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A BIBLICAL ANALYSIS OF RELIGIOUS & SECULAR MEDIA



He has shown you, o man, what is good. And what does Yahweh require of you, but to bring forth justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Elohiym? (Micah 6:8)

THERE ARE CERTAIN areas of human life in which the admonition in Micah 6:8 is most critical. These are the areas of faith, government, and medicine. Jesus taught us how to interpret the Law whereby it is rendered justly. God's Law was made for the benefit of man; man wasn't made for the benefit of the Law. (In Mark 2:27 Jesus was specifically addressing the Law of Sabbath, but the principle is the same for all the Law.) This is why Jesus often challenged the administering of the Law by the religious leaders, showing them that they had turned the righteousness of the Law into religious tyranny. Thus, He could find no

man to cast the first stone at the adulteress whom they had condemned in their self-righteousness (John 8:3-11).

Scripture is replete with God's admonition that justice coupled with mercy and administered in humility pleases Him. He warns of severe judgment against those who betray the people over whom they have any power, whether they are parents, employers, religious leaders, or government officials.

Let us keep these truths in mind as we consider how the U.S. Government has often colluded with industry to deceive people for the benefit of politicians and tycoons, with the complicity of the mass media. At the root of this evil is the love of money and power.

This isn't surprising because all three of these entities are part of the world system that is presently governed by the anti-Christ god of this world. So we do not expect the evil

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WHY MEDIA SPOTLIGHT?

Media Spotlight is a ministry to the Body of Christ, bringing understanding of the ways in which the world shapes our thinking and lifestyles through the influence of the mass communications media.

God's Word exhorts, "Buy the truth and do not sell it" (Prov. 23:23). Therefore we do not sell *Media Spotlight*.

Begun in 1977, *Media Spotlight* was the first ministry on a national scale to address the ungodly nature of the secular media—motion pictures, television, toys, games and other things that contribute to Christians living no differently than the rest of the world.

The mass media have impacted the Body of Christ as much as they have society. Many Christians are so dependent upon the media that they aren't aware of how lukewarm they have become. We have many testimonials from readers who tell us that, because of *Media Spotlight*, they have become aware of the effect the media have on their thinking, and are now more selective in their choices.

But the problem of ungodliness is not exclusive to the secular media. Of major concern are the religious media that present messages contrary to God's Word. *Media Spotlight* addresses the impact that religious teachers have upon believers in Christ, whether for good or for evil.

It has escaped the understanding of many Christians that what they believe is more often shaped by the teachings and traditions of religious men and institutions than by Scripture. Most teachers in the institutional churches rely more upon their theological disciplines than on the pure Word of God. Yet the wisdom of the world is no substitute for God's Word, even if offered from the pulpit or in the Christian media.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:24 that in the last days false christs and false prophets would arise and would show great signs and wonders, "so that, if possible, they will deceive the very elect." He also states in Matthew 24:12 that in the last days the love of many toward Him would grow cold because evil would increase in the world. If we believe Him, then we would be foolish not to guard ourselves against deception. There is little time to waste in the short span of life granted us by God. We must choose today whom we will serve. ❖

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A PERSONAL NOTE

Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed, this Summer 2017 issue is a bit late due to the time and expense of producing our special report on the movie *The Shack*, along with our review of William Paul Young's latest book, *Lies We Believe About God*. We hope that it was a blessing as well as informative for you.

This should result in an extra printing this year, and we thank you for your patience is awaiting this issue.

We urge you to take heed of our lead article on the dangers of certain vaccines that are wreaking havoc on young children. We are not against sound medical practices, including some vaccinations. But there is a great deception taking place which we want our brethren to know about.

The Body of Christ is precious to us, and if we can help our brethren avoid dangers in this world that may affect them and their children, we feel obligated to share what we know.

This world is under Satan's dominance; it is a dangerous place. Its snares are both spiritual and physical. Our hope is that we may aid those we love in all aspects of life.

This is especially critical during this time we call the Age of Anger, which we address on page 4. The spiritual atmosphere of the world has become so toxic these days that there is no longer any hiding of the foulness of the human spirit and its rage against God and everything decent and lawful.

It is clear that Satan's time is short and his rage is being manifested through the actions and words of those who do his bidding, whether knowingly or in ignorance.

It is especially distressing to hear those who profess faith in Jesus expressing a hateful attitude toward President Trump.

We have no illusions that he is the answer to the world's problems, or even that he is a true believer in Jesus. But although it's perfectly well to criticize his policies, and perhaps even his personal faults (as we have done with Barack Obama), there is no room in the Body of Christ for hateful and disrespectful expressions of displeasure. President Trump holds his office by the grace and intent of our heavenly Father. Let's pray for him, not curse him.

As always, we wish to thank those of you who have been so loving and generous in supporting *Media Spotlight* with your prayers and gifts to the ministry.

There's no way we could have continued for these forty years without you.

In Jesus' love,

Al and Jean

IBM's Watson Mankind's Hope for Salvation?

IBM'S SUPERCOMPUTER WATSON is being looked to by scientists for answers to mankind's most perplexing problems. According to Technocracy News & Trends, on June 6, IBM announced its Science for Social Good initiative which is comprised of 12 projects for 2017. Using technology and data, a team of researchers, non-profit organizations, and postdoctoral fellows will be working on the projects in alignment with the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals. These goals are meant to address the most significant threats and inequalities that exist in the world today. The objective is to solve all these problems by the year 2030.

The Science for Social Good projects use analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and data science in their quest for creating a more just and perfect society on a global scale.

Director of IBM Research, Arvind Krishna, stated in a press release:

"The projects chosen for this year's Social Good program cover an important range of topics – including predicting new diseases, promoting innovation, alleviating illiteracy and hunger, and helping people out of poverty. What unifies them all is that, at the core, they necessitate major advances in science and technology. Armed with the expertise of our partners and drawing on a wealth of new data, tools and experiences, Science for Social Good can offer new solutions to the problems our society is facing."

Each project has been carefully designed to make use of AI, big data, and machine learning in the hope of shaving years and even decades of work.

COMMENTARY

When I was a senior at Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles, each student in my English class was assigned the writing of a short story for credit. I wrote a science fiction piece (I can't recall the name) in which the narrator speaks of his being tasked by the governments of the world to solve all of mankind's problems in the hope of achieving a lasting peace. The narrator admits to failure as the bombs fall to end all of civilization, cutting off any chance of the narrator's survival. As the last words of apology for failing the task are falteringly written, the narrator signs off as "A. Machine."

This was in 1956, by the way, long before AI was part of our vocabulary.

Was I prescient?

No, I just had a fertile imagination, albeit not submitted to Christ.

As I see how far mankind has come in his scientific and technological achievements, all with the hope (ostensibly) of establishing the long-sought-after Utopian society, I find it

mildly amusing that those in charge of this utopian quest are for the most part (if not entirely) devoid of realizing the missing element needed to achieve their goal. That missing element is Elohiym Yahweh of the Bible.

Ever since the curse upon Adam for his sin, mankind has attempted to overcome that curse through his own efforts. That is the real reason for science and technology. Rather than turn to his Creator for the solutions to the evil that plagues him, man continues to trust in his own strength.

It isn't enough that man has rejected the true God; he is in the midst of creating a mechanical god in his own image and likeness, enduing it with artificial intelligence.

Might we be only a few short steps away from the ultimate idol that must be worshipped in order to live?

There is one problem that seems to have been forgotten. It is the concept common to computer science and mathematics: GIGO (Garbage In, Garbage Out).

The garbage these geniuses are putting into Watson are all the fallible human wisdom and understanding that falls woefully short of the true Divine. ❖

Oregon Senate Bill 494 Allows mentally ill patients to be starved to death

OREGON RIGHT TO Life (ORL) has charged that Oregon Senate Bill 494, which at this time is still in committee, will result in mentally ill patients being starved to death. ORL is an advocate for the most vulnerable human beings whose right to life is denied or abridged under current law, including the unborn and aged.

Oregon already has laws that allow for assisted suicide, and this new law would allow health care providers to make decisions for ending the life of mentally ill people who cannot speak for themselves.

The law does allow for pre-planning in the event one becomes mentally incompetent to make that decision for oneself while still lucid, but the end result would be the decision of the health care provider.

The operative portion of the bill reads:

DIRECTIONS REGARDING END OF LIFE CARE

In filling out these directions, keep the following in mind:

- The term "as my health care provider recommends" means that you want your health care provider to use life support if your health care provider believes it could be helpful, and that you want your health care provider to discontinue life support if your health care provider believes it is not helping your health condition or symptoms.

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BOMB THREATS. Calls for the assassination of President Trump. People beaten on the streets for having a Trump bumper sticker on their car. Conservative speakers threatened amid campus riots with the destruction of property. Media celebrities castigating Donald Trump and his supporters. Witches conjuring curses against President Trump. Graphic depictions of a decapitated Trump and other calls for his assassination. Foul language spewed in outrage over Trump and his policies. Left-wing “journalists” twisting the news to incite wrath against the current administration. A losing candidate continuing her harangue against President Trump, accusing him of the lying and deceit of which she has been so blatantly guilty. A former president undermining the current president’s agenda with speeches on foreign soil disrespecting him. Insurrections in major cities by mobs carrying signs proclaiming “Peace” and “Love” while they destroy property and hurl rocks, bottles, and even Molotov cocktails at police officers. Lawlessness expressed in ambushes against law enforcement officers.

Never in the history of America have we seen such open sedition—the calling for the president’s death and the end of our republic.

The First Amendment right to free speech does not protect seditious statements. Yet these people rarely suffer consequences for their rebellious actions and words.

It may be argued that it’s not all on the left. Although the overwhelming violence and hatred spewed out today comes from the left side of the political spectrum, there have also been reports of violence from those on the right. One example is recently elected Montana Representative, Republican Greg Gianforte. Just before the election, Gianforte lost his cool and assaulted Ben Jacobs, a left-wing reporter for the *Guardian* who shoved his mic into Gianforte’s

face with repeated questions regarding the repeal of Obamacare. Gianforte was charged with misdemeanor assault following Jacobs’s accusation that Gianforte “body slammed” him and broke his glasses. As a result, Gianforte was ordered to pay a fine, perform community service and take anger management training, but did not receive jail time. By writing a letter of apology to Jacobs and donating \$50,000 to the Committee to Protect Journalists he avoided a civil lawsuit.

Jacobs was not seriously hurt. Yet unlike most perpetrators of violence on the left, Gianforte has apologized.

One of the latest incidents involved a man with the unfortunate surname of “Christian” who fatally stabbed two men and wounded another who attempted to intervene when he confronted two girls on a bus, one wearing a hijab. Jeremy Joseph Christian was verbally berating the girls, telling them to go back to Saudi Arabia—that they weren’t welcome in the U.S. Christian has a record of first-degree robbery and second-degree kidnapping, as well as possession of a firearm as a felon. He claims that what people are calling terror on his part is “patriotism.” (On the other hand, though downplayed and even ignored by most of the mainstream media, Christian, a suspected neo-Nazi, is a Bernie Sanders supporter, which would place him on the left of the political spectrum—a truly confused person.)

There have been few, relatively inconsequential, reports of hatred from the conservative elements of society, and much of that has been in reaction to having suffered hatred from the left. Were such hatred as prevalent on the right, we can be sure that the mass media would be all over it.

Yet to hear the mainstream media’s take on the subject, it is those on the right who are the perpetrators of anger, hatred, and violence. The major media outlets almost in unison blamed President Trump for Gianforte’s outburst, accusing Trump of laying the groundwork for hatred because of his alleged “anti-Muslim” policies. Yet they seem to treat the attempted assassination of several Republican congressmen with little or no more revulsion than that of Gianforte’s misdemeanor offense. This, too, may be blamed on media bias against President Trump.

A May, 2017, Harvard University study (hardly a conservative bastion), revealed a “shocking level” of media bias against President Trump in U.S. and European outlets.

The percentage of news reports among the seven top U.S. news outlets with a negative tone toward Trump is, on average, a stunning 81.29%. Even the normally conservative *Wall Street Journal* came in at 70% negative, and Fox, contrary to most people’s perceptions, was 52% negative. If Fox were removed from the equation, the overall media bias against Trump among the remaining six outlets would be 86.17% negative.

Although this report reflects only the left-wing media’s bias against Trump, it can be transposed to a large degree to reflect the media’s opinion toward anything or anyone conservative.

CNN has recently been exposed for staging an anti-Trump/pro-Islam protest, arranging the people for their cameras to take best advantage of the anger.

Is it any wonder that the hatred of people is being vented so freely these days when the mass media are feeding the frenzy?

At the seat of hatred and violence lies anger. People are angry on all sides because they are being goaded into giving vent to their sin nature—to the pride of man that takes offense at anyone and anything with which they disagree.

Remember all the hoopla surrounding the claim that the world has entered into the New Age—the “Age of Aquarius”—an age of peace, love, and unity among mankind?

Recall the lyrics to the popular song from the Broadway musical *Hair*:

When the moon is in the seventh house
 And Jupiter aligns with Mars
 Then peace will guide the planets
 And love will steer the stars
 This is the dawning of the age
 Of Aquarius, the age of Aquarius
 Aquarius, Aquarius
 Harmony and understanding
 Sympathy and trust abounding
 No more falsehoods or derisions
 Golden living dreams of visions
 Mystic crystal revelation
 And the mind’s true liberation
 Aquarius, Aquarius

The joke’s on them. The world has entered a New Age, all right. But it’s not an age of love, peace, and unity. It’s the Age of Anger. And most of that anger is coming from the same people whose ideology coincides with the New Age.

It is only recently that Western Civilization was more civilized. On the whole, if people were offended by someone they either engaged in relatively polite discourse, or even avoided confrontation altogether. Now, the slightest offense sets people off in violent rage. People kill people for a traffic offense. People attack people for merely holding a differing political or religious viewpoint. Foul language and cursing are used to excess.

Even true believers in Jesus are pushed to the brink—and sometimes over it—by the foulness of what they witness in the world. Some even resort to foulness, forgetting that we are held to a higher standard than the world.

I confess that while watching the news I sometimes find myself exasperated by the stupidity, ignorance, and downright dishonesty of leftists who seem to have lost all sense of reason, many resorting to insults to express their anger.

It makes me so mad!

So I must compose myself and seek refuge in God’s Word. There I find much to guide me on the subject of anger.

I find that the fault for this New Age of Anger lies with everyone. The difference between the anger expressed on the left as opposed to the right is merely one of degree. People on the left are just more prone to express their anger in violent ways. But anger seethes in the hearts of those on the right also.

In a way, perhaps President Trump can be blamed, at least somewhat. His expressions of frustration with his treatment by the mainstream media, although justified, may well contribute to anger on the right and further distrust of the media from what had been expressed in polls long before Trump’s election. Proverbs 15:1 tells us that “Grievous words stir up anger.”

We should expect the unregenerate to speak grievous words. Such words are spoken first by angry people; they then incite anger in others.

Witnessing the out-of-control behavior of politicians, celebrities, even religious leaders, I can’t help but consider what Scripture has to say:

Anger rests in the bosom of fools. (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

Nevertheless, anger does have its place. It is proper to be angry at those who injure the innocent or take advantage of the weak; it is proper to be angry with magistrates who do not administer their office with justice, truth, and mercy. Provided, of course, that we properly discern what is just and true, and that the mercy is not acquiescence to evil.

Many are rioting in the streets today because they perceive as “unjust” the disparity of income between the wealthy and the poor. But disparity of wealth is not unjust; it is the result of many factors. The only time it is unjust is if the wealthy gain their wealth dishonestly or unjustly.

What is unjust is to take the fruit of a man’s labor and give it to someone else without that man’s consent.

What is unjust is to render one verdict for a certain person that is different for another person, provided that the circumstances are the same. It is as unjust to give deference to the poor as it is to give deference to the wealthy:

You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. (Leviticus 19:15)

Injustice is treating some people differently than other people by those in authority over both.

There are many examples of injustice, and where it is truly present there is cause for righteous anger.

Even so, God’s Word urges us to be slow to anger:

An angry man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger appeases strife. (Proverbs 15:18)

He who is quickly angry deals foolishly.... (Proverbs 14:17)

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. (Proverbs 16:32)

Yes, anger has its place, but not if it provokes us to sin:

Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your anger. (Ephesians 4:26)

Believers in Jesus do not have the luxury to give vent to our anger, especially in our relationships with our brethren:

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and crying out, and evil speaking, be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:31-32)

We must not allow the anger of the world to overtake us, falling into the enemy's trap for worldly sentiments. We must

put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication from our mouths (Colossians 3:8).

Even as we see and hear the anger vented against what is right and proper in this world, we do not have the luxury of engaging in the same.

I speak to myself, even as I write these words.

And here we must exercise discretion regarding those with whom we keep company. The attitudes of others can easily rub off on us. Thus, Scripture exhorts us:

Make no friendship with an angry man; you shall not go with a furious man. (Proverbs 22:24)

When we give vent to anger without righteous cause we are not allowing the Holy Spirit to manifest His fruit in our lives—love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, humility, temperance.

That's a bad trade-off. ❖

SCRIPTURE INTUITION CHECK - WHO SAID IT?

This quiz was submitted to us by a seventeen-year-old girl, Emmett Koppe.

- 1.) "We knelt down on the shore and prayed."
 - a) Matthew
 - b) Acts
 - c) Pilgrims
- 2.) "The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light."
 - a) Matthew
 - b) Ezekiel
 - c) Mark
- 3.) "Love your neighbor as yourself."
 - a) Galatians
 - b) Romans
 - c) James
- 4.) "I will ask you something. Hide nothing from me."
 - a) Jeremiah
 - b) Proverbs
 - c) Donald Trump
- 5.) "Love covers a multitude of sins."
 - a) Ephesians
 - b) Proverbs
 - c) Peter
- 6.) "Every kingdom divided against itself shall not stand"
 - a) Matthew
 - b) Luke
 - c) Abraham Lincoln
- 7.) "The prince asks for gifts, the judge seeks a bribe, and the great man utters his evil desire; so they scheme together."
 - a) Proverbs
 - b) Micah
 - c) African Proverb
- 8.) "The natives showed us unusual kindness for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold."
 - a) Acts
 - b) Joshua
 - c) Lewis and Clark
- 9.) "Though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow [him] to live."
 - a) Joshua
 - b) Acts
 - c) Legend of a pirate
- 10.) "...that the purpose of God according to the election might stand."
 - a) Romans
 - b) Acts
 - c) 2016 Billy Graham election material

ANSWERS

- 1 - b: Acts 21:5; 2 - a b & c: Matthew 24:29, Ezekiel 32:7, Mark 13:24; 3 - a b & c: Galatians 5:14, James 2:8, Romans 13:9; 4 - a & b: Jeremiah 38:14, 2 Samuel 14:18; 5 - b & c: 1 Peter 4:8, Proverbs 10:12; 6 - a & b: Matthew 12:25, Luke 11:17; 7 - b: Micah 7:3; 8 - a: Acts 28:2; 9 - b: Acts 28:4; 10 - a: Romans 9:11.

Oregon Senate Bill 494

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According to ORL, the bill is being pushed by big insurance companies to amend Oregon's advance directive.

"It's disheartening that the proponents of Senate Bill 494 have sold it as a basic 'update' to Oregon law," said Gayle Atteberry, Oregon Right to Life executive director. "The reality is that it will remove current safeguards in Oregon's advance directive statute that protect conscious patients' access to ordinary food and water when they no longer have the ability to make decisions about their own care."

Under current law, the health care representative does not have the authority to end an incompetent person's life unless that person is in a specific end-of-life situation. SB 494 would amend the law to allow the health-care representative to end one's life even if one's only handicap is dementia but is otherwise healthy.

COMMENTARY

Oregon has been in the forefront of promoting the death industry from the womb to the funeral home. Money takes precedent over human life. Might the next step be Soylent Green? ❖

Ethiopians migrate to Israel

CHARISMA NEWS REPORTED on a group of Ethiopian Falash Mura who arrived at Ben Gurion Airport on Tuesday, June 12, as part of a collaborative effort between the Jewish Agency for Israel and the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ). ICEJ, a Christian Zionist global organization, sponsored this latest Ethiopian immigration wave to Israel. Falash Mura is the name of the Beta Israel community in Ethiopia and Eritrea that converted to Christianity under pressure from the Christian Mission during the 19th and 20th centuries. With the establishment of the Jewish state, they are returning to their roots, reconverting to Judaism, which, under the Israeli Law of Return, will allow them to obtain citizenship.

The *Charisma News* article is titled "Are We Watching Ezekiel 36:24 Come to Pass Before Our Eyes?"

COMMENTARY

Ezekiel 36:24 is not coming to pass before our eyes. That verse is a prophecy of Israel's return to the Promised Land during the Millennial Kingdom age; it is not a prophecy for this age. Part of that prophecy is that Yahweh will purify Israel from all her uncleanness (verse 29), and that He will be their Elohiym (God), and they will be His people. The Jewish citizens of Israel are not cleansed as yet, with the exception of those who believe in Yeshua as their Messiah and have given their wills over to His will.

During this current age the people of Yahweh are the true disciples of His Son. Only through faith in Jesus Christ may one enter into sonship with the Father. There is only one name under Heaven by which one may be saved—the name of Jesus (Acts 4:10-12).

Yet here we have these Christian Zionists not only rejoicing that these Ethiopian "Christians" are abandoning that name and converting to apostate Judaism, these Christian Zionists are aiding and abetting their apostasy. Blinded by their love for the secular Zionist state of Israel, they (and *Charisma News*) are rejoicing over it.

Our readers know how we stand in support of Israel against those who would destroy her. However, we also know that the current return of Jews to Israel is not the prophesied final return which will occur only when Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom on the earth. It is but a prelude to His return, which Scripture reveals will occur while the Jews occupy Jerusalem. The stage is set, but these people err in applying Millennial Age prophecies to the present age and the present ungodly Zionist State of Israel.

For Christians to aid and abet the turning away from Christ in order to become citizens of that state is a great sin and an affront to our Holy Father.

Granted, these people have more than likely never been born again by the Spirit of God, and therefore cannot be expected to stand in the faith. But it is a great shame upon the ICEJ and *Charisma* for celebrating their open rebuke of faith in Jesus. ❖

Oakland CA Police Oversight Commission Ex-cons welcome

THE CITY OF Oakland, California recently passed Measure LL, establishing a police commission to oversee the city's police department. Applications are being taken from people who would like to serve as non-paid members of the commission. The commission has the authority to fire the Chief of Police and to oversee the Community Police Review Agency (CPRA), also holding the power to fire the director of the CPRA.

Background checks will be conducted to make sure that no undesirable applicants are permitted to serve on the commission. To that end, the application instructions state:

- Commissioners cannot be any of the following:
- Current police officer
- Current City of Oakland employee
- Former Oakland police officer
- Current or former representative of a police officer labor union

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of which we write to be eradicated or even severely curtailed. Our purpose in writing is for the protection of our brothers and sisters in Christ who may ignorantly fall victim to the world system. We offer warning of an insidious collusion between the government, the pharmaceutical industry, and the media to cover up the effects of a particular vaccine that is wreaking havoc on the lives of innocent children.

The truths and the facts presented herein are based on thoroughly documented evidence from unimpeachable sources, including the leading scientist for the study on the connection between the Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He is attempting, against much opposition at the CDC to bring these facts to light. His testimony, and the testimonies of other experts in the medical field are presented in *Vaxxed: From Cover-up to Catastrophe*, a new DVD from Cinema Libre.

That connection has allegedly been debunked by leading experts in the medical field, so we will merely present the evidence from this DVD. You may make up your own mind on the matter, but we suggest that you give some serious consideration to what is offered herein.

Before we address the aforementioned collusion in detail, let us start with some alarming facts borne out by undeniable statistics related to the exponential increase in the incidents of autism among young children.

According to Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, founder of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD):

From an official diagnostic perspective—the way we define autism—we were looking at deficits in two

areas. The first is social communication and social interaction. And in that area we require three specific symptoms to be present—symptoms such as no social emotional reciprocity, no non-verbal communication (that means eye contact for instance), or no development of relationships.

The second required area of deficit is the presence of stereotypic, repetitive restricted behaviors. And these are things like hand slapping, body rocking, insistence on routines being the same.

One of the new additions is the presence of a sensory dysregulation. If a child has an inability to sense things correctly—not necessarily hearing things the way we do—that could be classified as a symptom of autism.

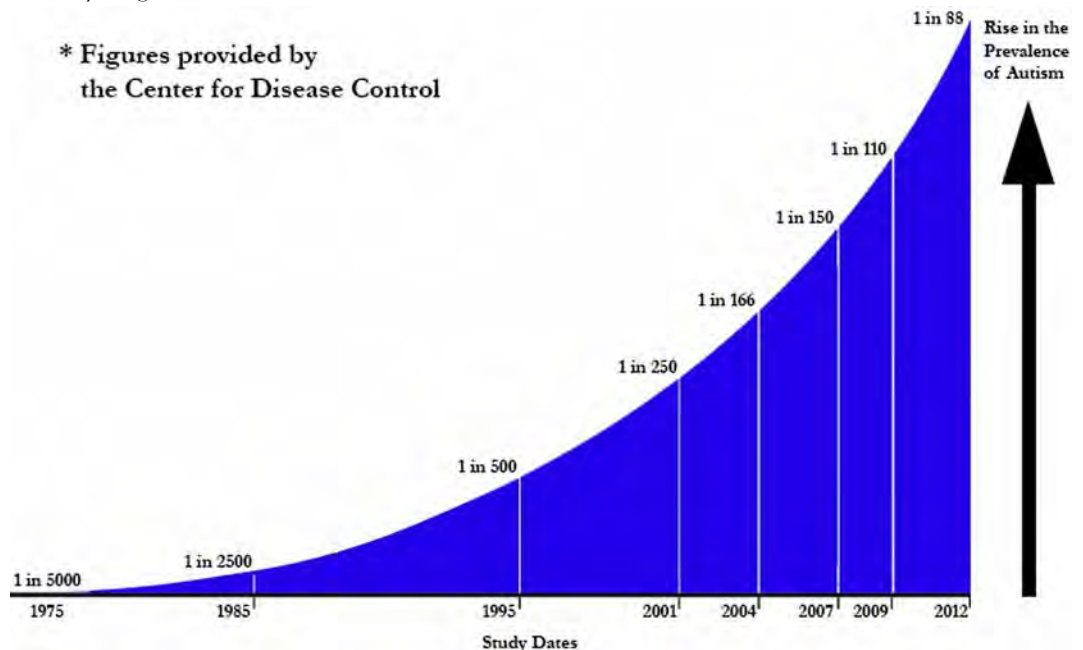
So if you have five symptoms—two in the area of repetitive behaviors, and three in the area of social communication deficit—then you’ll get a classification of what’s called Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

For me it became really necessary to start looking at what types of medical issues are these children going through? What are the other factors that have affected them—that have brought them to this level of symptomology that we call autism?

There are very few people today who have not been touched by this disorder either directly or indirectly. Virtually everyone knows someone personally who has experienced autism in their family. Scientists tell us there is no known cause for autism. Even so, it is among the most rapidly increasing diseases.

Every couple of years the CDC provides a number of the percentage of children diagnosed with autism. The CDC’s graph below shows US Autism Prevalence spanning the years from 1975 to 2012 (the latest we could attain).

* Figures provided by the Center for Disease Control



In 1975, the incidents of autism among children were 1 in 5,000. By 1985, it had doubled to 1 in 2,500. By 1995, it had reached the level of 1 in 500. As of 2017 it has reached the alarming rate of 1 in 45! Every seven minutes a child in the U.S. is diagnosed with autism, which is four times more common in boys than in girls.

Says pediatrician Jim Sears, M.D.:

Before 1930 the rate of autism in the world was effectively zero. And then for a long time it was one in 10,000. Since, really, the mid- to late 80s, we've gone from this low prevalence environment to a rate of increase where the trend is still vertical. We've not seen a flattening in trend.

MIT Senior Research Scientist Stephani Seneff, PhD, states that by 2032, 1 in 2 children will be diagnosed with autism:

If we assume that things are going to continue as they have for the past 30 years into the future, we can predict that by 2032, 80% of the boys born will end up on the autism spectrum. Half the children, 80% of the boys.

Despite the denials that the MMR vaccine is responsible, the fact remains that since the vaccine was introduced in 1971, the incidents of autism in young children has skyrocket. So if the vaccine isn't responsible, what is causing this alarming increase in the incidents of autism in young children? The medical community has no answer.

However, in *Vaxxed*, just a few of many testimonies are presented which seem to bear out the claim that the combined MMR vaccine is the culprit. *Vaxxed* won the Health Freedom Congress Award in 2016 for its documented exposé of collusion among the government, the pharmaceutical industry, and the media to hide the facts of the MMR vaccine's implication in the cause of autism.

It seems fantastic to think that so many people in areas of influence would conspire to hide these facts at the cost of millions of children's lives and wellbeing.

Originally a skeptic of the MMR-Autism connection, Dr. Sears echoed the sentiments of so many in the medical field:

The CDC in my opinion is one of the—it's where I go to if I need information about infectious disease. I probably either go on their website or open one of their reference books every day. That building is filled with a lot of scientists that are smarter than me.

What Sears and so many others who blindly trust the government don't understand is that smart doesn't necessarily equate to ethical.

There is a good reason for the collusion to protect the MMR vaccine's reputation. As the adage goes, "Follow the money."

Vaxxed came about through the collaboration of environmental biologist Dr. Brian Hooker and Dr. William Thompson, a Senior Scientist at the CDC. Dr. Thompson led the agency's 2004 study on the MMR vaccine and its link to autism. He accuses the CDC of omitting crucial data in their final report—data that revealed a causal relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism. Over several months, Dr. Hooker recorded the phone conversations he had with Dr. Thompson, who provided confidential data that had been purposely destroyed by his colleagues at the CDC.

For his documentary, Dr. Hooker enlisted the help of Dr. Andrew Wakefield, the British gastroenterologist falsely accused of starting the anti-vax movement when he first reported in 1998 that the MMR vaccine may cause autism.

The video contains interviews with pharmaceutical insiders, doctors, politicians, and parents of vaccine-injured children that reveal a sinister deception which has contributed to the skyrocketing increase of autism and potentially the most catastrophic epidemic of our lifetime.

Many parents whose children have been diagnosed with autism are blaming the MMR vaccine for the horror that has invaded their lives.

Jeanna Reed, a licensed practical nurse (LPN), gives an account of the onset of autism in her son Ian:

My oldest son, Ian, was born normal, developing normally. He was this beautiful boy, and we ended up at our 12-month visit, which was one year, and they gave him multiple vaccines all at once, and within seven days he had 104 fever and a rash all over his body. He had previously been noted in our videos—home videos—that he was walking and actually running at that point. Seven days after the vaccine he was no longer able to do that. He was falling down, he became a really sick, sick little boy.

Mark Blaxill's daughter was diagnosed with autism in 1998. As a result, he wrote with Dan Olmsted *The Age of Autism: Mercury, Medicine, and a Man-Made Epidemic*. Says Blaxill:

Michaela was born typical, everything was fine, was developing normally through her first birthday. We have vivid memories of early language, enjoying attention, lots of play, she was adorable, beautiful, cute. And then, somewhere in the months after, she began to slip away, and she lost language, and she began to retreat into a world of her own. And at two-years, nine months, we got a formal diagnosis of full syndrome autism.

Polly Tommey:

I couldn't wait to be a mom. I remember specifically, before we even got married, we were talking about how important children would be in our lives.

We were going to be the most perfect parents that we could be.

At two, four, and six months, Billy had his normal baby vaccines. A little bit sniffly, chesty cold maybe after the last one, so me, in my perfect mother mode, wanted to rush to the doctor. Is he okay? Do I need to give him anything?

“Yes, you need to give him antibiotics just to make sure there’s not an infection in there.”

It didn’t clear up. Brought him back to the doctor, “He needs more antibiotics; let’s just keep these going in him.”

And I remember my mother calling me up, and my mother is a homeopathic hippie. And she said, “What are you doing chucking those antibiotics down your son—for what?”

Now I’m saying to her, “Mum, with all due respect, you’re an artist, and they’re doctors. So they know best.”

He was due his normal vaccination at twelve months. So the morning, exactly to the day, my friend, she said to me, “Listen, I’ve heard that there may be a problem with this vaccine you’re about to take Billy in for.”

I said, “You’re crazy. What is the matter with you? If there was a problem with the vaccination it would be headline news, the doctor would be calling me up, saying, ‘Do not bother coming in; this is not a safe vaccine.’ None of that is happening. You’re being negative. You’re being careless and you’re listening to what some rumor that you heard somewhere. Billy could become dead if I don’t take him in now.”

The day Billy got the MMR was a living nightmare—it was the worst day of my life to be honest with you.

His eyes were doing this [pupils rolling in upper eye lids], and he was shaking like this [convulsive].

There’s immediate fear in John, and there’s immediate, mommy, this isn’t going to happen....

And we get to the hospital, we rush him in and the doctors are coming in, and were looking at him. That’s when they said, “He’s had a reaction; he’s had a seizure. But this is normal; this is common for many, many children who have this vaccination. It’s absolutely okay. It’s going to be fine.”

Nobody ever told me that there would be any side effects to any of the vaccinations my children had.

He slept in the bed with us that night. He seemed just very, very sleepy. In fact, he didn’t really ever wake up to the Billy that we had before.

You get checked in England with your baby at certain times by health visitors. So at nine months Billy had his full blown check, and it said, “No

parental concerns,” “Baby laughing, babbling, talking,” so we passed that with flying colors.

Eighteen months is when they next come in, and by this time we know there’s something seriously wrong with Billy.

His tummy started to get bigger, and bigger—bloating, rock-hard bloated tummy. He started to walk on tip-toes; his hair fell out. This dreadful high-pitched scream—sort of whinny scream comes out from him, and then the head-banging. The constant banging against his crib; constant banging against the floor or wall, or anything that he could find to bang his head on. He would thrash it and thrash it.

John and I would lie in bed at night just listening to this “thud,” “thud,” “thud.”

There’s nothing—not even noticing his sister that he used to play with. John comes through the front door after work, no recognition that we were his parents, or this child even belonged to us.

Nothing, nothing, gone.

Because of her experience, Polly Tommey founded *Autism File* magazine for families with autistic children.

Says Polly’s husband, John Tommey:

I came in and I saw him lying in his cot, listless. He started this uncontrollable shaking—uncontrollable shaking. Imagine coming out of a frozen pond. And I remember, she grasped him and held him really tight to her chest.

Following his fibril convulsion that he had the same day as the MMR, we were told to take him home.

Probably within five or six days, the first sign, really, was this vacancy. He wasn’t the same smiley little baby that he was before. He had a blank expression. Then the diarrhea kicked in.

Brian Hooker himself has had to face the horror of autism in his own child:

My son Stephen was born in February of 1998. Two weeks after his fifteen-month vaccines he lost all language; he lost all eye contact. You’d pick him up and he would just hang limp. This is a time where CDC was just starting to do these studies on vaccines and autism.

As a scientist I have over 60 technical and scientific publications, and major international scientific journals, and I was contacting the CDC and was deeply critical of their studies. And so the CDC decided that the scientist who was going to interface with me at that time was Dr. William Thompson, because I was on his back, because he didn’t like what I was saying about the statistics.

I received a letter from a CDC attorney in 2004 saying that I was no longer permitted to contact the CDC.

In time, Dr. Thompson's review of the facts regarding the research at the CDC convinced him that he had been involved in a diabolical cover-up that was costing the lives and wellbeing of millions of people—victims of autism and their families. In *Vaxxed*, Thompson states:

I have waited a long time to tell my story and I want to tell it truthfully.

I was involved in deceiving millions of taxpayers regarding the potential negative side effects of vaccines.

We lied about the scientific findings. The CDC can no longer be trusted to do vaccine safety work. Can't be trusted to be transparent. The CDC can't be trusted to police itself.

Thompson confesses to having great shame for being part of the problem of autism's increase in American society.

In spite of the facts surrounding the exponential increase in autism from the time the MMR vaccine was first administered in 1971, the U.S. government has campaigned for the continued use of the vaccine, utilizing the media and celebrities to deny and even ridicule the idea of even the possibility that the MMR vaccine may cause autism. In *Vaxxed*, Penn Jillette of the legerdemain team, Penn & Teller, is seen using foul obscenities to deny the MMR vaccine's culpability. So, too, is Bill Maher seen dropping the f-bomb on the idea.

Barack Obama, while he was occupying the White House, stated, "I would strongly encourage everybody, look at the science, look at the facts, CDC—the Centers for Disease Control—will give you good information. Get your children vaccinated."

So who are we to believe? Barack Obama, who has been a notorious liar, deceiving the American public for decades, media celebrities who don't know anything more than what they're told by the government, or a high level CDC scientist involved in the study, who wants to be subpoenaed by Congress to testify to the cover-up?

As Mark Blaxill says, "No one's career has been advanced in the medical-industrial complex by being outwardly and openly critical of the vaccine industry."

I would ask, what have these people to gain by challenging the accepted wisdom that favors vaccines? They often lose their positions and are shunned by their colleagues. On the other hand, pharmaceutical companies, in collusion with the government bureaucrats whom they lobby for their industry's benefit, stand to gain billions of dollars in profits from the vaccines. So which side has the greater credibility?

Del BigTree, an investigative medical journalist, has this to say about the disconnect between vaccine studies (based largely on CDC information) and reality:

As an investigative medical journalist, I've spent the last seven years working on one of the best medical talk shows in the world. We know in medicine that there have been many, many studies proving that vaccines do not cause autism. But the problem I have always had with that is thousands and thousands of parents all telling the same story: My child got a vaccine—usually the MMR vaccine—and then that night, or the next day, broke out in fever. And then when they came out of the fever, lost speech, lost the ability to walk—basically regressed into what we know as autism, and never came back.

Doctors used to be told to listen to their patient. That was the cornerstone of medicine as we know it. But something's changed recently, where the patient doesn't know what they're talking about.

And these parents with their stories of their children have just been written off as though they have no idea of what's going on with their child. I have two kids, and anyone that has children knows that when we first have babies we are overly sensitive to every little hiccup, every cough, every snuffle. So to say that a parent was just unaware that their child had issues, and suddenly they realized that one year later, that, oh, they have autism, that doesn't make sense to me.

And so I wanted to look into this story and find out what is this disconnect between medicine, science, and real parents.

DID THE CDC COMMIT FRAUD?

Dr. Andrew Wakefield states that "the analysis plan is one of the most important parts of a scientific study. It's the laws or the rules to which the scientists will adhere while doing the study. And the analysis plan is put together by the scientists themselves. Sometimes their superiors weigh in, but once they've locked in that analysis plan, it says this is how we're going to use the data. And you can't deviate from that analysis plan or you're at risk for fraud—scientific fraud."

According to Dr. Wakefield, William Thompson "not only played a major role in developing the analysis plan, he was the numbers guy. He was responsible for collecting the data, analyzing the data, and presenting the results. And by November, 2001, the results were in."

Says Thompson:

Now with the MMR autism one, we had an analysis plan that we were supposed to execute as was written, and I'm going to be sharing these draft analysis plans that we had, and you can see whether we did what we said we were going to do.

That analysis plan had been agreed upon, not only by the co-authors, but also CDC superiors.

Dr. Wakefield continues:

In order to conceal the effect of the MMR, what they had to do was to reduce the number of children in the study in order to reduce what is referred to as the statistical power—that is, the ability of the study to detect the difference if one genuinely exists.

In the analysis plan they had agreed to use two sources of information. The first was the children’s school records, and the second was the children’s Georgia birth certificate records. So while every child in the study had a school record, only half of the children in the study had a Georgia birth certificate record because the other half had been born in other states.

So the analysis plan was explicit. Information on a child’s race was to come from their school records. But when confronted by data that revealed an increased risk of autism in African American children, they deviated from their analysis plan. They chose to get the race data not from the school record, but from the Georgia birth certificate record.

Instead of having 3,000 individuals in the study, it went down to about 1,800. The relative risk went down from 2.64 to 1.8, but more importantly, that relative risk was no longer statistically significant.

So the evidence suggests that the CDC deviated from its analysis plan after seeing something that they didn’t like. This, says Dr. Wakefield, constitutes scientific fraud.

But why would a government agency like the CDC do this? Says Mark Blaxill:

The CDC can’t take money directly from pharma, but they can set up a foundation, and the foundation can attract donations from commercial interests, and does. Merck, GlaxoSmithKline, now Pfizer, Sanofi Aventis, have huge multi-billion dollar vaccine businesses. They’re profitable, they’ve grown because some of these new high-tech vaccines that are patented, that are high priced, get protected by this little cocoon of regulatory capture in HHS [Dept. of Health & Human Services], and are guaranteed multi-billion dollar franchises.

It’s no secret. I think they published their intention which is they want to create an environment of constant vaccination from cradle to grave. They want infant vaccines expanded—flu shots, DTaP boosters, gardasil shots, meningococcal shots. They want adult vaccines; they want you and me to come in and get a constant barrage of shots. And then they want vaccines for the elderly.

As for Big Pharma, the profits range into the trillions of dollars. Brandy Vaughn was a Merck sales representative from 2001 to 2003. Her testimony is telling:

When I was working at Merck, I was a sales rep for Vioxx. The whole scandal started when it was discovered that Merck had manipulated data and covered up the fact that Vioxx had actually caused twice the amount of heart attacks and strokes than the placebo.

I think we get into a very dangerous territory with vaccinations. If a drug company gets just one vaccine out of its schedule they can make upwards of 30 billion dollars in one year.

We have a highly profitable product because the safety testing isn’t as vigorous as a normal pharmaceutical drug. The gold standard is double-blind, placebo-based, long-term study. And that just isn’t done with vaccines because they’re classified in a different way as a public health measure. And they haven’t been tested in combination with other vaccines. Yet doctors give six to nine doses per visit.

It’s insane. If a pharmaceutical drug was tested like this it wouldn’t be on the market. But because it’s a vaccine, and the safety testing is less rigorous, our children are being experimented on.

Vioxx caused some 50,000 deaths, but Merck stayed in business after paying fines that are miniscule in relation to their profits.

Similarly, the facts are in from the MMR “experiment,” and nothing has changed; in fact, the government and medical and pharmaceutical industries turn a blind eye to the data. As Vaughn says, “What I learned from that experience was, just because things were on the market does not mean that they are safe.”

Aside from the CDC’s complicity, even Congress has been complicit in absolving Big Pharma from responsibility for any damage caused by its products.

In the last 30 years, the childhood vaccine schedule has tripled, while the U.S. autism rate has skyrocketed from one in 10,000 to one in fifty. Dozens of published research papers show that, yes, vaccines and autism are linked. Yet the debate rages on, in part because of the 1986 *National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act* passed by Congress as a result of pharmaceutical lobbying. It shields drug companies from liability for injuries and deaths caused by the vaccines they manufacture—vaccines that the federal government admits are unavoidably unsafe.

Instead of suing the pharmaceutical company directly, parents are forced to petition the Department of Health and Human Services, and, if federal health officials oppose compensation, the case is argued before a special master in the U.S. Claims Court. Many refer to this as “Vaccine Court.”

Here are some shocking facts about the so-called Vaccine Court: Pharmaceutical companies do not have to participate in the proceedings at all. Taxpayers pay for all damages. The

U.S. Department of Justice acts as the government's lawyer with taxpayers footing the bill for their defense.

Jim Moody, J.D., a Public Interest Attorney states:

Beginning in 2002, there were already thousands of cases accumulating in Vaccine Court. An average compensation for an autistic child is in the range of 5 million dollars. So just do the math. The government was facing several hundred billion—and possibly a trillion—dollars in liability. As the autism epidemic grew, they had to develop a fraudulent study that would exonerate MMR to deliberately defeat the cases in Vaccine Court to avoid paying a trillion dollars. The thousands of autism petitioners were denied their fair day in court by a corrupt and deliberate obstruction of justice. It is one of the most unethical medical decisions of all time, because it was made with knowledge to sacrifice these children as a direct affront to the congressional mandate that they all be compensated.

The CDC's fraudulent MMR Study has been used to deny the claims of children with autism.

ISOLATED AUTISM

An important aspect of the CDC study on autism deals with what is called "Isolated Autism." Dr. Andrew Wakefield explains:

When the CDC researchers set out to do the study, they asked themselves the question, "If early MMR vaccine causes autism, in which children would we be most likely to find this effect?"

Their answer was "Children with no developmental concerns for the first year of life—children who were perfectly healthy until they received the MMR vaccine."

They call this group "Isolated Autism."

Now this does not refer to an isolated case of autism or an isolated group of autism. They isolated autism out for children who had no co-morbid conditions apart from their autism. No cerebral palsy; no mental retardation; no visual or hearing impairment; no epilepsy; and no birth defects.

This risk group includes essentially every healthy child in the world.

Brian Hooker says of Dr. Thompson:

In Isolated Autism he [Bill Thompson] saw a very, very strong effect specific to those kids that got the MMR on time. When Bill Thompson ran those numbers he saw an astronomical effect—some of the numbers where actually the relative risks were as high as seven or eight times higher with these kids that were diagnosed with just Isolated Autism—no other diagnosis vs. those controls.

Del Bigtree reveals how much greater the onset of autism is in those who receive the MMR vaccine prior to age three, as opposed to later in life:

Here is what's really scary. When we look at Isolated Autism, we see that there's an up to seven-fold increase in the incidents of autism between those that receive the vaccine between 12 and 18 months vs. those that got it after three years old. But let's be perfectly clear: every child in the study had received the MMR vaccine. What would the numbers be if you compared children who got the vaccine between 12 and 18 months vs. children that never got the vaccine at all?

This is often referred to as the *vax vs. the unvax* study.

And the CDC refuses to do this study—even though every drug that we take has been through this exact study. There's a group who take the drug, and then they compare it with a group that do not take the drug. And they see, are there more side-effects and complications with the group that takes the drug?

So why does the CDC refuse to do the *vax vs. unvax* study?

Probably because when we look at the results of this study, we realize that the risk would be astronomical. It is likely to be one of the major reasons we're seeing this skyrocketing increase in autism worldwide.

A question arises in my own mind about children who don't go all the way into autism regardless of age when they receive the MMR vaccine. Are they perhaps affected sufficiently to hamper their full potential physically, mentally, and emotionally?

There is no study to address that question.

MMR vs. Separate Vaccines

Another important fact that is documented in *Vaxxed* is that the administering of the individual vaccines for measles, mumps, and rubella do not have the same debilitating effects that occur with the combined MMR vaccine.

Says Brian Hooker:

The CDC, the way they do research studies is very reactionary. They look at something that's creating press and creating a buzz that could actually lower vaccination rates, and that's what they study. They don't study vaccines proactively. So if Andy [Andrew Wakefield] had never done his original study and gotten it published in *The Lancet*, it would never have created the uproar that rightfully it should have created, then the CDC would have never studied this.

Prior to a scheduled press conference on the MMR vaccine in the UK, Andrew Wakefield adds:

The 250-page report [*The Safety of Measles Vaccine – A Report by Dr. AJ Wakefield FRCS – 1996*] was compiled by me showing that the vaccine safety studies for MMR in particular were lamentable. They were lamentable. Many, many assumptions had been made about the safety of this vaccine. And there had been problems which had been airbrushed.

So I wrote to my colleagues and the Dean, and I said, “Going forward there are going to be questions about what parents should do next. I cannot in good conscience support the continued use of the MMR vaccine, having done this research.”

I said that I would continue to vigorously support the use of the single vaccine, but can no longer support the use of the triple MMR vaccine.

So the Dean, as chairman of that committee, had three choices: he could have not had a press conference; he could have banned me from the press conference; or when the question came up, as inevitably it would, what do parents do next about vaccinating their children, he knew what my response would be; he could have deflected the question to someone else.

When the question came up on the day, he directed it straight to me.

I assure you, we are not at odds on our perception of the need for measles vaccination. We are all agreed on that—that is extremely important.

All I recommended at that press conference was that parents opt for the use of the single vaccines—single measles, single mumps, single rubella, until the issue had been resolved scientifically.

What happened, when I made that recommendation, unilateral decisions were made by the government in the UK to withdraw the importation license for the single vaccines, Merck opting in the U.S. to cease the production of the single vaccines, giving parents no option.

I said to a senior representative of the Department of Health, “Why, if you’re objective is to protect children against serious infectious disease, why would you take away the option of how parents do that?”

And she said, “Because if we allow parents the choice of single vaccines it would destroy our MMR program.”

In other words, the concern was for the protection of the program over and above the protection of children.

CONCLUSION

This report has been written for the benefit of our brethren in the Body of Christ particularly, in hopes that their children will not be compelled to receive the MMR

vaccine. After viewing the documented information in *Vaxxed*, we urge our brethren to consider some options:

They may wish to refrain from submitting their children to the MMR vaccine until they are at least three years old;

They may wish to refrain from vaccines altogether;

They may wish to remove their children from public schools that insist their children be vaccinated, regardless of the risks at any age;

They may wish to petition their senator and representative to hold a Congressional hearing on the MMR vaccine, specifically subpoenaing Dr. Thompson to present the CDC data that had been destroyed by his colleagues but preserved by him for just such an investigation.

I would also recommend that they obtain a copy of *Vaxxed* and loan it to their pediatrician. Some medical professionals have changed their mind about the MMR vaccine after viewing the facts. In addition, they may wish to show it to their family and friends, particularly those with small children.

Some may object to our addressing something “unspiritual” such as this subject, but when we consider the mental as well as physical adversities attached to the MMR vaccine, can we really say it does not affect the spiritual aspects of these children’s lives?

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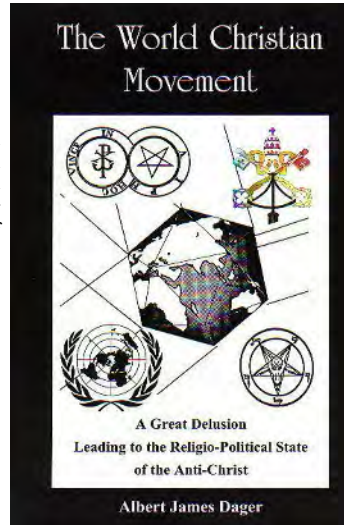
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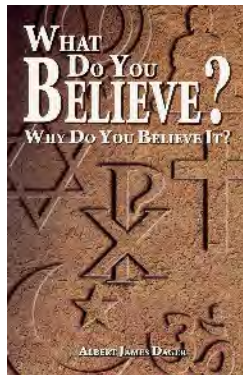
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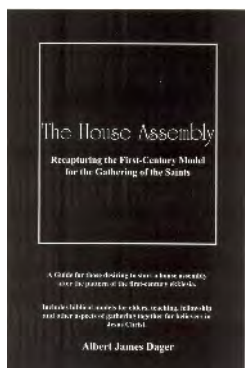
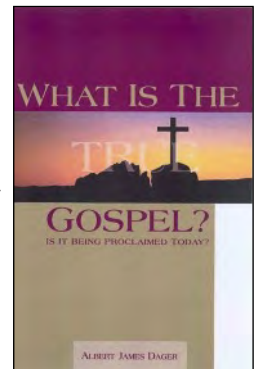


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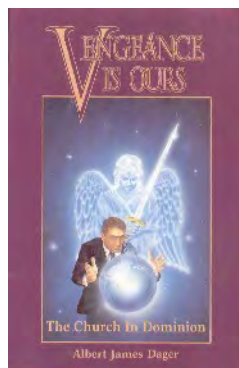
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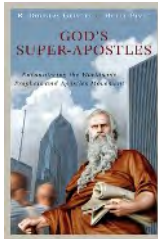
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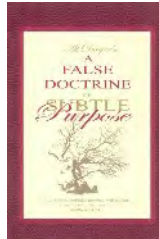
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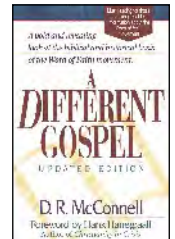
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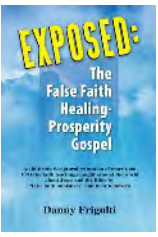
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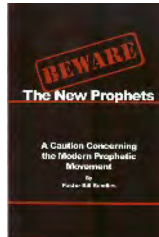
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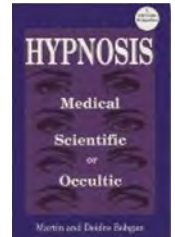
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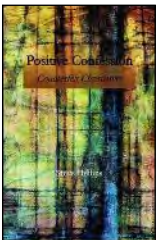
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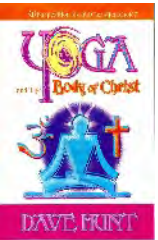
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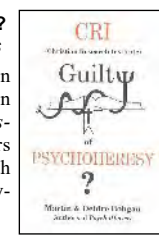
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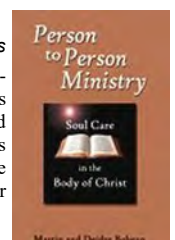
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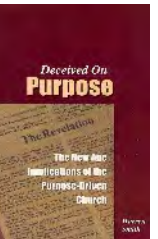
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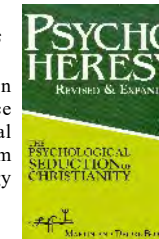
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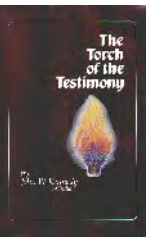
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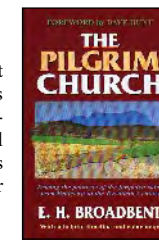
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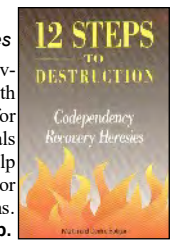
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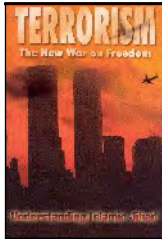
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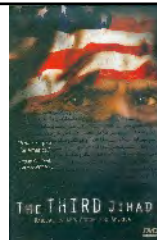
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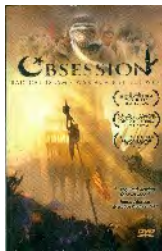
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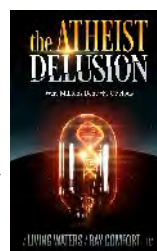
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COMMENTARY

Let me get this straight. Formerly convicted criminals will pass the background check, but former police officers won't?

So for the sake of this new police oversight commission, good is considered evil, and evil is considered good.

Where have I heard of that before?

The inmates really are running the asylum!❖

First 'Jacob Sheep' born in Israel Said to portend third temple

CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS AND many Jews are ecstatic over the birth in Israel of a rare breed of sheep called "Jacob's sheep." According to *Charisma's* reference to an article in breakingnewsisrael.com, "The precious flock of 119 Jacob's Sheep, a rare breed experts believe originated in Israel, finally returned in November after a journey of 2,000 years. Experts believe the unique breed, originally raised by Jacob, accompanied the Hebrews into slavery in Egypt and spread from there to North Africa. The Moors traded them to Spain, and then to England. Collectors have since brought them to North America. Considered a "heritage" breed, meaning the sheep retain many of their genetic traits, they thrive in desert climes and have four horns."

The article states further that, "One Torah Codes expert found an amazingly precise and detailed description of the flock's arrival and the role it will play in bringing the third temple."

The Jacob sheep were imported to Israel from England where they have been bred for centuries.

COMMENTARY

Before believers in Christ get too excited about this, perhaps we should learn something about the history of the so-called Jacob sheep. Jacob sheep have been in existence for centuries. According to the Jacob Sheep Breeders Association, the actual origins are not known. "Pictorial evidence traces movement of these sheep through North Africa, Sicily, Spain and on to England." However, legends abound about the Jacob Sheep being the direct descendants of the flock of sheep acquired by Jacob during the time he worked for his father-in-law Laban, or that they were washed

ashore during the attempted British invasion of the Spanish Armada during the reign of Elizabeth I. But these are merely legends; there is no empirical evidence that they are descended from Jacob's flock. They are not called "Jacob's sheep"; they are called "Jacob sheep." They are not named for any evidence they came from Jacob's flock, but merely because they are piebald, having white and dark-colored areas of wool. And even if they were descended from Jacob's flock, there is no biblical reference to their being essential to temple worship.

The hysteria over a third temple being built in the Zionist state of Israel is misplaced. The Third Temple prophesied in the Book of Ezekiel will not be built by apostate Judaism; it will be built by the Lord Jesus Christ after He returns to establish His Millennial Kingdom:

"Look! I will send My messenger, and He shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple—the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Look! He shall come!" says YHWH of Hosts.

But who may stand in the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap, and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. And He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them like gold and silver, that they may offer to YHWH an offering in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasant to YHWH as in the days of old, and as in former years. (Malachi 3:1-4)

Malachi's prophecy was partially fulfilled when Jesus came to the temple to cleanse it. But His act of cleansing was not permanent, because Israel slid further into apostasy after crucifying Him. The ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy must take place during the Millennium.

Likewise, the prophecies of Ezekiel have to do with the Millennium, not the present age. The application of Ezekiel 40:1 all the way through 47:12 to an alleged temple to be built in present-day Israel is erroneous. According to Zechariah, the Word of YHWH said that Jesus will build the next temple:

"And speak to him, saying, 'YHWH of Hosts says this: "See the man whose name is The Branch. And He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of YHWH. He shall build the temple of YHWH, and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a priest upon His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of YHWH. And those who are far off [the distant future] shall come and build in the temple of YHWH,

and you shall know that YHWH of Hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you will diligently obey the voice of YHWH your God.”” (Zechariah 6:12-15)

The idea that some future third temple will be built in the Zionist State of Israel, and that the future anti-Christ will set up in it the abomination of desolation, is the result of misunderstanding this and other Scriptures that relate to the second temple. There can be no legitimate temple built

before Jesus returns; God will not sanction any sacrifices as long as faith in Jesus is the only means of salvation. Thus, He would never call a man-made temple “the temple of God” (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Christians are being deceived by the Christian Zionist propaganda that dismisses the need for Jews to come to Christ for salvation.

As usual, *Charisma* hops on another bandwagon to promote this misleading Christian Zionist error. ❖



Dear Al,

God bless you and Sister Jean.

I've been ministering to the gay men in here. It seems a lot of them believe they were born that way. Some even go so far as to say that God made them that way, which I know isn't true.

I have a heart for these men. Some have confused the matter even more by turning into a transgendered female. They act, dress, and talk like a female. This has to be the doing of an unclean spirit working in them that which is unnatural.

What is your take on this? I would like some info and maybe an article or book that can help me understand what is going on here.

I mean it's an explosion in here; this community is on the rise.

This further shows that the coming of the Lord is sooner than we think.

Please let me know what I should do as far as witnessing to them. I do pray earnestly for their salvation.

I'm not a Calvinist. I do believe Jesus Christ can save them if they would call upon Him.

The Calvinists here have labeled them all as non-elect reprobates.

That's cruel. No grace or love there.

But the Gospel goes out to all the ungodly, right?

I know they need Jesus Christ.

Well, thank you for your prayers and support. I love you in Jesus.

Keep up the good work. We are almost there.

Your Brother in Christ,

V.R., Corcoran, CA

Dear V.R.,

Thank you for your letter and words of encouragement. We appreciate our brethren in prison who maintain their testimony in spite of their difficult circumstances.

You are dealing with a difficult and volatile situation when you attempt to minister to homosexuals and “transgendered” people, because the political climate is opposed to any attempts to persuade them from their ways. But the political climate does not absolve us of the duty to proclaim the Gospel with the hope of converting such lost souls.

As for homosexuals being “born that way,” or “made that way by God,” one would have to deny the truth of Scripture to accept that excuse. God's Word is clear: “You shall not lie with men as with women; it is abomination” (Leviticus 18:22).

God would not create people one way, then forbid them to act in the manner for which they were created. It is because they have rejected the true God that they have given themselves over to sin without remorse.

Because when they knew God they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their imagination, and their foolish hearts were darkened....

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creation more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile affections, for even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also, the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another—men with men, doing that which is indecent, and receiving within themselves the return of their error, which was suitable. (Romans 1:21-27)

Although not all such people have rejected the concept of the Biblical God and become pagans, they have all refused to glorify Him as God in the sense that they reject His Words of righteousness for their own lives. God's Word clearly states

that homosexuality is abomination, vile, and indecent. And it makes no room for “loving” relationships, as is argued by “Christian” sexual deviants. What more needs to be said?

As for “transgendered” people, there is no such thing. People cannot change their gender; they can only mutilate themselves to appear a different gender. Men are men because their DNA is comprised of two chromosomes—X and Y. Women are women because their DNA is comprised of one chromosome—X. No surgery or hormone injections can make a person of a different gender than God created them.

Scripture doesn’t address transgenderism because in the ancient world it wasn’t possible to perform such surgery or to administer hormones. People would change their appearance by donning the clothing of the opposite sex. Thus, God forbade the Israelites from doing as the heathen do, including men dressing as women and vice versa.

If God considers changing apparel evil, how much more evil would it be to surgically alter one’s gender appearance?

All this said, we are not called to condemn people for their sins, but to minister God’s truth of salvation through the blood of Christ which, for those who receive Him, will change them into new creatures. The old man with its lusts will have passed away:

Our old man has been crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be destroyed—so that from now on we would not serve sin (Romans 6:6).

Our ministry to these people (and to all who are not in Christ) is that they may know Him, and learn from Him, so that, concerning the former conduct, they may put off the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of their minds—that they put on the new man which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:17-24).

It does no good to condemn individuals for their sins; that is God’s place, not ours. Rather, we condemn the sins of society while at the same time ministering God’s love and grace to individuals lost in those sins.

The best I can advise is that you show love and compassion toward all, regardless of their particular sins. If they insist that they know Christ, then with humility and grace share the Word of God so they may see their errors and repent.

Understand that Paul’s writings of admonishment for those in sin were to believers in the various assemblies. He was encouraging them to put off their old man and put on the new man—to be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Romans 12:2). In other words, make up their minds that they would submit to God’s Word in order to be transformed.

Until their minds are renewed they will remain trapped in their sins.

I hope this is of some help to you.

In Jesus’ love,

Al

New SD Bible app

FOR SOME TIME there have been “Bibles” produced that alter Scripture to be “inclusive” and “gender neutral,” emphasizing the perceived need to eliminate deference to masculine pronouns. Now there is coming out with much fanfare a new “Bible” app that celebrates sexual deviancy (SD). The brainchild of lesbian Crystal Cheatham, the *Our Bible* app is set to release this fall. According to an article on *PBS Newshour*, it will offer several bibles with more than 300 devotional readings, meditation exercises, articles, and podcasts for LGBTQ people who identify as Christians, and others who feel marginalized by mainstream Christianity.

Cheatham grew up attending and singing at a Seventh-day Adventist church, and at 23 years of age she was told she couldn’t be a lesbian and a Christian. “When I came out,” said Cheatham, “I was told by ministers so far above me that I couldn’t be an out lesbian and also be on the stage as a leader, and it crushed me. It crushed me so hard, I felt like I was at an impasse at the road in my life and I had to decide between this love for my God and my personal identity.”

Some of the readings for the app have been provided by Rodney McKenzie, a minister who grew up in a Holiness church where congregants could openly speak about the role of God in their lives. McKenzie states that when he stood up at his church to come out as a homosexual he expected people to applaud and celebrate. “People did not celebrate,” he said. “People were horrified. This is why this means so much to me. Every Sunday, young LBGTQ people are going to services and they’re hearing messages not of their perfection, not of how good they are, but that there’s something wrong with them. Those messages are antithetical to the biblical text.”

Cheatham has raised thousands of dollars for her app which was released in beta form to a small number of people. A wider release is planned for September.

COMMENTARY

There *is* something wrong with them. There’s something wrong with everybody. It’s called sin. The issue isn’t that sexual deviants are sinners; the issue is that too many of them don’t recognize their sin for the offense that it is. Our heavenly Father is ready to forgive all sins including those of sexual deviants. But for that to happen they must repent of their sins. Rather than do that, they celebrate their sin and insist that all others join them. We who don’t accommodate them become targets of their hatred whereby they use the court system to force us into compliance.

Their self-delusion will be further exacerbated by this twisted app that will give them a false sense of security.

Let us pray for any of these people we may know or come into contact with, that the Lord will convict and deliver them so they truly become members of His body, and not merely members of deviant church communities. ❖



ALTHOUGH THE WORLD is much larger than the United States, the fact remains that this nation is the driving force of the world’s economy and social mores. By God’s design, America is the benchmark for what all nations strive to be, if not in practice, certainly in terms of their citizens’ personal aspirations. American culture—its music, art, politics, entertainment, and social progress—is carefully monitored and copied to varying degrees by the world. And although the pagan hedonism of the West’s past prior to the spread of the Gospel seems to first make its comeback in Western Europe and spread to the United States, once the U.S. embraces it, the entire world becomes infected by it. To a large extent that may be attributed to the influence of the mass communications media.

The influence of America’s mass media touches virtually every nation on earth via satellite communications. Americans are largely ignorant of other nations’ politics and culture, but American politics and culture are well-known to a large part of the world’s population. Thus, America’s history forms the basis for much of the world’s history, and that’s why we find ourselves focusing so much on the U.S. in this study on the History of Anti-Christ.

As much as America has been blessed by God, so, too, it has come under the attack of anti-Christ. If America ultimately gives way to the anti-Christ agenda, the entire world will be further lost than it presently is.

With that in mind we continue our series with an eye to the coming day when all history will culminate in the final plan of the ages administered at the behest of our Creator.

And so we look at one of the most critical times in the nation’s history—the 1980s.

The social and political upheavals of the 1960s and 1970s were characterized by radical leftist and counter-cultural

movements. The Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal, and the turmoil that bubbled up in the Middle East, among other things, had caused much uncertainty in the West, particularly in the United States. By the end of President Jimmy Carter’s time in office, the country was plagued by a stagnant economy, inflation, rising crime and foreign policy turmoil. Carter has been characterized by many as a well-meaning but incompetent buffoon who was a better peanut farmer than politician. I believe that is an unfair assessment of his legacy. Perhaps he was just too much of a “nice guy” to be effective in the office of the most powerful man in the world. His liberal policies were based more on a misguided understanding of the responsibility of government in a constitutional republic than they were a malicious intent to undermine the fabric of our nation’s governing institutions and laws. Even so, his administration led the U.S. into near economic and political disaster.

With that came an even greater discontent among the people, many who had just entered adulthood from growing up as the Second Lost Generation, given over to a psychedelic drug culture

When Ronald Reagan came on the scene with a message of hope and revitalization of the American Dream, the disillusioned public rallied to his cry, providing a landslide victory that saw 49 of the 50 states’ electoral votes going to the Republican contender.

Yet as much as Reagan managed to lift the hopes for a better future for America’s citizens, there remained then, as always, an ignorance of man’s fallen nature that provides no lasting or sure solution to the ills of mankind. The cycles of economic and political turmoil may have swung upward, but the sins of mankind prevented them from avoiding much woe during the decade of the 1980s.

POLITICS

First Woman Justice

In 1981 the feminist movement received a boost when, on September 21, Sandra Day O'Connor was affirmed by the U.S. Senate to become the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1992, O'Connor would reaffirm *Roe v. Wade* in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*,



along with justices David Souter, Anthony Kennedy, Harry Blackmun, and John Paul Stevens. Thus anti-Christ's onslaught against the innocent unborn was unimpeded. It should be noted that Blackmun was nominated by Richard Nixon, Souter by George H.W. Bush, O'Connor and Kennedy by Ronald Reagan, and Stevens by Gerald Ford—all Republican presidents. In fact, the only justice not nominated by a Republican president was Byron White, a John F. Kennedy pick, who dissented on the case, proving that anti-Christ's tentacles reach far deeper and wider than realized.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Personal Computers

The year 1981 saw a huge surge in the proliferation of personal home computers with the entrance into that market by IBM. Intending to base its system on Gary Kildall's CP/M-80 operating system, IBM approached Kildall's company, Digital Research, for a version of CP/M that would drive IBM's home computers. Unable to negotiate an agreement with Digital Research, IBM turned to Bill Gates, who had already been providing the ROM BASIC interpreter for PCs. Gates offered 896-DOS, developed by Tim Paterson of Seattle Computer Products, which IBM rebranded as PC DOS. With the combined success of the Apple II and the IBM PC, the home computer would attain unprecedented acclaim when it was named *Person of the Year* for 1982 by *Time* magazine—the first time in history that this award was given to an inanimate object.

Time was somewhat perceptive, considering the tremendous degree of sophistication attained by computer developers approaching the threshold of artificial intelligence, promising more human-like characteristics for computers in the near future. Anti-Christ's onward trek toward a Brave New World under his leadership will without a doubt require such technology to implement his regional dominance.

Internet Domains

Not long after the explosion of the home computer market, the first Internet domain name was created on January 1, 1985, for Nordu.net, the first root server (nic.nordu.net). The first Internet domain name ever registered, Symbolics.com, was granted to XF Investments on March 15, 1985.

The creation of the Internet has proven both a blessing and a curse—perhaps more a curse than a blessing considering that the vast majority of its use has followed the same pattern as all of technology—a miniscule amount used for the glory of God; the vast majority used for the glory of man and/or Satan's kingdom.

The home computer combined with the Internet has allowed anti-Christ into the homes of untold millions (perhaps billions) of people, giving vent to man's philosophies and ungodly content. Pornography has become the largest reason for using home computers, resulting in corrupted youth as well as adults, broken marriages, and criminal activity related to sexual abuse of minors. *Huffpost* reported in May, 2013, that 30 percent of all data transferred across the Internet is pornography. Some porn sites stream as much as six times the bandwidth as Hulu, an American subscription video-on-demand service in a joint venture with the Walt Disney Company (through Disney-ABC Television Group).

The Internet has replaced the sleazy porn theaters that had previously dotted the American urban landscape, making access less expensive and much broader.

Anti-Christ has used this delivery method to corrupt many Christians including large numbers of pastors and other ministers. Few homes have not been touched by the Internet and its ungodly content.

World Wide Web (www)

Contrary to the claims of Al Gore, the World Wide Web (aka "the Web") was invented by English scientist Tim Berners-Lee in 1989. Berners-Lee wrote the first Web browser computer program a year later while employed at the European Council for Nuclear Research (CERN—Fr.: Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire) in Switzerland. With the invention of the World Wide Web the Information Age grew by leaps and bounds as billions of people began to interact on the Internet across the globe. It also gave greater access to information for computer users all over the world, giving anti-Christ even more access to the minds of men.

MEDICINE

AIDS

In June, 1981, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published a report on five young homosexuals in Los Angeles who were suffering from fatal or life-threatening Pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), virtually never seen in people with healthy immune systems. On July 4 of the same year the CDC reported that an unusual skin cancer—Kaposi's sarcoma

(KS)—was killing young, previously healthy men in New York City and California. In 1982 the CDC named this new disease acquired immune deficiency syndrome or AIDS. Scientists came to realize that AIDS is spread by an infection in contaminated blood. Because AIDS became known widely to infect homosexual men in particular, the first AIDS advocacy groups were formed by homosexuals and sympathizers.

By 1983, AIDS was becoming epidemic among homosexual men, but the CDC warned that it may also be spread by heterosexual sex and by mother-to-child transmission. The stigma of homosexuality is dampened by this announcement because it is not widely reported that the only way a heterosexual could contract AIDS is if they have had sex with someone who had previously engaged in homosexual behavior with an infected man, or if they received a transfusion of blood from an AIDS-infected person. This latter risk prompted the U.S. Public Health Service to request that “members of groups at increased risk for AIDS stop donating blood.”

Also in 1983, Pasteur Institute researchers discovered a virus in the swollen lymph gland of an AIDS patient. They called it lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV). At the University of California at San Francisco the virus was found and called antiretroviral (ARV)—AIDS-related virus. In 1986, the virus was formally named HIV: human immunodeficiency virus.

In spite of the undeniable connection between AIDS and homosexuality, public health officials, the media, and government in general refuse to address the underlying cause of the epidemic. Yet they work to engender sympathy for homosexuals as if homosexuals are innocent victims. In 1985, following the death from AIDS of her dear friend, actor Rock Hudson, actress Elizabeth Taylor became the founding international chairman of AmFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research. That same year, the first International AIDS Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia. Larry Kramer’s largely autobiographical stage play about AIDS, *The Normal Heart*, shocked New York audiences, and prompted outspoken and strong demands for the government to fund AIDS research.

In 1986, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop urged parents to have a “frank and open conversation” about AIDS with their children and teens. At the same time, work on the AIDS Memorial Quilt began with the purpose of educating the masses about the threat of AIDS. The idea for the AIDS Memorial Quilt was conceived by AIDS activist Cleve Jones in memory of assassinated homosexual San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone. The quilt is made of panels bearing the names of AIDS victims. Weighing some 54 tons, the quilt is today the largest piece of community folk art in the world.

In 1987, the year pianist Liberace died of AIDS, the U.S. government adopted an immigration policy barring people with HIV; it was reversed in 2010 by Barack Obama.

The first World AIDS Day was observed on December 1, 1988, following huge protests demanding and receiving a “fast-track” policy from the FDA to allow public access to drugs still in clinical trial—a policy seldom invoked by the FDA.

By 1992, AIDS was the leading cause of death in the U.S. among men aged 25-44, taking the lives of many entertainment celebrities. This continues to spur the anti-AIDS movement among big-name entertainers. When Los Angeles Lakers basketball star Magic Johnson announced in 1991 that he was HIV positive, he was proclaimed a “hero” in the media for his openness. Because Johnson denied having contracted the disease through homosexual acts, the stigma of homosexuality was lessened, and sympathy for the homosexual community increased.

In 1996-1997 the AIDS drug cocktail—highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART)—was developed, but it had serious side effects. Since then, newer, more powerful drugs have been approved. Yet the medical profession has not been able to remove HIV from the body. The best accepted treatments today mask the disease and extend life, but they do not cure AIDS. By 2002, AIDS had become the leading cause of death worldwide for people aged 15-59. As late as 2008, the CDC declared HIV in America worse than thought with 1.1 million infected—an 11% increase since 2003, while new HIV infection rates continue to soar among homosexuals. Even so, society continues to live in denial of this homosexual plague. Yet even as HIV continues to increase, deaths have declined due to treatment.

The decline in deaths due to AIDS has contributed to polls that show Americans no longer consider AIDS a major problem, even as new infections, particularly among homosexuals and bisexuals, continue to soar. Some 45% of new infections in the U.S. are among blacks, who constitute only 12% of the population.

Anti-Christ has scored a double victory through the AIDS epidemic, snuffing out the lives of millions of people on the one hand, and contributing to the sympathy for homosexuality and its anti-Christ agenda on the other.

ENTERTAINMENT

MTV

One need not say too much about the ungodliness and worldly-wise content of Music Television (MTV) which debuted on August 1, 1981. Its initial appeal was to young adults, but today its primary audience is teenagers and college-age youth. Its original focus on music videos has also given way largely to reality, comedy, and drama programming, much of it dealing with social activism. MTV’s content has always been unsuitable for Christians, but that doesn’t

prevent Christian youth from watching, further giving way to anti-Christ's corrupting influences.

E.T. – The Extraterrestrial



Moviegoers were enchanted in 1982 when the science-fiction/fantasy move *E.T. – The Extraterrestrial* was released. Of all the science-fiction/fantasy films made before or since *E.T.*, none have portrayed the alien in such strong messianic terms. I recognized this when I reviewed the movie when it was first released. So I was not surprised to find that some movie critics found religious parallels between E.T. and Jesus, although that intent was denied by producer Stephen Spielberg.

Stanley Kauffmann, writing a pre-release piece for the July 5, 1979, *The New Republic*, called *E.T.* “The Gospel According to St. Steven” [Spielberg].

In the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Anton Karl Kozlovic included *E.T.* In his writing, “The Structural Characteristics of the Cinematic Christ-figure.”

Andrew Nigels described the story of *E.T.* as as “crucifixion by military science” and “resurrection by love and faith.”



Although Spielberg denied any intent to frame E.T. as a messianic figure, he admitted that this scene triggered speculation as to whether the film was a spiritual parable

It is reported in Wikipedia that, “According to Spielberg biographer Joseph McBride, Universal Pictures appealed directly to the Christian market, with a poster reminiscent of Michelangelo’s *The Creation of Adam* and a logo reading ‘Peace.’”

The messianic qualities of *E.T.*, coupled with mankind’s desire for a savior who comes without judgment, enamored this squat, million-year-old being to the hearts of even Christians. The obscene language and the use of the Lord’s name as an expletive in this film is overlooked by Christians for the sake of its entertainment value. Such films are among anti-Christ’s most subtle means to condition people’s hearts and minds to receive false messiahs in real life while neglecting to honor the name of the true Messiah they claim to revere.

PG-13 Movie Rating Created

As motion pictures increasingly incorporated obscene language and perverse content, by 1984 there arose a demand from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) which determines how movies should be rated. Prior to the PG-13 rating films were rated G for general audiences, with the next category being M for mature audiences but all ages admitted. The M category was eventually changed to PG for “parental guidance suggested.” In 1984, the MPAA added the PG-13 rating for films that “may be inappropriate for children under 13-years-old.” According to the MPAA, PG-13 films “may contain very strong language, nudity (non-explicit), strong, mildly bloody violence or mild drug content.” In essence, the MPAA determined that such content is suitable for 14-year-olds and older teens, but not for children under 14 unless a parent deems it appropriate. So today we have young children spouting language that would make a sailor blush, engaging in sexting on their smart phones, and becoming more violent at earlier ages.

Can this all be attributed to the PG-13 rating? No, but much of it can be. Parents are often more desirous of watching movies with their children even if it means overlooking the evils they contain.

We expect the world to go in that direction, but Christians are no less culpable. And they forget that some things are unsuited for any child of God regardless of age—even adults.

Oprah Winfrey

In 1983, a little-known TV anchor moved to Chicago to host WLS-TV’s half-hour morning talk-show, *AM Chicago*. Within months her show bested *Donahue* as the highest-rated talk show in the Windy City. Following her meteoric rise to fame after being nominated for Best Supporting Actress as Sofia in the 1985 movie *The Color Purple*, her TV show was renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, and expanded to a full hour, as a nationally-syndicated program.

Today, Oprah Winfrey is one of the most influential people in the world. Her TV show, books, and other enterprises have amassed billions of dollars in wealth. More important, she is considered a guru of sorts among millions of devotees, men and women, including millions of Christians. This in spite of the fact that she has openly denied Jesus as the Son of God, denigrates His sacrifice on the cross, and has thrown off virtually every biblical doctrine of salvation in favor of New Age philosophies.

As nice a person as she appears to be, Oprah Winfrey is one of anti-Christ's most influential spokespersons for his end-time agenda, albeit she is most likely unaware it.

TERRORISM

Anti-Christ's use of Islamic terrorism to kill Christians and instill fear in society with the aim of overtaking the world for Islam increased during the 1980s. Two of the more significant events that showcased Islamic terrorism were the 1985 hijacking of TWA Flight 847 while en route from Cairo to San Diego, and the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. It isn't necessary to go into details about these terrorist acts. Suffice it to say that they represent the essence of anti-Christ's "religion of peace."

RELIGION

National Gay Pentecostal Alliance

The sexual revolution that grew out of the 1960s and 70s had already infiltrated the churches by the time the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance (NGPA) was formed in 1980. The Alliance was formed after people who identified as "Gay Apostolic Pentecostals" split from mainline Apostolic churches that year in Schenectady, NY. The founder of the movement, William H. Carey, wanted to establish a network of Apostolic (Oneness) Pentecostal churches. However, because of the lack of "affirming" Trinitarian Pentecostal churches, the NGPA welcomed all affirming Pentecostals into their churches. Later, as Trinitarian Pentecostals began to form their own churches, NGPA reverted to incorporating only Oneness churches.

The NGPA opened the floodgates for homosexuality and lesbianism to inundate fundamentalist churches. Prior to the NGPA, liberality toward sexual perversion was largely confined to mainstream Protestantism. Now anti-Christ would have inroads into churches that would affirm both the fundamentalist doctrines of the faith and sexual perversion.

Sun Moon Stars

If the wedding of sexual perversion with fundamentalist Christianity seemed alarming, it should have come as no surprise. Fundamentalist Christianity had already flirted with ungodly associations of a religious nature, compromising with purveyors of unbiblical beliefs. That perversion came to a head when Unification Church founder Sun Myung Moon was indicted in 1981 on charges of tax fraud for having falsified tax return statements, and perjury. Rallying to his

defense were prominent fundamentalist and other religious leaders who were convinced by Moon's public relations team that he was a victim of religious persecution—the kind that might one day be foisted upon those other religious leaders.

Moon was convicted in May, 1982, but remained free until his appeal was refused a hearing by the U.S. Supreme Court in May, 1984. He entered prison on July 20, 1984, and served 11 months of his 18-month sentence.

When Moon was released from prison for "good behavior" his God and Freedom Committee spent over \$100,000 on a public relations gala held on August 20, 1985, at the Regency Ballroom of the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. There, a purported 1,700 religious leaders feasted before listening to several speakers praise Moon, and to Moon himself.

Earlier that day, some twenty religious leaders led by the Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell, held a press conference to call on President Reagan to pardon Moon. Later, in 1995, Falwell would receive a three-million-dollar bailout from financial difficulties from Moon to Falwell's Liberty University.

Among the speakers at the banquet were Dr. Milton Reid, pastor of Gideon Missionary Baptist Fellowship, Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Cleon Skousen, Mormon and founder-director of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, and Dr. Donald N. Sills, Baptist minister and then-president of the Coalition for Religious Freedom. All these Christian leaders lauded Moon from the podium.

Dr. Sills appeared on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) on March 11, 1985, to rally support from viewers and other religious leaders on behalf of Moon. When speaking with Sills, Hal Lindsay named the Coalition for Religious Freedom's board members as follows: Tim LaHaye, Paul Crouch, Van Armstrong, Robert Grant, Jimmy Swaggart, D. James Kennedy, Joseph Lowery, Don Wildmon, E.V. Hill, Rex Humbard, Marlin Maddoux, Everett Sileven, and James Robison. As it turned out, Dr. Kennedy had withdrawn his name from the board back in mid-1984. As for the others, we have not heard of any of them protesting Sills's support for Sun Myung Moon.

The invocation for Moon's banquet was given by Dr. Joseph Paige of Shaw Divinity School who prayed:

Father God, we are here tonight on this very special occasion, to welcome home one of Your sons. A person, Lord, who has slaved and worked hard, who has labored in the vineyard; who has had the courage to stand tall and to accept both criticism and rejection, and yet who has had the courage to still continue his labor, to continue his mission. Lord, we ask you to bless this occasion; likewise those who had the courage to come here tonight and witness Your Presence among men. Bless those, Lord, who have labored, prayed, and

made sacrifices, and talked, and preached, and have been ridiculed for supporting this great man that we honor here tonight. Lord, we ask You to give him more vision; to give him, Lord, the strength he needs to continue this great mission of uniting world Christianity.

When Moon ascended to the podium he was greeted by a prolonged standing ovation. He disseminated his theology and religious philosophy as his audience read his statements from handouts given them to follow along.

After Moon's speech, Dr. Sills said, "The Word of God says, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Before I take time to criticize Rev. Moon and his theology, I must be willing to pay the price that he has paid in prayer."

To understand the victory that anti-Christ achieved through this event and others that followed where evangelical Christian leaders continued to praise Moon, I must offer a brief synopsis of Moon's aberrant beliefs and practices summed up in his *Divine Principle*.

Essentially, Moon taught that Adam and Eve were meant to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by having sinless children. They were not to have sexual relations until they themselves were perfected. After Satan seduced Eve, and she in turn seduced Adam, Eve's sexual encounter with Satan produced Cain. After Adam's "unlawful" intercourse with Eve, Abel was born.

Moon also taught that, until Jesus, no one obeyed God perfectly, although Buddha, Confucius, and Socrates prepared His way with their teachings.

According to Moon, it was God's plan for Jesus to find a perfect mate and produce sinless children, which would bring about the world's physical and spiritual salvation. But Jesus failed because He couldn't get the Jews to accept Him as Messiah. His crucifixion was a "mistake" that thwarted God's plans. And (because Moon denies Jesus' resurrection) this made it necessary for a new messiah to come. This new "messiah," called "Lord of the Advent" by Moon, was born in Korea in 1920 (which coincidentally is the place and time of Moon's birth). Although vague in his personal claim to be that messiah, Moon did nothing to dissuade his followers from proclaiming him such.

Moon claimed that the new messiah would be revealed in the year 2000. But he didn't want people to think of the Second Coming in terms of a literal interpretation of Scripture. Rather, Moon insisted that the second messiah would be a Korean man born in the flesh, and those who did not receive him would face God's wrath.

Accordingly, everyone must be born again by new parents in order to fulfill God's original plan of redemption. That meant acceptance of Moon and his wife as spiritual parents in order to be saved. Thus, Moon and his wife were regarded as "True Parents" by his followers.

According to Moon, "This ultimate culmination is prophesied in the book of Revelation as the marriage supper of the Lamb. And the Lord of the Second Advent is that Lamb, that perfect Adam. The Lord is coming as perfected Adam, and he will restore perfected Eve. Then they will be lifted up and become the first True Parents of mankind. At last, God's joy will be complete."

Moon has also stated:

He [God] is living in me and I am the incarnation of Himself. The whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and subjugate the world.

God is now throwing Christianity away and is now establishing a new religion, and this new religion is the Unification Church.

All the Christians in the world are destined to be absorbed by our movement.

There have been saints, prophets, many religious leaders...in past human history....Master here [Moon] is more than any of those people and greater than Jesus himself.

This is the man that several of the evangelical leaders called "brother" and who caused them to swoon in reverential admiration at his courage for suffering "injustice" at the hands of the federal government. This is the man whose work they prayed would be blessed by God. This is the man to whom Jerry Falwell looked for financial salvation.

At the heart of this travesty was the fear of these religious leaders that their tax-exempt status for their organizations might someday be in jeopardy if they didn't support Moon. By their actions they consigned all they received from that time onward as filthy lucre, no matter from where it came.

And now that Moon has died without fulfilling his "prophecies," as the new messiah, nor has any other Korean born in 1920 come to the forefront, we see how anti-Christ can delude so many who continue to promote the Unification Church's goal of world domination.

Charismania

The 1980s also saw a significant rise in aberrant charismania with the popularity of the Kansas City Fellowship (1982) and their false prophets, John Wimber's Vineyard Movement (1983) with its aberrant psychology-laced healing methodologies, and Rick Joyner (1985), an alleged "apostle" and "prophet" who would become a central figure in the New Apostolic Reformation.

Thorough information on all these is available through our various special reports available on our website, mediaspotlight.org. Just enter your requests into our Search Box there.

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THE 1990s



Feedback

Dear Al and Jean,

Just a note to thank you for *Media Spotlight*. It's so informative. Thanks for all the effort it takes to publish it.

In the Spring 2017 issue I was on the sideline cheering, "You go, Al!" for the article about anti-Christ. There was so much I could identify with, especially the Shepherding-Discipleship Movement. I understood more fully what I had fallen into in the 80s. When I saw something was amiss in the teachings, and began to pray about it, the Lord showed me it was like the Catholic hierarchy—the main couple at the top, the under-shepherds next down, and we obedient ones on the bottom.

That was some 30 years ago. The leaders died (I was out by then, thank the Lord), and it all broke apart.

Three years ago I came in contact with some of my former friends who had been meeting once or twice a month for lunch. They invited me to join them, and I accepted.

It seemed everyone was over the "covenant" meetings, and all had gone on with their lives. Other brothers and sisters joined us for lunch from time to time. It was pleasant and non-demanding.

About three months ago a former teacher for the "covenant" fellowship joined us. He loves to teach, so he began bringing his Bible to "just share a word" with us. Almost immediately my ears went up. Something did not sit right.

It didn't take long before I knew it was more of the same. This time it's Cleansing Stream—another

"deliverance ministry." It seems to have caught on around here!

I'm praying about it, and think most of the lunch crowd regards it as something we've tasted before. But this man is so respected and humble, no one has said anything yet.

However, I'm making excuses to miss lunch more and more. I just had to share with you about Cleansing Stream. Have you heard of it?

Well, the Lord bless and keep you both.

Love in Him,

M.S., Seaford, DE



Dear M.S.,

Cleansing Stream is an alleged "deliverance ministry" that seems to have a long reach. They provide seminars for churches, schools, and small groups. At a cost, of course. The seminar is an 8-12 week series of classes that they claim "prepare and disciple participants to receive healing and deliverance."

Strange, but I can't seem to find anywhere in Scripture where the Lord or any of His disciples conducted weeks-long seminars to heal and deliver people. Maybe someone from Cleansing Stream can help me.

Al



Dear Brother and Sister Dager,

I just want to say thanks for sending your book, *The Day of Yahweh*. I read it through with great interest. I don't suppose anyone will agree with everything in it. I lean toward the partial preterist position more than you do, although I totally reject the full preterist view which absurdly teaches that the rapture and resurrection are in the past.

Anyway, I think your book belongs on the reading list of anyone who

presumes (as I have done) to teach and write on the subject of Bible prophecy. We all tend to interpret the Bible along well-worn mental paths of assumptions about what those ancient prophecies mean, and we all need to be challenged and forced to ask ourselves, is this what God really said?

This is especially true of those who follow the standard, rigid, dogmatic pre-trib dispensational interpretations that have become so dominant. Your book challenges some of the traditional assumptions of the Darby/Scotfield/Hal Lindsey/*Left Behind* school of prophecy, and as far as I am concerned, that's a good thing.

I have your other book, *Vengeance is Ours*, and read it many years ago. I probably should dig it out and read it again sometime.

Yours in Christ,

T.W., Chicago, IL



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dager,

I found a copy of your book, *Vengeance is Ours*, in our prison dormitory, and have recently received several issues of your publication, *Media Spotlight*.

How in the world did you find me in this prison institution in Ohio??? ☺ And why have you been so gracious toward me??? (I don't even know you!)

But I must say this: I'm very, very impressed that you would "gift" so much to a prisoner who's scarcely in a position to support your ministry financially.

I don't know how far you're willing to go on behalf of this inmate, but I'm thrilled to death over your writings against the papacy—the real antichrist of Scripture—in this world wherein true Protestants are dropping like flies!

Thus, I would be tremendously honored and grateful beyond measure if you could afford this prisoner a

copy of your book, *Why I Question the Roman Catholic Faith*, together with copies of your special issues, *Roman Catholicism: Is it a Cult?* and *Six Roman Catholic Doctrines that Nullify Salvation by Grace*.

By the way, this prison will no longer accept books from your ministry. The chaplain has restricted all books to just a few “approved vendors”—and you’re not one of them!!! (Sorry.) ☹

However, if you would send me your book under the heading [of an approved organization] then I could receive your Roman Catholic book.

This goes for any inmate at this prison. If you want me, or any other inmate, to receive any book from your ministry you must send it in a plain package without your ministry’s title.

Thanks for your writings, and hope to hear from you soon!

Respectfully,

J.C., Marion, OH

Dear J.C.,

Thanks very much for your kind letter of encouragement. We appreciate it very much. Someone wrote us in February to add your name to our mailing list.

Would you please let us know the address or phone number of the ministry you named so we can contact them and seek their permission per your suggestion? I don’t believe it would be right for us to use their name otherwise.

Also, would you give us the name and address of your chaplain so we can contact him about obtaining approved vendor status? We have on our mailing list, inmates in many federal and state institutions in the U.S. and it has never been a problem for them to receive our publications.

In Jesus’ love,
Al

[Note: We have not heard back from J.C. as yet. Please keep this in prayer.]



I got your magazine in my mail today by mistake. I have never in my 69 years of life read such filth!!

You people are totally crazy and you write these things in the name of God.

Sick - hateful - disgusting.
Very creepy.

Thank goodness the majority of Americans don’t believe your [expletive]!!

Anonymous, Minneapolis, MN

Dear Anonymous,

Unfortunately, the majority of Americans don’t know Christ.

But anyway, other than this, how do you like us. Please. Feel free to tell us what you really think.

You probably received our disgusting publication because someone you know may have asked us to send it to you.

I’m sorry you were offended, but you will continue to receive *Media Spotlight* because you did not ask to be removed from our mailing list, and because you didn’t give us your name in order to be able to remove you.

We pray the Lord will bless you as you seek His truth.

In Jesus’ love,
Al

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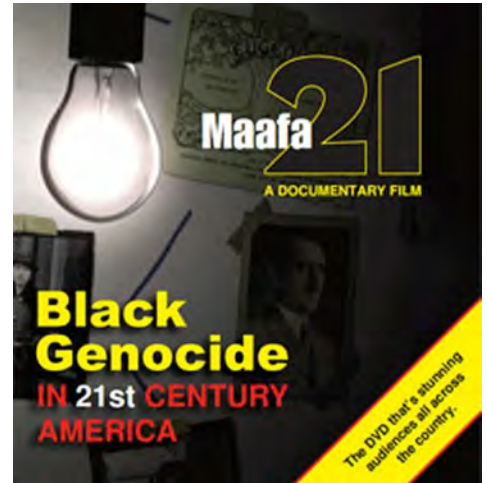
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No Ramadan for Trump

BREAKS TRADITION OF PAST THREE PRESIDENTS

From *Washington Post*

ON DECEMBER 9, 1805, President Thomas Jefferson held a White House dinner for Tunisian envoy, Sidi Soliman Mellimelli. Diplomatic dinners at the White House were usually served around 3:30pm. But because devout Muslims fast in the daytime during Ramadan, Jefferson rescheduled the dinner for after sunset in deference to Mellimelli's visit. This was the first time an iftar (the evening meal when Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset) was held in the White House.

The observance of iftar was resurrected in 1996 by First Lady Hillary Clinton when she hosted some 150 people for an Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan. She credits her then teenage daughter Chelsea, who had studied Islamic history in school, with giving her a greater understanding of Islam.

Mrs. Clinton stated, "A greater understanding of the tenets of Islam in our national consciousness will help us build strength and resilience as a nation. The values that lie at the heart of Ramadan—faith, family, community and responsibility to the less fortunate—resonate with all the peoples of this earth."

The tradition continued under President George W. Bush who hosted an iftar every year of his two terms, including after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. At the 2001 dinner, Bush insisted that America was fighting against terrorism, not Islam. According to the *Washington Post*, Bush stated, "All the world continues to benefit from this faith and its achievements. Ramadan and the upcoming holiday season are a good time for people of different faiths to learn more about each other. And the more we learn, the more we find that many commitments are broadly shared."

Under Barack Obama the annual White House iftar began to cause controversy, in part because Obama is critical of Christianity yet very accommodating of Islam. At the 2010 White House iftar, Obama cited Jefferson's 1805 dinner with Mellimelli, stating, "Ramadan is a reminder that Islam has always been a part of America. The first Muslim ambassador to the United States, from Tunisia, was hosted by President Jefferson who arranged a sunset dinner for his guest because it was Ramadan—making it the first known iftar at the White House, more than 200 years ago. And that's a reminder, along with the generations of patriotic Muslims in America that Islam—like so many faiths—is part of our national story."

Now, under President Trump, for the first time in nearly two decades, the White House has not recognized Ramadan with an iftar or Eid celebration. Saturday afternoon, June 18, the White House released a short statement from President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump, recognizing the holiday.

"Muslims in the United States joined those around the world during the holy month of Ramadan to focus on acts

of faith and charity," the statement read. "Now, as they commemorate Eid with family and friends, they carry on the tradition of helping neighbors and breaking bread with people from all walks of life. During this holiday, we are reminded of the importance of mercy, compassion, and goodwill. With Muslims around the world, the United States renews our commitment to honor these values. Eid Mubarak."

COMMENTARY

The President of the United States is a servant to all of the nation's citizens, and a host to all non-citizens who are in the country legally. As such, he is expected to recognize the positive contributions of all such persons without regard to race, national origin, gender, or religion, the freedom of which to exercise is guaranteed in the Constitution. It may also be argued that he must protect the rights of both Christians and non-Christians, as well as atheists and sexual deviants, to live unmolested in the nation. But he is not obligated to celebrate any of these. Nor is he required to act contrary to his conscience in order to appease anyone.

President and First Lady Trump have chosen to recognize as briefly as possible the positive aspects of Islam as if they apply to non-Muslims. They have chosen also not to fawn over the religion, which is within their rights.

The only reservations I have to their statements are the calling of Ramadan "holy," and ending their remarks with "Eid Mubarak" ("Blessed Eid"). But we cannot expect the worldly to take a hard line toward removing themselves from any semblance of inclusiveness as the Lord requires of His followers. This is why it's so difficult to be a true believer in Jesus and at the same time involve oneself in worldly affairs. But at least we now have a president who won't kowtow to political correctness as readily as most professional politicians.

Yet although we may pray for him, and for his true conversion and understanding of God's Word, we don't expect President Trump to take on the sexual deviant movement to any meaningful degree, if at all. But if he at least is able to place the federal government in the position of not sanctioning and funding the killing of innocent babies he will have gone a long way in hopefully absolving the nation of its greatest national sin.

As for Islam, it is to be expected that Trump's less-than-warm embrace of that religio-political movement will continue to incite his detractors to call him an "Islamophobe." Yet even if he were to bow down in a mosque, and recite Islamic prayers, as did Obama, it wouldn't change their hatred of him and the vitriol that spews from their unclean lips.

Let us pray for President Trump's safety in the face of that vitriol that threatens his life. Let's also pray that the Lord will invade President Trump's mind with His truth and wisdom. This may be America's last chance to resist the evils that have engulfed it the past several decades. ❖



Jean's Turn Issues of the Heart

By Jean Dager

A CHILLY MEMORY CROSSED my mind recently. I opened a questionnaire concerning Al's 2007 experience with cardiac arrest. Not something I like to think about. The Health Department is collecting data from survivors in an attempt provide the best possible treatments for future patients. Prior, in 2004, Al underwent successful quadruple by-pass surgery. I can confidently say we're seasoned troopers when it comes to issues dealing with one's physical heart.

Believers who desire to abide in Christ are primarily concerned with issues dealing with the spiritual heart. In an effort to define what I mean by the "spiritual heart" I reference Alexander MacLaren (1826-1910) who compared the Old Testament usage of the word "heart" to the modern understanding. He said: "The Old Testament use of the word 'heart' is much wider than our modern one, which limits it to being the seat and organ of love, affection or emotion; whereas in the Old Testament the 'heart' is the very vital center of the personal self. As the Book of Proverbs has it, 'out of it are the issues of life' (4:23)—all the outgoings of activity of every kind, both that which we ascribe to the head, and that which we ascribe to the heart. These come, according to the Old Testament idea, from this central self. And so, when the psalmist says, 'Thy word have I hid in mine heart' he means, 'I have buried it deep in the very midst of my being, and put it down at the very roots of myself, and there incorporated it with the very substance of my soul.'"

I very much agree with MacLaren's Old Testament meaning. I've found that the longer I live, the more concerned I am with the condition of my spiritual heart. A sweet and secret communion with our Almighty Father has become very vital to me. My favorite verse (and the one that

opened my eyes to a relationship with the Lord) is James 4:8: "Draw near to the Lord and He will draw near to you."

Every day I pray that God will enable me to abide in Him always. I've learned that to nurture this close communion with Him it's important to constantly examine my heart, repenting of sin and all the things that God hates.

Hearts are telling. When ungodliness resides there, not only is it an offense to our Lord, but it tends to overflow and spill onto others. Prayer is a miracle connection to the awesome throne of grace. Simply reading and meditating upon God's Word awakens our awareness of His higher thoughts and what He expects of those who confess to love Him.

Certainly hiding His Word in our hearts will be manifested in the way we live. Fellowshiping with people who love the Lord brings us joy and revitalizes our faith. The Lord reminds me that my will has to be constantly given over to Him so He *can* reside in my heart. His presence guarantees the clean sweep of fleshly traits that are not sweet, kind or patient.

Doesn't it thrill you to meet someone that you recognize has a sincere "heart" for God? Michael, a former inmate recently released from prison, called us seeking prayer. He's been reading *Media Spotlight* for a number of years. During the course of our conversation he was fervent in relating how wonderful it is for him to walk as closely with the Lord as he did at one time in his past. He said he felt as if he were "almost walking on a cloud" in the overwhelming joy of his heart. Now that Michael is facing new challenges, Al encouraged him to walk even more closely with the Lord. We prayed with him and told him we'll continue to remember him in prayer.

As long as we have breath, we cannot escape living in this world. Presently it appears to be one giant cauldron of hatred. Especially hated is our beloved Lord Jesus and His Word. Standing with the Lord during such times requires a close heart relationship with Him. As believers, may our actions reflect the light of Jesus' heart shining through us.

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)❖

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