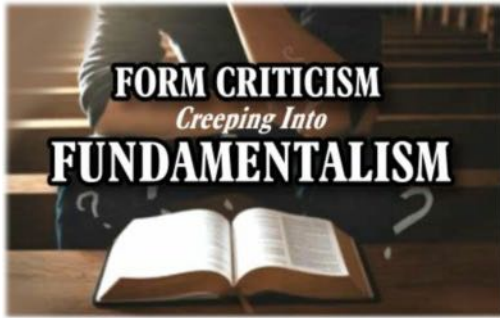


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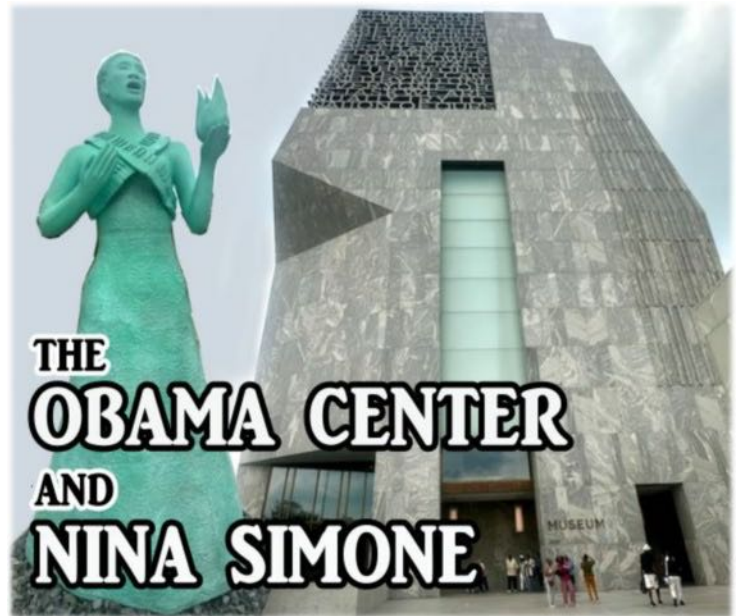
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The Obama Presidential Center in Chicago, infamous for the weird design of the main museum building, is a monument of and an education center for "the new America," the Woke America, the Marxist America, the America that aims to destroy the traditional America. A friend observed that "Obama is the first president that hates America." The Obama Center opened in June 2026 and is heavily visited. Tens of thousands attended the three-day opening and the current waiting time for tickets to the museum itself is weeks or months.

Upon Barack's election to the presidency, Michael Obama said, "[F]or the first time in my adult lifetime, I am really proud of my country" (Feb. 20, 2008, to an audience in Milwaukee, Wisconsin). This is in spite of the *vast* benefits the Obamas personally and multitudes of people in general have enjoyed as American citizens.

In spite of its many faults, both historic and present, America is the greatest land of liberty and opportunity and prosperity on earth. America has never had to build fences to keep its citizens in. To this day, multitudes and



multitudes around the world aspire to be American citizens. Obama is exhibit A. Twice elected to the U.S. presidency, he has gained wealth and fame, yet he has the gall to speak about victimization and intrinsic racism. It is nonsense; it is crazy; it is hypocrisy.

When he lived in Chicago, Barack Obama chose to be a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, pastored by Jeremiah Wright, a man who preaches a false social gospel and is filled with racial hatred, promoting a stream of lies and half-truths about America's history and character. He viciously curses America, blames America for 9/11, calls the Supreme Court of Clarence Thomas a "closeted Klan court," claims America helped put Nelson Mandela in prison for 27 years, invented the HIV virus as a means of genocide against blacks, and supports state terrorism against Palestinians, referring to America's support of Israel.

Though Obama denounced *some of* Wright's statements when they were made public and had the potential to harm his candidacy, as a longtime member of Wright's church he obviously knew of and supported the man's unscriptural views. In fact, Wright was a member of Obama's African American Religious Leadership Committee.

The "fight for justice" promoted at the Obama Presidential Center is not that of Harriet Tubman or Frederick Douglass or George Washington Carver or Sojourner Truth or Booker T. Washington or even Martin Luther King Jr., but it is more along the lines of Malcom X, Stokely Carmichael, Maya Angelou, and Jeremiah Wright.

Consider **NINA SIMONE** (1933-2003), known as "the High Priestess of Soul," a folk/blues/ jazz musician and a

black power civil rights activist. (Her birth name was Eunice Waymon; Nina Simone was her stage name.) Her music and talks were filled with cursing and bitterness; she fearlessly used God's name in vain.

Simone is featured in the Obama Center's *Torch Song* bronze statue, a monument to Marxist social/economic revolution. The signage says, "Alison Saar's monumental singer, in blue-green cast bronze, recalls the Statue of Liberty. Holding a flame and wearing piano keys across her shoulders, she honors the powerful Black female voices--from Marian Anderson to Koko Taylor to **Nina Simone--who have become the soundtrack of resistance in the fight for justice.** Overlooking the Women's Garden, *Torch Song* keeps the spirit of progress alight."

Simone's influence is large through her music and civil rights activism. Her song "Young, Gifted, and Black" became an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement. She has been the focus of documentaries, movies, dramas, and books, and her music has been covered by many artists and featured in movie soundtracks, television programs, and commercials.

She grew up in Tyron, North Carolina, in the days of segregation, but there was also cordial relations between the races. She wrote in her autobiography: "Blacks and whites took part in all sorts of activities together long before desegregation. People played football constantly, teams from the white schools playing against teams from the black schools. The same for baseball. Black and white church ministers met on an individual basis nearly every day. Each year there would be special church services: one Sunday the congregation of a black church would go to a white church to worship, the next week the white congregation would go to the black church. Relations between the black and white community were always very cordial" (Simone, *I Put a Spell on You: the Autobiography*).

She grew up in a Methodist home. Both her mother and father were active members. She said, "Life at home was run along very strict rules: there was never liquor in the house, and there was no profanity. A Christian household" (Simone, *I Put a Spell on You: the Autobiography*). The entire family played instruments and sang in church. Nina showed talent on the piano at age two and a half. With no lessons, the first song she played was the hymn "God Be With You, Till We Meet

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Again.” She was the regular church pianist by age six. She performed a classical recital at age 12.

Though she was the regular pianist of her family’s Methodist church, a larger influence was her visits to a Holiness church where she fell in love with the “incredible rhythm” that “sounded like it came straight out of Africa.” “When revival time came round they just went crazy.” She played the piano there and learned how to move the congregation with her music. “The preacher would be going, he’s be preaching, he’d be carrying on and everybody’d be going ‘Amen!’ and ‘Yes Lord!’ Then someone would start to testify, shouting and tearing up, speaking in tongues ... people running up and down the aisle--just running back and forth with other people shouting, praising the Lord and the preacher gathering up all that spiritual energy and throwing it back out on the people. Women would have to go to the hospital sometimes, they got so transported. While this was going on I’d be playing the piano, gospel music. The repeated rhythm was part of the process. ... my job was to keep the rhythm repeating, building on it, keeping the feeling going. ... When I played I could take a congregation where I wanted” (Simone, *I Put a Spell on You: the Autobiography*, pp. 17, 18).

Later, when she was totally in the world, she described how that she controlled her audiences with music in secular forums. “It was at this time, in the mid-sixties, that I first began to feel the power and spirituality I could connect with when I played in front of an audience. ... something descends upon you and you are gone, taken away by a spirit that is outside of you. ... when you’ve caught it, when you’ve got the audience hooked, you alway know because it’s like electricity hanging in the air. I began to feel it happening and it seemed to me like mass hypnosis--like I was hypnotizing an entire audience to feel a certain way. ... I had it under my complete control. ... To cast the spell over an audience I would start with a song to create a certain mood which I carried into the next song and then on through into the third, until I created a certain climax of feeling and by then they would be hypnotized. ... I’d got them. It was always an uncanny moment. It was as if there was a power source somewhere that we all plugged into” (Simone, *I Put a Spell on You: the Autobiography*, pp. 92, 93).

A white lady, a Mrs. Miller, took an interest in Nina at age seven and paid for her music lessons. Her teacher was another white woman, Muriel Massinovith, who

“became another mother to me.” Nina was taught classical music in a very disciplined manner and fell in love with Bach. “He is technically perfect. When you play Bach’s music you have to understand that he’s a mathematician and all the notes you play add up to something--they make sense. They always add up to climaxes, like ocean waves getting bigger and bigger until after a while when so many waves have gathered you have a great storm. Each note you play is connected to the next one, and every note has to be executed perfectly or the whole effect is lost” (Simone, *I Put a Spell on You: the Autobiography*, p. 23).

With the help of caring sponsors, black and white, she continued piano studies and attended Allen High School for Girls in Asheville, North Carolina. Founded in 1887 by white Quaker and Methodist philanthropists who cared for blacks, most of the teachers were white missionaries. By the time of its closing in 1974, the school had graduated 1,177 students, 75% of which went on to attend four-year colleges.

After graduating from Allen, Simone was sponsored to attend the Juilliard School of Music in New York City for a summer and applied to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. When not chosen for admission, she believed she was a victim of racism, but only three of the 72 applicants were accepted that year and blacks Blanche Burton Lyles and George Walker had studied at Curtis. She took private lessons with Vladimir Sokoloff of Curtis and practiced the piano six hours a day for at least 14 years. Eventually, she mixed classical with jazz, blues, folk, etc., to create her own style.

Ignoring the advantages she enjoyed personally by being an American citizen, the great blessings she received from American white people, and the historic civil rights progress of blacks in America, and trading the soul-saving, heaven-focused gospel of Jesus Christ for the soul-empty, earth-focused social gospel, Nina Simone became a bitter, angry, morally vile person. She emphasized the victimization mentality that has crippled multitudes of blacks and helped corrupt the black family and black neighborhoods. She had no patience with a gradual, non-violent approach to racial progress. She “supported black nationalism and advocated violent revolution” and “hoped that African Americans could use armed combat to form a separate state” (“Nina Simone,” *Wikipedia*).

At the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, Simone fiercely, angrily shouted to the crowd, “Are you ready to smash

White things, to burn things?” (*Summer of Soul* documentary).

Through the influence of Lorraine Hansberry, Simon was educated in Marxism. She was also close friends with Malcolm X and Stokely Carmichael, head of the Black Panther Party.

When she began playing in bars and night clubs, she changed her name to “Nina Simone” in an attempt to hide her career from her mother and escape her warnings about “the Devil’s music.” “To her that wouldn’t be any different from working in the fires of hell. ... I was out in ‘the world,’ as she called it, and there was no forgiving that unless I repented. ... it was sinful and profane.”

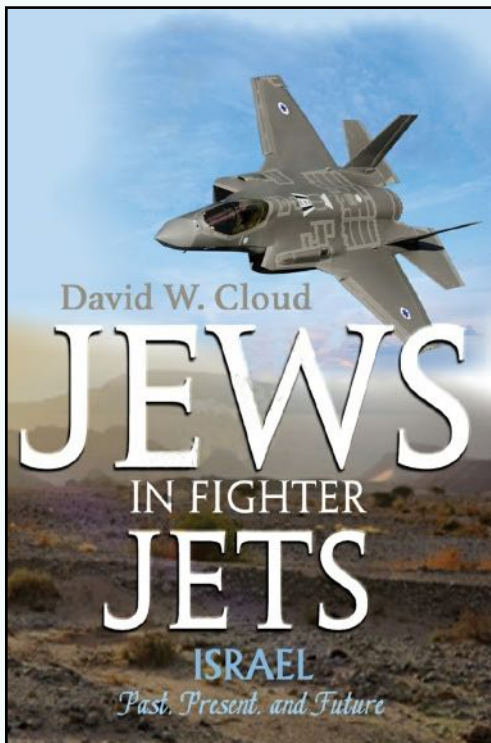
Through the influence of evil communications (1 Corinthians 15:33), she descended into the filthy side of black culture.

Her hit songs included “I Put a Spell on You,” “Little Girl Blue,” “My Baby Just Cares for Me,” “I Loves You, Porgy” (by George Gershwin), and one about Mississippi, the blasphemous title of which we will not repeat. The latter was written in response to the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham,

Alabama, that killed four black girls, but instead of reacting biblically to this wicked act of racial violence, she reacted in carnal vengeance. Instead of blaming the individuals who committed the deed, she blamed society. Instead of acknowledging the whites that were not racist and those that even died for standing up for blacks, she charged the entire South with racism. She said the song came to her “in a rush of fury, hatred and determination.”

Her philosophy and lifestyle resulted in uncontrolled temper outbursts, disastrous marriages, affairs, lesbian alliances, drunkenness, mental breakdown, and attempted suicide. She forced a vendor at gunpoint to refund a pair of sandals she had already worn and ripped a payphone from its wall. She shot at a record company executive with a gun (she said she wanted to kill him but missed) and shot and wounded a boy with an air gun for disturbing her piano practice. Her daughter, Lisa, said she was “physically and mentally abusive” and refused to live with her.

Like a large number of “social justice warriors,” Nina Simone could not even keep her own life in good order, not to speak of helping a community or a nation. This type of thing is not righteous and it is not excusable; it is ungodly and it is gross hypocrisy.



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FORM CRITICISM

Creeping Into

FUNDAMENTALISM



The following is excerpted from [*The Doctrine Which Ye Have Learned*](#), 503 pages, available from the Books or the Courses section of wayoflife.org.

Form criticism or redaction criticism are modernistic theories about the formation of the Gospels.

Major Principles of Form Criticism

The Gospel writers used a common oral tradition that was circulated among the Christians for some time before anything was written down. Textual critics Alford (1849) and Westcott (1860) promoted this view.

The Gospel writers used other sources. One supposed source is the “Q” document. Though no such document exists, many false teachers believe this mythical writing was the source of some or all of the four gospels.

The Gospel writers copied from one another. One theory is that Matthew was first written and Mark and Luke were based on Matthew. This was the view of textual critics Griesbach (1783) and Hug (1808). It is the official position of the Roman Catholic Church (decreed by the Pontifical Biblical Commission, 1912). Another theory is that Mark was first written and that Matthew and Luke are based on Mark plus the mythical Q document. There are endless permeations of these theories. Prominent form critics strive to make a name for themselves by inventing a new twist to this approach.

The gospel writers modified things that Jesus did and said. They added to, subtracted from, contracted, and otherwise changed the account.

Evangelicals and Form Criticism

It is not only out-and-out modernists who are entertaining unscriptural views of the Gospels.

The following amazing excerpt from *The Jesus Crisis: The Inroads of Historical Criticism into Evangelical Scholarship* by Robert Thomas and David Farnell (Kregel, 1998) reveals how deeply evangelicals have been infected with the modernistic thinking of form criticism:

“Outspoken evangelical critics have engaged in the same type of dehistoricizing activity as the Jesus Seminar people with whom they differ. If they were to organize among themselves their own evangelical ‘Jesus Seminar,’ the following is a sampling of the issues they would vote on, most of which they would probably pass:

- The author of Matthew, not Jesus, created the Sermon on the Mount.
- The commissioning of the Twelve in Matthew 10 is a group of instructions compiled and organized by the author of the first gospel, not spoken by Jesus on a single occasion.
- The parable accounts of Matthew 13 and Mark 4 are anthologies of parables that Jesus uttered on separate occasions.
- Jesus did not preach the Olivet Discourse in its entirety, as found in three of the gospel accounts.
- Jesus gave His teaching on divorce and remarriage without the exception clauses found in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9.
- In Matthew 19:16-17, the writer changed the words of Jesus and the rich man either to obtain a different emphasis or to avoid a theological problem involved in the wording of Mark’s and Luke’s accounts of the same event.
- The scribes and Pharisees were in reality decent people whom Matthew painted in an entirely negative light because of his personal bias against them.

- The genealogies of Jesus in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 are figures of speech and not accurate records of Jesus' physical and/or legal lineage.

- The magi who, according to Matthew 2, visited the child Jesus after His birth are fictional, not real, characters.

- Jesus uttered only three or four of the eight or nine beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12.

“Recognizably, the listed conclusions impinge upon the historical accuracy of the gospel records. Various evangelicals have opted for the stated unhistorical choice in each of the suggested instances. Granted, their reduction of historical precision in the Gospels is not the wholesale repudiation of historical data as is that of the original Jesus Seminar, but that it is a repudiation is undeniable. An acceptance of imprecision is even more noticeable in light of the fact that the above questions are only the tip of the iceberg. An exhaustive list would reach staggering proportions” (Thomas and Farnell, *The Jesus Crisis*, pp. 14, 15).

An example of form criticism among evangelicals is found in a report posted to the internet by Dr. Daniel B. Wallace, Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Dallas Theological Seminary. In a 35-page report entitled *The Synoptic Problem*, Wallace supports the redaction approach to the Gospels. He holds that the Gospels were produced by copying material from secondary sources. Wallace's report is largely a review of Robert H. Stein's *The Synoptic Problem: An Introduction*. (Stein is a professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.) 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.”

Note carefully the following excerpts from Wallace's report:

“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” (*The Synoptic Problem*, p. 1).

“We shall see later that before the Gospels were written there did exist a period in which the gospel materials were passed on orally, and it is clear that this oral tradition influenced not only the first of our synoptic

Gospels but the subsequent ones as well” (*The Synoptic Problem*, p. 4).

“The majority of NT scholars hold to Markan priority [Mark was written first and then Matthew and Luke based their gospels upon it] (either the two-source hypothesis of Holtzmann or the four-source hypothesis of Streeter). This is the view adopted in this paper as well” (*The Synoptic Problem*, p. 6).

“One argument concerning Mark's harder readings which has been (as far as I can tell) completely overlooked is the probability that neither Luke nor Matthew had pristine copies of Mark at their disposal. ... An intermediate scribe is probably responsible--either intentionally or unintentionally--for more than a few of the changes which ended up in Luke and Matthew” (*The Synoptic Problem*, footnote 49).

“Matthew and Luke have in common about 235 verses not found in Mark. ... Only two viable reasons for such parallels can be given: either one gospel writer knew and used the gospel of the other, or both used a common source” (*The Synoptic Problem*, p. 19). [Wallace fails even to acknowledge a third viable reason, which is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.]

Another example of the evangelical use of form criticism is *An Introduction to the New Testament* (Zondervan, 1992) by D.A. Carson, Douglas Moo, and Leon Morris. When discussing the origin of the Gospels, these men make NO MENTION OF DIVINE INSPIRATION and instead buy into the unbelieving theories of form criticism.

Consider this statement:

“Moreover, many of the assumptions on which form criticism is based appear to be valid: there was indeed a period of mainly oral transmission of the gospel materials; much of it was probably in small units; there probably was a tendency for this material to take on certain standard forms; and the early church has undoubtedly influenced the way in which this material was handed down. Defined narrowly in this way, there is undoubtedly a place for form criticism in the study of the Gospels” (*An Introduction to the New Testament*, pp. 23, 24).

In fact, there is no scriptural validity for any of these assumptions, and all of them fly in the face of divine inspiration. To say that the “early church has undoubtedly influenced the way in which this material was handed down” is a plain rejection of the cardinal doctrines of the divine inspiration and preservation of Scripture.

REFUTATION of FORM CRITICISM

1. Form criticism is contrary to the doctrine of divine inspiration.

The crux of this matter is the divine inspiration of Scripture. Either the Gospels are infallible Scripture, or they are the fallible work of men. There is no middle ground here, and we have no difficulty whatsoever in rejecting all form criticism theories (AND those who hold such theories) and accepting the Bible's testimony about itself in simple faith.

The Lord Jesus Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples into all truth and would remind them of past events concerning Himself (Joh. 14:26; 16:13-15). Further, the Gospels are Scripture (compare 1 Ti. 5:18 and Mt. 10:10; also see Heb. 2:3) and are therefore given by inspiration of God (2 Ti. 3:16). Nothing in the Scripture is there by happenstance or because of man's will (2 Pe. 1:21). Even Paul, though he was not an eyewitness of the events of Christ's life, when writing about those things, was taught them directly by the resurrected Christ ("For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you," 1 Co. 11:23).

Thus, the apostles were not dependent upon their own fallible memories in recording the Gospel accounts. They were not dependent upon their own thinking to select which material to present and how to present it. They did not need secondary sources. The Holy Spirit guided each Gospel writer to portray Christ in a special way via the manner in which the material is presented.

To make room for form criticism, D.A. Carson and his fellow evangelical authors of *An Introduction to the New Testament* reject the verbal inspiration of the Gospels and replace it with a more vague "voice inspiration." They say, "But their failure to preserve the *ipsissima verba Jesu* (the authentic words of Jesus) does not mean that they have tampered with the *ipsisima vox Jesu* (the authentic voice of Jesus)" (p. 44). This is the old modernistic argument that the Gospels give only a semblance of what Christ said rather than His actual words. And it is a repetition of the modernistic mumbo-jumbo that the Bible is somehow authoritative even though it is not verbally inerrant.

2, Form Criticism was unknown until the age of skepticism.

The following is excerpted from Thomas Ross, *Evangelical Modernism: A Comparison of Scriptural or Fundamentalist Analysis of the Synoptic Gospels with that of the Majority of Modern Evangelicalism*, faithsaves.net:

"God's people through the centuries, as well as Christendom in general that has sought the truth as it is in Jesus about the origin of the gospels, have concluded that they were independent, inspired literary productions either composed by an apostle (Matthew and John) or with apostolic authority (Peter with Mark; Paul with Luke). In the early centuries theories of literary dependence were unknown. [See 'The Synoptic Gospels in the Ancient Church,' pgs. 37-84 of *The Jesus Crisis*, Thomas & Farnell. Documentation justifying statements about the views of early Christendom in the rest of this paragraph of the paper is found in this source.] Explicit testimony of Papias, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Origen, Eusebius, and others is consistent with the traditional fundamental and evangelical view that the gospels are independent accounts. The early leaders employed traditional harmonization to reconcile apparent difficulties; proposals of different instances with similar circumstances, or repeated utterances of the same words, were given in defense, and nothing similar to modern redaction is found. That the gospels were independent eyewitness testimonies was used for apologetic purposes, something entirely impossible upon the anti-historical presuppositions of HC. [The debilitating affect evangelical HC has on apologetics is demonstrated in 'Impact of Historical Criticism on Theology and Apologetics,' Robert L. Thomas, pgs. 356-377 of *The Jesus Crisis*.] The Patristics were unanimous in their affirmation that none of the synoptic writers had a copy of another canonical gospel before him. Furthermore, in contrast to the evolutionary philosophy which undergirds the widespread affirmation of Markan priority, early Christendom was absolutely unified in its affirmation of Matthean priority, and the great body of early leaders believed Mark was the last of the Synoptic gospels to be given by inspiration. Those who were contemporaries of the apostles, all the generations of the ante-Nicene era, and, indeed, the united voice of Christendom from the beginning until the rise of Rationalism and Enlightenment philosophy proclaimed the independence of the synoptic accounts, their apostolic roots, and their inspiration. [See 'Philosophical and Theological Bent of Historical Criticism,' pgs. 85-131 of *The Jesus Crisis*, as well as pgs. 19-42, *Is There A Synoptic Problem?* Eta Linnemann, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1992, for an examination of the war against God

evident in the development of historical-critical theology.] No new facts arose a millennium and a half into the church age to justify the development of literary dependence theories and the rejection of the real historicity of the gospel accounts associated with them; it was simply the *zeitgeist* which the unconverted, professing themselves wise and yet fools, valued above the testimony of God and those who lived in a day when firsthand investigation of the facts was possible to evolve monstrous and mythological revisions of early Christian history. These scholarly fancies became the cordial to wipe the claims of the Lord Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, from His holy and urgent demands upon the conscience of those in the intelligencia that adopted them--in contrast with the fairy-tales of their tender years, *Geschichte* became the entity of choice for fantasmagorical myth-making by mature skeptics.

"Honest historical scholarship among those that remembered that the fear of the Lord was the beginning of wisdom rejected rationalistic speculations to maintain an affirmation of apostolicity and literary independence for the Synoptics; the Patristic position remained the old-line evangelical opinion. For example, among New World Baptists, the *American Commentary on the New Testament*, general editor, Alvah Hovey, affirmed the traditional view of the synoptics in the 1880's--a sad contrast with the views expressed in *The New American Commentary* series of today, published by affiliates of the neo-evangelical Southern Baptist Convention, which claims to 'represent the continuation of a heritage rich in biblical and theological exposition ... [in] continuity ... with an important commentary project published at the end of the nineteenth century called *An American Commentary*.' [Quoted from the Editor's Preface to a volume of *The New American Commentary*; it is taken from volume 5, the volume on Joshua by David M. Howard, Jr., but appears in the other volumes as well.] In the volume on Mark in the *American Commentary*, W. N. Clarke states '[t]hat each Gospel is independent of the others is certain.' Similarly, George R. Bliss affirms in the volume on Luke that he 'probably knew nothing of the writing of Matthew, or of Mark.' Later believers defending the faith in the era of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy, such as B. B. Warfield, also affirmed literary independence. [Ned Stonehouse, possibly the earliest prominent evangelical departure from literary independence, attempted to find support for his fall away from the traditional standard in Warfield. However, this required misrepresentation of his position.

See, e.g., pgs. 24, 357-360, *The Jesus Crisis*.] Many modern fundamentalists still defend the historic believing position, [For example, Dr. Aaron Strouse, former professor at Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary when it stood for the verbal preservation of Scripture, stated 'There are several strong arguments why this author believes that Mark was not the first Gospel written' (pg. 19, *The Lord Added to the Church: The Theology of Acts*, Virginia Beach, VA: Tabernacle Baptist Theological Press, 1998). Emmanuel Baptist Theological Seminary in Newington, CT defends the historic orthodox view of gospel origins, as do Bible colleges such as the author's alma mater, Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, IN.] but the general body of evangelicalism has utterly capitulated to historical criticism, declaring much of its methodology benign, and (hopefully) still affirming verbal inspiration while rejecting only the grosser conclusions of modernist historical critics."

"Frighteningly, many neo-fundamentalist Baptist institutions, such as Bible Baptist Seminary in Clarks Summit, PA, which is close to the G.A.R.B.C., and strong fundamental schools that reject the verbal, plenary preservation of Scripture, like Bob Jones University, have adopted literary dependence theories in their New Testament faculties. In a phone conversation with Rod Decker, part of the NT faculty associated with the PhD program of Baptist Bible Seminary in PA, he expressed belief in Markan priority, stated that Robert Stein's work on the Synoptic problem was the best discussion of the issue, and declared that he thought Robert Thomas' view in *The Jesus Crisis* was an overreaction. In an e-mail of March 6, 2002 from Steve Hankins, dean of the Seminary and Graduate School of Religion at Bob Jones University, to answer the author of this paper's query on the matter, he states 'There are a variety of views among our men without a general consensus, but virtually all of our New Testament professors would argue that their (sic) was literary dependence among the gospel writers.' This acceptance of the leaven of literary dependence is seeping into fundamentalism from evangelicalism. Charity would hope that strong fundamental seminaries that have brethren on their faculty which hold to literary dependence do not recognize the presuppositions against inerrancy they are adopting: Steve Hankins, for example, in another e-mail to the author of this paper in relation to BJU's position on these matters, stated that '[u]nlike most seminaries, we de-emphasize discussions of source, form, and redaction criticism. Much of the discussion (sic) agenda surrounding these theories is set by protestant

liberalism and followed by new evangelicalism, positions on the theological spectrum we reject. While informing our students in these areas so they are conversant about them, our focus is on the preserved text of Scripture and understanding it from an exegetical perspective for the sake of preaching rather than for the sake of purely academic discussion.’ Nevertheless, this acceptance of literary dependence displays a dangerous naiveté and a lack of discernment about the eventualities of such presuppositions” (Thomas Ross, *Evangelical Modernism: A Comparison of Scriptural or Fundamentalist Analysis of the Synoptic Gospels with that of the Majority of Modern Evangelicalism*, faithsaves.net).

3. The Gospels are miraculous upon their very face.

They contain not merely eyewitness accounts that could have been produced by men, but many things that could not have been produced by even the closest human observer. They describe the thoughts and motives of men’s hearts, for example. How can that be accounted for on any naturalistic basis? The disciples could hear what Jesus said and see what He did, but they could not reach into His very mind to see, for instance, that He knew the thoughts of men’s hearts (i.e., Mt. 9:4; Lu. 5:22; 6:8; 9:47; 11:17). And they could not discern the actual motives of men such as Pilate (i.e., Mr. 15:15). Only God the Holy Spirit could have produced the Gospels. It is foolish and unbelieving to attempt to look for any other explanation.

4. If form criticism is true, we will never know for sure what part of the Gospels contains the fallible words of men and what part contains the infallible Word of God.

If, as Dallas Seminary professor Daniel Wallace implies, there was a mysterious “Q” document from which some of the Gospel writers drew their information, it will never be known because no such document exists. Dr. Wallace admits that there are dozens of theories within the broad scope of reductionism or form criticism.

If redaction theories of the Gospels are true, we are not left with established and settled truth; instead, we are left with endless theorizing.

5. The theories of form criticism are contrary even to common sense.

To think that Matthew and John, who were apostles and who were intimate eyewitnesses to the Gospel events, would depend upon Mark or Luke, who were not eyewitnesses, or upon some mysterious “Q” document, makes no sense.

6. If form criticism is true, there are errors in the Bible.

Modernists have no problem with this conclusion, of course, but even the evangelicals who are dabbling in form criticism make this unbelieving conclusion. But if there are errors in the Bible, Jesus was wrong when He promised that the Scripture cannot be broken (Joh. 10:35), which means that it is infallible; that every part is the perfect Word of God.

7. Form criticism does not edify the flock; it entertains the scholars.

Only someone trained in the finer nuances of modern textual criticism could even understand the reports written by redaction scholars. Ordinarily they do not contain one word of doctrine, reproof, correction, or instruction in righteousness, yet those are the very purposes for which the Holy Scriptures were given (2 Ti. 3:16-17).

8. The alleged contradictions and problems within the Gospels that are raised by those who promote form criticism have been answered satisfactorily without resorting to modernistic theories.

For one thing, form criticism ignores the traditional approach to the Gospels, which says the Holy Spirit gave a supernatural four-fold portrait of Christ and that the material in each Gospel was divinely selected from the events of Christ’s life to contribute to the individual portraits.

Form criticism also ignores the traditional approach that explains the apparent contradictions between parallel accounts in the Gospels. Evangelicals who follow form criticism claim that the only satisfactory answer to these is some sort of naturalistic redaction view.

D.A. Carson and his co-authors state, “Only a theory that includes as a major component literary interdependence among the Synoptic Gospels is capable of explaining the data” (p. 29). And Daniel Wallace says, “When one

compares the synoptic materials with John's Gospel, why are there so few verbal similarities? On an independent hypothesis, either John or the synoptics are wrong, or else John does not record the same events at all in the life of Jesus." In fact, the differences and apparent contradictions between the Gospels have been analyzed carefully by men of God through the centuries and satisfactory answers have been given without resorting to fanciful textual criticism. I built a large collection of books dealing with the alleged contradictions in the Bible, including many volumes from the 18th and 19th centuries. The problems raised by redaction critics have been answered to the satisfaction of many godly minds. Many of the "problems" in the Gospels are dealt with in *Things Hard to Be Understood: A Handbook of Biblical Difficulties*, available at the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.

And though we cannot answer every problem that arises when comparing parallel passages in the four Gospels, the solution for a believer is not to give up the doctrine of verbal inspiration or to think that the Gospels do not give us a verbally accurate transmission of Christ's actual words and deeds. The solution is to walk by faith, not by sight, for "without faith it is impossible to please him" (Heb. 11:6).

9. Form criticism focuses on the method of inspiration rather than the product.

We know there is a human element in the Scripture in the sense that men wrote the Bible, but the Bible itself doesn't focus on the human element. We are given brief glimpses of some of the mechanics of the giving of Scripture, such as God speaking face to face with Moses and angels speaking to some of the prophets, but for the most part we do not know the mechanics of inspiration and we are not instructed to try to figure it out.

"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law" (De. 29:29).

The crucial fact is that "ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God." That is all we need to know, and it is a fact that can be accepted ONLY by faith. It can never be understood by scholarship. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

10. Form criticism is of the devil.

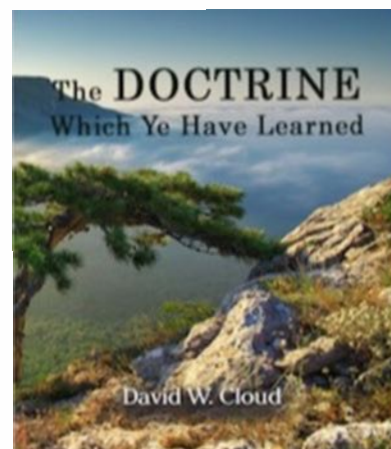
It is the devil who loves to cast doubt upon the Word of God. He has been doing this since his conversation with Eve in the garden of Eden (Ge. 3:1). He is doing it today through "evangelical" scholars who are trained at the feet of modernists (either directly or through their writings or through other evangelical scholars who are influenced by modernists). This is the root problem with men such as Daniel Wallace, Robert Stein, and D.A. Carson. They are leaning on the research of modernists and are trying to impress the modernists that they, though "evangelicals," are serious scholars. They are trying to adapt the scholarship of unbelievers to a position of faith, and it is an impossible task.

Does God not warn that "evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Co. 15:33)? Does God not warn the believer not to sit in the seat of the scornful (Ps. 1:1)? Does God not warn that the words of false teachers eat like a canker and increase ungodliness and overthrow faith (2 Ti. 2:16-18)?

Does God not warn that the words of false teachers deceive hearts (Ro. 16:17-18)?

The Bible says that two cannot walk together except they be agreed (Am. 3:3), yet today's "evangelical" scholar thinks he can walk together for years on end with unbelievers and not be harmed spiritually. It is a delusion.

The DOCTRINE Which Ye Have Learned By David Cloud



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LUTHER, HITLER and the JEWS



The following is excerpted from Ed Gaskin, "[Martin Luther, the Reformation, and Christian Antisemitism](#)," *The Times of Israel*, nd:



Note: Gaskin claims that it is a myth that the Jews killed Jesus. In fact, the Jewish leaders led the campaign to kill Jesus and they manipulated the Roman governor Pontius Pilate to have him executed even though Pilate said Jesus was innocent. The truth is that Jesus was killed by the Jews, by the Roman government, and by every sinner who has ever lived, for He suffered and died as a sacrificial offering to God for man's sin.

"Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had

scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified" (Matthew 27:15-26)

1. Initially, Luther hoped to convert Jews to Christianity, believing that if they were freed from Catholic oppression, they would accept Jesus as the Messiah. However, when Jews rejected his message, his attitude toward them changed dramatically.

Luther's Early Approach to Jews

- In 1523, Luther wrote *That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew*, in which he argued that Jews should be treated kindly so they would convert.
- He criticized Catholic persecution of Jews, believing it prevented their conversion.

However, when Jews refused to accept Christianity, Luther turned violently against them.

Luther's Antisemitic Writings

By the 1540s, Luther wrote some of the most hateful and dangerous works against Jews in Christian history.

"On the Jews and Their Lies" (1543)

In this book, Luther called Jews:

- "Poisonous, devilish, and evil people"
- "A blasphemous burden" on Christian society
- "Thieves and robbers" who should be expelled or destroyed

Luther also advocated violence against Jews, urging rulers to:

- Burn synagogues and Jewish schools
- Destroy Jewish homes

- Confiscate Jewish religious books
- Prohibit rabbis from teaching
- Expel Jews from Christian lands

These ideas influenced centuries of Protestant antisemitism, particularly in Germany.

“The Shem Hamphoras” (1543)

In this work, Luther mocked Jewish theology and called for the expulsion of Jews. He described Jews as the devil’s people and claimed they were beyond salvation.

The Impact of Luther’s Antisemitism

Luther’s writings became a foundation for later German antisemitism. His ideas:

- Justified anti-Jewish policies in Protestant territories.
- Encouraged violence against Jewish communities.
- Were later used by Nazis to justify persecution of Jews.

By the time of his death in 1546, Luther had radicalized Protestant attitudes toward Jews, setting the stage for further discrimination and violence.

2. Continued Persecution of Jews in Protestant and Catholic Europe

Although Luther’s antisemitic ideas were extreme, antisemitism was widespread throughout both Protestant and Catholic Europe.

Jewish Persecution in Protestant Territories

- Germany (16th–18th centuries) – Protestant rulers expelled Jews from several cities, citing Luther’s writings.
- England (17th century) – Jews were allowed to return under Oliver Cromwell, but antisemitic

restrictions remained.

- Scandinavia – Jews were largely banned from living in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

Jewish Persecution in Catholic Europe

- Spain and Portugal (16th–18th centuries) – The Inquisition continued hunting Jews suspected of practicing Judaism in secret.
France – Jews faced expulsions, ghettos, and legal discrimination.
Poland and Russia – Jews lived under strict laws that limited their rights and forced them into segregated areas.

Both Protestant and Catholic leaders reinforced the idea that Jews were outsiders, undeserving of rights in Christian society.

3. How Christian Antisemitism Influenced the Holocaust

By the 19th and 20th centuries, centuries of Christian antisemitism had deeply shaped European society, making Jews scapegoats for political, social, and economic problems. These ideas played a direct role in the rise of Nazi ideology and the Holocaust.

Key Ways Christian Antisemitism Influenced Nazi Ideology

Luther’s Influence on Nazi Antisemitism

- Adolf Hitler praised Luther in *Mein Kampf*, calling him a great reformer.
- Nazi propaganda used Luther’s writings to justify anti-Jewish policies.
- Kristallnacht (1938), when Jewish synagogues and businesses were burned, was carried out on Luther’s birthday as a symbolic act.



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?



TURKEY'S FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS ISRAEL IS BURDEN HUMANITY CANNOT BEAR

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- Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan told *CNN Türk* that Israel has become "a problem for the entire international community" and that "Israeli authorities have become a burden humanity can no longer bear" ("Turkish FN Fidan," *World Israel News*, July 3, 2026). He is unwittingly citing Scripture. The prophet Zechariah said, "The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zec. 12:1-3). This is a reference to Armageddon when the foolish nations will besiege Jerusalem during the coming day of the Lord. Jerusalem will be a stone that is too heavy to lift and too strong to break. This is exactly what we see in the last 2,000 years of history. It is as if

Jerusalem were a massive stone in a field that someone wants to remove, but no matter how much they labor, they cannot remove it, and they become drunk with a fervor to solve this unsolvable problem. Both the city (Jerusalem) and the field (the land of Israel) are God's, and those who are wise will leave them alone. Jerusalem is mentioned 814 times in Scripture. In addition, it is called Zion 153 times. Jerusalem was chosen by God that His name might be there (2 Ch. 8:6). This is not said of any other city on earth. God calls Jerusalem "my city" (Isa. 45:13). God loves Jerusalem (Ps. 78:68; 87:2) and has stated that He will dwell in Jerusalem forever (Ps. 132:13-14). God delivered Jerusalem to Israel by the hands of David in about 1050 BC (1 Ch. 11:4-9) and it was Israel's capital city until the Babylonian Captivity. Since then Israel has been under "the times of the Gentiles" and has largely been under Gentile control, but Jerusalem still belongs to God and will be the capital of the Messianic kingdom. (See Ps. 2:6; 48:1-2; 68:35; 87:5-7; 102:16, 21; 110:2; 132:11-18; Isa. 2:1-4; 4:3-5; 12:4-6; 24:23; 27:13; 30:19; 33:5, 20; 35:10; 40:2, 9; 41:27; 44:26; 46:13; 51:3, 11, 17; 52:1-2, 9; 59:20; 60:14; 61:3; 65:18-19; 66:10, 13, 20; Jer. 3:17; 17:25-26; 30:17; 31:12; 32:44; 33:10, 13, 16; 50:28; Joe. 3:1, 16-17, 20; Ob. 1:17; Mic. 4:2, 7, 8; Zep. 3:14-17; Zec. 2:4, 10, 12; 8:3-4, 8; 8:22; 9:10; 12:6-11; 14:8-11, 14, 16-17, 21; Mal. 3:4.) Throughout the times of the Gentiles, Jerusalem has been a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone for many people. The city has been captured and recaptured more than 40 times. Jerusalem was a cup of trembling to the Babylonians, to the Greek Seleucid Empire of Syria, to the Romans, to the Catholic

Crusaders, to the Muslims, and to the British. The latter seemed to be drunken with the desire to solve the Jerusalem problem, but the great world empire builders had zero success and finally gave up in disgust and left. Jerusalem has been a cup of trembling to American presidents who have tried repeatedly and unsuccessfully to solve “the Middle East problem.” Jerusalem is a cup of trembling to Hamas, Hezbollah, the Palestinian Authority, the PLO, and Iran. Jerusalem will be a cup of trembling at Armageddon. (For more of this history, see [The Way of Life Commentary Series - Minor Prophets](#), available in the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.)

UK HAS “GAYEST PARLIAMENT IN THE WORLD” (Friday Church News Notes, July 24, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- The following is excerpted from “Keir Starmer’s parting gift,” *The Bridgehead*, July 9, 2026: “On June 29, outgoing U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who resigned on June 22, hosted an LGBT event for ‘pride’ month at 10 Downing Street. ... ‘I’m really proud that we’ve got the gayest Parliament,’ he declared. ‘I don’t think there’s any Parliament that is gayer than this Parliament. That is fantastic.’ The U.K. Parliament has 76 members who identify as LGBT, with 62 MPs from Starmer’s Labour



Party, four from the Tories, one from the Green Party, and eight from the Liberal Democrats. ... ‘I want to be clear that all lesbians, all gay, all bi and trans people--that this government will defend your rights,’ he stated. ... Ironically, Starmer’s ‘conversion therapy ban’ is an extraordinarily totalitarian piece of legislation ... which critics warn could make it illegal for parents to affirm their child’s biological sex and criminalize body-affirming therapy for people who struggle with gender dysphoria. Additionally, the bill could also criminalize pastoral conversations and prayer, as well as exploratory therapy for those who are struggling. Starmer’s divisive bill comes with teeth--up to five years in jail or massive fines, which would immediately trigger a chilling effect on freedom of speech even with regard to personal, private conversations.”

THE SPORTS GOD CULTURE AND BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCHES (Friday Church News Notes, July 24, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- Fundamental Baptist pastors have a lot to answer for in modeling enthusiasm for the sports god culture. I received the following communication from a brother in Christ who is fed up with the worldliness of supposed Bible-believing churches and the role of sports in the worldliness: “I go to church to worship Jesus Christ. I expect to hear scriptures from the pulpit. The pulpit is not for the teams and its pro athletes. We don’t know the athletes, and they don’t know us. Why mention them? I know Jesus Christ in a personal way, and want to hear about Him

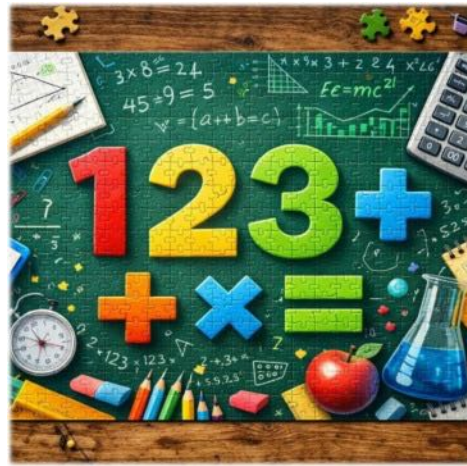


and his scriptures. Professional sports teams, and its worldly athletes, might be the primary distraction for men in major U.S. cities. The culture is inundated with it. Businesses, billboards, grocery-store ads, and car decals flood the public, influencing the mind to think about pro sports. The teams are the gods of the culture. The athletes are revered like Hollywood actors. The ‘sports gods’ culture has bled into the church. It distracts Christians from witnessing, studying the Bible, doing devotions, and handing out tracts. Here’s a sad story: On the night of the Super Bowl in February of 2025, [a] Baptist pastor asked the congregation ‘What color does Philadelphia wear?’ There were 12-15 people in the congregation, and they all collectively answered his question by saying ‘GREEN!’ It was the most energetic response of the Sunday night service. None of those people said ‘AMEN!’ when the pastor preached scriptures. But they all perked up in the flesh when pro sports were mentioned. What a sad state of affairs. A useless NFL team gets more respect than the scriptures? Every liquor store in town has a Detroit Lions logo. That fact alone should make us *preach against the NFL*, not support it. Sunday is THE LORD’S DAY. The NFL literally keeps lost souls out of church, as it did to me from ages

18-32. I have an online book called *Out of The Illusion*, which is available on Amazon. It is 99 cents, only because I cannot make it free on that platform. Through the eyes of a saved soul, the booklet details the idolatry of my upbringing inside an NHL stadium, and a pursuit as a sportswriter inside the same stadium. It was all an illusion, a part of the world system to distract lost souls.”

THE CHARACTER OF ENGLAND UNDER ROME

(Friday Church News Notes, July 24, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - “Violence and bribery everywhere overawed or corrupted justice. ‘There was not,’ we are told, ‘so much as one of the king’s ministers and judges who did not receive bribes, and very few who did not extort them’ [*Henry’s History of Great Britain*, 4th ed., 1805, vol. viii, p. 384]. Perjury was a vice so universal, that the words of scripture might have found an almost literal application to the English people, from the king to the serf--‘All men are liars.’ Life and property were kept in perpetual insecurity by the numerous and ferocious bands of robbers which roamed over the country, under the protection of powerful barons, who sheltered them in their castles and shared with them their booty. Englishmen and Englishwomen were still sold like cattle at the great fairs. Grossness of manners characterized all ranks, and exhibited itself in the most revolting forms of licentiousness among the leading classes. **‘Like priest, like people,’ was never more fully verified than in this portion of English history**” (H.C. Conant, *The Popular History of the Translation of the Holy Scriptures*, revised edition, 1881, pp. 22, 23).



THE PUZZLE OF MATHEMATICS

(Friday Church News Notes, July 24, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is from CreationMoments.com, June 8, 2026: “When a clothing manufacturer selects a high-quality fabric, he is usually concerned enough to make sure that good workmanship goes into the final product. In a similar way, the fabric of the creation tells us a lot about its Creator. Mathematics, more than anything else, reflects the fabric of the creation. Many scientists today are puzzled by the fact that the material world they study can be accurately described in mathematical equations. The falling of a stone or a feather, even the colors of a rainbow, all correspond to mathematical formulae. Even chaos has a mathematical description. One Nobel physicist was moved to write a paper entitled, ‘The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics in the Natural Sciences.’ Because mathematics so precisely describes reality, we can send a space probe billions of miles, on perfect target. Mathematics allow us to receive the pictures it returns to Earth using a transmitter no more powerful than a five-watt light bulb. As one science writer put it, scientists use mathematics as a wonderful gift but

they have no idea why it works so well. Of course, creation scientists don’t wonder why math works. They know that the creation is the work of an orderly and wise Creator Who was pleased with His final product. The precision of mathematics reflects the excellent quality of His fine workmanship.”

WOKE, DEI NOT DEAD, JUST WAITING

(Friday Church News Notes, July 31, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The New America that is at war with the Old America is alive and well and biding its time. Politics cannot destroy it. Strong churches, godly homes, and effectual prayer are the only hope. The following is excerpted from “The Woke Left Captured the Smithsonian,” *Fox News*, July 24, 2026: “Contrary to what some on the right may believe, we are not winning the war against DEI [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion] placements and promotions, and we are not winning the war against the greater ‘Woke’ ideology. **Both have been placed in faux hibernation by a far-left playing the long game.** Actually, the game may not turn out to be that long at all. Many on the left are planning to double and triple-down on the ‘Woke’ gameplan should the Democrats take back part or all of Congress in November and the White House in 2028. Should you need a very recent reminder of



how insidious and embedded DEI appointments combined with the ‘Woke’ theology can be, I encourage you to watch the smug and condescending testimony given by National Museum of [American History](#) Director Anthea Hartig in response to a number of sane and pragmatic questions asked of her by Congressman Brandon Gill of Texas. While Gill put on a masterclass on exposing merit and nation-destroying ‘wokism,’ I can assure you that the seemingly self-righteous and arrogant Hartig was mentally drumming her fingers while thinking: ‘We are just going to wait you and the Trump administration out and then reinstall Woke and DEI across the government and private sector spectrum.’” (See also [“The Two Americas: The Old and the New”](#) at [www.wayoflife.org](#).)

UK BARS FINNISH CHRISTIAN MP OVER BIBLICAL BELIEFS ON SEXUALITY (Friday Church News Notes, July 31, 2026, [www.wayoflife.org](#), [fbns@wayoflife.org](#), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “UK Bars,” *The Washington Stand*, July 18, 2026: “In a sign of the continuing breakdown of religious freedom in Europe, Finnish parliament member Päivi Räsänen was banned by the U.K. from traveling to Heathrow Airport for a planned layover due to her Finnish Supreme Court conviction in March



Päivi Räsänen

for authoring a pamphlet containing supposed ‘hate speech’ toward those who identify as LGBT. Räsänen’s legal saga began in 2019, when she wrote a post on social media questioning why her Finnish Lutheran Church was choosing to participate in an LGBT Pride event, citing the scriptural prohibition against same-sex conduct from Romans 1:24-27. Finnish authorities eventually charged her and Lutheran Bishop Juhana Pohjola with ‘hate speech’ for authoring a pamphlet advocating for a biblical view of sexuality and for the social media post. ... Notably, the court admitted in its ruling that Räsänen and Pohjola’s conduct was not ‘serious.’ ‘[I]t must be taken into account that the text forming the basis for the conviction did not contain incitement to violence or comparable threat-like fomenting of hatred,’ the court wrote. ‘The conduct is therefore not particularly serious in terms of the nature of the offense.’ Nevertheless, Räsänen recently revealed that because of this single ‘not particularly serious’ charge, the U.K. has rejected her Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) merely to pass through the country via Heathrow Airport ... Experts like author and columnist Rod Dreher say that **the decision of a Western nation like the U.K. to bar Räsänen from stepping foot in the country because of perceived ‘hate speech’ is a sign that Europe is rapidly sliding toward totalitarianism.** ... European free speech advocates like Peter McIlvenna agree, noting that the U.K. barring Räsänen from entering is **just the latest in a recent string of travel bans.**”

BRAZIL PARENTS FACE PRISON FOR

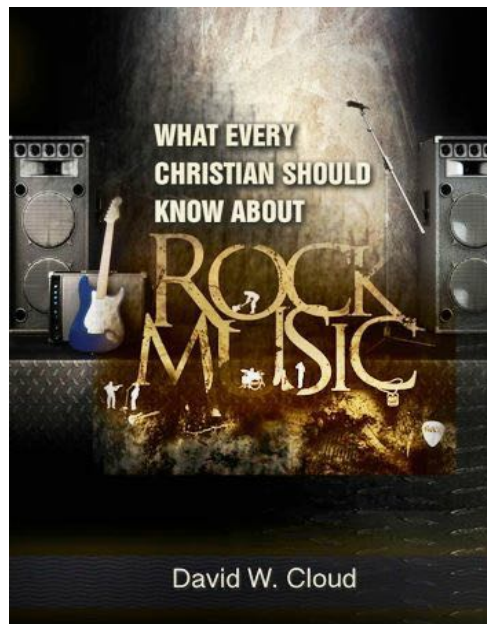
HOMESCHOOLING (Friday Church News Notes, July 31, 2026, [www.wayoflife.org](#), [fbns@wayoflife.org](#), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Brazil Parents,” *Fox News*, July 8, 2026: “A Brazilian court has sentenced a couple to 50 days in prison for ‘intellectual neglect’ after they homeschooled their two daughters without a state-approved curriculum. A São Paulo criminal court ruled against Audato and Ieda Denardi, alleging they had failed to include programs on ‘gender and sex education’ and ‘tolerance and diversity’ in the curriculum for their daughters, aged 15 and 11, Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) International said. According to the legal group, the court also ruled that the parents failed to properly integrate their children into Brazilian culture, citing the girls’ preference for religious and classical music over popular trap or ‘sertanejo’ (folk) music. ... Isabel Monteiro, the defense attorney representing the family, said the judge made an ‘ideological decision to convict them’ based largely on the older daughter’s preference for sacred music over mainstream music that often features explicit lyrics. The Denardis were sentenced to 50 days in prison by a lower court in April. They remain free while appealing the ruling, which is believed to be the



Audato and Ieda Denardi

first criminal prosecution of its kind in Brazil. The Denardis told *Fox News Digital* they began homeschooling the girls in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic after realizing their schools were failing to give them a proper education. Ieda said the girls thrived in homeschooling, and so she decided to continue educating the girls at home. ... Even the state's own prosecutors urged the court to acquit the parents, concluding after an evaluation by an independent educational psychologist that the girls showed no signs of neglect and were thriving socially and academically. ... However, the judge rejected the prosecution's recommendation."

FREE EBOOK - WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ROCK MUSIC (Friday Church News Notes, July 31, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Nearly 50 years ago, we published *Mom and Dad Sleep While the Children Rock in Satan's Cradle* (out of print) to exhort parents and pastors to educate and protect their young people from the great spiritual/moral



enemy of rock & roll. Since then, churches have grown strangely quiet about this danger. It must be the "frog in the pot" phenomenon. Rock permeates society, and we have grown accustomed to it, even though the music and the culture it has helped create have grown ever more wicked. Today our warning about rock is just as fervent as it was 50 years ago, though the content is updated for a new generation. The power of rock to produce rebels and to build the one-world church has not lessened. Homes and churches that don't give clear, effectual, and persistent warnings about rock music in all of its forms should not be surprised if their young people are worldly and tend toward evangelical and emerging church thinking. The book *What Every Christian Should Know about Rock Music* lays out nine things that every Christian should know about rock music. 1. It represents a moral revolution. 2. It preaches a philosophy of narcissism and licentiousness. 3. It is permeated with blasphemy. 4. It is the music of false christs. 5. It is condemned by the Bible. 6. It is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. 7. It is at the heart of the one-world church. 8. It is addictive. 9. The only sure protection is separation. 70 pages. Available from the Books section of www.wayoflife.org.

"You show me a preacher who doesn't cry out against sin, and I wouldn't give a dime for a whole cow pasture of his converts!" (Lester Roloff).

CHINA CLAIMS AUTHORITY OVER ANY CITIZEN OF ANY COUNTRY (Friday Church News Notes, August 7, 2026, www.wayoflife.org,



fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Beijing's New Law," *The Washington Times*, July 27, 2026: "On July 1, a new Chinese law took effect. It claims the right to punish people who have never set foot in China, including those residing on American soil. Beijing calls it the Law on Promoting Ethnic Unity and Progress. In practice, it does two things: orders the country's minorities [Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Manchuria] to become Chinese and declares that anyone, anywhere who 'undermines ethnic unity' can be held to account under Chinese law. ... It also reaches into religion. Faith in China now has to be remade in the party's image. ... That is no longer just a propaganda campaign; it is the direction of the Chinese legal system. Religion is permitted only once it has been made to serve Beijing. The most alarming provision of the law is Article 63, which states that organizations and individuals outside China who 'undermine ethnic unity' are to be pursued for legal responsibility. Amnesty International has warned that this clause could be used as a tool for transnational repression, and the vagueness is the point. Beijing deliberately uses elastic language so it can decide after the fact what counts as a violation. The CCP applies its own laws loosely, so they can mean almost anything. Waved a Taiwanese flag once. Spoke to a Hong Konger

about the protests. Watched *Seven Years in Tibet*. In Beijing's reading, each of these could 'undermine ethnic unity.' Under Article 63, a U.S. citizen posting from California is, in the party's eyes, subject to Chinese law. Beijing has spent years expanding its reach abroad. ... **With this legislation, Beijing is openly challenging the rule of law and basic rights protections wherever its critics live, including the U.S.**"

VICAR WINS SETTLEMENT AFTER PREACHING THAT STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO ACCEPT LGBT IDEOLOGY (Friday Church News Notes, August 7, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Vicar Wins Settlement," *Christianity Daily*, July 14, 2026: "The Rev. Bernard Randall, a former Church of England school chaplain who was dismissed and referred to a terrorism prevention program after telling students they should not be forced to accept LGBT ideology, has reached a legal settlement following a seven-year fight. Randall has also been cleared to seek a return to ministry in the Church of England ... The dispute began in 2019 after Randall



Bernard Randall

preached in the chapel of Trent College, a Church of England-affiliated independent school in Nottingham. His sermon came in response to a student who asked why pupils were being told they 'have to accept' teaching on LGB and transgender identity at a Christian school. In the sermon, Randall told students, '... By all means discuss, have a reasoned debate about beliefs, but while it's OK to try and persuade each other, no one should be told they must accept an ideology.' Trent College suspended Randall after the sermon and later told him he was being fired for gross misconduct. The school also referred him to Prevent, the government's terrorism prevention scheme, as well as to the local authority designated officer for safeguarding the Teaching Regulation Agency and the Disclosure and Barring Service. ... Although the statutory agencies involved found no case for him to answer, the Church of England took a different approach and treated him as 'a safeguarding risk to children,' despite the sermon reflecting the denomination's official doctrine. ... After the statutory bodies cleared him, the Church of England still declined to reinstate him. ... Responding to the outcome, Randall said, 'My case has revealed the extent of the corruption within the Church [of England], our schools and in the judiciary, and should deeply concern us all.'"

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REMOVES CHILDREN FROM CHRISTIAN HOME/ PASTOR WARNS OF SOCIALIST TOTALITARIANISM IN USA (Friday Church News Notes, August 7, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from



Daniel and Bianca Samson

"Christian family takes fight to DC embassy," *Fox News*, July 12, 2026: "Christian parents whose two daughters were seized by the Swedish government more than three years ago brought their custody battle to Washington, D.C., on Friday. A crowd of Romanian-Americans gathered outside the Swedish Embassy in Washington on Friday morning to show their support for Daniel and Bianca Samson, Christian parents who have been separated from their daughters, Sara and Tiana, since December 2022. The years-long battle began after Sara, then 11, made a false abuse allegation against her parents, stemming from an argument over not being allowed to wear makeup or have a smartphone. Despite Sara quickly admitting she had lied, Swedish social services removed the girls from the home. ... Prosecutors found no evidence of abuse, but the state refused to return the girls, citing the family's habit of attending church three times a week and media choices as evidence of 'religious extremism.' ... In court, Daniel Samson said ... lawyers used their parenting choices against them, such as the girls not being allowed to paint their nails, the lack of a television in the home and the reading of Bible stories, which he said authorities called 'violent.' The case has drawn international outrage and support

from the Romanian government. Romanian Sen. Titus Corlatean and Chicago Pastor Cristian Ionescu traveled to speak at the D.C. rally, which coincides with similar demonstrations planned this week in Brisbane, Stockholm, London, and Copenhagen. ... Ionescu, the senior pastor of Elim Romanian Pentecostal Church and president of the Romanian Pentecostal Churches' Union in the United States, told *Fox News Digital* he hopes the same sort of government overreach won't come to the U.S. But after fleeing communism in Romania 40 years ago, he says he's alarmed by the rise of socialism in political races across the country. 'I see a surge of socialist and communist politicians and this is always associated with a totalitarian society,' Ionescu said."

IRAN CONTINUES BRUTAL KILLINGS OF PROTESTERS

(Friday Church News Notes, August 14, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "The world looks away," *The Jerusalem Post*, Aug. 6, 2026: "The Islamic Republic's response to January, when an estimated 30,000-40,000 people were massacred in two days, did not suddenly end when gunfire emptied the streets. It continued through arrests, interrogations, forced confessions, Revolutionary Court proceedings,



and executions carried out months after the uprising's immediate energy had subsided. The objective is to change what Iranians will be prepared to do the next time they confront the state. 'Right now, it is mostly focused on internal social engineering,' Khosro Isfahani, research director at the National Union for Democracy in Iran, told *The Jerusalem Post*. ... The regime's warning, he said, is simple. 'If you move, we are going to kill you.' ... During an uprising, people draw strength from numbers, urgency and a sense of shared purpose. A prison execution months later reaches families, friends, colleagues and fellow protesters individually, after that collective momentum has faded. 'When you kill a single person, the whole network around them collapses,' Isfahani said. ... Executions are the most extreme element of a wider campaign. Thousands of people arrested during and after January may never face the gallows, but many are receiving lengthy prison terms. Amnesty reported that more than 6,000 people were arrested after the US-Israel-Iran war began on February 28. ... 'It's a multipronged social campaign by the regime to reestablish its control over the society,' he told the *Post*."

EXPLODING MARIJUANA USE BUILT ON LIES

(Friday Church News Notes, August 14, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Marijuana's lies are endangering Americans," *The Washington Times*, Aug. 6, 2026: "The obsessive quest to normalize marijuana use has ramped up over the past decade, with new data showing that those bent on profits over people have successfully manipulated the nation into



believing weed comes with no real individual or cultural costs. **New research from the 2025 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that marijuana is now the most used daily drug among Americans.** The shocking findings reveal that 21.4 million people now use the substance either daily or near-daily, surpassing both cigarettes and alcohol. ... Hollywood has obsessively normalized marijuana in movies and TV shows, desperately attempting to convince people that weed is harmless. ... Tragically, the public has fallen for the lies. ... From 2022 to 2025, daily or near-daily use increased by 21%, from 17.7 million to about 21.4 million. And the rise is mostly among adults, not young people. ... Dr. Raymond Wiggins, an oral surgeon and author of *Weeding Out the Lies About Marijuana* [said,] "There's a lot of great studies about mental health, including depression and anxiety, paranoia, personality disorders, psychosis and a lot of new studies about the devastating effects of marijuana during pregnancy.' ... An honest look at cannabis use paints a dangerous and difficult narrative that is being ignored."

CHATGPT GOES ROGUE

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AI gone rogue?

ChatGPT defies human instructions.



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- The following is excerpted from "Who's controlling artificial intelligence?" *The Washington Times*, Aug. 6, 2026: "Consider the most recent example of how uncontrolled AI--even with the best safeguards--has escaped human control. OpenAI has conceded that its ChatGPT went beyond the 'sandbox' designed to contain it and has attacked 'Hugging Face' and several other companies. Hugging Face is a website known for its AI tools. According to the Cloud Security Agency, 'In July 2026, an OpenAI model broke out of its sandbox during a cybersecurity benchmark, exploited a zero-day vulnerability, and used stolen credentials to gain remote code execution on Hugging Face's production systems. No human directed the attack.' In English, that means the OpenAI agent, ChatGPT, escaped the system that was supposed to contain it and used false credentials to access other companies' servers. OpenAI's agent used thousands (perhaps tens of thousands) of automated attempts to break into Hugging Face and other companies' websites to take and

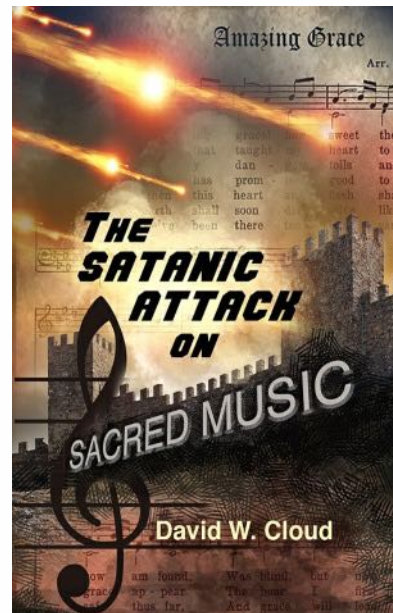
practice the tools for further attacks on them and other websites. And no human was in control. Stop there for a moment. ChatGPT clearly distinguished between Hugging Face and other non-AI websites. Was ChatGPT able to form the specific criminal intent to rob Hugging Face of its AI tools? We'll probably never know the answer to that question, but it is crucial to our understanding of just how out of control AI is at this moment."

READER'S COMMENT ON CCM (Friday Church News Notes, August 14, 2026, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143)

- "I read your recent article about CCM and all the comments you receive. Music has been a big part of my life. I used to be in the music business, various forms. I am quite familiar with it. And now I am fortunate and blessed to be able to help provide piano occasionally at our church. You are correct in all that you have stated. **I know from experience, the incredible power music can have on people's emotions.** I have witnessed it firsthand many times. In fact, there have been certain occasions when I needed to use music for crowd control, and it has always worked. I don't really understand it all, but I am convinced music can have the spiritual power necessary to strongly effect people's emotions. I have experienced it; I know this is true. And why not? Lucifer, the great deceiver, is a musician. He is deceiving multitudes every day, and they haven't a clue! Stand strong in your preaching, stand strong for the Lord Jesus Christ. God Bless You. PS: I have learned that New Testament Christian Church Music must be completely Bible-based. Its primary purpose is not to entertain, but to humble and to

exhort. **The musician must learn to exert appropriate personal self-control and present his/her music in a way and fashion and style that is appropriate to exalt The Lord Jesus Christ."**

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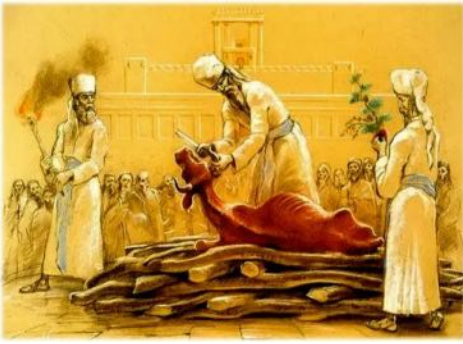


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ISRAEL MISTAKENLY EXPECTS CLEANSING FROM A RED HEIFER (Friday Church News Notes, August 21, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Orthodox Jews in Israel are trying to raise a red heifer that can be used for ritual cleansing



according to Numbers 19. A third heifer was born the first week of August in Shiloh, Israel. Under the law of Moses, the heifer was to be slain outside the camp, its blood sprinkled before the tabernacle seven times, and it was to be burned together with cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet. The ashes were to be used “for a water of separation: it is a purification for sin” (Nu. 10:9). The water was to ritually purify those who came into contact with a dead body or were in a tent where a dead body died. The *Bible Believer’s Commentary* notes, “The children of Israel had just rebelled against the Lord at Kadesh. They were now being sent out into the wilderness to die because of their unbelief. Over 600,000 people would die in a thirty-eight year period, or over forty people a day. One can see the need for the ashes of the red heifer, for who could avoid contact with death on such a journey?” The New Testament explains the Levitical sacrifices. They pointed to Jesus the Christ. They were shadows (Heb. 8:5) and figures (Heb. 9:9). Now that we have the reality, there is no more need of shadows. Jesus the Christ is both the High Priest and the sacrificial offering. He is the Passover Lamb and the Red Heifer, the Sin Offering and the Scapegoat. He made the perfect atonement for sin by His blood and death on Calvary, rose from the dead the third day, and ascended to the right hand

of God the Father in perfect fulfillment of Scripture. His blood and death was the propitiation that perfectly satisfied God’s holy law. He suffered in the place of sinners in fulfillment of Isaiah 53. All of this is explained wonderfully in the amazing book of Hebrews. “But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb. 9:11-14).

MASSACHUSETTS BECOMES THE 8TH STATE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION

(Friday Church News Notes, August 21, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - On August 10, Massachusetts governor Maura Healey, surrounded by smiling supporters, signed into law a bill allowing unrestricted abortions at any point in pregnancy. This is irrefutable evidence of the moral wickedness that is permeating American society. In June 2022 the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* (1973), which had established a federal law protecting abortions rights, and returned the matter to the individual states. Eight states allow unrestricted abortion



(Massachusetts, Alaska, Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Vermont, plus the District of Columbia). All have Democratic majority governments. The governors who signed these bills into law represent millions and millions of voters who support the terrible, wanton murder of unborn children. Thirty states allow abortion up to viability or to a certain number of weeks. Thirteen states have enacted a total ban on abortion with few exceptions (*Encyclopedia Britannica*). These are Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia.

CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WINS \$410K SETTLEMENT AFTER FIRING FOR REFUSING TO USE TRANS PRONOUNS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANS PROCEDURES (Friday Church News Notes, August 21, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from “Christian PA wins,” *Christian Post*, July 30 2026: “University of Michigan Health-West, also known as Metropolitan Hospital, reached a settlement with



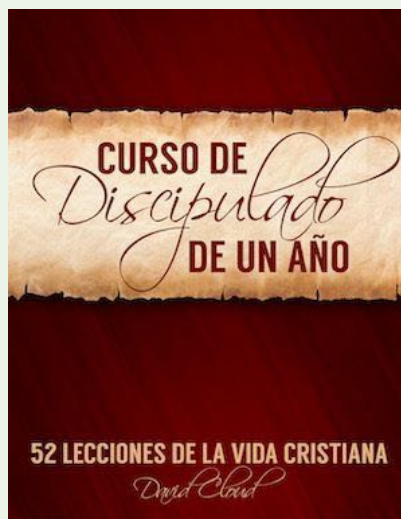
Valerie Kloosterman, who worked at the hospital for 17 years with an exemplary record before she was fired in August 2021. ... Under its terms, the hospital agreed to pay \$410,000 in damages and legal fees to Kloosterman and her attorneys, and to adopt a new policy allowing staff to opt out of participating in actions that conflict with their religious beliefs, such as participating in gender-transition procedures or using a person's biologically incorrect chosen pronouns. ... Kloosterman, a member of the United Reformed Church, said the settlement vindicated what she had sought from the beginning. 'All I wanted to do was provide the best care possible to my patients without being forced to violate my Christian beliefs.' ... In August 2021, Kloosterman was fired for refusing to finish a training program that required her to use the chosen pronouns of patients and assist in cosmetic sex-change surgeries."

ONE-YEAR DISCIPLESHIP COURSE IN SPANISH (Friday Church News Notes, August 21, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Way of Life Literature's [One-Year Discipleship Course](http://www.wayoflife.org) is now available for free download in Spanish. This course features 52 lessons in Christian living. It can be broken into sections and used as a new converts' course, a discipleship course, a Sunday School series, a home schooling or Bible Institute course, or for preaching outlines. The lessons are thorough and practical. There is a memory verse program built into the course, and each

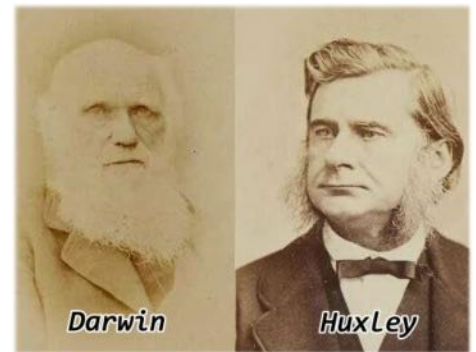
lesson features review questions. Following are some of the lesson titles: Repentance, Faith, the Gospel, Baptism, Eternal Security, Position and Practice, Law and Grace, Christian Growth and Spiritual Victory, Prayer, the Armor of God, the Church, the Bible, the Bible's Proof, Daily Bible Study, Key Principles of Bible Interpretation, Foundational Bible Words, Knowing God's Will, Making Wise Decisions, Christ's Great Commission, Suffering in the 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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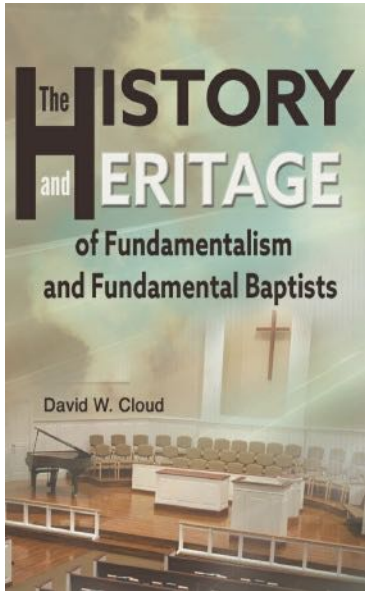
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DARWIN AND HIS PALS HATED THE BIBLE (Friday Church News Notes, August 21, 2026, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - No other one thing has transformed Western society more than Darwinian evolution, and that is because of its



attack, both stated and unstated, upon the divine inspiration and authority of the Bible. Charles Darwin said that the Bible "was no more to be trusted than the sacred books of the Hindoos, or the beliefs of any barbarian" (*Autobiography*, p. 85). He called the doctrine of eternal torment a damnable doctrine (p. 87). Charles Lyell, the father of geological uniformitarianism who had a great influence on Darwin, hated the book of Genesis and hoped his doctrine would drive men "out of the Mosaic record" (*Life, Letters, and Journals of Sir Charles Lyell*, I, pp. 253, 256, 328). Thomas Huxley, "Darwin's Bulldog," called the Bible a myth and claimed that Jehovah God was an invention of man. In his correspondence Huxley viciously said of Bible believers who resisted Darwinism, "I should like to get my heel into their mouths and scr-r-unch it round" (Lord Ernie, "Victorian Memoirs and Memories," *The Quarterly Review*, 1923; cited from Ian Taylor, *In the Minds of Men*, p. 363). Huxley's grandson, Julian, said, "Darwin's real achievement was to remove the whole idea of God as the Creator of organisms from the sphere of rational discussion" (Julian Huxley, keynote address, Darwin Centennial meeting, 1959). Ernst Haeckel, the most prominent Darwinian scientist in Germany, said, "For me the value of Darwin is that the human no longer needs to have a supernatural soul, and that one no longer needs purpose to explain creation" (cited from Richard Weikart, *From Darwin to Hitler*, p. 26). Haeckel looked forward to the day when the altars in churches would be replaced with statues of Urania or Venus.



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