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A photograph of Franklin Graham, a man with short grey hair, wearing a black leather jacket. He is smiling and looking upwards while speaking into a microphone. He is holding an open black book in his hands. The background is dark with blue stage lighting.

**Franklin Graham**  
**An End Time Prophet to America**





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# Observations by the Editor

## Persecution

No one likes to suffer persecution. Yet, the Bible makes it clear that those who commit themselves to Jesus will be persecuted. The Apostle Paul declared this truth very bluntly in one of his letters to Timothy: "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12). Jesus Himself also warned that His followers would be despised by the world: "You will be hated by all because of My name . . ." (Mark 13:13).

In fulfillment of these prophecies, Christians have been persecuted throughout history. Even when the Catholic Church dominated Europe, true Bible-believing Christians were tortured by the apostate Church and were burned at the stake.

Today, Christians are being persecuted throughout the world as never before. They are being harassed, tortured and even slaughtered pell-mell by Muslims, Hindus, Communists and Humanists. It is currently estimated that more than 100,000 Christians are being martyred yearly for their faith.

Christians in the United States have live charmed lives for 350 years, from the establishment of the Jamestown colony in 1607 to the beginning of the decade of the 1960s. During those years, our nation's Christian heritage was recognized and respected.

But Christianity went on the defensive with the cultural revolution of the 1960s. And since Barack Obama's election in 2008, true Bible-believing Christians have become a persecuted sub-culture within American society.

Hatred toward Christianity in America today is blatant, crude and loud. Just type the word, Christian, into an Internet search engine and see the nature of the critical articles that appear. They are horrific in nature. Christianity is vilified as "what is wrong with America," and Christians are denounced as "intolerant bigots."

I was jolted by the anti-Christian vehemence that exists in our nation today when I started doing research on Franklin Graham for the featured article in this issue of our magazine. For every positive



**Dr. David R. Reagan**

article I found about Franklin, there were a dozen that were hyper-critical, mean-spirited and hate-filled. A classic example is an article that appeared in the *Huffington Post* that was titled, "Franklin Graham is Still the Worst Thing to Happen to God in a While." *Newsweek* wrote him off as a "theological bully."

The extreme hatred expressed toward Franklin, particularly among homosexuals, makes me fear for his life. He will certainly need heavy security next year when he launches his campaign to hold a prayer rally in every state of our nation.

Increasingly, in our nation, it is going to be difficult to live a Christian life without experiencing some form of extreme persecution. Jobs will be lost. Businesses will be destroyed. In fact, the current anti-Christian wave of opinion is so strong, I would not be surprised to see "hate speech" criminalized so that those speaking out against sins like sexual perversion can be put in prison.

The good news in the midst of the paganization of our culture is that the resulting Christian persecution is a definite sign that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. Satan knows Bible prophecy (Revelation 12:12), and he knows from the signs of the times that his time is short — and thus he is intensifying his attacks on Christians worldwide.

As we face increasing persecution in the days ahead, let us keep in mind the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 5:11-12 — "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great . . ." ✚

Cover photo courtesy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

# Franklin Graham:

## A Modern Day Daniel In The Lion's Den

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

In 1991 an outstanding academic biography of Billy Graham was published. It was titled, *A Prophet With Honor*.<sup>1</sup> The author, Dr. William Martin, was at that time a professor at Rice University where he specialized in the sociology of religion.

I knew Dr. Martin personally since we had been students together at Harvard University in the early 1960s. As soon as the book was published, I called him and asked, "Why in the world did you title the book, *A Prophet With Honor*? You know as well as I do that Billy Graham was anything but a prophet!"

Dr. Martin laughed and responded, "Yes, Dave, I realize that, but in like manner, you know as well as I do that publishers demand absolute control over a book's cover and its title." He went on to explain that he had engaged in a wrestling match with the publisher over the title, but had lost.

### A Difference in Styles and Callings

Billy Graham was a very gifted and effective evangelist, but he certainly was no prophet. He sought the favor of politicians, he feared offending anyone, and he had "an obsessive need for approval."<sup>2</sup> His son, Franklin, has summed it up this way: "Daddy hates to say no. I can say no."<sup>3</sup>

In stark contrast, Franklin could care less about currying the favor of politicians, he refuses to tip-toe through the tulips with regard to controversial issues, and he seeks no one's approval except the Lord's. "I've never really been one to try to be politically correct," Franklin has stated. "I just feel truth is truth, and sometimes I probably offend some people."<sup>4</sup>

Well, as we shall see, there is no "probably" about it. Franklin drives his critics crazy with his refusal to compromise on the issues, and as a result, he is the focus of unrelenting attacks. Take, for example the headline of a *Huffington Post* article dated March 6, 2015: "Franklin Graham is Still the Worst Thing to Happen to God in a While."<sup>5</sup> The author of the article proclaimed, "God has a tough time living down Franklin Graham's narrow bigotry."<sup>6</sup>

Franklin is not a chip off the old block. His focus and style are radically different from his father's. Franklin has commented about their differences several times in public. He has pointed out that he has received criticism from both Christian leaders and staff members that could be summed up with the words, "Your

father would never have said that or taken that position in public."<sup>7</sup>

Franklin normally responds to such observations by pointing out that his father ministered in a Christian nation whereas he is ministering in the midst of a nation that is jettisoning its Christian heritage.<sup>8</sup>

That observation is legitimate, but it does not explain the major differences in their ministries. Those differences are rooted in their gifting by the Holy Spirit. Billy was gifted as an evangelist, and he used that gift mightily to proclaim the Gospel to more people than any other evangelist who has ever lived. Franklin, on the other hand, has been gifted prophetically, and he is thus more concerned with speaking out against the evils of society and calling people to repentance.

The spiritual gift of prophecy can be manifested in three ways:

- 1) Supernatural knowledge of the future.
- 2) The ability to understand and teach Bible prophecy.
- 3) The ability and compulsion to apply the Scriptures to contemporary national and international issues.

Franklin Graham excels in the third category, and like his father who preached the Gospel boldly and without compromise, Franklin speaks out fearlessly on all the social and moral issues of our time.

### An American Prophet

In the process, he has emerged as one of America's most significant prophetic voices, calling this nation to repentance and warning of God's judgment if we fail to repent.

In sermon after sermon, Franklin has made it clear that he believes America is a nation in revolt against the very One

who has blessed it so abundantly. As evidence of the rebellion, he has pointed to the sexual revolution of the 1960s which he says, "left behind a shattered moral landscape that has undermined the fabric and foundation of our nation."<sup>9</sup> He argues that the so-called "freedoms" promised by the sexual revolution have resulted instead in "increasing slavery and captivity to sin."<sup>10</sup>

While commenting on the demands of the LGBT advocacy groups, Franklin presented a sweeping summary of the cultural war that is being waged in America today.<sup>11</sup>



**Franklin Graham and his father.**

(Photo courtesy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.)

This is a full-scale assault against Christianity and the followers of Christ. When prayer is banned from the public square; when our President fails to defend biblically defined marriage, and he openly and zealously advocates for gay rights; when legislators rush to overrule existing laws to promote gay marriage; when schools and courts consistently suppress religious freedoms; we know we are locked in a war against the Christian faith, not culture. The architect behind this offensive is none other than Satan himself. The Scripture says that the devil, our archenemy is bent on as much destruction as possible.

Bemoaning the tidal wave of immorality that has swept across our nation since the 1960s, Franklin writes, “There is virtually no place where its corrosive influence is not felt . . . Today, what our society seems to value most is the freedom to do whatever makes us feel good.”<sup>12</sup> He then observed that anyone who would try to stop Americans from doing destructive things to themselves “is mocked and vilified.”<sup>13</sup>

To summarize the moral decay of our nation, Franklin presents the following observation: “The moral compass that once guided our nation’s people has been ridiculed and rejected, making sin the national sport and pastime.”<sup>14</sup>

### The Sources of Our Problems

Franklin puts much of the blame for America’s wretched spiritual condition on “sinful entertainment” that “deposits rubbish in the mind, giving Satan a foothold in our lives.”<sup>15</sup> Referring to Hollywood as “Follywood,” he laments the fact that “we are willing to spend our hard-earned money on . . . films that instill in us the opposite of what the Bible commands.”<sup>16</sup>

And with regard to television, Franklin asks, “Why do we welcome into our homes the flaunting of sin that glorifies the flesh and curses the Name of Jesus, while on Sundays we glorify Him at church?”<sup>17</sup> Franklin has stated that when he was a boy, the most risqué thing he remembers seeing on TV was Miss Kitty on *Gunsmoke*.<sup>18</sup> But in contrast, “Now even watching the advertisements on television or viewing the trailers for movies is enough to make you blush.”<sup>19</sup>

Franklin reserves his most stinging rebuke for what he considers to be the fundamental source of our national spiritual morass — namely, silent pulpits. In May of 2014 he delivered a powerful condemnation of Evangelical pastors and challenged them to rise up and start speaking out in behalf of righteousness.<sup>20</sup>

The occasion was a banquet in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Family Research Council at which Franklin was given the

“Watchman on the Wall Award.” He began his remarks by reading Revelation 21:8 where there is a list of eight groups of people who will be consigned to Hell. He pointed out that the very first group mentioned was the “cowardly,” and he then launched into a no-holds-barred condemnation of preachers for their cowardice in failing to speak out about the sins of America.<sup>21</sup> He chastised them for evading moral issues for fear of offending someone.<sup>22</sup>

Christians cannot ignore parts of God’s Word because they are unpopular or cause division. Our commission is to proclaim Christ and all He stands for. This is what the church’s presence in the world is all about. We cannot sincerely proclaim the truth of God’s love while ignoring what He hates, and God hates sin.



(Photo courtesy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.)

He proceeded to point out that just as our nation has drifted from the strict interpretation of the Constitution, so also has the church seriously drifted from taking God at His Word.<sup>23</sup> He added, “It is cowardice to excuse sin by claiming [as do many preachers] we have no right to judge what God has already judged.” He referred his audience to the words of Isaiah 51:7,13 which reads: “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, you people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults . . . You have feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor.”

He concluded his remarks with this challenge:<sup>24</sup>

Let’s overcome cowardice with courage. Let’s be fearless ambassadors of Christ and stand strong for the glory of God our Savior, pulling others from the fire of eternal judgement (Jude 23).

### Standing for Righteousness

Franklin is not calling the pastors and evangelists of this nation to do something he is not willing to do himself. He has, in fact, become the model of a prophetic voice speaking out boldly against the sins of our nation. In the process he has taken the bull by the horns on many occasions. Consider his comments on the following social and moral issues:

**Abortion** — “There is no place for compromise on straightforward issues such as abortion . . . God has given us clear biblical direction that we must follow and obey . . . As a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, I believe this is a non-negotiable issue. Abortion is wrong. It is the murder of unborn children, and no law of the land and no party platform can ever legitimize it.”<sup>25</sup>





**Franklin and his wife Jane.**

(Photo courtesy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.)

**Gun Control** — “The gun control proposals now circulating in Washington and in many state capitals don’t address a more important issue — the constant strain of violence put forth by the entertainment industry [in movies, music and video games]. But the problem — the real crux of the issue — lies not in the instruments of violence used . . . The root of violence is in the evil and depraved heart of man.”<sup>26</sup>

**Islam** — “Islam is a religion of hatred. It’s a religion of war.”<sup>27</sup> “For Muslims, peace comes only through submission to Islam. When they speak of peace, they mean submission to their religion . . . Worldwide, tens of thousands of men, women and children have been slaughtered in the name of Allah, under the bloody flag of Islam.”<sup>28</sup>

**ISIS** — “The evil of ISIS really shouldn’t shock us — it is fully in keeping with their ultimate agenda of hastening a final apocalypse . . . One thing is for sure — one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”<sup>29</sup>

**Hinduism** — “No elephant with 100 arms can do anything for me. None of their 9,000 gods is going to lead me to salvation.”<sup>30</sup>

**Same-Sex Marriage** — “True followers of Jesus Christ . . . cannot endorse same-sex marriage, regardless of what our President, the Congress, the Supreme Court, the media or the latest Gallup poll says about the matter . . . This moral issue has been settled by God Himself and is not subject to man-made revisions or modifications. In the end, I would rather be on the wrong side of public opinion than on the wrong side of Almighty God who established the standard of living for the world He created.”<sup>31</sup>

**Homosexuality** — “The church is on dangerous ground when it departs from the teaching of Christ and attempts to redefine His commands and compromise His truth. There are many things in Scripture that Christians disagree on, but the Bible is crystal clear about the sanctity of life and marriage. It is

also clear that homosexuality is spelled out as sin — there are not ifs, ands or buts.”<sup>32</sup>

**Transgender Restrooms** — “[The idea] is not only ridiculous, it’s unsafe. Common sense tells us that this would open the door, literally, to all sorts of serious concerns, including giving sexual predators access to children. It violates every sense of privacy and decency for people of both sexes, adults and children.”<sup>33</sup>

**Secularism** — “When the Berlin Wall came down, everybody said we had won . . . [but then] Secularism came. And Secularism and Communism are the same thing. They’re godless. They’re anti-Christ.”<sup>34</sup>

**Christian Persecution** — “Even in America there has recently grown an ugly, anti-Christian bias and intolerance that is changing our nation from the inside out, opening doors for all kinds of discrimination and loss of religious freedom that we hear about daily in the news.”<sup>35</sup>

**Government** — “We’re living now in a time where we see the spirit of Antichrist is at the government level.”<sup>36</sup> “I have no confidence that any politician or any party is going to turn this country around. The only hope for this country is for men and women of God to take a stand.”<sup>37</sup>

**Fear** — “Are we going to be cowards because we’re afraid? Could we get our heads chopped off? We could, maybe one day. So what? Chop it off!”<sup>38</sup>

### **Taking on the President**

On several occasions, Franklin has boldly stood up to President Obama in public. In May of 2012 when Obama endorsed same-sex marriage, Graham denounced the President by declaring he had “shaken his fist at the same God who created and defined marriage.”<sup>39</sup>

At the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in February of this year, President Obama came across as defending Islamic acts of barbarity when he made the following observation: “Lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ.”<sup>40</sup> Franklin’s response was swift and powerful:<sup>41</sup>

Mr. President, many people in history have used the name of Jesus Christ to accomplish evil things for their own desires. But Jesus taught peace, love and forgiveness. He came to give His life for the sins of mankind, not to take life. Muhammad, on the contrary, was a warrior and killed many innocent people. True followers of Christ emulate Christ — true followers of Muhammad emulate Muhammad.

### **Calling the Nation to Repentance**

Franklin has just announced that he plans to take his message of repentance to the entire nation during 2016 by holding prayer rallies in every state in the union before the presidential election in November. He is calling it The Decision America Tour.<sup>42</sup>

He says he plans to challenge Americans to:<sup>43</sup>

1) Pray earnestly for the nation.



(Photo courtesy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.)

- 2) Live out their faith boldly.
- 3) Take a stand for righteousness.
- 4) Run for public office.
- 5) Get out to vote.
- 6) Be salt and light for the nation.

Here's how Franklin has summed up the overall purpose of the rallies:<sup>44</sup>

The only hope for this country is Almighty God and His Son. We can't sit idly by any longer. LGBT activists, abortion rights advocates, aggressive atheist groups, and others who ignore God's Word are trying to shove their agenda down our throats. We need to take every opportunity to speak up for biblical standards and let our lights shine. We need to work to preserve our religious freedoms so that we can continue to proclaim the Gospel freely. If we as Christians stand together and let our voice be heard, I believe God can use us to make a difference. I hope you will start praying with us now.

### Conclusion

We need to praise God for this courageous Christian leader. We need to pray for his safety, and we need to pray for the success of his national tour next year. I would urge all of you to get involved in the prayer rally that is scheduled for your state. You can sign up for updates regarding the rally in your state at <http://billygraham.org/decision-america-tour>.

In the meantime, each of us who profess to be Christians need to be willing to stand up and be counted in behalf of Jesus and God's Word. ✚

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Note: The research notes for this article can be found with the copy of the article that has been posted on our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com).

# Franklin Graham's Sister Issues A Prophetic Warning

Dr. David R. Reagan

Franklin Graham has one brother, Ned, and three sisters — Gigi, Anne and Ruth. The best known of his siblings is Anne Graham Lotz, who is widely recognized as an outstanding Bible teacher. She has a ministry called AnGeL Ministries which is located in Raleigh, North Carolina ([annegrahamlotz.org](http://annegrahamlotz.org)).



**Anne Graham Lotz**

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anne\\_Graham\\_Lotz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anne_Graham_Lotz))

In May of this year, Anne wrote on her website that she believes Jesus is going to return soon "to take all of His followers to Heaven with Him in what is referred to as the Rapture." She warned that for those unbelievers who are left behind, "God's judgment is coming and it's going to be ugly." She further wrote:

While this [the Rapture] will be deliverance for His people, can you imagine the impact on our nation, let alone the world, when suddenly every single authentic Christian disappears?

Institutions will collapse. Banks will close. The Stock Market will plunge. Planes will fall out of the sky. Cars will crash on the road. Government in America at every level will disintegrate. Families will be torn apart. In the unprecedented turmoil, our nation will be vulnerable for our enemies to seize the moment and attack us. There will be mass chaos, confusion, fear, grief, despair, anger, threats, danger . . . judgment.

Anne pointed out that God's judgment leading up to the calamities caused by the Rapture would probably not come in the form of a nuclear strike or an ISIS terror attack. Rather, it is most likely to be like the judgment of God described in Romans 1 where it speaks of God backing away and lowering His hedge of protection and allowing evil to multiply. ✚



# Do Christians, Muslims & Jews Worship the Same God?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Let's just get down to the bottom line right here at the start. The answer is, "Absolutely not!"

Increasingly, in the name of tolerance, I am hearing people, even Christian pastors, say, "All three of the world's great religions are monotheistic. And since they all believe there is only one God, then they must all worship the same God." It sounds so logical, but it is completely untrue.

## The God of Islam

Take Islam, for example. The god of Islam, named Allah, is an aloof, impersonal and arbitrary god who is never once referred to in the Quran as a god of love. The Christian God, Yahweh (Exodus 3:14-15), as revealed in the Bible, is a caring and personal God (1 Peter 5:6-7) who never changes (Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8). He is also revealed to be a triune God — that is, one God in three persons (Matthew 28:19). He is also constantly portrayed as a God of love (1 John 4:7-21).

Further, Christians believe that Yahweh manifested Himself in the flesh in Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:1-14), and therefore Christians worship Jesus as God (Matthew 28:19, John 20:28 and Philippians 2: 5-11). Muslims argue instead that Jesus was just a prophet of lesser stature than Mohammed. And, in fact, they

even deny that Jesus died on the cross or was resurrected. They contend that an imposter died in Jesus' place and there was never any resurrection.

The Quran specifically denies that Jesus was the Son of God (Sura 112:1-4). Likewise, the Quran denies the triune nature of God (Sura 4:171).

So, how can it be said in truth that Christians and Muslims worship the same God, when Christians worship Jesus as God, whereas Muslims deny the deity of Jesus? There's just no way to reconcile these diametrically opposing viewpoints.

## The God of Judaism

What is particularly baffling to me is the number of Christians — even Evangelicals — who often assert that "Christians and Jews worship the same God."

It is true that we Christians worship the God revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. But the Jews do not worship that God because they deny that He was ever manifested in

human form, as their own Scriptures prophesied that He would be (Isaiah 9:6-7 and Micah 5:1-2).

The reality is that Christians worship Jesus as God, whereas Jews dismiss Jesus either as a deranged human being or — at best — a misguided prophet who was self-deceived into believing He was the Messiah.

On the Jewish website called "Judaism 101," you will find the following comment about Jesus:

Jesus is simply not a part of Judaism. He is irrelevant to our religion. To ask a Jew, "why don't you believe in Jesus?" is like asking a Christian, "why don't you believe in Zeus?"

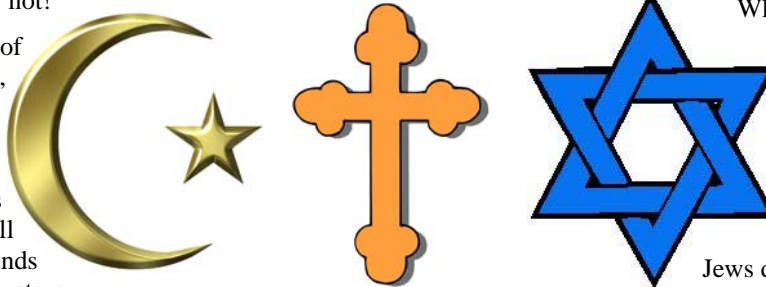
How then can it be said that "Christians and Jews worship the same God"? They simply do not.

## A Future Time of Unity

But one day the Jewish people will begin to worship the one and only true God. The Scriptures clearly teach that in the end times a great remnant of the Jews will accept Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah. This will happen at the end of the Tribulation after two-thirds of the Jews have been killed by the Antichrist, and the remainder come to the end of themselves and receive Jesus (Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 23:27-39, Romans 9:27 and Romans 11:25-26).

The Scriptures also indicate that many Muslims will turn their hearts to Isa (their name for Jesus) and will receive Him as their Savior. In fact, the prophecies picture Jews and Muslims living together in peace as common believers in Jesus as their Savior, with their nations being connected by a great highway (Isaiah 19:19-25).

It is a tragedy to believe that Christians, Muslims and Jews all worship the same God and that therefore Muslims and Jews can be saved apart from faith in Jesus as the Bible's promised Messiah. Such a misguided belief results in loving Muslims and Jews into Hell.✠



This sign, with a quote from the Quran of absolute intolerance for other religions, is located about one block from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. You can see the steeple of the church in the background. All Christian pilgrims who want to tour the church must walk past this sign. Can you imagine what would happen if Christians were to erect a similar sign outside a mosque? One thing is for sure: Muslims do not believe that they worship the same god as Christians. And they are absolutely correct in this belief.

# Why Homosexuality is a Unique Sin Today

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1 Corinthians 6:9-10 is a very important segment of Scripture — in fact, it is vitally important. The reason is that in these two verses, the Apostle Paul lists a series of sins which can disqualify a person from Heaven:

9) Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10) nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

All the sins listed in these two verses are still prevalent today, and have become even more so in recent years, but only one has been converted by society from a sin to a virtue, and that is homosexuality.

## From Shame to Celebration

All the other sins listed — idolatry, adultery, fornication, thievery, greed, drunkenness, reviling and swindling are still frowned upon by society in general, but not homosexuality. It has been transformed from a perversion that was once considered to be illegal to an acceptable and even lauded form of behavior.

The turning point came in 1999 when President Bill Clinton decided to declare the month of June to be “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.” He repeated the proclamation in June of 2000. Nine years later, following the Bush Administration, President Barack Obama resumed the practice but expanded the scope of it by declaring the month to be “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.”

And so, we have descended to the level of moral depravity where our nation is now celebrating sexual perversity! Like the nation of Judah in Old Testament times, we have “forgotten how to blush” (Jer. 6:15).

## A Marker of Depravity

There is a second way in which homosexuality is a unique sin. The Bible identifies it as a way in which to gauge a society’s descent into moral depravity.

It was the defining sin that motivated God to pour out His wrath on Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-26). And in the book of Romans, Paul identifies it as the sign of a society begging for the wrath of God (Romans 1:18-27, particularly verses 26-27).

There is a myth in Christianity that keeps many people from

realizing how terrible the sin of homosexuality is. That myth is the mistaken idea that “all sins are equal in the eyes of God.” This concept is true in only one sense — all sins condemn us and require a Savior to reconcile us to God.

But there are definitely sins that God considers to be worse than others, and for that reason, the Bible teaches that there will be degrees of punishment in Hell (Luke 12:47-48). Sins that are singled out in the Bible as being particularly heinous in God’s eyes are idolatry (Deuteronomy 4:25-31), blasphemy of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31), pride (Proverbs 16:5) and unforgiveness (Matthew 6:14-15). Sexual immorality is another (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

## The Unscriptural Defense

The defenders of homosexuality and same-sex marriage contend that those involved “were born that way.” And so, they argue, just as Black people have no control over how they are born, we have no more right to discriminate against homosexuals than we do Black people.

That argument sounds good on the surface, but it will not stand up to rigorous examination. First of all, it has never been proved that people are born as homosexuals. Second, there are many former homosexuals, whereas it is impossible to change one’s race.

And most important of all, we need to keep in mind that all of us are born with a sin nature which expresses itself in various ways. In that regard, there are “natural born” thieves, adulterers, murderers, liars and gossips. Does that excuse their behavior? Of course not!

And if you are going to use the lame argument that a person is a “natural born” homosexual, then can’t the same argument be used to excuse the behavior of a pedophile or a zoophile or any other sexual perversion?

## Glorious News

The incredible good news is that sexual immorality of any kind, whether it be heterosexual or homosexual, can be overcome and forgiven through repentance and faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Consider this statement from the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:11, presented immediately after his listing of sins that will condemn us before God:

Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Praise God for his mercy! But do not think that you can mock God by continuing to willfully participate in these sins after you have placed your faith in Jesus (Hebrews 10:26-31). ✚





# Religious Freedom Under Fire

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The breath-taking reaction by the homosexual lobby to Indiana Governor Mike Pence's signature on the Hoosier state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) has forced me to scrutinize this moral insanity.

In case you are living under a rock somewhere and missed this recent event in March, Indiana Governor Mike Pence signed into law a state-wide version of the Federal Law known as RFRA.

## The State Law

This legislation merely mandates that the state government must first demonstrate what is called a compelling interest (the highest legal burden) and the least restrictive means toward the pursuit of this interest before it can impede upon the First Amendment's guarantee of the Free Exercise of Religion.

Because this law affords cake bakers, florists and wedding planners possessing the biblical conviction that homosexuality is a sin the legal freedom to not be coerced into providing their services at gay weddings, both Pence and the legislation have been viciously attacked as being anti-gay and promoting discrimination against homosexuals.

This anti-Christian propaganda war has reached an intensity and fever pitch beyond what I can remember after decades of monitoring and studying this issue. Given this disproportionate media reaction, I would like to briefly explain what I think is really going on here.

## The Federal Law

Is such legislation really discriminatory against homosexuals? Consider its origin. The Federal version of the law was originally introduced by now far left Democratic Senator from New York, Chuck Schumer. It was then signed into law by leftist, Democratic President Bill Clinton in 1993.

Ironically, it was George Stephanopoulos on ABC's *Good Morning America* that drew first blood against Pence by labeling the new legislation "anti-gay."<sup>1</sup> As a former member of the 1992 Clinton election team and then the Clinton Administration, Stephanopoulos is in actuality a former Clintonista masquerading these days as an objective journalist . . . If the original legislation was discriminatory on its face against gays, then why would it have the initial support of politicians like Clinton and Schumer, whose core constituency consists of the gay lobby?

Beyond all of this, the original Federal law enjoyed broad bipartisan support. In fact, it passed the Senate with a lopsided 97-3 vote. Why? . . . because the law was completely reasonable.

The original Federal RFRA law was a reaction to the highly criticized 1990 Supreme Court case *Employment Division vs. Smith*,<sup>2</sup> in which the United States Supreme Court dramatically lowered the government's burden that it had to demonstrate before it could lawfully interfere with an individual's Free Exercise of Religion.

Most court observers concluded that in its zeal to win the drug war, the high court unnecessarily trampled upon the religious freedom rights of the Native American Church by ruling that a state can deny unemployment benefits to a worker fired for using illegal drugs for religious purposes. The Federal version of RFRA simply restored the legal standard to where most believed it should remain, at the highest level of scrutiny.

## The Level of Discrimination

As further proof that such laws are non-discriminatory against homosexuality, also consider the fact that now 20 states in the union currently have on their books state versions of RFRA.<sup>3</sup> In fact, in 1998, none other than a man named Barack Hussein Obama voted in favor of a state version of RFRA while he was a then State Senator from Illinois.

Interestingly, "no RFRA has ever been used successfully to defend anti-gay discrimination, not in twenty years of RFRA's nationwide."<sup>4</sup> In fact, in one high profile case from Richland, Washington involving a Christian florist who refused to lend her services to a gay wedding, "The couple had no problem getting the flowers they needed. In fact, they received several offers for free flowers."<sup>5</sup>

Beyond this, there is no pattern of nation-wide discrimination against homosexuals in modern America. Quite the contrary, homosexuals are among the most affluent members of contemporary American society.<sup>6</sup>

It is common for gay rights activists to point to the rash of violent attacks allegedly committed against gays as evidence of a societal pattern of discrimination against homosexuals. However, the stark contrast between reality and rhetoric here is as different as night and day: "Crimes against homosexuals as an identified class are just .012 percent of all crimes committed in America."<sup>7</sup>

## Sodom's Second Coming

If RFRA is not discriminatory against gays, then why this intense cultural backlash? The answer really has to do with Sodom's second coming.

Recall the reaction of the homosexual mob that surrounded Lot's house in Sodom and Gomorrah when Lot offered protec-

tion to two angels in human form who were visiting him (Genesis 19:1-8). Speaking of Lot, the crowd called him an “alien” and ordered him to stand aside so that they could rape the men. When Lot refused, they accused him of “acting like a judge.”

Christ Himself predicted this identical moral climate would again exist upon the earth just prior to His return. In Luke 17:28-30, Jesus prophesied, “It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.” Revelation 11:8 even predicts this same moral climate descending upon God’s chosen city in the last days when it describes Jerusalem as “mystically . . . called Sodom.”

### The Real Issue

The issue with RFRA is not remedying discrimination against gays. Rather, the true issue, and the reason for the backlash to Indiana’s RFRA law, is that such legislation has the audacity to allow people of faith the legal freedom to believe that homosexuality is a sinful and abnormal lifestyle. In other words, RFRA gives them the freedom to not be legally coerced into accepting the homosexual lifestyle against the dictates of their consciences and deeply held biblical convictions.

As long as such laws exist, the gay rights movement will never rest. The identical pressure that the gay lobby has consistently applied to the United States military, the Boy Scouts of America, the American Psychological Association, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty, and Dan Cathy of Chick-fil-A is now being brought to bear upon Governor Mike Pence and the State of Indiana.

Americans need to decide whether they want to live in a country where the force of law can be used to compel people to violate their consciences and convictions.

The first thing necessary to resist this negative societal tide is the need to see through the phony discrimination argument that is perpetually advanced by the pro-homosexual advocates. Then, Americans need to educate their neighbors on this issue and enter the polling place and vote for what is right.

On the other hand, perhaps it’s too late to resist this tide since the stage is now being set for the final events of world history. Given this eschatological perspective, things in America are not really falling apart. Rather, they are falling into place. ❖

Note: The references indicated in this essay are contained in the copy that is posted on Dr. Woods’ blog at <http://thewordonpolitics.com/blog>.

## Editorial

# The Free Exercise of Religion

Dr. David R. Reagan



The First Amendment to our Constitution is the bedrock of our freedoms. It reads as follows:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances.

### The Establishment of Religion Clause

We know for certain from the writings of the Founding Fathers that the first phrase of the amendment was intended only to prohibit the establishment of a state church, such as the Church of England. And that is the way in which the amendment was interpreted by our Supreme Court for more than a hundred years.

It was not until the mid-Twentieth Century that the Court began to expand the meaning of the clause from separation of church and state to separation of religion and state, resulting in a considerable diminishment of religious freedom, like the prohibition of the Gideon’s organization from distributing Bibles inside schools.

### The Free Exercise Clause

The second clause in the First Amendment is now the center of controversy. It is usually referred to as “The Free Exercise Clause.” It was designed to protect the right of people to practice their religion as they please.

Accordingly, it would seem reasonable that a conservative, Bible-believing Christian should be able to refuse to participate in any way in a same-sex marriage ceremony — whether as a photographer, baker or wedding planner. Yet, that is exactly what the Gay Mafia is condemning in our nation today.



(When I used the term, Gay Mafia, I am referring to radical homosexual activists who are determined to cram their sexual perversion down the throats of everyone, and who are particularly incensed toward Christians who believe the homosexual lifestyle is a sin against God.)

### Difficult Issues

The issues raised by the Free Exercise Clause are not always easy ones. For example, we might all agree that a voodoo group should not be allowed to practice child sacrifice, but what about a Muslim woman who wants to work for the TSA, but who demands that she be allowed to wear a burka?

What about religious practices which have been outlawed in the past because they were unpalatable to the Christian majority in our nation? I have in mind such things as:

The handling of snakes in worship services by primitive Christian churches.

The practice of polygamy by Mormons and Muslims.

The rejection of blood transfusions for minor children by Jehovah's Witnesses.

Now that political power in our nation has shifted to the hands of those who despise conservative Christianity and religion in general, we are experiencing more and more challenges to the Free Exercise Clause with respect to all religions.

### My Response to the Attacks on Christians

My response to the Gay Mafia is this: If Bible-believing Christians should be forced to provide their services for same-sex marriages, then:

Should a Jewish printer be forced to print anti-Semitic placards for a Skinhead organization?

Should a Muslim or Jewish catering service be forced to supply pork chops for a catered event?

Should businesses owned by Muslims, conservative Christians and Orthodox Jews be forced to supply abortion insurance for their employees?

Should adoption agencies of any religion be forced to provide their services to homosexual couples?

Should a Christian be forced to remove a cross lapel pin or necklace as a condition of employment?

Should an Orthodox Jewish man be forced to remove his yarmulke as a condition of employment?

Should a militant Atheist or devoted Humanist be forced to supply services to a Christian church?

Should a member of a homosexual church who is a baker be forced to prepare a cake that contains a scripture condemning homosexuality?

### Drawing the Line

Where should the line be drawn? The Religious Freedom Act of 1993 (described in detail in the previous article) was meant to protect the free exercise of religion. It was passed overwhelmingly by the Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton. Twenty states have since passed similar laws. Those laws are not meant to harm anyone. Rather, they are designed to

protect religious people from discrimination and persecution.

The current assault on these laws is a manifestation of the rapidly increasing secularization and paganization of our society. Once these laws are repealed, the next step will be to demand that religious organizations like churches and ministries be restricted from abiding by their creedal statements, putting them in a position where they will be forced to hire homosexuals.

And then, of course, there are the unconstitutional "hate laws" which the Gay Mafia will insist be applied to beliefs and words instead of just actions. And if you think that is unthinkable, then think again. What if you had been told 20 years ago that within the next few years same-sex marriage would be approved by states and would even be endorsed by churches — would you have believed it? Our society is on a fast train to Sodom.

### Accommodating Sin

What is particularly appalling to me is the way in which several liberal denominations have rushed to accommodate the demands of a pagan society to ordain homosexuals and to approve same-sex marriage. Do the leaders of these churches really believe that God is going to bless what He has condemned?

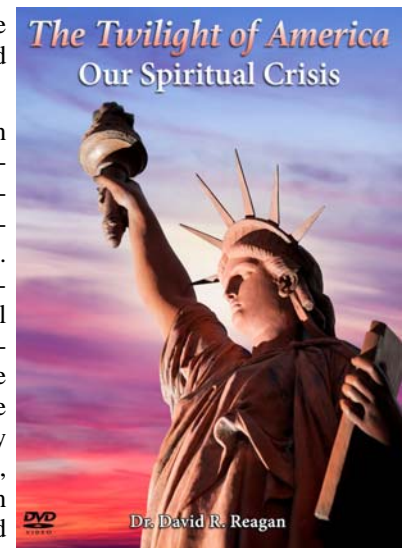
Even a so-called Evangelical like Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, has stated that he sees nothing wrong with forcing Christian businesses to assist with same-sex marriages! His justification for this radical stand? "Serving people we don't see eye to eye with is the essence of Christianity."

Well, first of all, that is not the essence of Christianity. The essence of the Christian faith is to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. And second, it is not the responsibility of Christians to aid and abet others to sin against God and His Word.

### A Challenge

The time is long overdue for Christians to stand up and be counted. When the Supreme Court ruled in 1980 that the Ten Commandments could not be displayed on the walls of our schools, Christians quietly acquiesced. When the Communist Party of Poland ruled in 1984 that all crucifixes had to be removed from the walls of Polish schools, the Catholic leaders and children of Poland went to the streets and said, "Over our dead bodies!" The Polish government backed off.

Will Christians take a stand in this country, or will we allow the Pagans and Humanists to run over us? ✚



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## Islamic Antichrist? Three Strikes and You're Out!

Chris Schang



Chris Schang

(Editor's note: In December of 2006, Chris Schang established a Bible prophecy website called "Rapture Forums." It can be found at [www.raptureforums.com](http://www.raptureforums.com). Since that time, the website has become a central repository for all kinds of Bible prophecy related resources. It contains hundreds of articles related to Bible prophecy. The site also features a busy forum and chat room. This article is a condensation of one that he recently posted on his site.)

As things continue to spiral downhill in the Middle East, there seems to be all kinds of prophetic questions being asked out there in the Bible prophecy community. One such question deals with the idea of an "Islamic Antichrist." This idea seems to gain a little traction every time the Middle East region starts to get heated, such as the case with the recent Israel-Hamas war, and now the rampage of ISIS.

The proponents of the "Muslim Antichrist" theory basically stake their claims on three main points, which I will show are nothing more than an unsound prophetic house of cards that will fall flat with even the slightest blow of serious inquiry and dis-cernment.

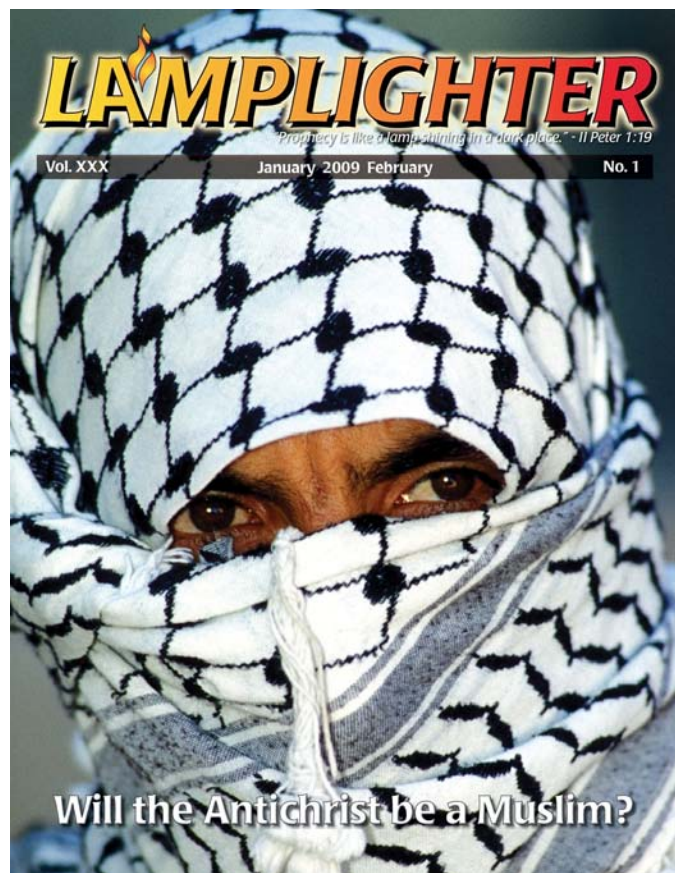
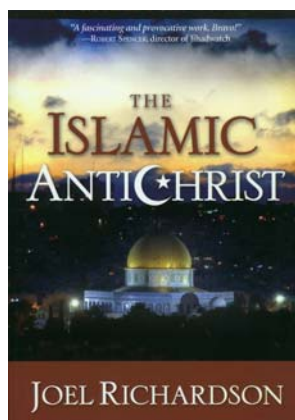
### Strike #1

The first point relates to Daniel 9:26 which prophesies that the Antichrist will arise from among the people who will destroy the Temple in Jerusalem. That prophecy was fulfilled in 70AD when the Romans destroyed the city and the Temple. Therefore, the traditional interpretation of Daniel 9:26 has been that the Antichrist will be of Roman descent.

In arguing their case, the Islamic Antichrist proponents contend that the Roman armies used "local" soldiers in the destruction of Jerusalem, and they therefore claim the Antichrist could be from the Middle East.

This point is absolutely false. It has been proved time and time again that the soldiers involved in the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD were all Roman soldiers. This was highlighted in a previous post on our forums that was made by Bible prophecy expert, Sean Osborne:

The Antichrist cannot be Islamic. Period. He will come from the same genetic stock as his



prophetic forerunner, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, a Macedonian-Greek European. His ethnicity will be in exact fulfillment of Daniel 9:26.

Everybody knows that the Roman legions which destroyed the Second Temple and the city of Jerusalem were Legio X Fretensis (from the Straits of Messina between the Italian mainland and Sicily), Legio V Macedonica (which obviously was from Macedonia), and Legio XV Apollinaris which was stationed on the Danube River near what is present day Austria and Slovenia. These Roman legions were all staffed by Roman (European) citizen soldiers from the lowest all the way up the chain of command to General Titus Flavius Vespasianus.<sup>1</sup>

As we can see here, real Romans were involved with the destruction of the city and temple in 70 AD. Any attempt to say otherwise is simply rubbish and contrary to the historical record. It's time for the Islamic Antichrist community to quit perpetuating falsehoods in order to promote false and unsound theology to the students of Bible prophecy.

### Strike #2

Another idea that the Islamic Antichrist promoters push is that the Roman Empire had both "Western" and "Eastern" components, and therefore the Antichrist could come from the Eastern wing which incorporates territory that is controlled today by Muslims.

While this was true in the later stages of the Empire, it was



not true at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The emergence of the “Eastern” leg of the Roman Empire took place long after the destruction of the city and temple.

God has clearly revealed to us the ethnic origin of the Antichrist as spoken of in Daniel. We need to trust God, not “newspaper prophets.”

### Strike #3

Another major point that the Islamic Antichrist proponents try to argue is that they believe the Antichrist is referred to as the “Assyrian” in the Bible. They frequently point to such verses as those found in Micah 5, Isaiah 30, Isaiah 10, and Isaiah 14.

Despite their best attempts to “shoe-horn” the Antichrist into these verses, the truth of the matter is that these prophecies were fulfilled in the past. They are not prophecies referring to the end times. With the exception of Micah 5:5ff which will be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom, the other prophecies were fulfilled in the past.

In fact, I have not found one verse that, when read in the proper context, supports the notion of an Islamic Antichrist using the “Assyrian” title.

I have a book in my library entitled *Every Prophecy of the Bible* that is written by the esteemed Dr. John Walvoord. As its name suggests, it covers all the prophecies that are found in the Bible. When looking up these verses cited in behalf of an Assyrian Antichrist, Walvoord convincingly shows that they have been fulfilled in the past. They are not prophecies of the future and they certainly do not refer to the Antichrist.

### ... And You're Outta There!

Just as the baseball umpire cries “Out” to a batter after three strikes, so too we must call this “Islamic Antichrist” theory, “Outta here!”

The bottom line is that there is not one iota of proof or support for an “Islamic Antichrist” in the Bible.

I encourage all believers to keep the armor of God on in order to resist the tricks of the devil who is trying to snare people away from sound, biblical teaching.

The good news is that as we see these things taking place, we can know for sure that our Blessed Hope and Redemption is drawing nigh! ✚

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Editor's note: There is one verse in the Bible that makes it perfectly clear that the Antichrist will not be a Muslim. That verse is found in 2 Thessalonians 2:4. It says that the Antichrist will go to Jerusalem, enter the rebuilt Jewish Temple and declare himself to be God. Why is this verse conclusive? Because if any Muslim were to declare himself to be God, he would be killed immediately by his own people!

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## “Islam Is A False Religion From Satan!”

Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, was featured on the cover of this magazine in 2013 as one of the leading prophetic voices in America. Like Franklin Graham, he is willing to speak out from a Christian perspective on any moral or social issue facing Americans today.



Pastor Robert Jeffress

In May of this year, while presenting a sermon series entitled, “Countdown to Apocalypse,” Pastor Jeffress proclaimed that “Islam is a false religion from Satan!” This is an observation that Dr. Reagan has been teaching for many years, and Dr. Reagan was delighted to hear Pastor Jeffress make the proclamation since he has such high visibility as pastor of one of our nation’s largest churches and is a regularly featured spokesman on Fox News.

Robert did not beat around the bush with regard to his additional observations about Islam. Debunking the idea that Mohammad was given the Muslim religion by an angel, he asserted that the angel was really Satan disguised as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14).

He addressed the myth that fundamentalist terrorists have hijacked a peaceful religion. No, he pointed out, the fundamentalists are being faithful to the violent, murderous content of the Quran. “You cannot find a single verse in the New Testament that calls for violence against non-believers. Jesus said to love your enemies. Muhammad said to butcher your enemies.”

Because of the intention of Muslims to conquer the world for Allah, Robert declared that it is “absolute lunacy for our President to negotiate a deal on nuclear weapons with Iran when they are intent on destroying Israel and exterminating our nation from the face of the earth.”

The Pastor’s strongest statement in his message was this one: “Islam is a false religion that will lead you to Hell. It is based on a false book that is based on a fraud. It was founded by a false prophet who was leading people away instead of to the one true God.”

Praise God for men of courage like Pastor Jeffress. ✚

## Politically Correct Insanity

**Lyle Von Seggern**  
**Former Chaplain, U.S. Air Force**

I believe, but I could be wrong, that everyone knows that the “I” at the beginning of the acronym, ISIS, stands for Islam. The Obama Administration will say “ISIS” but will not use the word, “Islam,” so it must be politically correct to use initials!



**Lyle Von Seggern**

Therefore, I am going to use initials in this article, with a special bonus of also using the words of the phonetic alphabet I learned while having the privilege and blessing to honorably serve our nation in the Air Force! (I was so thankful to have the opportunity to protect and defend our Constitution!)

Furthermore, I have concluded that using the initials together with words of the phonetic alphabet must be **doubly** politically correct!

So, I now have the privilege to stand in front of any secular group, whether it be a school class or a graduation audience or a Congressional committee and say, “Golf Bravo Yankee!” without offending anyone. The real words which I will not be using, are, of course, “God Bless You!”

I will also be saying, “Golf Bravo Alfa!” (God Bless America!) and “Alfa Bravo Golf!” (America Bless God!).

It feels so good to be able now to have the privilege to use the initials of the phonetic alphabet and say controversial things to anyone without offending them, just like the Administration does not offend Muslims when it uses the letters, “ISIS.”

The most important thing about me is being a JIMS-GIMP, and I’m proud to be one! Of course, I could express the same idea in a different way: Juliett India Mike Sierra – Golf India Mike Papa. I feel sure the Administration would understand right away that I am saying: JESUS IS MY SAVIOR – GOD IS MY PAPA!

And for a special added blessing — using my code, a Christian chaplain or pastor can now stand before any group of military members and not offend anyone when he ends a prayer by saying, “I am praying today ITNOJ!” (India Tango November Oscar Juliett), meaning, of course, “IN THE NAME OF JESUS!”

Just think, now a BACB (Bravo Alfa Charlie Bravo) – “Born Again Christian Believer” can pray in our Lord’s Holy Name and not be given a letter of counseling, discharge or jail time!

Papa Tango Lima! You got it: PRAISE THE LORD! And Charlie Sierra Lima Juliett! – COME SOON LORD JESUS! ✕

## Islamic Straight Talk

**Tim Wildmon**  
**President, The American Family Association**

*From the Halls of Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli  
We will fight our country’s battles  
In the air, on land and sea*

Every American should be able to recite these opening lines from the Marine hymn . . . There’s a story behind the line that says, “To the shores of Tripoli” — a story that most Americans are not familiar with.

It involved our country’s first encounter with Islamic terrorists, known as the First Barbary War (1801-1805). The History Channel website says that President Thomas Jefferson “ordered U.S. Navy vessels to the Mediterranean Sea in protest of continuing raids against U.S. ships by pirates from the Barbary states — Morocco, Algeria, Tunis and Tripolitina.” American ships were being confiscated and American sailors were being abducted and held for ransom.

In 1786, while Jefferson was serving as our ambassador to France, he and John Adams met with Tripoli’s ambassador to Great Britain to see if they could get an answer as to what right the Barbary states had to kidnap and slaughter the innocent crews of passing merchant ships. Here’s what Jefferson recorded:

We took the liberty to make some inquiries concerning the Grounds of their pretentions to make war upon Nations who had done them no injury and observed that we considered all mankind as our friends who had done us no wrong, nor had given us any provocation.

The Ambassador answered us that it was founded on the Laws of their prophet, that it was written in their Koran, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as Prisoners, and that every musselman [Muslim] who should be slain in battle was sure to go to Paradise.

I find it most interesting to read of this exchange between the ambassador from Tripoli and Jefferson where the Muslim guy just tells Jefferson straight up: “We are killing and kidnaping your people and stealing your merchandise because our holy book tells us to.” The ambassador’s answer was so matter of fact, it makes you wonder if when finished, he just looked at Jefferson and Adams and said, “Any more questions?” ✕



**Tim Wildmon**



# Netanyahu's Biblical References

**Dr. Leroy Garrett**

(Editor's note: Leroy Garrett is a 96 year old former professor of philosophy and a prolific writer on biblical themes. He is a spiritual mentor of mine who helped deliver me from the bondage of legalism. He currently lives in a retirement facility in Denton, Texas. This is an article he wrote in response to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to a joint session of Congress on March 3, 2015.)

We all love a statesman who stands up for his country, as the Prime Minister of Israel stood up for his country in his recent address to the U.S. Congress. Referring to Israel's passivity in several attempts through history to annihilate her, he insisted with boldness, "Never again!"

Israel as a nation (since 1948) now has both the will and the resources to defend herself, and defend herself she shall. If Israel has to stand alone, Israel shall stand! It was a great moment in the history of Israel. Her head of state proclaiming to an international audience that the Jews will no longer be bullied by tyrants! It was a moment that will take its place alongside President Reagan's great line in Berlin: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

There was an abundance of responses to the Prime Minister's speech, but from those that I heard, no one except Charles Krauthammer made any mention of the biblical references in the speech. There were some in Congress and in the White House who boycotted the event, which I saw as politicians excoriating a statesman for speaking the truth. There was general agreement that Netanyahu made his case that if Iran wants to be accepted as an equal in "the community of nations" it will have to start behaving as other nations — cease terrorizing other nations, and cease threatening Israel.

As for the Biblical references the first was the Prime Minister's mention of the book of Esther and the Jewish Feast of Purim. He missed by only a day giving his historic speech on the Feast of Purim, which this year came on March 4-5. He mentioned that at this Feast the Jews in their various assemblies would be reading the book of Esther. Actually the book is read twice, in the evening of the first day and the morning of the second.

He didn't reveal that the Feast is a kind of "Jewish Halloween," a carnival-like atmosphere with hissing and stomping of feet -- when Haman's name is read, the bad guy of the story who conspired to annihilate the Jews -- and shouts of joy -- when Haman is later hanged on the gallows he prepared for Mordecai, the Jew who helped save his people from genocide.

Netanyahu's point in referencing Esther was to show that when the Jews had a chance to defend themselves they met the challenge and destroyed the Persian tyrants instead of being destroyed. He made it clear that the Iranians, descendants of the ancient Persians, would meet the same fate once they turn on Israel. I think the Prime Minister could have added some humor into the narrative if he had added, "By the way, in this case the Jews were saved by a woman!" It would have been one more instance — some forty as it was — for the Prime Minister to receive a standing ovation.

There is no way to overstate the courage of Esther. The king had been duped by Haman to annihilate all the Jews in his kingdom. The edict went out, which could not be changed, and the date was set. The only way to save the Jews was to tip them off, reveal the date, and allow them to defend themselves. This would require another edict from the king. But who would or could bell the cat? Mordecai, cousin to Esther the queen, conned her into going before the king, which was unlawful, (one had to be summoned to go before the king), reveal her Jewishness, and plead for her people.



**Leroy Garrett** (Photo by Kim Leeson)

It is one of the great lines in Scripture when Esther not only agreed with Mordecai, but declared "If I perish, I perish!" The king had murdered his previous wife for disobeying him! Another great line is when Mordecai says to Esther, "Perhaps you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this!" Outside these momentous lines there is not much for the modern reader of Esther. It never mentions God, and is so bloodthirsty, vengeful and violent that the book barely made it into the Jewish canon of Scripture. It is in the Christian Bible because the Jews accepted it into theirs. But this does not affect the Prime

Minister's use of it before the U.S. Congress, or our own use of it. It is, after all, holy Scripture.

The other instance of Netanyahu's use of Scripture was his reference to Moses, a bas-relief of whom graces a wall of the House chamber. "Facing me right up there in the gallery, overlooking all of us in this chamber, is the image of Moses," he said. "Moses led our people from slavery to the gates of the Promised Land. Moses gave us a message that has steeled our resolve for thousands of years" he went on to say. He concluded: "I leave you with this message today," and then quoted Moses, first in Hebrew and then English, "Be strong and resolute, neither fear nor dread them."

The typical American probably doesn't even know there is such a bas-relief of Moses in the chamber of the House of Representatives, but the Prime Minister of Israel knew, and he found inspiration from it for his address to Congress.

The memorials found all over Washington, D.C. bear witness to our identity as a nation — Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln — and Moses! Is that not who we are? When those of an earlier generation chose to memorialize Moses, the great law-giver, in the chamber of the House of Representatives, they may have heard Moses saying: "Nations are to be ruled by law, not by men." ✚

## Anti-Semite is Silenced by the Church of England

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

The most virulent Christian anti-Semite in the world today is Dr. Stephen Sizer. He is the vicar of Christ Church, Virginia Water, in Surrey, England. He is recognized as the international leader of a group called Christian Palestinians that has emerged in recent years.



**Stephen Sizer with Yasser Arafat**  
(Photo from <http://jfjp.com/?p=68198>)

This group gives its full support to the terrorist leaders of the Palestinian Authority and Gaza while condemning Israel as an “occupational force.” American Christian leaders who have identified themselves with the group include Presbyterian minister Donald Wagner, Baptist minister Tony Campolo, and Lynne Hybels, wife of Willow Creek Church founder, Bill Hybels. The most vocal American participant is Gary Burge, an ordained Presbyterian minister and professor of New Testament at Wheaton College.

Sizer has denounced Israel as an “apartheid state” which he claims is guilty of ethnic cleansing. In like manner, he has demonized Christians who support Israel as “heretical Armageddonites” whose interpretation of the Bible “provides a theological endorsement for racial segregation, apartheid and war.”

In January of this year, Sizer posted to his Facebook page a link to an article titled, “9/11 — Israel did it.” The article theorized that the Israeli intelligence organization, Mossad, was behind the 9/11 attacks.

That action was the final straw for his superior, Andrew Watson, the Bishop of Guildford. He issued a public rebuke of Sizer, declaring, “It is my decision that Stephen’s work in this area is no longer compatible with his ministry as a parish priest.” He further stated that he had demanded that Sizer stop speaking and writing on the issue, and Sizer had agreed to cease.

Now, my question is this: When is the administration of Wheaton College, a supposedly Evangelical institution, going to take action with regard to its professor, Gary Burge? ❖

## Scouting Organizations Cave-in to the Culture

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

In May the head of the Boy Scouts of America, Bill Gates, our Nation’s former Secretary of Defense, announced that he is in favor of the organization allowing homosexuals to serve as Scout leaders. His group had already dropped its ban in 2013 on homosexual boys becoming Scouts.

Not to be outdone, the Girl Scouts of America immediately announced that they are allowing transgender boys to join their organization. Actually, the GSA’s drift from its founding Christian principles has been much more thorough, beginning with its decision in 1995 to allow Girl Scouts to substitute words for God in the Girl Scout Oath. Alternatives include Allah, my Creator, the Force — or whatever.

The Boy Scout Oath includes the following words: “On my honor I will do my best . . . to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.” How can an organization have a pledge to be “morally straight” when it endorses a sexual perversion that is condemned by God in His Word?

When homosexuals decided they wanted scouting organizations that affirmed their lifestyle, why didn’t they form their own organizations for boys and girls? Why did they decide to bring harassing law suits to try to force existing scouting groups to give in to their ungodly demands? The reason is simple: they wish to erase the Christian foundation of all such private organizations. What they are doing with Scouting is just a part of their overall assault on the Christian heritage of our nation.

I went all the way through Scouting, from a Cub Scout to a regular Scout to an Explorer Scout — and I was greatly blessed as Scouting reinforced the Christian principles taught to me by my parents and my church. It breaks my heart to see Scouting be destroyed as a positive moral force in our society.

I am literally appalled by the BSA’s consideration of allowing homosexuals to serve as Scout leaders. Talk about letting the foxes in the hen house!

I know the danger first hand. In 1953 while I was en route to the Boy Scout Third National Jamboree in California, a homosexual Scout leader from Ft. Hood, Texas attempted to molest me. Court proceedings in recent years have revealed that the BSA has covered up many such molestations for years. I can only hope that if the BSA adopts Bill Gates’ recommendation, the organization will be covered up with law suits by the parents of young men who end up being molested.

One good thing is that there are moral alternatives in Trail Life USA for boys and American Heritage Girls for young women. There are also a number of groups that are affiliated with Christian denominations, like the Royal Ambassadors of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Royal Rangers of the Assemblies of God. ❖



# How to Share Jesus With a Muslim

Nathan Jones

One of the blessings of serving as Web Minister is that I get to witness to Muslims from all across the world over the Internet. From these experiences, I'm going to share with you six different ways that you can reach a Muslim for Christ.

## 1) Urge them to compare the Quran with the Bible.

Muslims believe a true reading of the Quran can only be done in the original Arabic, so non-Arabic reading Muslims rarely know what the Quran actually teaches.

The following is a testimony by an ex-Muslim from Iran who calls herself Fars:

I left Islam for several reasons . . . I finally bought an English translation of the Quran; I was appalled. No wonder the Mullah didn't want me to know what it all meant. When I read some of the passages in English to my mother she was shocked with disbelief. "That can't be right!" She couldn't believe it and she had been a Moslem all her life and never knew exactly what the Quran said. She and my sister have both also left Islam . . ."

Urge a Muslim to read the Quran in their own language and then the Bible. Mohammad in Sura 5:46,68 permits Muslims to read the Bible, which opens the door for the Holy Spirit to move on their hearts. Once Fars could read both the Quran and the Bible in her own language, she gave her life to Christ.

## 2) Emphasize to them the life of Christ.

The following is the testimony of a Moroccan named Ibn Zakaria:

By reading the Bible and comparing the life of Mohammad to that of the Lord Jesus Christ, I found myself far from Islam and enlighten by the Gospel and the truth of the Word of God.

When you compare the life of Mohammad who was a murderer, wife stealer, child molester and a liar with Jesus Christ who is sinless, loving, holy and self-sacrificing, the Muslim is shocked at the differences. The Jesus taught in the Quran isn't at all the Jesus of the Bible. They're amazed that anyone would lay down their own life for them, so share the life of Christ.

## 3) Point them to the love of God.

Abdel Masih of Egypt shared how he became saved:



Nathan Jones

When I began to study I saw that the Quran was very filled with hate and not enough on love. Christianity seemed so much more familiar and the Sermon on the Mount is a teaching after my own heart. There is nothing like it in the Islamic literature.

Muslims receive no love from Allah whatsoever and their mullahs spew anger and hate. A Muslim, like any person, wants to be loved, and you can reach them by telling them about the love of God.

## 4) Stress to them there can be assurance of Salvation.

Mounif of Morocco writes in his testimony:

My father was and still is an imam in a mosque. I had many questions about my place in Paradise, but there was no answer.

Muslims have no assurance of going to Paradise except by one act — to kill infidels through suicide. Share how Jesus Christ died for their sins once and for all, and when they accept that in faith and repentance, they can have the assurance of Heaven.

## 5) Explain to them the meaning of Grace.

Sinbad of India shared his story:

I had of course gone through the whole process of learning about Islam and the do's and don'ts, and had always tried to practice it but always was struggling as if I was forever carrying a great load on my back, as if I was in a prison. After I left [Islam] I felt as if I had just been released from prison.

Islam feels like shackles to a Muslim toiling under the great burden of a works-based religion. When you teach them about the grace of God, how there's no work they can do in order to be saved because Jesus Christ already paid for their sins on the cross, then they are released. The weight is lifted.

## 6) Assure them they can have a relationship with God.

Cynthia from America shared:

My fear of Allah became so intense that I hoped to get cancer and therefore be punished for my sins on earth instead of after death . . .

Then I did something that I told my parents and myself I would never do. I rented the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. I held back tears that threatened to fall from my eyes until the short scene in the movie when Mary Magdalene reverts back to the day when Jesus was the only person who would accept her and love her. I began to cry . . . Finally, I understood that God loved me and was not out to get me or do me harm. It was also at that moment that I knew that Allah was not God.

Learning one can have a personal relationship with a loving God touches a Muslim's heart.

So get out there and free Muslims of their burden of sin and judgment by sharing Jesus Christ!✝

## Nothing New Under the Sun

Tim Moore

For the past several years, the world has seen a precipitous rise in hatred toward Christians and Jews — most prominently in the form of Radical Islam. Manifested by imams spewing hate, Ayatollahs issuing fatwas, and terrorist organizations fomenting anarchy, this threat to world peace and Western civilization seems to be a new face of evil in the world.

Some would trace the roots of modern Islamofacism to the 1979 Iranian revolution, when Ayatollah Khomeini returned from exile in France, fomenting the overthrow of a Shah aligned with the United States and leading to American Embassy personnel being held hostage for over a year. Others would point to the bombing of the US Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983 as the first indication of a terrible new tactic of destruction through suicide and homicide. But, the conflict between the west and radicals who claim to be the true adherents to the Muslim faith is much older than that.

In the late 1700s, various Islamic countries ringing the Mediterranean Sea (collectively known as the Barbary States) made a practice of seizing foreign ships and crews and holding them for ransom. At one point, the tribute required to free two American crews totaled over \$1 million—fully one fifth of the federal budget of the United States at the time! Although the nations of Western Europe accepted this arrangement as an unfortunate cost of doing business in the Middle East, the United States finally had enough.

When Thomas Jefferson served as the nation's first Secretary of State, he told Congress it must choose "... between war, tribute and ransom." He advocated the creation of a Navy — a costly proposition to our founding nation. When he became President, Jefferson determined that the tributes would stop. The sentiment of the nation was reflected in the words of South Carolina Senator Robert Goodloe Harper: "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

Jefferson dispatched a newly commissioned US Navy to the Mediterranean, complete with a contingent of Marines. That "war on terror" lasted from 1801 until 1815, and saw the US Marines claiming victory on the "shores of Tripoli." One young Marine Lieutenant — Kentuckian Presley O'Bannon — so distinguished himself in the battle for Derna that he was presented with the "Mameluke" sword — a Muslim-origin blade that became the model for the Marine saber carried to this day.

The European nations adopted America's policy of resisting Islamic demands for tribute, and a period of relative quiet settled

on the Muslim world. But, there can be no doubt that the Islamic inclination toward hatred and subjection was smoldering beneath the surface. This was destined to be so. God Himself declared to Hagar that her son would be a "wild donkey of a man." His descendants have demonstrated that inherent nature ever since.

In His love and mercy, God has made provision for a better path. The offer of salvation through faith in His Son Jesus Christ is for Jew and Gentile alike — and for Westerners and Arabs. God has declared that one day He will bring a great number of people from traditionally Muslim countries to believing faith in Him (Isaiah 19:16-25). We have already seen some first fruits of that bounty to come.

Saeed Abedini was a radicalized Muslim on his way to commit a homicide (suicide) bombing when, through the providence of God, he crossed paths with two believers who shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with him. Abedini put his faith in Christ, and subsequently immigrated to the United States — where he became a US citizen and a Christian pastor. Overflowing with love and compassion, he repeatedly returned to his native Iran to minister to orphans and demonstrate his love to the people of Iran. In 2013, the Islamic regime in Iran arrested Pastor Abedini. Iran's Mullahs convicted him of the "crime" of converting from Islam to Christianity and he was condemned to 8 years in prison.

Pastor Abedini's plight resonated with the Kentucky House of Representatives because of Kentucky's historical tie to the fight for religious freedom. Accordingly, the Kentucky House passed a formal Resolution *demanding* that Iran free American Christian pastor Saeed Abedini. In that regard, we are following in the footsteps of Lt. O'Bannon — declaring through our action that we will not bow to a religion that inspires anything but peace.

In a broader reality, the battle between darkness and light harkens back to the Garden of Eden itself. Make no mistake: the war between Christian truth and the enemy's lies will rage and become even more pronounced until the King of Glory descends to reign from Mount Zion. When He does, the terror of this present darkness will pale in comparison to the holy terror that will rain down on those who have rejected the Blessed Hope — Christ Jesus Himself.

As Americans we should maintain our national determination to invest millions as necessary for defense, lest we be held hostage by advocates of hate, terror, and death. But as Christians, we should also be inspired by the testimony of Pastor Saeed Abedini, who wrote from prison to his eight-year-old daughter, "The answer to WHY all this happened is WHO. WHO is in control . . . LORD JESUS CHRIST, our GOD! He is worth the price. And He has a plan to be glorified through our lives." Pastor Abedini praises the risen Christ even while being unjustly incarcerated because he *knows* that God works all things for our good and His glory.

At Lamb & Lion Ministries, we also believe that God is working all things for our good and His glory. He is keeping His promise to provide signs pointing to the season of His return. We know that soon — and very soon — He will burst forth from Heaven in all His glory, and darkness will be banished from the earth.

Until that glorious day, we pray that you will join us in crying, "Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!"✠



Tim Moore



## We're Back on TBN!



In September of 2013, we started broadcasting on the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the nation's largest Christian TV outlet. In late November of that year, when Paul Crouch, the founder of TBN, died, we were immediately notified, together with 20 other programs, that we would be shifted to a new time slot at the end of January 2014. For some unknown reason that never happened.

But in April, we received the invitation, and we started broadcasting on TBN again during the first week of May. We are praising the Lord for this wonderful opportunity to reach many more people all across America and around the world.

Because of the enormous cost of TBN, we were forced to make some very difficult decisions about our TV outreach. In the process, we decided to cut four national and five regional networks. These were painful cuts, and we hope to add these networks back in the future.

### **A SPECIAL APPEAL**

Even after these cuts, we ended up with projected broadcast expenditures totaling \$100,000 above our 2015 budget. So, we need to raise an additional \$100,000 above our budget between now and the end of this calendar year. Will you help us? Please consider making a special donation, and mark it for "TV Broadcast." Thanks!

### **Our New TV Broadcast Schedule**

#### **National Networks:**

**Daystar** — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, DISH 263, Cable, AT&T U-verse 563, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (daystar.com).

**TBN** — Tue. 3:30 CT, DirecTV 372, DISH 260, Cable, AT&T U-verse 560, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites & Web Streaming (www.itbn.org).

**TCC (The Church Channel)** — Sat. 8:30pm CT, DirecTV 371, DISH 258, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (churchchannel.tv).

**NRB (National Religious Broadcasters)** — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 & Web Streaming (http://nrbnetwork.tv).

**WHT (LeSea World Harvest TV)** — Sun. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 367, DISH 217, AT&T U-verse 578, Galaxy Satellite 15 & Web Streaming (lesea.com/wht).

#### **Regional Networks:**

**Family Vision Network** — Sun. 12:30am CT, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm, Three Broadcast Stations and Cable throughout Southern Louisiana.

**KSCE** — Sun. 10:30am MT, Broadcast Station in El Paso, TX. DirecTV & DISH Local 38, Cable, AT&T U-verse 38, & Web Streaming (kscetv.com).

#### **Internet Networks:**

Our programs are available on demand on these websites:

**HisChannel** — HisChannel.com

**LightSource** — LightSource.com

**YouTube** — YouTube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

**Vimeo** — Vimeo.com

**GodTube** — GodTube.com via LightSource.com

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

**Lamb & Lion Ministries** — LambLion.com

### **National and International Outreach**



Through all the outlets listed above, we have access to over 110 million homes in the United States. And through the satellite systems of the national networks, we have access to every nation in the world.

We recently reran a program that consisted of an interview Dr. Reagan did with his pastor, Glenn Meredith, concerning the heavenly rewards for believers. Dr. Reagan forgot to inform Glenn that the program was being shown again, but Glenn found out fast. You see, the day after the program was re-broadcast, Glenn emailed Dr. Reagan to let him know that he had heard from several people across the nation who had seen the program. He had also received an email message from a missionary to the Kurds in northern Iraq who said she and her fellow workers had viewed the program via a satellite hook-up! And then, the next day, Dr. Reagan received an email from missionaries who are working among Syrian refugees in Jordan, informing him that they had watched the program while eating lunch.

We have many viewers in Australia, England and the Philippines whom we hear from regularly.

What a blessing! And the Lord makes it possible through your financial support. Again, MANY THANKS! ✕

## A Unique TV Program

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

In May we had the honor, privilege and blessing to produce a television program featuring Evelyn Hinds, an actress who portrays Corrie ten Boom in a solo stage performance.



**Evelyn Hinds portraying Corrie ten Boom.**

### **Evelyn's Book**

Evelyn has written a fascinating book called, *The Weaving*, in which she tells the story of how Jesus delivered her from a messed-up life and then proceeded to hand her a ministry of portraying Corrie ten Boom on stage.

The title of the book comes from one of the basic stories that Corrie used in the presentation she made all over the world when she was serving as a "Tramp for the Lord," as she put it. She would always tell how God was weaving each of His children into something beautiful, even though to us, our lives often seemed anything but beautiful. She would hold up a piece of material with a mess of threads on the back side, and then she would turn it around and show a beautiful, artistic weaving on the other side.

### **Corrie ten Boom**

For those of you who may not be aware, Corrie ten Boom (1892 - 1983) was a Dutch woman who survived the Holocaust and the infamous Nazi death camp called Ravensbruck. She was a Christian who was imprisoned for hiding and protecting Jews in Holland during Hitler's reign.

Because she risked her life to protect Jews, she has been designated by the Israeli government as a "Righteous Gentile," and a tree has been planted in her memory at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, the Israeli Holocaust Museum.

### **The TV Interview**

My daughter, Rachel, who usually serves as a camera operator during our TV shoots, joined me on the set to help me interview Evelyn. She asked Evelyn to tell how she came to know the

Lord. Evelyn said it happened when she came to the end of herself. Rachel also asked Evelyn how she came to be introduced to Corrie ten Boom. We found out that happened when her church showed the film, *The Hiding Place*, which presents the story of Corrie's life.

The most interesting part of the interview to me was when Evelyn told how the Lord called her to start portraying Corrie on stage and how He supernaturally gifted her to play the part. At the time, she was not a professional actress.

Through the stage production, Evelyn emphasizes the two main themes of Corrie's teachings — God's love for the Jewish people and the importance of practicing forgiveness. Another principle Corrie emphasized was one her father taught her: "Do not hold too tightly to the things of the world, because it hurts if God has to pry your fingers loose from whatever you are holding on to."

### **The Story of a Miracle**

Near the end of the program, we had Evelyn present one of Corrie's fascinating stories in full costume on the set you see in the picture to the left.

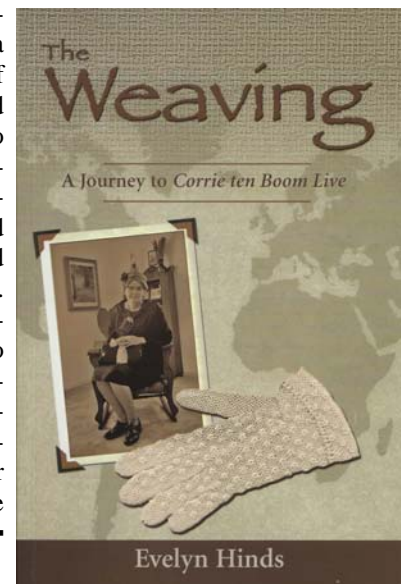
She told the story about a miraculous event that happened to Corrie and her sister, Betsy, while they were in the Nazi concentration camp. Corrie had a bad cold, and her nose was running like a faucet. She said, "I wish I had a handkerchief!" Her sister, who had the faith of a child, immediately prayed that the Lord would supply Corrie with one. A few minutes later, a fellow prisoner came to Corrie with a handkerchief she had made that morning from discarded sheets in the camp's hospital. Corrie said that simple gesture was like God tapping her on the shoulder and saying, "I know your suffering, and I am here with you."

### **Corrie's Message for Evelyn**

Evelyn explained that when she first became aware of the story of Corrie's terrible suffer at the hands of the Nazis, she was impacted by the truth that "if Corrie could make it, so can I." She then quoted one of Corrie's most famous lines, and did so in Corrie's Dutch accent: "Der is no pit so deep dat da love of God is not deeper still."

### **A Special Offer**

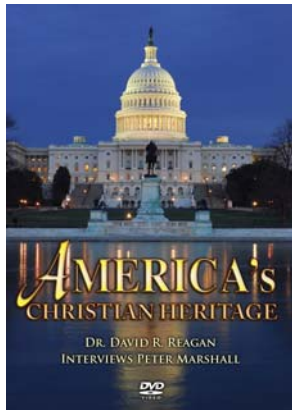
We are offering Evelyn's book together with a DVD that contains a brief interview with her and three scenes from her solo stage performance, including the story of the weaving. The book is illustrated with many photos and runs 127 pages in length. The DVD is mounted inside the book, and the two together sell for \$25 including the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567 or place your order through our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). ❖





# Bible Study Resources

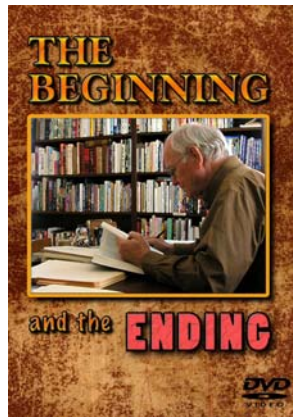
(Note: All prices include the cost of shipping.)



**America's Christian Heritage** — This album contains three interviews of Peter John Marshall, author of the American history classic, *The Light and the Glory*. He was the son of the famous Senate chaplain, Dr. Peter Marshall, and Catherine Marshall, author of the *Christy* novels. The first two interviews focus on our nation's Christian heritage, an extremely important matter that is being denied today by America's revisionist historians. The third interview is all about the remarkable Marshall family. This was Marshall's last series of television interviews before his death. 70 minutes, DVD, \$20.

## The Beginning and the Ending —

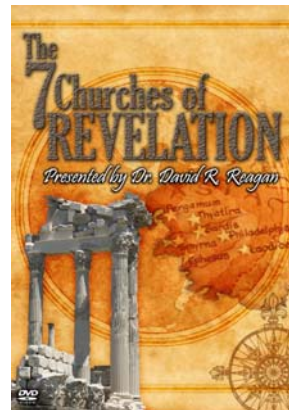
A powerful, hard-hitting presentation by Dr. Reagan about why the books of Genesis and Revelation should be interpreted in their plain sense meaning concerning what they have to say about the creation of the universe and the return of Jesus. It will challenge you to think deeply about how you interpret the opening and closing of the Bible. Dr. Reagan's fundamental thesis is that the Bible should be interpreted for its plain sense meaning, and the spiritualization of the Scriptures should be avoided. As he puts it, "If we cannot believe the literal meaning of the opening and closing of the Bible, then how can we believe in the Resurrection?" 50 minutes, DVD, \$20.



## A Prophetic Manifesto —

Many of you have a copy of Dr. Reagan's 40 page booklet, *A Prophetic Manifesto*. But do you have a copy of his video presentation of the material contained in the booklet? The video version is completely illustrated from beginning to end, and it is powerfully presented in Dr. Reagan's usual style. Dr. Reagan reveals biblical principles about how God deals with nations and applies them to the United States, presenting a sobering argument that

God is about to deliver the nation from remedial judgments to complete destruction. In the process, convincing evidence is supplied of the rapid disintegration of society and the raging apostasy in the Church. This is an urgent message that needs to be shown to churches and Bible study groups. A printed copy of the message is supplied with each DVD album. For both the DVD and the booklet, ask for offer #71. \$20.

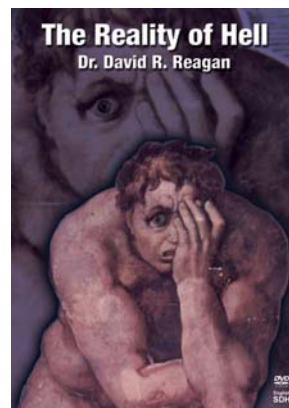


## Revelation Resources —

In the "Revelation Revealed" video Dr. Reagan takes the viewer through the entire book of Revelation in 75 minutes. It is a dramatic, visually packed presentation that covers Revelation chapter by chapter. It is full of maps, diagrams, charts, still photos, animations and video footage. The theme is that the book of Revelation is not difficult to understand; rather, it is difficult to believe. Therefore, if you will believe it for its plain sense meaning, you will understand it. This program makes common sense out of a book that most Christians think is indecipherable. 75 minutes, DVD, \$20.

"The 7 Churches of Revelation" is a teaching program that includes five video programs on two DVDs. Each program runs about 25 minutes in length, for a total of 125 minutes. A start-up menu allows the viewer to jump immediately to any one of the five programs. The programs explore the amazing letters contained in chapters 2 and 3 of the book of Revelation which Jesus dictated to the seven churches of Asia Minor through the Apostle John. Dr. Reagan is assisted in his analysis of the letters by Don McGee of Crown & Sickle Ministries and Dennis Pollock of Spirit of Grace Ministries. The programs are enhanced by actual photographs and video footage of the sites. Each program emphasizes how the letters apply to the Church today, as well as to individual Christians. The prophetic implications of each letter are also considered in detail. One of the DVD discs contains printable files for a Teacher's Manual and Student Study Guides. There is also a file of photos of each of the seven sites. \$25.

If you would like to order both of these resources, ***we are offering a special price of \$30 for the two*** (that's a \$45 value!). Just ask for offer #260.



## Our Newest Video! —

Is Hell for real? And, if so, what will be the nature of it? Will it be an eternal punishment of ultimate destruction, or will it be eternal punishing in the form of unrelenting torment? Dr. Reagan presents a strong defense of the reality of Hell and then considers the argument for both views of Hell — the fire that torments versus the fire that destroys. A thought-provoking presentation that will drive you into the Scriptures. DVD, \$20.

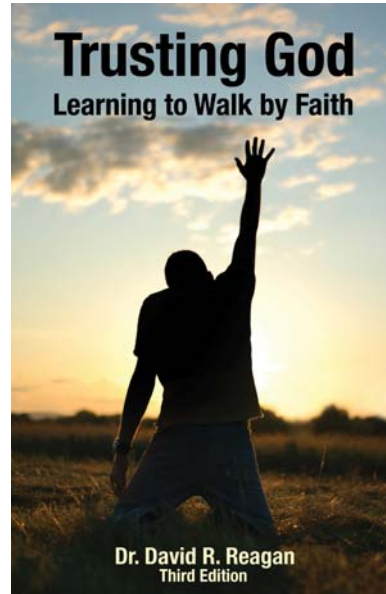
# Celebrating 35 Years!

Lamb & Lion Ministries was founded on April 1, 1980. All this year we are celebrating 35 years of the Lord's faithfulness to us and His incredible blessings.

Did you know:

- Dr. Reagan established the ministry after serving as a professor of international law and politics for 20 years.
- The ministry was initially housed in a bedroom of the duplex the Reagan family was renting in Plano, Texas.
- The ministry's radio ministry was started in June of 1980 due to a donation of \$4,000 from a farmer who had been impressed with Dr. Reagan's cassette tape titled, "The Jews in Prophecy."
- Between the Summer of 1980 and the Fall of 2002, the ministry aired 5,810 radio programs.
- In the early 1980s, one of the ministry's trustees gave the ministry five acres of land near Princeton, Texas and the ministry's current headquarters was built on that site.
- The ministry's Board of Trustees asked Dr. Reagan to take a Sabbatical from his travels during 1987. He did, and during that year he produced two books and a video movie. That year also marked the beginning of the ministry's Prophecy Partner Program.
- In the early 1990s the ministry developed a foreign missions outreach all over the world through the conduct of prophecy conferences and the provision of Bibles.
- In 1995 the ministry got on the Internet and developed a website.
- In the 1990s the ministry began publishing its books in foreign languages.
- In 1998 the ministry converted its monthly newsletter into a bi-monthly magazine.
- In September of 2002 the ministry switched from radio to television and began broadcasting "Christ in Prophecy." Since that time, up to July 1, 2015, the ministry has broadcast 668 TV programs.

- Between 1980 and 2014, Dr. Reagan made 45 trips to Israel, either leading pilgrimage groups or working with video crews.



As part of the ministry's anniversary celebration, Dr. Reagan prepared a 3rd edition of the first book he wrote back in 1987, called *Trusting God: Learning to Walk by Faith*.

This book tells the story of Dr. Reagan's wrestling match with God and how he learned through that struggle to walk by faith and trust God with every step.

Using a light hearted, anecdotal approach, Dr. Reagan takes a look at the basic issues of everyday Christian living and identifies the key principles for walking by faith. It is a moving book that will have you laughing one moment and crying the next. The revised edition runs 333 pages, and sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping.

An example of the laughs can be found when Dr. Reagan relates that his very rapid rate of speech often caused confusion. People listening to him on the radio had difficulty understanding the name of the ministry, so letters arrived addressed to Lanolin Ministries, Land of Lions Ministries, Land of Limes Ministries, Lame Loan Ministries, Leg of Lamb Ministries, Lemon and Lime Ministries and Lame and Blind Ministries. And since most people outside of Texas had never heard of Plano, Texas, we got many letters addressed to Plain Old Texas.

Yes, those are good laughs, but the tears will flow when you read excerpts from letters people have written us about the impact of the ministry on their lives.✝





# Ministry News

## Speaking Schedule —

### July:

Dr. Reagan at the Lamb & Lion Bible Conference in Allen, TX (10-11).

Nathan and Heather Jones at the Women's Advance Conference at Crestwood Baptist Church in Crestwood, KY (25-26).

Tim Moore at a Prophecy Conference at the Portland Christian School in Louisville, KY, (27).

### August:

Dr. Reagan at the David Hocking Annual Prophecy Conference at Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills, CA (7-8).

Dr. Reagan at Maranatha Ministry's Annual Prophecy Conference at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, LA (28-29).

### September:

Nathan Jones at the Prophecy Matters Conference at Calvary Chapel in Tyler, TX (12).

Tim Moore at New Horizons Baptist Church in Oxford, MS (13).

Dr. Reagan at the West Coast Bible Prophecy Conference hosted by According to Prophecy Ministries at the San Diego Christian Worship Center in San Diego, CA (20-22).

### October:

Dr. Reagan at the Believer's Class at First Baptist Church in Forney, TX (4).

Dr. Reagan at a Prophecy Conference in Hammond, LA, for the Partners of Crown & Sickle Ministries [closed to the public] (17).

## Meetings & Conferences —

Evangelist Nathan Jones and Tim Moore are available for weekend preaching and teaching engagements.



Nathan Jones



Tim Moore

Nathan Jones is our Web Minister and also serves as an Associate Evangelist. Tim Moore is an Assistant Evangelist. Both are highly qualified to preach and teach on subjects related to Bible prophecy.

You can contact Nathan at [njones@lamblion.com](mailto:njones@lamblion.com). Tim's email address is [tmoore@lamblion.com](mailto:tmoore@lamblion.com).

# Correspondence

**Books** — “I have just finished reading your book, *the Jewish People: Rejected or Beloved?* Wow! Amazing!!! This book has blessed me tremendously, so much so that I am ordering additional copies for my family . . . I also purchased your TV program where you explained the book and say something like this: ‘I have made this easy to understand’ — and you do!” — Lani Berry in Industry, PA.

“I just finished reading Dr. Reagan's book, *Trusting God*. I thoroughly enjoyed the book. As an old timer myself who has been in the ministry since 1965, I could relate to a lot of the experiences Dr. Reagan wrote about. I would laugh so hard and so loud that my wife would insist that I read the passages to her. My wife started reading it today.” — Tom Wall in Jackson, MO.

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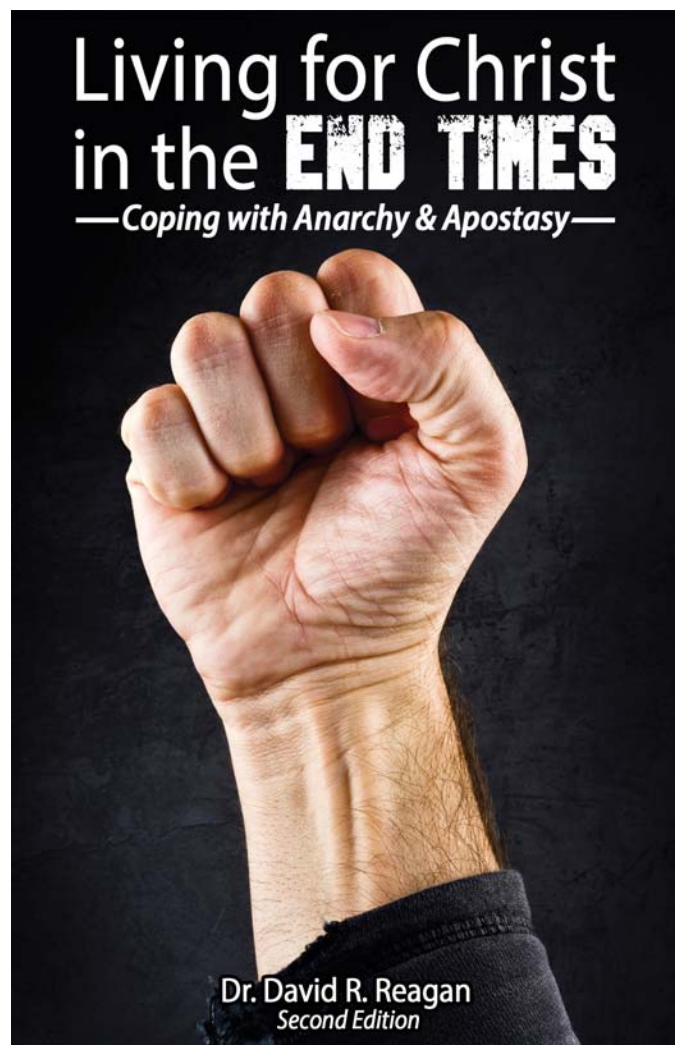
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