

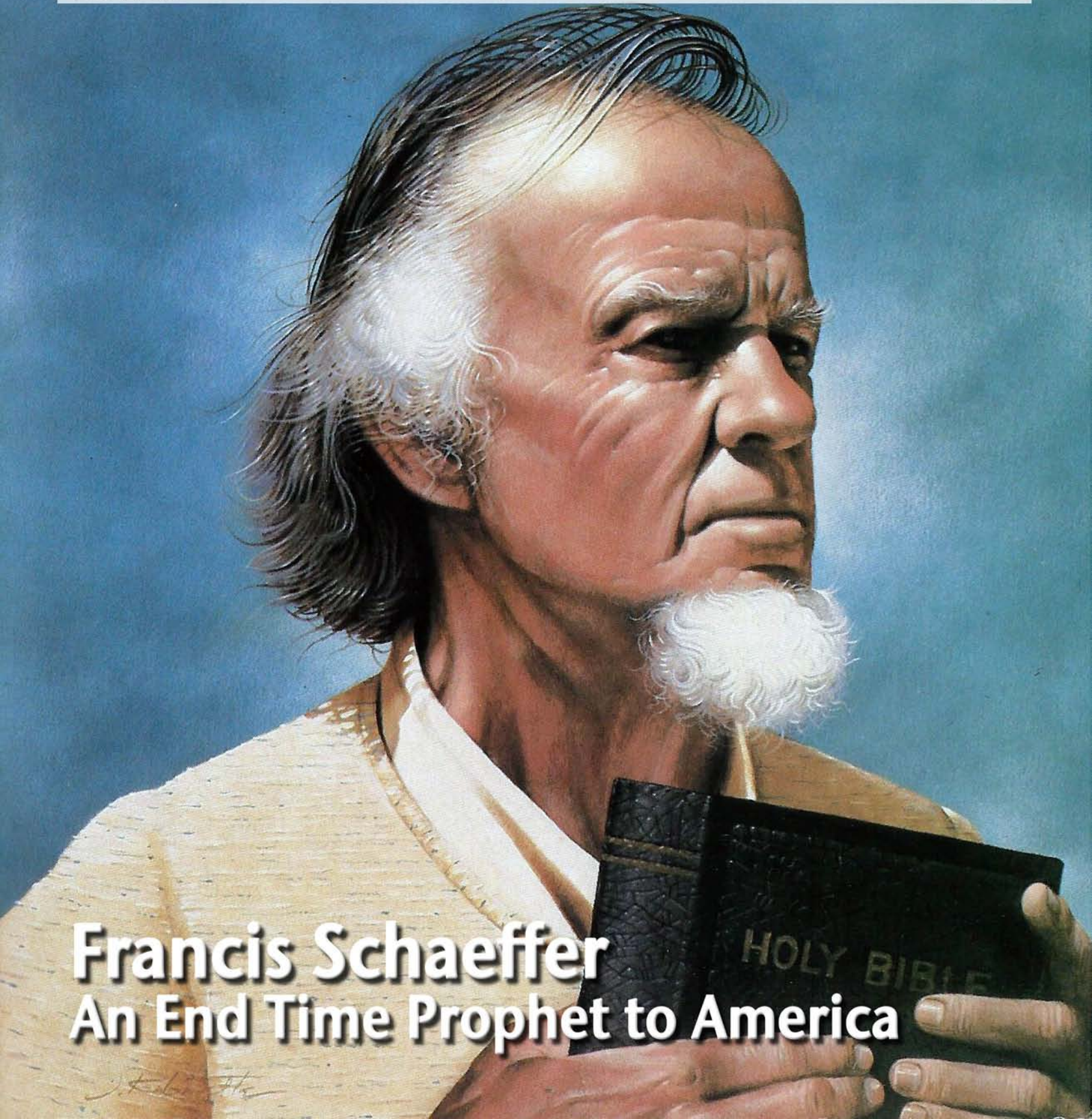
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Observations by the Editor

Memories

On April 1st we celebrated the 37th anniversary of this ministry, and I am praising God for it.

The Lord called me into ministry when I was 20 years old. But unlike Isaiah who said, "Here am I, Lord, send me," I responded by saying, "Here am I Lord, send anyone but me!"

I had definite plans for my life, and they did not include full time ministry.

So, I ran from the Lord for the next 20 years while I built a career as a university professor of international law and politics. I earned many accolades during those 20 years, but I was inwardly miserable because I was trying to conduct my life outside of God's will.

The Lord has His ways of getting our attention, and He succeeded in getting mine — a story I have told in detail in my book, *Trusting God: Learning to Walk by Faith* (3rd edition in 2015). So, on April Fool's Day in 1980, I gave up my academic career, stepped out in faith, established this ministry and became a "fool for Christ's sake" (1 Corinthians 4:10).

It was a scary step. I quickly learned it is one thing to teach and preach about living by faith, but it is a whole other thing to actually live by faith.

I have vivid memories of those early years. I worked alone in a bedroom of our duplex for the first six months. And for the first six years, I took a salary of only \$1,000 per month because I used most of the income of the ministry to reinvest in the ministry to purchase equipment and hire staff members.

It was very tough to get a ministry going back in those days before access to the Internet became accessible to the general public in 1995. Today, if you have something valuable to say, you can start a ministry relatively easily because you can become known overnight via the Internet. But not back in the decade of the 80s. I labored in obscurity for years — but God used those years to fine tune me and my message about His Son's soon return.

It also occurred to me during that time that even during the 20 years I ran



Dave with the ministry's first staff member, Billy Jack Smith, in 1981.

from the Lord, He was preparing me for the ministry He would ultimately entrust to me. After all, I spent those years focusing on international politics, and that is what end time Bible prophecy is all about!

Thirty-seven years later, I find it hard to believe what the Lord has accomplished with this ministry. Today, we have access to 110 million homes in America through our TV outreach, and we have access to the whole world through our Internet website. We are publishing a magazine, books and videos. And we are heavily involved in both domestic and international missions.

I am just overwhelmed when I turn into the driveway of this ministry each morning and see a parking lot completely full of the cars of our staff members! Again, I can vividly remember the days when I was the only staff member. I had to do everything, from vacuuming to keeping the ministry's financial records. Each month, my wife and I would sit down and hand address several hundred newsletters. Today, I am surrounded by 14 people who are dedicated to holding up my arms, assisting me in every way possible, so that I can focus on Bible study, research, writing books, editing this magazine and producing our TV program.

My greatest regret is failing to yield to the Lord when He first called me. If I had done so, we would be celebrating 57 years of ministry.

Many thanks to all of you who have helped make this ministry a success.

Maranatha!

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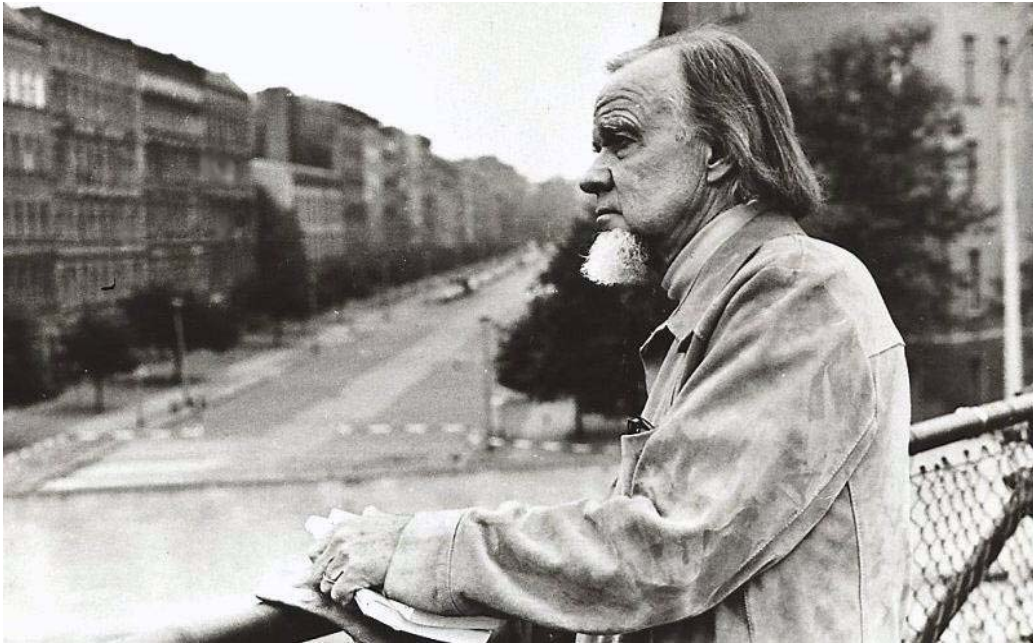
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Francis Schaeffer

God's Spokesman for a Christian Worldview



Francis Schaeffer in 1974 at age 62.
(<http://engagingmedia.info>)

Dr. David R. Reagan

Perhaps no intellectual save C. S. Lewis affected the thinking of evangelicals more profoundly; perhaps no leader of the period save Billy Graham left a deeper stamp on the movement as a whole.¹

At the end of his life in 1984, at age 72, Francis Schaeffer had established himself as the leading Christian spokesman against theological Modernism, philosophical Humanism and political Pragmatism. On the positive side, he had become Christendom's foremost spokesman in behalf of a Christian worldview.

- U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, called him, "God's man for the era."²
- Billy Graham said of him, "He was truly one of the great evangelical statesmen of our generation . . . More than virtually any other thinker, he had a keen insight into the major theological and philosophical battles of our time."³
- President Ronald Reagan wrote to his family, "He will long be remembered as one of the great Christian thinkers of our century."⁴
- *Time* magazine described him as "a missionary to intellectuals."⁵
- Schaeffer said of himself, "I really am a country preacher. But I had to develop my philosophy to speak to a world that no longer believes that truth exists."⁶

Francis Schaeffer spent his life advocating a Christian worldview. In the process he fiercely defended the inerrancy of the Scriptures and the existence of God. He also proclaimed the sanctity of human life and constantly warned the Western World about the dangers of Humanism.

Much of what he had to say was highly theological and philosophical in nature and difficult to comprehend, but in his final years, he brought his message down to earth through books and documentary films that were aimed at the layperson.

Early Life

Francis August Schaeffer, IV was born in 1912 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Neither of his parents were Christians, and neither of them were well educated. His father was a common laborer with only a third grade education.

Francis became a Christian at age 17 after his interest in Greek philosophy ultimately led him to read the Bible. Later in life, he observed: "What rang the bell for me was the answers in Genesis, and that with these you had answers — real answers — and without these there were no answers either in philosophy or in the religion I had heard preached."⁷

When he told his parents of his plan to attend Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia in order to study for the ministry, they strongly opposed the idea. But he went anyway, not knowing how he would be able to afford it.⁸ The college was an all-male school affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

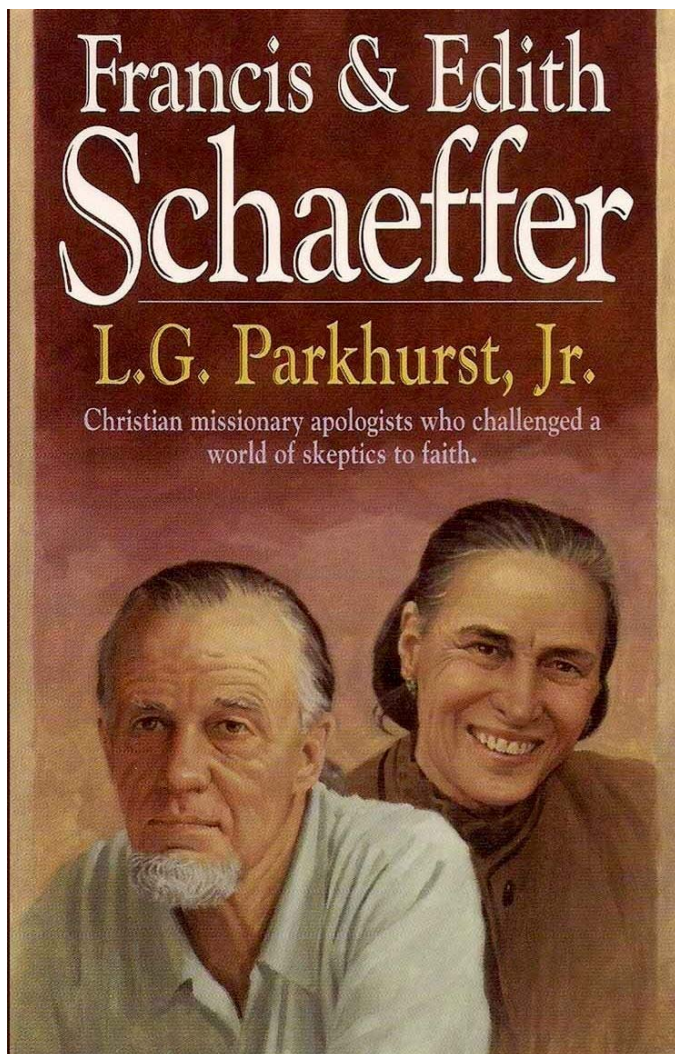
At the end of his freshman year in 1932, Francis met the woman who would become his wife. She was Edith Seville, who

was a student at Beaver College for Women in Pennsylvania. Both had returned home for the summer, and they met at the Presbyterian church where they were attending.

Edith had a radically different background. Both of her parents were college graduates and were Christian missionaries to China, where Edith was born. She was two years younger than Francis.

Despite the fact that Francis had a hot temper and Edith had a strong will, they fell in love and were married in 1935.⁹ One of the key elements that drew them together was the fact that both were Fundamentalists who strongly believed in the inerrancy of the Scriptures.

Francis proceeded on to the newly established Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware, from which he graduated in 1938.¹⁰ He then became the first graduate to be ordained in the Bible Presbyterian Church, a new denomination that had broken away from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church over the issue of inerrancy.¹¹



Early Ministry

After spending nine years pastoring Bible Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania and Missouri, the denomination's foreign missions board sent Francis on a three-month trip to Europe to build a network among "Bible-believing" churches

and pastors.¹² He quickly discovered that the European churches were caught up in apostasy.¹³

After reporting back to the missions board about what he had discovered in Europe, the board decided to send him and his wife to Europe as missionaries. So, in 1948, they departed the States and settled in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Shortly before their departure, one of their daughters became seriously ill and required surgery at Philadelphia Children's Hospital. Her surgeon was Dr. C. Everett Koop, who had just become a Christian a few weeks before. The Schaeffers hit it off with Dr. Koop, and they became life-long friends, laying the groundwork for a very important collaboration that would take place 29 years later in 1977.¹⁴

Three years after his move to Switzerland, Schaeffer experienced a crisis of faith during which he "rethought everything."¹⁵ The experience proved to be a major turning point in his life. He emerged from it with a complete and strong reaffirmation of faith. His biographer, Louis Gifford Parkhurst, Jr., states that Francis came out of the struggle "with the firm conviction that God is truly, objectively *there* whether we think He is or not, that the Bible is true in all that it affirms, that the Bible applies to the whole of life, and that the spiritual reality of the love and holiness of the Holy Spirit must be present in our lives, especially so while fighting for the truth."¹⁶

L'Abri Fellowship

In 1955, the Schaeffers moved to Huémoz, Switzerland and established a ministry called L'Abri Fellowship. The name, L'Abri, is French for "The Shelter." It quickly became a spiritual community that attracted young college students from all over Europe, many of whom were caught up in Existential philosophy and were desperately searching for some meaning in life.

In the years that followed, as he worked with these young people, Francis developed and fine-tuned his arguments against Humanism. He did the same with his arguments in defense of the Christian faith. His lectures were recorded, and then the recordings were transcribed into books that began to be published in 1968. The books resulted in invitations to speak at universities around the world.

Schaeffer's Overview

In 1974, Schaeffer began work on a book and a ten part film that would bring him to widespread attention among American Evangelicals. The project was called *How Should We Then Live?*¹⁷ It was an in-depth study of the rise and decline of Western thought and culture, presented from a Christian worldview.

Beginning with the Roman Empire, Schaeffer explained how a Humanist belief in Man led to a society devoid of any standard of right and wrong, resulting in a moral rotteness that ultimately destroyed the Empire from within.

During the Middle Ages (500 to 1500 AD), the theology of Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) resulted in the distortion of Christianity because he argued that the Fall of Man had only corrupted Mankind's will, but not his intellect. Therefore, truth could be perceived through reason, and the Church began to mix Scripture with the ideas of non-Christian philosophers like Aristotle. Increasingly, Man became the center of religion and the decisions of the Pope and Church Councils began to replace the authority

of the Scriptures.

The Renaissance (1300 to 1700) propelled Humanism to the center of all intellectual activity, including the arts. This movement began in southern Europe, focused in Italy, and gradually spread to all the continent. It served as a bridge from the Middle Ages to modern history. Man was placed at the center of all things and was glorified in the arts — as with Michelangelo's statue that was titled *David*. Concerning this artistic masterpiece, Schaeffer observed:¹⁸

Michelangelo took a piece of marble so flawed that no one thought it could be used, and out of it he carved this overwhelming statute. But let us notice that the *David* was not the Jewish David of the Bible. *David* was simply a title. Michelangelo knew his Judaism, and in the statue the figure is not circumcised. We are not to think of this as the biblical David but as the humanistic ideal. Man is great!

But in northern Europe there was a retreat from Humanism that was motivated by the Reformation that began in 1517. God and His Word were propelled back into the center of the Church and society. Once again, Man's fallenness was recognized, but at the same time, there was a renewed emphasis on the dignity of Man as created in the image of God.

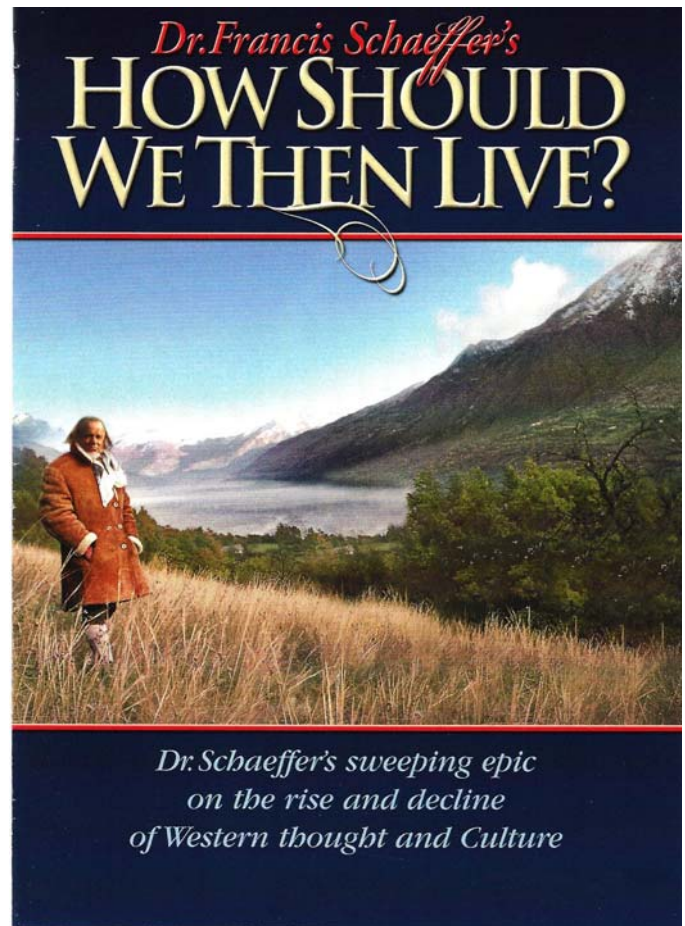
Schaeffer pointed out that both the Renaissance and the Reformation produced greater freedom for people. But whereas the Reformation led to responsible freedom, the Renaissance produced an irresponsible freedom of license because, being grounded in Humanism, there was no basis for morality.

This inherent problem with Humanism was demonstrated in the 18th Century in France with the rise of what came to be called, "The Enlightenment." The French philosopher, Voltaire (1694-1778) argued for a society based on reason rather than faith or Catholic doctrines. Schaeffer observed: "To the Enlightenment thinkers, man and society were perfectible."¹⁹ The French proclaimed the "Goddess of Reason" and committed themselves to a thoroughly secular society. The result was the bloodbath of the French Revolution (1789-1799) which led to the authoritarian rule of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Meanwhile, a Scientific Revolution had started with the Polish astronomer, Copernicus (1473-1543) who formulated a model of the universe that placed the sun rather than the earth at the center of the universe.

Both the Renaissance and the Reformation helped to fuel the increasing emphasis on the scientific method — the Renaissance through its emphasis on reason and the Reformation through its insistence that we live in an ordered universe of natural laws created by God. Many of the leading scientists were Christians, including such people as Francis Bacon (1561-1626), Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), Isaac Newton (1643-1727), and Michael Faraday (1791-1867).

But this Christian base did not last long as Charles Darwin (1809-1882) and others like him with a Humanist worldview began to push God aside, elevate human reason and convert Mankind into an accident of evolution living in the midst of a meaningless universe.



All of which produced what Schaeffer called "The Age of Fragmentation," when both philosophers and artists began to view life as an absurdity.²⁰ All is chance. There is no purpose. Both the world and Man have become fragmented. There is no right or wrong. God is dead.

This radical shift in which all of God's creation is viewed as nothing more than an accidental machine, including people, led to the horrors of the 20th Century: the Communist Revolution, the Nazi Holocaust, the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Cambodian Genocide.

These atrocities illustrated a point Schaeffer made when he wrote: "If the unsaved man was consistent, he would be an atheist in religion, an irrationalist in philosophy . . . and completely amoral in the widest sense."²¹ And so it came to be.

The American Application

In both the ending of the book and the film, Schaeffer brought all this home to the United States in what he called "The Age of Personal Peace and Affluence." By the time of the mid-20th Century the erosion of a Christian consensus in America had produced a population where a majority of the people had adopted "two impoverished values" — personal peace and affluence." He explained his observation as follows:²²

Personal peace means just to be left alone, not to be troubled by the troubles of other people . . . Personal peace means wanting to have my personal life pattern undisturbed in my lifetime, regardless of what the result will be in the lifetimes of my children and grandchild-

dren. Affluence means an overwhelming and ever-increasing prosperity — a life made up of things, things and more things — a success judged by an ever-higher level of material abundance.

According to Schaeffer, these two predominant post-war secular values produced the cultural revolt of the 1960s, as young people decided there must be more to life than selfishness and greed. As Schaeffer put it, “They were right in their analysis of the problem, but they were mistaken in their solutions” — mainly Hedonism as expressed in drugs and sex.²³

Schaeffer concluded by speaking prophetically about our society. He said, “As the memory of the Christian consensus which gave us freedom within the biblical form increasingly is forgotten, a manipulating authoritarianism will tend to fill the vacuum.”²⁴ Specifically, he warned of rule by an arbitrary elite with arbitrary values.

He also warned of three future dangers:²⁵

- 1) Genetic tinkering with human beings.
- 2) Manipulation by the media, particularly television.
- 3) Reliance on sociological law — that is, law not based on the Bible or Natural Law or the Constitution, but law based on shifting public opinion.

The final statement in his book was an ominous one: “This book is written in the hope that this generation may turn from that greatest wickedness, the placing of any created thing in the place of the Creator, and that this generation may get its feet out of the paths of death and may live.”²⁶

The book, *How Should We Then Live?* was published in 1976. The film based on the book was released in 1977. Seminars featuring the film were held all across America in 1977 and 1978. In October of 1978 Schaeffer was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer, and he began treatments at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

His Collaboration with Koop

Meanwhile, he continued working on a new book and film in collaboration with his old friend, Dr. C. Everett Koop (1916-2013). Later, in 1982 Dr. Koop became President Reagan’s Surgeon General. This new book was titled, *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?*²⁷ Both the book and the film were released in 1979.

The book began with a powerful dedication that read: “To those who were robbed of life, the unborn, the weak, the sick, the old, during the dark ages of madness, selfishness, lust and greed for which the last decades of the twentieth century are remembered.”²⁸ This book and film focused on the abominations of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, as practiced in America at that time.

The first sentence in the book summed up its thesis: “Cultures can be judged in many ways, but eventually every nation in every age must be judged by this test: *how did it treat people?*”²⁹ The authors continued with this observation: “The reason we are writing this book is that we feel strongly that we stand today on the edge of a great abyss.”³⁰ They then zeroed-in on the reason for this crisis.³¹

The Christian consensus held that neither the

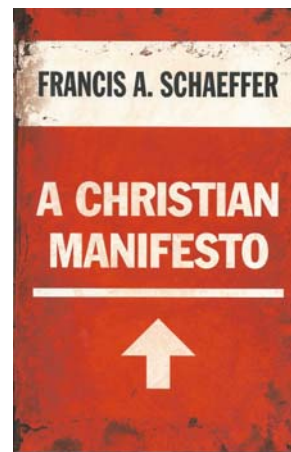
majority nor an elite is absolute. God gives standards of value, and His absolutes are binding on both the ordinary person and those in all places of authority . . . because the Christian consensus has been put aside, we are faced today with a flood of personal cruelty.

The book proceeds to present a passionate, logical and biblical case against abortion, with the warning that it will lead to the acceptance of both infanticide and euthanasia. In the process, they provide many horrifying examples of the practice of infanticide and euthanasia among the medical profession, although neither was legal at that time.

They point out how we as a nation are being reconditioned in our thinking to accept infanticide. After all, what is the difference in killing a baby a few minutes before birth or a few minutes after? Both are murder. And if parents can pay to have their children killed, what is going to prevent children from paying to have their parents killed? “Within [the Humanist] worldview there is no room for believing that a human being has any final distinct value above that of an animal or of nonliving matter. People are merely a different arrangement of molecules.”³²

With the publication of this book, Schaeffer crossed the line between the realm of philosophy and theology into the world of social action. He and Koop concluded the book with detailed instructions about what people can do to support the sanctity of life and to vigorously oppose abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.³³

Schaeffer’s Manifesto



Despite his ongoing treatment for cancer, Schaeffer continued to write. In 1981 he published *A Christian Manifesto*.³⁴ It was very specifically aimed at the American landscape and the political developments that seemed to be leading the nation toward destruction. Basically, it dealt with the question of “what is the Christian’s responsibility to government, law and civil disobedience?”³⁵

The book was written in direct response to the *Communist Manifesto* of 1848, the *Humanist Manifesto I* of 1933 and the *Humanist Manifesto II* of 1973 — all of which placed Man at the center of all things and made him the measure of all things.³⁶ In contrast, Schaeffer affirmed the biblical view of Man made in the image of God with “real humanness.”³⁷

Schaeffer showed how our nation was originally based upon a Christian consensus that recognized the dignity of Man and the sanctity of life, while realizing that Man is fallen and therefore must be restrained through a government of checks and balances and separation of powers.³⁸

He then proceeded to show that the foundations of our legal and governmental systems have eroded to the point where “secularized, sociological law” now reigns supreme.³⁹ Regarding this point, he referenced a statement by the former Chief Justice

of the Supreme Court, Frederick Vinson (1890-1953) who wrote: “Nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes.”⁴⁰

Schaeffer explained that “sociological law” — or what could be called “situational law” — is operational when the courts make decisions that are divorced from a standard like biblical or constitutional principles. Instead, the courts base their decisions on what is thought to be best for society.

As an example Schaeffer pointed to the Supreme Court’s abortion decision in 1973. He asserted that it was a classic example of highly subjective legal decision making.⁴¹ It was a totally arbitrary decision forced upon the majority by an elite without any constitutional basis and in complete contradiction of God’s Word. (The same, of course could be said of the Court’s equally arbitrary ruling in the same-sex marriage case 43 years later in 2016.)

Schaeffer launched into a detailed discussion of the relationship of Christians to their government. He affirmed the biblical teaching that we are to respect and obey our rulers.⁴² But he hastened to emphasize that there are biblical limits to obedience. “The bottom line,” he asserted, “is that at a certain point there is not only the right, but the duty, to disobey the state.”⁴³ And when is that? “Any government that commands what contradicts God’s Law abrogates its authority.”⁴⁴

Schaeffer concluded his manifesto by pointing out that Humanism is “an exclusivist, closed system which shuts out all contending viewpoints — especially if those views teach anything other than relative values and standards . . . As a result, the humanistic, material-energy, chance world view is completely intolerant . . .”⁴⁵ He therefore concludes:⁴⁶

It is not too strong to say that we are at war,
and there are no neutral parties in the struggle.
One either confesses that God is the final
authority, or one confesses that Caesar is
Lord.

One very fascinating thing about Schaeffer’s manifesto is what he had to say about the presidential election of 1980 in which Ronald Reagan was triumphant. Writing in 1981 during the first year of Reagan’s presidency, he refers to it as “a unique open window” for our nation to roll back the tide of Humanism.⁴⁷ He warned that “we must beware of letting a foolish triumphalism cause us to think that all is now won and certain,”⁴⁸ because the Humanists “are deeply entrenched.”⁴⁹

Speaking prophetically, Schaeffer then concluded that if we were unable to stem the tide of Humanism during the Reagan open window, it would most likely continue to be advanced in the future through the courts.⁵⁰ “Under the guise of ‘civil liberties’ . . . the Humanist forces have used the courts rather than the legislatures because the courts are not subject to the people’s thinking and expression by the election process — and especially they (the courts) are not subject to re-election.”⁵¹ And so it has been.

The Last Book

Schaeffer concluded his life’s work the way he began it, by condemning the Church for its apostasy. His message was contained in a book published in 1984, three months before his death. The book was titled, *The Great Evangelical Disaster*.⁵²

In 1948, as he and his wife were preparing to move to Europe, Schaeffer had written an essay titled, “Revolutionary Christianity,” in which he argued that the true revolutionary version of Christianity was not the popular “socialized gospel” of that day, but the “historic, Bible-believing Christianity that believes the task of the Church is to preach Christ and Him crucified and that men are justified by faith.”⁵³

He renewed this theme in his last book. He asserted that just as the mainline denominations had been corrupted in the 1920s and 1930s by their abandonment of Scripture, the same thing was occurring in the 1970s and 1980s among Evangelicals.

He proclaimed that “the great evangelical disaster” was “the failure of the evangelical world to stand for truth as truth.” And then he bluntly stated, “There is only one word for this — namely, accommodation: the evangelical church has accommodated to the world spirit of the age.”⁵⁴

How exactly? In two ways. First, Schaeffer identified the accommodation on Scripture, “so that many who call themselves Evangelicals hold a weakened view of the Bible and no longer affirm the truth of all the Bible teaches — truth not only in religious matters but in the areas of science and history and morality.”⁵⁵ The second area has been on moral issues, “with no clear stand being taken even on matters of life and death.”⁵⁶

Schaeffer strongly castigated Evangelical leaders for waffling on the issue of the inerrancy of the Scriptures, “so that the full authority of Scripture is completely undercut.”⁵⁷ Here’s how he summarized the issue:⁵⁸

Unless the Bible is without error, not only when it speaks of salvation matters, but also when it speaks of history and the cosmos, we have no foundation for answering questions concerning the existence of the universe and its form and the uniqueness of man. Nor do we have any moral absolutes, or certainty of salvation, and the next generation of Christians will have nothing on which to stand.

When the book was published, many responded by declaring that Schaeffer had “overstated his case,”⁵⁹ but looking back at it today, some 30 years later, it is obvious that his observations were right on the mark. For today, we have Evangelical leaders who are literally denying many of the fundamentals of the faith.

Schaeffer was so disgusted with the Evangelical Movement that he declared he would no longer refer to himself as an Evangelical. Instead, he would call himself “a Bible-believing Christian.”⁶⁰

Conclusion

Francis Schaeffer was graduated to his eternal reward on May 15, 1984, at his home in Rochester, Minnesota. He was 72 years old.

The day before he died, he prayed, “Dear Father God, I have finished my work. Please take me home. I am tired.”⁶¹ ✚

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The Hyper-Grace Cotton Candy

Dennis Pollock

A friend recently pointed out a particular doctrine she is hearing taught on Christian television quite a bit these days. She was obviously troubled and concerned about this teaching, and wanted to know what I thought. I was intrigued enough to do a little research on the topic, and what I discovered blew me away.

The subject had to do with grace, or rather the exaggerated, inflated, twisted, and stretched-far-beyond-all-Biblical-limits version of it that a number of popular preachers are proclaiming today. It is grace on steroids, grace twisted beyond recognition, grace amplified to such a degree that it bears no resemblance to the grace declared by Jesus, and explained by Paul, Peter, and John.

Going Overboard

The hyper-grace doctrine that is popular today is often identified by the catch-phrase: “God forgave all of your sins when you came to Christ: past, present, and future.” Some may feel that this statement is accurate enough. After all, are we not justified through Christ, and regardless of any sins we may commit, don’t we still remain children of God? And if so, does that not imply that even our future sins are forgiven?

But the hyper-grace folks push this further — in fact a whole lot further. They suggest that it is never necessary for a Christian to confess their sins or ask forgiveness of God. After all, they say, God forgave us once and for all when we were saved, and never again will we need to ask forgiveness. If you blow it, and do something extraordinarily stupid or wicked, just go about your business and don’t trouble God about it. The matter is already settled in God’s eyes. The only Christians who ever ask forgiveness or bother to repent of sins are those who are carnal and ignorant of the grace of God. Real Christians never repent, or to paraphrase the theme of the movie *Love Story*: “Grace means never having to say you’re sorry.”

Twisting the Scriptures

In order to sustain a theory which is so blatantly contradictory of the Scriptures, the defenders of hyper-grace are forced to resort to all sorts of gyrations of logic, twisting and transforming the plain meaning of enormous chunks of the Bible. They also are forced to essentially throw out the majority of the Scriptures. The Old Testament, for example — the Old Testament is so forcefully anti-sin, with its thunderous demands for repentance, that the hyper-grace preachers are uncomfortable with it. To solve this problem they simply insist that the Old Testament has virtually no relevance for us today. One of them has even written a book explaining why the God of the Old Testament is most definitely not the God of the New Testament. So if you really want to be one of their disciples, you can start with tearing the Old Testament out of your Bible, and paying no heed to it ever again.

But they don’t stop there. They don’t really like the teach-



The popular TV preacher, Joseph Prince of Singapore, is one of the leading advocates of the Hyper-Grace theology.

ings of Jesus much either. Now I know that sounds hard to believe, and they certainly won’t put it in those terms, but it is the truth. They will insist that most of the teachings of Jesus you read in the gospel accounts were for the Jews of His day. They dismiss the entire Sermon on the Mount. In their minds the Sermon on the Mount was “law” and not grace, and therefore we have no obligation to keep any of those commands, and probably ought not to read it, lest we end up moving away from grace and back to the law.

Forget about turning the other cheek, pay no attention to doing your charitable deeds privately, erase from your memory Jesus’ insistence to love and forgive your enemies, to be a peacemaker, to avoid lusting after women, to pray secretly in our rooms, to lay up treasures in heaven, to trust our heavenly Father to provide for us, to seek first God’s kingdom, to enter by the narrow gate, or to do our Father’s will lest He tell us in the last day that He never knew us. All of these things were written for Jesus’ generation only, according to this bizarre and absurd theory, and have no relation to the grace-Christian today.

Of all that Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, the thing that is most galling to the hyper-grace proclaimers is Jesus’ command for us to ask the Father to forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. In their minds this surely demonstrates that this sermon is not for us. There is no need for us to ask forgiveness for trespasses — in fact God never even sees our little moral boo-boos.

Of course the Sermon on the Mount is only the tip of the iceberg. As you read through the Gospels you find Jesus saying all sorts of things about sin and repentance and so forth. And so these well-meaning, deluded folks have decided that it is safer to simply say that nearly everything Jesus said before dying on the cross was for Jews and has nothing to do with the grace life. So, while you are tearing pages out of your Bible, you will need to go to the accounts of Jesus dying on the Cross — and everything to the left of that must go! It has nothing to do with you.

Invisible Sins?

The idea that when God looks at a Christian He only sees Jesus has been around for a long time, and there is some truth to that — in a legal sense. Legally we are indeed the righteousness of God in Christ. We have been given the gift of righteousness and God accepts us on that basis. If this is what is meant by “God only sees Jesus when He looks at me,” — well and good. But if by that you mean that the Creator of Heaven and Earth is incapable of observing your sins, faults, and foolishness, and has no clue what you have been up to as you have engaged in all

sorts of mischief — you are living in a dream world.

The Bible tells us that “All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:13). This warning is given in a letter clearly written to believers, not an evangelistic sermon presented to the ungodly. If God cannot see our sins, mistakes, and follies, how could He possibly discipline us? And yet the Bible unequivocally declares that “. . . whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

Any person who has been in Christ for some time and has never felt the chastening hand of God is suspect. In fact the Scriptures tell us, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons” (Hebrews 12:8). Without question our holy God sees us, and hears our words, knows our thoughts, observes our actions, and finds some pleasing and others distinctly displeasing. The apostle Paul declared, “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him” (2 Corinthians 5:9). If Paul made it his aim to please God, he must have been convinced that it would be possible to live in such a way that you displeased God.

But according to the hyper-grace preachers, God is always well pleased with every Christian, whether they have recently been sharing Christ, or committing adultery with their best friend’s wife. After all, when He sees you He sees Jesus, so He is always well pleased with you, never upset, and really has no idea what you’ve been doing anyway!

Rejecting Repentance

Those espousing this teaching hate the idea of repentance. And if they mention it at all, they will suggest that repentance merely means changing your mind, but has nothing to do with feeling bad for your sins (something Christians should never do) and certainly never hints at changing your behavior. Repentance is for sinners (maybe — although some go so far as saying that even sinners have no need of repentance: only believe) but it is surely never for Christians.

It is astonishing to me that anyone could make and believe such a statement. In the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation, Jesus addresses the churches — and He breaks nearly every rule and contradicts nearly every tenet of this monstrously anti-Biblical teaching. To one church He threatens to remove their lampstand unless they repent — but then I guess Jesus never read the hyper-grace manual. To another He threatens rebellious church members with sickness and death. And to the church at Laodicea He says (Revelation 3:17):

. . . you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked . . .

And then He has the audacity to tell them “Therefore be zealous and repent.” Somehow Jesus missed the memo which instructs preachers to declare to Christians that God never sees their sins, that there is no need to ask forgiveness for sins, and that God is pleased with His children all the time! Not only do these preachers hate the idea of repentance; they even pronounce that God can never even get angry with the nations, as He did in those old law-based days. The preeminent hyper-grace TV

preacher wrote:

I have also heard some believers pronouncing, “If God does not judge America for all its sins, God has to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah.” Well, let me say this with honor and respect: If God judges America today, He has to apologize to Jesus and what He has accomplished on the cross!

So God has been so neutralized, made so morally feeble and blind, so “wimpified” that He is unable to discern the wickedness of the nations today, and if He does somehow observe a little bit of their wickedness, He would never dare punish them for it.

This same preacher is unwilling to admit that we should ever confess our sins to God, despite the verse which states: “If we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). To try to escape the obvious meaning of the verse, he insists that this was written to the Gnostics rather than believers! How strange that John used the pronoun “we!”

The Real Problem

This doctrine is so saturated with absurdity and the refutation of everything the apostles, the prophets, and the great reformers and revivalists of the church have always believed and preached, it would take a huge volume to cover it all. That there are preachers who have strayed from the truth is not all that surprising. There have always been strange and bizarre doctrines that surfaced in the church in every generation. The thing that is especially troublesome concerning this doctrine and our generation is the fact that so many Christians seem to be swallowing it, no questions asked or suspicions raised. How is it that millions can follow these teachers and believe every word that comes from their deluded hearts and deceitful mouths?

The only possible answer is that many Christians today are not Bible readers. With all our Christian bookstores and our multiple versions of Bibles available, with all our Bible software and scores of Bible commentaries, few Christians seem to have developed the habit of actually sitting down quietly for fifteen or more minutes a day and actually reading the Bible. We often would rather hear what someone has to say about the Bible than to read the Bible for ourselves.

May our gracious God and His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, lead us back to the Scriptures where we may learn the ways of our God. For when God’s people are Biblically well-informed, heresies like this one will not thrive. ❖

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Dennis Pollock

Is Jesus the Only Way?

Nathan E. Jones

I am not really a fan of heights, but inevitably, a good handyman will find himself having to climb up on a roof. And once up on that roof, you hope there will be a number of solid ways you can easily get down. But, then you come to the realization that there was only one way you were able to get up on that roof, and therefore only one way to get down. Sure, you could try some other more drastic methods, but the truth is, there is only one way to climb up on the roof — a ladder. It is just what it is.

Likewise, there is only one way to get to Heaven — Jesus Christ. And that, too, is just what it is. How can I make that claim that Jesus is the only way to Heaven?

After all, you're probably thinking that just me claiming that Jesus is the only way to get to Heaven is rather intolerant, right? After all, what about all those different beliefs other religions have? Isn't universally everybody going to make it to Heaven, or at least all the "good" people? God is all love, right?

If it was just me making that claim, then you'd be right. I'm just a man. What do I know? But, I didn't originate this claim. Jesus did.

Jesus' Outrageous Claim

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it . . . [And] not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:13-14,21).

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24).

The Apostles' Outrageous Claim

The Apostles — Jesus' followers who witnessed His miracles, death on the Cross, and testified to His miraculous resurrection from the dead — also claimed that Jesus taught that He was the only way to get to Heaven.

Peter: "Let it be known to you all, that by the name of Jesus Christ . . . salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12).

John the Baptist: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them" (John 3:36).

Paul: "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:3-6).

John: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life . . . believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:11-13).

The Bible's Outrageous Claim

The claims of the Bible in many, many passages reveal that:

1. All of us are born rebellious against God and hurt people with our sins.
2. Our sins need to be forgiven, so God sent Jesus to be the world's one and only Savior.
3. To reject Jesus means to continue to face God's wrath and just judgment in Hell.
4. To put one's faith in Jesus means to be saved from God's judgment and to live eternally in Heaven.

Our own sin separates us from God and that's what keeps us out of Heaven. But, God provided THE way for our sins to be forgiven with someone who could take the punishment on our behalf, a perfect sacrifice for an imperfect people.

The Bible teaches that God sent His very own Son to come to earth as a man to die in our place, which He did on the Cross. Jesus then beat death by resurrecting Himself from the dead. That God provides just one and only one way to get to Heaven shouldn't leave us upset, for He didn't have to provide any way at all. No one drowning in the ocean complains about which life preserver is thrown to rescue them. Rather, we should be praising God that He loves us that much!

Your Eternal Choice

So what about Jesus being the only way to Heaven? When it came to Jesus' claim that He was both God and Savior, author C.S. Lewis wrote:

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.

You, too, must make your choice, and it is an eternal one. If Jesus is indeed the world's only hope to be reconciled with God, have you grabbed hold of that lifeline? It's a free gift, but you have to accept it.

To grab hold of God's promise, from your heart in faith and repentance pray: "Dear, Jesus, please forgive me of my sins, and be my Lord and Savior." The relationship with God is then restored. You are a new creation, a child of God. And when you die, He promises you will live forever with Him (John 1:12; 10:28-29).

Heaven awaits you! ✚

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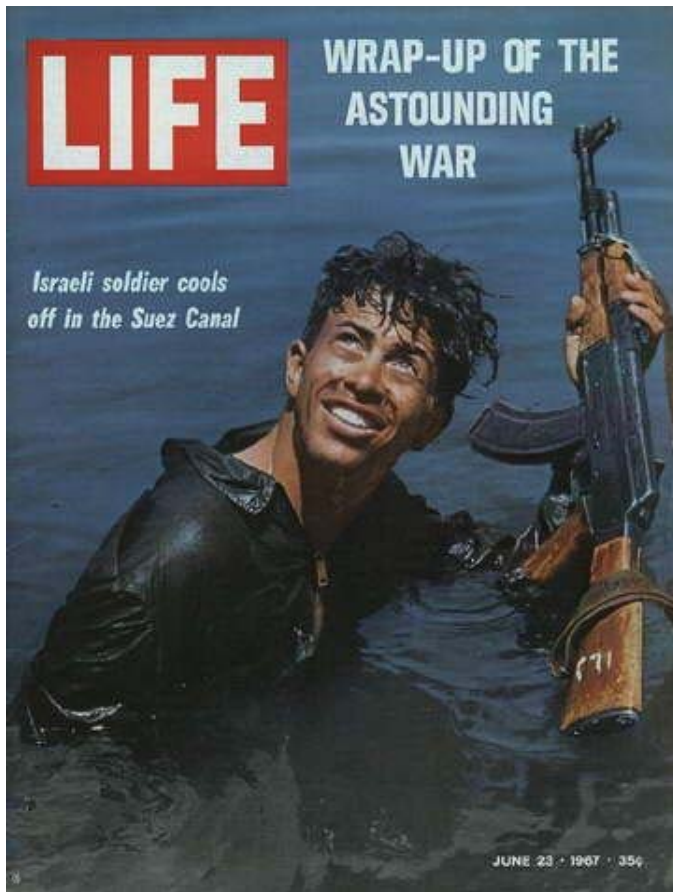
“Operation Moked” Celebrating the Anniversary of Jerusalem’s Reunification

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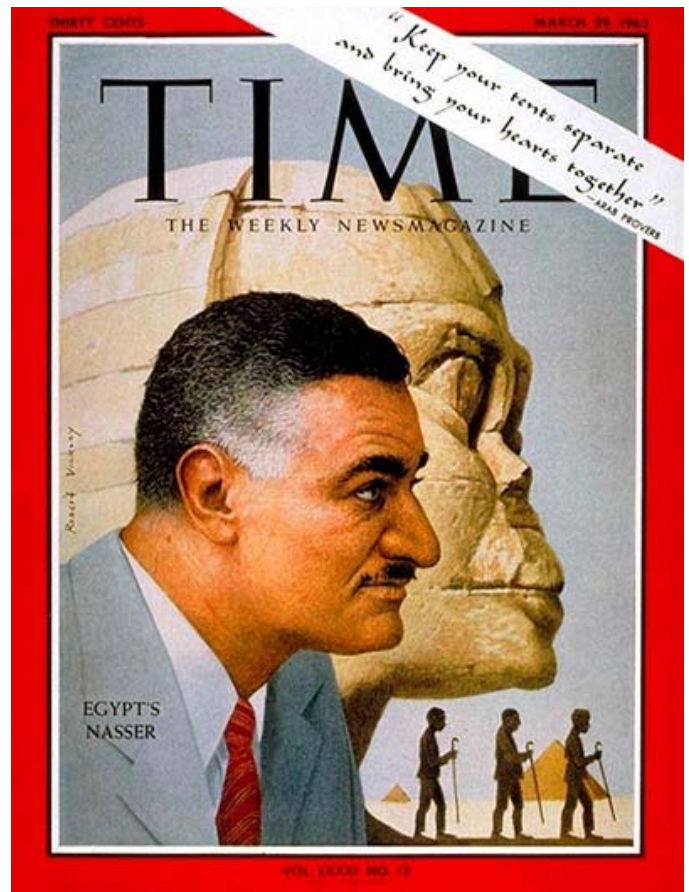
In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:6).

Fifty years ago this June, Israel realized one of the greatest military victories in modern history. Threatened with annihilation by the surrounding Arab nations, the Jewish state instead overcame incredible odds to secure the borders we know today. The overwhelming victory propelled the end-times clock forward and it continues to reverberate even today.

Following its declaration of independence in 1948, Israel was immediately attacked by five Arab armies. The fledgling Jewish state was miraculously able to repel those numerically superior forces. After eight years of almost constant terrorist activity, open conflict erupted again in 1956. Israel was victorious once again. Following those embarrassing defeats, Arab leaders were determined to antagonize and escalate as they awaited another opportunity to attack.



Life magazine, June 23, 1967.



Gamal Abdel Nasser on the cover of *Time*, May 29, 1963.

In the 1960s, a populist general from Egypt fanned the flames of Arab nationalism. President Gamal Nasser declared himself the head of the United Arab Republic and used impassioned hatred for the “Zionist entity” to rally Arabs throughout the Middle East. He boasted and blustered until he was able to secure military alliances with Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan — effectively surrounding Israel.

A Renewed Threat to Israel

In early 1967, Nasser repeatedly broadcast his intention to destroy Israel. Some historians claim that his vitriolic speeches were meant simply to arouse and inspire the “Arab street,” but, whether through intention or blundering, he indeed propelled the Arab nations toward war. On May 16th, Nasser ordered the UN Emergency Force (stationed in Sinai to ensure Arab-Israeli compliance with the 1956 cease-fire) to withdraw. In an act of diplomatic capitulation, UN Secretary General U Thant acquiesced to this demand immediately.

On May 22nd, Nasser laid siege to Israel by blockading the Straits of Tiran — the only access to Israel’s port at Eilat and the conduit for all of its oil. Such an aggression is recognized throughout the world as a “casus belli” — a justification for war — but Western nations, including the United States, urged Israel to restrain itself. Making matters worse, Nasser mobilized his forces and staged them in the Sinai, substantiating his stated intention to march north through the heart of Israel.

Israel responded by mobilizing its reserves — an economically crippling action to any small nation if sustained indefi-



Painting of an IAF attack on an Egyptian airbase.

nately. Some in Israel’s notoriously divided government wanted to wait for Western relief from the mounting pressure, while others argued that the nation could be annihilated while the West dithered. With the survival of Israel and its millions of citizens at risk, Israeli leaders authorized a daring plan to control the ensuing battle.

Modern Day Gideons

On June 5th, waves of Israeli Air Force planes launched toward Egypt — leaving only 12 aircraft in reserve to defend the skies over Israel. Flying as low as 30 feet to avoid Egyptian radar and following carefully crafted attack plans based on painstaking intelligence, the Israelis caught the Egyptian Air Force by total surprise. Within a matter of hours, over 300 Egyptian aircraft were destroyed, versus only 19 Israeli planes.

In spite of growing evidence of a military disaster, Nasser claimed that Egyptian forces were overrunning the Israelis on every front and demanded that his Arab allies join the fray. Responding to Nasser’s insistent propaganda, Syria, Jordan, and then Iraq launched aircraft on hesitant sorties against Israel — leading to devastating counter blows by the IAF. When the onslaught by air turned into a rout on the ground, Nasser continued to claim overwhelming victory.

This landmark war lasted six days and is remarkable still today for its brevity. It was ended at the insistence of the United Nations, although ironically that only occurred when the Arab nations ended their propaganda claiming victory and demanded relief from the “belligerent Jews.” But, as an Indian Air Force eyewitness in Egypt attested, “The Six-Day War was actually won by Israel in the first four hours of Monday, June 5th, 1967.”

Lasting Repercussions

The war left two significant marks on history, fulfilling Bible prophecy. Although Israel encouraged Jordan to stay disengaged from the ground war, Arab pride required King Abdullah to enter the fray. When he did so, Israel quickly seized the West Bank territory that had been annexed by Jordan in 1948 — a legitimate outcome every belligerent risks in any war. That territory remains a political hot potato today, with Jewish settlers eager to build on the land of Judea and Samaria where Western nations remain determined to carve out a Palestinian state.

The second momentous development occurred in the final hours of the war. Israeli political and military leaders finally

authorized IDF paratroopers to rush into Old Jerusalem and reclaim Israel’s ancient capital from the Jordanian occupiers. After raging gun battles at the Jaffa Gate, IDF Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren joined his paratroopers at the Western Wall, blew a shofar, and declared, “I proclaim to you the beginning of the Messianic Age.”

Western nations still wring their hands over Israel’s acquisition of the West Bank and Jerusalem. Their leaders have tried again and again to force Israel to relinquish its birthright to the land. Just before he left office, President Obama lifted the U.S. veto and allowed a United Nations Security Council resolution to pass which declared that Israel has no right to East Jerusalem — including the Old City and the Western Wall.

But we know that God has declared that Israel would return to its ancient homeland, reestablish itself as a nation, and never again be removed. We also know that as the time of the Gentiles closes and Jews once again occupy Jerusalem, the King of kings is poised to return at any moment.

Demonstration of God’s Faithfulness to His Promises

The air campaign that launched the Six-Day War fifty years ago was called “Operation Moked” (Focus). It demonstrated once again God’s faithfulness to His promises. As recorded in Amos 9:15:

“I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out of their land which I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

Those for whom Bible prophecy resonates, know that our focus is ever and always on Jesus Christ. Just like Operation Moked caught the Egypt Air Force unprepared 50 years ago, Jesus’ arrival will come as a total surprise to those who are unaware, unprepared, and un-alert. Make sure that you are ready when the trumpet sounds! ✚

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Why *The Shack* Must be Rejected

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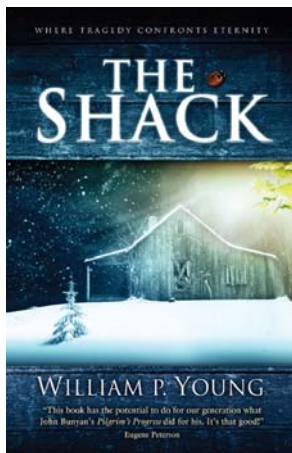
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Eric Barger

On Friday, March 3, 2017, the decade-long controversy heated up in earnest: How should Christians respond to *The Shack*? With over 20 million copies in print, the debut of the long-awaited motion picture quickly moved the discussion to the front burner as Facebook and Twitter lit up with both pro and con comments concerning William Paul Young's book and movie. But should there really be any controversy at all?

Only in a time when the Bible has been reduced to something claimed but not followed by many professing Christians could a book and movie displaying *The Shack's* storyline and theology be considered this controversial. But the sides loving or loathing *The Shack* are both very vocal, and little neutral ground exists in this debate.



When *The Shack* was setting records dominating multiple New York Times Best Seller Lists some nine years ago, I was challenged to read the book. It is back atop multiple NYTBS lists again and my question remains the same. How is it that frightening numbers of Christians have lost their ability to discern truth from error? Though many try to justify *The Shack* by the claim that it's only a novel or fantasy, I'd like to know where that allowance is made in Scripture? It simply does not exist.

We are to test and judge such works the same as any issue in the real world. Early on I understood *The Shack* as an "angel of light" book (i.e., 2 Corinthians 11:14) sent to bring confusion and to further denigrate the Word of God and the very person of God Himself as revealed in the Bible. I haven't wavered from that view, and since 2008 I have written, spoken and been inter-



Advertising banner for *The Shack* movie.

viewed on this topic dozens of times. But perhaps the most telling facts were learned from research I've conducted recently and from a confrontation with Paul Young back in that same year.

Hidden Agendas Revealed

In October 2008 I traveled to Portland, Oregon, and heard Paul Young speak three times in two days at his alma mater, Warner Pacific College. Campus officials had arranged several events to honor Young and they, like so many across the breadth of Christianity, were apparently thrilled with Young's work and falling over themselves to give kudos and offer accolades to the former student.

In hopes of meeting him personally, I arrived early before Young's second appearance at Warner Pacific and was able to approach and speak with him for approximately 15-20 minutes. I later wrote that I believed Young to be a nice enough fellow. I actually said he was likely the nicest heretic I had encountered in some time. But nice does not mean that error is to be excused, particularly if it pertains to issues central to the Faith — such as the nature of God, the Trinity, salvation, judgment and eternity.

In those few moments I had with Paul Young I was able to ask several questions.

I asked if he was aware of Polynesian and Hawaiian native groups who worship a goddess very much like his "Papa" character in *The Shack*. He replied that, no, he wasn't aware of any such group or mythical figure. I told him that if I were considering the insertion of such an unorthodox god character into a manuscript I would have at least done a simple Internet search to see if such a character already existed.

I then explained that I had done just such a search and found that throughout the native groups in the South Pacific from Hawaii westward a goddess figure — a large, dark skinned woman named "Papa" — was esteemed as the creator goddess watching out over those who followed her. I pointed out that he could read about this false deity on many pages that easily came up in my search findings.

Young wasn't ready to walk away from me yet, but he became increasingly less congenial and more agitated as I continued. Though I was unaware of it at that particular moment, Young was raised on the mission field in New Guinea (the Cannibal Valley region, to be exact). Yet he didn't know about the native goddess "Papa"?

My next question was concerning the making of an image (in this case a human being) and proclaiming it/he/she to be "God." Besides the Second Commandment, I cited Romans 1, to which Young stated that was only (the Apostle) Paul's admonition against idolatry and it didn't apply in the case of *The Shack's* deity. Really? I answered that Romans 1 certainly wasn't the only passage warning about what he had written in *The Shack*. Ask Moses.

I then hit Young's raw nerve when I asked if he was a Universalist, as Dr. James De Young, a professor at Western Seminary in Portland, had been insisting. He answered "Absolutely not," and fired back about Dr. De Young, "That man is persecuting me!"

End of conversation

A month after my questioning of Paul Young I spent an evening with Dr. James De Young. It was eye-opening. Dr. De Young and Paul Young had co-founded a Christian discussion group or "think tank" in the late 1990s. The group of 8 to 12 Christian thinkers met to discuss issues monthly.

In 2004, Paul Young made a two-hour presentation to the group and handed out a 103-page, single-spaced paper declaring that he was abandoning his "evangelical paradigm" and was embracing "universal reconciliation." De Young told me in 2008 and again during an interview on *Understanding The Times Radio* with Jan Markell and myself in March 2017 that the forum members were shocked in 2004 as Paul Young spoke to them. How could a universalist been quietly operating in their midst?

Dr. De Young prepared a response to Paul Young's lengthy position paper and a month later he presented his rebuttal to Young's ideas at the forum. Young, however, was not in attendance. In fact, he never came back to the group's meetings again. He was soon busy writing *The Shack*.

During my evening at Dr. De Young's kitchen table I realized that in Paul Young's mind I hadn't phrased the final question to him in such a way that he felt obliged to actually give me an honest answer during our discussion at the college a month prior. Looking back, I should have said, "Are you now or have you ever been a universal reconciliationist?" Such a more specific question might have forced him into the challenging position of telling me the truth instead of parsing his words to obfuscate around a position he was desperately trying to conceal.

The Primary Failure of *The Shack*

Besides other theological issues, *The Shack* clearly abolishes the need for faith and personal salvation (John 3:16, Romans 10:13, Acts 4:12, John 3:36, 1 John 5:12, etc.). In fact, Paul Young follows the mold of other so called "Christian" universalists before him and literally treats Jesus' finished work of redemption as if it was the act of salvation, without any need for a person to respond to it.

Thus, as we now understand from Young's recently released book, *Lies We Believe About God*, that he is, and has been for some time, a proponent of universal reconciliation. He doesn't teach that other religions lead to God. Instead, Young believes that all men will eventually be saved because of Jesus' work on the cross whether they have faith or not. Young's other novels, *Crossroads*, and the New York Times best seller, *Eve*, substantiate this same view.

In *Lies We Believe About God*, Paul Young speaks in the first person instead of through his fictional characters and states that one of the lies Christians believe is that there is a need to "get saved." In addressing salvation here, Young finally admits



The cast of *The Shack* movie: The Asian woman on the left is the Holy Spirit, the Black woman is God, and the Middle Eastern man on the right is Jesus. The Caucasian man is the central character wrestling with grief over the murder of his daughter.

what his editors knew as it took them a year to remove universalism from *The Shack*'s original manuscript. He believes in "universal salvation" and that a free-will response to the Gospel is an unneeded act since all men will eventually be "saved."

Conclusion

Many people have defended *The Shack*, saying that they don't care if Paul Young or his work is a "little" off base biblically. Advocates claim that the book has helped heal them from the real-life abuse of a spouse or parent and

also from the terrible pain of losing a loved one, especially a child.

In closing, I want to express my concern for the spiritual blindness exhibited by many of *The Shack*'s defenders, where it comes from, and where this blindness leads. When one defends false beliefs instead of God's Word, that person is exhibiting a personal death of discernment. Disregard for God's Word and acceptance or defense of false teaching slowly but surely blurs the truth and destroys one's ability to be discerning. It eventually makes those who choose to accept something they like or want — regardless of biblical truth — incapable of recognizing the depravity of their situation.

The fact is that Paul Young is no different than Joseph Smith, Jr., Charles Taze Russell, Mary Baker Eddy, or a host of other cult leaders throughout history. He makes claims not founded on or supported by the Bible and then, without actually saying so, infers the mass of Evangelicals before him have missed the mark and believe incorrectly.

This is mainstream Emergent practice. It's also what cult leaders do as they add to or subtract from God's word and then start believing their own false ideas as authentic "revelations." That is what those given over to a reprobate mind do and this, ladies and gentlemen, is what we have with Paul Young.

Let me make this clear. Would you serve your family a meal if you knew strychnine had been sprinkled around the edges? Then why would you accept the words of a person who has consistently proven that he is untrustworthy and his teaching defies the Bible — just because someone claims there is a nugget of good in it?

When you give yourself over to a teacher and his teachings, or an author and his books through your investment of time, money, and emotions without allowing God's Word to always be the judge — and then defend the message even though it is rotten, then, my friend, you have allowed Satan a foothold. But unless there is repentance he doesn't stop there.

Soon it becomes a stronghold, and before long you become incapable of deciding what is right from what is wrong. In short: you catch Paul Young's disease and chance standing before the Great White Throne judgment that Young declares a loving God could not carry out followed by a one-way trip to the pit that Young claims does not burn.

Church, stop defending the indefensible teaching of Paul Young and come to your senses before it is too late! ❖

Apostasy —

TBN, the nation's largest Christian television network, recently made an incredible announcement — namely, that they are going to give a time slot to a TV program that will feature William Paul Young, the author of *The Shack*.

Dr. Reagan sent the following email message to Matt Crouch, the head of the network:

“I am astounded over your decision to start airing Paul Young's TV show.

Aren't you aware that he is a Universalist who teaches that Jesus resides in all people and that all people are saved? This is a blasphemy of Jesus and the Cross.

Are you completely lacking in discernment?

Do you really expect the Lord to bless your network when you give air time to blatant apostates?

Please reconsider this horrible decision of yours.”



William Paul Young with Matt & Laurie Crouch of TBN.

In response, Dr. Reagan received a four page public relations letter signed by “The TBN Administration.” It began by expressing their “excitement” over the new TV series with Paul Young. They then affirmed that they were fully aware of “the controversy surrounding the book.” They pointed out that the book had favorably impacted the lives of millions of people, while “some with sincere hearts . . . having never even read it — have railed against the book.”

Not so, TBN! It has been read and denounced by many Christians who have been shocked by its message of Universalism — that is, the ultimate salvation of all people.

The TBN letter continued with a defense of the book's portrayal of God as a Black woman. And it strongly rejected the “mistaken belief” that Paul Young is a Universalist.

Well, since the issuance of this letter, Young has published a new book that came out in early March. It is titled, *Lies We Believe About God*. In this book he finally comes out of the closet and admits that he believes in “universal salvation.” In fact, he admits a lot more than that. He addresses what he calls 28 “lies” that Evangelicals tend to believe about God, the Bible and Christianity. In the process, he attacks many of the funda-

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mentals of the faith.

For example, he dismisses the idea that God is sovereign! He insists this is not the case at all, but that He “submits rather than controls and joins us in the resulting mess of relationship . . .” As one of the book's reviewers has

put it: “The idea of God's submission to humanity is one of the book's most prominent themes.”

Young's definition of the Gospel is mind-boggling:

“The Good News is *not* that Jesus has opened up the possibility of salvation and you have been invited to receive Jesus into your life . . .

The Good News is that Jesus did this without your vote, and whether you believe it or not won't make it any less or more true . . .

God did not wait for my choice and then “save me.” God has acted decisively and universally for all humankind. Now our daily choice is to either grow and participate in that reality or continue to live in the blindness of our independence.”

At this point, Young asks himself a question: “Are you suggesting that everyone is saved? That you believe in universal salvation?”

His answer: “That is exactly what I am saying.”

Case closed.

Now, will TBN take the appropriate action?

Trampling the Constitution —

Mary Ann Sause, a former nurse, was confronted late one night in Louisburg, Kansas by police for having her radio turned up too loudly. The problem is that they forced their way into her apartment without telling her why they were there. When she showed them a copy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights given to her by her Congressman, one of the officers mockingly said, “That's nothing, it's just a piece of paper—[it] doesn't work here.” The officers continued to act in a belligerent manner toward Sause, telling the terrified woman she should prepare to go to jail. She asked if she could pray beforehand, and while one of the officers granted her request, the other told her she could not pray in her own home.

The Christian law firm, First Liberty, came to her defense and filed a law suit in federal court against the police department, arguing that the police had violated Ms. Sause's First Amendment rights. The court refused to hear the case, so it was appealed to the Tenth Circuit Appeal Court in Denver. In March the government lawyers claimed in their arguments that the First Amendment “protects only an individual's right to choose a religion”! Incredible! The First Amendment specifically guarantees the “free exercise” of religion.

All throughout his presidency, Barack Obama, repeatedly referred to the “freedom of worship.” Interpreted, from a left-wing perspective, this means the freedom to do what you please at a worship service inside a church. But don't try to exercise your religious beliefs outside your church. Again, this interpretation is thoroughly unconstitutional. But it shows where the Left in this country wants to go. ❖

Bill Salus

A True Eschatologist

Dr. David R. Reagan

Bill Salus made a grand entrance into the world of Bible prophecy back in 2008 when he published his first book titled, *Isralestine*. Prior to that time, he had been a businessman and a music minister. But he had also been a passionate student of God's Prophetic Word.

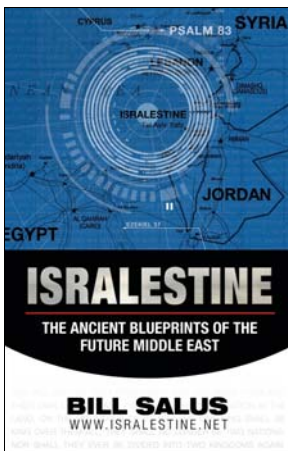


Bill Salus

Bill likes to refer to himself as an "Eschatologist." And he often uses that term to refer to me and other Bible prophecy specialists. I hate the term. It sounds very academic and stuffy. Further, it sounds like a reference to a person who studies bugs! I prefer to be known simply as a Bible prophecy teacher and preacher.

But if anyone could be called an Eschatologist, it would be Bill — and not because he is stuffy. Rather, he brings an inquisitive attitude to God's Prophetic Word, and this attitude propels him to constantly search for end time prophecies that may have been overlooked or misinterpreted.

Bill's First Book



Bill's first book was long-winded and very tedious to read. He seemed unable to keep his focus on his subject as he chased rabbits all directions. But his basic thesis caught the attention of Bible prophecy experts.

Basically, what he argued was that Psalm 83 is a prophecy about an end time war that is yet to occur — a war between Israel and all the Arab states with whom it shares a common border.

Previously, Psalm 83 had been considered to be simply a lament over the desire of the nations of the world to destroy Israel. And most Bible prophecy specialists quickly dismissed Bill's thesis as nonsense. But Bill proved to be tenacious, and he could not be easily pushed aside.

I felt like his thesis was well worth considering since the end time war of Gog & Magog, led by the Russians (Ezekiel 38 and 39), does not involve a single nation that has a common border with Israel. It made sense to me that the Psalm 83 War would be fought first, ending with an overwhelming Israeli victory that would spur the Arab world to turn to Russia for help. The Russians would then respond with a coalition of Arab states from the outer perimeter of Israel — all of which would be defeated

supernaturally by God.

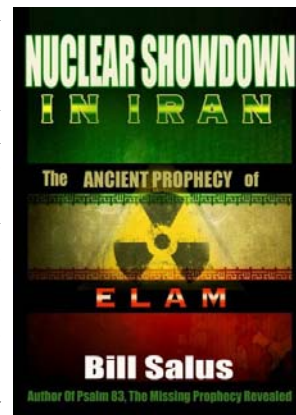
As to whether or not Psalm 83 was a prophecy, Bill pointed out that it was written by Asaph who is identified as a prophet in both the Old and New Testaments (2 Chronicles 29:30 and Matthew 13:35). Further, Bill offered strong evidence that the conflict pictured in the psalm has never occurred in history, and therefore, if it is a prophecy, then it is one yet to be fulfilled.

But the majority of the Bible prophecy community reacted to Bill's thesis as if all end time prophecies had already been discovered and properly interpreted. He was not even given the courtesy of being invited to present his thesis at the annual Bible prophecy conference sponsored by the Pre-Trib Research Center.

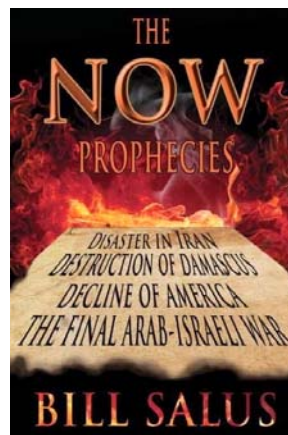
I encouraged Bill to rewrite his book to make it more readable and appealing to the general public, and he did so. He published a much shorter and easier-to-understand version in 2013 titled, *Psalm 83: The Missing Prophecy Revealed*. I recommend this book to you.

Bill's Subsequent Books

Bill's next discovery was even more fascinating. In a book titled, *Nuclear Showdown in Iran: Revealing the Ancient Prophecy of Elam* (2014), he pinpointed a prophecy in the book of Jeremiah that few people had ever commented on. This book was well organized, clearly written and focused in its presentation.



His thesis was that the Jeremiah passage (49:34-39) indicates that in the end times there will be a great catastrophe in the area of modern day Iran that is called Edom in the Bible — the place where a nuclear reactor is located today. The prophecy says the area will be destroyed and the people scattered, but they will be regathered when the Lord returns. Further, the passage states that the Messiah will have an alternative throne located there. Again, this is a book I would highly recommend.



Bill's book, *The Now Prophecies* (2016), was much needed since there are highly respected Bible prophecy experts who argue that all end time prophecies are going to be fulfilled during the Tribulation and the Millennium and that any prophecies that appear to be fulfilling now are just "stage setting." Bill and I both strongly disagree with this attitude about end time prophecies.

The fact of the matter is that many end time prophecies were fulfilled in whole or in part during the 20th Century — such as the regathering of the Jewish people from the four corners of the earth and the re-establishment of their state. And then there is the explosion of knowledge and the invention of rapid transportation, as well as very negative

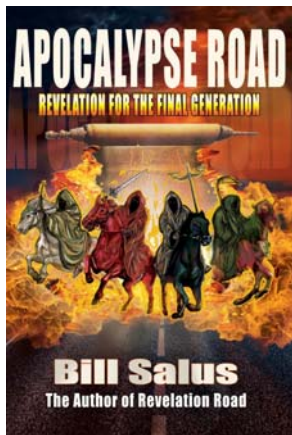
developments like the paganization of society and the rapidly developing apostasy in the Church.

Bill's Novels

Bill is currently in the process of writing a three part series of novels about the end time prophecies. These books are rather unique because the first half of each one is a novel based on end time prophecy, while the second half of each book contains a commentary on the prophecies. This makes for very long books.

I have not been reading this series because I do not care for fictionalized presentations of Bible prophecy.

Two of the books in the series have been published. The first, titled, *Revelation Road: Hope Beyond the Horizon* (2012), begins with the Psalm 83 War and the destruction of Damascus and ends with the Rapture of the Church.



The second in the series, *Apocalypse Road: Revelation for the Final Generation* (2017), focuses on the gap period between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation. This is a much needed study since most people seem to assume that the Tribulation begins immediately after the Rapture.

The fact of the matter is that the Tribulation is triggered by the Antichrist confirming a covenant made with Israel, and that could happen months or even years after

the Rapture.

Points of Disagreement

I have not always agreed with Bill's interpretations of prophecy, which is no big deal. After all, I am not the Pope of Prophecy, and there are many things about end time prophecy that are not clear and can be honestly debated. For example, in his book about the "now prophecies," Bill identifies the United States with the biblical references to Tarshish. I don't think this identification can be justified.

In his latest book, *Apocalypse Road*, Bill proposes an idea that I strongly disagree with — namely, he pulls the Seal Judgments out of the Tribulation and places them in the gap between the Rapture and the Tribulation. His basic reason for doing so seems to be his conviction that there just isn't enough time to fit all the judgments of Revelation into a Tribulation period of only seven years.

I think Bill is way off base here. I believe the Lord is capable of accomplishing whatever He pleases in any time frame He chooses. And I believe the book of Revelation clearly places the Seal Judgments within the seven year time frame of the Tribulation. Further, removing the Seal Judgments from the Tribulation compromises the integrity of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years.

Bill's attempt to help the Lord out by providing Him with more time reminds me of Theistic Evolutionists who argue that God could not have created the universe in six days, so they provide Him with more time by converting each day of creation into a billion years.

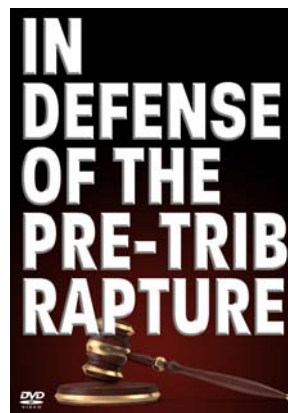
Like me, you may not agree with all of Bill's interpretations or conclusions, but they are always biblically based and they will force you to search the Scriptures and reconsider your own interpretations. I therefore hope Bill will keep digging and will continue discovering prophetic gems.

Have you ever stopped to think how many First Coming prophecies were not understood or even recognized until the Holy Spirit opened the eyes of the New Testament writers to them? Consider the prophecy in Hosea 11:1, which reads, "When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son." Surely people must have thought this referred only to the deliverance of the nation of Israel from Egyptian captivity. But the Gospel of Matthew applies this statement to the Messiah (Matthew 2:15), claiming it was a prophecy about the escape of Joseph and Mary from Herod's murderous army when they fled to Egypt with the Christ child and then subsequently came out of Egypt and returned to their home in Nazareth.

How many such nuggets about the Second Coming are yet to be discovered? In Bill Salus we have a true Eschatologist who is searching diligently.

I was recently discussing Bill's writings with another Bible prophecy scholar. He made an interesting remark about Bill. He said, "I guess you know that Bill is known among Bible prophecy experts as 'The Star Trek Eschatologist.'" When I asked him why, he replied, "Because he boldly goes where no man has gone before." ❖

Do You Have Questions About the Rapture?



"Is the Pre-Trib Rapture some sort of newfangled, unbiblical concept?"

"Did it originate with a teenage Scottish girl who experienced demonic seizures?"

"Is it too new to be true?"

"Is it true that it was unknown to the Church Fathers?"

"Is the Rapture simply another way of viewing the Second Coming?"

"Is the word, Rapture, even in the Bible?"

These and many other questions concerning the meaning and timing and biblical basis of the Rapture are dealt with during this one and a half hour video produced by Dr. Reagan.

In addition to Dr. Reagan's in-depth teaching, the video contains six interviews with the following Bible prophecy experts: Dr. Andy Woods, Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Dr. William Watson, Dr. Tommy Ice, Dr. Charles Ryrie and Dr. Tim LaHaye.

The video sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. You can place your order by calling 972-736-3567 Monday through Friday, between 8am and 5pm Central time. Or, you can place your order through our website at lamblion.com. ❖

A Spiritual Feast

Dr. David R. Reagan

Once again this month I am urging all of you to get a copy of Jonathan Cahn's latest book, *The Book of Mysteries*. As I emphasized last month, I believe you will find it to be a superb spiritual blessing.

The book is designed to be a daily devotional guide, with a one page essay for each day of the year. But I found it to be so fascinating and spiritually enriching that I finished it in a month's time by reading ten pages every morning.

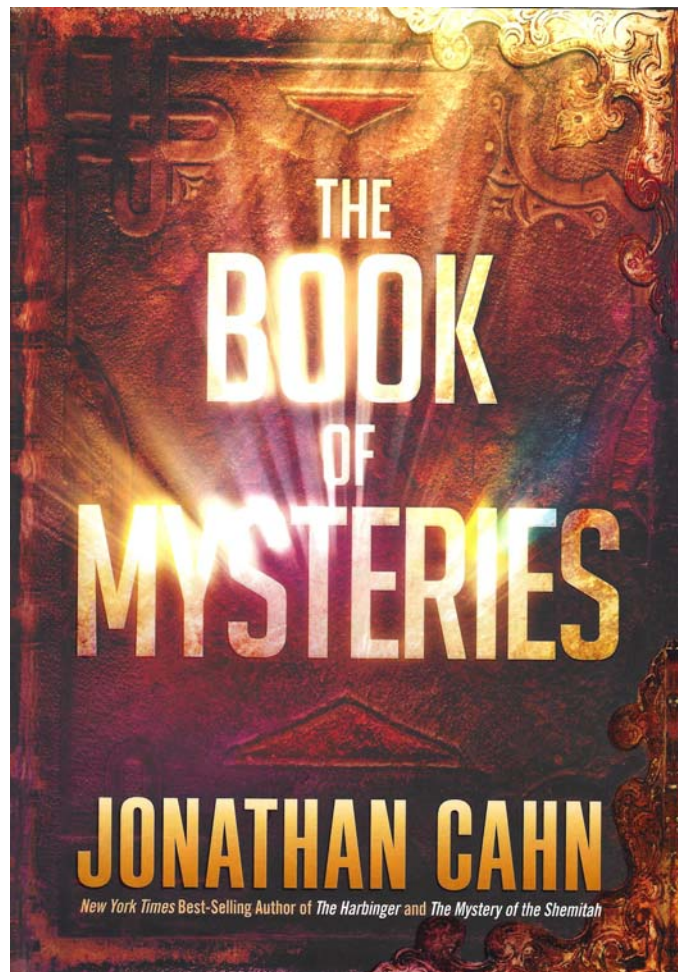
I was so impressed with the book that I purchased 20 copies to give to each member of our Board of Trustees. One of our board members is a retired policeman in Owasso, Oklahoma, who now devotes his time to short-term mission trips all over the world. He and his wife, who is a registered nurse, decided to use the book as their daily devotional guide. After reading a few days, he sent me the following message:

I wanted to write and tell you thanks a hundred times, or 365 times (for each day of the year), for the great book by Jonathan Cahn. It is like having a candy bar as a kid — you want to consume the whole thing at once, but you know if you only take a little bite each day, it will last much longer.

My wife and I have been reading it each day, but in order to avoid finishing too fast, we re-read devotions we have already read and seem to find something new each time.

I can say without hesitation that it is the most spiritually enriching book I have read in years. In fact, I can't think of a book that has so greatly impacted me spiritually since I started reading the writings of C. S. Lewis many decades ago. I cannot recommend this book to you too highly. It is simply something you must read, even if you decide to pace it out over a year's time, as it was designed to be read.

Let me assure you that it is not some off-the-wall sensational book as the title might imply. It contains down-to-earth, deeply insightful commentaries on passages of scripture and on scrip-



tural concepts.

The format revolves around a disciple of the Lord who decides to spend a year in the desert at a spiritual retreat center where he is mentored daily by a person who is identified only as "the teacher." Each day the teacher provides a new insight into the scriptures and then explains how it relates to living the Christian life today.

Many of the insights are based on the meaning of Hebrew words. Others are related to the Jewish culture and customs of biblical times. Governor Mike Huckabee said of the book, "I was absolutely stunned." And that is exactly the way I often felt when I would finish reading a page.

Take, for example, his insight about the Arch of Titus that was built in Rome to commemorate the Roman conquest of Israel in 70 AD. The Arch stands in the midst of the ruins of the Roman Empire. The Empire is gone, but the Jews are back in their land with their nation re-established. So, what does the Arch reveal? "That in the end, you cannot stop the purpose of God. He not only overcomes evil but causes evil to be used for good. Accordingly, He will turn everything in your life that was meant for evil around for good and that which was meant to harm you to save and bless you instead."

The book can be yours for \$20, including the cost of shipping. Hardbound, 370 pages. To secure a copy call our office at 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. Or, you can place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com. ❖



Dave Reagan, Jonathan Cahn, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones.



Annual Bible Conference

Have you registered yet for our annual Bible conference? We want to encourage you to register as soon as possible since seating is limited.

The conference is scheduled to begin Friday evening, July 14, with a banquet and concert by the Gospel music group called Brian Free and Assurance. They will be followed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Ed Hindson, who is the Dean of Liberty University's School of Religion. He is also the host of *The King is Coming* television program. Dr. Reagan considers Dr. Hindson to be the most effective Bible prophecy speaker in America today. The banquet is \$50 per person and must be paid at the time of registration.



Dr. Ed Hindson

The conference will continue all day, Saturday, July 15, with five additional speakers. All the Saturday sessions are free of charge. In addition to the speakers, those attending will have opportunities to view all the display tables of many ministries and enjoy Christian fellowship with each other.

Also, we are happy to announce that we have arranged for a wonderful couple from Lafayette, Louisiana to be with us to

sing before each speaker makes his presentation. They are Robert and Selina Wilson. They will be with us all day Saturday, and you will be blessed by their anointed singing.



Brian Free and Assurance

We have a blockbuster lineup of speakers for Saturday. Dr. Tommy Ice, Director of the Pre-Trib Research Center will speak on "The Promise of the Rapture." He will be followed by a phenomenal preacher, Glenn Meredith, pastor of Brookhaven Church in McKinney, Texas. Pastor Meredith will speak on "The Promise of Rewards." Don Perkins, the only full time Black evangelist in America who focuses exclusively on Bible prophecy, will speak on "The Promise of the Millennium." Dr. Andy Woods, pastor of the Sugar Land Bible Church in the Houston area, will speak on "The Promises of the Eternal State." And Dr. Reagan will complete the day by speaking on "Living with Hope in a Pagan Society."

The conference is going to be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Center in Allen, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. To register, call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, from 8am to 5pm, Central time. Or, register at our website at www.lamblion.com. ❖



JOIN US SEPTEMBER 2-13 FOR A HOLY LAND TOUR

We are excited to announce that dates have been confirmed for our next Israel Pilgrimage, hosted by our Assistant Evangelist, Tim Moore. A colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Tim is also a commercial pilot and an elected member of the Kentucky State Legislature. He is an expert in Bible prophecy and an experienced host of Israel pilgrimages.

The group will fly to Tel Aviv via Lufthansa Airlines. They will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, two nights in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee and five nights in Jerusalem.

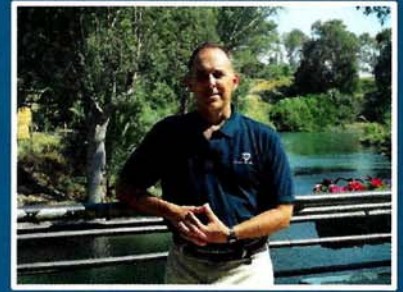
Every aspect of the pilgrimage has been meticulously planned by Dr. Reagan to ensure the greatest possible spiritual impact. The sites visited will relate to the life of Jesus or to end time Bible prophecy. It is an experience that will bring the Bible alive to you and deepen your faith.

The cost of this 12-day tour to the Holy Land is \$4,200 per person. This price includes airfare, bus transportation within Israel, hotels, all entrance fees and three meals each day. The only extra cost is a fee for tips. Tim will be assisted by a wonderful Jewish guide, Erez Bar-David.

Highlights of the pilgrimage will include a visit to Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, a cruise across the Sea of Galilee to the headquarters of Jesus' ministry at Capernaum, baptism in the Jordan River (for those interested), a walk through the Old City of Jerusalem, a tour of the Dead Sea area and a worship service at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

One of our pilgrims once commented, "This pilgrimage has converted my Bible from black and white to technicolor!" You will definitely come back home with a greater understanding of the Bible and the life of Jesus.

Hope you can join us for this great spiritual experience! ✨



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Major Changes!

In late February we suddenly received notice from the TBN network that our program was going to be cancelled in ten days, effective the end of the month. No explanation. This is the second time that TBN has done this to us, and we are fed up with their instability. In the past, they have cut both Hal Lindsey and Jack Van Impe in a similar way. So, we decided not to even bother to protest, although many of our viewers did so.

We are focusing instead on putting our program on other Christian networks, and we have already added four which you will see noted in our list of stations below. We will continue to look for other outlets, both national and regional. Nationwide, the easiest place to find our program is on the Daystar Network, which is carried on both DirecTV and Dish, as well as a great number of cable networks.

Keep in mind also that we archive all our recent TV programs on our website at www.christinprophecy.org. You can go there and watch any program of your choice on demand.



Dave Reagan, Bill Koenig and Nathan Jones.

Meanwhile, we have continued to be very busy shooting new programs. In March alone, we shot two programs with White House Correspondent Bill Koenig, two with Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, and one with Bible prophecy expert and Christian apologist, Ron Rhodes.

Dr. Reagan has been recording a series of teaching programs. One focuses on one of the greatest miracles of history — namely, the preservation of the Jewish people. Another goes into detail about the remarkable mathematical computations of Peter Stoner which confirm Jesus as God in the flesh. He has also recorded abbreviated versions of two of his popular sermons as TV programs — “50 Reasons Why We Are Living In The End Times” and “The End Time Prophecies of Jesus in Matthew 24.” He and Nathan have also completed a program about the Tribulation. ✚

Television Broadcast Schedules

National Networks:

Daystar — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, Dish 263, AT&T U-verse, cable, broadcast stations, satellites and web streaming (daystar.com).

WORD — Sun. 5:30am CT, DirecTV 373, Cable, AT&T U-verse, cable, satellites and web streaming (thewordnetwork.org). **New!**

CTN — Wed. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 376, Dish 267 and web streaming (ctnonline.com). **New!**

TCT — Sun. 7:30pm CT, DirecTV 377, ten broadcast stations in the Midwest, and web streaming (tct.tv).

NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 and web streaming (<http://nrbnetwork.tv>).

Upliftv — Mon. & Fri. 9:30am CT, DirecTV 379 (upliftv.com).

Walk TV — Sun. 7:30am CT, 265 affiliate stations nationwide. To find a station in your area, go to <https://thewalktv.wordpress.com> and click on the “Affiliates” tab. **New!**

CTVN — Sun. 8pm CT. The network has 44 full-power stations and 57 low-power affiliate stations. Glorystar satellite service and web streaming (www.ctvn.org). **New!**

Regional Networks:

VTN (The Victory Television Network) — Covering the state of Arkansas. Tues. at 10:30am CT, Sat. at 2:00pm, and Sun. at 9:00pm (vntv.com).

Family Vision Network — Sun. 12:30am CT, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm, Three broadcast stations and cable throughout southern Louisiana (familyvisiontv.com).

KSCE — Sun. 10:30am MT, broadcast station in El Paso, TX. DirecTV & DISH Local 38, AT&T U-verse 38, cable and web streaming (ksce.tv).

Internet Networks:

Our programs are available on demand on these websites.

HisChannel — HisChannel.com

LightSource — LightSource.com

YouTube — YouTube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

Vimeo — Vimeo.com

GodTube — GodTube.com via LightSource.com

DailyMotion — DailyMotion.com/us (European equivalent of YouTube.)

Lamb & Lion Ministries — LambLion.com

Christian Biker Network — BikerTV.org

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We would like to invite you to become one of our Partners. All you have to do is make a commitment to pray for us regularly and provide us with a donation of \$25 or more per month. In return, Dr. Reagan will send you a letter each month about the ministry’s activities, together with a gift such as a video program or a publication related to Bible prophecy. You will also receive a free subscription to this magazine. ✚

Fantastic New Christian Audio Album

Dr. David R. Reagan

For the past two years I have been speaking about Bible prophecy each fifth Sunday evening at my home church — The Brookhaven Church in McKinney, Texas. Each evening a remarkable musical group called, “SpokenFor,” has prepared the way for my presentation with 30 minutes of superb Gospel singing.

After our session on October 30 of last year, a member of the group, Dawn Wills, handed me a CD and said, “This is our latest album. We don’t even have the slip cover for it yet. But I want you to listen to it and tell me what you think.”

That night I put it in my CD player in my car, and it is still there because I have been listening to it ever since. It is the most Spirit anointed audio album I have heard since “Revival in Belfast” back in the year 2000.

I was blessed so much by it that I purchased 40 copies to give to staff members and trustees as Christmas presents. It contains a total of 10 songs, including classics like “Wayfaring Stranger” and “Stand Still.” This is a professional studio recording with a number of backup artists on a variety of instruments. Randy Wills, the leader of the group, is the presi-



SpokenFor — Dawn Wills in the forefront. In the background, left to right: Vicki Miller, Randy Wills and Charisse Jones.

dent of the Texas Music Hall of Fame and Museum and has a long career as a producer, arranger, writer, studio musician and performer.

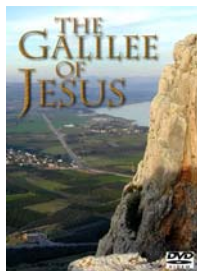
We are offering the CD through our ministry for \$20, including the cost of shipping. Just give us a call at 972-736-3567, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, Central time — or place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com.

The album is titled, “On Joyful Wing.” I guarantee you that the songs on this album will bless your soul. ❖

Clearance Sale on Videos!

All prices include the cost of shipping. Order by calling 972-736-3567, Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm, Central time. **Orders can be placed only by phone and not thru our website.** Normally, each item listed below would sell for \$20, including shipping. We are offering each one for \$10, including shipping, and any four for \$30, including shipping. Supplies are limited!

The Galilean Ministry of Jesus — Four television programs edited together to produce a sweeping overview of the ministry of Jesus in the Galilee of Israel. Following an in-depth introduction to the whole area of the Galilee, the program focuses on the Nazareth of Jesus, His miracles in the Galilee, and His transfiguration. All footage contained in this program was shot on site in the Galilee. 95 minutes.



Life Studies — Contains three programs about the lives of biblical persons who were considered righteous in the eyes of God:

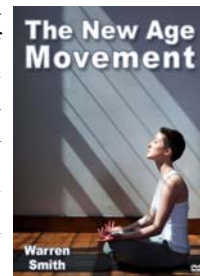
- King David of Israel
- The Prophet Elijah
- The Roman Soldier Cornelius

All the scenes were shot on site in Israel in places like Mount Carmel, Haifa, Caesarea Maritime, Jaffa, the Valley of Elah, Kireath-jearim, Jerusalem, and Ein Gedi. A fascinating travelogue combined with rich teaching. 83 minutes.



The Israeli Military in Prophecy — A fascinating survey of the fulfillment of prophecies that the Israeli military will experience a great resurgence of strength in the end times. Dr. Reagan points to miracle after miracle in the wars and special military operations of the Israeli armed forces — indicating clearly that “He who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps.” 50 minutes.

Understanding the New Age Movement — A fascinating and informative interview of Warren Smith, an expert on the New Age Movement. Warren tells how he got involved in the Movement and how he escaped from it. He outlines its characteristics and discusses how it has impacted the modern day church. He also tells how Christians can guard against being deceived by it. An inspiring testimony! 50 minutes.



Proving the Existence of God — An interview with best-selling author, Carl Gallups. Carl uses logical illustrations as well as Scripture to prove the existence of God. In the process, he also discusses the irrationality of Evolution. Carl is a highly articulate pastor from Florida who hosts a national radio program that focuses on providing biblical insights concerning national and international events. 50 minutes. ❖

Ministry News

Schedule of Activities —

May:

Nathan Jones does radio interviews with Pastor Vic Batista in Miami, FL (3,10,17,24,31).

Dave Reagan at a Prophecy Conference hosted by The Praise Tabernacle Church in Cole Bay, St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles (21-23).

June:

Nathan Jones does radio interviews with Pastor Vic Batista in Miami, FL (7,14,21,28).

Dave Reagan at Rhea's Mill Baptist Church in McKinney, TX (25).

July:

Nathan Jones does Radio Interviews with Vic Batista in Miami, FL [Jones] (5,12,19,26).

Dave Reagan at the MJAA National Conference in Grantham, PA (4).

Lamb & Lion Annual Bible Conference at the Marriott Conference Center in Allen, TX (14-15).

Dave Reagan at the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (30 – evening only).

August:

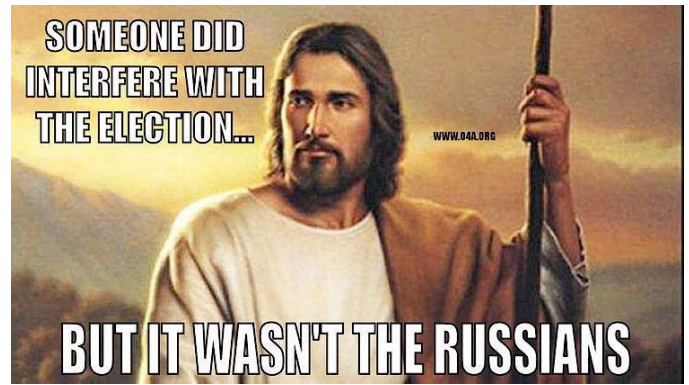
Nathan Jones does Radio Interviews with Vic Batista in Miami, FL [Jones] (2,9,16,23,30).

Dave Reagan at the David Hocking Prophecy Conference at Chino Hills Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA (3-5).

Board of Trustees Meeting in Allen, TX (12).

Dave Reagan at the Lone Star Prophecy Conference at First Baptist Church in Arlington, TX (18-19).

Dave Reagan at the Stealing the Mind Noah's Ark Conference, Cincinnati Airport Marriott Hotel, (25-26). Other speakers include Ken Ham and Russ Miller.

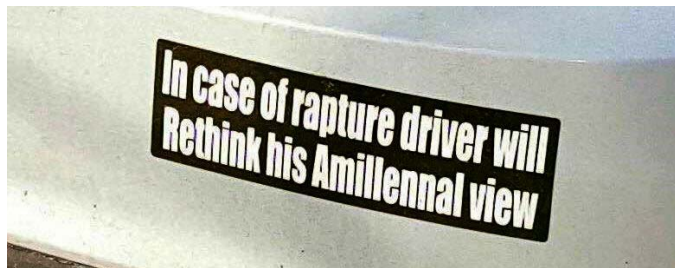


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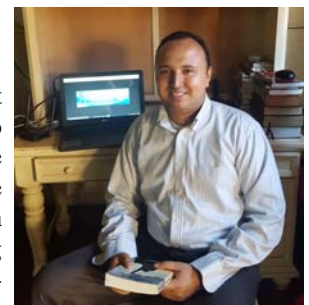
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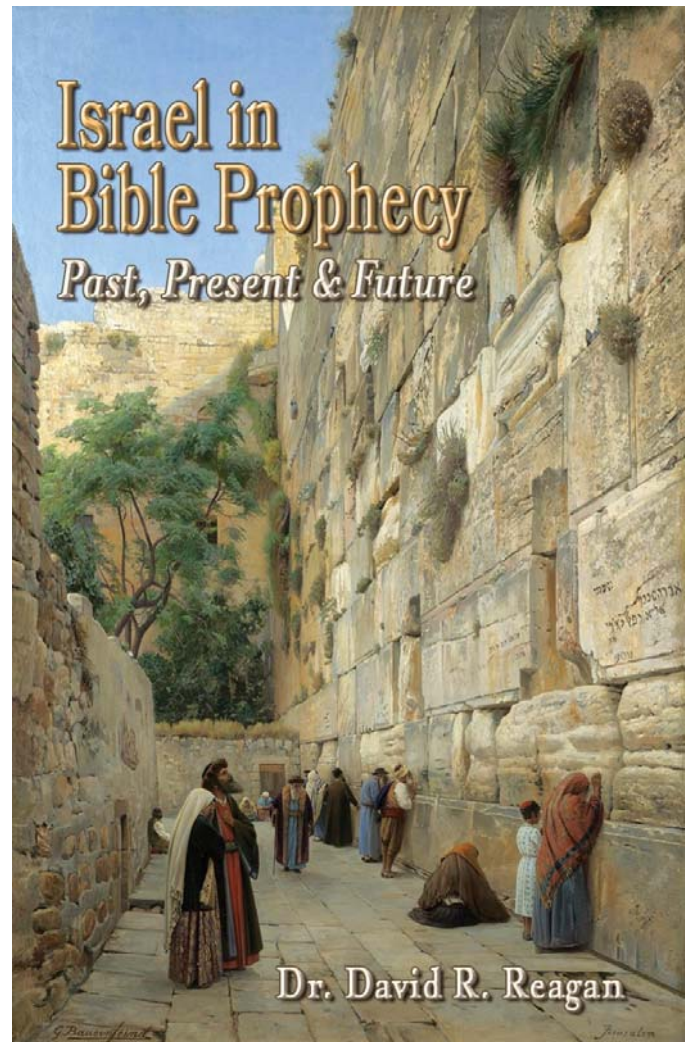
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