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# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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## STUDY SHOWS THAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO KNOW FUTURE NEGATIVE EVENTS



A study in Germany and Spain has found that 90% of respondents wouldn't want to know about forthcoming negative events ("Study: People don't want their future revealed," UPI, Feb. 22, 2017). The study, published in *Psychological Review*, asked participants if they would want to know if their marriage would end in divorce and when and how they would die. Older adults were even more likely to decline to know this. Of course, we can't know when and how we will die, but we can know where we will go when we die, and refusing to consider death and eternity is not wise. The one book on earth that does tell the future with perfect accuracy is the Bible, and every individual would be wise to consult its pages. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).



The heart is the source of one's actions. God's Word says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life," and, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7). The corruption of the imagination was one of the first steps in the downward slide to idolatry and moral perversion in man's early history as we read in Romans 1. "... when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21). The same thing happens in the lives of individuals. What the mind dwells on is what will eventually control the life. If the imagination becomes perverted, the life will reflect this. This is a loud warning in an age when individuals

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## CATHOLIC CATECHISM SAYS THE SON OF GOD BECAME MAN THAT WE MIGHT BECOME GOD

The following is from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Part One: The Profession of Faith," published in 1992 with the approval of Pope John Paul II: "460 The Word became flesh to make us '*partakers of the divine nature*': 'For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God.' 'For the Son of God became man so **that we might become God.**' 'The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, **might make men gods.**'"

## BEWARE OF DARK FANTASY ...continued from front page

can connect 24/7 in the most private manner with any aspect of the pop culture, and there are a great many dark and perverted things with which one can fill the imagination. In fact, dark and perverted is an apt description of much of today's music, video games, novels, and movies. Science fiction and the superhero genre, for example, have grown ever darker, stranger, more sensual and godless, and many people are living a dark fantasy world. Consider James Holmes, who murdered a dozen people and wounded nearly 60 more in a movie theater where *Batman: The Dark Knight Rises* was premiering. Jesus taught that murder is an acting out of the impulses of man's sin nature (Mark 7:21-23), and the fallen nature can be inflamed. Homes had dyed his hair red and said he was The Joker, the clownish, ultra-violent enemy of the superhero

Batman ("NYC Police Commissioner Said Alleged Shooter Calls Himself The Joker," *Fox News*, July 20, 2012). These are vile movies. In the 2008 *Batman: The Dark Night*, a man's face is filleted by a knife, another's is burned half off, a man's eye is slammed into a pencil, a bomb is stitched inside of a man and exploded, a man is bound to a chair and set afire, a child is threatened by a man with a melted face, and clowns are shot point-blank in the head. In the comic book *Batman: The Dark Night*, The Joker murders an entire television audience. Thirteen years earlier, not far from where Holmes acted out his perverted fantasies, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 13 and wounded 21. They, too, were acting out demonic fantasies that had been enflamed through violent music, video games, and dark movies.

## GOD'S GIFT TO SALMON

"Creation Moments has aired hundreds of programs over the years dealing with gifts God has given to His creatures so they could survive in the environment where He has placed them. But what is a poor animal going to do when it begins life in one environment and then moves to a totally different environment? Today I'm going to tell you about a special gift that God has given to salmon. The purpose of this gift will become clear to you when you consider that salmon start out in ocean waters, where the light is in the blue-green end of the spectrum. Later on, salmon travel to streams and inland waters where the light is primarily in the red and infrared end of the spectrum. Scientists have long wondered how salmon are able to make the switch so they can see well in two entirely different lighting conditions. Scientists have now discovered an enzyme in salmon that actually switches the fish's visual systems. What this enzyme does is convert vitamin A1 to vitamin A2, allowing salmon to see perfectly in red and infrared light. Like salmon, humans also need a new way of seeing when it comes to spiritual matters. The eyes we are born with just aren't equipped to see Jesus in a favorable light. We need eyes of faith that God alone can provide!"





## FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT READ THE BIBLE

The following is excerpted from J.C. Ryle's *How Readest Thou?* - "This tract may fall into the hands of some who can read, but never do read the Bible at all. Reader, are you one of them? If you are, I have something to say to you. I cannot comfort you in your present state of mind. It would be mockery and deceit to do so. I cannot speak to you of peace and heaven, while you treat the Bible as you do. You are in danger of losing your soul. You are in danger, because your neglected Bible is a plain evidence that you do not love God. You are in danger, because God will reckon with you for your neglect of the Bible in the day of judgment. You are in danger, because there is no degree of error in religion into which you may not fall. You are in danger, because there is not a single reasonable excuse you can allege for neglecting the Bible."

## WHY READ THE BIBLE?

The following is excerpted from J.C. Ryle's *How Readest Thou?* - "First, there is no knowledge absolutely needful to a man's salvation, except a knowledge of the things which are to be found in the Bible. Second, there is no book in existence written in such a manner as the Bible. Third, no book in existence contains such important matter as the Bible. Fourth, no book in existence has produced such wonderful effects on mankind at large as the Bible. Fifth, no book in existence can do so much for everyone who reads it rightly, as the Bible. Sixth, no gift of God to man is so awfully neglected and misused as the Bible. Seventh, the Bible is the only rule by which all questions of doctrine or of duty can be tried. Eighth, the Bible is His book which all true servants of God have always lived on and loved. Ninth, the Bible is the only book which can comfort a man in the last hours of his life." (For a 12-hour course on this subject see *The Effectual Bible Student*, available on DVD or as a free eVideo series, [http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/effectual\\_bible\\_student.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/s3/effectual_bible_student.php)).



# THE NEW APOSTOLIC REFORMATION

The following is excerpted from “King of the Mountain,” *Herescope*, Sept. 12, 2011: “Several years ago, on August 20, 2007, C. Peter Wagner sent out a letter to his ‘friends of Global Harvest,’ in which he shared the emerging structure of his New Apostolic Reformation. His new reformation would be based upon the idea that apostles and prophets must be the cornerstone for achieving Dominion on earth. These apostles and prophets are said to be endowed with superior gifts. In Wagner’s NAR paradigm, ‘apostles’ are also said to be given new truth, and they are referred to as ‘spiritual architects’ of a global transformation based upon a series of interlocking networking organizations and cells that superimpose themselves on top of existing governmental and societal institutions. David Cannistraci, who formed an early apostolic network and wrote a book detailing this shift, explained how these networking apostolic groups would work. Clearly he isn’t talking about humble, simple evangelism. He described it in kingdom-building terms: ‘Like an army, this new apostolic company will throw down their nets and rise at the command of the Lord of Hosts. Hearing the call, they will aggressively engage the enemy, taking his territory in the greatest campaign in

history: the evangelization of planet Earth before the second coming of the Lord Jesus...’ Wagner’s 2007 letter (‘A Letter from C. Peter Wagner,’ Global Harvest Ministries, August 20, 2007) launched a ‘Global Apostolic Network’ (GAN). In Wagner’s writings one can see the formation of these interlocking apostolic networks: ‘We have reorganized in obedience to the word that the Lord gave us through Chuck [Pierce] last December. Now please pray with us as we seek His guidance in putting the nuts and bolts together for seeing practical results along the road toward taking dominion of God’s creation. ... All nine of the components of GAN are on my heart, but especially those related to wealth and wealth transfer. I am in touch with 17 potential wealth transfer brokers, some of them expecting release momentarily. It is hard to comprehend, but some of them go to multiple millions, billions, and more. My task is to prepare a high integrity infrastructure for distributing these funds when they begin to flow. Zion Apostolic Network and The Hamilton Group are in place as agencies to carry this out. Our motto is ‘Sophisticated Philanthropy for Apostolic Distribution.’”

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