impart,
 And pure benevolence and love,
 O’erflow the faithful heart:
 Chang’d in a moment we
 The sweet attraction find,
 With open arms of Charity
 Embracing all mankind. (Hymn IX, stanza 2)

The new heaven and earth’s Creator,
 In our deepest darkness rise,
 Scattering all the night of nature,
 Pouring eye-sight on our eyes. (Hymn XI, stanza 1)

Save us in thy great compassion,
 O thou mild, pacific Prince,
 Give the knowledge of salvation,
 Give the pardon of our sins;
 By thy all-restoring merit,
 Every burden’d foul release,
 Every weary, wandering spirit,
 Guide into thy perfect peace. (Hymn XI, stanza 3)

Father, thy heavenly voice I own,
 Thy gracious majesty;
 Thro’ Jesus, thy beloved Son,
 Thou art well-pleas’d with me! (Hymn XIV, stanza 3)

Salvation from our sins we found,

Through Jesus’s grace forgiv’n;
 And Jesu’s grace doth more abound,
 And makes us meet for heaven.
 The hallowing virtue of thy Name,
 Our spotless souls shall prove;
 And to the utmost sav’d, proclaim,
 Our Lord’s almighty love. (Hymn XIV, stanza 5-6)

Jehovah is come down to raise
 His dying creatures from their fall;
 And all may now receive the grace,
 Which brings eternal life to all. (Hymn XVII, stanza 9)

Consider Wesley’s description of the purpose of the incarnation -

Knees and hearts to him we bow,
 Of our flesh and of our bone,
 Jesus is our brother now,
 And God is all our own. (Hymn IV, stanza 4)

All glory to God, Who ruleth on high,
 And now hath bestow’d, and sent from the sky,
 Christ Jesus the Saviour, poor mortals to bless;
 The pledge of his favour, the seal of his peace. (Hymn II, stanza 2)

He deigns in flesh to appear,
 Widest extremes to join,
 To bring our vileness near,
 And make us all divine. (Hymn V, stanza 5)

Made perfect first in love,
 And sanctified by grace,
 We shall from earth remove,
 And see his glorious Face:
 His love shall then be fully shew’d,
 And man shall all be lost in God. (Hymn V, stanza 6)

What mov’d the Most High, so greatly to stoop?
 He comes from the sky our souls to lift up;
 That sinners forgiven might sinless return,
 To God and to heaven, their Maker is born. (Hymn VII, stanza 4)

A peace on earth he brings,
 Which never more shall end:
 The Lord of Hosts, the King of Kings,
 Declares himself our Friend;

Assumes our flesh and blood,
That we his Spirit may gain. (Hymn IX, stanza 3)

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring;
By thy own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By thy all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne. (Hymn X, stanza 2)

All heaven and earth be ever join'd,
To praise the Saviour of mankind. (Hymn XIII, stanza 1)

A Son is born, a child is given,
That mortals, born again,
May in the new-made earth and heaven,
With God for ever reign. (Hymn XIV, stanza 2)

But our whole race to Christ unite,
And by thy Spirit join'd,
Thou wilt eternally delight
In all thy ransom'd kind. (Hymn XIV, stanza 4)

Didst thou not in thy person join,
The natures human and divine,
That God and man might be
Henceforth inseparably one? (Hymn XV, stanza 3)

No horrid alarm of war,
Shall break our eternal repose,
Where Jesus's Spirit o'erflows;
Appeas'd by the charms of thy grace,
We all shall in amity join,
And kindly each other embrace,
And love with a passion like thine. (Hymn XVIII, stanza 5)

Consider Wesley's description of the angels' part in Christ -

An herald from the heavenly King,
I come your every fear to chase;
Good tidings of great joy I bring,
Great joy to all the fallen race. (Hymn I, stanza 1)

Him the angels all ador'd,
Their Maker and their King:

Tidings of their humbled Lord,
They now to mortals bring. (Hymn IV, stanza 2)

Let us then with angels gaze
On our new-born Monarch's face,
With the choir-celestial join'd,
Shout the Saviour of mankind. (Hymn XII, stanza 4)

Hymn XIII

1 Let angels and archangels sing,
The wonderful Immanuel's Name,
Adore with us our new-born King,
And still the joyful news proclaim:
All heaven and earth be ever join'd,
To praise the Saviour of mankind.

3 Angels, behold that Infant's face,
With rapturous awe the Godhead own
'Tis all your heaven on him to gaze,
And cast your crowns before his throne;
tho' now he on his footstool lies,
Ye know, he built both earth and skies.

4 By him into existence brought,
Ye sang the all-creating Word;
Ye heard him call our world from nought
Again, in honour of your Lord,
Ye morning stars, your hymns employ,
And shout, ye sons of God, for joy

Consider Wesley's call to praise -

Hymn II, stanza 1

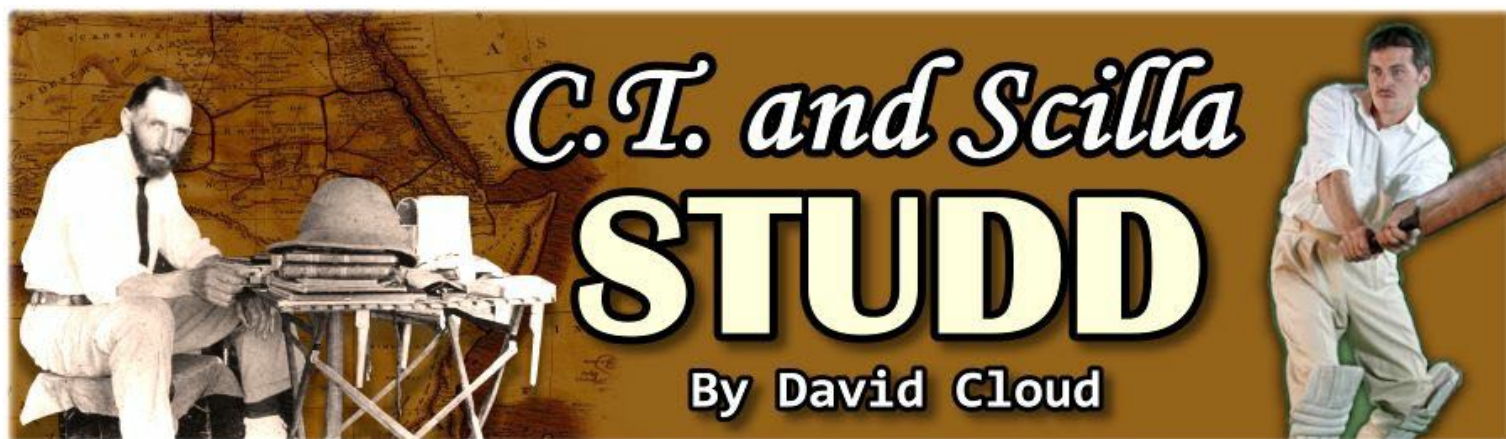
Ye heavenly choir, assist me to sing,
And strike the soft lyre, and honour our King;
His mighty salvation, demands all our praise,
Our best adoration, and loftiest lays.

These are but a few glimpses into the treasures of Wesley's nativity hymns.

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The following is excerpted from *The History and Heritage of Fundamentalism and Fundamental Baptists* https://www.wayoflife.org/publications/books/history_and_heritage_of_fundamentalism.php

The Cambridge Seven were students from Cambridge (one was from the Royal Military Academy) who were saved during their student years and volunteered to go to China with J. Hudson Taylor's China Inland Mission. They made this commitment during the 1883 Moody-Sankey crusade at Cambridge.

The most famous of the seven was **CHARLES THOMAS (C.T.) STUDD** (1860-1931), a renowned cricketer and graduate of Eton and Cambridge. C.T.'s brothers were also cricket stars. C.T. was the captain of the famous Cambridge Eleven team in 1882. Their father, Edward, had made a fortune in India planting indigo and planned to spend the rest of his life playing. He lived in a mansion on a large estate and had his own cricket field. He gambled and raised race horses. His horse *Salamander* won the Grand National in 1866. This is a grueling four mile race with 30 jumps. It's called a steeplechase. In 1877, at age 56, Edward attended a D.L. Moody meeting and was saved. He gave up gambling and sold his race horses and started hosting gospel meetings in his large house. His coachman said, "All I can say is that though there's the same skin, there's a new man inside." One of his sons later wrote, "Father had been full of a thing that takes more possession of a man's heart and head than anything else, the passion for horse racing, and in the evening he was a changed man." That's a real born again salvation, and there is no other kind. Edward lived only two years after he was saved, but it was said that he did more for Christ during that time than most do in a lifetime. C.T. and his brothers didn't like the change in

their father at first, but they were converted in 1878 through an evangelist associated with Moody. C.T. said, "I got down on my knees and I did say 'thank you' to God. And right then and there joy and peace came into my soul. I knew then what it was to be 'born again,' and the Bible which had been so dry to me before, became everything." Over the next six years, through the influence of secular college and sports, he got into "an unhappy back-slidden state," but during his brother's illness in 1884 C.T. surrendered his life unreservedly to Christ. He turned his back on a life of wealth, pleasure, and leisure and served as a missionary in China, India, and Africa until his death. He came to the realization that a life outside of God's perfect will is meaningless. He said, "I know that cricket would not last, and honour would not last, and nothing in this world would last, but it was worthwhile living for the world to come." He wrote the poem "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

Studd described the change like this:

"The real thing came before me. ... The commands of Christ became not merely Sunday recitations, but battle calls to be obeyed, unless one would lose one's self-respect and manhood. Assent to creed was born again into decisive action of obedience. Orthodoxy became reality. Instead of saying 'Lord, Lord' in a most reverent voice many times and yet continuing deaf to the simplest commandments, I began to look upon God as really my Father and to rely upon Him as a real Father and to trust Him as such. Instead of talking about fellowship, I enjoyed it. ... I talked of God and Jesus Christ as Real, Living, Personal Friends and Relations. They have never chided me for it. If a man is willing to obey and sacrifice, he soon learns what is the blessed reality of the fellowship of God's Son Jesus Christ--familiar and social intercourse."

Before C.T. Studd went to China as a missionary, he gave away his large inheritance. He believed Jesus' promise to give him a hundredfold (Mt. 19:29), saying, "An hundredfold is a wonderful percentage; it is 10,000 percent." He said the Bank of Heaven is safer than the Bank of England. He distributed the money to evangelistic and missionary endeavors: Moody Bible Institute, George Müller's orphanages, the Salvation Army, and others. "As coolly and deliberately as a business man invests in some 'gilt-edged' securities, as being both safe and yielding good interest, so C.T. invested in the Bank of Heaven. This was no fool's plunge on his part. It was his public testimony before God and man that he believed God's Word to be the surest thing on earth, and that the hundredfold interest which God has promised in this life, not to speak of the next, is an actual reality for those who believe it and act on it" (Norman Grubb, *C.T. Studd Cricketer and Pioneer*).

In China, Studd married an Irish missionary named Priscilla Stewart, who was called "Scilla." She had surrendered to missionary work after her conversion. But before she was born again, Scilla was a party girl. She said, "I am a missionary now, but I was not made that way. Had you asked me to come to a meeting when I was a girl, I would have said, 'No, thank you, none of your religion for me'; for my idea of a person loving God was to have a face as long as a coffee pot."

Before their engagement, C.T. wrote to his mother as follows, "She ain't very big, and as regards her face, well, she has the beauty of the Lord her God upon her, which is worth more than all the beauty of the whole world. ... she can also play the harmonium or organ and sing a bit ... she doesn't fear the face of man or woman a little bit, I do believe, but just fires away at everybody she meets about their souls." Scilla was a Salvation Army "lassie" who participated in street evangelism.

Later, C.T. said, "I did not marry her for her pretty face; I married her for her handsome actions towards the Lord Jesus Christ and those He sent her to save. ... In fact, until this day I verily believe that of all God's many good gifts, the least of all is good looks."

Before they were married, C.T. gave Scilla 3,400 British pounds he had kept back from his inheritance. He kept this because of God's Word which says, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an

infidel" (1 Ti. 5:8). She decided to give even that away. "She, not to be outdone, said, 'Charlie, what did the Lord tell the rich young man to do?' 'Sell all.' 'Well then, we will start clean with the Lord at our wedding.' She gave the money to the Salvation Army. In her letter to General Booth she said, "Henceforth our bank is in heaven. You see we are rather afraid--notwithstanding the great earthly safety of Messrs. Coutts and Co. and the Bank of England--we are, I say, rather afraid that they may both break on the Judgment Day."

Of course, the Lord took care of them throughout their lives. One example will suffice:

"My own family knew nothing of our circumstances, only that we were in the heart of China. The last of our supplies was finished, and there was no apparent hope of supplies of any kind coming from any human source. The mail came once a fortnight. The mailman had just set out that afternoon, and in a fortnight he would bring the return mail. The children were put to bed. Then my wife came to my room. We had looked facts in the face. If the return of the postman brought no relief, starvation stared us in the face. ... We got on our knees for that purpose. I think we must have stayed there twenty minutes before we rose again. ... Our hearts were relieved; it did not seem to us either reverence or common sense to keep on talking to God as though He were deaf or could not understand our simple language, or the extremity of our circumstances ... The mailman returned at the appointed time. ... out came another letter ... I looked at the signature first, one wholly unknown to me. 'I have,' he said, 'for some reason or other received the command of God to send you a check for 100 pounds. I have never met you, I have only heard of you, and that not often, but God has prevented me from sleeping tonight by this command.'"

C.T. and Scilla had four daughters: Salvation Grace Faith, Dorothy Catherine, Edith Mary, and Pauline Evangeline. C.T. believed that God gave them girls so they could show the value of females to the pagan Chinese people.

"One of the curses of China is not to let their little girls live. They say they have the trouble of bringing them up, and then when they are married, the dowry they receive does not make up for all that has been spent on them. I went into a mother's house once and found her groaning, and asked where the baby was. It was born at daylight and immediately it was

thrown into a moat, or perhaps into one of the pagodas--which are built for this purpose with a certain hole so that the wolves can jump in and get the baby when they want it" (Norman Grubbs, *C.T. Studd*).

All of their daughters lived to adulthood and married, and two were missionaries.

Studd believed in living by faith and trusting God to meet every need. He believed that all who die without faith in Christ will face eternal punishment. He said, "Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell; I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell."

In 1885, before the Cambridge Seven left England, they toured university campuses of the United Kingdom. A booklet of their testimonies was published, and Queen Victoria expressed gratitude at the receipt of a copy.

The Evangelisation of the World: A Missionary Band became a bestseller. It was distributed to every YMCA and YWCA in the United States and the British Empire. All seven men had successful missionary careers. Their example produced an explosion of student missionary volunteers. The China Inland Mission itself grew from 163 missionaries in 1885 to 800 by 1900.

Only One Life by C.T. Studd

Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes, only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgment seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill,
Living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me, Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes, only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

And when I am dying, how happy I'll be,
If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee.

Social Media

A Forum for Heresy and Nuttiness

By David Cloud



The following is excerpted from [*Keeping the Kids in the Social Media Age*](#), www.wayoflife.org -

We live at the end of the church age in the depths of apostasy at the end of the church age. The little leaven that began in the days of the apostles has leavened “Christendom” for two millennia, until the whole is almost leavened.

And never has it been so easy for people to come into contact with every type of heresy and goofy principle, from emerging church to flat earth, from Christian rock to New Age dieting, from theistic evolution to yoga.

When I was a new Christian, I didn’t have spiritual guidance in a sound church for the first few weeks and was tossed to and fro in the sea of apostasy. I was confronted with Pentecostalism, Seventh-day Adventism, and Herbert W. Armstrongism. And in that day, to encounter heresies one had to attend a church or Bible study, visit a bookstore or library, watch “Christian” programming on television, or listen to a “Christian” radio program.

Now all one has to do is surf the web with the ever-present smartphone and scroll through a fathomless selection of error.

Consider the following testimonies about this danger:

“It is my observation one of the greatest dangers of the internet technology is that it brings (literally) thousands of teachers into your home. Any church member now, in the absence of serious biblical study, can hold forth on any topic by putting the verses in question in Google and then quoting his favorite teacher. The speaker has no knowledge

of the subject, no knowledge of the teacher. I had a man in our congregation who got involved with many different online ‘Baptist’ teachers. He adopted all kinds of silly doctrines (amillennialism, no eternal security, etc). He was at best, a baby Christian, with no time in the Word of God, but because he read all these people, he considered himself an expert. He was shocked when I told him to stop reading all those teachers. It is shocking to Americans to tell them that. Right away they say you are trying to hide something from them. Everything is a conspiracy. ‘We have the right to read and learn from anything we want.’ It used to be you had to put effort into finding other teachers, and a pastor who had been saved for decades and approved by a sending church had standing. But now, thanks to the internet, you can find all kinds of experts to tickle all your fancies. With the man in our assembly, it got to a point where he was bringing his smart phone and computer to church and looking up the texts we were using in real time. Then he would raise his hand and contradict me by quoting the internet teacher. Even though I could answer the childish and shallow arguments, he gave more credence to the online teachers. We threw him out. You want booze, we have a teacher for that. You want to be a pastor without meeting the qualifications, we have a teacher for that. You want to have women leaders, we have a teacher for that. You want to stop separating, we have a teacher for that. You think your pastor is a bad guy, we have a teacher for that. Anything you want, we have a teacher for that. This is one of the worst parts of new technology. It puts every heretic right at your fingertips.”

“In my experience and opinion, very few Christians are mature enough in the Lord to be on social media. Social media is (along with many other things) a one-world church tool that promotes unbiblical doctrines and heresies through the use of peer pressure and exposure to philosophy of the world. It is a place where one can trust in the world’s understanding and reason. It is a place where the individual can gather agreement for anything he or she wants to believe or promote from the smorgas-

bord of views. Do ‘born again believers’ not know the wiles of the devil?”

“I firmly believe that the internet along with social media is the chief aid in the fulfillment of 2 Timothy 3:7, ‘Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.’ The foundational issue is that the average professing Christian is Biblically ignorant. They know just enough to be a danger to themselves and everyone around them. They are too lazy to read their Bibles and study hard after the truth which in turn means they won’t be testing everything by it.”

“While we are all concerned for apathetic, carnal young people who are tempted by the allurements of the world, there also exists a danger for those young Christians who are enthusiastic in their pursuit of God. A ‘novice’ who is spiritually immature and has ‘zeal of God, but not according to knowledge,’ may be easily blown about by ‘every wind of doctrine’ if the local church does not fulfill its responsibility in ‘the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ’ (Eph. 4:12-14). We have seen several cases of young people who wish to learn more about God going to the internet for their spiritual teaching and being deceived by false teachers. There are many Calvinist pastors and hyper-

dispensationalist teachers who can sound very convincing to someone who does not have a solid foundation in the Scriptures. We understand that in the end every person must make his choice, and there will be some who ‘will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables’ (2 Ti. 4:3-4). But the local church must do everything it can to provide opportunities for spiritual growth that will help young Christians to become established in the faith. This must include solid preaching from the pulpit, personal discipleship, and other church events which emphasize Biblical principles more than just ‘having fun’ with other young people.”

This danger makes it more imperative than ever that churches educate their people well in doctrinal dangers and provide sound resource material in libraries and bookstores and on the church’s website.

The most important way of victory is to make all of the Lord’s people serious and effectual Bible students. The equivalent of a Bible institute education is the very beginning of being the Bible student that can protect himself from error.

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Christian Life, the Judgment Seat of Christ, Separation - Moral, Separation - Doctrinal, Tests of Entertainment, Fasting, Miracles, a Biblical Testing Mindset, Tongues Speaking, the Rapture, How to Be Wise with Your Money, the Believer and Drinking, Abortion, Evolution, and Dressing for the Lord.

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GOD IS LOVE ~ “BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE...” (GALATIANS 5:22).**By David Cloud**

The following is excerpted from John Phillips' commentary on Galatians:

Love! It is the sum and substance of the Christian life. It all began with love. Love flooded this sin-cursed planet even before Adam's fateful fall. The Old Testament prophet first picks up and then puts down that great word from God: 'Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee' (Jer. 31:3). ...

The gospel begins on the same high note. Never have greater words been penned than these: 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16).

Well might we sing Frederick M. Lehman's hymn 'The Love of God':

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk of earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

'God is love' (1 John 4:8). Jesus came to demonstrate the truth of that declaration. He exhibited love as a babe, as a boy, as a teenager, and as a man. He manifested love in the home, in the classroom, on the playground, in the synagogue, and at the workbench. He revealed love when tramping the highway, when on the sea, and when in the temple. Ever and always, He displayed this one great truth about God: God is love. He displayed it with every breath He breathed. He demonstrated love in action in a particularly memorable, undiluted, down-to-earth way. There was never a road too rough, never a way too long, never an appeal too faint, never a case too hard, never a sob too late, and never a day too long for His love. Now it was an aristocratic Pharisee coming to Him in the dead of night, then it was a wicked woman at a wayside well at high noon. Now it was a dead little girl, then a demon-possessed little boy. Now it was a loathsome leper, then a woman with an issue of blood. Now it was Nathanael under a fig tree, then it was Zacchaeus up a sycamore tree. Now it was a wedding that had run out of wine, then it was a funeral and a woman who had been robbed of her only son. Now it was a publican, next a peer of the realm. Now it was a hungry multitude, then some frightened disciples in the grip of a howling gate. Always, love found a way to dry the tears and calm the fears.

Love! The word breathed through His teaching. He summarized all 613 commandments of the Mosaic Law in the one word--love!

He said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets' (Mt. 22:37-40). He said to His disciples, 'A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another' (John 13:34). But He demanded even more: 'I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you' (Mt. 5:44).

Impossible? Not for Him. He loved poor, lost Herod, self-seeking Annas, crafty Caiaphas, and weak and wavering Pilate. He loved them enough to die for them. He loved Peter even as he cursed and swore and denied Him. He loved Judas even as he planted the traitor's kiss on His cheek. He loved the man who punched Him in the face, the man who crowned Him with thorns, the man who smote Him on the head with a reed, and the man who plowed His back with a scourge. He loved the soldier who dropped that heavy cross upon His lacerated back and commanded Him to get going. He loved the men who nailed Him to that tree. He loved the very men who mocked Him as He died: 'Father, forgive them,' He said (Luke 23:34). What love. 'Love that no tongue can teach, Love that no thought can reach; No love like His. God is its blessed source, Death ne'er can stop its course, Nothing can stay its force; Matchless it is.'

"Now then, says Paul, 'The fruit of the Spirit is love.' It is the love that 'many waters cannot quench' (Song 8:7), the love that 'suffers long and is kind' (1 Co. 13:4), the love that 'will not let [me] go' (Song 3:4), and the love that is 'strong as death' (Song 8:6). Impossible? Of course, it is impossible to us. But it is gloriously possible to the Holy Spirit. Indeed, that is one of His New Testament titles--He is called 'the spirit... of love' (2 Ti. 1:7).

Let us remind ourselves afresh how the Lord Jesus, as Man, lived His life on earth. He did not live His matchless life in the power of His own deity, although He could have done so because He was never less than God. He allowed the love of God His Father to flow through Him as electrical current flows through a wire, in touch with the power at one end and the need at the other end. As a result, the supernatural, sublime, and superlative love of God flowed through the Lord Jesus at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances.

That same love is to flow through the believer in the same way by means of the Holy Spirit. We cannot manufacture it; neither can the flesh imitate it. The flesh, indeed, can exhibit what it calls love, but it is flawed at best. True love is of God, for God is love. In contrast with the 'works of the flesh' is this glorious fruit of the Spirit" (John Phillips, Galatians).

DIGGING IN THE WALLS

God commanded the prophet Ezekiel to dig in the walls of Israel's temple and observe the evils being done in secret by apostate religious leaders of that day. "Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall ... And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw. ..." (Ezek. 8:7-10).

Ezekiel was then instructed to preach against the errors of the leaders and to tell the people the things he had witnessed.

"Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. ... Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me" (Ezek. 11:4,25).

The hour in which we live is very similar to that of Ezekiel's day. Many of those who profess to be the people of God are apostate. It was prophesied in the New Testament Scriptures that such would be the case in the closing hours of our age. This will culminate in the brief worldwide rule of an utterly apostate Harlot "church" (2 Tim. 3-4; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Pet. 2-3; Jude; Rev. 17).

As in Ezekiel's day much of the apostasy of our hour is hidden from the view of the average Christian. We intend by God's grace to "dig in the walls" of modern ecumenism and to expose and cry out against the things we find. In this section we also report on secular events which are relevant to Christians. May God give us ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to obey. Is the truth of God not worthy of defense?



THE POPE THE FABLE MAN

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- The prophecy of apostate Christianity in 2 Timothy emphasizes fables, and the Roman Catholic pope is the chief fable man. "And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Ti. 4:4). The latest fable to be adopted by the pope is the fable of manmade global warming. On Oct. 1, Pope Leo blessed a block of melting ice as he participated in the Raising Hope for Climate Justice conference at Castel Gandolfo. The press release said the event was "a sign of the urgency of the climate crisis, marked by the hope carried through the Pope's blessing." Leo is following in the steps of Pope Francis, who in 2015 published *Laudato Si*, "which stressed the urgency of the climate crisis and the need for swift and unified global action." It is easy for popes to believe fables. They are described in 2 Timothy 3:13 as "deceiving and being deceived." The papacy itself is a gigantic fable (e.g., Successor of the Prince of the Apostles, sitting on Peter's throne and possessing Peter's keys, the Vicar of Christ, Supreme Pontiff, Pontifex Maximus, Summus Pontifex, Holy Father, His Holiness). Rome's Mary is a fable (e.g., Immaculate Concep-

tion, Perpetual Virginity, Assumption, Advocate, Benefactress, Protectress, Co-Redemptrix, Mediatrix of all grace, Our Lady of Angels, New Eve, Queen of Peace, Queen of Heaven, Marian apparitions). Other papal fables include Apostolic Succession, Transubstantiation, the Real Presence, Extreme Unction, Auricular Confession, Penance, Indulgences, Infant Baptism, Baptismal Regeneration, College of Cardinals, Intercession of Saints, Ex Cathedra Infallibility, Semper Eadem (always the same), Rosary, Scapulars, Donation of Constantine (said to be the greatest fraud in history), Decretals of Isidore, Purgatory, the True Cross, Stigmata, Veneration of Relics, and the Treasury of Merit. Anyone who joins hands with the Roman Catholic Church and treats the Pope as anything other than an arch heretic, deceiver, and blasphemer is in open disobedience to God's Word. This includes a large majority of evangelical leaders and contemporary Christian musicians. See Romans 16:17; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 2 Timothy 3:5; 2 John 1:9-11.

SOCIAL MEDIA PUSHES PORNOGRAPHY TO CHILDREN WITHIN MINUTES

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- The following is excerpted from "Social Media," *The Bridgehead*, Oct. 17, 2025: "Social media is now



one of the primary pipelines to porn addiction for both children and young adults. Global Witness, a campaign organization that investigates the impact of Big Tech on human rights, recently conducted a number of tests to determine how quickly children could access pornography on social media platforms. According to the *Guardian*, Global Witness conducted one test before the implementation of the U.K.'s Online Safety Act in July, and one after. In just a few clicks, **TIKTOK** directed children's accounts to pornography. ... I have encountered countless young people who were first exposed to pornographic material on social media; many teenagers have told me that **INSTAGRAM** is a key on-ramp into pornography. If they so much as pause for a fraction of a second as they scroll past a sexually explicit image, the pause is detected by the algorithm, and more sexual content is pushed into their feed. That content escalates in explicitness, and **the algorithm almost literally reels them in with a conveyor belt of sexual imagery.** ... Many young men who had successfully freed themselves from pornography have told me that going onto Instagram caused relapses into addiction. **SNAPCHAT** is no better. Pornography is easily accessible within five clicks without ever leaving the app. The National Centre on Sexual Exploitation has been urging parents to keep children off of Snapchat for years, and lists the social media app as one of the worst offenders on its annual 'Dirty Dozen' list."

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ARTIST ADMITS HE IMITATES THE WORLD (Friday Church News Notes, October 24, 2025, www.wayoflife.org)



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Forrest Frank, popular contemporary Christian music artist, testified on Instagram recently that he imitates the world. "As Christians it's hard to know where the line in the sand is between being in the world but not of the world. And **as a Christian artist, you know, I dress kind of like the world. I kind of look like the world. My music can kind of sound like the world.**" He went on to say that he would no longer accept awards or attend awards ceremonies, such as the Dove or Grammys, because he "will not receive a trophy for something that is from Jesus and for Jesus." He needs to go a lot farther than that. As he admitted, everything about contemporary Christian music is worldly. It is worldly in appearance and sound. Scripture answers the question, Where is the line between being in the world and not of the world? It is to not be conformed to the evil things of the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-17). That is a perfect definition of the filthy pop culture. The world's fashion is designed by rebels. It is unisex, immodest, narcissistic, slovenly. The "sound" of pop music--the

relentless back beat, the unresolving chord sequences, the crooning, the breathy whispering, the scooping and flipping, the vocal fry or popcorning--was created to proclaim a lifestyle of live as you please. Sensuality permeates every aspect of the music. Pop singers contort their voices and slip and slide around the notes because they have rejected absolute truth. Whether they are conscious of it or not, their singing style reflects the philosophy of moral relativism which permeates modern pop music. From its inception, the sound of pop music (e.g., ragtime, boogie woogie, blues, jazz, rock) has been a sensual dance sound, a barroom sound, a gambling den sound, a worldly party sound. It is a sound that is the opposite of holy and sacred and spiritual (Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16). Sacred music is not fitting for a barroom, and barroom music is not fitting for the house of God. Contemporary Christian musicians will answer to God for being conformed to the world and influencing professing Christians toward worldliness. Contemporary Christian Music is a major element of end-time apostasy, which is a "live according to your lusts" Christianity (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

TURKEY EXPELS FOREIGN CHRISTIANS (Friday Church News Notes, October 24, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Turkey Expels," *Christianity Daily*,



Oct. 17, 2025: “ADF International reports that since 2020, at least 200 foreign Christian workers and their families, totaling about 350 individuals, have been barred from entering or remaining in Turkey under the Ministry of Interior’s internal security codes N-82 and G-87. The organization explained that the codes are used to deny residence permits or prevent re-entry often without charges or evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Those affected include citizens of the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, several Latin American nations, and various European countries, many of whom have been denied visas or deported in recent years. A June 8 ruling by Turkey’s Constitutional Court dismissed an appeal from nine foreign Christians challenging the N-82 designation. The court’s decision publicly listed their names, leading local media to brand them as missionaries and enemies of the state. Following the publication, online commenters reportedly called for the death penalty and referred to killing them as a religious obligation.”

QUEBEC COURT ALLOWS THREE-MAN ‘THROUPLE’ TO ADOPT 3-YEAR-OLD GIRL (Friday Church News Notes, October 24, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from



“Quebec Court,” *The Bridgehead*, Oct. 2, 2025: “April, a Quebec Superior Court judge ruled that ‘multi-parent families,’ like ‘throuples’--three people living in a loosely defined sexual relationship--should be granted the same rights as ‘any other unit.’ By ‘unit,’ the judge was referring to what we once recognized as the natural family: a father, mother, and their children. Social conservatives predicted that if the natural family was legally redefined by same-sex ‘marriage,’ it would open the door to the legal recognition of an ever-expanding number of sexual relationships. Once law was unhitched from reality, all limiting principles would be removed. At the time, social conservatives were mocked as bigots. But as the judge put it: ‘limiting the legal affiliation of children to one or two parents is unconstitutional.’ ... Meanwhile, the LGBT movement has such a vise grip on Canada’s establishment that not a single federal politician or mainstream media commentator has bothered to protest--or even point out why this is wrong.”

INCHWORM STRATEGY (Friday Church News Notes, October 24, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, Sept. 25, 2025: “Some creatures simply try to look uninteresting to hungry predators. Others take their role-playing so seriously that they actually fulfill some of the same roles as their models. Loopers, or inchworms, move along the ground, twigs or branches with the characteristic opening and closing of an upside-down letter U. These creatures are not true worms. Rather,



they are caterpillars. As caterpillars, they often look very much like the twigs or branches on which they move. However, their odd form of movement can give them away. Here’s an experiment you can try. If you ever notice a looper on a branch, simply give the branch a gentle tap. Chances are, the looper will suddenly freeze into the same shape as a nearby twig. If you were to carefully touch the looper, you would find that it had become as stiff as a twig. A botanist reports that while studying one looper moving along a branch, an ant happened along. Ants, of course, will eat loopers. The looper froze in a horizontal position between branches. The ant walked across the looper, never noticing that its walkway was actually a potential meal. Many scientists suggest that the looper ‘just happens’ to be the same color as the branches on which it crawls. We ask, does it also accidentally know how to act like a twig to fool predators? The almighty hand of God is evident even in the inchworm! Ref: ‘The looper--inching along from one disguise to another,’ *National Geographic*.”

ONE-WORLD “CHURCH” CONTINUES ITS INSIDIOUS PROGRESS (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “King Charles III and Queen Camilla pray with Pope Leo in historic step for churches,” *The Washington Times*, Oct. 23, 2025: “Britain’s King Charles III and Queen Camilla prayed Thursday with Pope Leo XIV in an historic visit to the Vatican to forge closer relations between the Church of England and the Catholic Church, a welcome spiritual respite for the royals from the turmoil at home over the Epstein sex scandal. Charles, who is the titular head of the Church of England, and Camilla sat in golden thrones on the raised altar of the Sistine Chapel, in front of Michelangelo’s ‘Last Judgment,’ while Leo and the Anglican archbishop of York presided over an ecumenical service. The event marked the first time since the Reformation that the heads of the two Christian churches, divided for centuries over issues that now include the ordination of female priests, have prayed together. ... Anglicans split from the Catholic Church in 1534 when English King Henry VIII was refused a marriage annulment. While popes for decades have forged warm relations with the Church of England and the broader Anglican Communion on a path toward greater unity, the two churches remain divided. ... Later Thursday, **Charles was also to formally receive a new title and recognition at a pontifical basilica** that has strong, traditional ties to the Church of England, St. Paul’s

Outside the Walls. The title ‘Royal Confrater’ [colleague, comrade] is a sign of spiritual fellowship and was reciprocated by Charles: Leo was given the title of ‘Papal Confrater of St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle.’ **At the basilica, Charles will be given a special chair decorated with his coat of arms, bearing the Latin exhortation ‘Ut Unum Sint’ (That they may be one), the mantra for Christian unity.** The chair will remain in the basilica for Charles and his heirs to use, officials said.”

EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL MAY INCREASE DEMENTIA RISK (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “New Study,” *Consumer Affairs*, Oct. 10, 2025: “While many think light drinking isn’t a risk, recent research says otherwise. Even light drinking (under seven drinks a week) showed no protective effect in the largest combined study to date. Genetic analyses suggest the more alcohol you’re predisposed to consume, the higher your dementia risk. The drop in drinking before diagnosis hints that earlier studies showing benefits may have been misled by reverse causation. If you’ve ever heard that a glass of wine a day is good for your brain, recent research suggests it’s time to pause and reconsider.”

ELON MUSK’S GROKIPEDIA (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Elon Musk, head of Tesla, SpaceX, X (formerly Twitter), and xAI, is working toward the launch of an

online encyclopedia called *Groklopedia* to compete with *Wikipedia*. (Grok is Musk’s AI chatbot or assistant developed by xAI.) On September 30 Musk announced on X that *Groklopedia* “will be a massive improvement over Wikipedia” and “frankly, it is a necessary step towards the xAI goal of understanding the universe.” We would exhort Mr. Musk that understanding the universe *must* begin with the Bible, God’s gracious revelation to fallen man. The Bible and the Bible alone contains the answers to the most serious questions of life, such as Is there a God, and if so, what are His characteristics? How did the world begin? What is man and what is wrong with him? How can man be fixed? What is man’s purpose? Why do men die and what is death? Is there a heaven and a hell? *Groklopedia* should quote directly from the Bible on these points. It is the world’s most-translated and most popular book. Following are excerpts from “Elon Musk’s Next Big Project Could Be a Game Changer,” *PJMedia*, Sept. 30, 2025: “Elon Musk may be on the verge of transforming the way we access knowledge online, and if he succeeds, it could fundamentally change how the world discovers and trusts information. ... The announcement came after David Sacks, who serves as the crypto and AI czar in the Trump administration, ripped into *Wikipedia* for being



hopelessly biased. Sacks described the site's editors as an army of left-wing activists who maintain biographies and block any reasonable corrections that don't fit their narrative. He pointed out that *Wikipedia's* dominance in Google search results and its use as a trusted source for training AI models creates a huge problem. When biased information gets amplified through search engines and artificial intelligence, the effects ripple through everything people read and believe. ... This move against *Wikipedia* is classic Musk--championing free speech and open information. It's the same impulse that led him to buy Twitter in 2022 and turn it into X."

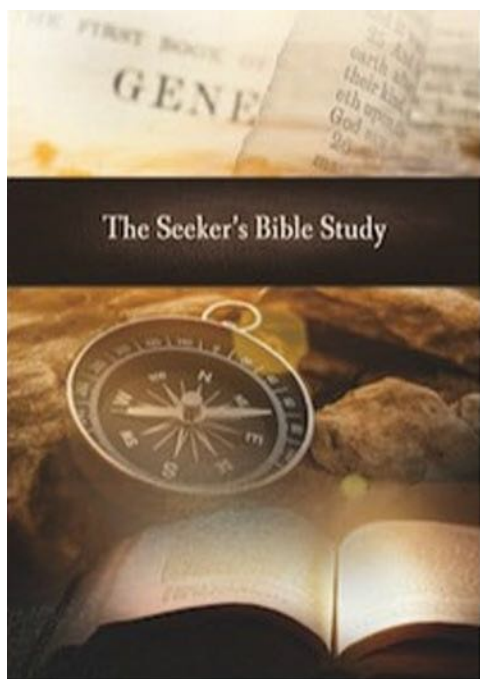
SEEKER'S EVANGELISTIC BIBLE STUDY (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The *Seekers Bible Study* is an evangelistic Bible course for use by individuals, homes, and churches. It begins with a study of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, dealing with the Bible, Christ, sin, Jesus' atoning

death, and 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 and contact. The teacher is instructed to try to grow the class by involving family, neighbors, and friends of the original student. A pastor in Idaho ordered 50 copies of *Seeker's* for his church members, urging them to go out and find someone to take through the course. Sometime later he wrote, "Had our first profession from someone finishing your study. A Mormon lady (approximately 75 years old). Praise God!" The *Seeker's Bible Study* is available as a free download at <https://www.wayoflife.org/seekers/> The teacher's notes can be found in the file "Seeker's Bible Study - Teacher's Notes" at the same page.

THE GROWTH AND COLLAPSE OF THE PSYCHIC INDUSTRY (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The internet has contributed greatly to the growth of the psychic industry, which offers witchcraft for hire (promising psychic readings, hexes, prosperity, protection, romance, etc.) or instruction in the practice of witchcraft. The industry is projected to reach \$4.5 billion by 2033 ("Four news outlets that promoted witchcraft," *Christian Post*, Sept. 30, 2025). It is quite possible that there will be no witches on earth in 2033. If the

Rapture occurs this year, it will be followed by seven years of Tribulation. In spite of the judgments of God, most men will not repent of their sins, including the practice of the occult. "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (Revelation 9:21). The great tribulation will be followed by the return of Christ to establish His kingdom in which all witches will be removed from the earth.

THREE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES BROKEN BY PANTS ON WOMEN (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Pants on women in modern Western society broke three clear biblical principles: **First, pants on women broke down the distinction of the sexes.** It was created as a unisex fashion. The pantsuit was created by homosexual fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent (pronounced "Eve Sain Laurau") in 1966. He has been called "the man who put women in trousers" ("Celebrating Yves Saint Laurent," *Daily Mail*, June 2, 2008). The style was called "defiant," "irreverent," "daring," and "androgynous" ("How Yves Saint Laurent Revolutionized Women's Fashion," *Business Insider*, Aug. 8, 2011). Models popularized the fashion by appearing with "slicked back hair and masculine posture." Feminist Linda Grant observed that the pantsuit "put women on an equal sartorial footing with men" and "is what fashion gave to feminism" ("Feminism Was Built on the Trouser Suit," *The Guardian*, June 3, 2008). **Second, pants on women are sexually immodest,**

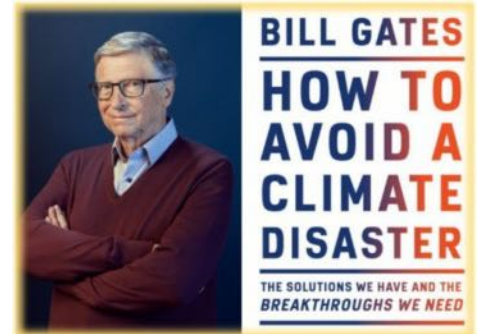




highlighting the woman's figure in a sensual way. Tight pants were created by Calvin Klein, a bisexual fashion designer. When his pants appeared in 1974, they sold 200,000 pairs in the first week ("Calvin Klein: A Stylish Obsession," *Entrepreneur*, Oct. 10, 2008). Tights worn as pants (leggings) were created by homosexual fashion

designer Gianni Versace (pronounced "Johni Versache"). **Third, pants on women destroyed shamefacedness.** "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves

BILL GATES BACKS AWAY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE DOOMSDAY (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Trump celebrates win against climate hoax," *Washington Times*, Oct. 30, 2025: "Mr. Bill Gates, who has devoted billions to climate-change initiatives, stunned the world with his Tuesday memo calling for shifting resources from reducing global temperatures to improving human health and prosperity ahead of next month's U.N. Climate Change Conference,



known as COP30. 'Although climate change will have serious consequence--particularly for people in the poorest countries--it will not lead to humanity's demise,' said Mr. Gates in his post, 'Three Tough Truths About Climate.' 'People will be able to live and thrive in most places on Earth for the foreseeable future.' His call for a pivot from the 'doomsday outlook' met with a mixed reaction on the right. Some prominent climate skeptics joined Mr. Trump in cheering Mr. Gates' new approach,

RETRACTING MOSQUITO ANTENNAE (Friday Church News Notes, October 31, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, July 24, 2025: "Most people are aware that it is only the female mosquito that feeds on blood. The male feeds on plant juices. It is also easy to see the difference between males and females in most species. The male has a distinctive pair of antennae. While the female mosquito's antennae are difficult to see, the male's looks like a pair of branched feathers coming out of its head. And if it weren't for a very special feature, these large, feathery antennae would make it difficult for him to fly. Each antenna is planted in a socket, next to which there is a pad made out of special protein. This pad is actually a water-powered engine. When flying, the mosquito's antennae are flattened against its head. But when he lands, he raises the antennae so that he can hear. To raise the antennae, a small amount of water from his system is pumped into the pad which increases its size by 25 percent and causes the pad to unfold, raising the antennae. Nature



is full of so many wonders that it would be easy for us to get lost in them. But every one of these wonders is designed by God to lead us to desire to learn more about Him--especially to learn from His Word that He wants a relationship with you through His Son, Jesus Christ. Ref: Steven Vogel, 'Life's Devices: The Physical World of Animals and Plants,' Princeton University Press."

while others decried the trillions spent on efforts to lower fossil-fuel emissions in the name of reducing global temperatures. ‘That shift to common sense is welcome, but it comes after decades of fearmongering that harmed young people, stalled development, and punished dissenting scientists,’ said former climate activist Lucy Biggers in *The Free Press*.”

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: DANCING WITH IDOLATRY (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org

fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The World Council of Churches (WCC) is an international ecumenical union of roughly 350 denominations in 120 countries representing more than 500 million professing Christians (including the millions whose only Christian testimony is that they were baptized as infants). It is a major part of the apostate, end-time, global “church.” Its godless character was evident at the Sixth General Assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia, in July 1983, attended by more than 4,000 people. In the opening ceremony, North American pagan Indians were invited to build an altar and light a “sacred flame.” They tossed offerings of fish and tobacco into a fire for their nature gods and danced around the altar. Candles that were used in the worship services of this conference were lit from that



pagan fire which was kept burning throughout the Assembly. A Native Indian Sweat Lodge, used in their heathen ‘purification’ rites, was also featured; and one of the evening worship services consisted of Native Indian dancing, chanting, singing and drum beating (*Foundation*, Vol. IV, Issue III, 1983). There were readings from Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim scriptures. In the General Secretary’s report to the Assembly, Philip Potter said that it is God’s will “to unite all nations in their diversity into one house.” Pauline Webb, who served on the WCC executive committee, welcomed the visitors from “other faiths” and said, “Let us meet as those who have nothing to defend and everything to share.” The World Council has nothing to defend because it has no truth. Dirk Mulder, moderator of the WCC interfaith dialogue program, said that he “does not believe people are lost forever if they are not evangelized.” M.H. Reynolds, late editor of *Foundation* magazine, attended the Assembly with press credentials. In an interview with Mulder, he asked, “Would you feel that a Buddhist or Hindu could be saved without believing in Christ?” His answer was, “Sure, sure!” (*Foundation*, Ibid.). The 1983 WCC Assembly also featured a pagan dance by a Hindu woman from South India. It was a “classical Bharathanatyam dance” that is performed to the Hindu “earth mother goddess.” (For more on this subject see the free eBook [The World Council of Churches](http://www.wayoflife.org), www.wayoflife.org.)

NEW TECHNOLOGY LETS SEE UNDERGROUND (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)



- The following is excerpted from “New technology,” *World Israel News*, Sept. 29, 2025: “A team of Israeli researchers has developed a breakthrough that could transform archaeology: the ability to map underground spaces without digging, Tel Aviv University announced on Monday. The university’s scientists demonstrated that cosmic radiation detectors, which measure muons--subatomic particles produced when cosmic rays collide with Earth’s atmosphere--can reveal hidden voids beneath ancient sites, offering a way to explore subterranean structures safely and efficiently. ... The research team, led by Prof. Erez Etzion of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler School of Physics and Astronomy, demonstrated the technology at Jeremiah’s Cistern at the City of David archaeological site in Jerusalem. Using muon detectors, the team produced detailed images of underground features, including tunnels and cisterns, based on how soil absorbs cosmic radiation. The team’s study was recently published in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Applied Physics*. ... ‘The muon shower hits the ground at a fixed and known rate,’ explained Prof. Etzion. ‘Muons can penetrate much deeper than other particles, losing energy slowly as they pass through rock. Empty cavities allow more muons through, so by monitoring the muons, we can pinpoint voids. It’s like X-ray imaging: the muons are

the X-ray beam, the underground voids are the bones, and our detectors act as the camera.”

AI CHATBOTS BLAMED FOR TEEN SUICIDES (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Parents blame AI chatbots,” *Fox News*, Oct. 28, 2025: “Heartbroken parents are demanding justice after artificial intelligence (AI) ‘companion’ chatbots allegedly groomed, manipulated and encouraged their children to take their own lives --prompting bipartisan outrage in Congress and a new bill that could potentially hold big tech accountable for minors’ safety on their platforms. ... Lawmakers were joined Tuesday by parents who said their teenage children suffered trauma or died after inappropriate conversations involving sex and suicide with chatbots from AI companies, including Character.AI and OpenAI, the parent company of ChatGPT. One mother, Megan Garcia, said her eldest son, Sewell Setzer III, 14, died by suicide last year at their home in Orlando, Florida, after being groomed by an AI chatbot for months. Garcia said Sewell became withdrawn and isolated in the months prior to his death, as they would later find out he was speaking with a Character.AI bot modeled after fictional *Game of Thrones*



character Daenerys Targaryen. ‘[The AI bot] initiated romantic and sexual conversations with Sewell over several months and expressed a desire for him to be with her. On the day Sewell took his life, his last interaction was not with his mother, not with his father, but with an AI chatbot on Character.AI.’ ... Similarly, Maria Raine, the mother of Adam Raine, 16, who died by suicide in April, alleges in a lawsuit that her son ended his life after ChatGPT ‘coached him to suicide.’ ... Josh Hawley, R-Mo., a former prosecutor, said that if the companies were human beings conducting the same kind of activity, which he described as ‘grooming,’ he would prosecute them. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., added he believes big tech is ‘using our children as guinea pigs in a high-tech, high-stakes experiment to make their industry more profitable.’”

BEWARE OF ROOTED PILOT COURSE (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from *Lighthouse Trails*, Oct. 21, 2025: “Lighthouse Trails identified Mariner’s Church, the creators of the *Rooted Pilot Course*, as an ‘emergent/contemplative’ church as far back as 2009. With current teaching pastors such as Christine Caine, Ed Stetzer [Southern Baptist], and Doug Fields, and with their *Rooted* program, they remain in that category. This letter to the editor from one of our readers is an important warning because of the popularity of *Rooted*: ‘... a careful look shows that *Rooted* introduces and emphasizes contemplative concepts and practices. Participants



are tutored in *7 Rhythms* to practice in community and on an ongoing basis after the course concludes. A *Rooted Covenant* on page 15 is to be signed by participants, giving their agreement to attend all group meetings and keep things shared therein confidential. ... Page 55 continues: *Listening to God can be a bit mysterious. ... By slowing down, emptying our minds, and praying, God can communicate directly to us through thoughts and ideas.* Further tutoring in prayer techniques states: *To yield means to be quiet after you have spoken to God and to listen for what He might say to you. If you regularly take time to listen, you will begin to hear God’s voice.* Journal use is encouraged to record these thoughts and promptings as *keeping record of what God says to you* (pg. 61). Articles on *Rooted* Network’s website refer to Spiritual Formation, Ignatian exercises, and the use of experiential prayer practices including lectio divina and prayer labyrinths. ... There are other pitfalls with *Rooted*, but an identification of its contemplative elements alone shows it should be marked and avoided.” (For more on this see the free eBook [Evangelicals and Contemplative Prayer](http://www.wayoflife.org), www.wayoflife.org.)

THE HELPFUL HONEYGUIDE (Friday Church News Notes, November 7, 2025, www.wayoflife.org)



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- The following is from CreationMoments.com, August 2, 2025: "It has long been known that an African bird known as the honeyguide leads badgers to bees' nests, where the badger tears the nest apart to eat the honey. The badger always leaves more than enough for the honeyguide. Now it has been learned that the honeyguide has a similar relationship with the Boran people of Kenya. When the bird has found a bees' nest, it will alert the Boran, bidding them to follow it to the honey site. On the other hand, if the Boran want to know where honey is, they know how to whistle and call for a honeyguide. The honeyguide also calls to the people so that they know which way to go. When the Boran reach the honey, they always make sure that they leave some for the honeyguide. Researchers also reported that they saw honeyguides scouting out bees' nests at night so that they had good sites to lead the Boran to the next day. While the honeyguide does get its reward of honey in return for its help, the intelligence of the honeyguide in establishing these relationships with human beings is impressive. But while the honeyguide can help teach us that the creation is the work of an intelligent Creator, it cannot teach us how to have a relationship with Him. For that we must go to the Bible. Ref: 'Honey Hunters Follow Bird to Reach Bees,' *Science News*."

THE FALL OF NEW YORK CITY (Friday Church News Notes, November 14, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Daniel Greenfield, *Frontpage Magazine*, Nov. 6, 2025: "How did an Islamist socialist who posed with an unindicted terror bombing coconspirator become elected to head a city of terror survivors, the 'most Jewish city in America,' and how did he defeat an Italian-American political dynasty in what was once an Italian-American city? **Because that New York City, the one people imagine from movies, no longer exists.** In 1989, the last year of Mayor Ed Koch's administration, Jews outnumbered Muslims roughly 4 to 1. ... by the time Zohran Mamdani beat Andrew Cuomo, there were more Muslims than Italian Americans in NYC. ... **So much for New York City being the 'most Jewish city' in America. Or 'Italian city.'** Like so many European cities, it's been redefined by waves of Muslim mass migration. ... **New York City's old 'ethnic' working-class population is gone. Instead they were replaced by college students, hipsters, and third-world immigrants who not only voted for Democrats but also for the far left.** ... Another way to measure the foreign population in New York City is to look at the proportion of those to whom English is a second



language. The number of non-English speakers has been steadily rising since 1990. ... Much of New York City no longer even speaks English. That's why Mamdani could campaign in Arabic ... **the New York City of families has disappeared. A majority of households in New York City are single now.** ... Mamdani's defeat of Andrew Cuomo, Curtis Sliwa, and Eric Adams, all personalities dating back to an older New York City, the city of the 80s and 90s, marked the defeat of old New York City by a 'new' New York City. This city has no character, no tradition, and no roots. It's interchangeable with every upscale, gentrified city in America and all across Europe. This Neo-New York could just as easily be London or Toronto." [CONCLUDING NOTE: Mamdani's win as mayor of America's largest city not only marked the defeat of old New York City by a new New York City, it marked a defeat of the old America by the new America. America is a wicked nation that has turned from the great light God bestowed upon her, and she deserves the judgment that we are sadly witnessing. The global anti-God culture and the spread of antisemitism are major prophetic signs.]

A FOOTNOTE ON THE WESTMAN CASE (Friday Church News Notes, November 14, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Like the mayoral election in New York City, the situation in Minnesota reminds us that wicked, leftist thinking has not disappeared from America under the current administration. Democrats (with their platform supporting abortion, homosexual marriage, LGBTQI+



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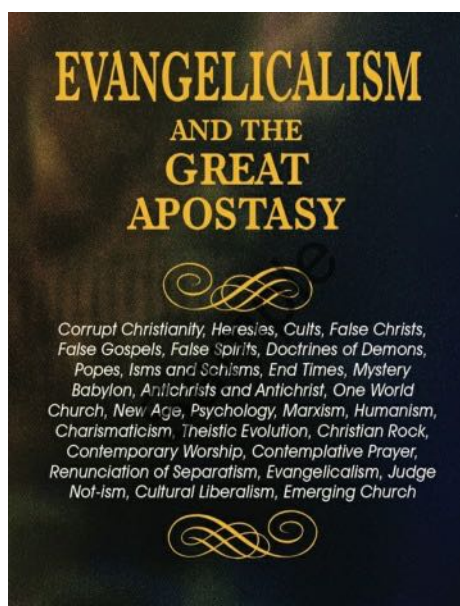
super rights, childhood trans therapy, the right to vote without proper ID, open borders, sanctuary for criminals, globalism, despite toward law and order, defunding the police, manmade global warming, “free” everything, universal health care, and socialistic redistribution of wealth) remain in power in many states and could regain a majority in Congress next year. God’s people are foolish if they trust in politics and get wrapped up in it instead of doing what God has told them to do, which is preach the gospel to every creature in every nation, establish sound New Testament churches and build godly homes as light in a dark world, all the while watching for Christ’s imminent return. **Morally and spiritually, America remains as wicked as she was before the last presidential election.** That being true, what is happening today in Minnesota is what could easily happen nationally in 2029. If you value your citizenship in heaven more than your citizenship in America, if your affection is fixed on things above, not on things on earth, that won’t surprise you nor will it shake your world. The following is excerpted from “A Footnote,” *PowerLine*, Aug. 30, 2025: “Minnesota Democrats took control of the political branches of the state government in January 2023 and immediately set about advancing the agenda and priorities of their left-wing base. ... the Minnesota House and Senate passed bills establishing Minnesota as a ‘trans refuge’ state

and banning ‘conversion therapy’ on minors and ‘vulnerable adults.’ In the aftermath of the murders and attempted massacre committed by Robin Westman at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis earlier this week, I revisited the ‘conversion therapy’ law and thought about it in the context of Westman’s case. Although I had read it many times previously, I never understood how perverse it is until this week. The ‘conversion therapy’ law reflects how Democrats have dominated the language battle on the gender issue for so long--call it ‘conversion therapy’ and people think it’s bad. I find it to be ideological mania masquerading as compassion. ... Robin Westman [who shot 26 children at a Catholic school on Aug. 27, killing two of them] was born Robert Westman but changed his name at 17 because he identified as a female. If Westman had been troubled by the feelings that led to his identification as female and wanted to confirm his masculinity, the law would have prevented him from receiving professional help of this sort. ... Before the attack, Westman reportedly professed to ‘regret being trans.’ He wished he ‘had never brain-washed’ himself, according to the *New York Post*. While Westman was 23 at the time of the attack the ‘conversion therapy’ law ... would have limited his right to receive such help were he deemed a ‘vulnerable adult’ as defined by Minnesota law. In effect, the law discourages mental health professionals from providing any such help. ... When the ‘trans refuge’ and ‘conversion therapy’ bills were passed in early 2023, [Minnesota governor Tim] Walz held a joyous signing ceremony and announced that ‘the march of bigotry and hate stops at Minnesota’s borders.’ If all

this makes sense to you, you may need help yourself. Just don’t seek it in Minnesota.”

EVANGELICALISM AND THE GREAT APOSTASY (Friday Church News Notes, November 14, 2025, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - *Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*, a new book and Bible course, has two major themes: **apostasy** as taught in the Bible and as seen through the age and **evangelicalism** as the broad sphere of apostasy in the last hours of the church age. We document how the apostasy developed in the first 1800 years of church history, how it exploded in the 19th century, how it reached new heights in the 20th century, and how it is nearing its apex in the 21st century. **It is evangelicalism, with its profession of biblical faith yet lack of real boundaries, that is destroying the black and white of truth and error and creating the gray of compromise. Everything is changing, moving, merging, blending, homogenizing.** In dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the stage is being set for the day of the Lord and the rise of Mystery Babylon. The doctrine of apostasy is a doctrine that is clearly taught in God’s Word, and it is no small matter. In brief, the doctrine of apostasy is the Bible’s teaching that there will be a falling away from the New Testament faith beginning even in the days of the apostles and progressing in strength throughout the church age, ending in an explosion of apostasy and false Christianity at the end of the age. That’s where we are! **The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for a right understanding of church history.** The homes and churches must be

better educated! The doctrine of apostasy explains the Roman Catholic Church and Greek Orthodoxy. It explains the appearance in church history of gnosticism, Montanism, Cerinthianism, adoptionism, Sabellianism, Arianism, Manichaeism, infant baptism, baptismal regeneration, priestcraft, the papacy, transubstantiation, sacramentalism, auricular confession, Mariolatry, the cult of the saints, purgatory, pilgrimages, holy bells, holy water, holy relics, scapulars, rosaries, monasticism, asceticism, cathedrals, iconography, inquisitions, amillennialism, the crusades, antinomianism, enlightenment theology, unitarianism, transcendentalism, theological liberalism, documentary theories, form criticism, textual criticism, soul sleep, and sabbath keeping. ***The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for a proper understanding of the times in which we live.*** It is necessary for a proper Christian worldview. Why are there so many different types of denominations and churches? Why are there so few churches that take



the Bible seriously? Why is Christianity so divided? Is the ecumenical movement a good thing? Why are there so many disgraceful scandals in Christianity? ***The doctrine of apostasy is necessary for spiritual and doctrinal protection.*** The doctrine of apostasy instructs God's people to have a testing mindset: to be serious Bible students and to measure everything by the Bible, to "prove all things" (1 Th. 5:21), to be Bereans (Acts 17:11). The doctrine of apostasy instructs churches to be

serious Bible training institutions in order to disciple and protect the people in an evil time. The doctrine of apostasy tells us that every preacher and Bible teacher must have a "warning ministry" as a matter of protecting the sheep (Col. 1:28). [*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#) is a 402-page book. It is also a Bible course consisting of a textbook, review questions, tests, and the PowerPoint "Evangelicalism a Bridge to Dangerous Waters," which deals with the following dangers: The John 17 heresy, charismaticism, rejection of the pre-tribulation Rapture, ecumenism, Catholicism, the one-world church, the world of secular rock, homosexual Christianity, contemplative prayer, modern Bible versions, cultural liberalism, the downgrade of Bible inspiration, process salvation, salvation apart from faith in Christ, theistic evolution, the downgrade of hell, open theism, and false gods and goddesses. [*Evangelicalism and the Great Apostasy*](#) is available at the Books section of the Way of Life Literature web site, www.wayoflife.org.



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