



## SYRIAN REFUGEES IS THERE A BIBLICAL RESPONSE?

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**W**ITH THE SWELLING refugee problem arising out of ISIS's warfare in the Middle East, an atmosphere of compassion on one hand and fear on the other is creating conflict over how these people should be handled. It is a crisis of major proportion not seen since World War II. This is not the displacement of thousands, which would be a serious matter in itself. Currently some 12 million Syrians have fled their homes and settled elsewhere. Displaced refugees number over four million. The refugee population alone is more than the population of Los Angeles. What is to be done with this mass of humanity? And how should believers in Jesus respond?

More than half of the displaced refugees—some 2.2 million—have fled to Syria's neighbor to the north, Turkey, and the bulk of the rest to Lebanon, Jordan, and certain areas of Iraq. Yet there remain hundreds of thousands seeking asylum in Europe and the Americas.

Thus far, the United States has resettled 1,500 Syrian refugees. Barack Obama has said that he wants to significantly increase the nation's intake, starting with an initial 10,000, and increasing to 100,000 through 2017. Some put the number at 250,000. His plan is currently meeting opposition from a significant number of congressional members from both major parties primarily on the basis that, according to the heads of every intelligence and investigative agency of the U.S. government, there is no adequate means to screen the refugees for possible terrorist infiltrators. All of the Republican presidential candidates oppose the plan, and have been met with ridicule by Obama who ludicrously accused them of fearing three-year-old children.

The nation and the world are divided over what to do. Most people want to be compassionate toward these mostly unfortunate victims of Syria's civil war and ISIS's brutal occupation of their homeland. Many, however, wish to take extraordinary precautions against Islamic terrorists embedding themselves among the refugee population and threatening their nation and culture. Among both groups are Christians of various persuasions.



What is the proper response for believers in Christ? Should we support Obama's decision to welcome possible terrorists with open arms while trusting God to protect us? Or should we oppose that decision on the belief that God wouldn't want us to put our nation and our families at risk? Many Christians are ambivalent and undecided.

In spite of the overwhelming majority of Republicans being Christians, at least nominally, a large number of evangelical Christians, as well as the broader spectrum of Christians from every denomination, are advocating for admittance of Syrian refugees into the U.S., contrary to their candidates' positions. Organizations such as World Relief, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Church World Service, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service are supporting Obama's plan. Others such as Samaritan's Purse and World Vision are concentrating on helping refugees overseas.

Does it demonstrate lack of compassion for Christians to say that their nation's security must come before the welfare of refugees? Or do they see compassion for their nation paramount over compassion for aliens?

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# MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

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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,

We've made it through another year. Somehow we managed to get out all four quarterly issues of *Media Spotlight*, plus our extensive special report *Quantum Christianity*. Just when we feel as if there is nothing more to be said, mankind's folly keeps on churning out more evils, both in quantity and intensity. Politically and morally, the delineation

between the Left and the Right becomes more distinct every year. This is especially evident during presidential campaign years in the United States.

How the people decide the issues facing the nation for next year's election may determine whether or not the United States as we know it survives. The very moral fabric of the nation, and thus the nation's standing before a holy God, may be decided once and for all.

For the past two elections, the people chose with knowledge a Marxist, pro-sexual-perversion, pro-abortion, anti-American man to occupy the White House. In spite of his abysmal record and amoral character displayed during his first term, a sufficient number of citizens wanted him for a second term.

Having duped the people a second time, he has really shown his anti-Christ, anti-American bent. His administration has thus far refused to include Christians among the recognized victims of genocide by Muslim nations and terror groups in the Middle East, but has recognized all other minority religions there.

Will the people choose a new president cut from the same cloth but of a different gender? Will the people not care that under the Left's dominance some one million babies are slaughtered in the womb every year? Will they not care that the distinction between men and women is becoming blurred by national policies that insist on gender-neutral public restrooms, women in combat, and a push to draft girls into the armed services? Will they not care that the Left gives aid and comfort to avowed enemies like Iran and Communist Cuba? Will they continue to accept public school indoctrination of the nation's children into secularism or, worse yet, into false religions like Islam?

We are just beginning to see the judgment of God upon this nation. The events of 9/11 should have been a wake-up call for the people to turn to the true God for refuge. The massacre in San Bernardino, California, revealed that the enemy is within the gates. More will come if our lawless government opens the floodgates further to unchecked immigration.

The enemy is awaiting the perfect time to unleash on this nation horrors we have seen only on YouTube. Are the citizens of America ready?

More important, are the Christians of America ready?

It is our hope that our small voice will help those who read this publication to prepare their hearts and minds to face by God's grace the uncertain future.

Our prayers are for all the brethren in the West who are about to be tested for their faith.

Our prayers are especially for those of you who have stood with us over the years through your reciprocal prayers and gifts that have kept us going.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

In Jesus' love,

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Are other Christians unpatriotic if they are willing to risk the welfare of the nation by advocating for the immigration of Muslims? The answer isn't so simple when you consider that both may well be acting according to conscience, believing that God is on their side of this issue.

That's one of the problems that arise when Christians try to discern the "Christian thing to do" about difficult issues rather than look at them from a biblical perspective. The "Christian thing to do" often rests on which brand of Christianity one espouses, and how one understands God's Word.

### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

As we consider recent confirmation from Homeland Security that Muslim jihadists are seeking to invade our nation by embedding themselves in the refugee population, we must consult *all* aspects of God's Word. To begin, Scripture is replete with admonitions that God's people are to love everyone, including our enemies:

"You have heard that it has been said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies; bless those who curse you; do good to those who hate you; and pray for those who slander you and persecute you, so that you may be the children of your Father who is in Heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the publicans do the same?

"And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the publicans do so?

"Therefore, be perfect even as your Father who is in Heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:43-48)

We cannot escape these words of our Lord. We are to love our enemies.

This was not new from the lips of Jesus; He was iterating the writings of one of God's ancient prophets:

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest YHWH see it, and it displease Him, and He turn away His anger from him. (Proverbs 24:17-18)

It displeases our Father when we rejoice over the misfortune of our adversaries. The apostle Paul trusted that God would wage our warfare for us:

Dearly beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord."

Therefore, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink. For doing so you will heap coals of fire on his head.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:19-21)

Like Jesus, Paul was also citing the writings of Israel's prophets:

If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. For you will heap coals of fire upon his head, and YHWH shall reward you. (Proverbs 25:21-22)

To heap coals of fire upon our enemies' heads doesn't mean they will be destroyed, but rather convicted for their sin of hatred toward us. As they see how much we love them, they will (hopefully) turn from being our enemies to being our friends. If they do not turn, then the coals of fire might be judgment from God. But our desire must not be to that end; it must be that they repent of their evil.

Still, we must consider who our enemy is, and what form the evil takes against us. The Lord was speaking of our personal enemies. Was He also speaking of hordes of evil people descending upon us in blind fury? There is good reason to consider the difference.

The same God who told the Israelites to do good to their enemies also commanded them to utterly destroy their enemies in order to protect the nation and to remove evil from its presence.

The same God who inspired Solomon to write the proverb instructing us to give food and water to our enemies also inspired David to write:

Surely You will slay the wicked, O God. (Depart from me therefore, you bloody men.) For they speak against You wickedly, and Your enemies take Your name in vain.

Do I not hate those who hate You, O YHWH? Am I not grieved with those who rise up against You?

I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them as my enemies. (Psalm 139:19-22)

Amazingly, he follows immediately with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts, and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (verses 23-24)

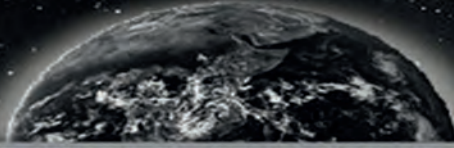
Does God make a distinction between our enemies and His enemies? It would appear so. He counts our enemies as

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# NEWS SPOTLIGHT

*from around the world*



## Planned Parenthood shooting

### What was the motive?

**T**HE GUN USED by Robert Lewis Dear, Jr. to kill two people at a Colorado Planned Parenthood facility and a police officer responding to a call for help was still warm when leftist, pro-abortion activists started blaming right-wing “rhetoric” for the crime. The primary targets for the leftists have been the Republican presidential candidates who have made the scandals at Planned Parenthood’s selling of baby parts for research a reason to prompt Congress to consider defunding Planned Parenthood.

Dawn Laguens, Executive Vice President of Planned Parenthood stated in an interview on CNN:

The heated rhetoric that we’ve seen of late, you know, greatly concerns us....I think we’ve heard quite a bit from the Republican candidates for president who have been criticizing Planned Parenthood, often not with the facts, that have been out there, and they’ve been discredited for those kinds of attacks. And you have someone like Senator Cruz who today denounced the violence, but within the same week accepted the endorsement of anti-abortion extremists who’d spent time in prison for violent acts.

The “anti-abortion extremists” to whom Laguens referred are Operation Rescue and its president, Troy Newman.

The attacks against pro-life proponents rests on words that Dear allegedly spoke as he was opening fire, “No more baby parts.” His words are credited to a thus far unrevealed “law enforcement official” who also stated that Dear “said a lot of things” during his interview that made it difficult to arrive at a specific motive.

Even though much information about Dear’s motive for the shooting is at this point unknown, he has become the catalyst for the anti-abortion rhetoric of blame. What is known is this: The incident started outside the Planned Parenthood facility and it has been reported that witnesses related hearing shots at the Chase Bank next door. I spoke with a Chase Bank representative at that branch and she assured me that there were no shots fired in the bank. Beyond that, she is not allowed to comment.

After the shots (wherever they began) were fired and police began to arrive, Dear entered the Planned Parenthood facility and a shootout began in which two people (not Planned Parenthood staff or clients) and University of Colorado police officer Garret Swasey were killed.

### COMMENTARY

To begin, we should set the record straight about Troy Newman and Operation Rescue. It is expected that Dawn Laguens would consider them extremists for actively working against abortion. Laguens’s claim that Troy Newman “spent time in prison for violent acts” is a lie. Whatever one thinks of Newman, his time in prison was spent for defying Australian authorities who had canceled his visa when he was due to speak at a number of anti-abortion events across Australia in October, 2015. When he entered the country without a valid visa he was detained on arrival and moved to the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre. He was shortly afterward deported. Newman has never been charged with, let alone jailed for, violent acts. And contrary to the accusations that Newman supports the killing of abortion providers, he stated after the Colorado Planned Parenthood shooting, “One thing we do know is the guy is a very dangerous, unstable individual who desired to kill people, and that is not in any way what the pro-life movement stands for.”

Laguens’s lie went unchallenged as she continued to indict pro-lifers for Dear’s acts, as the Left continues to allege, as does Barack Obama.

Said Obama, taking this opportunity to stump for more gun-control laws:

I say this every time we’ve got one of these mass shootings, this just doesn’t happen in other countries. We are rightly determined to prevent terrorist attacks wherever they occur, whether in the U.S. or with friends or allies like France ... And yet in the United States we have the power to do more to prevent what is a regular process of gun homicides that is unequalled.

This doesn’t happen in other countries? Where is this man’s head? The entire world lies in violence. By God’s grace the United States is among the safest countries in the world in which to live. At least it will continue to be until Obama’s pro-Islam agenda puts us all at risk.

Even as the Left continues its attack on pro-lifers for Dear’s actions, it’s not even clear what Dear’s motive was. He was known by neighbors to be a “loner,” and mentally unstable. No one has ever heard him say anything against

abortion, but some have said that he is pro-choice, not anti-abortion, in his muddled thinking, while others have said that he's never said anything either way.

Even Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains President Vicki Cowart said in a statement, "We don't yet know the full circumstances and motives behind this criminal action, and we don't yet know if Planned Parenthood was in fact the target of this attack."

But that doesn't stop pro-abortion supporters of blaming pro-lifers for Dear's actions.

Leslie Herod, candidate for Colorado State Senate District 8 called opponents of abortion "part of the problem":

Today we call on right wing politicians across the state and the nation to stop their false attacks on Planned Parenthood and to apologize for the lies that are directly contributing to the politically motivated violence in America today. If you are calling women's healthcare providers evil, you are part of the problem. If you are tweeting, Planned Parenthood sells baby parts, you are part of the problem.

Really?

Let me get this straight. It's acceptable to murder babies in the womb by tearing them limb-from-limb contrary to all laws that protect unborn babies if killed in any manner by any other means than by an abortion doctor. But it's wrong to say that murdering babies in that manner is evil, and to expose the evil to the light of day.

It reminds me of an incident some time ago, in which Operation Rescue was demonized by the pro-abortion lobby for displaying images of aborted babies, calling those images "obscene." It's not obscene to murder babies, but it is obscene to show pictures of those murders.

Yet in spite of common sense that reveals abortion to be a crime against nature, Planned Parenthood and its supporters have unleashed vitriolic accusations against pro-life advocates, blaming them for instigating Dear's actions with hateful "rhetoric."

While the word "rhetoric" means simply the art of persuasive speaking, it's obvious that the Left is using it in the pejorative sense when defending its murderous actions:

"language designed to have a persuasive or impressive effect on its audience, but often regarded as lacking in sincerity or meaningful content." (Oxford Dictionary)

Pro-lifers are nothing if not sincere, and who can say truthfully that the content of their defense for the unborn lacks meaningful content. What lacks meaningful content and sincerity is lies and deceit, which is what the pro-death camp personified.

Woe to those who call evil "good," and good "evil." ❖

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## Christian refugees denied visas to West

RESPONDING TO RECENT terrorist attacks in Paris, some Republican presidential candidates suggested that the safest way to allow refugees from the Middle East to enter the U.S. would be to limit the entry visas to Christians. Media mogul Rupert Murdoch echoed that sentiment. Murdoch tweeted on November 16, "Obama facing enormous opposition in accepting refugees. Maybe make special exception for proven Christians."

Senator Cruz said on Fox News the day after the attacks on Paris, "President Obama and Hillary Clinton's idea that we should bring tens of thousands of Syrian Muslim refugees to America—it is nothing less than lunacy."

Syrian Muslims fleeing IS should be resettled in "majority Muslim countries", he said.

"On the other hand Christians who are being targeted for genocide, for persecution, Christians who are being beheaded or crucified, we should be providing safe haven to them. But President Obama refuses to do that."

Obama angrily attempted to shame those who suggested that allowing only Christians to enter, saying they were giving in to "dark impulses." and rejecting the idea of a religious test. Said Obama:

That's not American. It's not who we are. We don't add religious tests to our compassion. The values that we are defending, the values that we're fighting against ISIL for, are precisely that we don't discriminate against people because of their faith. "We don't kill people because they're different than us. That's what separates us from them. And we don't feed that kind of notion that somehow Christians and Muslims are at war.

### COMMENTARY

Obama's anger is all the more curious considering the fact that, in spite of his generous attitude toward illegal aliens entering the U.S., with no desire to deport them and no desire to stop more of them from entering even from Middle East countries, Middle East Christians who have tried to enter both legally and illegally are being denied entry and returned to their home countries where it is certain they will face severe persecution.

It appears that Obama, who was raised a Sunni Muslim prior to allegedly converting to Christianity (with no external or internal evidence to show for it), has no problem with making sure refugees pass the religious test of being Muslims. A tiny number of Christians will be allowed to enter, no doubt to "prove" there is no pro-Islamic bias on Obama's part. Yet his words and actions over the almost seven years he has occupied the White House betray a clear bias in favor of Islam over Christianity. And not just any form of Islam.

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# Christian Refugees

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It has been reported that the overwhelming majority of Middle East refugees admitted to the U.S. in the past, and slated to be admitted under Obama's plan to bring up to 100,000 more by the end of 2017, are Sunni Muslims. Sunnis are the only Muslims not persecuted by ISIS. Most Islamic terrorist groups are of Sunni origin. These include ISIS, al Qaeda, Hamas, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab, and others.

The "refugees," 98% of which are Sunni Muslims, are not fleeing ISIS; they are fleeing the destruction caused by civil war between President Assad and rebel forces. Besides significant areas of Iraq, ISIS has total control over only a small portion in northern Syria. But they have operational presence over a significant portion of that area with attack zones bisecting northern and southern Syria.

The refugees fleeing ISIS are few in comparison to those fleeing from conflict between Assad's forces and the rebels.

ISIS has said that it will embed some of its members in the refugee population in order to spread their attack zones into the West as well as other Middle Eastern countries.

Obama tells Americans not to worry; he'll make sure they are not terrorists—at least not too many of them.

The once-great Land of the Free and Home of the Brave, established as a blessing to the world by God's grace, is now the land of the freeloader and home of the brash. And it's a trickle-down policy.

God's grace is being lifted from this nation. We lament that with all our hearts. But we know that His will must be done. I hope I'm not belaboring the point when I seem to harp on this theme of God's judgment justifiably coming upon America. But my desire is to wake up our sleeping brethren in Christ and warn them that the time is over for seeking prosperity and all the "good" things many think God owes them because they think or speak positively, or just because they consider themselves "King's kids."

How ill-prepared we are as a people, not just as Americans, but as Christians, to think that God would never allow us to suffer tribulation. His Word tells us that we will have tribulation in the world (John 16:33).

Our Syrian brethren are already experiencing that, as are many of our brethren all over the world. Most of the persecution is coming from Muslims. And the more they infiltrate the West via hijrah—immigration as a means of overtaking the population and ruling with sharia—the more Christians and Jews particularly will be persecuted.

The Qur'an forbids immigration for personal reasons alone. Immigration for all Muslims must be with the intent of conquest. Even "peaceful" Muslims are bound by the laws of Muhammad and the Qur'an.

But do not despair. Even as the Lord warns us of suffering tribulation in this world, He reminds us that He has

overcome the world, and tells us to be of good cheer (John 16:15-16).

He will return; He will conquer His enemies; He will rule the world with righteousness. For those who are faithful there will be a crown of glory—a crown of co-rulership with Him over the nations.

As for His enemies:

Do not worry about evildoers, or be envious of those who work iniquity, for they will soon be cut down like grass, and wither like the green herb. (Psalm 37:1-2).

Trust in Yahweh and do good.❖

## Jewish terrorists arrested in fire bombing case

ISRAELI POLICE AND Shin Bet security service agents on Thursday, December 3, arrested several Jewish terror suspects they believe were involved in the firebombing of a Palestinian home on July 31 as the family slept inside. The family's son, 18-month old Ali Dawabsha, died in the attack. His parents, Saad and Riham Dawabsha, died of their injuries while in Israeli hospitals.

Attorneys for the suspects, whose names have not been released, have accused the police of "grasping at straws" with no hard evidence, and of "violations of the law and human rights of the first order."

The attack caused police to immediately crack down on Jewish extremists in the West Bank, arresting many and holding them under administrative detention in which they can be held without charge as suspected terrorists. The police have been under pressure to bring the culprits to justice, and were criticized for not getting results quickly enough.

### COMMENTARY

I can't help but wonder how many Muslim terrorists are arrested for crimes against Jews and Christians in Muslim countries.

Pro-Palestinian Christians should wake up to the fact that not all Jews or even the Israeli government are terrorists as many charge. Christian Zionists, on the other hand, should wake up to the fact that Israel isn't *de facto* in the right just because God has established the nation for His purposes in these last days.❖

*When the wicked increase, transgression increases. But the righteous shall see their fall.*  
(Proverbs 29:16)



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His enemies; we count His enemies as our enemies. Yet it appears as if we are expected to treat God's enemies differently from our enemies.

This can boggle the mind. After all, doesn't our Lord want us to love everybody? Aren't we to love God's enemies as well as our own enemies?

His archenemy is Satan. Are we to love Satan and his evil minions? I see in Scripture where we are not to rail against them, recognizing that they act at the permission and even pleasure of God (Jude 19). To rail against Satan is to rail against God and His established order.

I suppose we could pity Satan, as well as all of God's enemies, human and angelic. But I also recall how Jesus took the time to plait a whip with which He scourged His Father's enemies in the temple (John 2:15). His defense was that His Father's house would be called a house of prayer, but they had made it a den of thieves. Even so, He did and said nothing against those who persecuted Him personally.

Then I pondered on something: does God hate His enemies? We read in many places where He hates various deeds of men, and where He pronounced His wrath upon those who hate Him. But does Scripture actually say He hates His enemies—men as well as Satan?

For You are not a God who has pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with You.

The foolish shall not stand in Your sight. **You hate all workers of iniquity.** You shall destroy those who speak lies. **YHWH detests the bloody and deceitful man.** (Psalm 5:4-6)

This, too, boggles the mind. We are so used to teachers telling us about the love of God—how He loves us “just as we are”—we forget that He has told us there is a time to love and a time to hate (Ecclesiastes 3:8).

I am reminded of the prophet Jehu's admonition to Judah's king, Jehoshaphat:

And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the ungodly, and love those who hate YHWH? Therefore wrath is upon you from before YHWH.” (2 Chronicles 19:2)

God chastened Jehoshaphat for loving God's enemies.

So then I pondered if perhaps God might want His people to love His enemies, but not necessarily do good to them, just as He chastised Jehoshaphat for doing. When the hordes of His enemies come against His people, might His people be allowed to defend themselves and those they love?

Jesus told His disciples, “He who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one” (Luke 22:33).

Some say He meant it for protection against wild animals. Yet He had just reminded them of when He had sent them out as sheep among wolves, without provisions, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:35). The wolves weren't furry animals; they were the enemies of God.

There will be those who argue that Jesus was speaking under the Old Covenant; His words don't apply to us today.

But His words were in preparation for the time when He would be gone. They would no longer be under the Old Covenant, but under the New Covenant.

Still, what about all the martyrs throughout history who laid down their lives for the faith without resistance?

That is important to consider. But not as important as God's Word. What men do, and how they react in any given situation is not our guide; God's Word is our guide, and each of us must be persuaded in our own hearts and minds as to what our heavenly Father would have us do.

Some true believers would take up arms to defend the defenseless, and to protect their families and other loved ones. Other true believers would never resist even if they saw their wives and children being tortured and raped. Let each be persuaded in his own heart and mind, willing to stand before the Lord for judgment when the time comes. Only keep in mind God's Word which tells us that he who does not provide for his own, and especially for his family, has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel (1 Timothy 5:8).

Providing for those under one's charge involves more than food, shelter, and clothing. It means protection of life itself. Those who disagree are free to do so, but this has become my conviction after much wrestling with God's Word. Even so, I don't believe we have the luxury to hate anyone. If we must put down our enemies we don't rejoice.

## Are Muslims Our Enemies?

Not all Muslims hate us or wish evil upon us. But after years of study I reluctantly conclude that they are our enemies simply because they are God's enemies. They deny the Son of God; in so doing, they deny the Father who sent Him:

He who believes on the Son of God has the witness in himself; He who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he does not believe the record that God gave of his Son.

And this is the record: that God has given eternal life to us, and this life is in His Son.

He who has the Son has life, and he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:10-12)

Because all Muslims are *de facto* God's enemies for rejecting His Son, do we have His permission to hate them?

Certainly not. We, who were once God's enemies also, are to love them and, at every opportunity, minister God's truth to them so that they may become God's children and no longer His enemies.

But there is a difference even among God's enemies. Those who truly hate the true God and actively work to

destroy His children and His work among men are different from those who are merely *de facto* His enemies—those who through ignorance or apathy care neither one way or the other.

His rabid enemies make up the ranks of ISIS, al Qaeda, the Taliban, Hezbollah, Hamas, CAIR, and other Islamic activist groups, both violent and non-violent. His merely *de facto* enemies are not prone to violence, and may even denounce the violent contingents of His enemies. Yet even these are being propagandized by many of their imams to hate Christians and Jews for not submitting to Islam.

That said, unless and until we know for certain that it is God's will for hordes of Muslims to invade America and the West in general, it wouldn't be unloving to keep God's enemies from further encroaching upon our nation.

Whichever side a believer takes, he should understand some basic truths about Islam:

1) Islam's objective is world conquest with the subjugation of all infidels (non-Muslims) to sharia (Islamic law);

2) There are both violent and non-violent means to accomplish Islam's objective. But the objective is the same, and both means pose a threat to non-Muslim nations;

3) Islam's violent means are militant jihad—terrorism through bloodshed and violence against infidels and even against Muslims of different sects;

4) Islam's non-violent means include immigration and procreation meant to overwhelm non-Islamic countries with enough Muslims so that sharia can eventually be imposed;

5) Most Muslims in the West are, currently, non-violent, yet many non-violent Muslims have bragged that through immigration and procreation the children of the current citizens of the non-Muslim countries will one day worship Allah and bow toward Mecca;

6) Muslims do not assimilate into the culture of the nations to which they immigrate. They create their own culture within the confines of established neighborhoods;

7) When a sufficient number of Muslims have taken over a region (entire country or even a neighborhood) many threaten non-Muslims with violence should the nation's laws be imposed above, or in addition to, sharia for their communities;

8) Muslim couples produce on average four to five children. Non-Muslims produce fewer than two children. Europe could become predominantly Muslim within two to three generations;

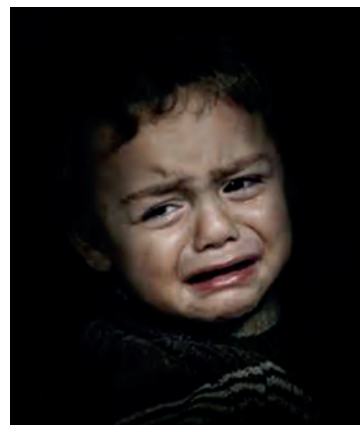
9) Some Muslims wrap themselves in the American flag as if to demonstrate loyalty to the nation. But Islam's "prophet" Muhammad demands that allegiance be given only to Allah even if it means that Muslims must destroy the nation.



Is it lack of compassion that causes those in the know about Islam to oppose further immigration from Muslim countries? Is speaking the truth hatred? Does facing reality mean we don't care about people?

Of course not. As believers in Jesus, we hope to bring as many of them to Christ as possible. But it is possible to love our enemies without inviting them to overrun us.

And about those three-year-olds that Obama accuses the Republican presidential candidates of fearing: violent jihadists are training children from that age to be willing to die for Allah by engaging in acts of terror. Not all of those innocent-looking big eyes in the photos splashed across the media are so innocent. We don't know how many, but young Muslim children—



What Obama and the media want us to see.



What Obama and the Media don't want us to see.

boys and girls—are being bred to kill “the enemies of Islam.” Within ten years at most, those three-year-old kids could be lethal weapons in the hands of some terrorist group.





At least one imam, Nidal Asayyed, of the Islamic Center of Triplex in Beaumont, Texas, had the courage to appear on FOX's *Hannity* and publicly agree with Donald Trump that the U.S. should temporarily disallow all Muslims to enter the country until we know what we are dealing with. Pray for others like him to speak out, and for those honest Muslims to come to Christ.

When politicians criticize Trump by saying, "We are not at war with Islam," they are mistaken at best, and deceptive at worst. We *are* at war with Islam simply because Islam is at war with us. It's not a war of our choosing; it is a war of Islam's choosing. And although Muslims may seem benign while comprising a small minority in any country, what Western Europe is experiencing in upheavals caused by an increasing influx of "peaceful" Muslims paints a truer picture of that warfare.

Still, we want to be kind and generous in helping those refugees who are true victims of the violent aspects of Islam. Some have proposed that only Christian refugees be allowed in; that raises the ire of Obama. Some say that, rather than bring them into the western nations, those nations should work in concert to create safe zones in the Middle East where the refugees can remain among their own people.

While the U.S. and Western Europe are being lectured and made to feel guilty about the refugee problem, wealthy Muslim countries like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, and others, refuse to take in any displaced refugees. Saudi Arabia alone maintains an entire city of high quality, air conditioned tents (below) that are used for only five days of the

year by Hajj pilgrims on their way to Mecca for Dhu al-Hijja, the last month of the Islamic year. The 100,000 fireproof tents in the city of Mina measure approximately 24 feet by 24 feet, and contain kitchens and bathroom facilities. They are estimated to be able to house some 3 million people.

Although Saudi Arabia refuses to take in any refugees (other than some 500,00 who had previously repatriated there from other Muslim nations), the country has offered to build 200 mosques in Germany to accommodate the half-million Muslims expected to migrate there each year.

The irony of Saudi Arabia's refusal to take in these refugees is reflected in that nation's culpability in funding violent jihad in the Middle East. This is well known to Barack Obama, yet when he went to Saudi Arabia representing the United States of America in May 2009, he bowed his knees in obeisance to the Saudi's (now late) King Abdullah.

There is no real need for any western nation to succumb to this Muslim invasion perpetrated at the hands of Muslim chieftains as well as Bush's and Obama's foreign policies in the Middle East that left the vacuum for ISIS to fill.

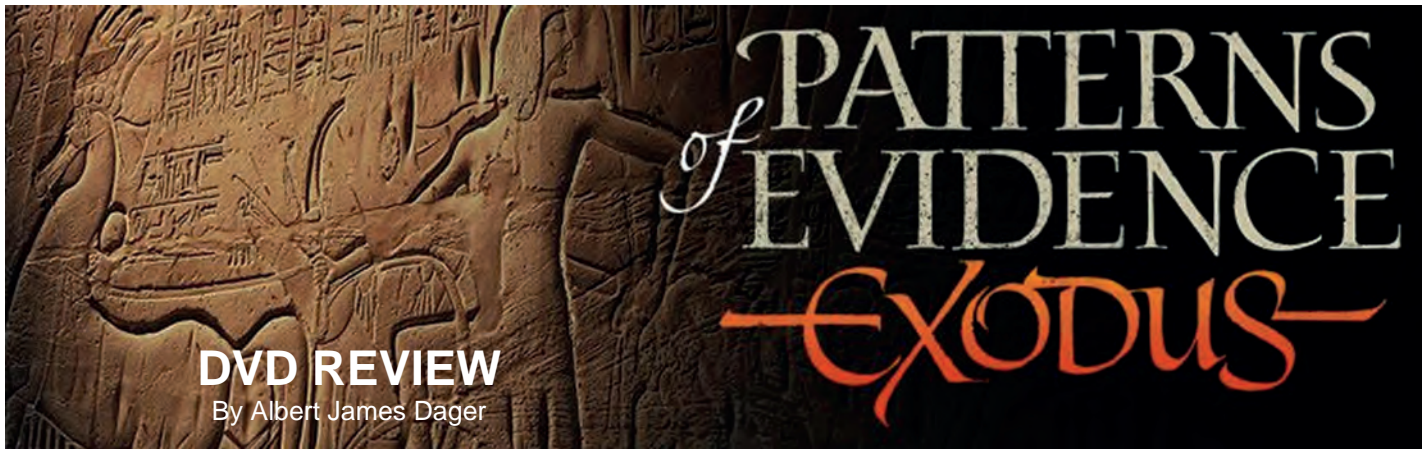
But conditions must be made right for Satan's man of sin to appear. ISIS may be the catalyst to bring the West and Middle East together to defeat a common enemy of their own making. The conditions are ripe for the final kingdom represented by the toes of iron and clay that support the statue Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream (Daniel 2).

The iron represents Rome, the sixth kingdom; the clay represents the Ottoman Empire, the seventh kingdom. The Roman Empire maintains some semblance of its prior glory in Western Europe; the Ottoman Empire still has its "tabernacle" that was erected on the Holy Mountain between the two seas (Daniel 11:25). They must be rid of the Jews who presently control portions of Jerusalem. The alliance that will be established to rid the world of the Jews and Christians will form a revived Roman/Ottoman kingdom (the latter, the wounded head) under a Muslim anti-Christ. The Muslim invasion of the West will aid that cause. (For details read my book, *The Day of Yahweh*, Sword Publishers.)

God has blinded the eyes and dulled the minds of the leaders in the West. Even those who wish to resist the possibility of violent jihadists coming into the U.S. by imbedding themselves among the refugees are blind. While proclaiming that most Muslims are peaceful, they are ignoring the fact that virtually all Muslims believe their destiny is to conquer the world. Violent jihad is merely one means; peaceful jihad through immigration and procreation is as much, or more, a threat to our culture than violent jihad.

This invasion of the West is part of God's judgment upon the nations that have had the advantage of the Gospel for the past millennium and beyond, yet have rejected God's righteousness. But God's will shall be done, regardless of who wins the next election. It may be just a matter of how soon He completes His judgment. ❖





IS THERE ANY genuine evidence that the biblical account of the Exodus is reliable? According to many experts the answer is no. Prominent archaeologists and historians insist that there is no hard evidence to support the biblical account of the Exodus. They claim these stories are just myths. Their skepticism adds to the fact that the historical credibility of the Bible is under attack as never before.

The Exodus is a foundational account in the Bible, embraced by hundreds of millions of people. Aspects of the Exodus have played a central role in the development of Western Civilization, providing the roots for its political, social, ethical, and legal systems. But did it really happen?

Basing their research on certain biblical references to the Israelites in the city of Ramesses (Rameses; Raamses [KJV]) prior to the Exodus, skeptics insist there is no evidence that these accounts are true. The reference most commonly cited is Exodus 1:11:

Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Ramesses. (cf. Exodus 12:37; Numbers 33:3-5)

Pointing out that excavations at the site of the ancient city of Ramesses have produced no evidence of Israelite occupation, the skeptics have determined that the Bible is in error. Certainly had a nation of people lived for some 400 years in a particular location there would be archaeological evidence to that effect.

And the skeptics are correct. There is no evidence of the Israelites living in the city of Ramesses at any time.

The case against the Exodus appears to be so strong that even some leaders within Christianity are labeling the ancient biblical account as historical fiction. Yet many continue to defend the biblical account even in the face of scoffing and ridicule. They are accused of defending the indefensible—basing their beliefs on “blind faith” rather than the evidence of science.

But who can blame the critics if, in fact, there is no evidence of an Israelite presence where the Bible allegedly indicates it should be? Just because the Israelites left the

land doesn’t mean there would remain no physical evidence of their having been there. Yet archaeology has uncovered no Egyptian history or physical evidence of the Israelites ever residing in Ramesses or its outlying environs, including the Land of Goshen where the Bible says they settled.

Case closed. The Bible is wrong; it cannot be trusted. And if it cannot be trusted in this area, it cannot be trusted at all. It’s all or nothing when it comes to belief that the Bible is true. We cannot pick-and-choose which portions we wish to believe and which to discard. That has been the trouble with Christian religions throughout the centuries. And it is all the more reason to believe that the Bible is untrustworthy. Archaeological evidence supports that contention.

Or does it?

Steve Law, a researcher for *Patterns of Evidence*, states:

These verses cause most scholars to focus their attention on the city built by Ramesses II that was known to have had a very short history from about 1290-1100 BC. That is why they date the Exodus to the reign of Ramesses II, who is known to have built that city (although in a later period than we think the Exodus occurred) and whose reign as pharaoh is conventionally dated at 1279-1213 BC.

However, Genesis 47:11 is almost never mentioned by advocates of the Ramesses Exodus theory because in the biblical story, it occurs about 100 years before Exodus 1:11 (Joseph was 39 when the Israelites entered the land, and died at age 110. It was only after he died and all his brothers, and the rest of that generation that the Israelites were enslaved and afterward built the city of Ramesses [Ex. 1:6-11]).

So if the use of the word “Ramesses” in Exodus 47:11 does not necessarily equate to the time of Pharaoh Ramesses II, then why are the majority of scholars claiming that the use of “Ramesses” in Exodus 1:11 must do so? Genesis 47:11 argues against their theory.



Now enter Timothy Mahoney, a man facing a crisis of faith precisely because of the above claims by skeptics. Mahoney decided to embark on a journey of discovery to determine if those skeptics are really correct, or if they had misread the evidence and drawn erroneous conclusions. His journey took him not only to Egypt, but many destinations throughout the world, in search of pieces to the puzzle.

Mahoney determined to trust in his faith on one hand, yet be willing to face the facts on the other. If he could not find the evidence to support the biblical account, then he would have to be honest enough to admit it, and accept the possibility that the Bible is not trustworthy.

He began his search for evidence of the Exodus with the question, "Is there any archaeological or historical evidence [at all] for the story of the Exodus?" He decided to tackle the issue with a deliberate scientific approach. After examining the details in the biblical text, he journeyed across the globe in a firsthand search for patterns of evidence.

Mahoney's journey is documented in the motion picture, *Patterns of Evidence: Exodus*, which was released on DVD in August, 2015. In the video, Mahoney combines a vivid retelling of the biblical account with interviews of top authorities from both sides of the debate.

Taking a bold new approach by identifying six primary steps of the Exodus account, Mahoney then looked for patterns of evidence wherever they existed in Egypt's history. The results were startling and could fundamentally transform the way the world views history and the Bible.

The previous approach in seeking evidence for the Exodus had been to dig at the site of the city of Ramesses that was built during the New Kingdom Age of Egypt (16<sup>th</sup> century BC – 11<sup>th</sup> century BC). Yet those scholars focusing on Ramesses usually limit their search to the narrower time of Pharaoh Ramesses himself—conventionally dated at 1279-1213 BC.

Says Steve Law:

A minority of scholars follow a more traditional interpretation of the biblical information, which points to the Exodus occurring around 1450 BC—200 years prior to Ramesses (based on 1 Kings 6:11). But the problem is that the evidence for the major steps of the Exodus story is equally scarce at both of these New Kingdom options (1450 BC and 1250 BC).

Mahoney took the different approach of seeing first if there is any evidence of the Hebrews living in Egypt during any period of Egypt's history. Then he would have to see if there is evidence to support the various stages of the Hebrews sojourning there: Joseph's presence, the famine during Joseph's time, the slavery of the Hebrews, the plagues, the Passover, the spoiling of the Egyptians by the Hebrews, and the Exodus itself.

If Mahoney could compile sufficient evidence to demonstrate that these things happened, then it would be a matter

of dating those events to see if they are, in fact, compatible with the Bible.

In truth, Mahoney was able to compile that evidence by assembling information provided by various sources within the fields of archaeology and Egyptology. He demonstrates that the Hebrews were in fact in the land during the Middle Kingdom Age, not the New Kingdom Age, and that all the Bible describes about their history there bears much evidence. In the process he allowed the skeptics to have their say. In spite of the evidence, the skeptics insist that none of that matters because it didn't transpire during the time they say the Bible says it transpired.

But the final piece of research does question the dating of Egyptian history.

Can it be merely coincidence that a Syro-Canaanite people did live in Goshen, enjoyed prosperity for a long season only to be driven into slavery, then liberated to the degree that no evidence for them would exist for the later history of Egypt? Is it merely coincidence that the prominent tomb (at the head of 11 other prominent tombs) of a non-Egyptian nobleman among those Syro-Canaanite people would have a pyramid-shaped tomb, normally reserved only for Egyptian kings? Or that the tomb would contain no remains in keeping with the biblical account that the Hebrews took Joseph's bones with them when they fled Egypt (Exodus 13:19)? Or that this nobleman's effigy within the tomb would depict fair skin and be clothed in a coat of many colors?

Is it coincidence that the more ancient evidence speaks of sudden destruction upon Egypt with an Egyptian account of plagues that match the biblical account?

These are just a few of the remarkable new discoveries of evidence to support the biblical account of the Exodus.

As incredible as the denial of the skeptics may be in light of this evidence, honest hearts would have to at least be willing to consider that God's Word might be true after all.

You be the judge as you take this wondrous, two-hour journey with Timothy Mahoney through the ancient records and evidence which shows that God is faithful and His Word is true.

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# EDITORIAL

## WHAT COLOR IS RACISM?

By Albert James Dager

**W**AY BACK IN 1960, I was sitting at the College Grill near Los Angeles City College with one of my best buddies with whom I had graduated from high school. He was, and still is, a liberal Catholic Democrat, but we have always loved each other as best buds do. As we were discussing political issues, I was trying to explain how Marxism, and particularly Soviet Communism, was working in America to divide and conquer us. He couldn't accept what I said, believing that much of the "anti-communist rhetoric" that was prevalent at the time was just that—rhetoric with no basis in truth. My explanation of how the nation was being torn apart by pitting the poor against the wealthy, women against men, children against parents, workers against employers, blacks against whites, etc., was falling on deaf ears.

When I predicted that it wouldn't be long before race riots would erupt in the United States he said, "You're prejudiced, Al."

This from a guy whose ethnicity is Mexican.

Not long after the Watts riots broke out in 1965, I again was with him, and he said to me, "I can't believe this is happening."

I reminded him of what I had predicted five years earlier. But that didn't seem to convince him that I knew of what I spoke. He just reiterated at least twice more, "Yeah, but I just can't believe this is happening."

How was I able to make that prediction? Because although I was still a Catholic at that time, I was aware of the satanic deception called Marxism, and how it was plotting to overthrow the United States by fomenting a divide-and-conquer discord among the nation's citizens.

Working at Poor Richard's Book Store in Hollywood, California, gave me many opportunities to read up on the communist conspiracy, the New World Order, socialism, and other forms of Marxism. I was also a member of the John Birch Society for a time, which proved to be accurate in its understanding of these conspiracies even while being denigrated by the leftist media as a "right wing fringe group."

Coming from the perspective of a leftist political viewpoint, my friend couldn't understand my perspective on things. Although I don't believe he would totally agree with the leftist philosophy that "racism is white," it seemed to be a basis for his comment about my being prejudiced.

The "racism is white" canard permeates the leftist media today. If there is hatred toward white people—particularly white males—on the part of other ethnic groups, it's because they perceive that all white people are culpable for the oppression of those groups throughout history. Therefore, they reason, whites deserve anything evil that comes upon them, either from nature or from people of other ethnic groups. It isn't racism; it's justifiable hatred.

This is not the sentiment of non-Christian race baiters only; it is held by many who call themselves Christians—even Christian pastors who often base their sermons on their perception of racial injustice in the world rather than on the Word of God rightly divided.

Consider that some 75% of Americans still call themselves "Christians." If that is true, then who is out there calling for the death of police officers in the name of some misguided and satanically-inspired "justice," accompanied by clergy-robed people?

I get what the "Black Lives Matter" movement is about. It isn't that many of them don't think that all lives matter; they just think that the "All Lives Matter" retort to their slogan detracts from their message that black young men especially are being targeted by white-dominated police departments and victimized through disproportionate incarceration and death, solely because they are black.

Never mind that in most incidents where police have killed black men it was in response to crimes and/or attacks against the police committed by those black men. Or that 68% of crime in America is committed by 19% of the population.

No one can deny that there have been instances of unjust acts of violence against blacks, including killing, by a small minority of police. But the leftist media, Marxist politicians, including Barack Obama, and, sadly, many pastors, have purposely fanned the flames of hatred against all police—including even black law enforcement officers who they consider "Uncle Toms."

Rather than encourage young black men and women to lift themselves from their disadvantaged positions in life, as many black people have done, many black Christian pastors make excuses for the crime, drug use, and promiscuity among their people by blaming them on "white oppression."

Black people who have had the strength of character to lift themselves above the black victimization rhetoric are often scorned and even vilified by black leaders as the "white man's lackey."

When it comes to the difficult and dangerous job of law enforcement in black communities, criminals are portrayed as innocent victims of racist cops engaged in police brutality. Barack Obama's quick-to-judge sympathy for thugs and condemnation of alleged police brutality has only added fuel to the fire of racial hatred of blacks against whites.

Obama's token phone call to the wife of Harris County, Texas, deputy sheriff Darren Goforth, who was assassinated by a black racist, rang hollow in view of Obama's non-response to the Black Lives Matter parade at the Minnesota State Fair in which participants loudly shouted, "Pigs in a Blanket! Fry 'em like bacon!"

"Pigs in a blanket" is a vitriolic reference to dead police officers.

The leader of the "Pigs in a blanket" chant, Trahern Crews, stated that the crowd was just being "playful."

Yeah, right.

"Playful" or not, it is a felony to incite murder, especially against government agents. Had any other group "playfully" called for the death of Barack Obama, you can bet they would be incarcerated for decades, if not for life.

This "playful" chant came just days after deputy Goforth had been murdered execution style by a black racist, Shannon Miles, who has been arraigned on charges of murder.

The Democrat Party is also conspicuously silent about that hateful chant that came the day after the Democratic National Committee (DNC) endorsed the Black Lives Matter movement. Why has the DNC not at least chastised the group involved (if not all the Black Lives Matter movement) or withdrawn its support?

This has nothing to do with Democrat or Republican; it has to do with Marxists in government abetting hate speech for political and social reform that could destroy this nation.

The rage against white people—and particularly against police officers—is blind to these facts. There is no reasoning with blind hatred on either side. Some of the vitriol spewed out by whites against the Black Lives Matter movement is a disgrace, also not grounded in reason. But the white voices spewing hatred against the Black Lives Matter movement are relatively few compared to those spewing hatred against the honorable profession of law enforcement as well as against whites in general.

We might expect such hatred from the ungodly. But the majority spewing hatred from both sides call themselves "Christians."

Then there are those who choose to remain silent rather than address this disgrace. Where are the "Reverends" Al Sharpton and Jessie Jackson who have done much to foster hatred against white people and police officers? At the most, on one hand they lament the killing of police, but in the same breath remind us of why the police are being killed. In veiled terms they tell us that it's the police officers' own fault for acting out their racist hatred of black young men. They ignore the vitriol spewed out by racist blacks who vociferously blame the police for their own murders. Some are calling for "open season" on police officers and white people in general. A video going viral on the Internet is produced by a black man (a self-professed member of the Black Lives

Matter movement) who calls himself King Noble. In the video he states:

This is King Noble, Black Supremacy. In this particular video I want to talk about how the Black Lives Matter movement is not responsible for this recent execution and murder of white cops—any cops today—or just white people in general. The Black Lives Matter movement is not responsible. Let me tell you what is responsible: white people with a misconception about their racial identity and their supremacy, their lack of compassion for minorities, taking advantage of the lack of political power that minorities have—their just overall devilment, their desire to dominate over other people, and to exploit other people for the economic gains of their counties and their states. This will be the responsibility of deaths to come of white people, and white police officers, and the deaths that have already taken place in the past.

You're responsible, Cracker; you're responsible for the death of white cops, that you're about to see the death of police officers. You're responsible for the deaths of white people that's about to happen on a massive level—wholesale level....

So whenever you feel so haughty and arrogant in your racism and your hatred of another people—the black people—really, your gods; hatred of the supreme people of the earth, your true masters, the original people of the planet earth, the mothers and fathers of civilization—as long as you continue to be haughty and arrogant, and hatin' them, you will be responsible for your mass execution and annihilation of your people.

King Noble's racist diatribe degenerates into further obscenity-laced hate speech against whites, which I can't repeat here, telling us how blacks are going to kill whites in America, picking them off as soft targets.

Where is the appeal from Sharpton and Jackson for such people to shut up and either work toward racial unity or get out of the way?

Yes, there have been injustices against minorities. But if it weren't for white Western Civilization a far greater number of non-whites in the world would be dying early deaths from disease and poverty than are dying now. White men's medicines, medical clinics, and charitable giving to non-white countries in Africa, South America, and other portions of the world should receive some credit without being lumped together with those who have acted wrongly against not only non-whites but whites as well.

If it weren't for the civilizing effect of the Gospel, brought to those dark nations initially by white Christians desirous of helping lift lives from the mire foisted upon them by their own leaders, the Dark Continent, and all the continents would be a total blackout with people struggling to reach past the age of 30. *(Continued on page 14)*

The irrational ranting of racists from all sides does nothing to heal the divide. They play into the hands of those who use them to advance their anti-Christ agenda against all people regardless of race.

The Marxist revolutionaries in this country are smelling blood; with the help of their “liberal” sycophants in government and the media they will continue to foment racial hatred until the nation is torn apart. And Satan has cleverly used them to foment hatred among professing Christians in order to achieve that agenda.

This is a disgrace to the name of Jesus. It is despicable; these people are despicable. They are as despicable as those turning a blind eye to the murderous policies of Planned Parenthood whose illegal and ghoulish marketing of baby parts for profit is turning the stomachs of right-thinking people everywhere.

They are as despicable as government officials and judges who are forcing people to act contrary to their consciences regarding same-gender marriage or lose their livelihoods and/or freedom.

Where is the outrage against these things from the mainstream media? Where is the outrage from the man sitting in the place of the President of the United States? Where is the outrage from pastors and teachers who call themselves men and women of God?

America is on the verge of destruction, and our enemies are laughing at us and at the God of the Universe who created them. They have successfully stultified the voices of a vast majority of pastors who will not call to account those alleged Christians in government whose consciences are seared, regardless of political party.

As long as someone goes by the name “Christian” he or she is subject to the discipline of the Body of Christ when they teach and/or act contrary to God’s Word. Yet so-called Christian politicians piously attend their churches, some ostentatiously carrying their Bibles, without confrontation by their pastors to get their thinking and actions in line with God’s Word or be excommunicated.

I don’t expect politicians who do not call themselves Christians to do what is right, but I am ashamed to call myself a Christian alongside those who not only tolerate the evils imposed upon the citizens of this nation, but celebrate those evils. I’m even more ashamed to call myself a Christian alongside pastors who promote racism and lawlessness.

The evil of racism has no place in the Body of Christ. Scripture tells us that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek (Galatians 3:28). But there is also neither white nor black; neither black nor brown; neither brown nor yellow. The breaking down of the wall of partition extends beyond all colors. If we hold even a modicum of animosity toward people of other races than our own, we must confess that sin to our heavenly Father and seek His forgiveness.

The Body of Christ should be a model of love among all its members regardless of race. Jesus said, “By this they will know you are My disciples: if you have love one for another.” Yet how many professing Christians harbor hatred in their hearts—whites hating blacks; blacks hating whites. And this hatred is often exploited and even fomented by pastors who are so carnal they can’t overcome their own prejudices.

While we may justifiably place the blame for racism in America on leftist politicians, the fact that a vast majority of racists attend one church or another demonstrates that the root of the problem lies within an apostate Christianity—white pastors whose silence implies tacit approval of racism, and black pastors whose vitriol against whites and police demonstrates an anti-Christ racist mentality. We should be thankful for those in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day while patiently subjecting themselves to the angry vitriol of ignorant race baiters.

If Christian leaders of all colors were acting and teaching according to God’s Word, there would hardly be any racism in this “Christian” nation.

True believers in Jesus may well face great tribulation in the days ahead as the governments of the world continue to work toward establishing anti-Christ’s kingdom, but we must not lose heart. And we must not live in fear no matter the threats against us by those who hate us for our beliefs or for our color. As vexed as we are by the evils in our midst, we must persevere in loving our enemies and helping our brethren in Christ do the same regardless of color.

If brethren in Christ can’t overlook the color of their brothers’ skin, how can we expect the world to solve the problem of racism? We are bound to one another for help and support in times of distress. If we think we can survive by sticking only to brethren of our particular race, we are fooling ourselves.❖

**HARRY REID:**

***Republicans have “lost their moral compass.”***

On August 4, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) accused Republicans trying to pass a bill to defund Planned Parenthood for its illegal and immoral selling of baby parts for research as having “lost their moral compass.”

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With such a remark, Reid demonstrates that he and his left-wing sycophants who don’t even take time to wipe the blood from their hands, including Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, don’t have a moral compass to lose; one wonders if they ever did.

Woe to those who call evil “good,” and good “evil”; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isaiah 5:20-21)





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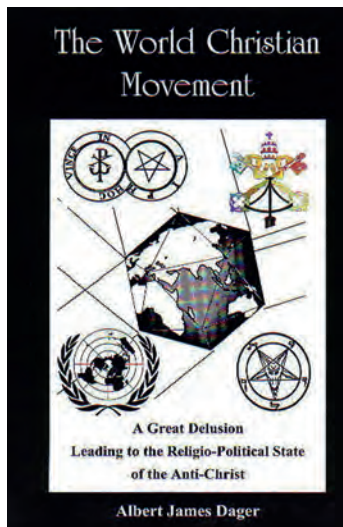
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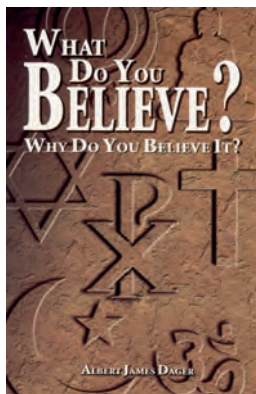
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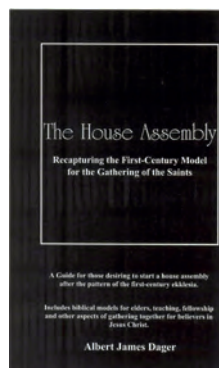
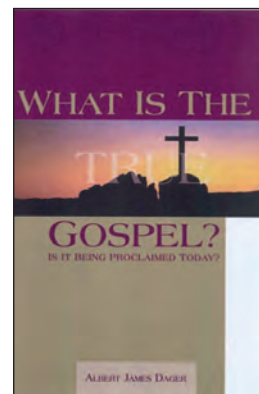
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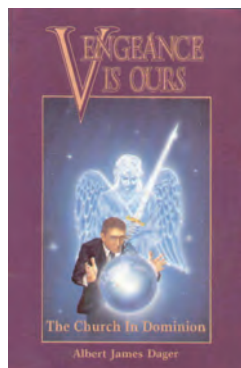
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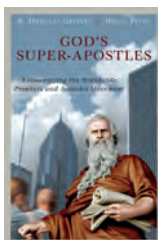
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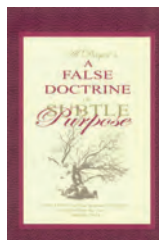


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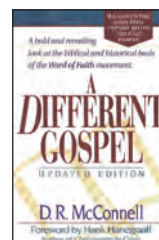


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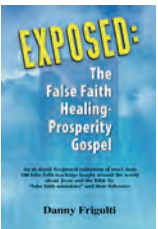


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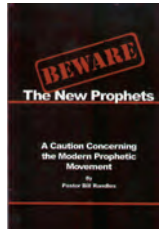


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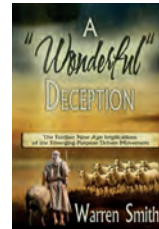


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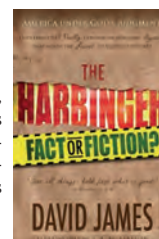


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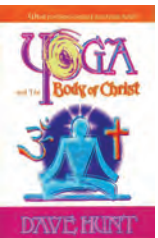


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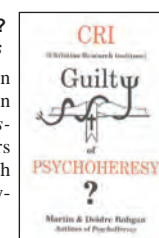


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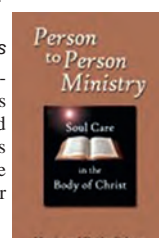


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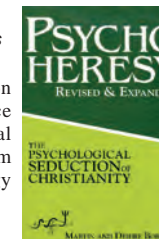


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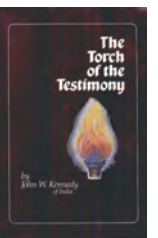


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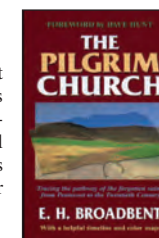


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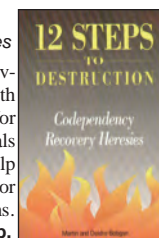


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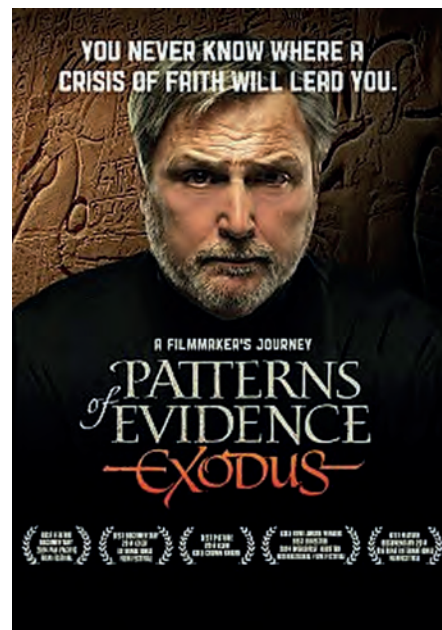
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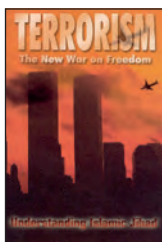
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So what does it mean to properly discern the Lord's body and blood?

We must recognize that His body and blood, represented in the bread and wine, are holy, just as He and His physical body and blood are holy. As such, they must be approached with a holy and reverent attitude, not as the Corinthians were doing by reveling in the eating and drinking. This is why Paul chastised them and warned them of God's judgment upon them. Unrepentant sin is one cause for illness, and particularly when it is brought as an offering to the Lord at His Table.

To conclude, I suggest believers reject Prince's spiritual philosophy. Again, it isn't that he has no truth; he has much truth. But Satan knows how to use scriptural truth for his own purposes. An abundance of truth coupled with a serious lie will deceive far more than a little truth with an abundance of lies.

Yes, healing is included in the Lord's atonement, but it is not a guarantee in all cases. And there is no formula for attaining healing. All formulas to get God to act are occultic in nature.

Consider how this particular teaching, coupled with the truths that Prince includes, can be harmful:

- 1) By telling us that confession of sin isn't important when coming before the Lord, or partaking of His Table, believers may be lulled into a false sense of security, thinking they are in right standing with our Father while actually being in rebellion. Laxity in confession of sin to God can lead to laxity in all areas of our faith which, in turn, can lead to apostasy, contrary to Prince's belief in hyper-grace and eternal security;
- 2) At the least it can make us ineffective in serving our Lord and advancing the Kingdom of God. Unconfessed sin in the life of a believer can wreak havoc with our faith and our relationship with our Lord and with the Father;
- 3) We may find ourselves transferring our faith in God to faith in the bread and wine, as Prince suggests. That is idolatry;
- 4) We may also find ourselves mesmerized deeper into the Word-Faith and/or hyper-faith doctrines and all the diabolical teachings associated with them. Once we place our trust in any man or teaching that is contrary to God's Word, we open ourselves to further deception.

It is my prayer that those who read this will not despise Joseph Prince, but pray that the Lord would truly turn him from error to the full truth of God's Word. ❖

# Jerry Falwell, Jr., packing for Muslims

**F**EARING A POSSIBLE attack by Muslim extremists, Jerry Falwell, Jr., addressed an audience of students at Liberty University on November 11, urging them to buy guns, learn how to use them, and get concealed carry permits.

"Let's teach them a lesson if they ever show up here," Falwell told an estimated 10,000 students at convocation. "I've always thought if more good people had concealed carry permits, then we could end those Muslims before they walked in," Falwell said to loud cheers.

In response to criticism that he was targeting all Muslims with his comments, Falwell said that he was referring specifically to Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik, the couple involved in the San Bernardino terrorist attack.

Hillary Clinton criticized Falwell, telling ABC News, "This is the kind of deplorable, not only hateful, response to a legitimate security issue, but it is giving aid and comfort to ISIS and other radical jihadists."

## COMMENTARY

It isn't what Falwell said that concerns me, but the manner in which he said it—jokingly with a smile on his face. He bragged that he was carrying a gun in his back pocket: "If some of those people in that community center had what I have in my back pocket right now," he said, smiling, "Is it illegal to pull it out? I don't know."

This gives the impression that we should enjoy killing Muslims, whether or not they are extremists.

God's Word tells us not to rejoice when our enemy falls. But Falwell has given fodder to the Left for their gun-control cannons. He may have pleased political conservatives, but his comments, and particularly the manner in which he stated them, were unwise.

By inciting joyful celebration at the suggestion of killing anyone he was not conducting God's business. ❖

# Obama: draft women?

**N**OW THAT OBAMA has lifted the ban on women in combat, the White House announced that it needs to review whether women should be drafted into the military.

## COMMENTARY

When will Congress realize that it is time to impeach and remove from office this dangerous person? To even think of putting our women in harm's way, and then considering that folly for all young women, is devilish. It demonstrates how weak we are morally and spiritually. Obama is the most amoral person to ever sit in the Oval Office.

How very sad that this nation has strayed so far from God that He has had to saddle us with such perverted leaders. We, as a nation, are responsible for this. Otherwise people like Obama would never have been foisted upon us. ❖



ARRIVING ON THE heels of the 1929 Stock Market crash, the third decade of the century began with turmoil. Many wealthy people, not just in America but around the world, became impoverished overnight when they found themselves leveraged too deeply in stocks that had risen sharply during the '20s. Unable to meet margin calls, or finding the stocks they owned suddenly worthless, some even took their lives rather than face ruin.

## ECONOMICS

### The Great Depression

The collapse of the Stock Market propelled the world into the greatest economic recession in history, called the Great Depression. From 1929 to 1932 worldwide Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell by 15%. Unemployment in the United States rose to 25%; some countries saw an unemployment rate as high as 33%. With the loss of jobs, tax revenue fell, profits for commerce and industry followed suit, and international trade suffered a drop of 50%.

Satan had a heyday with the manipulation of Mammon that would send the world into a downward spiral of poverty and despair. But his minions that could buy and sell souls with the great wealth they controlled through the central banks of the nations were made all the richer for it. For the rest of the world's population there was only despair.

The Great Depression gave socialists like President Franklin Delano Roosevelt the opportunity to drastically alter the economic policies of the U.S. toward big-government policies that would change the attitudes of the people from self-sufficiency to dependency on government welfare.

Utilizing the economic theories of British socialist John Maynard Keynes, Roosevelt embarked on a policy of deficit spending that would send the United States into never-ending debt that plagues the nation today, and is projected to reach \$20 trillion by the end of Barack Obama's second term.

Keynes posited in his *The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money* that the decline in income and employment is due to low aggregate expenditures (the value of all finished goods and services in the economy). Keynes declared that government must run deficits when the economy is slowing because investment in the private sector would not be sufficient to keep production at the normal level to avoid a recession. Thus, the government must pick up the slack by increasing government spending and/or cutting taxes. One means to increase government spending would be through the creation of government jobs, particularly bureaucratic positions that would give further control of the economy and the people to the government.

Following Keynes's socialist approach, Roosevelt's response to the Great Depression was to announce his "New Deal" in 1933, and to embark on government programs such as public works and farm subsidies to keep employment up. But according to Keynesian economists Roosevelt didn't spend enough to bring the nation out of the Great Depression. It would take a war of Roosevelt's making (at least partially) to end the Great Depression. But for the entire 1930s the people paid a high price for the government's experimentation.

The most prosperous industries other than the international banks were illicit gang-related operations that pushed drugs, alcohol, prostitution, gambling, sex trafficking, and other vices. This was an added benefit to anti-Christ's efforts to demoralize and debauch society, driving people further from Christ.

## RELIGION

### Cristo Redentor

In 1931, further south in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, high on a hill overlooking the city, a statue called *Cristo Redentor* (Portuguese for Christ the Redeemer), begun in 1922, was



completed. Built in the Art Deco style popular during that time, the statue stands 98 feet tall, not including its 26-foot high pedestal. Its arms stretch 92 feet wide. Considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, it is located on the 2,300-foot high Corcovado Mountain in the Tijuca Forest National Park. The large edifice dominates the Rio de Janeiro landscape as a protest to the “Godlessness” of the city at the time. Throughout its history the statue has been struck by lightning and damaged several times. Additionally, it has had to undergo periodic restoration not only from lightning strikes, but from fungi and other microorganisms that, along with weather, contribute to its erosion.



One might think anti-Christ would be responsible for attacking an image of Christ, but it appears as if it may be the Lord Himself who is displeased with images that purport to represent Him. God’s Word condemns such images as idolatrous. No image formed by the imagination of man can replicate what Christ (or the “saints”) look like. One can make any representation and call it “Christ,” “Mary,” “Peter,” or whomever. In fact, there are as many different images of these people as there are artists who make them. But iconography has always been profitable for religions of every stripe, including various forms of Christianity. It’s this latter form that pleases anti-Christ as he persuades people to worship before icons rather than in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).

In the meantime, the godlessness of Rio de Janeiro has increased over the decades, and “Christ” is forced to overlook that godlessness in stony silence.

Still, were it in the United States, it would have been torn down by now.

## SCIENCE

### The Splitting of the Atom

In 1932, nuclear physics reached a milestone when British physicist John Cockcroft teamed with Ernest Walton of Ireland to split the atom with protons accelerated to high speed. This would lead to the discovery of nuclear fission in 1938 at the Kaiser Wilhelm Society for Chemistry in Berlin, Germany. Enrico Fermi proposed that when an

atom splits it releases other neutrons, and that under the right conditions those neutrons could continue on to split other atoms in what would be called a “chain reaction.” If each splitting atom caused one released neutron to split one other atom, the chain reaction would become “critical” and would create a steady release of energy. If each fission event released two or more neutrons that went on to split other atoms, the chain reaction was called “supercritical,” and would rapidly generate an almost instantaneous and massive release of energy. This would lead to the development of the atom bomb—one of anti-Christ’s most destructive weapons against mankind.

## POLITICS

### The Rise of Nazism

1933 saw the rise of another destructive force in the person of Adolf Hitler when he was appointed chancellor of Germany. His appointment by President Paul von Hindenberg was made in the hope of keeping Hitler and his National Socialist Party (Nazis) in check. Hitler had run against the incumbent Hindenberg in the 1932 election for president, receiving 30% of the vote. Hindenberg won with 39%. Because neither received a majority of the votes, a run-off election was conducted in April, 1932. Hitler gained over two million votes in the run-off (36%), but Hindenberg’s one-million-vote increase gave him 53%—enough for him to be elected to another term as president.

Although he opposed Hitler, Hindenberg was swayed by the overwhelming popularity of the man and his Nazi Party. Due to the increasing political instability of the Weimar Republic, Hindenberg dissolved the parliament twice in 1932. As the government slid further into instability, and amidst the rumor that the recently resigned chancellor, Kurt von Schleicher, was plotting to overthrow him, Hindenberg decided that the only way to remove that threat was to appoint Hitler chancellor, which he did in January, 1933.

The next month, Hindenberg issued the Reichstag Fire Decree, in response to the fire that destroyed the Reichstag (Germany’s parliament building) under suspicious, but unclear circumstances on February 27, 1933—six days before the next parliamentary election.

Hitler and his party quickly took advantage of the fire by blaming it on the opposition communists. Thus the Nazis stirred up fear among millions of Germans at the threat of communist terror.

At the same time, Hitler began his pogrom against the Jewish citizens of Germany by proclaiming a one-day boycott against Jewish-owned businesses. Kosher butchering was outlawed and Jewish children began to experience discrimination in Germany’s public schools.

Earlier in life, Hitler was ambivalent toward Jews, not holding any particular hatred of them. It was during and after his imprisonment that he formulated his Aryan purity philosophy. Writing *Mein Kampf* (*My Struggle*) while in

prison, he reflected on Germany's humiliation resulting from restrictions upon the nation suffered under the Versailles Treaty following World War I. He began to view Jews as vermin that were polluting the Aryan blood pool through intermarriage with Germans, and decided that the only solution for lifting Germany to the level of its former glory was to separate the Jews from the rest of German society.

Upon Hindenberg's death on August 2, 1934, Hitler declared himself Führer ("Leader"), bringing an end to the German Republic. Over the course of the next two years, Hitler would greatly increase his power over the German government and military.

On September 15, 1935, Germany enacted the Nuremberg Laws designed to establish racial policy within the Third Reich in an attempt to establish Aryan purity. These laws would "regulate the problems of marriage between 'Aryans' and 'non-Aryans,'" especially targeting Jews by depriving them of their German citizenship and cutting off the Jewish ghettos from the rest of society.

On October 27, over 15,000 Jews, originally from Poland, were expelled from Germany without warning. Forced into boxcars, they were sent by train and dumped at the Polish border. One Jewish family named Grynszpan were among the deportees. In retaliation for his parents' poor treatment, 17-year-old Herschel Grynszpan shot and killed a member of the German Embassy staff. This event provided Hitler with the perfect propaganda opportunity to incite Germans to "rise in bloody vengeance against the Jews."

On the night of November 9, 1938, a night which would be called *Kristallnacht* ("Broken Glass," referring to broken Jewish shop windows), a coordinated attack on Jews throughout the German Reich began when Nazi storm troopers, members of the *Schutzstaffel* ("Protection Squad"), also known as the SS, with the Hitler Youth, wreaked havoc against Jewish homes, beat and killed Jews and brutalized Jewish women and children. As many as 25,000 men were taken prisoner and sent to concentration camps to be beaten, some being put to death at random.

Realizing the effectiveness of propaganda, Hitler established the Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, placing Joseph Goebbels at its head. The objective was to ensure that the Nazi message of racial purity and the German destiny to rule the world would be communicated to the German citizenry through art, theater, music, radio, films, education, and the press, not dissimilar to how the Marxist message is communicated to the masses in the West today. Nazi propaganda films such as *Der Ewige Jude* (*The Eternal Jew*) (1940), contrasted the Nazi view of Jews as subhuman with the Nazi ideal of vigorous, handsome Germans.

With these beginnings, anti-Christ would use Hitler to foment the most destructive course in human history as he sought first to take Europe under his control, with the goal

of establishing a Thousand-Year Reich ("Realm") over the whole world.

Even before declaring himself Führer, Hitler had begun his pogrom to eliminate "undesirables" from German society. This was facilitated through the construction of concentration camps, the first being Dachau, established in March, 1933. In its first year, Dachau housed some 4,800 prisoners, and by 1937 they numbered over 13,000. Initially, the purpose was to hold political opponents of the Nazi regime—German Communists, Social Democrats, and others. In time, other groups of people were interned there such as Roma (Gypsies), Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, asocials (people who couldn't function well in society), and repeat criminals. These were imprisoned under an "emergency decree" proposed by Hitler and approved by Hindenberg. The "Decree for the Protection of the People and the State" suspended the civil rights of German civilians and prohibited the publishing of anti-government materials.

The horrors committed at Dachau and subsequent concentration camps throughout Hitler's reign would take volumes, of which many have been written. For our purposes, we will limit this portion to the design of anti-Christ to rid the earth of as many Jews and Christians as he could through this demi-anti-Christ Adolf Hitler.

A munitions factory during WW I, Dachau was located about 17 kilometers (10 miles) northwest of Munich. It wouldn't be for a number of years that Jews in large numbers would be interned at Dachau and other concentration camps and death camps that sprang up afterwards throughout Poland and other parts of Eastern Europe. Hitler's intention initially was not to kill Jews, but to have them deported to the east, especially Russia and Palestine (working with Zionists [whom he hated] to get around British restrictions on Jewish immigration).

When the logistics of that attempt proved too cumbersome, and at the behest of the Islamic mullahs that allied themselves with Hitler because of their shared hatred of Jews, America, Britain, and France (the nations principally responsible for the defeat of the Ottoman Empire during WWI), it was decided that the Jews must be put to work in concentration camps and, if unable to bear the work load, be put to death along with other undesirables. As a strong German ally, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, convinced Hitler that a Jewish homeland in Palestine would be detrimental to the whole world and establish Jewish power. He stated that it would be better to send them to concentration camps than to Palestine. Later, after the war, the Grand Mufti would deny knowledge of the death camps and that Jews were being exterminated there. This was recently alluded to by Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but he was roundly criticized by the world's leftist media.

Hitler was careful not to establish any such camps within Germany's borders so as not to alarm German citizens of the horror that he unleashed upon the "undesirables." By putting the camps in outlying German-occupied areas he was able to largely keep secret his murderous policy. Nazis and their sympathizers have been able to (almost) rightly state, "No Jews were ever put to death in Germany." They have also been able to say that six million Jews were never gassed by the Nazis. (The number of Jews who died under Nazi persecution is in question, but whatever number died as a result of that pogrom, not all were gassed; many died by other means).

The result of Hitler's murderous policies was not only the extermination of millions of Jews, but the resultant sympathy for Jews that for a short time allowed for the world's willingness to tolerate a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

What escapes the attention of historians is the equally large number of other victims besides Jews, who had no advocates such as the Jews had in well-funded Zionism.

Nor do the world's media point to many more victims who perished under the same policies against "undesirables" and political prisoners instigated by Josef Stalin and the Union of Socialist Republics (USSR).

Even as many Jews were killed by various means from accidents to murder under the Nazi machine, God used that horror to bring the Jews into a small portion of the land He promised to the natural descendants of Jacob. This was in line with His preparation for the Lord's return. Prophecies surrounding Jesus' Second Coming require the Jews to occupy Jerusalem at that time.

It is argued by some that the Jews have been abandoned by God for rejecting their Messiah; the "Church" has replaced Israel as the apple of God's eye, and will one day rule in place of Israel in the coming Kingdom of God on earth. This is called replacement theology and is promoted largely by the Reformed churches. The argument rests on the misconception that because Israel once occupied all the land in that promise but lost it in the Babylonian Captivity, there is no more such promise for natural Israel.

But Scripture cannot be broken. Even while Israel was in captivity in Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah wrote:

YHWH, God of Israel, speaks this, saying, "Write in a book all the words that I have spoken to you. For, look, the days come" says YHWH, "that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah," says YHWH, "and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it." (Jeremiah 30:2-3)

Notice that Jeremiah speaks specifically of Israel and Judah; this cannot mean "the Church" which is made of both Jew and Gentile as one new man in Christ, often referred to as "spiritual Israel" but never "spiritual Judah" or "spiritual Israel and Judah."

Clearly, God promised to restore all the land to Israel and Judah that they possessed prior to their captivity. That includes all the land as one possession because before Solomon died Israel and Judah were one nation. Therefore, the restoration will include the city of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 30:2-3 is a *new* promise, made during Judah's captivity in Babylonia to *restore* the natural descendants of Israel and Judah to their entire land. The new possession will be larger than the previous one, but it will encompass the borders occupied by Israel and Judah before their captivities.

This later promise has never been fulfilled. The kingdom of Judah has not existed since the beginning of the Babylonian Captivity, and Israel has never in this age returned to possess all the land promised to their fathers. Nor will they, until the Lord returns to call them back.

Reform theologians fail to recognize that God's plan of redemption foresaw that Israel would reject her Messiah. Did God not know of it from the beginning? Of course He did. Yet He made these promises of a new Israelite kingdom anyway. God is not double-minded.<sup>1</sup>

Christian Palestinian sympathizers must recognize this. Although rightly expressing sympathy for the Palestinians (who are victims of the Arab nations even more so than of Israel), they should not rail against what God is doing through the currently anti-Christ Jewish nation.

Christian Zionists must recognize that the modern state of Israel is not the kingdom of Israel; that kingdom will be restored only after Jesus returns. The Christian Zionist penchant to withhold the Gospel from the Jews is anti-Christ. Their attitude of "Israel, right or wrong," is ungodly.

Israel is blinded in part until the time for the Gentiles to be melded into the Kingdom of God comes to an end. They are still largely a rebellious, stiff-necked people—much as are their enemies among the Arab nations, and the anti-Christ minions that control the world system. We, as Christ's disciples, must love both Jews and Arabs, and seek their spiritual welfare through the ministry of the Gospel.

### The Great Terror

At the same time Hitler was embarking on his plan of removing undesirables from Germany, Josef Stalin and the Communist Party was conducting a similar pogrom in Russia. The collectivization programs instituted in 1930 resulted in the famine of 1932-33, which led to uncontrolled migration into the cities by peasants seeking survival. Fearing the "social disorder" caused by that scenario, and with the threat of war hanging over Russia, Stalin's perception of threats from within the marginalized population and political enemies was heightened. He began his elimination of opposition within his own Communist Party, many members of which saw his dictatorial stance as detrimental to their cause and to the nation. In 1933 the Party expelled

<sup>1</sup> Albert James Dager, *The Day of Yahweh* (Redmond, WA: Sword Publishers, 2013), pp. 89-90.



some 400,000 members in a purge that at first was benign, but expanded to include arrest, imprisonment, and often execution. Soon the purge was extended to all suspected individuals and groups that did not find favor with Stalin and the Party. Even former Soviet heroes became the target for elimination as even the slightest dissent brought down the wrath of Stalin.

In 1934, Sergei Kirov, a prominent Bolshevik leader who rose to become the head of the Communist Party in Leningrad, was shot and killed by a gunman while in his office. Stalin used the assassination to foment what came to be called the Great Purge, during which some one million people died. The *Narodnyy Komissariat Vnutrennikh Del* (People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs; KNVD) went into full purge mode and charged former oppositionists (and an ever-growing list of suspected oppositionists) with a list of offenses including treason, terrorism, sabotage, and espionage. Nobody was safe from the purge. Thus, the purge of the Party became a purge against the entire Soviet society, prompting its name: "The Great Terror."

Under Stalin, Jews would become a target for relocation to parts of Siberia in keeping with Stalin's agreement with Nazi Germany's foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop. In order to prove his worth to Hitler and secure a non-aggression pact with Germany, Stalin promised Ribbentrop that he would eliminate "Jewish domination," especially among the intelligentsia.

The Russian Revolution had been greatly aided by the Jewish intelligentsia, but not so much from among the Bolsheviks. There were two revolutionary factions: the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks. The Bolsheviks comprised a large contingent of ethnic Russians with a minority of Jews, while the Mensheviks comprised a large number of Jews with Bundists, followed by Georgians and Ethnic Russians. The Mensheviks (Russian: "One of the Minority"), were members of the non-Leninist wing of the Russian Social-Democratic Workers' Party. The Mensheviks largely opposed Lenin's plan for a party restricted to professional revolutionaries. They were in favor of a party modeled after Western European democratic parties. They were part of the February Revolution (1917), but were not sufficiently united to maintain a strong position. After the Bolshevik Revolution in October, 1917, they were permanently suppressed, and many Mensheviks went into exile. Former Mensheviks remaining in the Soviet Union under Stalin became victims of The Great Terror.

Anti-Christ continued to use "Christians" to kill Jews, albeit as those Russian "Christians" were subject to the atheist-controlled Soviet government.

### Nazi-Soviet Pact

In March, 1938, Hitler annexed Austria without a struggle. Secretly holding plans to expand his aggression against all of Europe, he did not want to repeat the mistake Germa-

ny made in World War I of fighting on two fronts. Thus, on August 23, 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed the Nazi-Soviet Non-Aggression Pact which guaranteed that the two countries would not attack each other. The Soviet Union was awarded land, including the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) and eastern Poland. Hitler's advantage with the Pact was to avoid confrontation with Russia when he invaded Poland. Thus, anti-Christ would use Hitler to bring about another worldwide conflagration of Christian nations at war with other Christian nations.

### World War II Begins

After suffering so greatly during World War I, the world was weary and willing to do almost anything to prevent another such conflagration. The Sudetenland (the western regions of Czechoslovakia) was largely populated by German-speaking people, and Hitler decided that they should be under his rule. This did not sit well with the Czech army and fortifications were built in anticipation of a German invasion. This defense attempt was known as the Sudeten Crisis.

The threat of war prompted British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to meet with Hitler in Berchtesgaden on September 15, 1938, and to cede the Sudetenland to Germany. Three days later, French Prime Minister Édouard Daladier did the same. No representatives from the Czech government were invited to the meetings. With no support from England and France, Czechoslovakia acceded to the terms and Hitler's troops were able to walk into the Sudetenland without firing a shot.

On September 22, 1938, Chamberlain again met with Hitler to confirm the agreements. Hitler, wanting a pretext for war, used the Sudeten Crisis to demand not only the annexation of the Sudetenland, but the immediate military occupation of the territories. The Czech army had no time to adapt their defenses to protect the new borders. At the request of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, a conference of the major powers met in Munich on September 29. There, Chamberlain and Daladier met with Hitler and, on September 30, signed the Munich Agreement, agreeing to Mussolini's proposal (actually prepared by Hermann Göring) to allow Hitler to take immediate occupation of the Sudetenland. Again, the Czech government was not a party to the meeting, but fearing Germany's strength it submitted and promised to abide by the agreement.

The Sudetenland's military occupation by Germany was finalized on October 10, 1938 [my birthday, in fact].

On the same day the Munich Agreement was signed, Chamberlain and Hitler signed the Anglo-German Declaration—a nonaggression pact between Great Britain and Germany. This agreement granted Germany the right to build its navy (the *Kriegsmarine*) to a ratio of 35% of the total tonnage of the Royal Navy, which was beyond the limits set by the Treaty of Versailles. With this agreement, England

hoped to limit German expansionism. But Hitler regarded the treaty as the beginning of an alliance against France and the Soviet Union. Returning to England the same day of signing the Munich Agreement, Chamberlain stood outside 10 Downing Street and greeted the crowd of Brits with the following infamous declaration:

My good friends, for the second time in our history, a British Prime Minister has returned from Germany bringing peace with honour. I believe it is peace for our time. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Go home and get a nice quiet sleep.

Less than one year later, in March 1939, Hitler sent his troops to invade the Czech part of Czechoslovakia, annexing a portion, with the remainder turned into the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. The Slovak portion declared its independence from Czechoslovakia and became the Slovak Republic, a satellite state and ally of Nazi Germany. Other portions were annexed by Hungary.

On September 1, 1939, a week after signing the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, Germany's and Slovakia's armies invaded western Poland while the Soviet Union attacked eastern Poland. The Polish government went into exile in Paris, and later London, remaining there until the fall of the Soviet Union in 1990. The invasion of Poland was the "official" start of World War II.

#### Allies vs. Axis

Even before Hitler began his invasions of Eastern Europe, Japan had already been at war with China. In July 1937, Japan captured the imperial capital of Beijing, leading to the Japanese campaign to invade all of China. Soviet Russia quickly signed a nonaggression pact with China in order to lend materiel support. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces waged a strong battle to defend Shanghai, but the Japanese pushed his forces back, moving on to capture the then capital of Nanking in December 1937.

Eventually the intrigue surrounding several nations' international agreements resulted in a convergence of what would be called the "Axis" nations of Germany, Italy, and Japan at war with the "Allied" nations of Britain, France, Canada, and the United States of America and other primarily western nations that would wage World War II.

Anti-Christ would again succeed in causing "Christian" nations to fight one another. But what would come out of World War II would result in increasing ungodliness unveiling on the world stage. ❖

#### NEXT: THE 1940s

*When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked rule, the people mourn. (Proverbs 29:2)*



## THE GREAT POLITICASTER

By Albert James Dager

THE GREAT POLITICASTER'S empeomania is evident even in his work prior to gaining public office. He is a highbinder, engaging in jiggery-pokery with corrupt political machines. As a candidate he promises to be a unifier, but proves himself a makebate and a cockalorum.

As an elected politician, his misprision results in gross obstructionism through prevarication and obfuscation, while blaming his opponents for the obliquity of his own praxis.

When it comes to his opposition, he acts the snollygoster and smellfungus.

As a result of the pettifogger's political appointments a kakistocracy comes into existence, overseen by sycophantic spiritual pornocrats. He surrounds himself with lickspittles, ninnyhammers, and mooncalves, proving himself a mumpsimus at every turn.

His economic policies prove him a throttlebottom as he employs lickpenny strategies that leave the nation on the verge of bankruptcy.

In his foreign policy he is mundivigant, apologizing to all for hi nation's sins, real and imagined. While giving aid and comfort to the avowed enemies of his country, he eviscerates those he had sworn to serve and defend.

He is a chameleon, presenting himself as of one belief, but denigrating those who hold that belief and lauding those of different beliefs whose goal is to destroy those he claims to represent.

Would that Congress had the courage and the will to impeach and convict such a one as a flagitious miscreant, and make him a carceral candidate for his malfeasance and moral turpitude. ❖



Sir, I have always found your research to be of the utmost help. Recently my grandfather was diagnosed with tongue cancer, and my aunt comes over with a sermon by Joseph Prince. It was about physical healing by taking communion. Can you help me?

J.P., Lake Havasu City, AZ

Dear J.P.,

Reading through Joseph Prince's little treatise, *Health and Wholeness Through the Holy Communion*, I was struck with an ambivalence that made me wonder if what I read was an invention of the author's imagination. Prince has a way of communicating that has made him world famous in a relatively short period of time. His speaking tours take him to large arenas around the world. Seating is sold through Ticketmaster, and his venues are often sold out.

Prince is a founding member and senior pastor of New Creation Church in Singapore, which boasts a membership of some 34,000. His messages are broadcast through Joseph Prince Ministries to millions of households in America and many other countries.

Prince is an articulate, charismatic promoter of the Word-Faith doctrine based on a totally grace-oriented platform which teaches that our sins are forgiven, past, present and future; there is no need for believers in Jesus to confess our sins or repent of them. This is much as Bob George teaches. Prince's Word-Faith beliefs he attributes primarily to Kenneth Hagin. When one combines hyper-grace with Word-Faith, one must conclude that God has nothing but material blessings for His children, provided they learn how to "unlock the keys" to Scripture as taught by these people.

That said, not everything Prince teaches is erroneous. In truth, he has a solid grasp of much Scripture, and has a terrific knack for conveying those truths along with the errors he espouses from the aforementioned spiritual philosophies.

Prince's teaching, *Health and Wholeness Through the Holy Communion*, is rightly based on the scriptural truth that Jesus' suffering has provided a means for God's children to receive physical healing. Specifically, Prince states that the wine of the "Holy Communion" represents the blood that has bought our salvation, and that the bread represents Jesus' suffering that provides health to believers' bodies per Isaiah 53:5:

But He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. By His stripes we are healed.

Some say that the healing or, properly, "cure" is not physical but spiritual. And it is true that the primary healing referred to in Isaiah 53:5 is spiritual, because that must precede all blessings from God. However, Jesus' suffering and death has opened the way to the



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Father to whom we may petition for physical healing as well. But, again, there is no formula, and there is no guarantee that just because someone "claims" a healing he is entitled to it.

The question is whether or not healing is *guaranteed* for all believers in every instance if, as Prince states, they properly "discern the body" of Jesus. Says Prince:

When you believe and when you rightly discern the Lord's body, you will experience miraculous healings and wholeness when you partake of the Holy Communion.

This is a definite statement that implies guaranteed healing and continued health and wholeness as long as one continues to receive the bread and wine by faith. But what does Prince mean by "rightly discern" the Lord's body?

He references 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (KJV):

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

About verse 29, Prince states:

When I was a young Christian, I was told, "Don't come to the Lord's Table if you have sin in your life. If you are unworthy and partake, you are guilty of the body and blood, and will drink judgment to yourself."

I was not sure what all that meant, but it was enough to scare me. And I was always told, "Be sure to examine yourself to see if you have sin in your life. And make sure you confess all your sins before you come."

I never dared to partake because I always wondered, "Is there some sin that I have not confessed?" It is not that I was living in sin, but I did not want to take the risk.

What if I forget to confess one sin? Judgment would fall on me, right? And my mama sure didn't raise no fool. So I chose not to partake, just to be safe.



Every time the elements of the Communion were passed to me, I just passed them on.

I thought that I was better off not partaking. But ironically, by not coming to the Lord's Table, I was robbing myself of God's source of health, healing and blessing for me. Legalistic and erroneous teaching is very damaging because it keeps us from receiving what God has for us.

Prince states that "Paul was not saying that if you are an unworthy person, do not partake." He criticizes pastors who tell the people not to come to the Lord's table if they have sin in their life lest they become weak and sick, and die prematurely, accusing them of turning a blessing into a curse.

His explanation for that criticism seems reasonable:

In any case, all of us who come to the Lord's Table are unworthy and made worthy only by His blood. It is only Jesus' death that qualifies us to partake. Paul was not saying that we should not partake if we are unworthy. He was saying that we should not partake in an unworthy manner.

What does it mean to partake unworthily? Read the rest of verse 29 and you will conclude that if you fail to discern or understand the significance of the Lord's body, you are eating and drinking in an unworthy manner.

*Partaking unworthily means not recognizing that the broken body of the Lord was meant to bring health and wholeness.*

The Corinthians partook unworthily because they did not recognise [sic] that the broken body of the Lord was meant to bring them health and wholeness.

And by treating the Holy Communion as a ritual, they missed out on the blessings. They did not understand the significance of the bread. They did not know why they were partaking. This is what it means to partake unworthily.

That does sound reasonable. But there is a hidden snare to this reasoning.

Although Scripture indicates that healing is in the atonement, it doesn't state that healing is guaranteed in the atonement for every case. The snare in Prince's reasoning is that people may be encouraged to partake of the Lord's Table with unrepentant sin in their lives. After all, if the admonition to examine oneself before partaking means only that one must recognize that he is guaranteed healing and wholeness in his body, and not that he must repent of sin, then repentance of sin is not necessary to receive God's blessings.

But what does Scripture say to believers?

If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not do the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have

fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us. (1 John 1:6-10)

Confession of sin implies repentance, even if one fails over and over. Repentance of sin is in the heart and in the mind, but most importantly in the spirit. As the spirit wars against the flesh, we find ourselves sometimes failing in the same sins. That doesn't mean we haven't repented; it means that we have yet to overcome our flesh sufficiently so that particular sin no longer holds sway over us. Thus Paul laments that the things he wanted to do, he couldn't do, and the things he didn't want to do, those are the things he did (Romans 7:18-25). Do we think that Paul hadn't repented of those things prior? Of course he had. We are encouraged by his lamentation because we see in him our own failings at times.

But the point is that, as John says to believers, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

John includes himself in this. Did John not properly discern the body of the Lord in the Lord's Table?

Those who teach contrary to this truth are laying a snare for the Body of Christ, lulling believers into a false sense of security that could lead to apostasy.

Because Prince believes in the Word-Faith and hyper-grace doctrines, it is not surprising that he would find a different interpretation for Paul's teaching regarding the Lord's Table other than the need to examine oneself before partaking. In fact, as we have seen above, he calls it "legalism" to teach that believers should examine themselves for sin prior to partaking:

Legalistic and erroneous teaching is very damaging because it keeps us from receiving what God has for us.

Evidently, Prince doesn't know what "legalism" is. Theologically, legalism has two faces: 1) the insistence that one live by the Mosaic Law in order to attain salvation; 2) The insistence that one live by man-made religious dictates in order to be found faithful or to attain salvation. Legalism is not holding believers to the Word of God rightly divided for belief and practice. No one can legitimately argue that it would be wrong or "legalistic" to examine oneself before partaking of the Lord's Table in order to make sure one is not doing so with the stain of unconfessed sin.

Prince gives a weak qualification to his interpretation:

Please do not misunderstand me. I am against sin, but this is not the point of Paul's teaching here.

What Paul told the Corinthians to do was to discern the power of the Lord's broken body. He was teaching us that when we fail to discern the body, we should not partake because we are not claiming by faith what Jesus had done for us.

Everyone is against sin. Even the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and secularists are against sin (as they understand it). But when a teacher insists, or merely implies, that sin is no big deal when we come before our Holy Father, our antennas should be quivering violently.

Prince states that if we do not discern the body of Christ as a guarantee of health and wholeness for our own bodies, then, according to 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we are eating the bread and drinking the cup unworthily, thus eating and drinking judgment to ourselves.

According to Prince, the broken body of Christ, represented by the bread, is separated from the blood of Christ, represented by the wine; the wine guarantees spiritual salvation while the bread guarantees physical salvation:

Yet, when I was growing up as a Christian, I was taught that the two elements of the Communion should be lumped together. So I used to believe that the body and blood were both for the forgiveness of my sins.

God has since shown me that the body and blood should not be treated as one. There are two elements because there is a two-fold application in the Communion. The wine, which is His blood, is for our forgiveness. And the bread, which is His body, is for our healing.

But look at 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 again. Paul does not separate the body from the blood in his pronouncement, as does Prince.

Prince's implied guarantee of healing, health, and wholeness through partaking of "Holy Communion" is based on his erroneous assumption that Jesus healed all the time:

Jesus did not walk on water all the time, He did not calm storms all the time, but He healed all the time.

Scripture tells us that Jesus did not heal all the time:

And when He came into His own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, "From where does this man have this wisdom and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judah? And his sisters; are they not all with us? From where then does this man have all these things?"

And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and in his own house."

And He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. (Matthew 13:54-58)

Do we suppose that Jesus *could not* heal because of the people's unbelief? No, He can do as He wills. Therefore, He *chose* not to heal in this instance because of the people's unbelief.

When a teaching is based on an erroneous premise, the entire teaching becomes suspect. And I suspect that Prince's teaching on healing, being based on the erroneous premise of the Word-Faith doctrine, is faulty on many levels.

For example, he does not include what he calls "minor ailments" like a cold or a cough in his healing theory:

If it is God's nature to heal, have you wondered why many Christians are sick? I am not referring to minor ailments like a cough or cold, I am referring to serious, life-threatening illnesses.

But why shouldn't even minor ailments be included in Prince's theory? If God desires total health and wholeness for His people, would He not include minor ailments?

I can tell you why minor ailments are not included: Word-Faith teachers all suffer from minor ailments, even if they won't admit it. Should one of them suffer something major, they keep it private and do not allow the public to know of it. For example, try finding out the cause of death for Word-Faith guru Kenneth Hagin. All we can find is that he collapsed after breakfast sometime between September 19-23, 2003 (reports differ). He died in the cardiac intensive care unit of an unnamed hospital, but all that was reported by Charisma New Service is, "An exact cause of death was not immediately known." Subsequent reports since that time reveal nothing else.

Hagin had preached that one should not die of any cause other than to merely "wear out."

He did live to the ripe age of 86, but why is his cause of death such a mystery?

Sickness and even death is an embarrassment to these people because anything other than perfect health suffered by them proves their theories wrong. In Prince's case, sickness means the Devil is oppressing you:

Acts 10:38 says that Jesus went about doing good and "...healing all who were oppressed by the devil". Notice that disease is due to the devil's oppression. Thus, disease and demon possession are both the results of oppression by the devil and we need God's healing for these problems.

Prince's selectiveness in quoting from Scripture demonstrates lack of integrity in handling God's Word. Consider Matthew 4:24 where we see distinctions in types of suffering:

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria. And they brought to Him all sick people who were taken with diverse diseases and

torments, and those who were possessed with devils, and those who were insane, and those who had paralysis—and He healed them. (Matthew 4:23-24)

Yes, some sickness can be the result of oppression by a devil, but not all sickness. Notice Scripture even makes a distinction between sickness and disease, and between demonization and insanity, etc.

By starting from the position that “disease is due to the devil’s oppression” without qualification, Prince gives the impression that all disease is due to demonization.

The truth is that sickness and disease are part of the curse upon human flesh, and will always be so simply because our bodies have not yet been redeemed. And what greater disease is there than death itself, even from “wearing out.” Yet Prince says that “Every time you partake, you are reversing the effects of the curse or divine judgment in your body.”

If that’s true then we should become immortal by partaking constantly. Again taking Scripture out of context, Prince quotes 3 John 1:2:

Before you partake, just know that God wants you to “prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers”. (3 John 1:2)

Is that really what 3 John 1:2 is about? Let’s put this verse in its proper context:

The elder to the well beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, even as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. (3 John 1:4)

John was telling Gaius that he (John) would like Gaius to prosper in all things and be in health, even as Gaius’s soul prospers, because of Gaius’s faithfulness. It isn’t God telling us that He wants us to prosper in all things.

Certainly God wants to bless His children. But blessings often come disguised as things some would consider bad—even evil. How often we’ve heard testimonies of believers who suffered an illness that placed them in a position to bless others in ways they couldn’t have, had they not suffered that illness. There are many events in our lives that seem inconvenient, but which God uses to further His will.

No one can say unequivocally what the Lord wants for us apart from what His Word clearly says, without taking it out of context. Jesus said that in this world we would suffer tribulation. That may or may not include sickness in our bodies, but it dispels the idea that He wants all believers to prosper in all things.

To bolster his idea that God wants us to “prosper in all things and be in health” without equivocation, Prince suggests visualization as a means to get Jesus to heal us:

Prepare the bread and wine, and do not be in a rush. Remember, this is not a ritual. You are about to personally experience afresh His love for you.

Hear Him say to you, “Take, eat. This is My body, which is broken for you.” See His eyes burning with love as He says to you, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.”

See the Lord carrying all your sins and diseases. He took your sins in His body on the cross. See Him taking on His body your physical conditions too. If you have a tumour, see the tumour on His body. Whatever disease you might have, see it on His body. It is no longer on you. See His health come on you.

Surely He bore your sins and carried your diseases. So as you partake, release your faith in the bread and the wine.

So now, we are to release our faith in the bread and wine? Is that not idolatry?

On numerous occasions, Prince eschews the idea of treating the “Holy Communion” as ritual. Yet what is this that he instructs us to do but practice a ritual and, of all things, incorporate an occultic approach to it?

Further, Prince suggests that we can have the same “life, health and wholeness” that Jesus possessed. Speaking of Jesus’ disciples, Prince states:

They knew that He wanted to impart to them His life, health and wholeness. These men were with Him every day and not once did they see Him sick. Not once did they see Him come down with a flu, fever or stomachache. He never had to say to them, “Can one of you preach the Sermon on the Mount for me? I don’t feel up to it today.” The Lord was never sick.

Perhaps the reason the Lord was never sick is because He is the sinless incarnate Word of God?

Word-Faith doctrine states that we are little gods, so it is not surprising that Prince would teach that we should also possess the same physical perfection that the Lord possessed. And barring His going to the cross, it stands to reason that He never would have died. So why should we die if He imparts to us the same physical health He had by eating the bread of the “Holy Communion”?

Prince also teaches that the *only* reason (I repeat, the *only* reason) believers are sick is because they don’t properly discern the Lord’s body as providing health through partaking of the bread. Says Prince:

The apostle Paul, in 1 Corinthians 11:29–30, said, “For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.” Sleep here means death, not bodily rest.



Paul said, “For this reason...” He did not say, “for these reasons”. He was pointing us to one singular reason Christians become weak and sick, and die before their time.

And what is “this reason” that Paul was highlighting to us? He said, “... not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason...” So the reason the Corinthians became weak and sick was their failure to discern the Lord’s body.

It’s neither scriptural nor logical to suggest that the only reason believers get sick is because they don’t properly discern the body of the Lord. Scripture may give that as one reason, but it doesn’t rule out other reasons. Would one reasonably be able to say, for instance, that the only reason any car stops running is because the fuel pump goes out? There are myriad reasons why a car may stop running, and they aren’t all because the devil made it do it.

Word-Faith preachers like Prince fail to perceive the reality that many unbelievers enjoy near-perfect health all their lives, while many faithful believers suffer from serious ailments all their lives. Rather than acknowledge reality they peddle fantasies.

To follow their reasoning, all believers in Jesus should be the wealthiest and healthiest people on the planet. But reality says otherwise.

To peddle their fantasies they take Scripture out of context and impose it upon their false assumptions. One example of Prince doing this is his approach to 2 Corinthians 10:4 in which he says that maintaining a proper diet and engaging in exercise are of little importance; we are guaranteed good health through properly discerning the Lord’s body:

...it seems that most people in the body of Christ choose to focus on food and exercise as the key to living a healthy life. In fact, one of the best-selling themes in Christian bookstores today is food. There are all kinds of books on what to eat and what not to eat.

I am not knocking these books. What I am saying is that God does not want us to focus on food or exercise as the key to divine health. He does not want us to put our trust in natural means to stay healthy. 2 Corinthians 10:4 says, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal...”

But what does 2 Corinthians 10:4 say in proper context:

Now I, Paul myself, who in presence am humble among you, but being absent am bold toward you implore you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ. But I implore you so that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence by which I think to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not wage war after the flesh because the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty

through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (2 Corinthians 10:1-11)

Paul wasn’t speaking about eating and exercising properly for physical health; he was addressing confrontation with spiritual strongholds that lead believers astray from the truth.

This includes confronting false teachers and every wind of doctrine that blows believers off course. Such as this teaching by Prince.

False teachers are masters at convoluting Scripture and perverting the Word of God to suit their peculiar fantasies.

Another erroneous statement by Prince is that “Jesus told us to have Communion often.”

Now, I’m not against commemorating the Lord’s suffering often, but that’s not what Jesus said. We read in 2 Corinthians 11:24-25:

For I have received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus took bread the same night in which He was betrayed. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat. This is My body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In the same manner also, He took the cup, when he had eaten, saying, “This cup is the New Covenant in My blood. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.”

For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you demonstrate the Lord’s death until He comes.

He didn’t say “Eat this bread and drink this cup often”; He said, “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup...”

How often should we do this? Scripture doesn’t say. But this is another demonstration of how Prince convolutes Scripture to suit his peculiar spiritual philosophy.

At the conclusion of his book, Prince offers some testimonies to demonstrate how people have been healed by following his teaching on discerning the body of the Lord. This is meant to convince readers that his theory and method are correct. Yet earlier he says, “But when believers are sick, I want to know why. And I do not want to draw my conclusions from human experience. I want an answer from God’s Word.”

If Prince doesn’t want answers from human experience as to why believers get sick, why should we accept human experience for why they are healed?

I have books that contain many testimonies of healing far more spectacular than those offered by Prince, and they come from occult sources. Just because something works doesn’t mean it is of God.

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## Jean's Turn *Abiding in Christ*

By Jean Dager

*"Now, what?"*

**T**HIS IS WHAT we ask as we tune into world news reports. What new disaster will be reported today? What tragedy has befallen unfortunate people whose only fault was being in the wrong place at the wrong time?

Each day brings something horrific to be reckoned with: weather raging out of control, annihilating lives and homes; senseless killings; angry mobs demanding "justice" for the death of lawless thugs at the hands of police officers; demands of a mother's "right" to proclaim death sentences to the most fragile and vulnerable—babies in their wombs; cavalier discussions on marketing the organs of unborn children; a lawless government bent on exposing the nation's citizens to lawless invaders. And now we are exposed to barbaric terrorism exploding and spreading fear among even the most civilized nations.

Some may choose not to be informed simply by avoiding the news. But the reality of man's sins can't be denied.

Scripture speaks prophetically of what will transpire during the last days before Christ returns. Chapter three of Second Timothy clearly outlines these perilous times. I believe our generation is witnessing last-days prophecy being fulfilled.

How do believers cope with these evils without being overcome by fear? For me, its three little words: abide in Christ. He is my peace. In Him, I trust.

I love the analogy Jesus drew for us when instructing us to abide in Him:

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser....Now you are clean through the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in Him, bears much fruit, for without Me, you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5)

One of my favorite Scriptures is James 4:8 which speaks of drawing close to Him so that He may draw close to us. Surely being a branch in a vine is pretty much as close to the Lord as we can get. Each day my constant prayer is that I abide in Christ.

David Wilkerson said that "abiding in Christ means total dependence on Him. It is holding steady in Him, no matter how much turmoil, suffering, or pain we endure. It means resting in His Word, even though our world seems to be crumbling around us."

God's Word is clear. As a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, I am confident that He has control of everything that happens in this world and beyond, as well as in the future to come.

We know the end of His story. Upon the Lord's return, every knee shall bow to Him in honor. We will be eye witnesses of His overwhelming glory!

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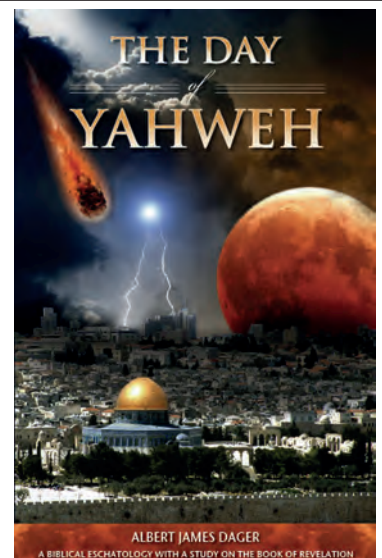
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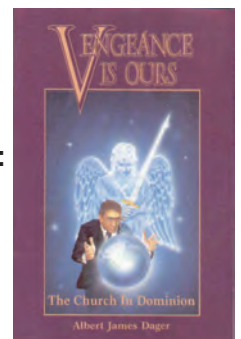
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