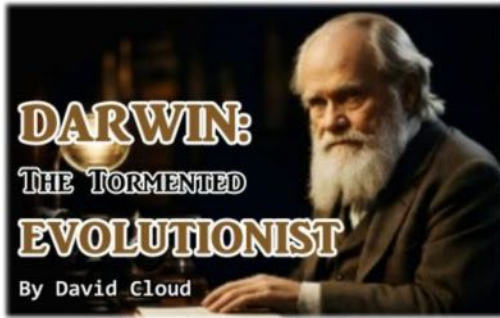


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"Keep that which is committed to thy trust..."

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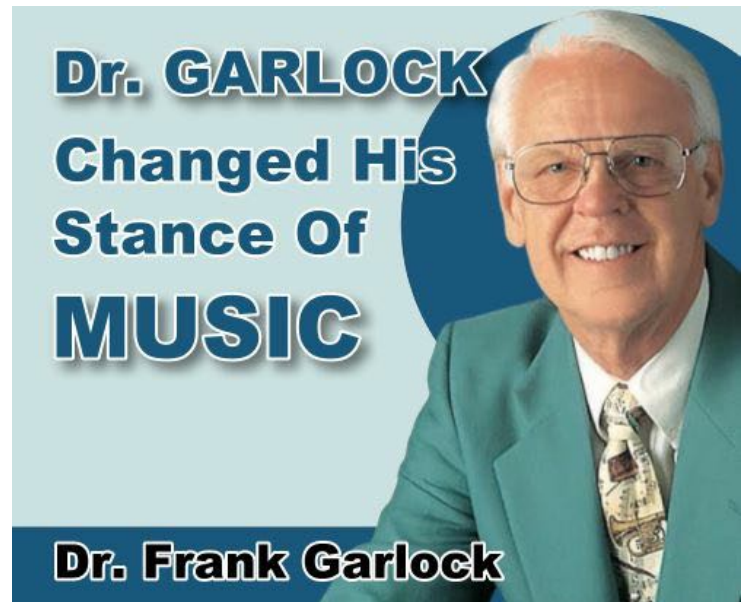
[A previous edition of this report was titled "Dr. Garlock Misses an Important Point," Feb. 3, 2015.]

The music issue is a huge issue in Bible-believing churches, and I intend to continue to speak out about it as long as the Lord allows.

The Lord has given me a unique background by which to judge this issue, not only as a former rock & roller, but also as a musician, preacher, missionary, father, grandfather, and researcher.

I realize that many independent Baptist preachers have shut their ears to anything I have to say, but that is their business, and the Lord will have the final word as to all such things.

I thank the Lord that many of the Lord's people are still listening, and I hear from lots of these each year urging me to keep sounding the trumpet against the contemporary trend.



As for Dr. Frank Garlock (1930-2023), the subject of this article, I thank the Lord for him except for the unwise change in his music stance late in his life. In August 2003, I published "A Salute to Frank Garlock" to make this point. As far as I know, I have read everything he wrote

and watched every video he produced. I never met him, but I loved him in Christ. God has used him in a large way to help Bible-believing churches understand the difference between sacred and sensual music. He helped them to draw wise, safe, biblical lines.

For decades I gave free advertising to Majesty Music by including them on our list of recommend music resources. Many years ago, they gave my oldest daughter permission to include a couple of their hymns in the Nepali hymnal we publish and use in our churches. Just the other night in prayer meeting, I was blessed by Ron Hamilton's song "Here Am I, Lord" as we sang it in Nepali.

Dr. Garlock taught something that is obviously close to God's heart, considering its emphasis in Scripture, which is that God's people must learn to make "the difference between the holy and profane" (Ezekiel 44:23). This is a fundamental Scriptural principle in regard to Christian music and every other aspect of the Christian life and ministry.

Any one can have a blind side, though. In fact, I do not doubt that we all have blind sides, seeing that we "have this treasure in earthen vessels." This is why "reproofs of instruction" are so important. Fundamental Baptists who exalt certain men beyond reproof are not obeying God's Word.

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About a decade before he died, Dr. Garlock took a dramatic new stance on music.

Until then, his stance was that even to dabble with CCM was dangerous and would corrupt a church. For example, at the Bob Jones University chapel, March 12, 2001, Dr. Garlock said, "If a church starts using CCM it will eventually lose all other standards. You need to draw a line concerning your music."

For decades, Dr. Garlock said if a church even "starts using CCM," even begins dabbling with it, it will be corrupted.

In 2013, Dr. Garlock modified this stance to allow for "careful use" of "modern hymns" by men such as Keith Getty and Stuart Townend.

This was a very dangerous blind side that has the potential to undo, in one generation, the good that he did through a lifetime of godly labor.

In a statement in his daughter's book *Why I Don't Listen to Contemporary Christian Music*, Dr. Garlock gave a public justification for the inclusion of these and other such men's contemporary music in *Rejoice Hymns*.

Shelly Hamilton's book was misnamed, because it is obvious that she *did* listen to contemporary Christian music.

The following quote is excerpted from Frank Garlock's "Postlude" to *Why I Don't Listen to Contemporary Christian Music* by Shelly Hamilton, Majesty Music: 2013, pp. 95-96:

"In *Rejoice Hymns*, we included some songs that we did not include in *Majesty Hymns*. For instance, some of these songs had not been written 14 years ago when we produced *Majesty Hymns*. There has been some concern regarding our hymnbook *Rejoice Hymns* because it incorporates music from two ministries in particular: Sovereign Grace Music (SGM), led by Bob Kauflin; and the music of Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend (GTM). We do not question the motives or spiritual commitment of these ministries. Many of the texts, especially those of Getty and Townend, are biblically rich. Townend states: 'It is so important that our lives are built not on our feelings or circumstances, but on the

Word of God, and songs can really help us to meditate on and retain truth. Most of my life is spent making melodies to make truths less forgettable.’

“The biggest quandary is not in the biblical correctness of the lyrics SGM and GTM write, but in the music. Music professor Douglas Bachorik at Bob Jones Memorial Bible College in the Philippines and Rev. Ryan Weberg, pastor of Valley View Bible Church in Pennsylvania, have written *An Exploration of the Music of Sovereign Grace Ministries and Getty-Townend*. They say: ‘We find that SGM tends towards a heavy use of repetition, melodically, rhythmically, and sometimes textually, in the printed version, and even more so in the performances. This fits well with the (SGM) charismatic roots of their worship theology. ... Theologically, SGM describes itself as evangelical, reformed, and charismatic. ...SGM seems to be content with working exclusively in various rock styles.’

“By contrast, ‘GTM has an emphasis upon Christian doctrine over Christian experience.’ Much of GTM is written in a conservative style which has been described as the ‘modern hymn.’ Many conservative Christians think that GTM fits better in their churches than SGM because of the written style difference.

“After considering the above factors, there are a number of GTM songs and a few SGM songs that fit into a written traditional music style and also have strong biblical texts. All the GTM and SGM songs that are included in *Rejoice Hymns* are innately conservative in style and are strong both melodically and textually.”

The previous quote is excerpted from Frank Garlock’s “Postlude” to *Why I Don’t Listen to Contemporary Christian Music* by Shelly Hamilton, Majesty Music: 2013, pp. 95-96.

While Dr. Garlock made some good statements in his longer “Postlude” to Shelly Hamilton’s book, which we have not included here, such as thoughtful warnings about worldliness in the churches and the trend away from using hymnbooks, **TWO ESSENTIAL FACTS ARE GLARING IN THEIR OMISSION.**

First, in practice, Getty/Townend represent the “one-world church.”

Second, to use their material is to build bridges to the extremely dangerous world that they represent. “Fundamentalists” who build these bridges will eventually bring the corruption of that world into their churches. It has been happening for two decades, and the pace of change is increasing before our very eyes.

In this age of the internet, it is impossible to use materials by contemporary musicians without building bridges that our church members will inevitably cross, particularly young people. They are going to Google “Getty/Townend,” and many of them are going to be influenced by them, and some are going to be influenced deeply.

I have never known of a Baptist church becoming Lutheran by singing Luther’s hymns or Methodist by singing Fanny Crosby’s hymns, but I have known of dozens of churches that have become contemporary by messing around with contemporary music, EVEN THOUGH THIS PATH INVARIABLY BEGINS IN A “SMALL” AND “CAUTIOUS” MANNER.

Dr. Garlock makes the point that of the 70 songs in *Rejoice Hymns*, only eight are from SGM (Sovereign Grace) and GTM (Getty Townend).

True, but where will things be in ten years? Twenty years?

Dr. Garlock is justifying the crossing of an important threshold, and it will be impossible to return to the former safe and wise stance.

In his “Postlude,” Dr. Garlock acknowledges that we are living in a time of rapid change. He says, “It was easier to make decisions about which hymns to include 15 years ago because the lines were drawn more definitively than they are today.”

He admits that “the consensus among conservatives was also much clearer.”

That being the case, why let the Getty/Townends get their nose in the tent? Is it really time to be playing around with this stuff. Many men of God see Getty Townend as dangerous. Why push the boundaries?

Dr. Garlock says, “Some Christians have told us that they only use music from ministries with which they totally agree.”

I don't know who says this. I certainly don't say it. I doubt that such a standard is even possible.

What we say is that it is wise to avoid the contemporary crowd, including the Gettys, because they represent a very dangerous world and they are a bridge to that world.

Who are Getty/Townend? Are they really "conservative"? Do they really love sound doctrine?

Conservative-sounding statements by these men must be interpreted in the context of their lives and ministries and associations. It is a case in which "what you do speaks louder than what you say." In my decades of research into the ecumenical movement, I have sat in conferences with media credentials and thought to myself, "This man sounds biblically true; why then can he hold hands with Roman Catholics and liberals and charismatics and support the heresies that he supports by his unscriptural associations?" I can't answer to motives. I only know that even a sincere man can be very wrong, and I know that the ecumenism is wrong according to God's Word. And it is not a light matter; it is a major part of how the "one-world church" is being built.

Consider the following statement that Dr. Garlock quotes from Stuart Townend:

"It is so important that our lives are built not on our feelings or circumstances, but on the Word of God, and songs can really help us to meditate on and retain truth?"

Most "fundamentalists" reading those words would conclude that Townend is opposed to charismatic mysticism and devoted to the truth of God's Word. But if this is true, why is he a member of a charismatic church that supports the "extraordinary manifestations of the Spirit"? And how can he support the Alpha program which bridges charismatic, Baptist, Protestant, and Roman Catholic churches?

Like that pioneer ecumenist Billy Graham, Stuart Townend is "Mr. Facing Two Ways." He speaks passionately about the truth at times even while holding hands with the "broader church" in all of its unscriptural facets and heresies and end-time apostasies.

In fact, Townend is very radical in his doctrinal thinking and appears to be in love with a false christ.

When asked, "What would Jesus sing?" Townend replied:

"I think he would be doing thrash metal or hip hop or something where we'd go, 'He can't do that!' Because I think he would be challenging our comfortable perceptions. I don't know what he would sing or whose songs he would sing, but I believe he would do it in a way that would surprise and probably shock us" ("What Would Jesus Sing?" from an interview with Stuart Townend, TV series *Principles of Praise*, 2011, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCW0oAAna7c>).

Does that sound like the statement of a man that Bible-believing Christians should be associating with? Is Townend's thrash metal, hip-hop, "out to shock them" Jesus the Jesus that we know and serve?

Before he died, we said publicly to Dr. Garlock, "Is this the Jesus you want introduced to your grandchildren and great grandchildren and to the young people in churches that you have tried to influence in a godly way?"

As for the Gettys, while their doctrinal statement might be conservative, their associations are as radically one-world church as Michael W. Smith or Darlene Zschech or any other contemporary artist.

If they Gettys truly love God's Word and sound doctrine, why did they (and Townend) join hands in July 2012, with Roman Catholic Matt Maher on NewsongCafe on WorshipTogether.com? The program promoted ecumenical unity, with Maher/Townend/Getty perfectly one in the spirit through music? In these ecumenical settings, in which Getty/Townend are comfortable, truly fundamental doctrinal differences are so meaningless that they are not even mentioned. Spiritual abominations such as the papacy, the mass, infant baptism, baptismal regeneration, and veneration of Mary were ignored. Jude 3 is despised and Romans 16:17 disobeyed for the sake of creating unity through contemporary Christian music.

Keith Getty collaborated with Catholic Margaret Becker in the song "Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer." In an interview Becker said, "One of my missions has been to say, let's not label ourselves, let's not put up walls between each other. I may go to a Catholic church, that does not mean I'm Catholic, in that I cannot (disagree with) any Catholic rhetoric or Catholic belief" ("US singer to make an

appearance at Cross Rhythms '95," *CR Magazine*, June 1, 1995). Getty also collaborated with Roman Catholic Máire [pronounced Moya] Brennan in writing "With the Early Morning." Brennan says, "Christians fighting Christians, Catholics and Protestants! It breaks my heart, because we're all stemming from the same rock. We should look at that and not at what we've become. I discovered an awful lot, being from a Catholic background and getting married to a Protestant" ("Back to the Rock of Ages: Maire Brennan Talks to Christina Rodden," rootsworld.com).

In fact, the Gettys aren't even conservative in their musical stance. They have no music boundaries. Their web site tells us that they "fuse the music of their Irish heritage with the sounds of Nashville, their newly adopted home." There is nothing conservative or spiritual about this syncretism, for Nashville represents the very heart and soul of worldly music today and the Gettys are comfortable with that.

While the Getty's "modern hymns" are fairly conservative in rhythm, the Gettys rock out pretty hard at some venues. And while they don't write hard rock worship songs, they don't speak against this, either. In fact, Keith Getty recently said that he is glad for edgy, rocking renditions of his music by artists such as Newsboys, Ricky Skaggs, Owl City, Alison Krauss, and Natalie Grant, because "it is an honor" for him that popular modern musicians record them, and "it's also

interesting to hear their interpretation of it and useful for the song because it helps the song get played more" ("The Gettys Exclusive: Famed Hymn Writers Talk Irish Christmas Tour," *Christian Post*, Dec. 2, 2014).

Regardless of how sincere Getty/Townend are, and regardless of how "conservative" they might appear in contrast to some of the other contemporary Christian musicians, and regardless of how fervently they speak about "the truth," these are not friends of a Bible-believing stance.

Getty-Townend represent the exceedingly dangerous world of contemporary worship music as surely as Michael W. Smith or Graham Kendrick or Darlene Zschech. They are one in spirit.

Any bridge that Bible-believing churches build to Getty/Townend is a bridge beyond Getty/Townend to heretics such as C.S. Lewis, to worldlings such as Bono, to the Roman Catholic Church, to the charismatic movement, to the world of secular rock, even to emergents and New Agers like Leonard Sweet, and to every element of the end-time one-world "church."

For extensive documentation of this see Keith Getty and Stuart Townend in 575-page [Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians](http://www.wayoflife.org/directory-of-contemporary-worship-musicians), available as a free eBook at www.wayoflife.org.



DIRECTORY of CONTEMPORARY *Worship* MUSICIANS

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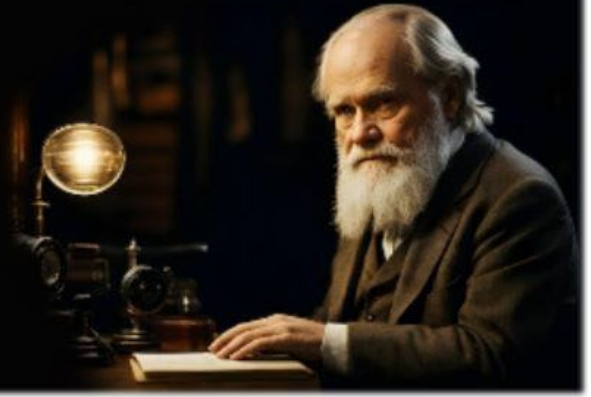
This directory contains information on influential contemporary worship musicians who are creating the music that is being used ever more frequently by fundamentalist and very conservative evangelical churches. All of them are radically ecumenical and the vast majority are charismatic in theology. To our knowledge, not one of them takes a clear stand against end-time apostasy. All are enemies of a separatist Biblicist stance.

Contemporary worship music is a dangerous bridge both to the world and to the "broader church" with all of its ancient and end-time heresies, and the Directory of Contemporary Praise Musicians contains more documentation of this than has ever before been gathered into one volume, to our knowledge.

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DARWIN: THE TORMENTED EVOLUTIONIST



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The full title to Adrian Desmond’s biography is *Darwin: The Life of a Tormented Evolutionist*.

“He cut himself off, ducked parties and declined engagements; he even installed a mirror outside his study window to spy on visitors as they came up his drive. ... for years after reaching his rural retreat he refused to sleep anywhere else, unless it was a safe house, a close relative’s home. This was a worried man. ... He was living a double life with double standards, unable to broach his species work with anyone except Erasmus, for fear he be branded irresponsible, irreligious, or worse. It began to tell in the pit of his stomach” (pp. xix, 233).

Darwin suffered much of his life from debilitating sickness, so much so that he was largely a recluse and invalid during the last 30 years of his life. Even in 1841, nearly 20 years before he published *On the Origin of Species*, he described himself as “a dull old spiritless dog” who only rarely had visitors (Desmond, p. 291). His sickness took the form of stomach problems, heart palpitations, vomiting, and eczema. “... a third of his working life was spent doubled up, trembling, vomiting, and dowsing himself in icy water” (Desmond, *Darwin*, p. xviii).

The Huxleys described Darwin’s house as “an infirmary where no one got well; here illness was the norm and health a strange affliction ... a strange sanatorium, where the family turned up like guests for their evening meal” (Desmond, *Huxley*, p. 291).

Before the publication of *On the Origin of Species*, Darwin had “uncomfortable palpitation of the heart” and a “terrible long fit of vomiting,” and upon the first sight of the book “one leg swelled like elephantiasis--eyes almost closed up--covered with a rash and fiery boils” (Desmond, *Huxley*, p. 257, *Darwin*, p. 233).

He hid out for the next two months at a hydropathic spa, “living in Hell,” waiting for the furor to die down.

The following description of Darwin’s condition in 1848 was typical:

“Waves of dizziness and despondency swept over him. Through the winter he suffered dreadful vomiting fits every week. His hands started trembling and he was ‘not able to do anything one day out of three.’ There were disquieting new symptoms: involuntary twitching, fainting feelings, and black spots before his eyes” (Desmond, *Darwin*, p. 361).

In 1865, Darwin described his pathetic condition to alternative therapy doctor John Chapman as follows:

“Age 56-57. For 25 years extreme spasmodic daily and nightly flatulence; occasional vomiting, on two occasions prolonged during months. Vomiting preceded by shivering, hysterical crying, dying sensations or half-faint, and copious very pallid urine. Now vomiting and every passage of flatulence preceded by ringing of ears, treading on air and vision. Focus and black dots, air fatigues, specially risky, brings on the head symptoms, nervousness when Emma leaves me.”

Darwin sought relief from a variety of quacks. He experimented with electric chains made of brass and zinc wires, which he looped around his neck and waist. He drenched his skin with vinegar. He followed a regimen of ice-bags in the small of the back three times a day for 90 minutes at a time. He half-starved himself on crash diets. But hydropathy was his favorite remedy. He spent months at hydropathic spas, particularly James Gully's at Malvern, Worcestershire. There he was wrapped in wet sheets, drenched with buckets of cold water, lounged for hours in mineral springs, and fed cold biscuits and water for breakfast.

By 1871, the year he published *The Descent of Man*, Darwin was "a confirmed invalid" who "sat engulfed in fog, downhearted, drawing up his will" (Desmond, *Darwin*, p. 597).

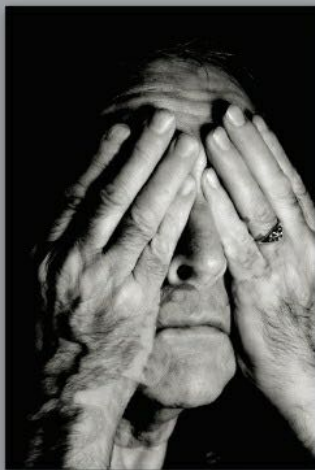
Darwin's sickness was thought by some to have been the product of his selfishness. "Self-absorbed, some thought self-centered, Charles demanded constant attention" (Desmond, *Darwin*, p. 335).

His friends thought that he was a hypochondriac "because he routinely trotted his sickness out as an excuse."

By the end of his life, Darwin was an empty soul who had lost all ability to enjoy nature, art, music, and poetry.

"In 1832, while walking in the midst of a Brazilian rainforest, [the young Darwin] was overwhelmed by wonder and awe. Surely, he thought, 'there is more in man than the mere breath of his body' (Darwin, *Autobiography*). ... Unfortunately, Darwin's sense of the transcendent in nature did not survive. Reflecting near the end of his life on his earlier sense of awe in the rainforest, Darwin reported that now not even 'the grandest scenes' in nature would inspire such a reaction (*Autobiography*). The evidence of exquisite design and purpose he previously saw in nature failed once he had formulated his law of natural selection. Tragically, Darwin also reported that 'now for many years I cannot endure to read a line of poetry ... I have also almost lost my taste for pictures or music ... My mind seems to have become a kind of machine for grinding general laws out of large collections of facts (*Autobiography*). Darwin's view of nature seems to have left him empty" (John West, *Endowed by Our Creator: The Bible, Science, and the Battle for America's Soul*, p. 128).

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The IMPORTANCE of TESTS *in* BIBLICAL EDUCATION

By David Cloud



We have observed that many churches use the Way of Life Bible college courses without the review questions and tests.

That is a much weaker method of education. People are naturally lazy mentally. This is why Proverbs warns so fervently about the sluggard. We are all sluggards by nature. Typically, what does a child do when he is not supervised? Nothing! He just goofs around.

We must learn how to study effectively, and we must continue to learn this at an ever-higher level.

Testing is a lot more work for the teacher and the students, but it is well worth it.

We have found this to be essential for our own church. We believe in tests. Sometimes we even give pop quizzes on the sermons with the goal of helping the people pay better attention and take good notes.

It is not worldly coercion; it is spiritual ministry. We are given the example of warning and teaching every man (Colossians 1:128), and the more effectually we can do that, the stronger the

individual believers and the homes and entire church can be.

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Knowing this, we have put a great deal of time and effort into developing the review questions and tests for the Way of Life Bible courses.

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

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

The final test is culled from the sectional tests.

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A Warning About **CHUCK SWINDOLL** and **UNBIBLICAL GRACE**



Some of the most ungracious e-mails I have received have come from supporters of Chuck Swindoll. Following are a few samples from this year (2001):

"I am absolutely amazed at your pharisaical views and dogmatism that chokes out the very life that God desires to overflow from the lives of those you are attempting to minister with. How laughable your writings are to my carnal mind, how absolutely sickening they must be to Father. ... Quite honestly if you check your heart you will find a tremendous amount of jealousy which keeps you very busy promoting your own small ideas, taking puck shots at tremendous men of God who will see things you only dream about. Repent and do something worthwhile with your lives."

"You know what? You need your *** ***** 'Brother Cloud.' What in **** (and it is from ****) is wrong with you? What do the Scriptures tell you about the kind of **** you dished out about Chuck Swindoll? If they are not against us (the sake of Christ) then they are for us, just because they don't part their hair on the same side you do leave them alone. You're going the wrong way, God allows U-Turns. Jealousy has a lot of faces." [I removed this Swindoll supporter's vulgarisms.]

"Like you Brother Cloud I once was a legalistic Christian who simply went through my life doing my joyless duties. I thought that my 'duties' were impressing God and that he couldn't fulfill his plan in life without me. ... If someone doesn't exactly line up with your way of thinking then they are apostate. I'm sorry Brother Cloud, but you didn't write the book on Christian living. Jesus Christ did."

"He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone. Obviously, this site is one of a perfect human being. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, not defame, cast down, and destroy. If you see a brother in a fault correct him, not crucify."
"..Christianity Today listed Swindoll as one of the top 25 influential preachers.."



Chuck Swindoll (b. 1934) is an extremely influential evangelical leader and nationally syndicated radio personality.. He was the senior pastor of First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California, from 1971-1994, president of Dallas

Theological Seminary from 1994 to 2001, and founder of Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas, in 1998. In April 2024 he stepped down as senior pastor but continues to preach as health allows. His Insight for Living ministry hosts his web site, publishes his 70 books, and airs his radio program on about 2,000 stations in 15 languages. Swindoll's wife, Cynthia, serves as president and chief executive officer of the ministry and its 90 employees.

In 2006, Christianity Today listed Swindoll as one of the top 25 influential preachers in the past 50 years. In 2009, a Lifeway Research survey of 800 Protestant pastors found Swindoll America's most influential preacher after Billy Graham.

Swindoll was in the U.S. Marines, but he is not a spiritual warrior. His preaching contains doctrine and some exhortation, but almost no reproof and rebuke, contrary to God's command in 2 Timothy 4:2 but in perfect accord with soft, wishy-washy, broad-tent evangelicalism today. There is very little by way of warning in Swindoll's ministry. We have found no practical warning about apostasy, very little about false teaching in general, nothing about the Roman Catholic Church, compromised evangelicalism, theistic evolution, contemplative prayer, Christian rock, and a slew of other dangers facing God's people today. Swindoll does not preach repentance. He does preach a lot of psycho-babble under the guise of biblical counseling.

In typical evangelical fashion, Swindoll recommends and uncritically quotes from the writings of a wide variety of false teachers. He devoted an entire edition of his Insights for Living publication (April 1988) to uncritical promotion of the German neo-orthodox Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Swindoll calls Bonhoeffer "a saint bound for heaven"; but this "saint" wickedly promoted the "de-mythologizing" of Scripture. Cornelius Van Til documented Bonhoeffer's dangerous theology in The Great Debate Today, but Swindoll sees only the positive. Swindoll has also uncritically praised the Roman Catholic Mother Teresa who taught that Hindus and Buddhists can go to heaven by their own religious faith. In his book The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart, Swindoll quotes Robert Schuller with no qualification, in spite of the fact that Schuller preached a false gospel of self-esteem. (See "[The Ever Present Danger of Neo-Orthodoxy](#)" and "[Evangelicals and Modernist Robert Schuller](#)," www.wayoflife.org.)

Swindoll is an ecumenist who has spoken at Promise Keepers conferences and other forums that bring together Protestants, Baptists, Catholics, Pentecostals, Charismatics, etc. In November 1996, he spoke at apostate Baylor University, which is home to many theological modernists who question and openly deny the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures. There have been teachers at Baylor who hold to the heresy of evolution since 1921, when Grover Dow taught the evolution of man from apes in a textbook entitled *Introduction to Sociology*.

Swindoll's book *The Grace Awakening* (1990) has had a powerful, widespread influence among evangelicals and beyond. He teaches that "fundamentalists" who strive for doctrinal and moral purity are legalists who need to learn grace. He claims that it is legalistic to make prohibitions against immoral movies, immoral music, sensual dancing, drinking, etc. Actually Swindoll redefines grace as a form of license. He promotes a largely non-critical participation in the pop culture. His "judge not" position negates biblical practices such as exhorting fellow believers about sin (Heb 3:10; 10:25), reproving and rebuking sin and error (2 Ti. 4:2; Tit. 2:15), marking and separating from heretics (Ro. 16:17; Tit. 3:10-11), separating from apostasy (2 Ti. 3:5), and church discipline (Mt. 18:15-17; 1 Co. 5).

Swindoll caricatures fundamentalists as being "squint-eyed legalists spying out and attacking another's liberty" and "a group of cramped, somber, dull and listless individuals."

Calvary Contender editor Jerry Huffman observed that Swindoll's book leaves "the impression that rules or restrictions upon the believer steal from him the exuberance and joy of the Christian life and relegate him to a morbid and dreary existence."

In his excellent reply to Swindoll's book (*Are Fundamentalists Legalists?* 2004), Dr. Ernest Pickering wrote, "After many years of ministry among thousands of churches both in this country and others I believe I can say with confidence that I have never met a pastor or Christian leader who believed this [Swindoll's caricature of fundamentalists]. God's acceptance is gained by grace not through the observance of rules (even biblical ones!). This is an exaggeration which we believe does great disservice to many Christian leaders. ... It presents strong, godly men ... as scheming, bitter, and vengeful souls. This is absolutely false."

We are not left to figure out what Biblical grace looks like in practice. It is described in plain words in Titus 2:11-12. Biblical grace teaches God's redeemed people "to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts" and calls upon them to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." That is a perfect definition of biblical separation, which Swindoll does not practice. To live according to Titus 2:11-12 requires constant judgment and the extreme caution pertaining to all forms of entertainment, etc. "And have NO fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). We are to not to befriend the world and not to love the world neither the things that are in the world (Jas. 4:4; 1 Jo. 2:15-16). That is a VERY narrow walk.

At the July 1994 Promise Keepers conference in Boulder, Colorado, Swindoll entered the stadium on a motorcycle to the blaring strains of the rebellious rock song "Born to Be Wild."

In *The Grace Awakening*, Swindoll says, "I'm not a charismatic. However, I don't feel it's my calling to shoot great volleys of theological artillery at my charismatic brothers and sisters. ... My encouragement for you today is that each one of us pursue what unites us with others rather than the few things that separate us. ... More than ever we need grace-awakened ministers who free rather than bind" (*Grace Awakening*, pp. 188, 189, 233).

This is the popular evangelical position that refuses to deal plainly with theological error, lets wolves devour sheep without interference from biblical preachers, and purports that only a few "fundamentals of the faith" or "cardinal doctrines" are worthy of making an issue over (and a great many evangelicals don't make much of an issue even of those). Swindoll says, "I have always loved this saying: 'In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.'"

There is no support for this from Scripture. The Lord Jesus instructed the disciples to teach the new churches "to observe ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:20). There is no hint here that Christ would be pleased if His people pass over a large portion of New Testament instruction as "non-essential" and exalt unity over doctrine. Paul followed in his Master's footsteps, instructing Timothy to allow "NO other doctrine" (1 Ti. 1:3). That is the narrowest possible position on doctrinal purity. Paul's program was to instruct his converts in "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) and to train faithful men in such a manner that they would impart "THE SAME" to the next generation (2 Ti. 2:2). Men like Swindoll and the popular evangelicals of our day who want to water the faith down to a few essentials for the sake of a broad unity could not be described as "faithful" by the New Testament definition. Paul instructed Timothy about church matters, such as pastors and deacons and women's attire and women's ministries and discipline (1 Ti. 2-5), and at the end of that instruction Timothy was exhorted to "keep this commandment WITHOUT SPOT, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Ti. 6:14). A "spot" is a small thing. Paul was teaching Timothy to pay careful attention to every detail of Scripture. This is indeed the very "jot and tittle" rigidity that Swindoll has rejected in his own ministry and promoted far and wide.

Swindoll promotes the heretical practice of contemplative prayer. In *So, You Want to Be Like Christ?* he favorably cites Richard Foster, Catholic priest Henri Nouwen, and Dallas Willard. He calls Foster's work *Celebration of Discipline* "meaningful" and has an entire chapter on "Silence and Solitude." There is no warning that Foster builds his contemplative practice upon the darkness of Roman Catholic monasticism, with its false sacramental gospel, veneration of Mary, the Host, purgatory, outrageous asceticism, extra-scriptural revelations, etc.

Dave and Deborah Dombrowski of Lighthouse Trails describe their efforts to warn Swindoll:

"In September 2005, we were informed that Chuck Swindoll was favorably quoting Henri Nouwen and Richard Foster on his *Insight For Living* program. We contacted *Insight for Living* and spoke with Pastor Graham Lyons. We shared our concerns, then later sent *A Time of Departing* [by Ray Yungen] to him and also a copy to Chuck Swindoll. In a letter dated 10/3/05 from Pastor Lyons, we were told, 'With his schedule I doubt he will read it.' We are sorry that Chuck Swindoll has time to read Henri Nouwen and Richard Foster but no time to read *A Time of Departing*, especially in light of the fact that thousands of people will read Chuck Swindoll's book, listen to his broadcasts and now believe that the contemplative authors are acceptable and good. Incidentally, Swindoll quoted these men, not just a few times, but many times throughout the book."

Swindoll quotes Henri Nouwen's claim that contemplative meditation is necessary for an intimacy with God: "I do not believe anyone can ever become a deep person without stillness and silence" (quoted by Swindoll, *So You Want to Be Like Christ*, p. 65).

In *Demonism* (Multnomah Press, 1981), Swindoll promoted the unscriptural idea that a child of God can be indwelt by a demon. He wrote: "Can a Christian Be Demonized? -- For a number of years I questioned this, but I am now convinced it can occur. If a 'ground of entrance' has been granted the power of darkness (such as trafficking in the occult, a continual unforgiving spirit, a habitual state of carnality, etc.), the demon(s) sees this as a green light okay to proceed. Wicked forces are not discriminating with regard to which body they may inhabit. I have worked personally with troubled, anguished Christians for many years. On a few occasions I have assisted in the painful process of relieving them of demons. The alien, wicked spirit certainly cannot claim 'ownership' of the Christian. He is still a child of God. But while present in the body (perhaps in the region of the soul) the evil force can work havoc within the life, bringing the most extreme thoughts imaginable into his or her conscious awareness. Couldn't this explain how some believers can fall into such horrible sins?"

In light of this error, it is not surprising that Swindoll gave the highest recommendation to Neil Anderson's book *Setting Your Church Free* (Anderson and Charles Mylander, Regal Books, 1994).

Swindoll's recommendation appeared on the book's dust-jacket as follows: "Neil Anderson is one of the most experienced and dependable authorities in America today when it comes to knowing what the Bible says about: the methods, goals and destiny of our adversary, the devil; what our super defense system is; how to make the correct diagnosis in order to find deliverance from demons; and how to implement a calm, practical, workable plan from Scripture that results in freedom and victory for the child of God."

While some of what Anderson teaches is scriptural, it is intermingled with some very dangerous errors. He teaches that believers do not possess a sin nature, that they can be demon possessed, that they should speak directly to the devil, that generational and demonic curses are real, that ritual prayers can be effective, that "demonized believers" must pursue a seven-step deliverance plan, etc.

The refutation of these errors is not difficult, for the simple fact that the New Testament gives absolutely no support to such things. When the apostles and prophets address the problem of sin in the Christian life, which they do in most of their Epistles, they never raise the issue of such things as demonization or generational curses or multi-step deliverance plans.

The reason that generational curses and such are not dealt with in the apostolic Epistles is that they were dealt with once for all at Calvary and the believer is complete in Christ! It is that simple. When we see that a man is not teaching according to the Word of God the wise path is to avoid him (Ro. 16:17; Pr. 14:15), yet Dr. Swindoll recommends him.

Swindoll would have done better to have recommended the many Christ-honoring warnings that have been given about Neil Anderson, such as the one by the Christian Research Institute or the one by the late Miles Stanford, who observed: "These demonization ministries are Satan-centered, with Christ brought in to save the situation. If they were Christ-centered they would seek to minister the two aspects of the Christian life: death to sin (the old man, the law, the world, and Satan), and Christ as Life, with the Christian life hidden with Christ in God. Romans 5-7 comes before Romans 8. All ascended life is predicated upon death. The believer is to be taught to count himself dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God in Christ Jesus (Ro. 6:11). Then, if there is to be any dealing with Cross-defeated Satan and his demons--all of whom are under the Sovereign Father's control at all times--it is simply to stand, and resist, upon the basis of his total defeat at Calvary" ("Neil T. Anderson: *Setting Your Church Free* -- Living Free in Christ," www.withchrist.org).

In 1990, Swindoll promoted the corrupt Living Bible, saying: “The Living Bible is like a stream of sparkling water wandering across life’s arid landscape: intriguing, refreshing, nourishing, comforting. My thirsty soul is often satisfied by this invigorating wellspring” (Charisma, December 1990). This is a very misleading recommendation. Actually, the Living Bible is crude, inaccurate, and promotes false doctrine. In 1 Kings 18:27 the Living Bible says, “Perhaps he is talking to someone or else is out sitting on the toilet.” A footnote in the Living Bible at Zechariah 13:6, which refers to the wounds on Christ’s hands, claims that the passage is not Messianic. A footnote in Genesis 1 says “evening and morning” could be translated “a period of time,” which is a wrong-headed capitulation to the heresy of theistic evolution. The Living Bible in 2 Corinthians 5:21 says our sins were poured into Christ, which is a false doctrine. A footnote at 1 Peter 2:2 says an alternative translation is, “Eat God’s Word—read it, think about it—and grow strong in the Lord and be saved.” This was the actual reading in the text in early editions of the Living Bible, until it was transferred to a footnote. 1 Peter 3:21 says, “in being baptized we are turning to God and asking him to cleanse our hearts from sin.” This is false doctrine, because in being baptized properly and scripturally the candidate is not turning to God and asking for forgiveness, but is merely showing forth publicly the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

In an interview with Christianity Today for October 25, 1993, Swindoll made the following statement:

“I don’t believe we would view the charismatics as enemies. ... if you’ve read my newest book *Flying Closer to the Flame*, you’d probably think it sounds like a softening of my position on the Holy Spirit. I think the school [Dallas Seminary] without knowing it has probably operated from a standpoint of fear. ... There’s wider room for interpretation than we may have followed.”

Swindoll said Dallas Seminary had been operating from a position of fear in its rejection of the charismatic movement, as if that were a bad thing, but it is not wrong to fear and avoid heresy and demonic delusion! There should be no room for the charismatic interpretations of Scripture!

Dallas Seminary was a perfect fit for Swindoll. The Seminary’s National Pastor’s Conference in 1992 featured Chuck Colson, one of the fathers of the dangerous Evangelicals & Catholics Together venture.

Ecumenist Leighton Ford was the Dallas Seminary commencement speaker in May 1997. Dallas Seminary entertained Bruce Metzger in 1992. In the New Oxford Annotated Bible, Metzger claimed that the Pentateuch is a mixture of myth and legend that gradually evolved over a period of hundreds of years, that Job is a “folktale,” that Jonah is a “popular legend,” and that the biblical account of a

worldwide flood is merely a “heightened version of local inundations,” etc.

Dallas Seminary professor Daniel Wallace supports the redaction approach to the four Gospels, which teaches that the Gospels were not written by direct inspiration of God but by copying and modifying material from secondary sources. Wallace’s report entitled “The Synoptic Problem” is an uncritical rehashing of Robert Stein’s book “The Synoptic Problem: An Introduction.” Wallace says, “Indeed, I have found Stein’s book so helpful a synthesis of the issues involved, that to some degree our comments here will be merely a distillation of his work.” Wallace says, “It is quite impossible to hold that the three synoptic gospels were completely independent from each other. In the least, they had to have shared a common oral tradition. But the vast bulk of NT scholars today would argue for much more than that” (page 1). This approach to the Gospels, now parroted by scholars claiming to be “evangelical,” was devised by unbelieving modernists who deny the infallible inspiration of Holy Scripture. The Lord Jesus Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples into all truth and remind them of past events concerning Himself (Jn. 14:26; 16:13-15). It would have been humanly impossible for the Apostles to have recalled the exact words of Christ’s sermons, the various conversations, and the details of the various events infallibly, but the Apostles were not dependent upon their own fallible memories in the recording of the Gospel accounts. They were not dependent upon their own thinking to select which material to present and how to present it. They wrote by direct inspiration of God. They did not copy from one another. They did not need secondary materials, and there is no certain evidence whatsoever that they used any such materials. Redaction theology is based purely on surmises, and it is an exercise in vanity at best. The Holy Spirit guided each Gospel writer to portray Christ in a special way via the manner in which the material is presented.

That Dallas Seminary has not disciplined Wallace is indisputable proof of its apostasy. (See “Dallas Professor Denies Biblical Inspiration,” April 7, 2000, www.wayoflife.org.)

The most frightful part of this is that many fundamental Baptist college and seminary professors have attended Dallas Seminary to obtain their educational credentials. Wallace has also written a Greek textbook which is used in many second year Greek classes at fundamental Baptist schools.



It was the refusal to separate from modernism in education that helped destroy the New Evangelicals 40 years ago, and it will do the same to today’s fundamentalists if they continue down the same path.

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 ENDLESS SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT RED HEIFER

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- "This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke" (Numbers 19:2). The Jews who are preparing for the Third Temple are on an endless search for the perfect red heifer from which they can create the water of purification. The search is endless only because they are following rabbinical tradition rather than the Word of God. According to their tradition, without spot or blemish means not one mis-colored hair, not the tiniest imperfection. The Temple Institute has attempted to produce pure red heifers from Texas Red Angus stock for many years. In September 2022, the first red heifers arrived in Israel, but they aren't perfect enough, a black hair here, a white hair there. The heifers are the central attraction of a new research center in Shiloh, the location of the tabernacle and the Levitical sacrifices for nearly 400 years. Most recently, the best heifer (which they named *Temimah* or perfect) was found to have a tiny mark left by a livestock tag. The mark has grown over, but there is a fervent debate as to whether this disqualifies *Temimah*. No doubt they will figure

it out when it is time for the temple to be constructed, which could be very soon. According to the famous 12th century rabbi Maimonides (Rambam), only nine red heifers were sacrificed in Israel's ancient history, and the Messiah will offer the 10th ("Biblical Red Heifer," *Israel365 News*, July 16, 2023). Since the Messiah is in heaven on the right hand of God, the deed will be accomplished by the Antichrist who will make it possible for the Third Temple to be built (Revelation 11).

PRO BASEBALL PLAYERS PROTESTING "PRIDE" EVENTS

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- "Pride Events" promoting the homosexual rights agenda have permeated professional sports in America. The exception is the Texas Rangers major league club which held a Faith & Family Night on June 18 instead of a Pride Night. Texas governor Greg Abbott said, "In Texas, we don't punish people for living out their faith. We protect that right." That's good as far as it goes, but professional sports--with its Sunday games, its vanity, its ever-present filthy rock & roll, its gambling, its nakedness, its drinking and drugging, its arrogance, its foul language--has been a major factor in



corrupting the Christian lifestyle of multitudes of professing believers and plunging entire congregations into lukewarmness. In the other clubs, most of the players go with the flow and do as they are told, but a few have protested in various ways. Most recently, three pitchers for the San Francisco Giants inscribed Bible references on the rainbow emblazoned “specialty caps” they were assigned for the Pride Night event on June 12. It was a super low-key protest which said nothing about homosexuality’s ungodliness in God’s eyes. The reference was Genesis 9:12-16, which refers to the rainbow as a symbol of God’s grace. Even so, the Giants baseball club pathetically issued a statement apologizing for its players’ actions, stating, “We understand that the choices by individual players have caused pain and anger to many in the LGBTQ+ community and we are sorry for that” (“Giants acknowledge,” *The San Francisco Standard*, June 14, 2026). On the same evening, the minor league team York Revolution in Pennsylvania gave up a game when most of the players refused to wear the “pride night” jerseys. The club’s owners publicly criticized their own players and donated \$10,000 to the Rainbow Rose Center as an act of contrition and support for the homosexual rights agenda. Well does Bible prophecy mention Sodom in connection with the end times. “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:28-30).

TRUMP SAYS, “WITHOUT ME THERE WOULD BE NO ISRA-



EL” (Friday Church News Notes, June 26, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - At a press conference at the G7 summit in France, June 16, President Donald Trump said, “Without the United States, there would be no Israel. Without me, there would be no Israel, because no other president was willing to do what I did. I have had a great relationship with Bibi. Now Bibi has to be more responsible with respect to Lebanon” (“Without Me,” *Israel Today*, June 17, 2026). The United States has done a lot of good for Israel since the days of George Washington, but Israel owes her existence to God alone. As Mordecai said to Esther after Haman had issued a decree to destroy the Jews, “For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?” (Esther 4:14).

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PASSES MIGRANT RETURN SYSTEM: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE (Friday Church News Notes, June 26, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - This move by the European Parliament reflects the frustration of many Europeans at the destruction of their culture and the increase in lawlessness as a product of uncon-

trolled immigration, but Islam is too well entrenched in a large portion of Europe to be uprooted. The following is excerpted from “Send them back,” *Fox News*, June 20, 2026: “The European Parliament erupted into chants of ‘send them back’ after lawmakers approved a sweeping overhaul of the European Union’s migrant return system, the latest sign that Europe is moving toward tougher immigration enforcement after years of growing anger and frustration from voters. Members of the European Parliament voted 418 to 218 Wednesday with 30 abstentions to approve the Return Regulation, a measure designed to speed up the removal of third-country nationals who are staying illegally in the European Union. The moment quickly turned explosive. After the vote was announced, right-wing lawmakers stood, applauded and chanted ‘send them back,’ according to a video of the meeting. Lawmakers on the left responded by chanting ‘shame on you.’ ... the confrontation underscored how sharply divided Europe remains over migration, even as the bloc’s institutions move ahead with policies once seen as politically taboo.” [Note: “left-wing” and “right-wing” are almost meaningless terms today and should be abandoned. They originated in the French revolution, when the supporters of the monarchy sat on the right of the national assembly and supporters of the revolution sat on the left.]



THE INTELLIGENT PLANT (Friday Church News Notes, June 26, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, April 24, 2026: “Scientists have known for some time that hummingbirds prefer bright-colored flowers. On the other hand, all of us know that white is most easily seen at night. That means that moths that pollinate flowers will more easily find white flowers. The question is, what is a flower to do when it is pollinated by hummingbirds during part of its flowering season and by night-flying moths later in its flowering season? That’s the problem faced by a flowering plant called the gilia. Hummingbirds arrive to pollinate the flowers in mid-July. However, they leave in late August as the weather cools. Also in late August, the night-flying hawk moth arrives to begin pollinating the flower. This arrangement continues until late September. To attract both hummingbirds and moths during its long flowering season, the gilia provides bright red flowers, favored by the hummingbirds, until late August. Then it offers white flowers to attract the hawk moths. Evolutionary scientists call this an example of evolutionary strategy. Think about that for a moment.



How would a flower know what color it is? How would it know which colors are preferred by hummingbirds and which are preferred by moths? A flower could no more decide to change its color than you or I can decide to grow an inch taller. Both logic and science say that the gilia’s special features are intelligently designed by a truly gifted engineer. Why not, then, recognize the work of our all-wise Creator for what it is! REF.: ‘Plants change colors to lure pollinators,’ *Science Digest*.”

GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID 21ST CENTURY AMERICA DOES NOT HAVE THE SMILES OF HEAVEN (Friday Church News Notes, June 26, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following statement by George Washington was made in his First Inaugural Address, April 30, 1789: “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency ... **We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.**”

A CLIMATE MODEL THAT WORKS (Friday Church News Notes, July 3, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - What the man-made climate change theory has always missed is God’s role in the climate by designing the earth to be self-balancing. This was discovered in the 1990s as “the Constructal Law.” Note its description in the following excerpt from “A Climate Model,” *Powerline Blog*, June 21, 2026: “The standard climate models that show skyrocketing temperatures in response to increases in atmospheric CO2 are well known to be wrong, as their predictions grossly exceed the amount of warming that is actually observed. But what can replace them? Willis Eschenbach has a fascinating post at *Watts Up With That* about a new, dynamic model. I

will excerpt briefly, but you should check out the whole thing: ‘To understand the model, it’s necessary to understand the Constructal Law. The Constructal Law is the most recently discovered fundamental law of thermodynamics. It applies to flow systems far from equilibrium, which is much of what we see in the world around us. The Constructal Law was discovered by Adrian Bejan in 1996. His statement of it is as follows: ***In terms of the Earth’s climate as a whole, what this means is that the climate system is always working to maximize the flow of power from the tropics to the poles and from there out to space. This is the missing link in the current generation of climate models. They view the climate as a passive, linear system where if, say, the albedo [the fraction of sunlight diffusely reflected by a body] increases by***

some amount X , then some other variable will perforce change by an amount Y . But that's not the case. **Instead, the climate is dynamic. It responds to changing conditions, not randomly, but always following the Constructal Law by evolving in the direction of increasing the throughput of power from the tropics to the poles.** [W]hat Bejan and Reis didn't do was to actually implement that model on a computer and test it against the actual Earth's climate. So I set out to do that, and succeeded far beyond my expectations. ... Other than a slight variation around 2010, the computed and actual temperatures are so close that they overlap each other almost exactly. ... **The bottom line is that this new model projects warming from a doubling of CO2 at 1.1 degree Centigrade, near the lower bound of estimates that have been derived from other analyses."**

HOW CRITICAL THEORY SILENCED THE QUARTER MILLION GIRLS ABUSED BY PAKISTANI GROOMING GANGS IN UK

(Friday Church News Notes, July 3, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "How critical theory silenced," *Christian Post*, June 25, 2026: "Last week, a group called Restore Britain released a summary report of an inquiry into the widespread and systematic sexual exploitation of vulnerable working-class women and children across the nation. At least a quarter of a million girls were sexually assaulted, trafficked, tortured, and even killed, mostly by gangs of Pakistani Muslims. The details in the report are so horrifying that it is difficult to believe they are true. As shocking as the reports of abuse are,



[more shocking are] the descriptions of the response by British authorities, including police, teachers, social workers, doctors, and politicians. Evidence of the abuse and reports by victims were downplayed and ignored. When Prime Minister Kier Starmer, who resigned Monday, was Director of Public Prosecutions and the head of the Crown Prosecution Service, he dismissed 13,000 cases of suspected child sexual offenders with a warning letter rather than attempting to prosecute. According to the report, the fear of being labeled racist, the fear of losing votes, the fear of rioting if prosecutions happened, and the fear of accusations of classism all contributed to a culture in which 'community cohesion' became more important than protecting women and children. **British citizens who spoke out about the abuse or expressed criticism of mass migration were often prosecuted, especially if the criticisms were directed at Pakistani or Muslim communities.** In some cases, fathers attempting to rescue their daughters from abusers were even arrested. Last year alone in Great Britain, approximately 12,000 people were prosecuted for social media posts, some for longer periods than those who committed the crimes they were protesting. ... Underlying the British response and

the silence by media outlets both in Britain and in the U.S. is a cultural mood common among elites and shaped by Critical Theory. Western culture is assumed to be oppressive, and minorities, especially immigrants, are assumed to be victims of Western oppression. Thus, minorities cannot be expected to be held to the same standards. ... The gangs that have been operating in Britain have deep ideological and cultural roots shaped by Islam, including Sharia law. ... Also ignored is the difficult truth that Islam, on its own terms, allows child sexual exploitation and trafficking."

CHRISTIAN FAITH REMOVED FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS (Friday Church News Notes, July 3, 2026,

www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Ben Carson, Riley Gaines fight scrubbing of faith," *Fox News*, June 23, 2026: "A new report alleges that public libraries and publishers are censoring faith from the American story while actively pushing progressive, revisionist history to young readers. The study by conservative publisher Brave Books, titled 'The America 250 Faith Gap,' analyzed more than 300 books across 25 reading lists curated by children's publishers, public libraries and other institutional sources for the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. The



study reportedly found zero titles directly addressing faith, religious liberty or Christianity's role in the founding of the United States, despite religious liberty being enshrined in the First Amendment. While books on the Great Awakening, the faith lives of the Founders and the Black church's role in American history were completely absent, according to the report, the lists included Ibram X. Kendi's 'Stamped for Kids' and Nikole Hannah-Jones's 'Born on the Water,' a picture book tied to the controversial 1619 Project, instead. Several recommended titles focused heavily on transgender activism during the 1969 Stonewall Riots, including a picture book for young children. ... Brave Books noted that ... the exclusion of faith leaves the next generation with a skewed view of U.S. history. The report's findings drew sharp criticism from former HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson and OutKick host Riley Gaines, who are both Brave Books authors. 'Faith is not a footnote in the American story,' Carson told *Fox News Digital*. 'It is the foundation of it.' 'The Declaration of Independence says our rights come from our Creator,' he continued. 'Benjamin Franklin called the Constitutional Convention to prayer before they produced a document that has stood for 250 years. George Washington survived battle after battle in ways that defied all human explanation. These men knew where their strength came from.' Carson argued it is essential for young people to understand the role faith and religious liberty played in U.S. history to truly appreciate their freedoms."

PASTOR RESPONDS TO THE BOOK *FUNDAMENTAL BAPTISTS: HISTORY,*

COLLAPSE, AND REVIVAL (Friday Church News Notes, July 3, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - "I finished the book *Fundamental Baptists: History, Collapse, and Revival* a few weeks ago. The whole book is good, and I especially liked the section on revival because it encouraged me in the things that are already being done right and challenged me in the areas that are lacking. The list of things for churches to emphasize is biblical and thorough enough to be a good measure of how well we are doing being the kind of church God wants us to be."

FROG PHARMACISTS (Friday Church News Notes, July 3, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, May 18, 2026: "Some frogs are regular little drug factories. Their skins produce a wide range of powerful alkaloids, a large family of chemicals usually produced by plants. Familiar alkaloids include quinine, caffeine and morphine. Different alkaloids have different effects, usually on the nervous system. The poison-arrow frog may be the most famous alkaloid-producing frog. South American natives simply rub their arrows or darts on the frog's back. One species of this frog contains enough poison to kill about 100 people! Another frog, native to



Ecuador, produces an anesthetic more powerful than morphine. South American natives rub another frog on their wounds. Researchers discovered that the frog's skin makes a powerful antiseptic. Yet another frog alkaloid will change the colors on parrot feathers. Some of the alkaloids produced by frogs are so complex that it takes years of study, using modern science's most sophisticated equipment, to discover the active chemical. Researchers in this field are only beginning to learn about the alkaloids produced by frogs. They have yet to research a frog that natives claim to use to heighten their senses for the hunt. What puzzles scientists who believe in evolution is that the frogs' exotic skin chemistries don't follow the patterns they anticipated based upon expected evolutionary relationships. This means that these frogs have one more exciting purpose. They provide evidence against evolution and for the Creator. REF.: Pennisi, Elizabeth, 'Pharming frogs,' *Science News*, v. 142."

WORLD CUP: ITS A FEELING (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Recently a young man in an Asian country asked me, "Are you keeping up with the World Cup?" I told him I have no interest in it; it has nothing to do with my life. I said, "It's just a ball; it's nothing." He replied cheerfully but seriously, "It is not just a ball, it is feeling." I was amazed. He nailed the attraction: It is an emotional high. It is a major stirring of man's fallen nature promoted by electronic-energized hoopla: flashing video ads, pulse pounding music, blaring horns, larger than life images of super-fit sports stars, profanity, blasphemy,



beer, liquor, marijuana, paraphernalia, vain nostalgia, massive wealth squandered on vanity, huge crowds, dancing, shouting, screaming, entrancing game highlights, hyper-enthused sports announcers, sports news, sports talk talk talk, unholy advertisements, embellishment, deceit, hypocrisy, fake humility, anger, fanaticism, illusion, fantasy, nominal Christianity, glorification of man, juicy gossip, violence, mammon, mega sports palaces, boasting, underdressed women, gambling, laziness, overindulging on junk food, hype, hype, hype, World Series, Stanley Cup, March Madness, Midnight Madness, Super Bowl, Super Monday, Super Tuesday, super everything. When measured by Scripture, it all adds up to less than nothing. Pro sports and collegiate sports is 100% the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. There is nothing holy, nothing godly, nothing righteous, nothing pure, nothing edifying. For the redeemed child of God, it is a waste of thought, emotion, time, and money, all of which are God's property and for all of which the believer will give account at Christ's judgment seat. Sports enthusiasm is disobedience to clear Scripture commands such as love not the world; be not a friend of the world; be not conformed to this world; redeeming the time because the days are evil; be sober, be vigilant; casting down imaginations, and every high

thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them; be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind; keep yourselves from idols; set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth; sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; do good; be rich in good works; walk worthy of God; abstain from all appearance of evil; flee also youthful lusts; now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God; be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Sports enthusiasm is a bad example to the children, putting them in danger of becoming addicted to unholy things and being nominal Christian hypocrites. Sports enthusiasm is a major cause of the lukewarmness and worldliness that characterizes so many Bible-believing churches.

IRAN'S AYATOLLAHS DEMAND ELIMINATION OF TRUMP AND NETANYAHU (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Iran's Ayatollahs," *Israel Today*, July 1, 2026: "Tehran's supposed 'moderates' may sit at the table, but Iran's ruling clerics are



making clear who still controls the agenda: no surrender of the nuclear program, no retreat from Hormuz, and no peace without vengeance. Iran's senior religious establishment has escalated its confrontation with the United States and Israel by calling for the killing of President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, even as diplomatic channels between Washington and Tehran remain formally open. The statement, issued by members of Iran's Assembly of Experts, described both leaders as deserving death and framed their assassination as a religious obligation. The language was carefully calibrated: not quite a formal fatwa, but unmistakably clerical, ideological, and operational in intent. For anyone thinking otherwise, the message made clear that whatever the outcome of the current negotiations, Iran has no intention of altering its long-term agenda."

GRAND THEFT AUTO (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Why Video Games Are Stupid," *The Bridgehead*, June 25, 2026: "The latest in the *Grand Theft Auto* video game series is opening for pre-orders on June 25. [It was first released in 1997.] ... The new entry, *Grand Theft Auto VI*, promises much of the same first-person wickedness as the previous editions. Players steal cars, run down pedestrians, exploit prostitutes to restore their 'health,' and then kill them to get their money back. Rockstar Games has ignored criticisms of the amorality of their product, but previously removed content condemned by the LGBT movement as 'transphobic.' Presumably, you can



still kill hookers--but they can't be trans. ... I would suggest that those who defend *Grand Theft Auto* and other violent video games must explain why they are justified entertainment for Christians. ... In order to get the satisfaction that comes with genuine achievement, young men once had to do things. Now, that sense of achievement can come merely from sitting behind a screen, indoors, aping the behavior of a degenerate. Combine that with the toxic effect of widespread porn addiction--allowing men to ape at sex while gawping at a screen and sapping their will to pursue courtship and marriage in which sexual intimacy was once largely confined--and the effect on young men has been predictably devastating."

LEFTISTS KILLING PEOPLE BY BANNING AIR CONDITIONING (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

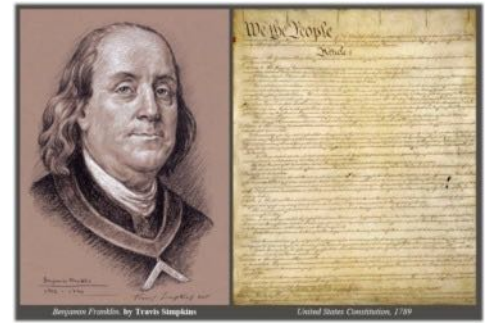
- The following is excerpted from "Air Conditioning? It's Illegal!" *PowerLine*, June 25, 2026: "Britain is in even worse shape than I



thought. From the *Telegraph* [June 24, 2026]: 'Air conditioning torn from homes under net zero clamp-down.' ... So whether you can air condition your home is not up to you, it is up to left-wing busybodies. 'In one of a string of cases uncovered by *The Telegraph*, a resident living in North London was forced to *permanently remove* two air-con units from the back of their home. ... In an appeal, the resident was told to open the windows and balcony doors of their first-floor flat to ventilate the property *by natural means*. Their concerns about security were dismissed.' Yes, you might be robbed or murdered, but your carbon footprint will be smaller! ... This is all about global warming, of course. As though air conditioners in the U.K. would have the slightest impact on the world's temperatures. ... Meanwhile, the European Left's opposition to air conditioning is killing people: 'A heat wave sweeping across Europe is turning temperatures lethal, with more than 40 deaths reported since June 18 in a region where extreme heat kills an estimated 175,000 people each year--roughly four times the toll of gun deaths in the United States' ("In Europe," *Newsweek*, June 23, 2026). For liberals, human well-being is not a relevant consideration."

BEN FRANKLIN'S PROPHECY THAT AMERICA WILL DESCEND INTO DESPOTISM (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin made a speech in favor of the constitution and the new American Union, and in so doing he prophesied of these present times in the nation's history. He said, "I think a general



government is necessary for us, and there is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people, if well administered; and I believe, further, that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other. ... Thus I consent, Sir, to this Constitution, because I expect no better, and because I am not sure that it is not the best. The opinions I have had of its errors I sacrifice to the public good" (*The Works of Benjamin Franklin*, Vol. 5, 1904, pp. 156, 157).

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA (Friday Church News Notes, July 17, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- We publish this information to challenge God's people to do what Christ has commanded us to do, which is to pray for the nation (1 Timothy 2:1-6) and to fulfill the Great Commission that is repeated in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-48; and Acts 1:8, at the heart of which is building New Testament churches as the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). Conservatives of all stripes can do politics, but only born again Bible believers can do the things Christ has commanded. The hour is very late. It's time to focus like a laser on obeying Christ and calling upon Him to

ONE FOOT AND A SAIL (Friday Church News Notes, July 10, 2026, www.wayoflife.org/fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, March 12, 2026: “According to unsubstantiated reports, it was about 50 years ago that Chinese immigrants to the United States brought some freshwater clams with them. The clams were eaten for good luck on Chinese New Year. What is substantiated is that today the clam is found in at least 35 states. That’s an amazing amount of territory to cover in only 50 years for a creature that only has one foot. The spread of the Asian clam costs the industry over a billion dollars per year to clean up. Lacking enemies, it reproduces rapidly and clogs the water intake line which industry uses to cool its equipment. Scientists began to wonder how the creature could travel so rapidly even going from lake to lake and stream to stream. What scientists learned was that when the Asian clam encounters a current, it sets sail. Lifting off with its one foot, it releases a transparent film that catches the current like a sail. It sails off using its foot like a rudder. This explains not only why it spread so rapidly down rivers, but also how the clam could spread from one body of water to



another during floods. The Asian clam’s ability to sail is a clever design. So, too, is the balance of nature which prevents creatures from over-populating. Unfortunately, the Asian clam in the United States has few enemies to keep it under control. If evolution were true, such a lack of balance would be the rule in nature. The balance that exists, keeping each creature fed but not over-populated in their natural settings, is but another witness to the fact of the Creator.”

do great and mighty things, for He has promised to Great Commission churches, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Mt 28:20). On America’s 250th birthday, July 4, 2026, the **Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)** claimed 120,000 members, more than any socialist organization in U.S. history. They have won many seats at the state and local level and half a dozen in the House of Representatives, the most prominent being DSA cheerleader Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC), who won a House seat in New York in 2018. In 2025, DSA candidate Zohran Mamdani was elected mayor of America’s largest city. The DSA’s agenda is as radical as Black Lives Matter. Contrary to false reports, it is a Marxist, anti-Christ, anti-Bible, anti-American organization. “Self-identified

Marxist movements control a majority, 62%, of the DSA’s national leadership arm” (“A Marxist Majority,” *Front Page Magazine*, July 1, 2026). The DSA publicly espouses the abolition of police and prisons and the release of all people “from involuntary confinement”; the total elimination of conventional energy sources such as coal, petroleum, and natural

gas; the replacement of capitalism with a centrally planned economy; forgiveness of foreign debt; forgiveness of all medical and student loan debt; reparations to “the survivors of colonization and their descendants”; open borders and the abolishment of ICE; free abortion on demand; nationalized healthcare; free “gender affirming care” for mi-



nors without parental consent; race-based reparations, abolishment of the criminal justice system; and the abolition of “white supremacy” (cited from “Democratic Socialists of America,” *Influence Watch*). “The DSA has a division called Trans Rights and Bodily Autonomy (TRBA) which claims it is the ‘largest hub for grassroots trans rights organizing in America.’” The DSA is hostile to Israel and friendly to Islamic terrorist groups like Hamas and the Houthis. The DSA has stated that “Zionism is racism” and “fascist mobs are the true face of Zionism and the representatives of the Israeli State’s objectives.” At the DSA’s annual convention in August 2025, members approved a resolution calling for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and “all resistance” to the state of Israel. The DSA “calls for scrapping the U.S. Senate, replacing the president and Supreme Court with bodies chosen by and subordinate to Congress, drafting a new constitution, and creating a ‘democratic socialist republic.’ It seeks to abolish the separation of powers crafted by the Founders. The platform calls for ... sharply cutting military power” (“DSA Boasts,” AMAC, July 7, 2026, Association of Mature American Citizens). Michael Freund, visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation, warns, “**The DSA is not demanding different policies. It is demanding a different country.**” *Daily Signal* senior contributor Victor Davis Hanson said, “**We’re watching a modern-day French Revolutionary-like takeover of the Democratic Party**” (“DSA Boasts,” AMAC, July 7, 2026). It’s not time to fret; it’s time to pray.

SPUDCELL: DID SCIENTISTS BUILD A LIVING CELL? (Friday



Church News Notes, July 17, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “A team of American scientists announced this week that they have built a cell from nonliving chemicals that can feed itself, grow, and replicate, a feat that pushes synthetic biology into territory once confined to science fiction. ... The creation, nicknamed SpudCell ... was assembled piece by piece in a laboratory at the University of Minnesota ... [I]ts creator is the first to admit it barely works. Kate Adama described her creation as ‘an incredibly wimpy organism...’ The cell began as a liposome, a water-filled sphere enclosed by an oily membrane. Researchers inserted a genome of roughly 90,000 base pairs, encoded across seven separate DNA plasmids and borrowed in part from a virus and from *Escherichia coli*” (“Scientists build,” *Israel365News*, July 6, 2026). This is interesting, but it has nothing to do with the theory-destroying evolutionary problem of how life sprang from non-life. **First, the SpudCell is almost nothing.** It is not living; it is not conscious; it is mere chemicals; it has no longevity. **Second, whatever SpudCell is, it was designed and constructed by intelligent scientists.** It did not construct itself from inanimate material. ChatGPT has far more intelligence than SpudCell, but it is also intelligently designed by man.

If man eventually makes a more complicated cell, it would only prove that cells require intelligent design, and a cell as complicated as a living cell requires super-intelligent design. **Third, SpudCell borrows genome material from a virus and a bacterium,** but the supposed first living cell could borrow DNA material from nothing since nothing existed!

LONGEVITY GURU HAS INCURABLE AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE (Friday Church News Notes, July 17, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Byron Johnson, a “longevity guru” who aims to live to be 160 or longer, reports that he has been diagnosed with “autoimmune gastritis (AIG), a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks the stomach’s acid-producing parietal cells, reducing stomach acid and impairing vitamin B12 absorption” (“Biohacker,” *Fox News*, July 6, 2026). Johnson is a multimillionaire who is devoted to reversing aging and defeating death. Following a program called “biohacking,” he is committed to a special diet, a regime of vitamins and supplements, hard training, sauna, hyperbaric oxygen, frequent medical testing, using AI to accelerate longevity research, etc. The goal is to reach “longevity escape velocity--in which medical advances would eventually extend lifespan faster than he ages.” In light of major advances in medical research in recent decades, Johnson’s program sounds a bit reasonable, but there is one devastating glitch: death is not ultimately the result of ill-health; it is the result of sin, and only God can fix the sin problem. If man could resolve the issue of death, the Bible

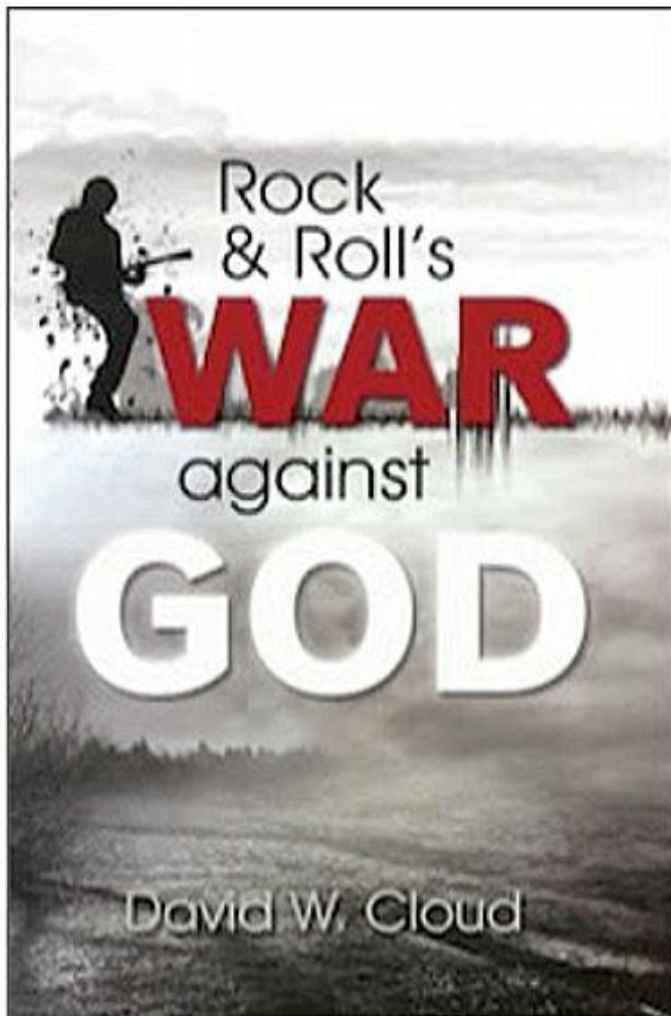


would be disproven, but not one Bible teaching has ever been disproven. Johnson would do far, far better to study the Bible and come to understand and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

NIGHTLY GLASS OF WINE NOT HARMLESS, STUDY SAYS (Friday Church News Notes, June 19, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from ‘Nightly glass of wine,’ *Fox News*, June 12, 2026: “A new study is challenging the conventional wisdom that a small, daily dose of alcohol might be good for your health. **The research, published in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, suggests that the safest amount of alcohol to consume is actually none at all.** If adults do choose to drink, the team of scientists recommends setting a limit of one per day. This challenges older



guidelines, which often suggested that up to two daily drinks for men was a safe limit. ... **‘Even low levels of alcohol use come with health**



ROCK & ROLL'S WAR AGAINST GOD. (Friday Church News Notes, July 17, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - This is an extensive examination of rock music and its evil influence on society. Chapters include “My Experience with Rock Music” (the author’s testimony), “What Every Christian Should Know about Rock,” “The History of Rock,” “The Roots of Rock” (blues, jazz, black spirituals, and Southern Gospel), “The Pioneers of Rock” (the lives of pioneer rockers, the influence of 50s and 60s rock on society, etc.), “The Character of Rock Music,” “Rock and the Occult,” “Rock and Spirituality,” “Rock and Violence,” “Rock and Love,” “Rock and Voodoo,” “Rock and Drugs,” “Rock and Suicide,” “Rock and Insanity,” “Rock Musicians as Mediums,” “Rock and Pagan Religion,” “Death Metal Rock,” and “How Rock Rebels Are Produced.” A reader said, “I want to share my gratitude for your book [Rock & Roll's War Against God](http://www.wayoflife.org). This book should be a mandatory read for any parent that is about to have, or already has children. It either should be read by children, or better yet read *with* the children. ALL forms of music listed in your book should be strictly banned from all Christian homes, and every child should be brought up to know its dangers.” 786 pages. Available as a free eBook from the [Books section of www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

risks,' lead study author Kevin Shield, an associate professor at the University of Toronto, said in the same press release. 'And that risk continues to increase the more someone drinks.' After evaluating

the cumulative risks for conditions like liver disease, stroke and certain cancers, the study suggests that the assumed benefits of drinking are heavily outweighed by the potential dangers. ... Dr. Marc Siegel, *Fox*

News senior medical analyst warned that 'alcohol is bad for the heart, the liver and the brain, and it increases inflammation and certain cancers, all of which lead to increased mortality risks.'"

THE CROCODILE BIRD (Friday Church News Notes, July 17, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, November 10, 2025: "How would you like to be a dental hygienist for a crocodile? That's how the crocodile bird makes his living. Of course you do need to know that the crocodile bird doesn't show up to do his work with any drills or needles. He and the crocodile are on good terms with each other. After eating, the crocodile climbs the river bank and relaxes with his mouth open. The little crocodile bird enters the crocodile's mouth to clean up the scraps that are left. While the crocodile bird makes most of his living as sort of a crocodile dental hygienist, he also helps keep the crocodile free of pesky insects that lodge in his skin. The crocodile also receives one other service from the crocodile bird. Whenever the bird senses approaching danger, he gives his sharp warning call and flies off. The crocodile, now warned, can quickly roll over into the water where virtually no animal can get the best of him. This is but one of many unlikely cooperative arrangements that we find in the plant and animal



kingdoms. Every one of these relationships speaks for a Creator and against the idea that either these creatures, or their cooperation, evolved naturally. Evolutionists have written whole books on the subject. Yet they don't seem satisfied that they have explained how these relationships could develop through evolution. We agree that they have no explanation. Nor are they likely to find one as long as they deny a Creator who cares for His creation."

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