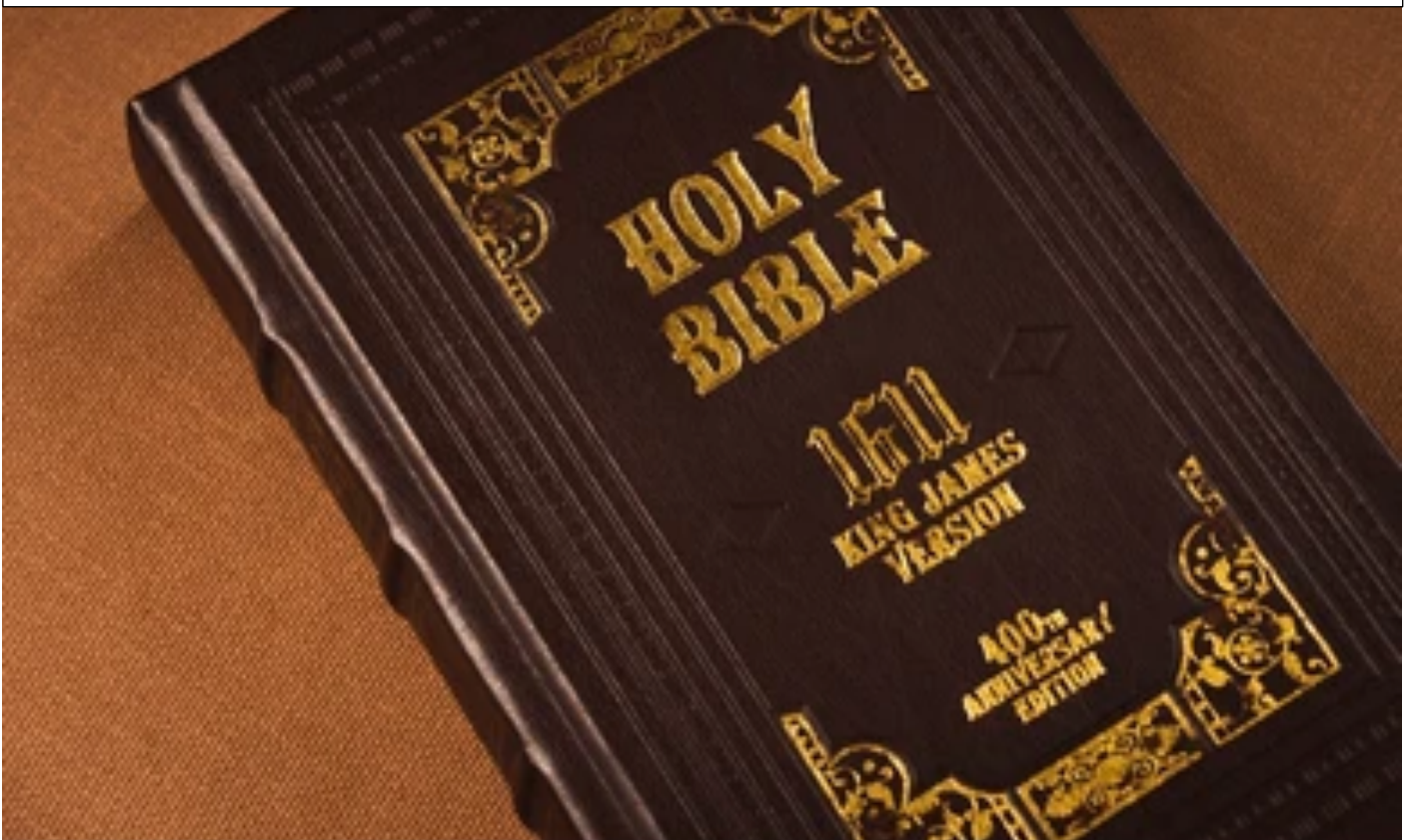




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Textual Criticism

The most basic premise of modern textual criticism is that man does not have a verbally preserved text of scripture in either the Old Testament or the New Testament. Modern textual criticism seeks to restore or recover the original wording while plainly admitting it cannot accomplish such a goal and, in many cases, has no desire to do so. In 1882 when Westcott and Hort published their 'The New Testament in the Original Greek', in which they set forth the procedures for modern textual criticism, they repeatedly stated that textual critics cannot recover the actual text of the New Testament.

These admissions reveal that their procedure rests upon a foundation of unbelief: they did not believe God had preserved His written Words. Therefore, although the textual critic procedure used to produce the Greek and Hebrew texts behind the modern versions may have some merit for restoring secular texts, it has no merit for authoritatively establishing preserved Scripture. Bible versions such as the N.I.V. and the N.A.S.V., though perhaps translated by conservative, evangelical scholars, have the corrupting flaw of utilizing Hebrew and Greek texts produced by this unbelieving textual criticism (which edits the content of Scripture) also underlies and has shaped lower (textual) criticism (that edits the text of Scripture). This realization coincides with the fact that most textual critics today do not have saving faith. Indeed, neither Westcott nor Hort believed in the inerrancy of the original manuscripts, a position that denies the doctrine of inspiration.

The teaching of Matt5v18-19 also directly confronts a key issue in the criticism of the Old Testament text. That issue concerns the use of the Septuagint (LXX, a Greek translation) in determining the text when variant readings exist in the Old Testament Hebrew manuscripts. Many textual critics today put great weight upon readings found in the LXX that differ from the Hebrew Masoretic text because scholars assert that Jesus and the early church used the LXX as their Bible. However, in Matt5v18 Jesus clearly refers to the Hebrew, not Greek. Furthermore, in Lk11v50-51 (read it), Jesus references the Hebrew not the Greek Old Testament. The Hebrew book order has Genesis first (from which Jesus refers to Abel) and 2 Chronicles last (from which the reference to Zacharias) while the LXX ends with Malachi. In Lk24v44 Jesus also refers to the threefold

order of the Hebrew text e.g. Torah, Prophets, and Writings, an order not followed by the LXX. These definite references to the Hebrew text should settle the question concerning the authority of the Hebrew Masoretic text and overrule the preference that textual critics give to the readings of the LXX.

The comparison of these few but fundamental principles of modern textual criticism with Matt5v18-19 demonstrates that they contradict the teaching of the Bible about the preservation of its text. However, these principles have received widespread acceptance in conservative and fundamental colleges and seminaries. If Christians apply the teaching of

Jesus in this passage to textual criticism, they will reject the modern method that has produced the critical texts of the Old Testament and the Greek New Testament.



Jesus words demand that Christians concerned about textual criticism return to a position of faith, a position that builds its textual method on the teaching of the Bible. Modern textual criticism does not do this but ignores or discounts Jesus' exact assurance.

Whom then should Christians believe? Did God leave the preservation of the texts of the Old Testament and New Testament to fallible copyists? Do Christians have only the evidence of history to support the doctrine of preservation? Should believers put their faith in Bibles put together by unbelieving textual critics? Or did Jesus mean what He taught when He said, 'For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.'? Jesus taught that the authority of God's Word rested on the Divine preservation of the text. Belief in this doctrine leads men to reject modern textual criticism with its invalid texts and to accept the texts (and the methods that produced them) behind the King James Version of the Bible.

The Textus Receptus has been accepted by churches and the Textus Receptus text type was used by the churches from the first century. All others should be rejected as spurious. Believers need to receive only that text that has been protected and passed down by the New Testament local churches, such is the Scriptural format that God has chosen for the presentation and the preservation of His Word. Today there is a strong temptation on the issue of perfect preservation of God's Words, to please the academic lot, which will often reward such subjugation with the false label of scholarship. The world of modern Biblical scholarship dismisses the true Biblical believer for holding that every Word of God has been preserved in one edition. However, some of us are not looking for a lost Bible, we already have the one that New Testament started with, and we have long ago emptied our shelves of those corrupted ones.

By Dr David Badger

The Enemies of Teaching of the Resurrection

**Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
Acts 4:2**

How sad is the truth that often those who are in positions of leadership in the name of God (pastors, ministers, vicars etc) are those who take the most action against simple but bold Gospel preaching and teaching of the people of the Lord's Word. Such resistance from the established clergy has been well known in this land as was seen through the great opposition to the tremendous soul-winning work of men such as George Whitefield and John Wesley. These great men of God were turned away from the dead pulpits of many churches and so took the Gospel to the fields where tens of thousands came to hear the good news of the risen Lord Jesus.

Here in Acts 4:2, the religious leaders of Israel had come upon Peter and John in anger, for these two humble servants of Christ Jesus dared to offer the certain hope of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Such was



their anger against Peter and John, that they were *grieved* over the God-honouring work of these two humble Galilean men. They had become infuriated of heart over the compassion and mercy shown to a poor lame man, one whom they had doubtless walked past many, many times over without a shred of compassion in their own hearts towards him.

What is interesting to consider is that that poor lame man had been laid at the

Temple gates daily for decades as he had sought charity to be able to pay for food and shelter. Clearly the religious leaders had no issues over this desire for worldly needs. Yet when this poor lame man was given full healing of body but even more wonderfully a healing of soul by the mercy of Christ Jesus, they became enraged. Why the bone deep anger in these men who were meant to teach and lead the people in the way of the Lord?

Well, this is because the fallen heart will always approve of the things of the world and be angered by the things of God, for ways of God expose the black hearted nature of the world's brief pleasures. The awesome compassion and mercy of God expressed by Christ Jesus towards the lame man through Peter and John exposed these worldly men as insincere and cold towards the true needs and pain of the broken hearted.

The miracle performed by Peter and then his powerful preaching gave the glorious light of Christ Jesus to all the marvelling crowd and showed all who had gathered that blessed day how meagre the merits of pompous, self-righteous men are in comparison to the glories of the humble carpenter from Nazareth that is Jesus Christ.

What made this glory of Christ all the more wonderful, is the fact that His awesome mercy and compassion did not end at the Cross, for how could a lame man be healed by the power of the name of a dead man? This miracle was performed by one who had overcome death and had risen from the grave, further exposing these wicked religious leaders' murderous rebellion against the Son of God. They had not believed in Jesus and so hated to their very core the message that He was alive and risen to glory at the right hand of the Father.

So, the preaching of Christ's resurrection was particularly jarring to these religious leaders, for it cut them down from their lofty perches of power and prestige, and instead raised up the weak and the humble, those they had lauded it over for generations. The resurrection is the hope of all those who believe in Christ Jesus, for it confounds the wisdom of this world and dulls all the fool's gold of the temporary glories of this life. The devil seeks to distract all from the glory of Christ by these shiny trinkets of the world. Yet the resurrection of Christ and the promise of life eternal through Him, is the heavenly glory that makes all the treasures of this world seem like putrid dung.

A faith that does not look forward to this certain hope of resurrection in Christ Jesus, is one that is extremely vulnerable to the temptations of worldly pleasures, for they are very real and alluring. So, we find worldly Christians aplenty. Christians who happily forego church if there's something else going on that's more appealing to their fleshly desires. Christians who stress and worry over their finances so much that they hoard up the monies they have and give little if not anything to ministries who are seeking to further the preaching of the Gospel to those who are lost in their sins. These worldly Christian's are such because they sit in churches who assure them that Jesus loves them irregardless of their living in sinful behaviours and that they are doing great in life, so go and enjoy it. There is no mention of Christ's return. There is no mention of the glorious resurrection that awaits those who trust in the Lord Jesus. There is no reminder of the greatest of hopes that is assured to us because He has gone before us into glory and prepares a place for us in our Father's house.

Yet the religious leaders of today do not seek to awake people from their spiritual slumber, for in this self-serving daze, the people will continue to seek to serve their community church as opposed to the will of God. Isn't this what we see today? An almost hysterical obsession over 'community' to the almost eradication of the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Aren't we seeing this exact thing happening with the Church of England pursuing a course of dropping the title 'church' in favour of 'community'.

So, we must return to this most blessed of Gospel truths, that those who believe in Christ Jesus shall live because He lives! That we shall rise from the grave as He did and shall reign with Him in glory and peace. You will be attacked for this message, because it detracts from this world and exposes it for the filth that it is. Yet most people, and sadly most Christian's today want that trash more than they do the coming glories of a heavenly city made by the hands of God, for those who shall rise in Christ Jesus unto glory everlasting. Amen

By Jonathan Badger

The Omission of 1 John 5v7

The likes of the Cult the Jehovah's Witnesses love modern bibles because they often undermine any witness to the Deity of Christ. To them Jehovah is God. There is no Trinity. Jesus is the first thing Jehovah created. Jesus is not God. Before he lived on earth, he was Michael, the archangel. Jehovah made the universe through him. Further, the 'holy spirit' is not God, but an invisible active force from God.

Now, the Word of God does in fact give witness to Jesus being God. The Deity of Christ. However, one of the most famous references which is in the A.V. Bible is corrupted in modern bibles. The text is 1John5v7. To many believers who have done serious street witnessing (unlike most modern-day pastors and certainly 'scholars'), 1John5v7 carries importance when defending the Deity of our Lord to cultist etc. We need then to look at this issue of bible perverting and consider what the Apostles wrote.



The book of 1 John is written to give believers an assurance of eternal life. Believers are to put their faith in the Lord as the Messiah v1 and further as the Son of God v5. Such titles as these give a witness to the Deity of the Lord Jesus. Also, it should be noted that John refers to 'Jesus', thus speaking of His humanity. The Holy Spirit testifies to the human nature of Jesus in that the Divine Son comes to earth at the incarnation through the means of the water and the blood v6 as seen at Calvary. The Holy Spirit gives witness of the two facets of Christ's perfect humanity, and in doing so He reflects the doctetic heresy that Jesus Christ only looked like a man.

Now, you may ask why does the Spirit give witness to the Divine and human nature of the Lord, the Son of God? Because three bear witness in heaven to this. These are the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. However, the corrupt Critical Text of Westcott and Hort removes from v7 and the beginning of v8 the words 'in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth.' You see when the heart of v7 is cut out by the Critical Text then the text takes away the triune heavenly witness to Jesus Christ's nature. The three members of the Godhead testify to the Divine nature and Messianic authority of the perfect Man Jesus, but this is taken away if you cut out John's statement of 1 John 5v7. Further, taking away the Johannine Comma cuts off a clear reference to the Trinity. What does this do? Well, this leads some believers to doubt 1John5v7, they will not use it to defend the Deity of Christ.

Listen, if the Comma were absent, the inspired Words of John would have a grammatical error, gender discordance between the masculine participle 'bear record' (v7) and neuter appositives of v8 'spirit', 'water', 'blood' so, if the Critical Text is right, then there was a grammatical error in the originals. An error in the originals means that the Scriptures are not inerrant.

The fact is the doctrine of inerrancy would be meaningless with the Comma's absence, and the nature of God would be attacked for He would not have perfectly inspired His Word. However, the Comma is preserved in the Textus Receptus so, there is gender agreement between the masculine participle 'bear record' and the nouns 'Father', 'Word', and 'Holy Ghost'. As the Holy Ghost is a person, 'Spirit', takes a masculine participle in v8 consistent with and built upon His taking the masculine participle in v7. Since the dominant gender prevails, 'water' and 'blood' in v8 also are modified by the masculine participle. However, when the Third Person of the Godhead is spoken of independently in the New Testament 'Spirit' takes the neuter participle, article, and pronoun.

Now, because the Critical Text takes away the Johannine Comma, the masculine participle of v7a and the masculine anaphoric article of v8b becomes incongruous with customary gender usage for 'Spirit'. With the

inclusion of v7, one can esteem and admire the doctrine and harmony of the Comma and one can understand the significance of v9 and the witness of God concerning His Son.

The Critical Text is false, there is no doctrinal error in v7, grammatical agreement is found in v7, and v7 rings true to God's people. God continues to preserve His Word in the A.V. Bible. The field of Biblical Criticism, of which Textual Criticism is one facet, is a system of unbelief originated and promoted by apostates. Why are professing believers attracted to such a system of Godless teaching? Well one reason is probably because their Pastor teaches from a godless perverted counterfeit.

Dear Brother and Sister in Christ, the Trinity has been torn out of the verse in every 'new' corrupt 'bible' that followed the texts of Nestle, Aland and Metzger, and Westcott and Hort. However, there is an unbroken succession of witnesses to the verse starting with Old Syriac versions (A.D. 170), Tatian (A.D. 180), Old Latin versions and Tertullian (A.D. 200), Cyprian (A.D. 255), Priscillian and Athanasius (A.D. 350), Council of Carthage (A.D. 415), Jerome (A.D. 450), Cassiodorus (A.D. 480), Fulgentius (A.D. 510), Codex Wianbugensis (A.D. 750), miniscule manuscript 88 (1150), four different Waldensian Bibles (A.D. 600-1400), miniscule manuscript 629/ 14th Century and miniscule manuscript 61 (1519), the last manuscript is discounted by scholars because it was produced by the Catholics on the demand of Erasmus before he would put the verse in his Greek text. But manuscript 61 has affinities to the Old Syriac (A.D. 150) before any Syriac version was known in Europe (Moses Mardin – 1552). Moreover, with the 'Johannine Comma' left out, the genders of the witnesses in the first part of the verse do not match that of the 'Spirit', 'water', and 'blood' in v8; showing that something has been removed from the text. The verse has better internal and external evidence than the NIV and NASV readings for 1Tim3v16 and John1v18.

Removing the Johannine Comma cuts out the clearest single reference to the Trinity. Some will argue there are other places to prove the doctrine of the Three-in-One but the Devil is taking their powerful testimony from the believer. The Critical Text removes the Johannine Comma, but the verse was given by inspiration of God. For this reason, God has and will continue to preserve it. If one removes the text of 1John5v7 from Scripture (as the Critical Text and modern bibles do), the doctrine of the Trinity becomes a 'derived doctrine'. The Bible makes no other direct statement of this doctrine, but we derive it from the likes of Mt3v16-17 and 28v19. Does one discount or deny the doctrine of the Trinity? Absolutely not. All that deny it are either 'unbelievers', 'false teachers', 'heretics'. Let me tell you a fact. Most anti-Trinitarian apologists use the Critical Text as the basis of their false doctrines. They are liars, perverters of the Word of God and Hell bound.

We could go on endlessly writing thousands of words about corruptions in modern 'bibles', the evidence is massive, overwhelming and to a Holy Spirit enlightened heart irrefutable. Many of you are being misled (not necessarily purposefully), by your ministers who in turn have been misled by darkened souls called 'scholars'. So many of these men (scholars), have no saving faith, their unbelief is peddled to your Pastors etc. in modern bibles. Get an A.V. Bible. The Bible God loves and the Devil hates and ask God to speak to you from His Word.

By Dr David Badger

Hope Against Hope

Romans 4:18 is a curious verse that blooms like the spring stirred flower when it is studied with an eager heart that trusts in the teaching of the Holy Spirit. In the AV/KJV Bible, it reads as follows:

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be.

The translation crafted in all excellence of elegance and expression by the AV/KJV translators succinctly captures the soul deep war that exists each and every day within the heart of every believer in Christ. This war

being where does the heart place its hope? Do we place our heart's hope in the abilities and offerings of this world? Or do we have our heart rest in the hope of the power and righteousness of God?

This battle is well known to we believers, as we battle daily the temptation to put our goals and hopes into worldly things such as careers, housing, families, friends, holidays etc, etc. We often find ourselves weary under the onslaught of the demands of life with its constant worries over income, health, relationships and much more. In our sinful flesh, we often see only the immediate but temporary, and so follow the lie that if we get that promotion, that new house, that new car, that dream holiday, that life will get better, and we will be at peace and live in happiness at last. This is the hope offered by the world, very real but very temporary and open to all manner of failures, weaknesses and disappointments. And this is what we often find when we reach these hopes, that they were not all that we hoped them to be, and so we drive on to chase after the next hope placed alluringly in front of us by the devil.

The true believer however, knows this hope to be what it actually is, a mirage that vanishes when you get close. This is the hope that Abraham was against, the hope that rested in the strength of the world. For what could the world offer a man who was nearly 100 years old and whose wife was an old lady, as they dreamed of parenting a child together? No IVF treatment is that effective! Instead, Abraham embraced a hope that is diametrically opposed to this worldly hope, a hope that resides purely on that belief that with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). Abraham had chosen his side in the battle over where a life places its hope, in the world or in God. He had decided on the merits of all the abundant evidence that God is exactly who He says He is, the Almighty Creator God (just stop and think of the staggering complexity all around you and ask yourself, did all this happen by chance?!) and so placed his hope in God and thus against the world. This is the war in the heart of man that the AV/KJV translators captured so wonderfully back in 1611, and its power, brevity, eloquence and truth still speak boldly this day.



This identification of the life of a believer in Christ experiencing spiritual warfare on the most fundamental levels of life (as in where one places their hope), is a stunning continuation of the Scriptural observation that we battle not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities of the air (Ephesians 6:12). This battle wages at the very essence of an individual, where their allegiance and motivation for life lies, in the world or in God. This highlighting of the true nature of the battle in which we soldiers of Christ engage in is entirely missed in the NIV for example, as Romans 4:18 states in this Alexandrian translation:

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it has been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Now reading this translation of the Romans 4:18, we lose so very much in comparison to the richness and accuracy of the AV/KJV. Firstly, let us note that in the NIV, we read that Abraham hoped against **all** hope. Clearly then Abraham, to successfully act against **all** hope, he would have to act against the hope that rests in God. Furthermore, if Abraham acted against **all** hope, as the text reads, then what is this mystical, ethereal hope in which he finds strength in that has not been already eliminated when he had already decided to go against **all** hope? In this corruption of God's Word, the power of resting in the hope of God's ability to do anything has been robbed from us, something that the devil himself has been seeking to do since Eden.

Speaking of Eden, if we go by the AV/KJV, we see a glorious fulfilment of that wondrous promise first given to mankind of a coming Redeemer, delivered all the way back in Genesis 3:15. It reads in the AV/KJV:

‘And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy **seed** and her **seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.’

Can you see it? This seed that was promised would flow through Abraham, the content of the study in Romans 4, was first revealed back to Adam and Eve! The usage of that one word draws all these texts, all these events of history separated by millenniums together to reveal the seed of whom God speaks to be none other than his only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. This Redeemer being the one in whom Abraham hoped in over the trappings of the world and was thus declared righteous before God. Yet here is the happy news, this was not all done just for the sake of Abraham, but for all who place their faith in Jesus Christ, resting their life's hope that where He is they shall be also! The Gospel message has remained the same since the beginning, only layers of its beauty have been carefully and methodically peeled away by God over the generations until its climax in the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the tomb!

Ultimately, this is why we are to hope against hope, for when we place our hope in Christ and not the world, we are resting in a hope that has overcome the world with all its pain, suffering, sadness and death. Our hope is fixed, real and certain, and so we can look forward beyond the temporary pleasures of this world and instead look for a heavenly city, just as Abraham did. This city being the city made by the hands of God Himself, where we will dwell with the one who is the hope of our days forevermore. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

And The Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, Having never learned? John Ch7v15

Jesus spoke with complete originality, infinite compassion and oh what child-like simplicity. Have you ever heard a brother who never went to University, Bible College or Theological Seminary but could preach words of gold because he knew Jesus? I have. I have listened to scholars whose brains and hearts were dead but had a host of letters after their names. The scribes and pharisees were the voice of the nation but they were also theological sepulchres. Luke Ch9v60, 'Let the dead bury their dead.' Such is true today of countless scholars, preachers and churches.

Today's scholars have poured forth a plethora of bible versions to our modern-day preachers who every day pour forth endless drivel to their congregations. These preachers have 'never learned', where God's Word is, but I know simple souls who do know and by the power of the Holy Spirit, with no 'letters' behind their name speak the words of eternal life. If you are thinking of learning to study at Bible College today, I would say to you be very certain, many will take away what God has given you, in the name of education.

Where is God's Word? Get an A.V. Bible and with or without 'letters' preach Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

By Dr David Badger

Out of The Mouths Of Babes

One of the hardest times in life is the troubled moment when awful situations fall upon sweet and gentle souls. Such heavy days are a great challenge to explain for even the most seasoned of believers in Christ. Yet not long ago I heard one of the most heart achingly loving expressions as to why such hard times come to the kind and gentle of the world.

It came from a little boy of around 10 years old. He was suffering with cancer and had clearly undergone traumatic treatment such was his weakened appearance. An interviewer sat calmly next to the stricken boy and gently asked him, "Why do you think God has allowed this to happen?" Such a powerful and provocative question would stump so, so many of us, yet the boy simply smiled serenely and responded, "Because I'm a special boy." The interviewer couldn't help but be moved by the gentleness but assurance of the smiling child and offered a smile in return as he continued, "How are you a special boy?" Without pausing the boy replied, "Because God chose me to have this illness, because I'm strong enough to take it." These brave words stirred the interviewer to tears, but the boy continued to offer pure wisdom of the love of God by adding, "I'm glad God chose me." Utterly mystified by such a courageous declaration, the interviewer asked in amazement, "Why are you glad over such a thing?" With a smile delivered by the angels of heaven themselves, the boy gave all those who listened a glimpse of the love of Christ lived by His humble servants, as the boy explained, "I'm glad because I can take it for my brother and sister so that they might not have to go through it." There it is. In the words of a deeply ill child, the love of God has been expressed with a simplicity and power that the greatest preachers of the world cannot equal.

Oftentimes days of hardship and sadness are there to pull the heart towards the love of Christ Jesus. This love then embraced in times of trouble moves the weary heart to seek the provision and welfare of others, even at cost to themselves, as they wish to share the hope that they have been gifted by God with others. Hereby the love of God is perfected, and we see a living witness of the selflessness of Christ Jesus on the cross of Calvary.

Great will be the reward for such valiant servants of Christ Jesus, and one day that amazing little boy will be swept up in the arms of the God he thanked for leading him through days of pain and suffering, all so that those he loves would escape the same hardship. What a living out of the Gospel and shames we who moan and complain over trivialities and minor troubles endured for the sake of the Gospel.

Please pray for that little boy and his family. Pray also for yourself, that you might be made strong enough to endure so bravely for your Saviour and the Gospel. For in those days of suffering and hardship, your happy testimony of thankfulness and faith in Jesus Christ, may move cold hearts to search out the light of Christ that you delight in. Pray that you will be blessed with the same godly wisdom as that wonderful child, so that you too will see how such selfless love, is a revealing to your own heart of the love that moved you from death to life eternal. All so that one day known to your heavenly Father, you will enjoy fellowship with Him in utter peace and glory forevermore. Amen

By Jonathan Badger

The Scientific Knowledge of Job

Many scholars believe the book of Job to be the oldest book of the Bible, dating back to the time of Abraham or even prior, thus making his life around 2000-1900 BC. What is extraordinary about this account of Job is not just it's ancient dating but also the array of accurate scientific statements about nature and the universe found littered throughout the book's pages. The following is a basic list of some of those astonishingly accurate declarations made by Job that modern science has verified as 100 per cent correct.

- 1) **Job 26:7 – the Earth free-floats in space, hanging on nothing.** All other ancient texts speculate that the world was upheld in its position by the god Atlas who carried the world on his back, or it rested on the shell of a giant turtle. The Book of Job stands unique in all ancient texts as having correctly determined that the Earth does hang on nothing in Space. How would Job have known that in 2000 BC unless divinely inspired?
- 2) **Job 38:6 – the oceans contain springs.** Until very recently, it was believed that the oceans were fed only by rivers and rainfall. It wasn't until the 1970's that deep-sea submarines had been designed that were able to withstand the enormous pressures exerted by the seas at great depths, thus enabling the study of deep-sea life and activity. What was discovered was that indeed there are springs at the depths of the ocean that feed the seas along with rivers and rainfall, just as Job observed 4000 years ago! How

did Job know this given the technology to build submarines able to withstand 6000 pounds of pressure per square inch (thus able to travel deep into the depths of the oceans to find these springs) was not available to mankind until 1970 AD?!

- 3) **Job 38:24 - Light can be divided.** Sir Issac Newton ‘discovered’ in the 17th century AD, that white light can be divided or ‘parted’ into a spectrum of seven colours and then recombined again. Many people think this scientific breakthrough was made in the 1600’s AD, whereas God revealed it to mankind through Job in 2000 BC!
- 4) **Job 38:29-30 - Ice Age inferred.** Almost all scientists will acknowledge that our world has experienced an Ice-Age, with both Creationists and Evolutionists agreeing that the world bears the scars of this period of history, and we still see it’s leftovers in the form of the Poles and glaciers. The Post-Flood world would’ve been highly conducive for such a sudden and swift Ice-Age to descend upon the Earth and affect huge swathes of land in both hemispheres with snowy tundra’s stretching thousands of miles. This would’ve likely been the world that Job knew well, with lands not far to the north of his Mesopotamian dwelling being impacted by this dramatic Ice-Age and so we see a reference to this climate made from an eye-witness viewpoint in the Book of Job.
- 5) **Job 10:8 - Embryonic development.** Job observes how the Lord fashions and knits us together in the womb, highlighting the incredible intricacy and care that takes place during the development of every life in the womb. Science was unaware of the miracle of embryonic development until very recently, further making us ask the question, ‘how could Job know this 4000 years ago?’ The answer, he was told by God so that future generations could read of the life of Job and see how advanced ancient man truly was and how God is the Creator of all things.
- 6) **Job 36:27-28 - the Hydrological Cycle.** Job speaks of the cycle known by modern Meteorologists as the hydrological cycle (evaporation, atmospheric transportation, distillation, and precipitation) to explain why rain falls, rivers flow but seas do not rise. Whilst other ancient peoples speculated on strange and bizarre theories to explain this amazing cycle, the Bible alone gets the process 100 per cent accurately from 2000 BC!
- 7) **Job 9:8 - The universe is expanding.** In the 20th century, most scientists (such as Einstein) held to the view that the universe was not moving and instead was static. Some others thought that it should be collapsing due to gravity. Then in 1929, Edwin Hubble, the astronomer, discovered that distant galaxies were moving away from Earth, and that the further away they were, the faster they were moving. This revolutionised the field of Astronomy and Einstein admitted his mistake. If only he had read and believed what Job noted in chapter 9 verse 8, he would’ve been correct in the first place.
- 8) **Job 38:19 - Light travels in a path.** The Bible describes light as having a ‘way’ (Hebrew: *derek*, a travelled road or path). Up until the 17th century, it was believed that light was transmitted instantaneously. Today we know that light is a form of energy that moves at 186,000 miles per second in a straight line or ‘way’. Again, how would Job know this unless divinely inspired to speak on such wonders of Creation.
- 9) **Job 28:25 - Air has weight.** It was once believed by a great many academics, that air was weightless. However, Job spoke authoritatively that God sets “the weight for the winds.’ It wasn’t until recent studies, that meteorologists found that the average thunderstorm contains thousands of tons of rain. To be able to carry this massive load, air must have mass, just as Job spoke 4000 years ago!
- 10) **Job 30:1-8 - Cavemen identified in the Bible.** In this passage, Job speaks of “base men” who dwelt in the “caves of the earth” and were “viler than the earth”. These people were the social outcasts, the “children of fools” who lived as vagabonds in the caves that litter the earth. These cave dwellers were therefore just as human as you and I, not neolithic creatures who went around hunched over carrying clubs and speaking in animalistic noises. Unsurprisingly, increasing discoveries are being made to the advanced abilities of these cave dwellers that are reflecting all the traits of human living, confounding Evolutionary scientists but proving the words of the Bible nicely.
- 11) **Job 38:31 - The Pleiades and Orion star clusters.** Pleiades, as a star cluster is gravitationally bound. However, the Orion cluster is not so and instead loose and disintegrating due to the gravity being too weak in this cluster to hold it all together. 4000 years ago, Job asked the question “Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?” How did Job know 4000 years ago that Pleiades is bound together by gravity and yet Orion is weak in its binding in comparison?! We, as an advanced modern people, only found this scientific fact out recently, yet Job knew it thousands of years ago with remarkable accuracy of description.

12) Job 39 – Understanding of animal instincts. Many people enjoy watching nature documentaries as they learn about discoveries of how and why animals behave in certain ways at certain times. Well, chapter 39 of the Book of Job is a remarkable insight into the instincts and behaviours of a wide variety of creatures. From the migration of the hawk to the ostrich's care for their young, this wonder filled chapter reveals much of the intricate animal behaviours that secular zoology took millennia to catch up in knowledge of.

In conclusion, it is a brilliant act of God to have so many tremendous scientific insights revealed in the Holy Scriptures via what is believed to be the oldest written book of the Bible. This subtle yet powerful detail bears witness to the advanced nature of ancient man (making a mockery of evolutionary theory), and to the all-knowing and unchanging nature of God. For through His Word He shows us that He has always loved and cared for His Creation, and that because He is unchanging, we can rest in His goodness and mercy knowing that He cares for us just as much today. Amen

By Jonathan Badger

Image of the Beast in Texas

In September 2024, a 90-foot bronze statue of the Hindu god Hanuman was raised in Texas, USA. The statue is so immense that it is now the third highest statue in the United States! On its revealing, the statues creators and backers celebrated it as a 'monument to America's diverse religious beliefs and emerging spiritual awakening'. This all transpiring in Texas, hardly the liberal hotbed of California! Such a development speaks loudly of the rapidly growing idolatry that is spreading throughout the United States, just as it is in the UK.



The unveiling of this new statue of a false god is yet another step on the road to conditioning people to accept the worship of an image, just as the Book of Revelation depicts. This escalating trend of humanity being opened to the worship of a graven image has already been seen in these shores when the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony had a ring of people dressed in white bowing down in adoration of a giant mechanical bull! (As a side note, isn't it interesting how Birmingham City

Council found itself effectively bankrupt not long after this event – God is a jealous God remember). This demonic act wasn't even subtle in its depravity as it utilised the worship of an animal that has been synonymous with pagan worship across for the world for thousands of years, namely the bull!

In this statue of Hanuman, a half-man, half-monkey Hindu deity, we are bearing witness to this return to a world of pagan mysticism and worship where half-man, half-animal gods are the norm. After much celebration of the modern man, we are finding ourselves simply returning to the wicked practices of the ancients! Its as the old saying goes, 'the more things change, the more they stay the same.' This is so very true as it regards to the depraved nature of mankind. For all our technological advances and modern comforts, we are still just as inclined to worship the creature over the Creator (Romans 1) as those who lived back in the mists of time!

All this therefore speaks so pertinently of the continuing need of a Saviour for fallen mankind. We are not moving forwards to some enlightened golden age of supermen, but rather sliding back into the darkness of peoples and civilisations that denied the existence of God, and thus will suffer the same outcome as those ancient peoples, destruction. Yet this time it won't be a judgement poured out upon one depraved people

group, but upon the entire world, for the whole world will have descended into this worship of the image of the Beast.

Let us heed these warnings and be prepared for the persecution that is soon to come against those who refuse to worship this coming Beast and his foul image. It's precursors are being placed in lands that were once strongholds for the Word of God, thus highlighting the late hour in which we dwell. But let us be of good courage, for we know these dark times are soon to be upon us, but we do not look for the night. Instead, we await that glorious day when the Light of the World that is Jesus Christ, shall appear in the skies for all to see, as He returns to take up all power and glory, justly judging all the wicked and leading us into glory and peace by His mighty rule. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

A Natural Witness

At this time of year, colour has one last burst of life before it fades to lay dormant for the cold winter season. Autumnal rain drifts down from the heavens as though the skies lament the passing of the final glorious days of warming summer sunlight. If we lift our eyes heavenward, they take in the rich hues of warming autumnal hues of deep oranges and reds, stirring the artistic mind to consider how those deep-set colours are the matured hours of sun that once bathed those same youthful leaves in splendour and life.

Isn't the life of any given person like unto these simple autumn leaves. We were once young and vital, drinking in the heady days of youth and delighting in the summer evenings of hours of strength of prosperity. Yet as the summer began to slip away beneath the horizon, so too does our strength. The brilliant life filled hues of our younger days now degrade into tones that mirror a concentration of the colour of the light it once revelled in, as we become a store of memories of what we once were.



As the autumn days pass, those once happy leaves slip away from their lofty home, gliding down one by one to take their place amongst the gathering piles that line the now thickly grown grasses. So too do we slip away from our lofty perches in life, as at the last not even those precious memories that had become so concentrated within us are enough to power us on to further days of life.

How bleak would life be if this image was the sum of our days. An unavoidable descent from vitality and brilliance of life; to becoming just a faded thing of beauty, now just lost amidst the others who had fallen to a similar fate. What glory be though that our story need not finish in the crushed heap of autumnal leaves that the infants delight to crash through with happy abandon. No, for those who rest in the branch of the tree, shall be reborn and taste that summer light once again.

When we come to saving faith in Christ Jesus, that rich vine of life that sustains all of Creation, we are no longer troubled by the impending descent from the lofty tree heights down to the awaiting ground. For yes, the once glorious vivacity of colour that was our youth fades and turns to heavy hues of age, we see a greater glory unfold. Those once potent greens of summer leaves have made way for stirring scarlets of autumn, mirroring that happy day when we were washed clean of our sins by the blood of Jesus Christ. Though we will still face death, as each little leaf does, those sealed by the blood of Christ are not afraid. They are like those scarlet leaves that look up and see the heights of the tree, declaring with final broken voice that it is not their demise that is the story's close, but the tree's enduring. For by this strength life will return, and not just return but burst

forth in a fullness of array of life that sings of the glory that sustains it. Such is the closing witness of the servant of Christ. In their final breaths, they place not a tear over the fading colour of their life but look up to the enduring strength of the vine that is Jesus Christ. Then by the enduring faithfulness of Christ Jesus, we shall burst forth into life once again, only this time to never fade or wilt, but always to sing the praises of God with the fullness of joy that is life resurrected through Jesus Christ.

So, the next time you look out upon autumnal days, look a little closer and see a hundred thousand witnesses on those golden trees. For each of them speak softly of their Creator. The Creator, who through His enduring love, shall have you walk with Him on streets of gold. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Diversity that excludes Christ Jesus

On September 5th 2024, Pope Francis set foot on Indonesian soil as he entered the ground of the Istiqlal mosque located in the nation's capital city. Choosing to wear a simple white cassock to show his respect for the 'hallowed' grounds upon which he was visiting, Pope Francis was greeted by Nasaruddin Umar, the grand Imam of Istiqlal. Alongside Nasaruddin were representatives of Indonesia's six officially recognised faiths - Islam, Catholicism, Protestantism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Confucianism.

Nasaruddin gave a welcome address to the pontiff and the other faith leaders, speaking on how he hoped this would be a further step forward in the growing brotherhood of faiths, fulfilling the need for peaceful coexistence via global diversity. His statement included an address on the "environmental crisis...posing serious threats to our existence." The Pope welcomed this statement and took great pride in pointing out that the mosque in which they had gathered was designed by the architect Friedrich Silaban, a 'Christian' who created the form of the temple back in the 1970's.

This visit to Indonesia by Pope Francis has caused quite the stir, with locals hailing the move of the leader of the Catholic Church visiting a mosque, as a marker of highlighting the need for inclusivity amid diversity thanks to the Pope's position as a world leader. This drive for inclusivity via diversity has been eagerly embraced by the Catholic and Muslim populace of the nation, as many of the people declare "Together, we can move forward." (Source - Guardian.com, *'Togetherness In our diversity': Pope Francis preaches unity at south-east Asia's largest mosque - Ahmad Pathoni - September 5th 2024*).

Once again, the Pope is the driving force behind the push to unite all the world's religions into one brotherhood of man. This brotherhood will then come together in one universal religion that will be the worship of the Beast seen in the Book of Revelation. As many heroes of the faith have highlighted throughout the centuries, from Early Church martyrs to the greats of the Reformation, the Catholic Church will be the Woman that rides the Beast, paving the way for the AntiChrist that is the Pope to be universally adored by the one-world religion.



As we have noted many times in previous issues of TTW, there is no other leader and organisation in the world that politicians, bankers and businessmen flock to for blessing and guidance with such fawning praise

and worship as that received by the Pope of Rome. This arrival of Pope Francis in an Indonesian mosque (south-east Asia's largest mosque no less!) was the catalyst for the triumphant declaration that mankind can come together in peaceful coexistence and tolerance. The Pope's power and sway is unique in the world, and anyone who has eyes to see can witness it for themselves, and it has been this way throughout history since the taking over of the power from the Caesars of Rome by the Papacy.

Yet for all this talk of mutual respect and acceptance that each of the world's faiths ultimately worships the same god (to be fair they do, but he is a devil not a god!) and so therefore can come together as one brotherhood, this flies in the face of the God that the Pope claims to serve. For isn't the God of the Bible a jealous God, having people worship no other than He?! (Exodus 34:14) And hasn't God decreed that there is only one way to the Father and that is through His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ?! (John 14:6) If so, then Christ Jesus is unique and part of no 'brotherhood of faiths' for He alone is the way, the truth and the life! This then means that Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna etc, etc, are imposters and Christianity has no place declaring that they are 'brothers of faith'.

But it is not just Biblical Christianity that claims uniqueness of salvation for mankind, for Muslims believe that also in regard to the worship of Allah. Each faith claims exclusivity of the way of salvation, however each of these other religions is happy to compromise and become one with others as they all have the same originator, the devil. This then will prove the fuel to have all the world's religions come back together into its source of devil worship via the worship of the Beast, leaving true Christianity as the one faith that stands against it. This is why we are seeing increasing acceptance of every religion throughout the world **apart** from **Biblical** Christianity. This one point alone is a powerful testimony that true Christianity is of God!

So do not follow the blind of spirit as they rush to embrace the world thinking that they are coming together with long lost brothers of the spirit. For yes, they are coming together, but under the lure of a lying and deceitful spirit preaching lies through false teachers such as the Pope of Rome, just as Scripture warns of in 26 of the 27 books of the New Testament (Philemon is the only one that doesn't warn of false teachers and deceitful spirits). Instead, come out of them all, and follow the one who is the only Begotten Son of God that is Jesus Christ, and see for yourself His unique love, mercy and grace that He extends to you this very hour. All you need do is believe on Him, repent of your sins and call on Him to be your Saviour and Redeemer, trusting that He is alive and as such is the only way to the Father. Then you will be separated from the world but joined unto God everlasting. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

The Laodicean Church And Us

Revelation 3:14-21 gives us an insight into how our Lord views the Laodicean church. If you subscribe to a dispensational interpretation of the seven churches of Revelation, Christ's words have a heavy if ultimately hopeful tone for we Christians today. Yet is there any evidence from history that such a dispensational view of Scripture is correct? Well, let's assess what history has to say on this important and much discussed topic.

The Laodicean church was a very real church that existed during the age of the Apostles. Located in modern Turkey, the church in Laodicea was possibly planted by Epaphras, a disciple of the Apostle Paul's. Epaphras planted the church at nearby Colossae (Colossians 1:6-7), so many infer that Epaphras was involved in the establishing of the Laodicean church.

Laodicea was an extremely wealthy and prominent city in the eastern regions of the Roman empire due to its success as a banking and textile production hub for the empire. Located at a crossroads between the various regions of the empire such as Ephesus, Smyrna and Sardis, the city flowed with the riches of trade and

enterprise. This well-established historical fact verifies everything declared by Christ in Revelation 3:17, that Laodicea was distracted by its enjoyment of wealth and worldly splendour.

Many scholars believe the Book of Revelation was written during the reign of Emperor Domitian (81-96 AD).



This would place the words of God delivered unto the Apostle John to come at a time when the Christian Church was undergoing great persecution for its refusal to worship the Emperor as a living god. Domitian was notorious even in his own time, as he was the first Emperor to proclaim himself a god, as previous emperors were deified after their death (somewhat ironic). Domitian persecuted anyone who would not participate in the imperial cult (worship of emperors and dynastic families) meaning that the

Christian faith was heavily targeted for violent persecution.

This persecution of Christian churches and its followers left the wealthy Christians of Laodicea with a dilemma. Were they to refuse participation in the imperial cult and thus endure great persecution by the Roman authorities, interestingly including the removal of the ability to buy and sell within the Roman empire (a preview of what will happen to those who refuse the mark of the Beast) and stand by the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Or were they to compromise and adapt to the Roman requirements so that they could retain their worldly success and wealth without upheaval or persecution? It appears from history that many within the Laodicean church compromised their faith and timidly went along with the demands of worship of the imperial cult. This stood them against other churches of the age, such as the church in Smyrna which defended the faith against the imperial cult and subsequently endured great persecution from Rome. Therefore, it is not difficult to see why Christ would proclaim the Laodicean church to be 'lukewarm' for it had tried to keep its faith in Christ Jesus yet appease the powers of Rome so that it could remain prominent and wealthy. Doesn't this sound like much of modern Christendom today?!

Now, if Biblical prophecies often have two fulfilments, an immediate or near time fulfilment along with a more distant in time fulfilment (a position held by many prominent theologians and scholars for centuries), then why can't the words spoken to the seven churches in the opening chapters of the Book of Revelation have a similar feature? Each of the seven churches had distinct features, traits and gifts at the time of writing of Revelation, meaning the words of Christ unto them had a relevant immediate meaning. This would explain the corrective words towards the church at Laodicea in light of their spiritual compromise, against the praise of Smyrna for example for its defence of the faith against persecution. Yet what if these words were markers also of how the Church of Christ would behave and move throughout the generations of time until Christ's return?

Dispensationalists argue from a position of historical strength and veracity, that the true Church has mirrored the characteristics and outworkings of the seven churches as consecutively listed in Revelation with startling similarity. Let's look briefly at this thought now:

Ephesus (beginning with the sending out of the Apostles by Christ in Matthew 10 to death of last Apostle in approx. 90AD) – the earnest labour of the infant church to spread the Gospel reflects well the praise given to this church in Revelation 2:2. Whilst Christ's words of correction for this church 'leaving its first love' speak of the Apostle Paul's marvelling at how there were many in the infant church who were getting pulled away from their faith by 'another gospel'.

Smyrna (90 AD to 325 AD approximately) – The acknowledgement of the Smyrnian church's enduring of great tribulation by Christ (Revelation 2:9) mirrors well the enormity of persecution faced by the early Church as it spread throughout the Roman empire during this period of history. Furthermore, Christ speaking of the worldly poverty, but spiritual wealth of this church reflects the torment endured by those early saints as they

sought to protect the Word of God from those who would corrupt its content with heresies such as Gnosticism.

Pergamos (325 AD to 500 AD approximately) - The words of Christ as He speaks in Revelation 2:12-16, reflects the costly stand many made against the emerging Papacy in Rome and its corruptions of the faith, yet also the falling of others who embraced this corruption and led to the committing of fornication by adhering to the false teachings of infant Roman Catholicism.

Thyatira (500 AD to 1000 AD approximately) - Seen in Revelation 2:18-28, Christ's initial words of praise highlight the zealous work of those such as Columba, who earnestly spread the good news of the Gospel bringing hope to many. Yet the heavy words of Christ against the same church speaks well of the continuing corruption of the faith by the ever-growing Roman Catholic church, here depicted as the woman Jezebel for such was her wickedness. Just as Jezebel had men of God killed in great numbers, so too did the Catholic Church in this age. Christ had given this corrupt church (Rome) time to repent of its evil and it's falling away from it's first love that was the pure Gospel of Christ Jesus. Yet it did not repent, and so Christ cast them off as they descended further into mysticism and evil.

Sardis (1000 AD to 1500 AD approximately) - Depicted in Revelation 3:1-5, we again see an accurate reflection in Church history of what Christ declared unto the church in Sardis. This was the age of darkness, as Rome held power across great swathes of land and numerous nations, holding them all blind to God through its corrupted faith now fully embracing of mystery religions and mysticism. Yet, even in this age of spiritual darkness, there remained a few who received Christ's praise. Men such as John Wycliffe, the 'morning star of the Reformation', those who held to the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ and fought against the tyranny and corruptions of Papal Rome.

Philadelphia (1500 AD to 1900 AD approximately) - What era of Church history more accurately reflect the high praise reserved for the church in Philadelphia, as seen in Revelation 3:7-12, than the era of the Reformation and the subsequent spread of the Gospel of Christ Jesus across the globe! Note how even the verse numbers of this passage 7 and 12, reflect the perfection and purity of God, for this was the age of the bringing of the Pure Word of God to the world via the printing of the King James Bible. A Bible still loved and adored the world over and still bringing hearts to Christ this very hour, making a mockery of those who call it antiquated. It was this holding on to the purity of God's Word that meant it was kept from the 'hour of temptation' by Christ, for by the truth of its purity, the Church was kept from the corruptions of Rome and movements such as ecumenism which both seek to lure men away from the truth of God's eternal Word, and back into the darkness of spiritual fornication.

Laodicea (1900 AD to present day) - How true are Christ's words (Revelation 3:14-21) to the Laodiceans are to us also as Christians today. The Church is truly wealthy in worldly terms, just as the Laodicean church of the Apostolic age was, particularly in the western world where megachurches are plentiful, and the Church of England holds assets worth billions of pounds. Yet we are naked in our wealth, for we traded away a pure Word of God for a pantheon of approximations of God's Word that are limp and impotent, unable to provide clear teaching that stands against the evils of this modern world. Our eyes are sore from reading this diluted Word of God, they are in need of soothing from the eyesalve that is the Pure Word of God once enjoyed by the blessed age of the Philadelphian church. The compromise of the Laodiceans under the rule of Emperor Domitian, is being mirrored all the more clearly by our modern Church and its desire to embrace ecumenism and appease Rome once again. Yet think on how there are 7 verses in this address to the lukewarm Laodicean church. It's almost a symbol of how the purity of God's Word, as reflected in the number 7, still exists to be used and wielded, if only this age would see it. Hope remains where God's Pure Word remains.

Could it be therefore, that dispensationalism holds truth in it? Could it be that the immediate setting of the seven churches of Revelation and their consecutive addresses by Christ Jesus have been mirrored so remarkably throughout the subsequent generations of mankind? If so, then we are truly within the Laodicean era, as the present state of much of modern Christendom reflects Christ's words oh so accurately. If so, then we are in the closing days of time, for there is no other church that follows the Laodicean. As a result, Christ's

words that He stands at the door and knocks is for us today. Open the door to Him now and He will dine with us, and we will have wondrous communion with God. In doing so, we will overcome the temptations of embracing a corrupted faith and be lifted by the grace of Christ Jesus to sit with Him in His throne. What a glory for those who hold true to the faith, for those who refuse to compromise with diluted and corrupted gospels. The hour of temptation is upon us. Many are falling already, make sure you are not one of them.

To him that overcometh will I grant
to sit with me in my throne,
even as I also overcame,
and am set down with my Father
in his throne.
Revelation 3:21

By Jonathan Badger

Light In The Darkness In Iran

Islam in Iran is in trouble. Increasing numbers of Iranians are becoming disenchanted with the Muslim religion after having lived under its oppressive regime for decades. Whilst many are simply abandoning strict Islamic practice and turning towards an apathetic form of the faith, others are turning to atheism in their frustrations over the emptiness of the religion.

However, what is wonderful to read and see on the various news broadcasts is that more and more people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ within Iran. Numbers of those professing faith in Jesus are rising rapidly amidst the faithful work of numerous underground churches throughout the country that have laboured intently for Christ knowing that at any minute, they could be arrested and sentenced to death. In contrast, the numbers of

those who declare themselves as Muslim are falling so significantly that mosques are closing across Iran.

This societal shift away from Islam and the growth of Christianity within the nation has prompted the Islamic Iranian authorities to increase persecution upon churches throughout the nation. Bible study groups are promptly broken up by armed police with the attendees forcibly ejected and sent home under threats of violence, whilst those leading the gatherings are arrested and thrown into prison. This has been going on for some time now in Iran and yet even with a heightening



of this persecution, ever increasing numbers of Iranians are coming to faith in Jesus Christ. Why is it that these humble, Gospel led gatherings always come under such heavy persecution throughout the world today, unless it be that the devil still hates Bible centred preaching now just as much as he ever has since man first called upon the name of God back in Genesis. Can you honestly imagine that if such persecution fell upon the majority of western churches today that numbers of converts to Christ Jesus would grow? Would they even defend the faith or simply roll over? Western church goers are leaving in record numbers and it's not even due to persecution. It's simply due to weak teaching and an abandonment of everything that stands as real Christianity, that being unapologetic Bible based preaching.

Western Christianity has forgotten something powerful and true. A certainty that has been declared correct for centuries. When the Christian faith is true to God's Word it is hated and therefore persecuted. Yet through this persecution, its unique hope and strength flies in the face of the world's logic and attests to the truly heavenly nature of its content.

Western churches are rightly desperate to see revival. They want the seats to be filled once more. But are they willing to get this done by setting aside its embracing of corruption and worldly comfort in exchange for preaching the Word of God as it is written in the Holy Bible? We should be inspired by the sacrifices and stand made by our brothers and sisters in Christ in places like Iran. We should be thanking the Lord for their steadfastness in the face of persecution and then pray for their keeping under God's merciful hand. We should also be seeking the Lord's forgiveness for having abandoned so much of what makes the Gospel of Jesus Christ so glorious, its uniqueness and truth. Then let us be bold once more to unleash His Word as Spurgeon spoke, then by the grace of God we might see great numbers come to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus again. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

A Gospel-less Church – What's Coming Next To Britain

Crossways mega-church in Cincinnati, USA (see picture), is the third highest attended church in America. Whilst the main pastor is not a Youtube darling, he is a powerful influence upon many in the United States who form their views on the Bible and Christianity upon what he teaches and preaches.

This huge sway he holds over many Christians in America prompted one local Christian to attend one of Crossways services with an aim to ask the pastor as to the nature of his vast congregation. On quizzing the

pastor of this megachurch, the local Christian became concerned about the answers he was being offered by the megachurch pastor.



His first question was regarding the immense numbers that attend the church and as to how many attendees have been longstanding congregants? The pastor responded with no sense of alarm or concern, that they knew **90 per cent of the attending congregation is new every two years.** That figure is frightening! What is

happening in this megachurch that causes such numbers to stay for such a short space of time? On further questioning, the pastor revealed again without any concern or thoughtfulness, that the vast majority of the 90 per cent that leave the church each year (only to be replaced by new attendees) do not go to another church after they leave Crossways. In other words, they simply turn their back on Christianity.

The questions towards the pastor from the local Christian continued as he observed that Crossways church services do not speak about the Gospel. Instead, they are encouragement meetings that are designed to ‘meet people where they’re at’ and help them with their issues in life through positivity, counselling etc, etc. The pastor furthered on this by observing that the church holds smaller groups where the Gospel is then given. Challenged by the local Christian as to how many within the general congregation actually attend these smaller groups, the pastor replied, ‘about 25 per cent.’ Now worried about the state of the megachurch, the local Christian highlighted to the pastor that 75 per cent of those who attend Crossways never hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ! What kind of Christian church leaves 75 per cent its congregation deaf to the good news of the salvation of believing mankind through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?!

The now deeply concerned local Christian pressed further and asked the pastor of Crossways as to how the congregation hears Biblical messages/sermons or learn of the Scriptures? The pastor responded with bewilderment, ‘Why would they want to learn the Bible?’ Words fail. An American megachurch, the third largest in America has **no** Gospel preaching, has **no** desire to teach the Bible and as a result 90 per cent of the attendees leave within two years with a bitter taste in their mouth over Christianity. All thanks to such godless ‘churches’, tens of thousands are walking away from salvation in Christ Jesus and towards hell. Those who remain are set up perfectly for a reunion with ‘Mother Rome’ a church who has no issue with avoiding the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and keeping it’s light out of the hands of the people (just look at its history).

Increasing numbers of churches are adopting this ‘super-seeker’ movement, as they rush to adopt whatever means necessary to get people through the doors. This means worldly entertainment and music and a hurried dispensing of anything resembling real Biblical preaching. The rot that is fast spreading across America is already on these shores. My family are surrounded by such seeker-sensitive churches, and it has been heartbreaking to see once strong hearts for Christ Jesus get pulled into such diluted fluff of a faith. It is only a matter of time before Gospel-less churches will become the norm in western society (the Church of England’s desire to drop the title ‘church’ for ‘community’ says all that is needed), leaving those who contend for the faith (Jude 3) to be marked as ‘vitriolic, bigoted and hate filled fundamentalists’ and will thus be persecuted for their stand (I speak from experience).

Yet I do not want to end on a note of worry and sadness. Give rich and deep praise unto the goodness of God for His merciful provision of those humble gatherings that still seek to guard and teach His precious Word as it was given unto us. Let us be bold and assured of heart, knowing from our study of Scripture that we are to be strong and of good courage, for our Lord is with us wherever we go (Joshua 1:9). So, march on good Christian soldier and be vigilant for false teaching for it is all around us in this late hour, but do not be downhearted for the number of those who seek to deceive you. Instead, look up and await your Master’s return, for it is near and He brings His reward for those faithful servants with Him, as we shall reign in glory with Him (Revelation 3:21). Amen

By Jonathan Badger

Ocean Salt Leaves Bad Taste In Evolution’s Mouth

I came across a short video on YouTube by Creation Ministries International that discussed how the salt levels seen in the world’s oceans, leave a sizeable problem for deep age, old earth evolutionary timeline. In nature, salt levels in the oceans are subject to change due to rainfall washing salt from the earth out into rivers and then the seas. Added to this consistent injection of salt to the oceans, are subterranean seas that similarly add salt content to the world’s oceans. Then when ocean waters are evaporated as part of the water cycle, the salt from the evaporated water which later becomes rain, is left behind in the oceans, further adding to the steady increase in the oceans salt levels.



Recent studies conducted by scientists Steve Austin and Russel Humphries, have looked at the implications of this natural process, and using secular models (so no Creationist ‘bias’) to estimate the age the oceans of the world according to the rates of salt injection and salt removal (lower than amounts of salt being put into the oceans). The absolute maximum age the oceans can be according to secular models no less, is 62 million years old. This figure came

from the assumption that the world’s oceans had **no** salt content at all at their beginning (a sizeable assumption to say the least!) and that the rate of salt injection into the oceans was at the lowest amount model estimations allow, whilst the rate of salt removal from the oceans was at its highest allowed estimates. In other words, every favourable possibility to tilt variables of the investigation to suit the evolutionary theory of an old earth was adopted. However, the absolute oldest even this setup could offer was 62 million years, or 1/50th of the age of the world’s oceans declared by evolutionary scientists. A problem for Evolution indeed!

Now when the initial levels of ocean salt were adjusted to just a low amount (to still accommodate sceptics and support salt-water living creatures), and the rates of salt injection and removal were altered to more expected, non-extreme levels, the age of the world’s oceans came within the Biblical timeframe. Unsurprisingly the data, even using secular models, supports a young earth just as we read of in the Book of Genesis.

An anti-Creation scientist named Glenn Moreton tried to dismiss this research by suggesting that much of the salt that existed in the oceans came from subterranean seas via deep sea vents. These vents would release hot water into the oceans causing the chemical albite to form which then absorbed much of the sodium content of the oceans. This would therefore allow for a much older timeline for the world’s oceans than what the evidence points towards. However, when hot water cools, as it does in the oceans today, albite disintegrates into chloride thereby releasing back into the seas the sodium it had once absorbed. Therefore, there is **no** net-removal of salt from the oceans by this process. Glenn Moreton’s proposal never gained scientific traction as this problem was obvious from the get-go and left evolutionary science with a big problem still.

It is interesting to note, that this issue of oceanic salt levels pointing to a young earth, has been known since the 19th century! In 1899, a scientific paper acknowledged this whole issue as a problem for old earth theory but was quietly hushed up, as all Evolution exposing discoveries are.

So, when God challenged Job as to whether Job was able to “shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth” (Job 38:8) and thereby control the mighty oceans boundaries and limits, maybe He was not only highlighting not only the power and expanse of the seas that rest under His hand, but also all the content within. That content, down to the microscopic level declares that it was all crafted by Him, just as He has revealed to us through His Word the Holy Bible.

By Jonathan Badger

Dark History of Karl Marx

How many people are aware that Karl Marx, the father of Communism and Socialism, was a playwright and poet? These barely known writings give us a valuable insight into the mind of a man whose teachings have brought about the death of untold millions and are plaguing much of western society today (increasingly so in our own nation).

“Invocation of One of Despair”, was an early poem written by Marx. In it he penned this line that reveals unmistakably the heart of a man who despised God. Marx wrote, “So a god has snatched from me my

all...Nothing but revenge is left to me!" Before we are to adopt the thoughts and teachings of anyone, we must carefully judge and test the manner of their thoughts and life, for such an approach is Scriptural (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Here we see that from a young and formative age, Marx had already set his heart firmly against God to such levels that he sought to attempt to take revenge on Him! Such a desire smacks of Satan himself and reveals unmistakably the dark heart of all political/social teachings born by this evil mind.

If you feel that I am being overly zealous in my stance that Marx spoke with the tongue of devils, let's look at his own words as to how he would go about his plan to get revenge against God. Later in the same poem, Marx declares that he will "build (his) throne high overhead." The nature of this throne he goes on to share will be "Cold, tremendous shall its summit be. /For its bulwark-superstitious dread, /For its Marshall-blackest agony. /Who looks on it with a healthy eye, /Shall turn back, struck deathly pale and dumb; /Clutched by blind and chill Mortality/May his happiness prepare its tomb."

Any student of poetry, nay anyone with a eyes to read these words cannot help but be moved to a horrible shudder by the hellish nature of Marx's writing. He holds a sick adoration of death, a hallmark of all followers of Satan, as he leads the reader down into the tomb via his dark musings and longings. In this piece of poetry, it is not hard to see the heart of the ideology that has killed so, so many lives it boggles the mind, and gives credence to those who say that Communism was never written to be a hope for humanity, but instead a way of Marx to enact his murderous hatred upon mankind. Marx's disturbed and devilish desires mirror those of Satan, as we read in Isaiah 14:12-14 of how Lucifer fell from heaven to become Satan, turning to use God's own creation that is mankind, as a weapon to seek to gain revenge on the Lord God.

In his 1839 play *Oulanem*, (see picture) Marx produced a Faustian themed (a theme that centres on the premise of someone making a bargain with the devil to gain power, wealth, etc) play that further spoke of the depths of evil that lurked within him and was unleashed onto the world via his *Communist Manifesto*. The name *Oulanem*, was believed by many to an act of blasphemy as it sounds as a backward pronunciation of *Emmanuel*, one of the titles of Christ Jesus. This would make sense, as many occultists seek to convey hidden meanings within texts when they are spoken backwards.

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The play begins as follows, "Ruined! Ruined! My time has clean run out! The clock has stopped, the pygmy house has crumbled. Soon I shall embrace eternity to my breast, and soon I shall howl gigantic curses at mankind...If there is a Something which devours, I'll leap within it, though I bring the world to ruins - the world which bulks between me and the abyss, I will smash to pieces with my enduring curses."

There are no words to aptly convey the evil contained in this opening to Marx's play. The central character, which many scholars and biographers of Marx all agree to be autobiographical, has a deep desire to embrace 'Something' (note the use of the capital letter!) that he knows is truly evil, but has no desire to avoid it. Instead, he wants only to use it to unleash horror upon the world unendingly, such is his hatred of humanity. Is this the mind we want to follow in our societal makeup?! Those nations who have embraced Marx's hellish vision have given ample evidence that this political movement is born of hell!

In case the reader is still unconvinced of Marx's adoration of death and the devil, let's look at one more of his poems. *The Player* (also known as *The Fiddler*) contains this satanic imagery, "Look now, my blood-dark sword shall stab/Unerringly within thy soul. /God neither knows nor honors art. /The hellish vapours rise and fill the brain/Till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed...See this sword - the Prince of Darkness sold it to me...Ever more boldly I play the dance of death."



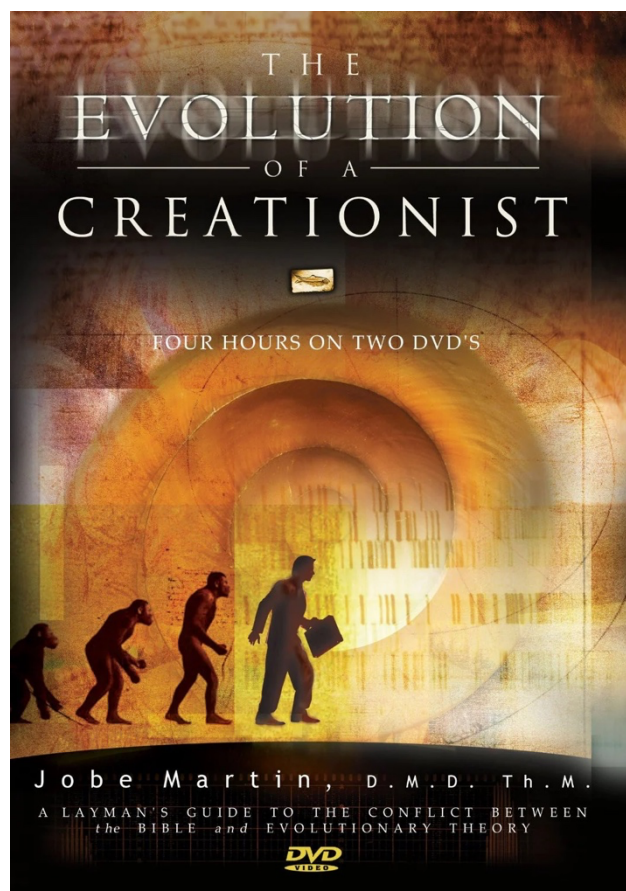
This is the heart and mind of a man given unto darkness. A man who sought no communion with God, no desire to walk in the light of Christ Jesus. Instead, Marx chose to wield a sword of death given to him by the Prince of Darkness, no less. This man Karl Marx brought a hellish vision to the world, a vision that is spreading further and further upon these very shores via 'woke' ideology.

The biographer Robert Payne, in his 1968 book *Marx*, spoke on these disturbed works, "Marx is here celebrating a satanic mystery...Marx clearly enjoyed the horrors he depicted, and we shall find him enjoying in very much the same way the destruction of whole classes in the *Communist Manifesto*. He was a man with a peculiar faculty for relishing disaster...(Marx) had the Devil's view of the world, and the Devil's malignity. Sometimes he seemed to know that he was accomplishing works of evil."

Many have seen Karl Marx for what he was, an agent of Satan. If you hold favourable views towards Socialism/Communism, the ideologies born of this worker of immense evil, then I implore you to reconsider your thoughts. You are looking favourably on an ideology born by a man who hated not only God but humanity. Turn away from its doctrine of death and come to the light of Christ Jesus and thank God that by His shed blood, we are not left to be doomed to the horror contained in Marx's book of death. But that our names are written in the Book of Life, all through saving faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen

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Resource Corner

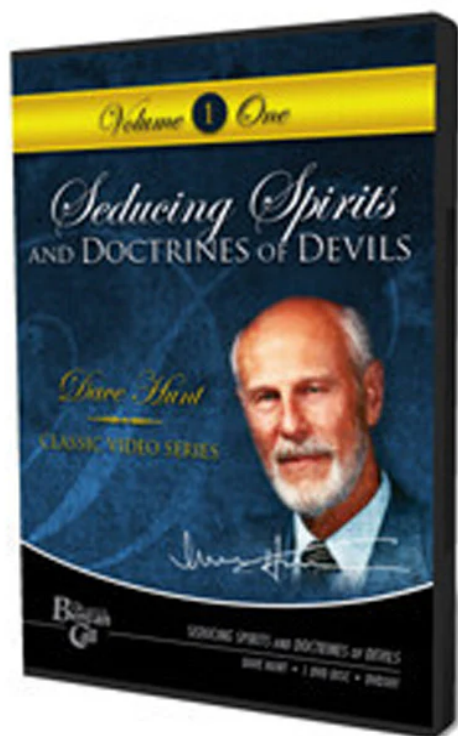


The Evolution of a Creationist - DVD

For years Dr. Jobe Martin wrestled with the conflicts between evolutionary theory and the Bible. As a professor, Dr. Martin was sure he knew the answers. But then his faith as a Christian, completely changed his life. Dr. Martin was a traditional evolutionist, but his medical and scientific training would go through an evolution rather a revolution when he began to study the complexities of various animals that challenged the scientific assumptions of his education. This was the beginning of the Evolution of a Creationist. Dr. Martin graduated from the University of Pittsburg College of Dentistry, is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, and the founder of Biblical Discipleship Ministries Four programmes on two DVD's include, Evolution or Creation, Does it Really Matter What We Believe? Fact or Fraud, Is Evolution Evolving?, Cause or Coincidence? Did Earth Begin With a Purpose or Probability? and How Young is Earth? This high quality studio filmed series covers essential subjects and has beautifully added cut-ins. Running time 231 minutes.

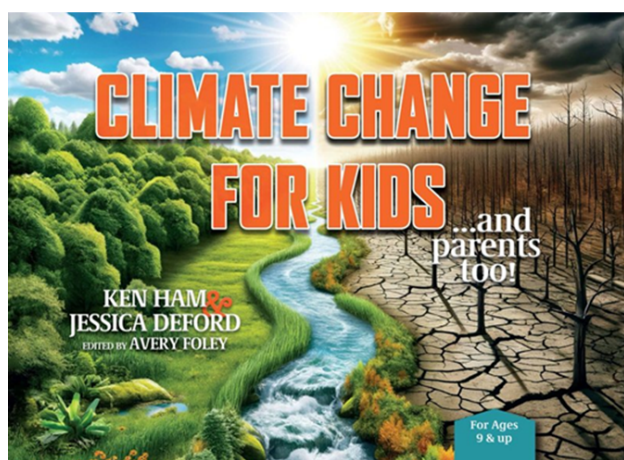
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Seducing Spirits And Doctrines Of Devils - DVD



Speaking at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa, Dave begins: 'I don't know how much thought you have given to this, but devils have doctrines. They're very consistent. You can travel around the world as I have done and investigate this sort of thing, and you will find that the same message comes out of Ouija boards...mediums...hypnotic trances...LSD trips...the so-called space brothers of UFOs...and it is very consistent. Dave launches from 1 Timothy 4:1, giving examples of materials dictated by seducing spirits, containing doctrines of devils, promoted in churches and sold in Christian bookstores. In this informative talk, Dave skillfully dissects and dismantles a number of these false doctrines. As always, Dave's erudite and articulate presentation lays bare the foundations of psychology, quoting Scripture, scientists, and occultists alike to illustrate the Satanic origins of modern self-delusion by seducing spirits.

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Climate Change For Kids...And Parents Too - Book

Climate change for the whole family! Full of brilliant illustrations and scientific, logical, and theological truths, this resource will empower concerned parents, teens, and curious children to navigate the complexities of climate change with biblical wisdom, compassion, and faith.

Do not fear! While the world is sounding the alarm, authors Ken Ham and Jessica DeFord help Christian families to trust God's Word and not fear man.

Climate Change for Kids...and Parents Too! is a groundbreaking book designed to equip the whole family with the knowledge and tools to navigate the complex issue of climate change. This full-colour book reveals the intersection of science, Scripture, and logic to provide a comprehensive understanding of this issue from a biblical worldview.

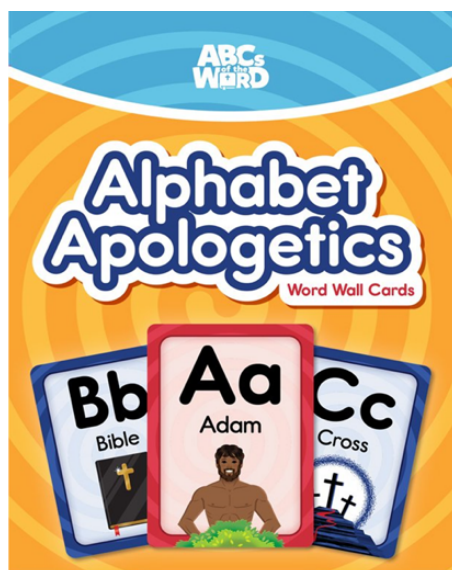
Some people are claiming the earth will be destroyed in a few years if this supposed man-made climate change isn't stopped. But authors Ken Ham and Jessica DeFord, forecast that in another 10 years we will find these predictions haven't come true for two reasons:

1. God's Word makes it quite clear that man can never destroy the earth ([Genesis 8:22](#)).
2. Real observational science (not the radical interpretations of some of the data) does not support the alarming claims of these activists.

Christians have no need to fear. In moments when climate change hysteria grips the media or academic spheres, it's crucial to approach with discernment. Beyond the predominant theories attributing climate change to human activity, we must also weigh in various factors such as natural cycles of the earth and the sun, which significantly influence climate patterns.

Discover the truth of science, climate change, and the true history of the world in this powerful exploration of climate change science and the importance of developing a strong biblical worldview.

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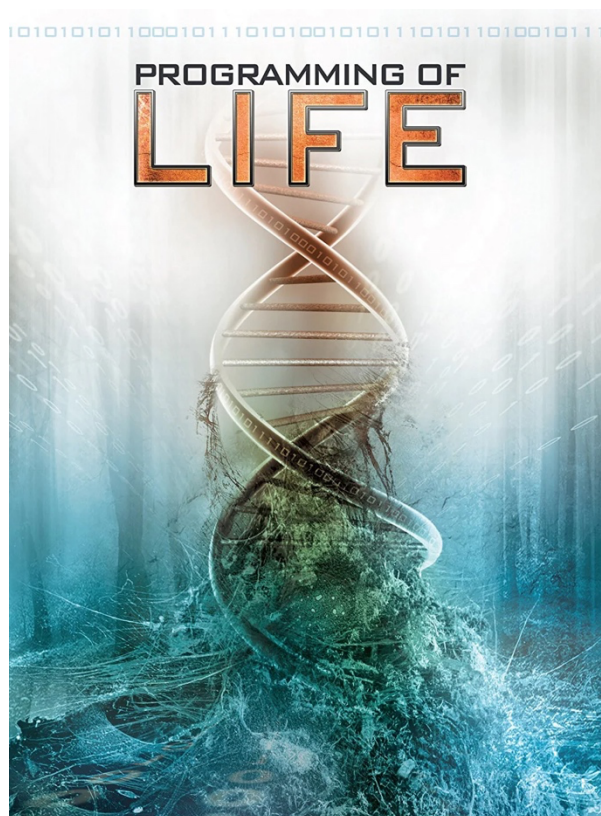


Alphabet Apologetics Word Wall Cards

Each card (approx. 6" x 8") features a letter of the alphabet and a corresponding biblical word. Includes a guide listing corresponding scripture for each letter. *26 cards.*

Great for parents, homeschoolers, Christian schools, and Sunday schools!

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Programming of Life (DVD)

From the producers of God of Wonders comes this visually rich documentary that takes the viewer on a journey of discovery through stunning graphics and mind blowing statistics. It explores the information that is an essential part of our lives. The code that is in every cell, every piece of DNA and all living things. You will learn how the most common view of life's origin, chemical evolution, conflicts with our knowledge of information science. You will witness the breakthrough discoveries in research and how information science is changing the way we think about all living systems and how much more there is still yet to be revealed.

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