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"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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Observations by the Editor

Praising God

As the new year began my heart was full of praise for the Lord for many reasons. One of them was in gratitude for the incredible outreach He has supplied this ministry during the past four years since we began our television program in September of 2002.

I never dreamed when I began this ministry in 1980 that God would ever give us an outreach to over 70 million homes inside the United States, as well as access to homes all over the world, literally in every country (see page 14).

But He has done just that, and it is a major responsibility for us to put together the very finest programming possible. To do that, we spend a lot of time planning, writing, and editing our programs.

We have been blessed with an outstanding media crew. Incredibly, two of the three persons who work full time in our media department are graduates of theological seminaries. All three are dedicated Christians who ardently believe in our message. They are also highly creative people who do everything possible to make our message understandable and appealing.

When I was on the radio I talked about a great variety of topics. But since switching to television, I have felt led of the Lord to focus exclusively on the proclamation of the Lord's soon return. All of our programs relate to that message in one way or another.

Television is extremely time consuming and expensive, but it is well worth all the time, energy, effort, and expense. We praise God for providing us with this great outlet for our message, and we want to thank you for your prayers, messages of encouragement, and donations. Please keep lifting us in prayer.

Other Ministries

Another thing I am praising God for is the way in which He has made us a channel of blessings to others.

With your help, we are currently supporting 18 other ministries on a regular monthly basis. Eight of these are domestic; the other ten are foreign (see page 18 for examples).



Dr. David R. Reagan

The Lamplighter

I am also praising the Lord for the way He has blessed the production, distribution and impact of this magazine.

It began as a one page newsletter, printed front and back. I typed it on a typewriter. Before long we had a computer, and I started using it to do the layout. It was not until 1990 that we were able to afford a computer that could produce the layout in proportional type.

By 1993 the newsletter had expanded to 8 pages. In 1998 we expanded it further to 16 pages and started printing the cover in full color. It was transformed from a newsletter to a magazine.

At the end of last year we were sending the magazine out to 30,000 addresses, including 5,000 churches.

This Month's Issue

I want to express special thanks to Reverend Peter Marshall for allowing me to reproduce his father's sermon as the lead article in this month's magazine. On page 7 you will find detailed information about how to contact his ministry.

Our cover this month features a watercolor painting by James Tissot entitled "Fire from Heaven Consumes the Sacrifice." Tissot (1836 - 1902) was a French artist who gained fame for his portraits of women. Late in life he journeyed to the Holy Land, and when he returned, he spent the rest of his life painting 700 pictures to illustrate the Bible. His paintings can be found at www.allposters.com. ✚

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Trial by Fire



The message of Elijah for today.

Dr. Peter Marshall

(Dr. Peter Marshall was the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. from 1937 to the time of his death at age 47 in 1949. During the last two years of his life, he also served as the Chaplain of the United States Senate.)

Dr. Marshall was born in Scotland in 1902. He arrived in this country as a penniless immigrant in 1927. He worked for a year in New Jersey and then was enticed to travel south to Birmingham, Alabama, where a former schoolmate from his native Scotland had immigrated.

From there, members of his Sunday school class paid his way to attend a seminary in the Atlanta area. He graduated in 1931 and pastored churches in Covington and Atlanta, Georgia, before being called to the historic "President's Church" in Washington, D.C.

*His wife, Catherine, wrote a best-selling biography about his life entitled, **A Man Called Peter**. It was later made into a very successful motion picture with the same name.*

This sermon was preached at the St. Charles Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 11, 1944.)

"If the Lord be God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him." — 1 Kings 18:21

The setting of the text is one of the most dramatic in the Old Testament. The leaders of the nation, including the king, had come together to make a great decision. It was a national emergency, something had to be done. Elijah the prophet had called them to meet on Mount Carmel to settle no less a question than whom they should worship. It was a day of choice, a day of destiny.

William Penn said that "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants." Here then was an ancient Hebrew prophet facing the very same issue, and making his people face it with him.

A Blessed Heritage

They all knew the history of their nation, how that their fathers had come out of the wilderness, out of bondage into a new land of pioneers. Behind them were great leaders — Moses and Aaron and Joshua — men who had been led by God. They had set up not a democracy, but a theocracy, a state governed by God.

The true God and His holy law had been written into the nation's constitution. The Ten Commandments had been to them



The sermon, "Trial by Fire," was produced in 1955 as an LP audio album. Very few of Dr. Marshall's sermons are available in audio form. Those that do exist can be purchased from his son's ministry in Massachusetts. See the end of this article for details.

a bill of rights and a declaration of dependence.

The leaders of the young nation had taken God as their king and sovereign. They had ample reason to believe, having seen it worked out in their own history, that righteousness alone exalted a nation, and that the only nation blessed was the one whose God was the Lord. They had seen it work in the past, their national history was proof. They had been taught that obedience to the laws of God was the only foundation for national greatness, liberty, and security. As long as the nation recognized God as supreme it could stand.

Moral Drift and Confusion

But something had been happening in the national life. The faith and vision of the founding fathers had faded. Moral decay had set in. There was confusion in the minds of the people. They were beginning to forget the principles that had made them a nation. They had begun to love things more than principle.

All around them paganism flourished. Their neighbors were not without god, they had gods, many of them, convenient gods, gods that could be worshiped in ways that appealed to the lower nature. Materialism had a god, and his name was Baal. He offered to his devotees the things that human instincts crave. He was a god of the flesh. His priests encouraged the people to follow their natural inclinations. It was worship in indulgence, expressed in lust, and adored in selfishness. It had no inhibitions at all. It said "Look after number one, be yourself, be natural." Self-expression and natural instincts was its program. A good time for everyone according to the flesh was its goal. No wonder it grew in popularity.

But still, Israel was confused. The inheritances of the past, the early teachings of their parents were not forgotten. Something of conscience was not yet drugged, and they were confused and uneasy. They took a little of Jehovah, and a little of Baal. They became by degrees more and more broad-minded. Was it not a

free country? Who wanted to be old-fashioned? So morality became a relative thing. The old absolutes were regarded as far too intolerant. The national moral standards were lowered. The worship of Baal and Jehovah got mixed somehow. It was hard to draw a line of distinction. Materialism and Idealism were often confused.

A Time for Decision

Now, Elijah saw the danger, he saw what would happen to the nation when its moral fiber was weakened. He knew the end of confusion and indecision. He believed with all his heart that national ruin and disaster were inevitable if the nation forsook Jehovah and departed from its charter and constitution. So he summoned the leaders of the country together on this day of destiny. "If the Lord be God, follow him. But if Baal, then follow him."

It was a time now for men to take sides. There was no middle ground, it could not be neutral. They had to be on one side or the other. They had to decide whether they and their nation would be governed by God, or ruled by tyrants. Elijah saw that Israel as a nation could not go with God and Baal, it had to be God or Baal.

He was a very fearless man, this Elijah. He faced the 450 prophets of Baal, the king and the nation's leaders. It had to be either or. They had to get on one side or on the other.

The Test of Gods



You remember the dramatic test of trial by fire? On the slopes of Carmel with the copper sky above them and the parched, sun-baked plains of Jezreel at their feet, the people stood waiting. Elijah announced his proposed test. Let the matter be decided once for all, let sacrifices be laid on the altar. Let him be God who would send down fire and consume the offerings.

Let Baal have the advantage of priority, let his priests have the first inning. Everything would be in their favor. The sun climbing to meridian would be at his height. There were 450 of them, and if they all prayed, that would be a lot of prayers. Let them call upon their god and let him answer if he could.

First Baal . . .

Then began the weird pagan performance with Elijah jiving at them with pointed sarcasm. While his words had blades in them, his taunts were razor-sharp. "Cry louder! Why don't you cry louder? He is a god you're crying to, isn't he? Well, he must be talking to somebody, he must be in the chase [hunting] or perhaps he's gone for a walk, peradventure he's asleep. He may be taking a nap, cry louder, wake him up."

He taunted them all day long, until they were all at the point of exhaustion. Hoarse with their shouting, wearied with their dancing, bleeding and wounded, sensing their friends are dead, they had cut themselves, hoping that the sight of their own blood spurting from tired arms and legs might cause Baal to relent and answer. They carried on until evening. But there was neither voice nor any to answer nor any that regarded.

. . . then Jehovah

Then Elijah, confident and unhurried, called the people closer. Going over to an abandoned, broken down Jehovah altar, Elijah had them set upon it a sacrifice and drenched it three times with water. He made the test more impressive by soaking the whole altar with water that ran into a trench dug all around it. And then his prayer to Jehovah, not ranting or foaming, or shouting — and its answer in fire that consumed the sacrifice, licked up the water in the trench until the people looking on cried as they fell on their faces, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

The Need for Prophets

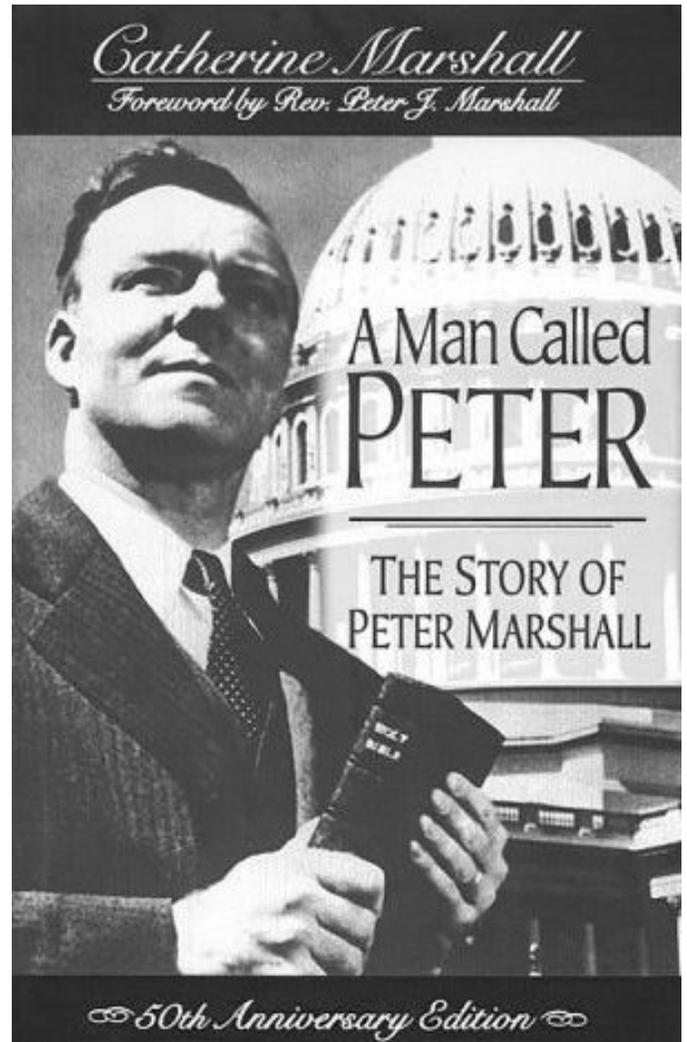
Now I suggest to you that America needs prophets today . . . who will set before the nation the essential choices . . .

A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands — men whom the lust of office does not kill, men whom the spoils of office cannot buy, men who possess opinions and a will, men who have honor, men who will not lie, men who can stand before a demigod and damn his treacherous flatteries without winking, tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking, while the rabble with their thumb-worn creeds, their large professions and their little deeds mingle in selfish strife.

The Danger Within

Lo, freedom weeps. Wrong rules the land. And waiting justice sleeps. We are engaged in total war and fighting for total victory. Well, it will not be won outside the United States alone. It must be won at home, as well as in Europe and in the Pacific. There are evil forces plotting within the nation as well. For men have become lovers of themselves more than lovers of their country.

All traitors are not enemy agents. Espionage and sabotage are not the only weapons that harm a war effort. Love of power and authority has enslaved the hearts of many Americans. The seeds of racial hate and intolerance have been sown. And we will reap a bitter harvest . . . Our moral standards have been lowered. And



no nation makes progress in a downward direction . . .

The Message of the Hour

The old-time evangelists used to stress the tragedy of men and women individually going to hell, but we don't hear very much about that nowadays, because they say people don't believe in hell, but I notice they talk a lot about it in their conversations. But today we are living in a time when enough individuals choosing to go to hell will pull the nation down to hell with them.

The choices you make in moral and religious questions determine the way America will go. We badly need a prophet who will have the ear of America and who will say, "If the Lord be God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him."

The Choices Before Us

We must decide and decide quickly who is chief, whom we will serve. Millions of people in America live in moral fogs. The issues are not clear to them. They cannot face the light that makes them black or white. They want grays and neutral tints. They move in a sort of spiritual twilight.

Modified immorality on the basis of cleverness guides millions of people. Modified dishonesty within the letter of the law is the practice of millions more. Surely the time has come, because the hour is late, when we must decide. And the choice

before us is plain, Jehovah or Baal. Christ or chaos. Conviction or compromise. Discipline or disintegration.

I have not stated the matter too strongly, you may agree mildly or you may disagree violently, but the time has come for us to face the duties and obligations of our citizenship and willingly to assume the disciplines imposed by the things we believe in, before we are forced to accept the disciplines of tyranny.

I for one am tired about hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time has come, it now is, when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. It's just as plain and clear as that.

The Failure of the Church

The average church member has forgotten and forsaken the old disciplines. He attends service when it is convenient. His contribution of time and money is seldom such as to involve sacrifice on his part. The Church, the Word, the Sacraments have no compulsion over his life apparently.

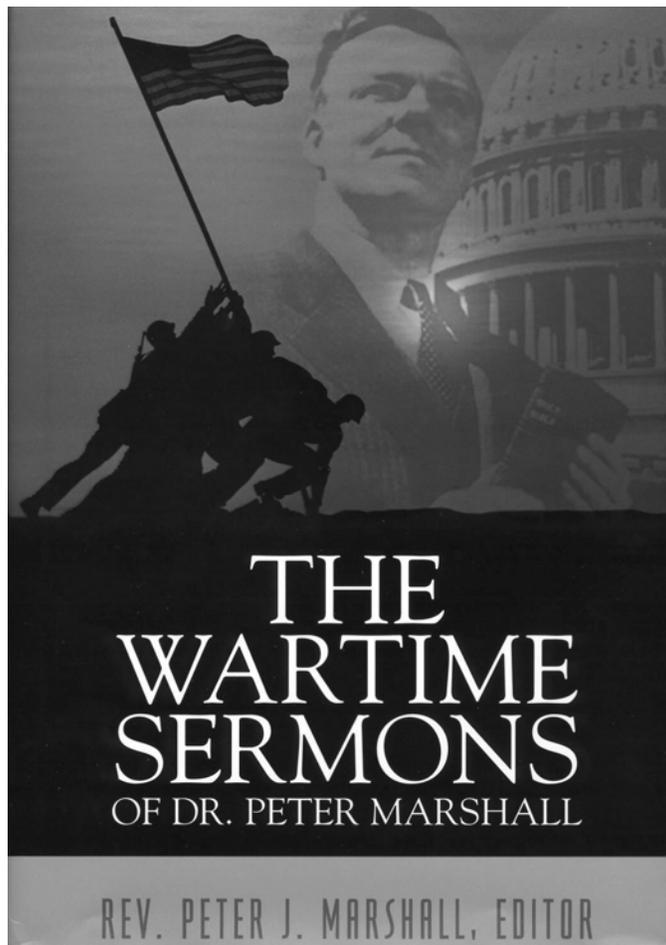
Of course, to be honest about it, the fault is not alone that of the church member. The ministry, the church officers, are also involved in blame, because the church has failed to challenge the faith and division of the lay people in the pews. The programs of too many churches have called for neither effort nor sacrifice. All of that is sadly true.

The remedy for this sad state of affairs will lie, I believe, in the seeking of God's will for the individual church, and the adopting of a daring program for which He is challenging us all. Our strength is limited only by our faith in asking God's help. "According to your faith, be it unto you." That is a measure that would enable us to move mountains, or if our faith be limited, cause us to stumble over mole hills. So also in the affairs of the nation. "If the Lord be God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him."

Hypocrisy or Submission to God?

Now let us be honest about it. If we have thrown away our national heritage, if we no longer believe that this nation was founded under God, if contrary to what is stamped upon our coins, our trust is not in God but in something else, let us say so. Let us at least not be hypocrites.

A nation led by God would lead the world. The world today has many open doors, open to the gospel of Jesus Christ, peoples ready and waiting for the spiritual leadership that could steer the storm-tossed ark of humanity away from the rocks of war and the shoals of selfishness and greed.



This book, published in 2006, contains the newest compilation of Dr. Marshall's sermons. All of them were preached during World War II but are very applicable to us today as our nation is engaged in a worldwide war against Islamic Fundamentalism.

Our own country with all its sophistication is filled with people who are hungry for the gospel. They are satiated with the materialistic philosophies that filled our stomachs and starved our souls, that supplied gadgets while they forgot God.

America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government. If America listens to God, if America obeys God, then she can be great among all nations . . .

Knowing God's Will

We need to learn and to understand that God can guide and can control in government, in business, in labor, in management, in the home and in the heart of every individual until the whole nation is under God's control. Men can be in touch with God. In every situation men can know the will of God. They can know exactly what God wants them to do and to be. God's guidance and God's power are always available.

When men seek God they find Him and are found of Him. When men listen, God speaks. When men give God a chance, He works out His plan. He has a plan for every human life. He has a plan for you

and for me. He has a plan for America, and all who truly love America will want America to follow it. But America cannot follow it until we, until you and I as individuals, follow it.

Do you know what God wants you to do? Do you know what God wants you to be? He will tell you if you ask Him. He will speak if you give Him a chance, if you listen. It is not enough that our leaders have been guided of God. The people must be guided also. It is not enough that the minister of the church should seek to discover the will of God. The congregation likewise must discover it and follow it.

The Need for National Change

One challenge that these critical days have flung down to the church people is that we begin to be truly Christian in all our relationships, or stop pretending.

When our fighting men come back . . . they're going to be brutally frank and honest. They will see through hypocrisy. They know now the things that really count in life and they will not be deceived by this place of piety or by sham or show. They will look for changed lives, for different ways of living, for different ways of dealing with servants, with employers and with employees, different standards of value with different outlooks upon life, different dispositions.



Dr. Peter Marshall at his pulpit in Washington, DC.

It's a lot of nonsense what the beautifully colored advertisements are saying in old magazines, that our fighting men want to come back to an America that is totally unchanged. That is nonsense!

A Sacrifice in Vain?

The men who are on the fighting fronts now know full well, know far more clearly than they ever did before, the things in America that must be changed, if their sacrifice is to be worthwhile. We must not be the same people they left behind. We must be worthy of their sacrifices. We must be worthy of the blood that has been and will be shed. Surely the issue is crystal clear.

And they are returning now on hospital ships. They are being guided down the gang plank with bandaged eyes. They are coming creaking, swinging on creaking crutches to stand again on wounded feet on American soil. They are coming with their arms in slings, with empty sleeves tucked in tunic pockets. They are coming with trouser legs pinned up, to stand again on the America for which they fought and bled, and they are hearing in their ears, the newsboys call the headlines, "20,000 men on strike." What for? For higher wages? No, not this time. For better living conditions? No, not this time. What then in God's name? What for? Because of strife and difference between rival labor unions. Jurisdictional disputes. Men seeking power and influence. Men seeking to exalt themselves, men seeking selfishly their own interests in a time of national crisis.

They hear of squabbles in the Senate . . . They hear — oh with what disillusionment — they hear of so many of their fellow countrymen and countrywomen who seem to be totally unaware of the issues involved.

And they look at the empty sleeves stuck in tunic pockets, they look at trouser legs pinned up to stumps of legs, they look at the wounds and the scars and the bandages, and they ask themselves, "Was it worth it? Was it worth it to storm Tarawa? Was it worth it to fly over the ash-filled skies over Berlin? Was it worth it to land at Salerno and leave a leg at Salerno? Was it worth it to come back to a country that wants to be the same apparently, that wants to have its selfishness entrenched and

encouraged and enforced? Is it worthwhile to shed your blood for people who do not seem to realize that they've got to change, that America must be worth the sacrifices that are being made for her now on every battle front. Was it worth while?"

Our Necessary Response

We must make the answer "Yes, by God it was!" We must somehow convince them, who have given up legs and arms and eyes and lives, we must convince them that it was not in vain.

Life magazine in its Christmas issue had a magnificent editorial from which I should like to quote this paragraph:

The lackadaisical days when it didn't matter much whether you were a Christian or not may be numbered. If the reassertion [of Christianity] grows strong, you may have to declare yourself more definitely than you ever expected as to whether you believe in the Word of Christ or not. This choice, if it is really forced on the Christian world, may be the choice that leads finally to the long-awaited religious revival, a revival born in the hearts of its citizens of her time, who when forced to choose, will find no truth, no comfort and no inspiration elsewhere.¹

We need a prophet who will have the ear of America and say to her now, "How long will you halt and stand between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him, but if Baal be God, follow him, *and go to hell!*" ✚

Prayer: Oh God, bless America! May our prayer not be an empty whine of selfish pride and arrogant stupidity, but may it rather be a humble contrite plea to the God of all nations to make this land that we love so well worth defending, worth fighting for, worth dying for. Oh God help us to make America God's country.

And now may the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the abiding fellowship of God the Holy Spirit rest upon us all now and abide with us forevermore. Amen.

Notes:

1) Editorial in *Life* magazine, December 27, 1943 (Vol. 15, No. 26) page 28.

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Dr. Reagan's Response to "Trial by Fire"

Dr. David R. Reagan

Dr. Peter Marshall was a poetic preacher who spoke with a prophet's voice. And like all true prophets, his words continue to ring true today. In fact his sermon, "Trial by Fire," is so relevant to our day and time that it reads like it was written yesterday!

At the time he spoke these words, in 1944, our nation was involved in a World War. It was also morally adrift. The shortage of manpower on the home front had forced millions of women into the work force for the first time. In the process, women began to see their roles differently, and marriages began to crumble.

The festering sore of racism was becoming inflamed as Japanese were herded into detention camps and minorities like Blacks and Hispanics were called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country by serving in the armed forces.

Materialistic desires were being intensified by the forced rationing of all strategic goods. Labor unions were prompting strikes over matters of greed.

And the mainline Church had sold-out to the German School of Higher Criticism, accepting its argument that the Bible is Man's search for God rather than God's revelation to Man.

Like the Old Testament prophet Elijah, Dr. Marshall sensed that America was moving toward secularism, abandoning the Judeo-Christian roots that had made it great. And like Elijah, he felt the need for spiritual renewal. He therefore called upon his parishioners, and America, to make a choice between the god of Baal (Materialism) and the true God, Jehovah. He cried out for God to empower prophetic voices who would lead the nation into spiritual revival.

Dr. Marshall could have been one of those voices if he had lived, but the Lord called him home in 1949. But before he died, the Lord had responded to his cry by raising up a new voice in Christendom who would bring revival not only to America but to people all over the world.

That new voice, of course, was Billy Graham. He had been an unknown youth evangelist before he was noticed by William Randolph Hearst at a youth revival in Los Angeles in 1948. Hearst was so taken by the young man's preaching, that he sent a telegram to his media empire which simply said, "Puff Graham." The next day hundreds of reporters descended upon Graham's tent meeting, and within a week, his picture was on the front page of every major American magazine.

Billy Graham's ministry took off like a rocket. Millions heard the Gospel for the first time. Millions of others who had already professed Christ felt called to a re-commitment. Revival swept America and the world.

But Satan never stays on the defensive long. His counter-attack came with the cultural revolution of the 1960's, with its emphasis on free sex and drugs. Since that time, our nation has become increasingly secularized, to the point that it is unthinkable that a major American news magazine today would publish an editorial like the one Peter Marshall quotes from at the end of his sermon.

Today, more than ever before in our history, we need an Elijah to call this nation to repentance before it is too late. We have kicked God out of our schools and made a mockery of His Ten Commandments. We have given our souls to the god of money. Our minds have become jaded by drugs. We are obsessed with sex.

We have turned our backs on the Judeo-Christian heritage that made this nation great. Apostate churches celebrate same-sex marriage. Preachers hesitate to speak against sin, or even to call sin by that name. Christian leaders scoff at the idea of absolute truth and speak of many different roads to God.

Young people tell pollsters that they cannot think of anything worth dying for. The President finds it difficult to generate any resolve to stand against the threatening wave of Islamic terrorism. We have become rich and fat and complacent. We take our freedoms for granted.

God has sent one remedial judgment after another, calling us to repentance. But like a groggy man awakened by his alarm clock when he would prefer to remain asleep, we have rolled over, hit the snooze alarm, and gone back to sleep.

The time is growing short for us to humble ourselves before a longsuffering God who is jealous of our true god — namely, the Almighty Dollar.

Some of the saddest verses in the Bible can be found in 2 Chronicles 36:15-16:

15) And the Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people . . .

16) but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against His people, until there was no remedy.

That's precisely where we are today as a nation — turning a deaf ear to God's messengers and His Word. We are choosing Baal instead of Jehovah, and like the prophets of Baal, we are going to taste the fire of God's wrath if we do not repent. ❖

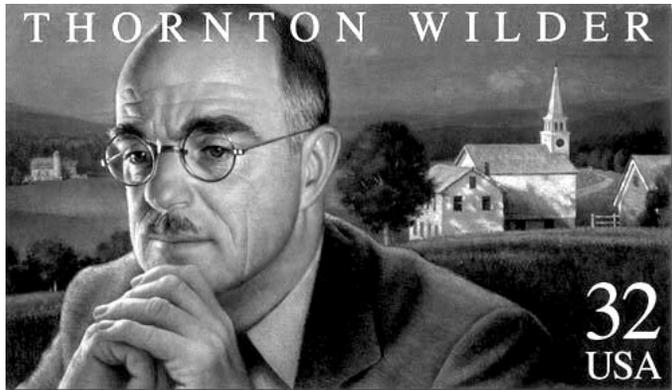


"Elijah and the Prophets of Baal" — A woodcut by Julius Schnorr which was first published in Germany in 1860.

The Address of the Messiah

Dr. David R. Reagan

My all-time favorite drama is *Our Town*, written in 1937 by Thornton Wilder and performed for the first time in 1938, the year of my birth.



Thornton Wilder was born in Madison, Wisconsin in 1897. From age 9 to 17 he lived in China where his father was the U.S. Counsel to Hong Kong and Shanghai. Wilder earned degrees at both Yale and Princeton. He died in 1975 at age 78. By that time he had become an American icon and was internationally recognized as an outstanding playwright and novelist.

I witnessed *Our Town* my first time in 1953 when I was in junior high school. It impacted me so profoundly that I wept on and off for three days afterwards. It is a story about family life in a small New Hampshire town, Grover's Corners, at the turn of the 20th Century. It is a deceptively simple, down-to-earth story that emphasizes the beauty and sacredness of life.

There is a scene in the play where a sister shares an insight with her brother:¹

Rebecca: I never told you about a letter Jane Crofut got from her minister when she was sick. He wrote Jane a letter, and on the envelope the address was like this: It said: Jane Crofut; The Crofut Farm; Grover's Corners; Sutton County; New Hampshire; United States of America.

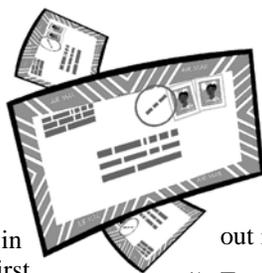
George: What's funny about that?

Rebecca: But listen, it's not finished: The United States of America; Continent of North America; Western Hemisphere; the Earth; the Solar System; the Universe; the Mind of God — that's what it said on the envelope.

When I was recently reminded of this remarkable passage, I decided to use it as a format to write my own unique address:

David R. Reagan
The Milky Way
Planet Earth
Western Hemisphere
North American Continent
United States of America
State of Texas
County of Collin

Town of Princeton
Zip Code 75407
County Road 463
Number 2067



In similar manner, each of us has a unique address, and so did the Messiah. His address was spelled out in advance in Bible prophecy:

- 1) From the Shemite branch of humanity (Genesis 9:26 and Luke 3:36).
- 2) Through Abraham (Genesis 12:3 and Matthew 1:1).
- 3) Through Abraham's son, Isaac (Genesis 17:21 and Luke 3:34).
- 4) Through Isaac's son, Jacob (Genesis 28:14 and Luke 3:34).
- 5) Through the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:8 and Luke 3:33-34).
- 6) Through the family of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1 and Luke 3:32).
- 7) Through the house of David (Jeremiah 23:5 and Luke 3:31-32).
- 8) Through a virgin (Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 2:11).
- 9) In the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1).
- 10) Would reside in Nazareth (Matthew 2:23).

Jesus, the son of Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, fulfilled every one of these prophecies, and in doing so, there should be no doubt that He was the Messiah promised by God through the Hebrew prophets.²

The Scriptures give the Messiah a unique address, an address that points to only one person in history — Jesus of Nazareth.

You know your current distinctive natural address here on earth. But do you know your eternal address? Can you say with absolute confidence that you have a mansion reserved for you in the magnificent New Jerusalem where the Redeemed will live eternally with God? (Revelation 21:1-7). Or, is your current eternal address a place of unimaginable horror called Hell?

The glorious thing is that you can decide your eternal address. You can do so because God in His unfathomable grace and mercy sent His only begotten Son to die for your sins, and when you place your faith in Him as your Lord and Savior, you are born again and sealed for eternal life in the New Jerusalem (John 3:16 and Ephesians 4:30).

Place your faith in Jesus today and guarantee your eternal address. ✚

Notes:

- 1) *Three Plays* by Thornton Wilder (New York: Harper Brothers, 1957), p. 45.
- 2) Jesus fulfilled 108 specific prophecies. A listing of all of these can be found in Dr. Reagan's book, *The Christ in Prophecy Study Guide*. This guide also provides a detailed listing of all the Second Coming prophecies contained in both the Old and New Testaments. Printed in a large, letter size format for easy reference and note taking. 150 pages. \$15. To order, call 1-800-705-8316.

An American Surrender Document

On December 7, 2006, the report of the Iraq Study Group was made public. As one syndicated columnist, Barbara Simpson, put it, “it is a betrayal package that should have been wrapped in black paper and tied with a noose.” In fact, it constituted a double whammy, because it represented a betrayal of both the United States and Israel.

Christian columnist Joseph Farah, founder of WordNetDaily.com, responded to the report by saying that it contained no surprises. After all, he asked, “What should we expect from a group chaired by James Baker, a legal pimp for Saudi Arabia and a man who single-handedly reversed America’s pro-freedom policies in the Middle East during his tenure as Secretary of State under the president’s father?”

Former Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Natan Sharansky, who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House on December 15th, blasted the report as “an act of appeasement.” He elaborated by asserting that “Appeasement comes from fear.” It is a policy, he said, that is pursued by those who “don’t have the strength to defend their own ideas.”

Senator John McCain (Republican from Arizona) said he believed the report was “a recipe that will lead to our defeat.”

The Past Repeats Itself

Dr. Gary Frazier

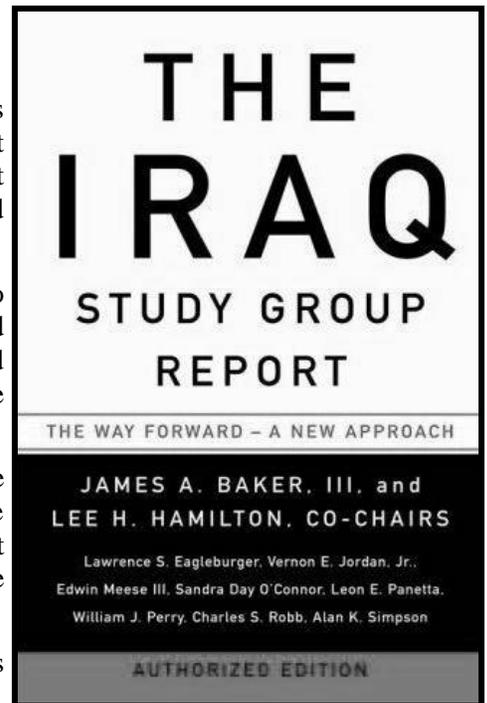
(Dr. Frazier is founder and director of Discovery Ministries in Arlington, Texas. He has been to Israel more than 100 times and is an expert on Middle East politics.)

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched an attack on Pearl Harbor that resulted in the murder of 2,400 plus Americans. The next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt told the Congress and the American people that December 7th would be “a day that will live in infamy.”

Fast forward to December 7, 2006. I say, “Today is a day that reveals we did not learn a single thing from December 7, 1941.” Why would I say such a thing? The reason is I just finished reading the Iraq Study Group Report that was issued on December 7th. The crux of the report is that the United States is losing the war in Iraq (News flash: We didn’t know this already?) and that to remedy this problem, Israel needs to give up biblical Judea, Samaria, and the Golan Heights so we can talk with the Iranians and the Syrians!

Why would a group of reasonably intelligent people come up with such suggestions? I’ll tell you why. They are anti-Semitic and naively believe, as many do, that Israel is the real problem in the Middle East and not radical, death-propagating Muslims.

Friends, I want you to know that we are in serious trouble! We have an enemy that hates the fact that we exist and is determined to destroy us. The sad fact is that most in the West, and Americans in particular, simply do not believe our demise is possible. In like manner, we did not believe in 1939 that Hitler would invade Poland, nor did we believe in 1941 that the Jap-



anese would attack Pearl Harbor.

We continue to believe that somehow our problem with Islam is just all going to work out. No, it is not! The world has never, and I mean never, faced anything like it faces today. Just listen to what Abu Ayman, a senior leader of the Islamic Jihad recently said: “The [Iraq Study Group] Report proves that this is the era of Islam and jihad.” He went on to explain, “The Americans came to the conclusion that Islam is the new giant of the world and it would be clever to reduce hostilities with this giant. In the Quran the principle of the rotation is clear, and according to this principle, the end of America and of all non-believers is getting closer.”

How many times do these people have to say it? They are consumed night and day with our deaths! We are involved in World War III and do not even know it. Abu Ayman stated a number of months ago, “World War III has begun.” The Muslims have declared war on the world. Wake up!

I realize as you read this you may be thinking, “Wow! I do not like this negative stuff.” Well listen to this — the truth is what it is, and ignoring it will not make it go away!

Is there anyone on the face of this globe (other than Baker and his buddies) who honestly believes we can have meaningful dialogue with Iran and Syria? The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stated on January 6th of 2006 that “we must prepare ourselves to rule the world.” This man believes with every ounce in his body that he is appointed by Allah to bring an apocalypse that will in turn bring the return of the 12th Imam, restoring Islamic Shi’a law to the world. He further stated that this is going to happen within the next two years.



Ahmadinejad

This guy is not just talking! He has told the world over and over again that when he gets a Nuke he will use it. But wait, says the Baker study group, surely we can reason with this lunatic. Yea, right. just like Neville Chamberlain thought he could reason with Adolf Hitler in 1937. The result — more than 50 million dead!

What should we do in light of the crisis in which we find ourselves? Start writing, emailing, and calling your national leaders. We, the people, had better stand up and get over political correctness before it is too late! Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated recently, “We know they [the Iranians] are coming after us first, because we are in their neighborhood. But once they do that, you [Americans] are next.” ✚

temporary cease-fire in order to gain advantage over one’s enemy) is the way of our great prophet.”

Analysis: Is there no end to American naiveté? Have we forgotten that these nations believe that they have a command from their god to destroy and/or force into submission all infidels? How does one negotiate a binding contract with an enemy whose word means absolutely nothing and who has no qualms whatsoever about breaking any contract?

Results: Syria and Iran, the two leading terrorist nations of the world, will say anything to accomplish their mission to kill “Little Satan” (Israel) and “Big Satan” (the United States). They understand and respond to only one thing — FORCE. Again, the thought of depending on the word of the Syrians and Iranians that they will help establish a democratic Iraq is ludicrous! Who do we think the “insurgents are that are presently trying to destroy Iraq? Duuuuhhh!

Translating the Baker Report

Al Gist

(Al Gist is the founder and director of Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries, located near De Ridder, Louisiana. He has been to the Middle East many times.)

The Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group Report recommends three basic actions:

1) Begin a phased withdrawal of American troops over a one year period, beginning in 2007, reducing the present level to one-half by 2008.



Translation to our enemy: “Our resistance to the aggression of the American infidels is working! We must increase our efforts to drive them completely from the Middle East.”

Analysis: If the present level of American military presence in Iraq is having difficulty defeating the insurgents, how will cutting their head count in half help? The enemy, the Islamofascists, will recognize any withdrawal as victory and will be motivated to increase their attacks.

Results: The democratically elected government of Iraq will be overthrown, and the threat against Israel, the only true ally of the U.S. in the Middle East, will make a mega-leap forward. The terrorists of the world will recognize America as a “plucked eagle” ready to be roasted by the fire of Allah.

2) Invite Syria and Iran to work with the coalition nations to establish a strong, free, and sovereign Iraq.

Translation to our enemy: “Of course! We will be glad to help our Iraqi brothers!” (Translation to the translation: “Hudna (a

3) Host a regional peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. All the nations of the Middle East would be invited except Israel.

Translation to our enemy: “Obviously, it pays to be an enemy of the United States — more so than being her friend and ally.”

Analysis: James Baker is once again up to his old tactics with regard to Israel. As with Europe and most of the international community, Baker sees Israel as more of a pain than the nation is worth. He sees Israel as the Mid-East infection that keeps the whole area festering and sore. The only real way to cure that infection is to eliminate the source — namely, Israel. There is no doubt that such a conference as proposed by the Baker Study would conclude that Israel must give up the Golan Heights, Samaria, Judea, and East Jerusalem.

Results: A Mid-East peace conference without Israel represented would be the perfect environment for establishing a world consensus to take more of Israel’s land away from her. If such a land theft were realized, it would amount to just one more step toward the “final solution” as the Arabs see it — the total destruction of Israel and every living Jew.



Every single recommendation of the Baker Study Report screams of a “cut and run” mentality. The logic of this report is the equivalent of going to every murderer on death row in this country and telling them that they will be released if they will promise to be good boys from now on. There are two good reasons we should not do something so foolish: 1) They are liars who cannot be trusted, and 2) They are hardened criminals who will most likely kill again if given the opportunity. Evidently, the Baker-Hamilton crew can’t understand this. ✚

The Loss of Purpose

Dr. David R. Reagan

The worst Secretary of State in U. S. history, with regard to our relationship with Israel, was James Baker. He is the one who in 1991 forced Israel to start pursuing the suicidal appeasement policy of “trading land for peace.”

As soon as he left office in 1992, Baker arranged for Yasser Arafat to come to Houston, Texas so that he could be honored at the newly established Baker Institute for Public Policy located at Rice University. In my opinion, it was the equivalent to arranging honors for Adolf Hitler.

Since leaving government service, his law firm, Baker-Botts, has represented the interests of Saudi Arabia.

I was, therefore, not the least bit surprised that Baker’s study group issued a report on the war in Iraq that was vehemently anti-Semitic in nature. Incredibly, they blamed the unrest in the Middle East on Israel! Further, they argued that if only Israel could be forced to relent to Palestinian demands, the chaos in the Middle East would come to an end.



President meeting with the Iraq Study Group.

Reality vs. Illusions

The reality is that the struggle in Iraq between the Sunnis and Shi’ites has nothing to do with Israel. Neither did the bloody war between Iran and Iraq (1980-1988). Neither did the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait (1990).

The fact of the matter is that if Israel were to cease to exist tomorrow, strife between Muslim factions in the Middle East would continue unabated. Sunnis would still fight Shi’ites. And radical Muslims of all flavors would seek to overthrow every secular government that exists in any Arab country.

The bottom line concerning Israel is very simple. If the Arabs would disarm, there would be peace in the Middle East. If Israel

were to disarm, Israel would cease to exist.

Israel is not the problem in the Middle East. Israel is a threat to no one. The problem is Islamic resurgence, intolerance, and imperialism.

And from the Islamic viewpoint, all offers to negotiate are a sign of weakness. Power, and the willingness to use it, are the only things the Muslims respect.

The Folly of Appeasement

When are we, and the self-deceived leaders of Israel, ever going to recognize that we are engaged in a world war against Islamic Fundamentalism, and that our enemy is committed to unconditional surrender? When are we going to face up to the fact that there are evil men who are determined to destroy us and who are willing to lie and deceive in the process?



Chamberlain and Hitler

In 1938 British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain thought he could placate Hitler by giving him a portion of Czechoslovakia. He flew to Germany and met with Hitler at Munich where he granted Hitler’s demands. When Chamberlain arrived back in England, he triumphantly waved the piece of paper in the air that Hitler had signed. “We have peace in our time!” he proclaimed. The man was a fool. He put his trust in an evil madman who must have been laughing himself silly over the Prime Minister’s naiveté.

On his death bed Chamberlain is quoted as having said, “It would all have been okay if Hitler had not lied to me.” How sad it is to think that anyone with intelligence would put their faith in a person like Hitler.

Humanism vs. The Bible

That is the fatal flaw of the Humanist viewpoint. It is based on an assumption that Man is basically good and can therefore be trusted.

The biblical view is just the opposite. It teaches that Man is

born with a flawed sin nature and cannot be trusted. Consider the words of Jeremiah (17:5 & 9):

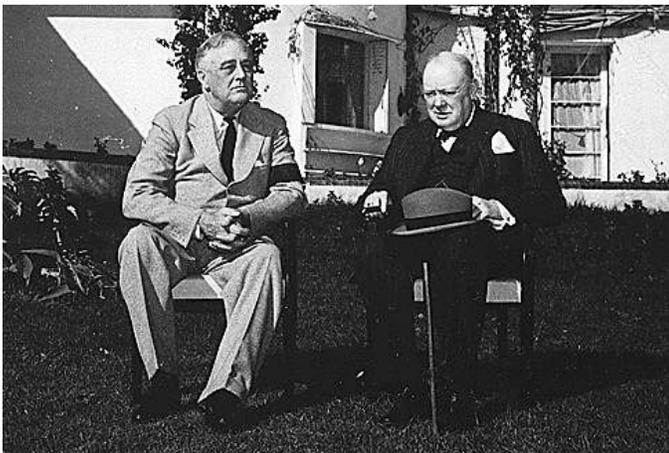
Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind . . . [for] the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick.

The genius of the American founding fathers is that they recognized the truth of what the Bible teaches about the sinful nature of Man. They trusted no one, not even themselves. They therefore crafted a unique form of government that was filled with checks and balances. It was a government based upon a realistic assessment of Man's nature.

Negotiation or Victory?

The Baker Report, in contrast, is based on illusions. It assumes we can reason with a madman like Ahmadinejad. It assumes we can make friends with Islamic fascists. It assumes we can sell-out Israel and still maintain world respect.

At the height of World War II, at the Casablanca Conference in 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt declared that the aim of the Allied Forces would be "unconditional surrender." The declaration caught Winston Churchill off-guard. He, together with European pundits, felt that FDR was being rigid and overbearing. From the European viewpoint, there always had to be a willingness to compromise. But FDR saw it differently because he recognized unmitigated evil. FDR's policy was pursued and it resulted in absolute victory.



Roosevelt and Churchill at Casablanca in 1943

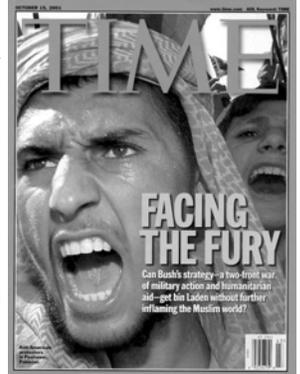
When Ronald Reagan became President, he proclaimed that the Soviet Union was an "evil empire" that had to be resisted with all means possible. He was crucified by the press for being an uncompromising ideological zealot. But as he began to apply the pressure, the Soviet Union collapsed. It was not compromise with evil that produced the victory.

Recognizing Our Enemy

The same is true with the Third World War we are currently fighting. First, we must clearly recognize who our enemy is. It is not terrorism. To say we are involved in a "war against terrorism" is equivalent to saying that World War II was a war against U-Boats and Kamikaze planes. No, it was a war against Nazism and Japanese Fascism. U-Boats and Kamikaze planes were the instruments of war used by our enemy, just as terrorism is the instrument of war used by our enemy today.

Our enemy is Islamic Fundamentalism. We need to recognize it and say it and stop deluding ourselves with politically correct proclamations that "Islam is a religion of peace."

Second, we must face up to the fact that our enemies mean what they say. Before World War II the leaders of the world laughed at Hitler's statements in his book, *Mein Kampf* — a book in which he clearly spelled out his intentions regarding Europe and the Jews. His words were dismissed as "empty rhetoric." But the world found out the hard way that he meant what he said.



Likewise today, the irrational rantings and ravings of President Ahmadinejad of Iran and of other Islamic leaders about their intention to destroy Israel and the United States should be taken seriously. They mean what they say, whether we take them seriously or not.

The Spiritual Nature of Our Problem

The problem is that as we have abandoned our Judeo-Christian heritage, a moral rot has set in at the heart of our nation. We no longer know what we stand for, and we are no longer willing to pay the price that is necessary to defend our freedoms.

Our rampant materialism has made us a soft people unwilling to make any of the sacrifices necessary to stand against the flood of evil in the world. We grow tired easily when "sacrifices" are involved, like having to pay more for gasoline.

Europe gave up the fight a long time ago. And Europe's surrender attests to the spiritual nature of the problem. Today, less than 5% of Europeans attend church. Christianity in Europe is dead, and Islam is sweeping the Continent.

Throughout the Western world, tolerance has become the supreme value, and consensus has become the ultimate aim of all policy. There are no longer any absolute truths, and therefore, there are no inherent evils. But as former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher once put it, "Consensus is the process of abandoning all beliefs, principles, and values."

Consensus or Commitment?

With all due respect to the members of the Baker Study Group, I have no interest in finding "unity" or "consensus" with Islamic terrorists or their nation-state sponsors. I am only interested in their total defeat.

The fundamental problem today is that we in the West have abandoned God's Word. We no longer have a core of biblical beliefs for which we are willing to die. We have no will to resist an enemy that is totally committed to its ideology and is unwilling to compromise with anyone. We are staring defeat in the face, and it may well be the final judgment of God upon us for our rebellion against His Word. ✚

Television Update

Now Reaching Over 70 Million Homes in the United States

This past year was one of incredible blessings for our television outreach.

We began the year broadcasting our TV program, "Christ in Prophecy," over two national networks — DayStar and Inspiration. In March we added a third, the new FaithTV Network that broadcasts over the SkyAngel satellite system.

In May, the DayStar Network significantly increased its outreach when it added its programming to the Dish satellite system, the second largest in the United States. Prior to that time, DayStar was airing its programming over 60 broadcast stations scattered across America and on DirecTV, the nation's largest satellite system.

In July the Inspiration Network (INSP) offered us the opportunity to double our outreach with them by picking up a second time slot on Wednesday mornings. We began broadcasting in that new time slot in August, and it has proved to be one of our most effective times.

Meanwhile, the SkyAngel satellite system decided to broadcast ten of our video programs free of charge as television specials. The broadcasts began in September and continued through the end of the year, with each program being aired three times. The public response to these programs was so enthusiastic that SkyAngel decided to put them together in the form of a TV marathon and broadcast them non-stop, end-to-end on a Saturday in December. We were inundated with phone calls and email messages in response.

SkyAngel also decided to feature our program on the cover of their monthly magazine in September. The magazine cover, together with their many specials featuring our videos, has given this ministry significant national exposure, for which we praise the Lord.

Throughout the year, DayStar continued to expand its international outreach. By the end of the year it was broadcasting its programming over ten satellites to every country in the world, including a direct broadcast within the nation of Israel.

At the end of the year, the INSP Network announced that its programming would start being broadcast throughout Canada beginning in 2007.

Through this myriad of outlets, we now have access to over 70 million homes in the United States as summarized below:



45,000,000 homes
via broadcast stations and the Dish and DirecTV satellite systems.



25,000,000 homes
via cable systems.



1,000,000 homes
via the SkyAngel satellite system.

"Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule

DayStar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369		DISH Channel 263		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm
	Sun. 10:30pm	Sun. 11:30pm	Mon. 12:30am	Mon. 1:30am

Inspiration Network				
Available on cable networks				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm
	Wed. 8:00am	Wed. 9:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 11:00am

FaithTV Network				
SkyAngel Channel 9708				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Sun. 10:30am	Sun. 11:30am	Sun. 12:30pm	Sun. 1:30pm

New Programs



In December, Don Perkins assisted Dr. Reagan in producing two new programs that will be aired in May. One focused on "False Christs in the End Times." The other took a look at "Misconceptions about Bible Prophecy." Don is the founder and director of According to Prophecy Ministries in San Diego.

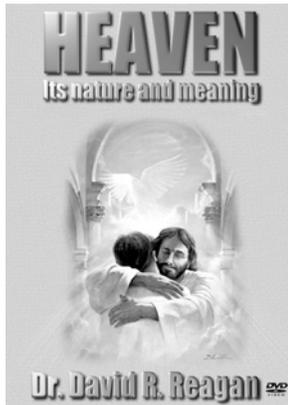
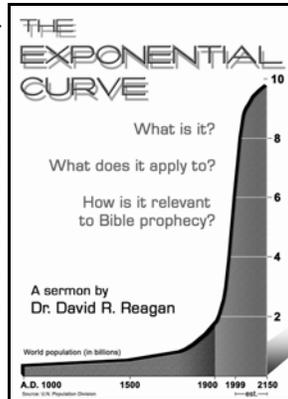
Video Programs Concerning Bible Prophecy

When the SkyAngel Network recently broadcast ten of our videos as television specials, the two that received the largest response from the general viewing audience were "Revelation Revealed" and "The Exponential Curve."



Revelation Revealed — Dr. Reagan presents a 75 minute overview of the entire book of Revelation, covering the book chapter by chapter. The video is rich with maps, charts, diagrams, still photos, animations, and video footage. Dr. Reagan clearly demonstrates that the book of Revelation can be understood and is relevant for Christian living here and now. Appropriate for individual or group study. VHS or DVD, \$15.

The Exponential Curve — One of Dr. Reagan's most fascinating and popular presentations. It concerns the impact of modern technology on both every day life and world events. In the process, Dr. Reagan demonstrates how all of life was on the exponential curve during the 20th Century, and he shows how that was a fulfillment of end time Bible prophecy. 50 minutes long. Available only in DVD format. \$12.

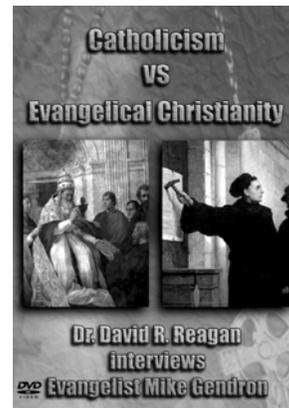
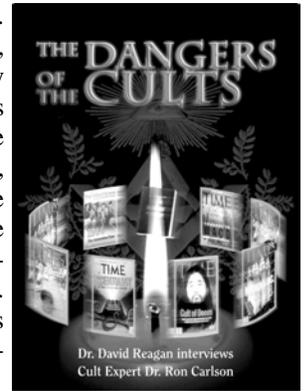


Heaven — Three television programs edited together to produce a 75 minute presentation about what the Bible teaches concerning Heaven. Dr. Reagan is assisted by two colleagues, Dennis Pollock and Don McGee. You will be challenged to think about Heaven in ways you have never considered. Topics include the meaning of Heaven, the nature of Heaven, and whether or not our pets will be in Heaven. DVD only. \$12.

God and the Weather — Dr. Reagan addresses a series of difficult questions related to God and the weather. Are all natural disasters a result of Man's sin? Can a natural disaster be a remedial judgment from God? Is Satan the one who is in control of natural disasters? Could U.S. mistreatment of Israel play a role in the natural disasters America has recently suffered? Videotaped live at a Stealing the Mind Conference. DVD, 50 mins., \$12.

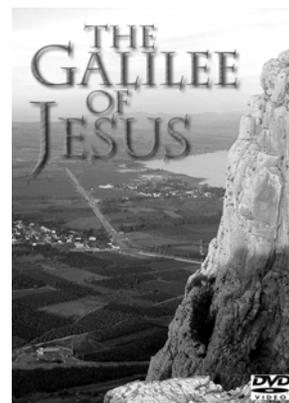
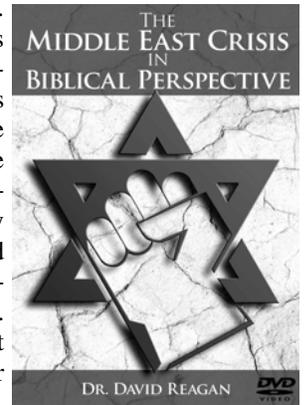


The Dangers of the Cults — Dr. Reagan interviews Dr. Ron Carlson, Christendom's foremost authority on the cults. They discuss the cults in general and then focus on the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Masons. Very informative and provocative. Learn about the false prophecies of the JWs. Understand why Masonry is un-Christian. Discover how DNA testing has caused a major crisis among Mormons. DVD, 90 mins., \$12.



Catholicism — Dr. Reagan interviews Mike Gendron, founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries in Plano, Texas. Mike was born and raised in the Catholic Church and was a faithful Catholic for over 30 years before he had a born-again experience. In this program he explains why he considers Catholicism to be a false religion. In the process he presents a startling comparison with Evangelical Christianity. DVD, \$12.

The Middle East Crisis — Dr. Reagan presents the spiritual roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict and surveys the conflict from biblical times to the present, showing why there will never be peace in the Middle East until the Prince of Peace returns. In the process, he clearly shows from Scripture that the land of Israel has been given to the Jewish people as an eternal possession. He also explains why the current policy of appeasement will never produce peace. DVD, 50 mins., \$12.



The Galilee of Jesus — Four TV programs edited together to produce a sweeping overview of the ministry of Jesus in the Galilee of Israel. Features the teaching of both Dr. Reagan and Dennis Pollock. All footage was shot on location in Israel. An outstanding resource for individual or group study. Running time is 80 minutes. DVD, \$15.

To order, call 1-800-705-8316. Call between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Apostasy —

When referring to the Trinity, the biblically correct terminology is “Father, Son and Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).



But leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have suggested some alternative designations such as “Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child and Life-giving Womb” or “Overflowing Font, Living Water and Flowing River.” Two other suggestions were “Rock, Cornerstone and Temple” and “Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation and Dove of Peace.”

These phrases are among twelve that were suggested in June of last year by the church’s policy-making body to describe the Triune God of Christian doctrine.

The Reverend Mark Brewer, senior pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in California, expressed strong disapproval of the suggestions. “You might as well put in Huey, Dewey and Louie,” he said.

“But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will . . . hold to a form of religion, although they will deny its power . . .” 2 Timothy 3:1 & 5

Anti-Semitism —

Former President Jimmy Carter has written a new book entitled *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid* which is blatantly anti-Semitic in its message and tone.

Incredibly, he argues that Israel is imposing a system of apartheid upon the Palestinians because of “the desire of a minority of Israelis for Palestinian land.”

As columnist Joseph Farah put it, “This is the Big Lie being pushed by a man who must know better.”

It is true that there is a system of apartheid in the Middle East. It consists of the Arab insistence that no Jews be allowed to live in any of the Arab nations. Israel, on the other hand, provides full citizenship rights to a million Arabs who live within its borders.

First Muslim Congressman —

The voters of Minnesota who elected a wrestler named Jesse Ventura as governor in 1998 have continued their weird ways by electing the first Muslim to serve in the United States Congress.

His name is Keith Ellison. He is a former Catholic who converted to Islam at age 19. His victory prompted celebrations among Muslims all over the world. Even Al-Jazeera gave his victory headline attention.

As Ellison gave his acceptance speech, the crowd shouted “Allah Akbar!” (meaning “Allah is the Greatest!”). Ellison immediately announced that he would take his oath of office on the Quran.

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More Apostasy —

The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, is the second oldest school of higher learning in the United States.

The school was founded in 1693 as an Anglican institution. Only Harvard is older. One of the most historic buildings on campus is the Christopher Wren Chapel.

Last November the College announced that it had decided to remove the 2-foot-high gold cross from the front of the chapel “in order to make Wren Chapel less of a faith-specific space, and to make it more welcoming to students, faculty, staff, and visitors of all faiths.” How’s that for warm and fuzzy politically correct language?

“The cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

Why Televangelists Have a Bad Reputation —

The *Dallas Morning News* reported last December that globe-trotting televangelist Benny Hinn has grown tired of flying commercial. The Irving, Texas based preacher put out a call to his followers to help pay for “Dove One,” a Gulfstream jet that costs about 30 million dollars. For a gift of \$1,000 toward paying off the \$6 million down payment, Hinn promised to put each donor’s name in a special place on the airplane so he could pray especially for them “in the highest ‘prayer tower’ in the world.” For more information, including a picture of the airplane, go to www.bennyhinn.org.

The Threats Continue —

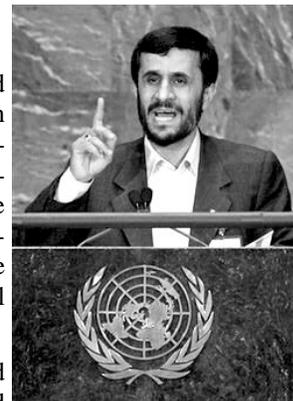
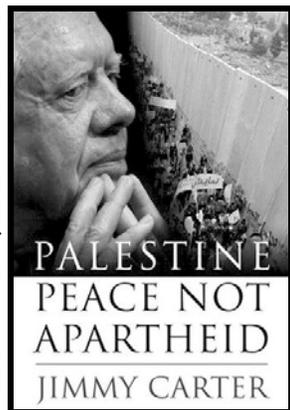
Iranian megalomaniac Mahmoud Ahmadinejad continues to threaten the destruction of Israel. At a gathering of Holocaust deniers last December, he promised the world once again that Israel will soon be destroyed. “The Zionist regime will be wiped out . . . and humanity will achieve freedom,” he proclaimed.

Meanwhile, his country continued working feverishly with Russian aid to build the weapons of mass destruction he needs to achieve his aim. The previous month he announced that Iran had successfully test-fired a long-range missile capable of delivering a nuclear warhead to Israel.

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars.”
Matthew 24:6

Deception —

In November of last year Pastor Rick Warren met with the Grand Mufti of Syria and afterwards expressed his admiration of Syria, one of the leading terrorist nations in the world and a sworn enemy of Israel.



The Fate of the Disciples —

Have you ever wondered what happened to the disciples of Jesus? According to tradition . . .

- Philip was scourged and crucified.
- Matthew was nailed to the ground with spikes and beheaded.
- Jude was beaten to death with sticks and clubs.
- Simon was tortured and crucified.
- John, the son of Zebedee, was tortured and exiled.
- James, the brother of John, was beheaded.
- James, the brother of Jesus, was pushed from the top of a building and then his broken body was beaten to death.
- Andrew, Peter's brother, hung on a cross for three days before dying.
- Bartholomew was beaten and skinned alive before being beheaded.
- Thomas was speared with a javelin.
- And Peter was crucified — upside down.

Every single one of the Lord's disciples suffered cruel torture. Why? Not for saying Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified. The world knew of and confirmed His death. The disciples were tortured, vilified, exiled, and executed for saying He had risen from the dead! They were put to death for their conviction that Jesus Christ is alive and that He is Lord!

Have you ever wondered how they were able to remain faithful to the end? The Apostle Peter revealed the secret in a letter he wrote to the Early Church: **They kept looking up.** They maintained an eternal perspective and kept looking for the Lord's return. Read 1 Peter 1:1-16.

"Gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 1:13

(Adapted from *Decision* magazine, published by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.)

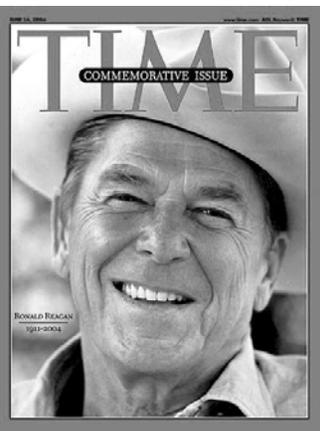
Wisdom from Ronald Reagan —

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the United States Congress."



Food for Thought



The Ten Commandments —

The attack on the Ten Commandments by the ACLU has kept them in the news. How much do you really know about them? Here's a quiz, courtesy of the Religion News Service:

1 The Ten Commandments first appear in Exodus 20:1-17. Where in Scripture are they repeated? (*Deuteronomy 5:6-21*)

2 What is the first commandment? (*"You shall have no other gods before Me."* Catholic and Lutherans often combined this with the second which prohibits graven images. In order to keep the number at ten, they then divide the prohibition against coveting into two parts.)

3 What is the Greek name often used for the commandments? (*Decalogue, which means "10 words."*)

4 Which is the only commandment that comes with an accompanying promise? (*The fifth: "Honor your father and mother . . . that your days may be prolonged."*)

5 True or false: The commandments deny the existence of other gods. (*False. "You shall have no other gods before me" implies the existence of other gods.*)

6 True or false: The commandments were written for a Christian audience. (*False. They were given by God through Moses to the Jewish people.*)

7 Which commandment, if enforced, would have the greatest impact on modern-day consumerism? (*The fourth: "Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Consider all the revenue that businesses would lose if this commandment were heeded.*)

8 Which commandments did Jesus broaden in His Sermon on the Mount? (*The sixth against murder and the seventh against adultery. See Matthew 5:21-28*)

9 Which is the "greatest commandment," according to Jesus? (*Jesus based it on the first of the Ten Commandments when He said it is "To love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." See Matthew 22:37.*)

10 Whatever happened to the stone tablets the commandments were written upon? (*According to Deuteronomy 10:2 and other passages, they were stored in the Ark of the Covenant. They disappeared when it did. The last mention of the Ark can be found in 2 Chronicles 35:3.*)

Oxymoron —

Definition: A rhetorical figure or concept in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined, like "to make haste slowly" or "accidently on purpose."



An oxymoron regarding the Ten Commandments: The courts demanding that the Ten Commandments be removed from courthouses while making people swear to tell the truth on a Bible containing the Ten Commandments! ✚

Messianic Judaism in Poland

When the Iron Curtain fell in the early 1990's, Dr. Reagan had the blessing of going to both Russia and Eastern Europe to preach the Gospel and to teach Bible prophecy. His trips were arranged by George Bajenski, a Polish evangelist based in Toronto, Canada.

Because of Mr. Bajenski's extensive contacts in Poland, Dr. Reagan spent a lot of time there during several trips, preaching from one end of the country to another. During his first trip, he met a remarkable Christian pastor named Kazik Barchuk.

Kazik was greatly blessed by Dr. Reagan's preaching and teaching about the Jews in prophecy. Later, he discovered that he was a Jew! That's when he decided to give up his pastorate and devote the rest of his life to reaching out to Jews with the message of Yeshua being their Messiah.

Lamb & Lion Ministries supplied both encouragement and finances to help Kazik launch his Messianic ministry. Since that time, God has greatly blessed the ministry. Today, more than 100 Jews gather each week on the Sabbath to hear Kazik preach about Yeshua.

Last November, Kazik visited the United States to meet with churches and individuals who have supported his ministry. His itinerary included a stop at our headquarters. His visit was a great blessing to us.

Kazik presented the ministry with a beautiful tapestry that



was rescued from a Warsaw synagogue before it was destroyed by the Nazis. The tapestry is estimated to be over 100 years old. It features the words, "Yahweh is our strength."

Before World War II, there were over 400 synagogues in Warsaw. Today, there is only one. But there is also a congregation of Jewish believers. **Praise the Lord!**

Please put Kazik and his ministry on your prayer list, and please consider making a special donation to help cover the costs of their outreach. Mark your offering for "Polish Outreach." ✦

Evangelism in the Philippines



Pastor Remegio Blanco is a humble man of God with a great zeal to reach lost souls for Jesus. He pastors a local church, but he conducts outdoor evangelistic crusades all over his province located in the central Philippines, about 150 miles north of Manila — the province of Pangasinan.

Dr. Reagan and Dennis Pollock flew to the Philippines in 2000 to conduct a Bible prophecy conference for pastors and to conduct an outdoor crusade. Pastor Blanco did a superb job of organizing every detail of the outreach.

To Dr. Reagan's astonishment, he discovered that the pastor and his wife were living in a bamboo hut! When Dr. Reagan returned to the States, he launched a fund-raising campaign to build a home for the Blancos. With your enthusiastic support, this vision became a reality.

Last year Pastor Blanco informed us of his need for a mini-truck to haul equipment for his outdoor crusades. Again, through your support, the dream became a reality. Thank you! ✦

Church Building in Africa

Last year we raised over \$20,000 to construct a new church building in Kimberley, South Africa. The church is pastored by another humble man of God, Abraham Louw. His congregation currently meets in a shed built of corrugated iron.

The beautiful new brick building was completed by Novem-

ber, except for the roof. We put out an appeal for an additional \$10,000 for the roof, and we received it before the end of the year. Thanks to all of you who so generously responded!

We are planning to send Dennis Pollock to South Africa in June to dedicate the new building, hold a conference for pastors, and conduct an evangelistic crusade. If you would like to send funds with him to help this church, please mark your donation for "African Outreach." ✦

Speaking Schedule —

Last August the Lamb & Lion Board of Trustees decided to limit Dr. Reagan's speaking schedule to one out-of-town engagement per month, beginning in 2007. The decision was prompted by a desire for Dr. Reagan to focus his time, energy and effort on mass outreach through our magazine and television program. His speaking engagements in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area where he would not be required to spend a night away from home will be unlimited. One exception was made in the new policy for the month of October since two out-of-town engagements had already been scheduled for that month.

Dr. Reagan's speaking schedule for 2007 is as follows:

- January — Community Christian Church in Apache, Junction, Arizona (14-16)
- February — Steeling the Mind Conference at Ocean Hills Community Church in San Juan Capistrano, California (17)
- March — Eastview Christian Church in Martinsville, Indiana (4)
- April — The Annual Rendevous Gathering in Hatfield, Arkansas (24-26)
- May — Steeling the Mind Conference at Calvary Chapel in Albuquerque, New Mexico (12)
- June — Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (2-13)
- July — Second Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (7-18)
- August — Steeling the Mind Conference at the Marriott Resort in Vail, Colorado (24-25)
- September — Annual Bible Prophecy Conference sponsored by Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries and conducted at First Baptist Church in Broussard, Louisiana (15-16)
- October — Ebenezer Church of Christ in Harrodsburg, Kentucky (5-7)
Olive Tree Ministries Annual Conference in Maple Grove, Minnesota (26-27)
- November — Missouri Bible Prophecy Conference at Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Missouri (2-4)
- December — Only local engagements being accepted

Prophecy Partners Needed —

We currently have approximately 1,800 Prophecy Partners. We need to expand that to over 2,000 this year in order to sustain our television outreach. The minimum donation required is \$20 per month for a year or a lump sum donation of \$240. To enroll in the program and start receiving the special monthly mailings and gifts, call 1-800-705-8316. Thanks!



Homer and Geneva Dodge from Albuquerque, New Mexico are pictured at the left with Dr. Reagan. They have been Prophecy Partners since the program began in 1987.

Ministry News



— Position Available

We are seeking a webmaster with extensive technical knowledge and some understanding of Bible prophecy to develop our current website into one that would be interactive and updated daily. Must be a committed Christian with a Premillennial viewpoint of Bible prophecy.

Could be a full or part time position. It would not necessarily require that the person move to our area. If interested, contact Dr. David Reagan via the Internet at DrReagan@vsswireless.net.

Website —

Have you checked out our website recently? It contains a large number of articles about every aspect of Bible prophecy, all of them topically arranged. There are also video teaching programs you can watch on line and sample TV programs. Complete copies of this magazine can also be found at the site. A new item is a place where you can download a copy of every magazine cover we have ever published. These are useful in illustrating PowerPoint presentations. And, of course, you can find a catalogue of our resource materials, and you can actually purchase them on line, if you so desire. The website address is www.lamblion.com. Incidentally, the site has a very fast search engine that you can use to find articles by topic.



"Preaching to a videotaped congregation is not a television ministry!"

WalMart Update —

In the last two issues of this magazine we reported news regarding financial aid that was being given to radical homosexual activist groups by WalMart. We are delighted to report that due to intense pressure from Christians, WalMart has announced that it will no longer supply such aid. Go to the WalMart website at www.walmartstores.com and click on "Contact Us." You will find forms you can use to send a message to local stores or to the corporate headquarters. Write and thank them for changing their policy and encourage them to continue upholding family values. Your opinion matters! ✚

New Version of Study Guide

A new version of the *Christ in Prophecy Study Guide* has been published. It is the third edition of the guide.

The guide was first published in August of 1987. Dr. Reagan had been working on it for seven years, and was able to complete it when he took a Sabbatical from his travels in 1987.

From the time it was first published until now, it has been one of the most popular publications of the ministry.

The guide presents every Messianic prophecy in the Bible. The sections of the guide are as follows:

- First Advent Prophecies in the Old Testament
- First Advent Prophecies in the New Testament
- Second Advent Prophecies in the Law & Prophets
- Second Advent Prophecies in the Psalms
- Second Advent Prophecies in the New Testament

In addition to identifying the prophecies, Dr. Reagan organizes them into chronological order, showing how they relate to each other.

There is an Epilogue in which Dr. Reagan presents all the passages from the New Testament that relate to Christian conduct as we await the Lord's return.

Finally, the book contains two very detailed and lengthy indexes. One is a topical index that you can use to find specific topics like Rapture, Tribulation, and Millennium. The other is a Scripture index that you can use to find all the references in the book to a specific verse or passage.

The book has an entirely new type of binding. The first and second editions were spiral bound to make it



possible for the guide to lie flat when opened. This third edition has a binding called Otabind. It is a unique binding that looks traditional, but which, like spiral binding, allows the book to lie flat when opened. This gets rid of the bulky plastic binder that must be used with spiral binding.

The book runs 150 pages in length. It is 8½ by 11" in size. It sells for \$15, plus the cost of shipping. This is a great study resource for serious students of Bible prophecy. It would also be a valuable addition to any church library.

To order, call 1-800-705-8316 between 8am and 5pm (Central time), Monday through Friday. ✚



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