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## Welcome

I am delighted as always to welcome you to Truth To Wonder Ministries magazine. If you are new to this work you can get a quick but clear summary of this ministry and it's work by simply looking at this issues cover.

This ministry rests on the purity and perfection of the Word of God as revealed to all mankind through the wondrous provision of The LORD that is the A.V/KJV Bible. Whilst many of you will be well aware that KJV stands for King James Version, it's more accurate and longer held title of A.V or Authorised Version is sadly lost to many Christians today.

This staggering work of towering geniuses from the golden age of the English language, is the perfect rendering of God's words delivered unto man through the ministry of the Holy Ghost, so that we might know the fullness and perfection of the work of Jesus Christ in the salvation of repentant souls.

This ministry desires to return the reader to a realm of wonder and awe where the power and majesty of God is studied and adored. In this humbling work, the glory and grace of Jesus Christ shines all the more radiantly and we see Him as He truly is, a just yet merciful LORD abundant in grace and the essence of love.

We hold that this Word of God is a pure and perfect letter so sweetly and precisely rendered by the words inscribed in the A.V/KJV Bible, that it is a living book unlike any other version created by the interpretations of man or devil. This book has the words of life and we stand with the Apostle Peter in saying, 'Lord, where else shall we go? You have the words of life.' The repeated attacks and slurs against it's pages, even from troubled and misled brothers in Christ, throughout the centuries assure us that this is no ordinary work but the very heart of God delivered unto we wretched sinners.

This is our work and this is our song. That Jesus Christ be glorified in His perfection through the honouring of the perfection of His Word.

## Opening Prayer

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we marvel at the certainty of the delivery of your plan of salvation of such sinful souls as we. How we stand in awe that you have reached down to us in our miserable state, having pity upon us even though we are traitors against your eternal throne. Oh Lord, how rich is your mercy that you speak such words of love as to give your only Son for us, and in the depths of your heart you give forgiveness for our ignorance of sin against you.

Lord, we sing of your grace and how it goes far beyond even the most wondrous of mercies and shines with such radiance that even the angels marvel at it's glory. How you not only have forgiven we repentant hearts of our sins, showing us your love for us in the pierced hands of the Risen Son; you promise that when our labours are over we shall share in the glory of Christ Jesus. This is a joy that the heart cannot truly fathom, and can only be expressed by the pure heart. Yet Lord we struggle still with the old man of sin, pulling us into muddy waters where we loathe to go yet stumble into all too frequently.

Lord rescue us and lead us on, moulding our hearts to love what you love and hate what you hate. Move us from our fallen selves and bring us to reflect the very glory of Jesus within our eyes and souls. Lord, we desire this so and yet we wander from this glorious quest so easily. So Lord we thank you that you have blessed us with your Word to keep us on the narrow path to eternal rest. Lord, open our eyes to see that you are perfect and sovereign, unchanging and no turning of shadow; and if this be so, then why would this be any less so with your revealed Word?

Dear Lord, move us on ever forward in reliance and dependency on you, for your supply the very breath in our lungs and beats of our hearts. Move us to be strong in truth and compassionate in heart so that we might correct those who wrongly labour against your pure Word, so that we might win them for you and your eternal glory. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.

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## **Oh The Gift Of God To Give**

### **A message from Judges 6:11-16**

We all have certain phrases and sayings that we offer up regularly when seeking to give our thoughts on a matter. Usually these are lazy cliches and are simply regurgitations of worldly foolishness provided by a tongue that doesn't have anything insightful to offer but feels the need to fill the air so as to avoid embarrassment.

Yet sometimes, a phrase sticks out, an expression hits a mark that has been long prepared for the bull eyes hit by the Holy Ghost long before the words ever left the tongue of the speaker. One such oft repeated saying that has stayed with me is something my Nana would often say as they were walking out the door to end the topic of discussion. It went like this, "Oh the gift of God to give, that we would see ourselves as God sees us." I remember when she said these words everyone listening would cease speaking and simply nod and 'hmm' in gentle agreement. It was a great debate/conversation closer.

I would often think, 'It's a strange gift to see yourself as a wicked sinner, as I know this is what God sees in me.' Of course it is very much a gift of God to have the heart woken from its spiritual death and hear the alarm of the Holy Ghost that we are in eternal danger of judgement and the wrath of God if we do not repent of our sins and believe in the Risen Christ Jesus. Yet this is not the context that my Nana would use this insightful saying. She would offer it up as a message of reassuring challenge to those who lacked belief and conviction in what God can do with a single life. As I write these words, I recall how these words would fill the air and land in my mind when I was often at my most doubtful of what value, significance or importance I might have been blessed with and what I could possibly succeed in.

What my Nana was alluding to was something some of the reluctant heroes of the Bible experienced, the disparity of what one sees and believes of themselves and what the Lord knows is in them. One example of this in the life of Moses. God selected a hot blooded man with a temper that lead even to murder but also possessed a willingness to hide from challenge and fear of public speaking and leadership. Yet the Lord knew Moses far better than Moses knew himself and selected him for the mighty task of leading his people from bondage and towards the promised land of their forefathers.

You see God will often select the individuals for a task who the world sees as the poorest choice for the task. For example, if you are trying to establish a 'new faith', then surely you wouldn't pick 12 nobodies from the backend of a nation, many of them uneducated, rough of speech and look and the rest from backgrounds and occupations hated by the people. Yet this is exactly what God did with the 12 disciples. Such was the conviction of God in selecting these men to build His church that their very names are carved into the Heavenly City.



**The twelve disciples**

With this being said, God will also select those with the in-built skills, abilities and character to succeed in a role given unto them by His ordination. Such traits are very, very often missed by the world. Simply look at many of your colleagues at work. Sadly many of them are not suitable for the roles they are in but whoever appointed them did not see the inner qualities of the individual, they only saw the paperwork in the C.V. It is not a C.V that leads to success, it is of the character, the heart of the individual that leads to success. Brilliance breeds success when it comes from a motivated heart. To see these traits and skills that often lay dormant in the individual, takes a heavenly eye. When the eyes of God look for one whom He will use to bring about His will, His perfect knowledge and wisdom selects those whom He has placed all the required skills and abilities, even if they have never been revealed to the individual in question. What is crucial as already stated, is the condition of the heart before God.

When this revealing of the selection of God for the fulfilment of His divine will is made, the individual thus called will often be utterly perplexed as to their suitability for the role in question. They will have likely never flexed the muscles that God calls them to use with all power and might and so they doubt their very existence. It is like someone whose body aches 'in muscles they didn't know they had' after a new sporting activity is indulged in. Yet the muscles were there, they just weren't being worked. This is the power of negativity, it humbles and allows no place for pride for self congratulation. In the confusion and doubt seen in so many called by God throughout the Bible, it is emphasised that God exalts the lowly of heart and not the proud and arrogant. God will not share His glory with the vain, puffed up or pompous for they are after their father the Devil.

It could be said then that God is the ultimate headhunter, He always recruits the finest workers and has a 100% success ratio in their placements. Recruitment agencies today can only dream of such efficiency and accuracy in their placements! Yet despite knowing this and having seen this excellence of appointment many times over in the Bible, when it comes to ourselves we doubt and join the harmony of Moses in singing, "send someone else, I'm not the one you want."

Our Lord is so very patient though. He knows our enormous hesitancy to labour for Him, our desires to cling onto the world and happiness in hiding from the seemingly scary. So after being the ultimate recruitment consultant and headhunter, he becomes the ultimate motivator.

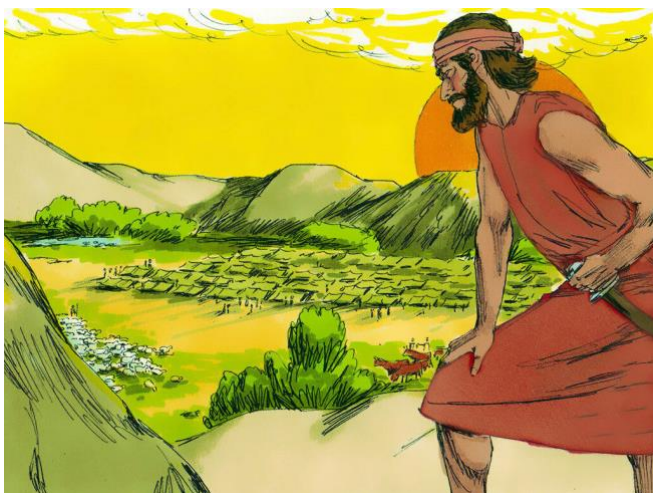
So how do you motivate a reluctant person whose wracked with self doubt and disbelief, to believe? Jose Mourinho, the football coach, when he took over at Chelsea FC in 2004, set about to turn a talented but doubtful squad into a team of winners. He would find out England midfielder Frank Lampard, a promising but unfulfilled talent, and tell him with absolute certainty and conviction that he was the best midfielder in the world. Seeing that Frank was pleased but doubtful of such praise, Mourinho kept going and would pop up at surprising times just to say to



Frank that he was indeed the best midfielder in the world. Mourinho saw something that Frank himself didn't and he assured him that he could succeed. As Frank Lampard would go on to say, I started to believe it and he went to become Chelsea's record goal scorer. Now if a fallen man such as Mourinho can spot hidden talent and motivate through walls of doubt, don't you think that God can do it even more impressively?!

So after this lengthy introduction, we turn to Judges 6:11-16 and we meet Gideon. Israel is in the time of the Judges, post Joshua and his Godly leadership and pre-kingship of Saul. It is a time of constant war and fear for the Israelites as they consistently fall into hideous idolatry (after failing to listen to God's command in wiping out all the Canaanites) and so reap the judgement of a jealous God.

Israel is under the oppression of the Midianites (the same people whom Moses fled to - lesson, don't assume that because someone helped you before, they won't be happy to attack you later) and are crying out to God for deliverance. This deliverance is not deserved as the Israelites had been serving the foul gods of the Amorites, but Our Lord takes pity on them and so calls a leader to rise up and free His people from oppression. This individual would be the rather unimpressive Gideon. Son of Joash the Abiezrite, Gideon is from a poor, totally unremarkable family from the tribe of Manasseh, an unimpressive tribe of Israel. As Gideon observes in verse 15, he's not even the most prominent male in this unimportant family. Here's your conquering hero everyone, impressed?



God however has no interest in the status of societal constructs. He has no respect of persons or rank and looks instead for a heart that is tender to His own. Rarely does such a soul arise from the well to do of the world, for such souls are self involved and vain and God will not share His glory with any puffed up sinner! No, God instead looks at the heart and sees something in Gideon that Gideon does not understand yet. Here's the gift of God to give, He is showing Gideon how He sees Him and it is remarkable indeed!

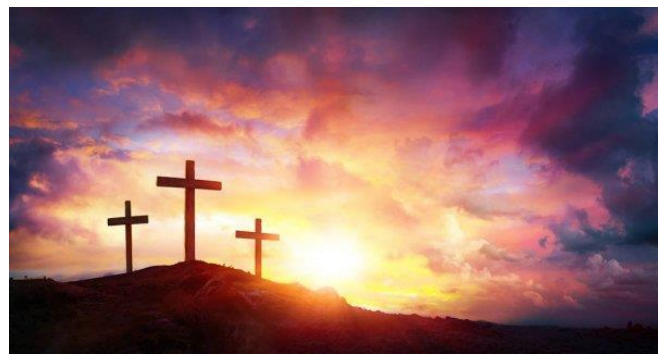
So the worker has been found, the job located, defeating the Midianites and freeing the Israelites, now the pitch to the prospective worker. God is of eternal wisdom and wondrous tenderness to the humble of spirit, so He approaches Gideon in a stirring and uplifting manner that is dissimilar to the call of Moses, even though both men doubted their ability to fulfil the role. Moses was prone to anger and fiery of heart but also famed for his meekness. A confusing blend in many ways. Such a character needs consistency and strength, one to put the fiery heart in its place and the other to underpin a nervous application. Gideon however is greeted with, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour". There has never been a finer motivational speech in all history. God knows that Gideon is humble of heart and will be terrified about the thought of leading a nation against a powerful enemy, so He opens with the assurance that He closed with with Moses, that He is with him. Gideon needs reassurance before the task is laid out; doubt of skills and abilities is rife in Gideon so God places all the emphasis on His own shoulders. Some need responsibility gently placed on the shoulders before they set off timidly, others are better having it simply put on them and then given a shove. Gideon is the former, Moses is the latter but God sees the heart perfectly and assures and motivates each one uniquely and perfectly. This is the level of care and attention God applies to each of His children. Do not think this is special attention given to a handful of historical figures. No, no. It is the same attention He gives each and every single one of those who trust in Him.

Herein is the essential point of this entire issue. The wondrous depths of strength, mercy, wisdom, love, stewardship, meekness and courage that God sees in us is not of our own. There is a worrying proliferation of self-help guides in Christian bookstores, all designed so that the reader might unlock the plan God has for them and how they can achieve incredible success and security. These books have bought into the self esteem movement of psychiatry and mingled it with a repugnant dose of 'Christianised' self enlightenment propagated by Eastern mystic religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism. These books teach that God will unlock hidden resources, skill and knowledge through your self realisation of the latent brilliance within you. This undoubtedly appeals to pride filled man who is aching for any source of congratulatory praise as to it's basic condition as a human being.

Yet this is not Scriptural. As we have seen, God appoints His labourers according to the tenderness of their hearts in regards to His ordained will. Those who are humble of heart will be blessed and called by The Lord to labour in His glorious name and they will be supplied with all provisions required by The Lord Himself to fulfil His appointed task. God is able to greet Gideon as a "mighty man of valour" not because of any remarkable hidden wonders lying latent within Gideon but because He sees a heart humble in service to God. A humbled heart acknowledging the glory of God and one's own sin in regard to such supreme holiness and righteousness, is one ripe to receive the grace of God. Thus in the grace of God, the righteousness of the Son is imputed to the humbled heart and all wondrous virtues of Christ are now possible to be reflected in the life of the one who was once lost unto God. This is the whole point of the oft miss used verse, "I can do all things through Christ". It is not about Christ rubber stamping your efforts or your will. It is not a motivational, positive thinking mantra for the sceptical Christian to tell themselves when things aren't going how they wanted it to in life. Such a faulty application of this powerful verse has led many believers into self motivated decisions believing they are doing God's will, assuring themselves that Christ is on their side so they can do anything. However what is missed is that God

never ordained their self pious decision and so does not bless their endeavours. So as the decision fails to work, the disillusioned Christian begins to doubt the care of their Saviour rather than acknowledge their sin and seek God's forgiveness for plotting on ahead without His perfect counsel.

As God looks at the humble hearted, those who adore Jesus and are repentant of their own filthy rags of sin, He sees the righteousness of His own beloved Son in them. Now with the eternal depths of power, glory, grace, love, mercy, courage, wisdom that Christ holds held within the redeemed heart, they can go to the well of life and never thirst for provision in any task, no matter how large irregardless of what skills or talents they personally hold or believe they hold. This is the real application of "I can do all things through Christ", as He is the One who sustains every believer every moment of every day.



This is where all psychiatry, self help guides, life coaches, motivational speakers fail so spectacularly so frequently. They can't 'sustain' anyone's ability, anyone's hopes, anyone's peace, anyone's courage. They can merely observe what has been observed in a persons character and suggest alterations they may or may not improve the individual in question. It is all guesswork and any positive effect they have on an individual is very often only a temporary one akin to an adrenaline rush for the mind. As a character in a comedy show noted, "I was so hungry I ate a radish and told myself it was an apple. It didn't work, the mind has limits". Yet Jesus Christ is eternal, One whose depths of wisdom, power and glory swallow up all eternity such is His majesty. Here then, God is able to look at the most unremarkable, uneducated, non-courageous

person in the world and soften their hearts to His eternal love so that in their God enlightened humility, He can imbue them with the Spirit of God revealed in the glory of Jesus Christ. This is how the pre-incarnate Christ Jesus could sit peacefully under the shade of oak tree and greet a frightened Gideon as a mighty man of valour. He saw a heart that was frightened yes, but one with a flickering flame of faith amidst the idolatrous nature of his family, and in so imputed His own righteousness to Gideon so that the wonders of God might be manifest in the lifting up of one so lowly.

Herein is the gift of God to give as my Nana used to say, that He sees His own Son when He looks on His redeemed own. To see this wondrous gift though requires us to take our gaze off how we see ourselves as self interest is contrary to interest in all that is good, all that is of God. This is the cruelty of the 'I am what I am' movement. How do you know for certainty that this is what you are? You changed once already in your most deep and important of thoughts, how do you know you won't change again. You are likely settling for a poor imitation of yourself, a lost, confused, directionless, scared soul clutching onto a life that does not satisfy or fulfil but you have convinced yourself that this is all you are. A self involved life is a one robbed of purpose and peace and instead wracked with doubt, anger, and selfishness, The selfishness and pride of such an existence is hostile to God, an assault on His Sovereign throne. No, you can be more. You can be God's. Then with dedication of heart and mind to God, humbling of self, He will pull out of you wonders that are born in the heart of God and will stun you and the world that looks on, all the while bringing glory to His name.

By Jonathan Badger

## Confused?

'I'm confused', said the pastor, 'Me too', said the professor of Greek. There are some pastors who admit they are confused about modern bibles. There are a lot more who think they are not. When I arrived at college to study theology, I

bought my first new bible, an R.S.V. I wasn't confused, I didn't know there was a problem. I thought a bible was a bible. Ten years later I thought, 'oh, there there might be a problem and it's not a little one'.

A Professor of Greek one day was asked by a student, 'Have you heard of Dean John William Burgon?' He replied, 'No, can't say I have'. The student said, 'I have been in the library reading this book called Revision Revised, it takes apart the Revised Version of 1881, and the Westcott and Hort text that underlies it'. The student continued, 'He believes that the Received Text that underlies the A.V Bible is the best text to use'.

The Professor was interested, he had never heard of Burgon or that a devastating attack lay against Westcott and Hort. Then his mother-in-law gave him a little book called *God Wrote Only One Bible*. It's a basic book but it's a good place to start, you should buy it NOW.

That Professor who held five earned degrees, four of them postgraduate, went on to become a massive defender of the Traditional Text. As regards myself, I went on to spend 36 years studying that problem I didn't know existed. Is it a big one? Yes, it affects the whole of Christendom.

By Dr David Badger Snr

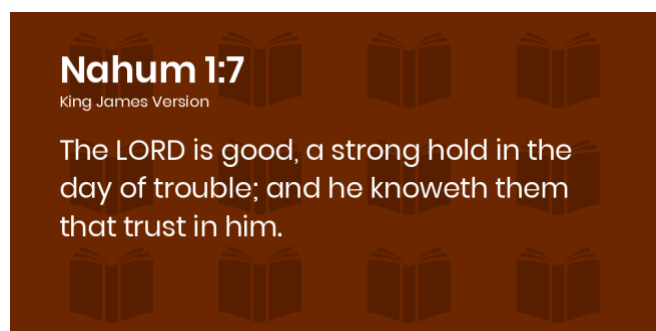
## Who Is Your Stronghold?

The loss of loved ones is a pain unlike any other. To miss their voice, to see their faces in the crowds years after is a torment that reminds us all of the wages of sin and that we brought this on ourselves through our wilful rebellion against His thrice holy throne.

Whilst the loss of any loved one is heart breaking, sometimes we lose someone whom we loved so deeply that we could scarce bring ourselves to see it or say it, yet it was there in the heart. To lose such a loved one is so heart breaking that it can feel as though we have lost part of ourselves.

I have felt this way over the loss of loved ones. A loss so soul searing that the the heart threatens to become bitter such is the intensity of pain. This pain bubbles up from so deep within that even the heart in question often does not know the source and so cannot plug the hole. Instead all it knows is the void that follows like a blackened cloud over each day. If you are like this my friend then I have stood where you are standing and though it seems so strange I say to you in this day of trouble, the Lord is so very good (Nahum 1:7).

The Lord is wise and compassionate beyond all understanding and moves through loss to draw you ever closer in communion with Him. In our fallen nature, we can love someone so much that we can become dependent on them for our very sense of security and purpose. Whilst having loved ones is a truly wonderful blessing, to place such emphasis of existence in another fallen, mortal individual is sinful and always comes round to inflict tremendous pain and heartbreak. So the Lord uses loss to cut the ropes of the safety net we have placed in idolising certain loved ones, so that He might reweave our safety net of existence and place it in His eternal hands. When we find our strength, purpose and joy in Jesus Christ, we are lifted from a painful dependency on fallen people who will inevitably be taken from us through death. Instead we find a stronghold in the Lord (Nahum 1:7), One whom no power in all Creation can defy. We have a mighty fortress in God as the great hymn by Martin Luther sings; a sanctuary who can bring peace even in the hour of the greatest loss.



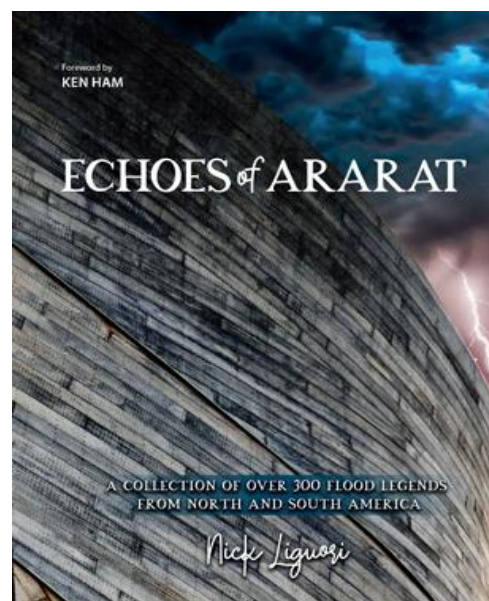
So if you are so afflicted by the misery of grief and loss, believing you have lost a great part of your own being, go to Jesus now. Bend the knee and repent of your sin, call on Him to be your Saviour, trusting in the fullness of sacrifice made

by Him at Calvary. Believe in the Risen Jesus and find a stronghold that can never be ripped from you, for once you are in His hand, nothing can take you out of it. In Jesus alone you will find the balm to soothe the wound of loss and be restored to fullness of hope and life to the glory of the Father. Amen.

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## Resource Corner

### Echoes of Ararat



A flood. A large boat. Eight people. Animals saved. A tower. The separation of people groups. You probably think this list is referring to Genesis, right? Well, that is only the half of it. This list includes some of the striking similarities between Genesis and over 300 Native American flood and Babel legends. Not simply a coincidence!

We warmly recommend this fascinating, book by civil engineer and researcher Nick Liguori. It shows the overwhelming frequency of these and other oral narratives that have been passed down all across the Americas. While the massive number of similarities are often billed as coincidences or used to try and discredit the Bible, these are actually versions of the historical events recorded in Genesis 6–11.

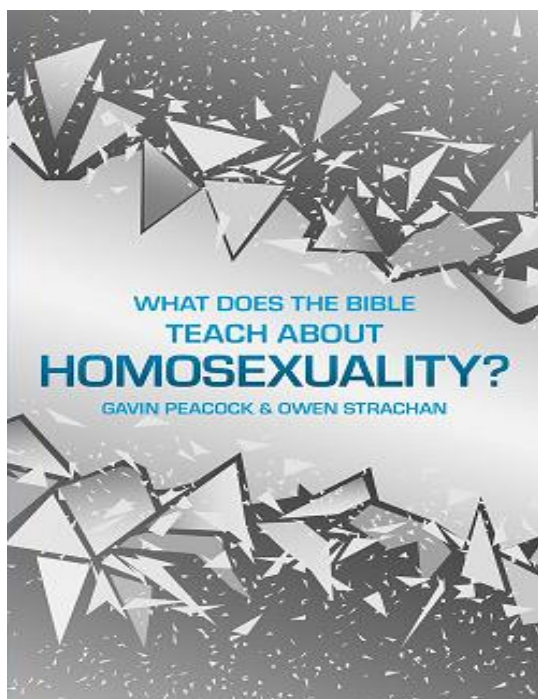
In Echoes of Ararat, author Nick Liguori contends



that oral traditions of the Flood—and the survival of the few inside the floating Ark—are even more prevalent than previously thought, and they powerfully confirm the truth of the Genesis account. This unprecedented work carefully documents hundreds of native traditions of the Flood—as well as the Tower of Babel and the Garden of Eden—from the tribes of North and South America. Learn what the Cherokee, Lakota, Iroquois, Cheyenne, Inuit, Inca, Aztec, Guaraní, and countless other tribes claimed about the early history of the world. Liguori also shares many evidences for the historical reliability of Genesis, and shows that the Genesis Flood account is not dependent on the Epic of Gilgamesh or other Near-Eastern texts, as skeptics claim. Rather, its author Moses had access to ancient records passed down by the early Patriarchs, including Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, and even Noah himself.

Available from [AnswersinGenesis.co.uk](http://AnswersinGenesis.co.uk)

## What Does The Bible Teach About Homosexuality

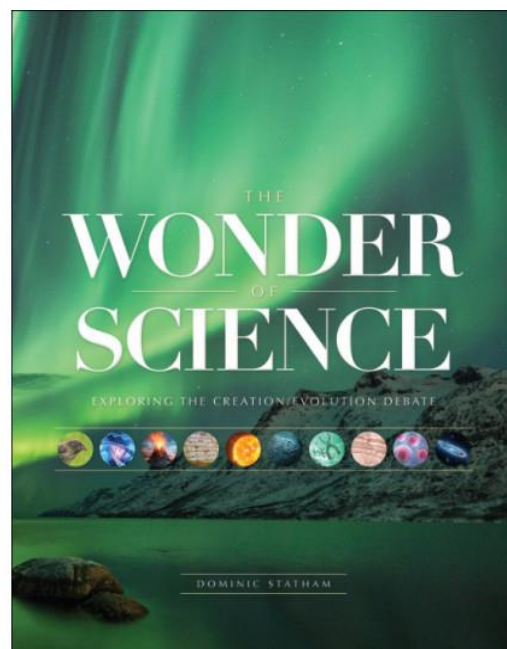


God made sexuality. It is a gift and stewardship from God. But his purpose for our sexuality has been distorted by sin. Gavin Peacock and Owen Strachan encourage us to look at what God says about homosexuality, but also at the glorious

truth of Christ's defeat of sin and redemption of our identities.

Available from [AnswersinGenesis.co.uk](http://AnswersinGenesis.co.uk)

## The Wonder of Science



A lucidly written, beautifully illustrated critique of the current arguments used in support of evolution, both in education and in the popular media. Authored by Dominic Statham, with input from the following consultant editors: Geoff Barnard Ph.D., M.A. (theol.), Alessio Bernardelli B.Sc., PGCertEd., Nick Cowan M.A. (Cantab.), PGCertEd., Matti Leisola D.Sc., John Matthews B.Sc., Ph.D., Jonathan Sarfati Ph.D., William Worraker B.Sc., Ph.D. It covers:

- Science and Faith
- Genetics and Evolution
- Earth and Atmosphere
- Cell Biology and Chemical Evolution
- Space Science

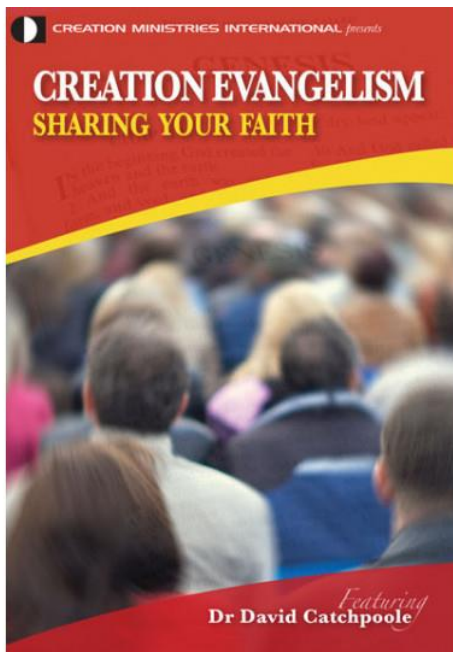
Founder of Creation magazine (since 1978) Dr Carl Wieland commends Wonder of Science as follows:

Of the many books in the creation/evolution debate I've seen over the decades, this one is in a class of its own. Author Dominic Statham is uniquely

skilled at presenting the facts and fascination of science in a way that is both crystal clear and enjoyable, yet without ‘dumbing down’. Middle-school students and above—and perhaps particularly their parents and teachers—will find *The Wonder of Science* super-helpful, as well as highly informative, with ‘digging deeper’ sections for higher ages and abilities. The author’s calm, non-argumentative style encourages and equips readers to dispassionately weigh up the evidence on origins from opposing viewpoints. It makes clear why biblical Christianity and its creation corollary are foundational to modern science itself. In short—just brilliant!

Available from [ukstore.creation.com](http://ukstore.creation.com)

## Creation Evangelism – Sharing Your Faith



Why does evangelism seem so difficult today? Actually, by applying proven soul-winning methods as found in the Scriptures, Christians can effectively ‘engage the culture’—whether in the evolutionized West or the remotest jungles of Papua New Guinea. Find out how!

While the content of this popular, illustrated presentation DVD is the same as one you may

have with the same title, it now includes extra features. Not only does it have a new cover design, it also has English sub-titles, has been ‘re-badged’ to feature the CMI logo and contact details and includes a 3-minute promotional segment.

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## The Amulets of Ketef Hinnom

A young archaeologist named Gabriel Barkay led a small team on an excavation in the tombs of Ketef Hinnom (overlooks the Hinnom Valley in Jerusalem) in 1979. What they found was a staggeringly small but remarkable physical evidence of the ancient existence of Biblical texts within Pre-Babylonian conquest Israel (587 BC – era of Jeremiah and King Josiah).

They discovered tiny amulets with two separate Biblical texts engraved on it’s minute form. One text is from Numbers 6:24-26 and reads:

May YHWH bless  
You and  
[May he] keep you  
[May] YHWH make  
His face shine  
Upon you and  
Grant you p[ea]ce

The amulets also contain a small variation of Deuteronomy 7:9. (YHWH is the ancient Hebrew way of writing Yahweh, meaning ‘He who is’ referring to God). Bear in mind that these words are engraved on the amulet and are so small that a microscope was needed to decipher them! Whoever inscribed these Biblical words managed to get twelve lines of Hebrew on a metal scroll the approximate length of a matchstick.

These incredible finds have been estimated at being from the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, underlining how the texts of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Bible) were readily available to the people long before the Babylonian conquest noted earlier in the article. This is a key consideration as many opponents of the historical accuracy and traditional dating of the Mosaic authorship of the

Pentateuch, argue that these texts were written by the Israelites whilst in captivity to the Babylonians. These critics of the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch contend that the books were written in this later period as a means of providing a morale boost to a beleaguered people by providing them a mythic history. However discoveries such as these amulets dismantle this unscholarly contention by their sheer existence! As always, the Bible doesn't need archaeology to verify it's history, it merely waits for it to catch up.



**The Ketef Hinnom Amulets**

By Jonathan Badger

## The Great Deception- Part Two

We left part one of this series having introduced (among other matters), Westcott and Hort. Many modern scholars feel that Hort's greatest achievement was to 'kill' the 'Byzantine' Text or the Textus Receptus. At the age of 23 he says, 'I had no idea till the last few weeks of the importance of texts, having read so little Greek Testament, and dragged on with the villainous Textus Receptus'....'Think of that vile Textus Receptus'. That one so young should have such a hatred of a God blessed text is very revealing. Let me ask you, do you really believe that God would entrust His pure Word to such a one?

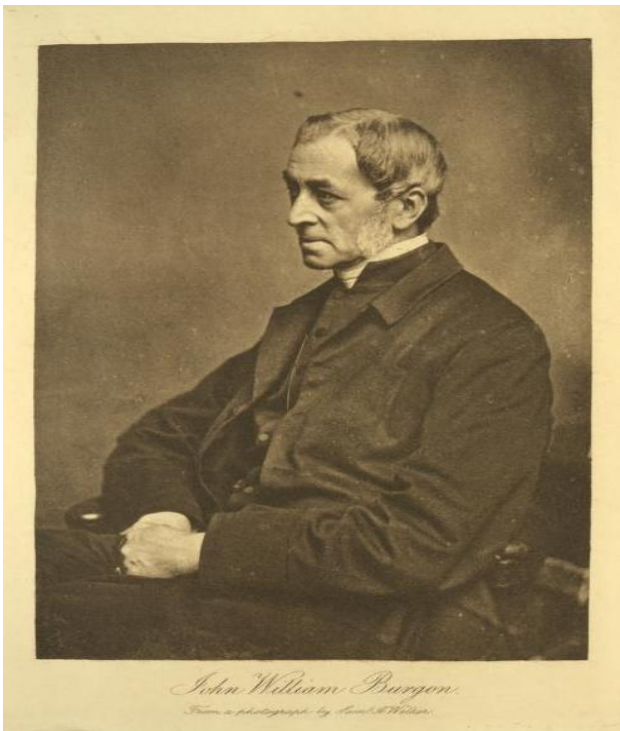
Before we move ahead to the setting-up of the Revision Committee, we need to look further at what is happening in the land. By 1870 the Oxford Movement has very successfully infiltrated the Church of England. This infiltration is to Romanise the National Church but also it provides a great opportunity to play a part in removing the A.V. Bible and replacing it with another 'standard'. Thus it will come about in coming years after Westcott and Hort's labours that all new translations will have an anti-Christian and pro Catholic prejudice against the Greek Text of the Reformation.

As the call came forth from certain quarters for a Revision, the reality was that the people of these Isles were not seeking such. There was no clamour from simple folk for a new Bible. However, there were forces at work that took the guise of being conservative that were desperate for a revision of the A.V. They were determined to mess with a Text that for over 1500 years had given a witness to God's people. There was a highly motivated group of Ritualists, Puseyites etc who saw the chance of a great victory if they could bring down the Reformation Bible. They could in fact play a part in returning 'Mary's Dowry' (this land), to the Catholic Church.

Of course there were still present scholars who stood solidly behind the A.V Bible, we shall in fact D.V meet one later, the incomparable Dean Burgon, whose arguments against Westcott and



Hort's text still stand solid. There were also great literary men of those times who were not enamoured by the idea of a revision.



**Dean Burgon – A.V Bible defender**

It was a time when many attacks were being launched against the faith. Religious views were being affected by the likes of Schleiermacher, an anti-rationalistic theologian whose views revolves around a system of gospel and pantheism. Other names like Coleridge were heavily into German theology and textual criticism. At Cambridge men like Milligan, Thirwall, Moulton, Westcott and Hort were definitely affected by some of the 'new learning'. All these personages would play their part on the Revision Committee. We could also add other names that are still 'praised' today in Colleges of theology but not in heaven. We refer to Lachlan, Tregelles and Tischendorf, he played his part in mutilating the Scriptures. As for Lachmann, he was more than happy to get rid of the Textus Receptus. Tregelles continually ignored the Received Text and a pile of other manuscripts that supported the A.V. Further, we cannot forget another polluter of God's Word. Bishop Ellicott, who was to become chairman of the Revision Committee, he saw the A.V as corrupt. The fact is, it was not God's Word that was corrupt but these men and their handling of it.

It is also highly informative to read some of the correspondence before the setting up of the Revision Committee between Westcott, Hort, Lightfoot, Ellicott and Williams. An example between Hort and Williams from 1858 gives us a look at the kinds of method of approach to allay suspicions on the part of others. Hort writes, 'The errors and prejudices, which we agree in wishing to remove, can surely be more wholesomely and effectually reached by individual efforts of an indirect kind than by combined open assault. At present very many orthodox but rational men are being unawares acted on by influences which will assuredly bear good fruit in due time, if the process is allowed to go on quietly; and I cannot help fearing that a premature crisis would frighten back many into the merest traditionalism'.

Notice the 'indirect' element, this is interesting because at that time and up to it the same approach had been followed in regard to pushing Darwinism amongst the clergy. On February 10<sup>th</sup> 1870, just eleven years after the publication of The Origin of Species, we have the resolution arrived at for a Revision of the A.V New Testament.

For a moment we shall look at the N.T Committee. W.F Moulton had influence here in choosing candidates. Apart from his views on certain aspects of Greek Grammar, he had a distinctly favourable view on the Vulgate. This he saw as superior to the A.V. That fact is very alarming. He also stated in reference to the Jesuit N.T of 1582, 'The Rhemish Testament agrees with the best critical editions of the present day'. Out of these kind of views then, Moulton is obviously going to view with favour the critical editions of Tregelles, Lachmann and Tischendorf. Look, let's be clear, there is not a Bible-believer amongst this lot. These men and others with them are put forward with great gusto in Bible Colleges and Theological Seminaries today, but the bottom line is they were heretics posing as conservatives.

It can be demonstrated from some of their books that they were apostates, liberals and unbelievers. If we don't understand the part they played in changing from the Textus Receptus to



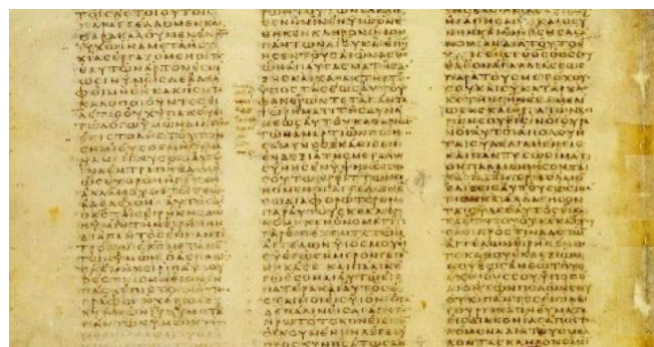
the new Westcott and Hort type text we shall not grasp how so many others on the committee got it so wrong. Hort swayed the whole scholarly world both in England and America to adopt this new 'Bible'. The likes of Hodge, B.B Warfield and his Presbyterians followed and the Greek scholar A.T Robertson's Southern Baptist Seminary followed him. Today in 2021, the majority of all American theological colleges and Seminaries do likewise. Warfield and A.T Robertson, a famous theologian and a famous Greek scholar were totally misled, thus reminding us that academic credentials do not necessarily bestow spiritual discernment.

Look, the early heretics polluted the Westcott and Hort type text. The reason they took out some things and not others was because they wanted the Bible to agree with them. In the first one hundred years after the Bible was written the heretics did not have every New Testament book in their possession, so they could rip out, change, or forge various verses. They could only corrupt verses in the books they had. But, if you take out anything, it is defective. How many words of God have to be left out of your Bible Pastor before it is no longer one hundred percent God's Word?

Let's now return to the Revision Committee. When the New Testament Committee met, suddenly a ten year rule of silence which had kept the English public in the dark was removed. Then when they began, the line they gave the public was that their guiding purpose was to make 'as few changes as possible', in the A.V. The reality was they made 36,000 changes, nearly 6000 of which were in the New Testament. Their 'Greek Text' was an 'eclectic text' based on a theory without proof that two manuscripts had more weight and authority in deciding textual variants than hundreds of Receptus manuscripts.

From the start Westcott, Hort and Lightfoot dominated the committee, the plan, to bring in the newest higher criticism. Westcott and Hort would redirect the committee from the agreed rules to introduce their own Greek New Testament. Bishop Wilberforce, one of the Committee left, he wrote to a friend, 'what can be done in this most miserable business'? Well,

he could have done a lot. He could have informed the whole of England what was happening. While this disgraceful Committee worked, the simple believers of the land had to watch while a Unitarian who denied the divinity of Christ named Dr G. Vance Smith, had been invited to join the work. Scrivener, a formidable scholar, tried it seems to hold the line against apostasy, sadly he should have resigned. Having said that I understand that he probably felt he should stay to do what he could. Often there are those in Churches who stay when they should go.



**The Vaticanus Manuscript**

Step by step, the New Greek Text of Westcott and Hort was being passed to the committee. This text was sheer poison and moved away from the Received Text. The committee were now following what in effect was the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus manuscripts. Westcott and Hort convinced enemies of the A.V that on the age of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus ALONE, the entire evidence of the Christian Church, Church Fathers, Greek manuscript evidence, Church History and the witness of the Holy Spirit was to be overthrown. It has been said, 'Westcott and Hort saw these manuscripts as 'infallible'.' Let me say, Vaticanus and Sinaiticus never enable any Bible student to find any light on any verse in either Testament that wasn't already clearly there 200 years before anyone published either manuscript. When Nestles put out his Greek text from Westcott and Hort after the Revised Version had been published, a hundred voices of criticism were raised to the effect that the entire operation had been a fifth column Catholic infiltration of the Church of England.

In the Revision room eventually they had changed approximately 6000 places. All of this was due to the committee following Hort's fairytale theories.

Think about it Pastor, are you using a 'bible' based on the imagination of Hort? Hort was set on using the Vatican manuscript while admitting, as he had done, that the Received Text had for 1400 years been the received Greek New Testament.

I could quote various authorities at this point to refute the nonsense of Westcott and Hort but perhaps what Dr Scrivener wrote some time later after the Revision is most fitting, 'There is little hope for the stability of their imposing structure, if it's foundations have been laid on the sandy ground of ingenious conjecture: and since barely the smallest vestige of historical evidence has ever been alleged in support of the views of these accomplished editors, their teaching must either be received as intuitively true, or dismissed from our consideration as precarious, and even visionary'. Well, with more 'bibles' available today than you can shake a stick at, we know which way the wind blew.

Let me say at this point, there is no record in over a hundred years of Westcott and Hort even attempting to defend their case. A mass of documented evidence was presented against it. Students are often told 'Hort's knowledge of the manuscripts of the New Testament was ENCYCLOPAEDIC'. Why, he never published a collation on any manuscripts, he was unable to answer Hoskier's collation, he could not locate the manuscripts that Dean Burgon quoted and could not answer Burgon's attacks on his own manuscript position. Encyclopaedic, what a JOKE. Even today though students don't know it, Westcott and Hort's theory is not seriously defensible. Did you hear that all you Pastors with your modern versions? Westcott and Hort majored in theories wrapped in fancy packaging, theories such as 'longer and shorter readings' were false; their theories about a 'Lucian Recession' were false; their theories on intrinsic probability were false; their theories about 'family texts' were nonsense and their theories about 'Western readings' were twaddle.

Westcott and Hort pushed two obviously corrupted manuscripts, they are B and Aleph. B is the Vatican manuscript and Aleph the Sinai. They

saw them as superior, arguing they are the oldest therefore the purest, the problem is that in the field of manuscripts that argument is open to serious rebuttal. These two manuscripts are obviously corrupted. Interestingly the 'big cheese' according to 90% of apostates is the Vatican manuscript.

Let me ask you, do you really believe that God would leave His Word in the Vatican? Do you believe that while Rome has with the most awful cruelty persecuted the Church of Jesus Christ century after century that she would be the God appointed repository of God's Book?

As we sum up for now, we need to be aware that corrupting God's Word still goes on. Apostates on bible committees still reject the authority of God's Book (the A.V), as being full of 'errors', they 'correct' it in line with their own opinions and then they demand 'respect'. How do I treat such men who attack God's Word? I treat them with no more respect for their 'scholarship' than I treat a godless liberals.

Today, the modern Bible College/Theology graduate comes out of college having learned how to be a critic and where all the 'mistakes' in the A.V are. What wonders does he reveal from his super-enhanced, extra modern, spanking, up to date bible? NONE.

Brethren, my position in this series will be positive when dealing with God's Truth and negative when dealing with those who alter it with no facts to do so. God bless.

Dr David Badger Snr

## **How Dare You Call Me A Creationist!**

Anyone who watches BBC Breakfast will be familiar with the presenter Dan Walker. A likeable man, he has appeared as the anchor of many TV shows and has a particularly penchant for anchoring sports programmes. It has been well known for many years that Dan Walker is a Christian and refuses to work on a Sunday (his appearances on TV on Sundays are all pre-recorded) due to his faith.

However recently, a growing attack has been launched at Mr Walker and his 'suitability' to act as a presenter for the BBC given its 'impartiality' in matters of politics and religion. Firstly let it be stated that the BBC is not impartial at all and has faced significant pressure from the government in recent years for its deliberate left wing bias. It is argued that because of his faith, Mr Walker has no place conducting interviews on any matter regarding current affairs, as his faith with 'prejudice' his questions and conduct.

Knowing this contention to be ridiculous, given that Hindu or Muslim presenters are freely allowed to conduct interviews, the press have now attacked Mr Walker's suitability by 'accusing' him of being a Creationist! The intention is to paint Mr Walker as a religious extremist who has no right to hold such a position within the BBC and should be removed immediately.

Mr Walker is no stranger to criticism and attack due to his faith, however it has been truly sad to read his response against this 'accusation' that he is a Creationist. He vehemently defended himself by declaring that he has never been and is not a Creationist (in that he does not believe in a young earth) and that he simply follows the belief that God made the universe some point in the distant past. It is so sad to read of Mr Walker's panicked response and more importantly his confused standpoint as to when God made all Creation. This is where a sound adherence to the doctrine of the inerrancy and infallibility of God's Word is absolutely crucial for a believer in Christ. To have a definite hold on God's Word being a pure and accurate record of all history is the single most effective anchor to weather any storm of worldly accusation thrown against the believer in Christ.

As Mr Walker is experiencing, to hold a 'pick and mix' faith, where certain elements or parts of the Bible are ignored, watered down or treated as allegory or myth, will always produce a faith that is ripe for ridicule and a merciless assault from a God hating world. Yet Dan Walker's position is the norm in Christendom today. Such a hodge-podge of doctrinal standpoints are the fruits of the corruption sown by the liberals, higher critics and modern Bible translators who set out in

collaboration with the evolution fairytale first dreamt up by the Ancient Greeks and then popularised by Darwin in the 19th century, to undermine and destroy the surety offered to man by God through His Pure Word the A.V/KJV Bible.



So we are to pray for such confused believers as Dan Walker, who are doubtless well meaning in their views yet have been duped by a Christian education provided by compromised theologians and ministers who teach that evolution and the Bible can co-exist, or otherwise known as Theistic Evolution (The belief that God started off the universe and used evolution to further life). Such a message is absolute lunacy as evolution makes death the hero by sheer necessity. There must have been billions of years of death and disease long before life had evolved to Adam's existence and so how could death have entered into the world through his original sin if it had been in existence for so long already?! It would render his sin null and void and a figurative problem at most. This would then make the need for a literal Saviour completely unnecessary and so the atonement made by Jesus at Calvary was a complete waste of time! So in one basic yet fundamental point the entire Gospel message is made a mockery.

After years of brave defence of his faith, Mr Walker has made a tragically large error that brings into question the entire purpose of his faith. Do you see the importance of holding a clear and unshakeable belief in the Genesis record as laid out by God as literal history! This is why we are to pray for such brothers in Christ as Mr Walker as he has been denied the depth of

assurance provided by God when one defends the purity and veracity of God's revealed Word the Holy Scriptures.

By Jonathan Badger

## Polystyrene For Bones?

Most people are familiar with large Sauropod dinosaurs such as Diplodocus, Brontosaurus etc, and the enormous size such creatures had in times past. The sight of such massive animals with their long necks and huge swaying tails would've humbled even the mightiest of ancient warriors. The spectacular nature of this beast is used by God in Job chapter 40 to demonstrate His sovereign power when he gives Job some needed perspective on whether man is able to question God His power and His purposes.



What is not as well known about these staggering creatures is the stunning complexity of design and engineering contained within their gigantic frames. Have you ever stopped to consider just how these creatures with their incredibly long necks would've been able to lift and move such a heavy body part without serious injury? Sometimes we injure our own necks through poor posture and awkward movement and our necks a minuscule in comparison.

What has been recently revealed through study of the neck vertebrae of these colossal creatures is that these vital neck bones were actually up to 90% air in their composition. As a result the neck vertebrae, although each piece massive in comparison to our own, would be akin to the weight of a large piece of polystyrene.

Allied to these incredibly light yet strong neck vertebrae, an extraordinarily intricate muscle arrangement from the hips to the lower neck of the sauropod that would provide the required strength and anchoring for the long neck. This would in total act like the steel cables seen in huge suspension bridges today. As always, when man congratulates himself on a job well done, always remember God did it first and better.

Now even with such amazing arrangements of bone and muscle taking place at the top half of the sauropod, anyone with an understanding of physics knows that such a lengthy weight at one end needs a counterbalance at the other end to prevent toppling over. This is where the gigantic tail full of muscle was ideal to provide the necessary counterbalance for the sauropod to walk and eat. So strong was this muscle was that a sauropod dinosaur would be able to arch back on its hind legs and tail, using it like a tripod, to enable it to lift itself up even higher to reach the highest of leaves. It is believed that the tail was held up and swayed back and forth like a metronome as the sauropod would walk. This is thought because whilst we have many fossilised sauropod footprints, we have very little tail markings with them suggesting that the tails were held out to act as a counterbalance.

Furthermore these titanic tails were a fantastic method of self protection from predators and again it is believed through computer models that with the muscular nature and length of these tails, when whipped back and forth quickly, a sonic crack would be easily audible much like a whip is today.

So banish this notion of dinosaurs being primitive creatures lost to time and a mere stepping stones in the evolutionary saga. The evidence, as always, dictates that these stunning creatures were literally enormous testaments to the incredible complexity of design and engineering of a Creator God.

By Jonathan Badger



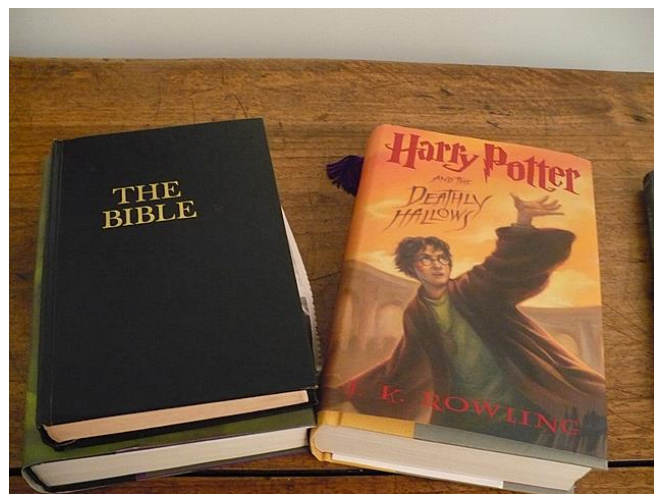
## The Hatred of Religion Paradox

Recently my wife and I had a bit of a confrontation with our work colleagues. In the course of our daily work conversation my colleagues asked me if I had ever read Harry Potter. I said no I hadn't as I didn't agree with subject matter. I was then asked if I would be allowing our son to read / watch Mr Potter. Again my answer was an emphatic no. This was met by abject horror and even a statement that this was tantamount to child abuse. This seems like an extreme statement, but if you have any understanding of militant atheism this should not be a shock. With the likes of Dawkins and Hitchens likening any Christian parenting to child abuse and indeed suggesting that children should be removed from Christian home for their own good, this is not as radical position as you might think. The conversation moved on and I thought no more of it; until my wife and I returned home a few days later on a Sunday evening. Waiting for us was a parcel. In the parcel was a baby grow covered in Harry Potter symbolism, including the thaumaturgic triangle – a symbol used in witchcraft to summon demons. This was bought for our son by our work colleagues as a "joke". We were both very upset and I refused to have it in the home. It resided in the boot of the car until I could return it to said colleagues who received a far more stern and fuller explanation than I had given on the first occasion.

The question, 'Is it ok for Christians to read Harry Potter?' has been raised countless times in the Church at large. This has a very straight forward answer that doesn't require the usual philosophical twaddle that the Church of England specialises in because the majority of its Vicars have never read the Bible they claim to believe and couldn't find the book of Deuteronomy if it was the only book in the Bible. The answer is NO. Once again the Bible has no trouble in answering this question

outright, with no subjectivity, and no requirement for numerous councils. The inspired word of God has an answer for a contemporary cultural question despite being a 'dusty, out of touch book that cannot be applied in our civilized post-modern society' (and if you turned on the news this morning you'll know just what a joke that is). Turn to Deuteronomy 18 verses 10-12 and you should quickly see why no Harry Potter book should be within the walls of your home.

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee."



**The Lord's Word makes it clear as to the immense evil of material such Harry Potter**

All these things are to be found in one form or another in the Harry Potter series of books. They are an ABOMINATION to the Lord. An abomination to the Lord is not time or situationally dependant. God is constant and doesn't change his mind. What was an abomination then remains so now. This is the end of the conversation. Your opinion, interpretation or translation are irrelevant.

One of our colleagues however seemed to take great offence to us returning the item. In an exchange with my wife, this lady who also has a young son, made the statement that she did not want anything remotely religious around her son, as religion was to blame for more hatred and bloodshed than anything else. This is not a new point of view. Atheists, especially in the last 150-200 years have used this argument ad nauseum. But the question is, how well does this statement hold water?

The 20<sup>th</sup> century was the bloodiest century this world has ever known. Since 1900 there have been 265 wars of note worldwide. But let's take this further, and according to the Encyclopaedia of Wars, out of all 1763 listed / recorded conflicts throughout history, only 123, which equates to 6.98% had religion as the foundational primary cause. If we are to be picky, this is not the actual number as there have been many occasions when wars have been orchestrated by the Roman Catholic Church in order to serve their political ends. However even if we are generous, religion still makes up the smaller percentage.



What about numbers dead? Well the atheists win out by a country mile here, especially if you are a Communist atheist. Mao Zedong, also known as Chairman Mao or MaoTse-tung, the founding father of the Peoples Republic of China and chairman of the Chinese Communist Party from 1949 to his death in 1976, is believed to be directly or indirectly responsible for between 40 and 80 MILLION deaths. This makes Pol pot, Stalin, and Lenin look like rank amateurs, and

Hitler might have well of stayed in bed. But forgetting Hitler for a moment, Communism is responsible for somewhere in the region of 100 million deaths since the Bolsheviks seized the Winter Palace in Petrograd in 1917. This makes atheism the biggest mass murderer in recent history, as atheism is the official doctrine of Marxism-Leninism ideological Communism. But is Communism a religion? In a word yes – it is a humanistic religion. To quote an article in 'Science and Society' in 1999

“Among the major religions of the world, communism should be included. Like all other major religion, it provides the faithful with an image of a world to come, a goal to strive for. And like all the others, it requires its follower to maintain a huge level of faith, even in the darkest hours. However one major difference that sets it aside is the human nature of communism. Communism is dependant on one important, and very secular, factor: people”.

But what about Hitler? Didn't he claim to be a 'Christian'? It is beyond the scope of this article to examine in detail the motivation and ideology of this wickedly evil dictator, however it is a well known and well documented fact that he had the backing and indeed blessing of the Roman Catholic Church in his dealings with the Jewish Final Solution, and had no trouble in dovetailing his Catholic backing with a deep interest in the occult. This should be no surprise given that Roman Catholicism is a neat blending of paganism with the outward guise of 'Christianity'. Something we can thank dear old Constantine for. The Nazi hierarchy routinely held occultic pagan rituals, some in specially designed rooms or buildings. The SS with its distinctive lightning shaped double S, derived this logo from a pagan rune. The lightning rune imagery represents the fall of Lucifer from the sky as a bolt of lightning (Luke 10 vs 18). It is interesting to note that the Harry Potter character has a lightning shaped scar on his

forehead, a representation of Satan and the location of the mark of the Beast.

Coming full circle back to Harry Potter, Wicca was officially recognised as a religion in the US in 1986, after the Dettmer vs Landon court case. In this case an imprisoned Wiccan practitioner, Herbert Dettmer, was not allowed to have ritual objects in his possession which wanted for his worship. The Court of Appeals ruled that Wicca was entitled to First Amendment protection, like any other religion.

And to throw in a relevant tangent what about abortion? Since its inception in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a ‘women’s right to choose”, this horrendous evil has murdered millions upon millions of innocent children at all stages of pregnancy. The rationale? The ideology that make this unspeakable wickedness palatable to woman at large and enables them to dispassionately murder their own children? The god of Atheism – Evolution. To this day woman who visit abortion clinics (called ‘Family planning clinics’ which in itself is a sick joke), are still fed the lie that during foetal development the unborn child passes through the various evolutionary stages of development. This means that up till an arbitrarily assigned point depending on your personal opinion, the foetus is not a child but a fish, or a pig or a monkey. This utter biological garbage was popularised by Ernst Haeckel and his fraudulent theory of embryonic recapitulation. His work, know to be a fraudulent for what is now the better part of a century, is still given as fact to these mothers of their unborn children. This is designed to soothe the conscience as their child is ripped from the womb. They are not allowed to view an ultrasound during the procedure as this would immediately dispel the fantasy that they are carrying a amorphous ball of cells or a fish, and would see women run screaming from these modern day death camps as they saw the little fingers and toes on the screen.

So, in response to our colleague, who wishes her son to have nothing to do with religion or contact with anything religious, because of all the death, destruction and hatred it has caused – you have a problem. The very things you have no issues with your son being around (Harry Potter, and all forms of Humanism and its associated evolutionary foundation) are by their very nature religious.

The atheistic world view has been responsible for more loss of life than any Crusade or “Religious War” ever recorded.

By David J Badger

## Family Quiz Corner

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Words to find:

Sanctify, Temple, Steadfast, Adonai, Titus, Elijah, Pure, Levi, Redemption, Nahum

## Biblical Quiz

- 1) Who did Jeroboam have a war with?
- 2) Who is Abijam’s son?
- 3) Where was Abijam buried?
- 4) In the twentieth year of Jeroboam’s reign over Israel, who reigned over Israel?
- 5) Why did ASA remove his mother from being queen?
- 6) What part of Asa’s body was diseased?
- 7) What group of people did Baasha kill?
- 8) Who was Omri’s son?
- 9) What prophet was a Tishbite?

- 10) What miracle did this prophet do for a widow and her son?
- 11) Who was governor of Ahab's house?
- 12) What did Jezebel do to the prophets of the Lord?



**Elijah performs a miracle for the widows son**

### Answers

- 1) Abijam, 1 Kings 15:7
- 2) ASA, 1 Kings 15:8
- 3) Bethlehem, 1 Kings 15:8
- 4) ASA, 15:9
- 5) She built an idol in a grove, 1 Kings 15:13
- 6) His feet, 1 Kings 15:23
- 7) House of Jeroboam, 1 Kings 15:29
- 8) Ahab, 1 Kings 16:29
- 9) Elijah, 1 Kings 17:1
- 10) He brought the boy back to life, 1 Kings 17:20 – 22
- 11) Obadiah, 1 Kings 18:3
- 12) Killed them, 1 Kings 18:13

By Naomi Badger

### Who am I?

- 1) I was very beautiful
- 2) My first recorded word: "Drink"
- 3) I covered my face with a veil
- 4) I'm Laban's sister
- 5) I was barren for a while
- 6) I gave birth to twins
- 7) The trick was my idea

Answer: I am Rebekah

## A Final Thought

The end of October saw the clocks go back, meaning that we are at that time of year when it suddenly gets a lot darker from mid-late afternoon. This can be a time where some might struggle to keep their spirits up, as the reality of the long and cold winter nights start to dawn on us. Even the most cheery and light-hearted of folk can be prone to feeling a little unease as the working day finishes and the sun has already well set for the day; summer evenings spent out with friends, perhaps having a BBQ or a late stroll to the beach suddenly become longer hours spent at home, oftentimes in solitude for those without the comfort of families. And even then, those with youngsters find they've more hours before bedtime with which to try and entertain the little ones indoors. As believers, however, we should not let the changing seasons dampen our spirits or make us long for the return of the spring and summer. Indeed, this extra time in the comfort of home can bring us the opportunity of spending more time with the Lord. We are called by the Apostle Paul to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17); how the seemingly darker hours can be immeasurably illuminated by drawing near to our maker in fervent, heart-felt prayer. And not just praying; that book you've been planning to read but couldn't get round to, or the documentary you haven't found the time to watch yet – the autumn and winter months are an ideal time to make use of the vast resources available to us as 21<sup>st</sup> century believers (some excellent ones indeed are mentioned in the Resource Corner of this very magazine). Far from being gloomy evenings, these November nights are a wonderful opportunity for us to walk closer with the Lord. Whether on your own, or with family, time spent building our faith and our knowledge of truth is of exceedingly much more value than those leisurely activities we might get up to outdoors during the sunnier times of year.

***James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you***

By John Sivewright