

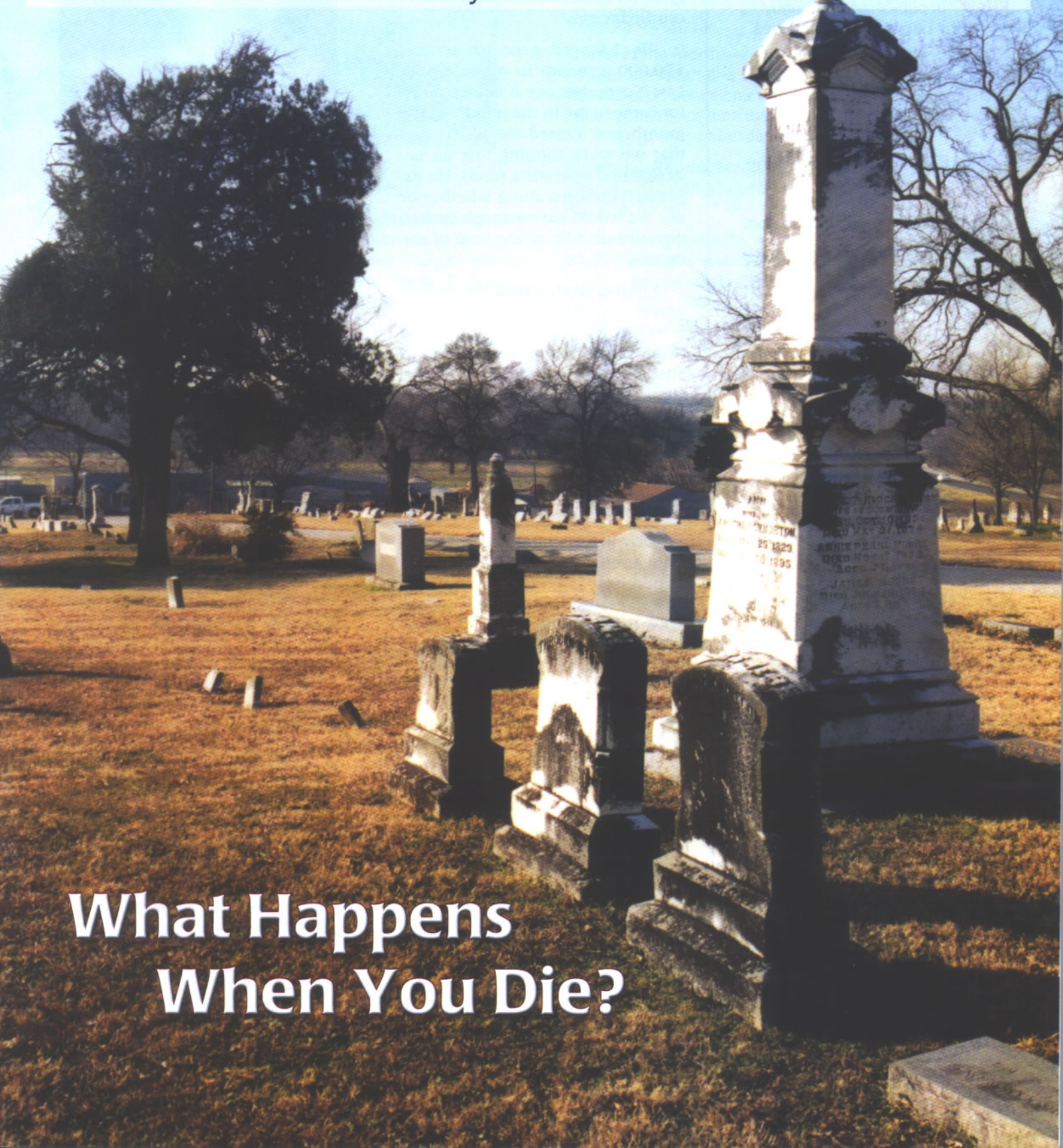
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*"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19*

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When You Die?**



# Observations by the Editor

## Praising God!

When you live by faith, as we do here at Lamb & Lion, you experience the miracle working power of God almost daily. Let me give you a recent example related to our finances.

We have to generate around \$70,000 a month to pay our bills. Last November our financial director came to me in the middle of the month and alerted me to the fact that we were running low on undesignated operating funds. He expressed concern about whether or not we would have enough cash to pay all our bills at the end of the month.

I immediately called the staff to prayer, and we continued to pray fervently the rest of the month. In response to our prayers, the Lord enabled us to end the month with all our bills paid in full. But our remaining balance was only \$100.50! That was the lowest balance of undesignated funds that I could ever remember.

We continued to pray.

Early in December we got a call from a retired dentist who wanted to purchase copies of each of our TV programs. He said he would drive out to the ministry the next day and pick them up.

When he arrived with his wife, they asked to see me. I met them and then invited them to have a chat in our board room. We spent about 45 minutes talking about Lamb & Lion and Bible prophecy in general. Then, when they started to leave, they suddenly handed me a check for \$25,000!

The rest of the month was just like that – one great financial blessing after another, enabling us to end the year with all our bills paid in full (for the 23rd year in a row). But the blessing was even greater than that. The Lord enabled us to carry over a surplus into the new year equal to



**Dr. David Reagan**

one month's income. That surplus will be set aside in a special account to help us cover the slump in donations that occurs every summer. Some of it will also be used to help cover our television costs.

I want to thank you for your prayers and for your generous gifts. The Lord has greatly blessed and encouraged us through you.

We are praising God for a lot of other things as well. Two in particular that I would like to mention are new prophecy study resources that will be coming out soon. One is my new book about the United States in Bible prophecy. It should be ready for distribution by the time you receive this magazine. The other is a new one hour video that takes you through the book of Revelation, chapter by chapter. It should be ready by mid-summer, if not sooner.

A lot of time, energy and prayer has gone into the production of these new study resources. We pray they will prove to be a blessing to you. ✚

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# What Happens When You Die?

by Dr. David R. Reagan

If several years ago you had asked me what happens when you die, I would have given you a pathetic answer.

I would have told you that when you die your soul goes to sleep until the Lord returns. At the return of the Lord, your soul is resurrected and judged, and you are either consigned to Hell or allowed to enter Heaven.

My conception of Heaven was that of a spirit world where the saved spend eternity as disembodied spirits, floating around on clouds, playing harps.

## A Mistaken View

Needless to say, I couldn't get very excited about all that. I sure didn't like the idea of being unconscious in the grave for eons of time. Nor could I develop any enthusiasm for the prospect of being a disembodied spirit with no particular identity or personality. And the idea of playing a harp for all eternity was downright scandalous, for I had been taught that instrumental music in worship was an abomination!

You can imagine, therefore, the sense of shock I felt when I started studying Bible prophecy and discovered that all these ideas of mine about life after death were foreign to God's Word. But my shock quickly gave way to exhilaration when I discovered what the Lord really has in store for me.

## The Biblical View

I learned from God's Word that when those of us who are Christians die, our spirits never lose their consciousness (Philippians 1:21-23 and 2 Corinthians 5:8). Instead, our fully conscious spirits are immediately ushered into the presence of Jesus by His holy angels (Luke 16:22).



Our spirits remain in the Lord's presence until He appears for His Church. At that time, He brings our spirits with Him, resurrects our bodies, reunites our spirits with our bodies, and then glorifies our bodies, perfecting them and rendering them eternal (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We return with Him to Heaven in our glorified bodies where we are judged for our works to determine our degrees of rewards (2 Corinthians 5:10). When this judgment is completed, we participate in a glorious wedding feast to celebrate the union of Jesus and His Bride, the Church (Revelation 19:7-9).

## Witnesses of Glory

At the conclusion of the feast, we burst from the heavens with Jesus, returning with Him to the earth in glory (Revelation 19:14). We witness His victory at Armageddon, we shout "Hallelujah!" as He is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, and we revel in His glory as He begins to reign over all the earth from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:1-9 and Revelation 19:17-21).

For a thousand years we participate in that reign, assisting Him with the instruction, administration, and

enforcement of His perfect laws (Daniel 7:13-14, 18, 27 and Revelation 20:1-6). We see the earth regenerated and nature reconciled (Isaiah 11:6-9). We see holiness abound and the earth flooded with peace, righteousness and justice (Micah 4:1-7).

At the end of the Millennium we witness the release of Satan to deceive the nations. We see the truly despicable nature of the heart of Man as millions rally to Satan in his attempt to overthrow the throne of Jesus. But we will shout "Hallelujah!" again when we witness God's supernatural destruction of Satan's armies and see Satan himself cast into Hell where he will be tormented forever (Revelation 20:7-10).

We will next witness the Great White Throne Judgment when the unrighteous are resurrected to stand before God. We will see perfect holiness and justice in action as God pronounces His terrible judgment upon this congregation of the damned who have rejected His gift of love and mercy in Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:11-13).

Jesus will be fully vindicated as every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. Then the unrighteous will receive their just reward as they are cast into Hell (Revelation 20:14-15).

### **Witnesses of a New Creation**

**W**e will then witness the most spectacular fireworks display in all of history.

We will be taken to the New Jerusalem, the eternal mansion prepared by Jesus for His Bride, and from there we will watch as God renovates this earth with fire, burning away all the filth and pollution left by Satan's last battle (2 Peter 3:12-13).

Just as the angels rejoiced when God created the universe, we will rejoice as we watch God superheat this earth and reshape it like a hot ball of wax into the New Earth, the eternal earth, the paradise where we will live forever in the presence of God (Revelation 21:1-7).

What a glorious moment it will be when we are lowered to the New Earth inside the fabulous New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2). God will come down from Heaven to dwell with us (Revelation 21:3). He will proclaim: "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). We will see God face to face (Revelation 22:4). He will wipe away all our tears (Revelation 21:4). Death will be no more (Revelation 21:4). We will be given new names (Revelation 2:17), and we will exist as individual personalities encased in perfect bodies (Philippians 3:21). And we will grow eternally in knowledge and love of our infinite Creator, honoring Him with our talents and gifts.

Now, I can get excited about that!



## The Word vs. Tradition

Isn't it amazing how far we can drift away from the Word of God when we stop reading His Word and start mouthing the traditions of men?

As I kept making one discovery after another in God's Prophetic Word that ran contrary to what I had been taught, I began to wonder about the origin of the doctrines I had learned. It didn't take me long to discover that the source was Greek philosophy.

The first attempt to mix the concepts of Greek philosophy with the teachings of God's Word came very early in the history of the Church. The attempt was called Gnosticism. The Gnostic heresy arose among the first Gentile converts because they tried to Hellenize the Scriptures; that is, they tried to make the Scriptures conform to the basic tenets of Greek philosophy.

The Greeks believed that the material universe, including the human body, was evil. This negative view of the creation was diametrically opposed to Hebrew thought, as revealed in the Bible. To the Hebrew mind, the world was created good (Genesis 1:31). And even though the goodness of the creation was corrupted by the sin of Man (Isaiah 24:5-6), the creation still reflects to some degree the glory of God (Psalm 19:1). Most important, the creation will someday be redeemed by God (Romans 8:18-23).

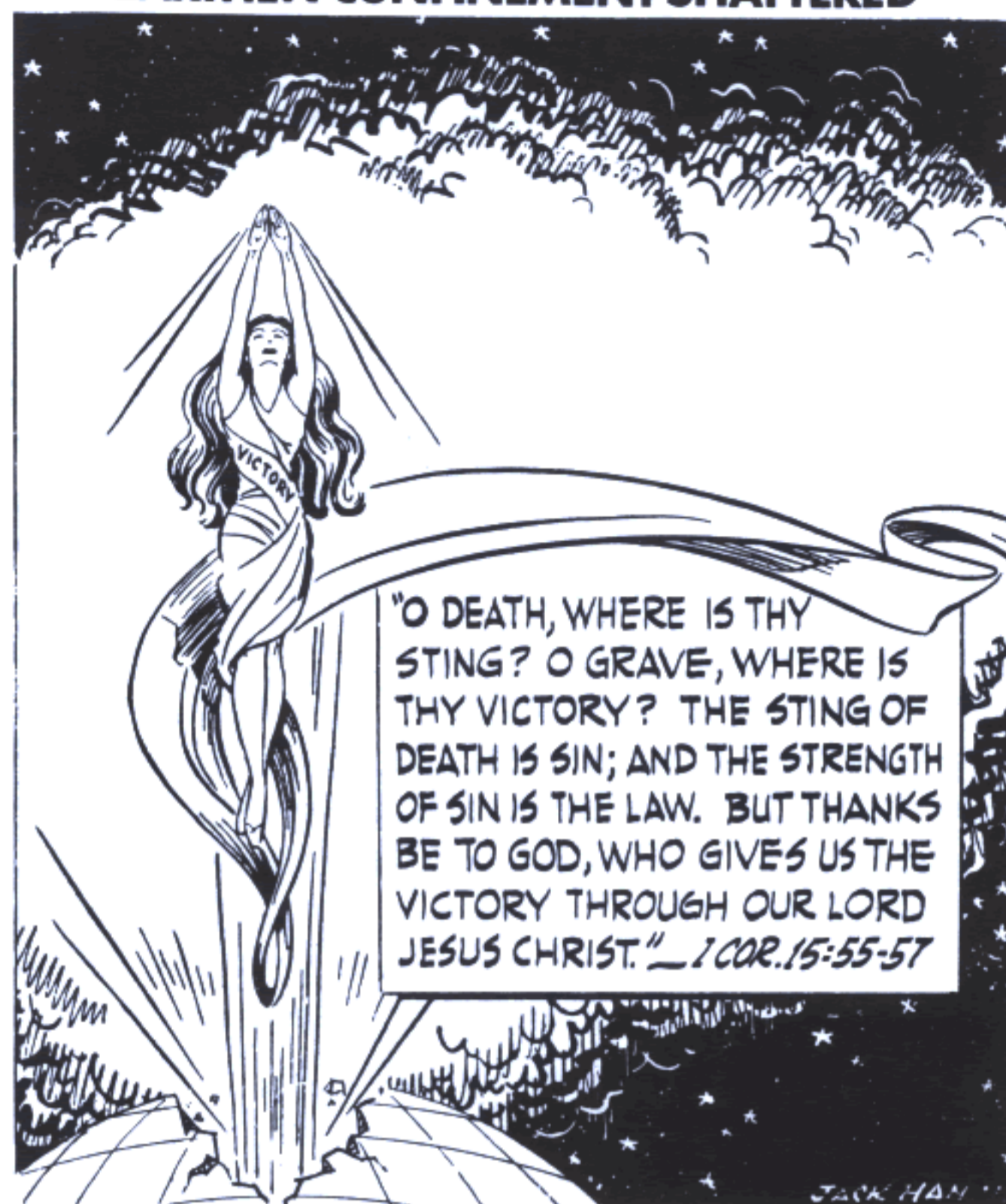
### The Gnostic Heresy

When the first Gentiles were converted to the Gospel, their Greek mind-set immediately collided with some of the fundamental teachings of Christianity. For example, they wondered, "How could Jesus have come in the flesh if He was God? God is holy. How can He who is holy be encased in a body which is evil?"

In short, because they viewed the material universe as evil, they could not accept the Bible's teaching that God became incarnate in the flesh. Their response was to develop the Gnostic heresy that Jesus was a spirit being or phantom who never took on the flesh and therefore never experienced physical death.



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This heresy is denounced strongly in Scripture. In 1 John 4:1-2 we are told to test those who seek our spiritual fellowship by asking them to confess "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh."

### The Augustinian Corruption

About 400 A.D. a remarkable theologian by the name of St. Augustine attempted to Hellenize what the Scriptures taught about end time events and life after death. Augustine was very successful in his attempt. His views were adopted by the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. and have remained Catholic dogma to this day.

The influence of Greek philosophy would not allow Augustine to accept what the Bible taught about life after death.

For example, the Bible says the saints will spend eternity in glorified bodies on a New Earth (Revelation 21:1-7). Such a concept was anathema to the Greek mind of Augustine. If the material world is evil, then he reasoned that the material world must cease to exist when the Lord returns. Augustine solved the problem by spiritualizing what the Bible said. He did this by arguing that the "new earth" of Revelation 21 is just symbolic language for Heaven.

Augustine's views are held by most professing Christians today, both Catholic and Protestant. That means that most of Christianity today teaches Greek philosophy rather than the Word of God when it comes to the realm of end time prophecy and life after death.

## The Intermediate State

Some of the greatest confusion about life after death relates to the intermediate state between death and eternity. Some people advocate a concept called “soul sleep.” They argue that both the saved and unsaved are unconscious after death until the return of Jesus.

But the Bible makes it crystal clear that our spirit does not lose its consciousness at death. The only thing that “falls asleep” is our body – in a symbolic sense. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:8 that he would prefer to be “absent from the body and at home with the Lord.” In Philippians 1:21 he observes, “For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.” He then adds in verse 23 that his desire is “to depart and be with Christ.” Paul certainly did not expect to be in a coma after he died!

If then our spirits retain their consciousness after death, where do they go? The Bible teaches that prior to the resurrection of Jesus, the spirits of the dead went to a place called Hades (“Sheol” in the Old Testament). The spirits existed there consciously in one of two compartments, either Paradise or Torments. This concept is pictured graphically in Jesus’ story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

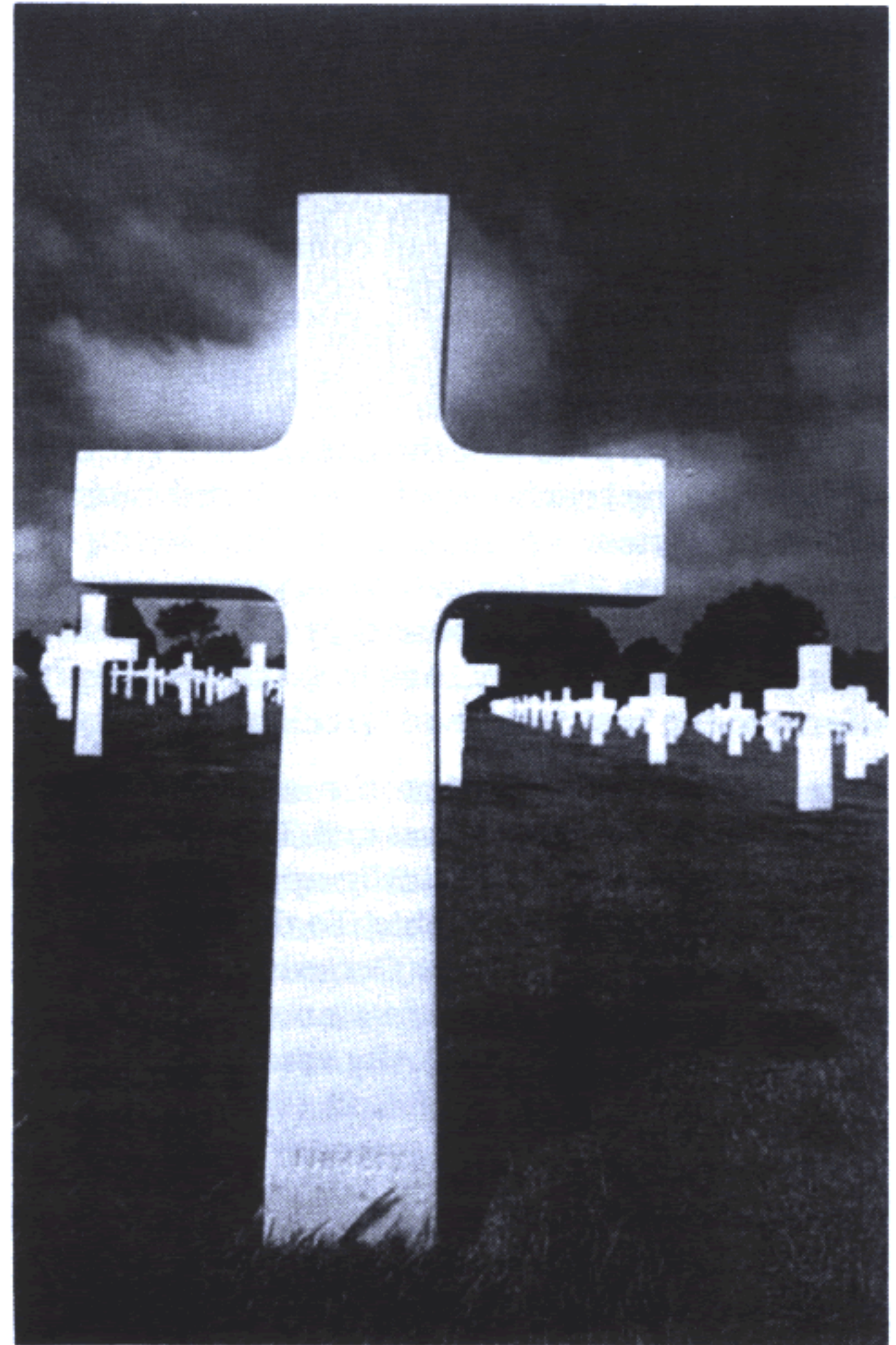
The Bible indicates that after the death of Jesus on the Cross, He descended into Hades to declare the good news that He had shed His blood for the sins of Mankind (1 Peter 3:18-19 and 4:6). The Bible also indicates that after His resurrection, when He ascended into Heaven, Jesus took Paradise with Him, transferring the spirits of dead saints from Hades to Heaven (Ephesians 4:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 12:1-4). The spirits of dead saints are thereafter pictured as being in Heaven before the throne of God (See Revelation 6:9 and 7:9).

The spirits of the righteous dead could not go directly to Heaven before the Cross because their sins were not forgiven. Instead, their sins were merely covered by their faith. The forgiveness of their sins had to await the shedding of the blood of the Messiah (Leviticus 17:11; Romans 5:8-9, and Hebrews 9:22).

### Events at Death

So, what happens when you die? If you are a child of God, your spirit is immediately ushered into the bosom of Jesus by His holy angels. Your spirit remains in Heaven, in the presence of God, until the time of the Rapture. When Jesus comes for His Church, He brings your spirit with Him, resurrects and glorifies your body, making it eternal in nature (1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4). You reign with Jesus for a thousand years and then live eternally with Him on the new earth (Revelation 20-22).

If you are not a child of God, then your spirit goes to Hades at your death. This is a place of torments where your spirit is held until the resurrection of the unrighteous which takes place at the end of the millennial reign of Jesus. At that resurrection you are taken before



the Great White Throne of God where you are judged by your works and then condemned to the “second death,” which is the “lake of fire” or Hell (Revelation 20:11-15).

### Preparing for Eternity

One thing is certain: “Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that ‘Jesus is Lord!’” (Isaiah 45:23 and Romans 14:11). Your eternal destiny will be determined by when you make this confession.

If it is made before you die, then you will spend eternity with God. If not, then you will make the confession at the Great White Throne judgment before you are cast into Hell. To spend eternity with God, your confession of Jesus as Lord must be made *now*. ✝

“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.” – Romans 10:9

# “Live Forever!”

Dennis Pollock

When the Science Fiction author Ray Bradbury was 13 years old, a carnival came to his town. As he walked past the various rides and booths, a man dressed in a strange costume approached him. This man was known as “Mr. Electrico” and he carried a battery-operated wand which gave off a faint charge of electric current. Touching young Bradbury’s forehead with his wand, he solemnly commanded, “Live Forever!”

Not long afterwards the young teen was in his family’s car as they made their way to the graveyard to bury his uncle. The boy surprised everyone when he jumped from the car and raced away. He made his way back to the carnival as fast as he could, desperate to find Mr. Electrico. Bradbury noted, “I realized later I was running from death back to life.”



Ray Bradbury

Death is the cold reality that the world has no answers for. It is not for lack of trying. Every philosophy and religion has something to say on the subject. Even atheists take a stab at it. One author, writing in the Humanist Magazine defined death thus: “Death is . . . universal, intrinsic to human experience, and inevitable . . . death is a natural event.” Of course this is a fancy way of saying that we all die, which is not exactly earth-shattering news! (Or as my kids would say, “Well, Duh!”)

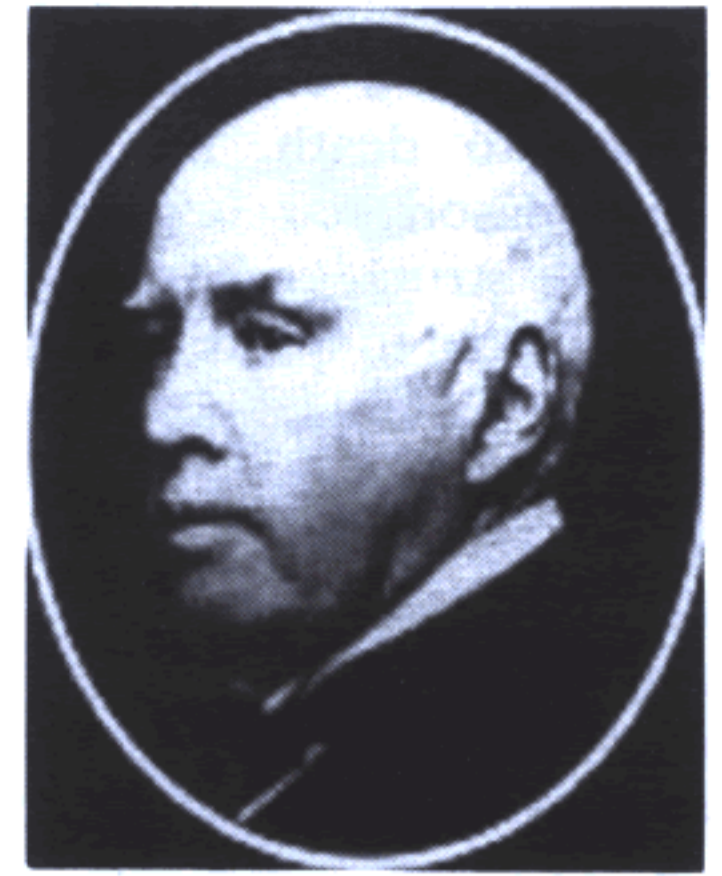
## The Secular Perspective

Those who hold a secular view of life tell us that death is exactly what it seems to be. When you die, you cease to exist. In other words, you are not *in* your body; you *are* your body. The famous humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer, once said that he could not “conceive of an individual that survives his physical death. Let feeble souls, from fear or absurd egotism, cherish such thoughts.”

This does not exactly put a sunny face on the nature of human experience. If we are all headed for extinction, if the grave and non-existence are all we can hope for, life becomes nothing more than a cruel joke. Meaning and purpose are stripped from us. Some of the more hardy (and honest) atheists admit this.

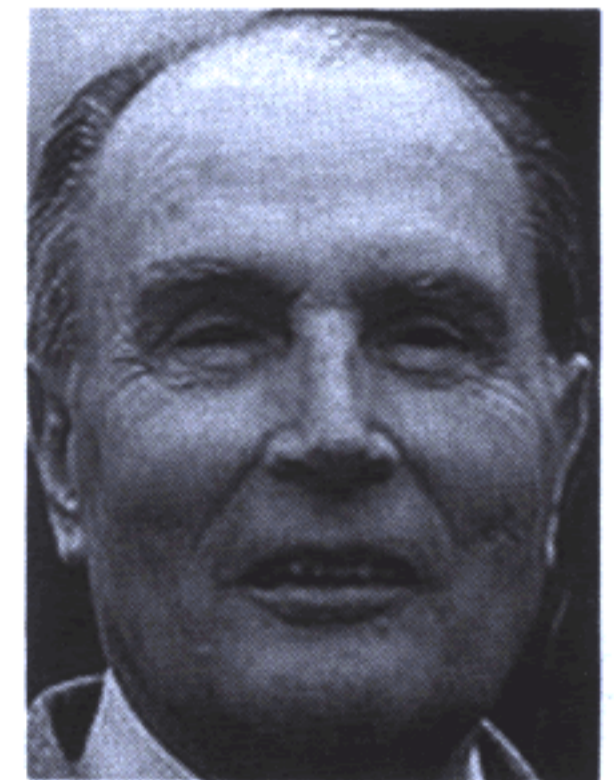
Robert Ingersoll, the brilliant atheist and evolutionist of the 1800’s lost his brother to death suddenly. He had loved his brother dearly and was determined to

show respect by a proper funeral. But how does an atheist have a funeral? In his funeral “sermon” Ingersoll stated, “Every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jeweled with joy, will, at its close, become a tragedy, as sad and deep, and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death. . . Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry.” Not exactly Rebecca of Sunnybrook farm kind of stuff!



Robert Ingersoll

Former Prime Minister of France, Francois Mitterand, was another brilliant atheist, who wrestled with the issue of death. It became a very personal struggle when he developed cancer and realized that he was, himself, dying. During his last year he poured himself into trying to find a satisfactory answer to the mystery of death. He was said to have known the final resting places of many of France’s greatest figures and made frequent visits to their tombs. He constantly read books and articles on death and questioned the so-called experts on the subject. (One wonders how you get to be an authority on death without actually dying!)



Francois Mitterand

A few days before he succumbed to prostate cancer, he felt he had an answer that satisfied him. He told a close friend, “Now I have my philosophy.” With his philosophy in place, he stopped taking his cancer medication, delivered hand written instructions for his

funeral to his doctor, and completed the finishing touches on his 800 page memoirs. With his newfound philosophy in hand, he marched bravely toward the valley of the shadow of death, not realizing that it was not a philosophy he needed, but a Savior.



**FUNERAL  
SERVICE**

Raymond Burr is another example of a secular approach to death. As the Perry Mason star began a real life struggle with cancer, he liked to quote Dylan Thomas' famous line: "Do not go gently into that good night." He fought hard to survive. At one point in his struggle he sat up in bed for 30 hours, afraid that if he lay down he would die. But that was one case that even Perry Mason was not going to win. At last, exhaustion overcame him, and he lay down in his bed. Within 48 hours he was dead. While he was fighting so tenaciously to live, someone asked him what he had learned from his struggle. He replied that he had learned that "death is ugly and messy and not one whit romantic."



**Raymond Burr**

Alfred Hitchcock was known as the master of suspense to a previous generation. This talented director and producer made movies that were extremely intense, and nearly all revolved around a murder or a potential murder. His shower murder in *Psycho* was so vivid (without even showing the murder weapon) that it motivated more than a few folks to stop taking showers.



**Alfred Hitchcock**

Despite Hitchcock's preoccupation with death and murder, when it came his own time to die, he had no inner resources to face it. The movie master of suspense, horror, and murder had tears streaming down his face when, on his deathbed, he told actress Ingrid Bergman of his terror before the grim reaper. He who had done it so well on the silver screen was pitifully unprepared for the real thing.

It has always been thus. Atheists, skeptics, and worldlings often talk proudly about life and death in their youth, but as they get closer and closer to the big event, much of their bravado evaporates. Al Brumley, a writer for the *Dallas Morning News*, put it this way:

If we're honest with ourselves . . . we might admit that what's really bothering us is that troubling little voice we pretend not to hear whenever someone we admired has died. It's the voice whispering ever so softly that nothing — no amount of talent, no measure of grace, no list of accomplishments — can separate us from our own mortality. And the only way to quiet that voice is to forget . . ."

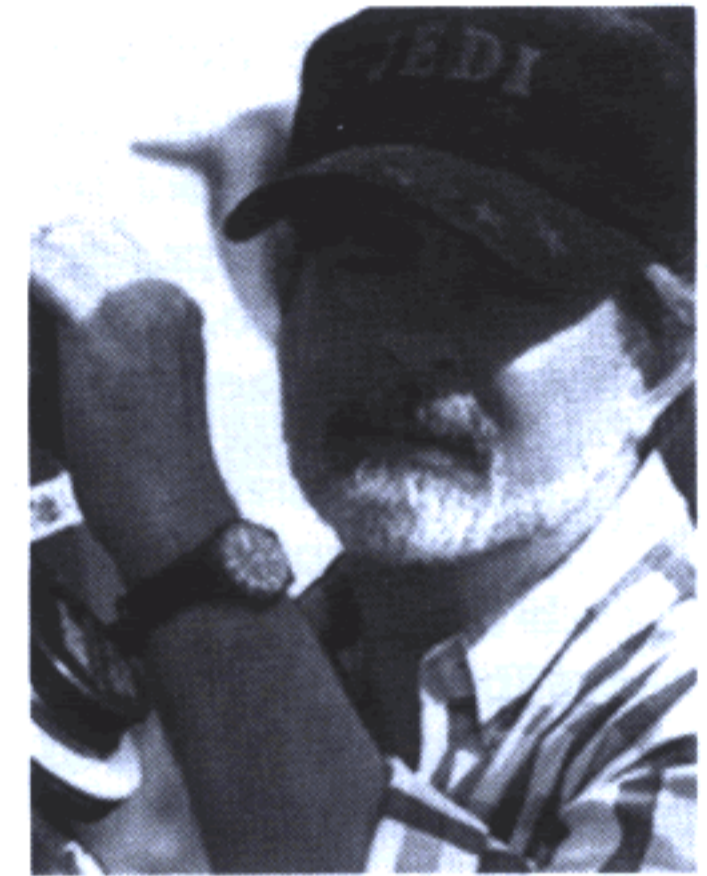
This "troubling little voice" is mentioned in the Scriptures. In Hebrews 2:15 there is a statement that most people live their lives in lifelong bondage to the fear of death.

Most people without Christ are not in daily terror of death. It is not so much a constant conscious dread that puts them in bondage. It is more likely a subtle nagging thought that lies half-hidden in their subconscious. It is the thought that no matter how nice things are now, no matter how beautiful and wonderful your life is at present, it will eventually collapse, and you will die.

### The New Age Answer

If the secular world's view of death is pessimistic, the New Age perspective is incredibly optimistic. The secularist says you die, you rot, you cease to exist. The New Age folks tell us that death is merely a transition — one of many that the soul makes as it wends its way toward godhood.

George Lucas, famed creator of the Star Wars movies, is a passionate New-Ager, as is easily apparent in his movies: "*The Force is with you, Luke, close your eyes and depend on the Force.*" Try doing that in rush hour traffic on a major freeway and see how useful the Force is!



**George Lucas**

Lucas gave his personal view of death to a reporter for *Time Magazine*, opining:

When you are born, you have an energy field around you . . . When you die, your energy field joins all other energy fields in the universe. While you're living that larger energy field is sympathetic to your own energy field.

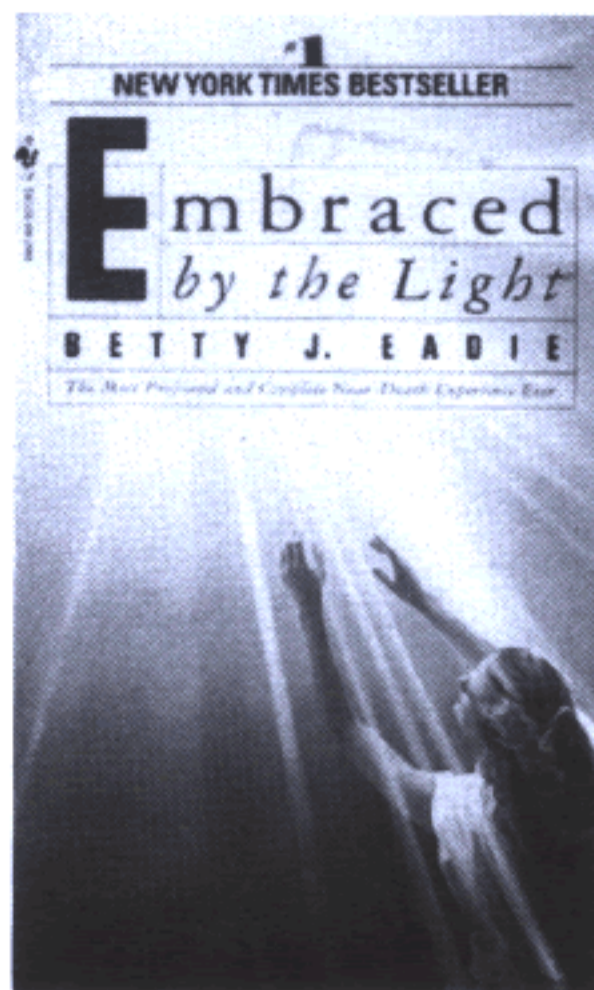
According to Lucas, death is not the cessation of existence; it is a joining up with all the others and becoming part of the God force.

Betty Eadie's book, *Embraced by the Light*, was a mega best-seller in the nineties. It is loaded with New Age gobbledygook. Like every good New-Ager, Betty believes that even the most wicked of people will eventually find their way, even if it takes many lifetimes and many experiences. She states:

Some who die as atheists . . . find it difficult to move on and they become earth-bound. They lack the faith and power to reach for . . . the energy and light that pulls us toward God. These spirits stay on



the earth until they learn to accept the greater power around them and let go of the world. They reside there as long as they want to in its love and warmth, accepting its healing influence, but eventually they learn to move on to accept the greater warmth and security of God.



Warmth and love and energy – quite a contrast with the secular view of cold and stiff and worms! *Where both views miss it is that they base their ideas upon opinion.* How can people who have not died come up with definite conclusions about death? We have seen this side, but we have not seen the other side. We can muse, we can speculate, we can opine, but we cannot make definitive judgments.

That is, we cannot apart from divine revelation. What would be nice is if we had a true “expert” on matters of life and death. Francois Mitterand went around to quiz the experts on death, but of course there were no true death experts. None of them had been on the other side. The best they could give him was a philosophy.

#### Close Encounter of the Divine Kind

There is an Expert who has come from the other side. His name is Jesus Christ, and He is the One who holds the keys of death and Hades. His view of death is neither the fatalism of the secularists nor the pretentious fantasies of the New-Agers.

He spoke of two different types of deaths – the death of the sinner and the death of those who belonged to Him. For the sinner, He declared that he would enter “into the fire that shall never be quenched, where ‘their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched’” (Mark 9:43-44).

He told us that our greatest fear should not be of death, but of the One who has the power over us after death:

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28).

He called this fearful place Hell, and described it as “outer darkness” and a place of torment, using the expression “gnashing of teeth” over and over again to emphasize its misery. He warned us that if it took us cutting off our hands, or plucking out our eyes to stay out of it, we should by all means do so. This is the

eventual end of those who die apart from the grace of Jesus Christ. We have it on the testimony of an expert witness.

The death of the believer is altogether different, according to Jesus. He tells us that:

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life” (John 3:36).

“In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).

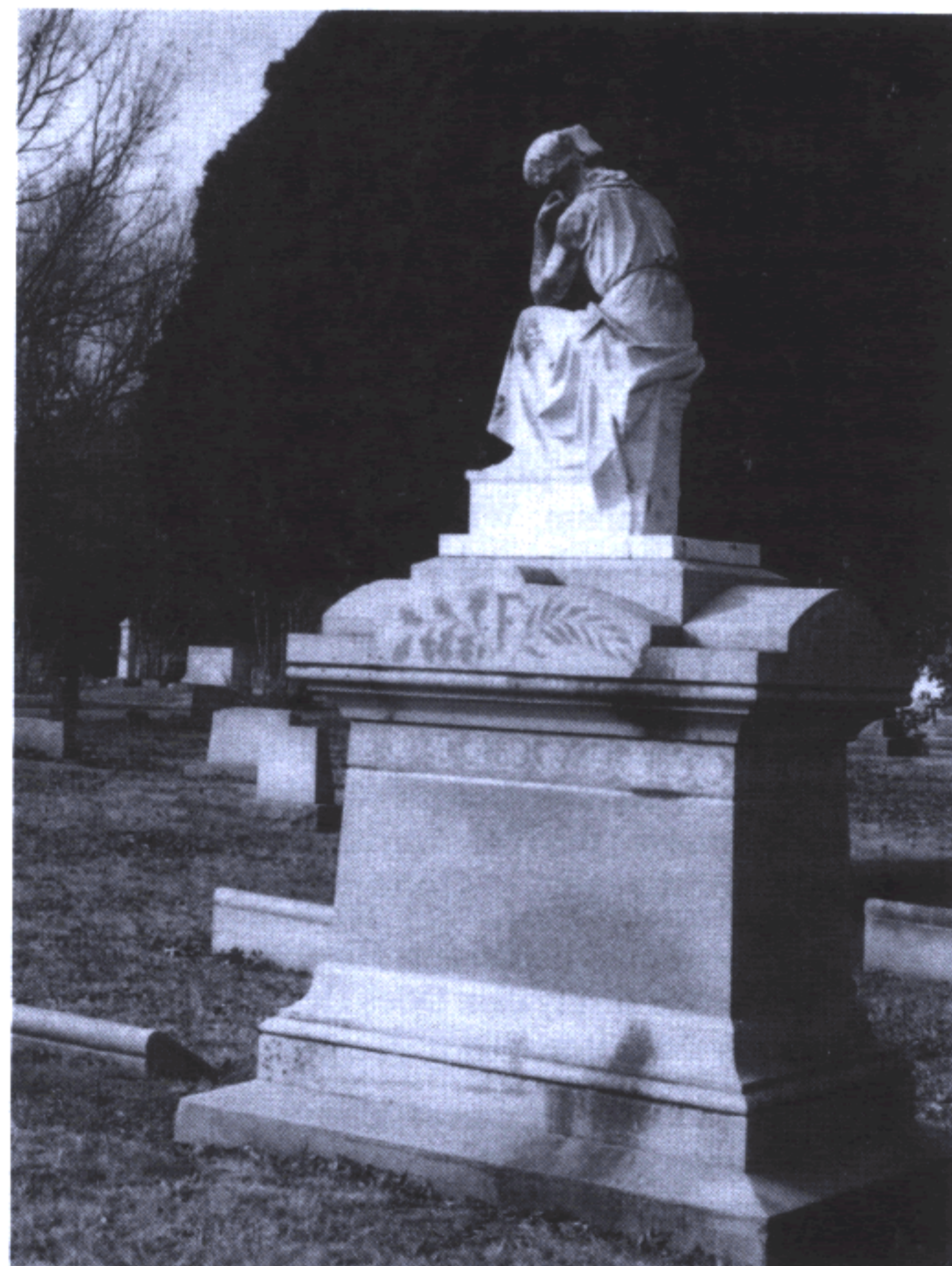
“To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God” (Revelation 2:7).

(To the thief on the cross) “Today you will be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).

In His revelation to John, Jesus grants him a view of the glories of this Paradise that is prepared for those who trust in Him (Revelation 21-22). It is a place where there are no tears, no sorrow, and no death. We shall live with our God in joyful bliss forever. Sound too good to be true? Believe it. We have it on very good opinion. ✚

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## **The Strange "Ministry" of Tammy Faye**

**Dennis Pollock**

**T**hough it has been a long time since Tammy Faye Messner (formerly Bakker) amused and amazed us with her boisterous antics on the PTL Club, she has never fully dropped out of sight. Today she is making Christian headlines again for her ministry to homosexuals.

Problem is, many Evangelicals would hardly label it "ministry." Tammy feels the Lord has called her to tell homosexuals that God loves them, but makes no references to homosexuality being a sin, and never challenges them to leave their sinful lifestyle. Tammy even participates in drag events such as a recent Tammy Faye look-alike contest where she was "surrounded by men in falsies and pancake makeup," as a National Public Radio reporter described it.

### **A Specious Argument**

Tammy Faye defends her silence on the sin of homosexuality with an argument that is heard in various forms throughout the Church today. She states: "I leave that up to the Holy Spirit because unless He speaks to them, they won't change anyway." She further justifies her silence by declaring, "I thought the Church was supposed to be a hospital and not a courtroom."

Her idea seems to be that if we just tell sinners of God's love, the Holy Spirit will do the necessary convicting of sin. No words are necessary on our part.

It sounds right; it almost sounds biblical, but it couldn't be any more wrong.

The issue is far bigger than Tammy Faye; it goes to the heart of one of the pre-eminent and fundamental issues in Evangelicalism: What role (if any) do Christians have in confronting non-Christians about their sinful lifestyles?

### **The Work of the Spirit**

There's no doubt from Scripture that it is the Holy Spirit's job to convince people of their sins. Jesus declared, "When He (the Holy Spirit) has come, He will convict the world of sin . . ." (John 16:8).

Can the Holy Spirit do this on His own without any human agency? He surely can. Does He usually do it this way? He surely does not!

People have the strangest conceptions of the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. They assume that conviction over sin magically falls from heaven without any involvement on our part. Just pray for your lost



loved one, say nothing, and one day they will fall on their face, repent of their sin, and receive Christ.

The Holy Spirit, for reasons known only to God, has always involved humans, both to convict of sin, and to draw people to Jesus. On the Day of Pentecost there was tremendous conviction of sin. Multitudes were "cut to the heart" and cried out, "What shall we do?"

Clearly this was the result of the powerful presence and working of the Holy Spirit in that place. Yet there was another factor involved here. Peter had just preached a forceful sermon, asserting that Jesus was the promised Messiah according to the Old Testament prophecies and that they (the Jews) had taken Him by lawless hands and crucified Him. Peter's forceful and uncompromising proclamation of their guilt, along with his anointed preaching of Jesus as the resurrected Christ, brought about an intense conviction of sin in the hearers, with the result that 3,000 of them gave their hearts to Christ and were immediately baptized. While this was the work of the Spirit, Peter's preaching played no small part both in the convicting and the converting.

### **The Example of David**

We see the wondrous work of Holy Spirit conviction in conjunction with human agency in the Old Testament as well. When David yielded to his lust for another

man's wife, and then arranged for that man to be slain, the Bible tells us that "the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." (Don't you love the Bible's capacity for understatement?)

David carried right on as though nothing had happened. He married Bathsheba, went on with his kingly duties, and figured all was well with the world. But God sent a man by the name of Nathan to confront him. Nathan told David a little story about a covetous man who stole a poor man's little lamb. When David's indignation rose to its full height, Nathan brought the hammer down. "You are the man!" Describing David's sin, he promised divine retribution for this callous act.

David repented. Yes, the Holy Spirit was no doubt involved here, but He used a man who had the courage to confront a fallen king with his sins, and who dared get specific.

### **The Proper Balance**

In his classic work, *Lectures to my Students*, Charles Spurgeon admonished young preachers: "We must especially reprove those evils into which our hearers have fallen, or are likely to fall . . . Probe the wound and touch the very quick of the soul. Spare not the sterner themes, for men must be wounded before they can be healed and slain before they can be made alive."

Actually this idea of letting the Holy Spirit do all the work could just as easily be applied to sharing the Gospel itself. Who is it that draws a soul to Christ? Surely it is the Holy Spirit. Paul declared, "No man can say, 'Jesus is Lord' but by the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:3).

But is this a reason for us to shut our mouths and let the Holy Spirit do all the work? Shall we call all our evangelists and missionaries back, so that they don't interfere with the Holy Spirit's task?

No sane Christian would advocate this. We fully recognize that the Holy Spirit works in conjunction with living, breathing, flawed, fragile, human beings.

This is not only true with presenting the truth of Christ's death; it is just as true in confronting sinners with their sins. Without Him we can't; without us He won't.

No, Tammy Faye, you cannot leave the convicting up to the Holy Spirit while you smile and tell the gays how much God loves them. If you really love them you will tell them to turn away from their wicked lifestyle by the power of the Spirit. God truly does love the homosexuals, as he does all other types of sinners. But He loves them too much to leave them in their sins. And He expects His people to tell them that. ✚

## **Television Programs Available on Video Tape**

The Ministry has produced over twenty programs since we began broadcasting our new "Christ in Prophecy" television program last fall. All the programs are available for purchase for \$10 each, including the cost of mailing.

Each program runs 28 minutes and 30 seconds, including the advertisements at the end. That means each program contains about 26 minutes of teaching. This is the ideal length for using the programs in a Bible class setting because it gives you 35 minutes of discussion time after the program is viewed. To order any of the programs, call 1-800-705-8316. (The numbers are the program numbers.)

### **The Rapture**

- 1) The Meaning of the Rapture
- 2) The Rapture vs. the Second Coming
- 3) The Timing of the Rapture
- 4) The Aftermath of the Rapture

### **Israel in Prophecy**

- 5) Prophecies Fulfilled among the Jews before the beginning of the 20th Century
- 6) The Regathering of the Jewish People
- 7) The Re-establishment of the State of Israel and the Reclamation of the Land
- 8) Prophecies Being Fulfilled in Israel Today
- 9) Israel as a Sign of the Lord's Soon Return
- 10) The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective

### **Israel Pilgrimage**

- 20) From Tel Aviv to Tiberias
- 21) From Tiberias to Jerusalem
- 22) The City of Jerusalem
- 23) The Dead Sea and the Garden Tomb

### **Interviews**

- 11) The Hands of Luke Ministry (Marco Samaniego)
- 14) The Jack Hollingsworth Story
- 17) Getting Out of Debt (Barry Cameron)
- 19) Interview of Tim LaHaye

### **Sermons**

- 12) Jehovah-Jireh: The Lord Our Provider
- 13) Jehovah-Jireh: Learning to Trust the Lord to Provide
- 18) Hosea: God's Prophet of Love

### **Christmas Specials**

- 15) The Essentiality and Validity of the Virgin Birth
- 16) Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus



# Television Update

The response to the Ministry's television program remains strong, due in great part to the outstanding production work that is done by the Ministry's media director, Don Gordoni, and his talented staff.

Most people have no concept of how much work it takes to produce a television program. Whereas Dr. Reagan used to record five radio programs in three hour's time, operating all the recording equipment himself, it takes a crew of seven to tape a TV program, and the follow-up editing takes about 30 hours per program.

Our crew consists of three camera operators, a teleprompter operator, a switcher, an audio engineer, and a director. The reason editing takes so long is because each program must be enhanced with graphic illustrations that include still pictures, video footage, charts, and diagrams.

## New Video Program

Speaking of editing, we are in the final stages of editing a new 60 minute video program to be entitled "Revelation Revealed." It will present a visual overview of the entire book of Revelation, chapter by chapter. Hopefully, this new production will be ready for distribution in June.

We plan to divide this new video into four television programs, showing a 15 minute segment in each program, followed by a 10 minute discussion.



Don Gordoni is shown above with his media assistant, Larry Watts.

The Ministry needs to raise \$100,000 above its regular budget for television, including \$15,000 for a video taping trip to Israel. Donations should be designated for "TV Outreach." Thanks! ✚

## DayStar Television Network Coverage

**Times:** Wednesday at 6:00pm and a replay on Monday at 12:30am (Central time).

### Stations:

Little Rock	AR	KKAP	36
Phoenix	AZ	KDTP	39
Tucson AZ		KPCE	29
Modesto	CA	KACA	61
Stockton	CA	K52CK	52
Sacramento	CA	KRJR	47
San Francisco	CA	KDTS	22
Denver	CO	KRMT	41
Tampa	FL	WSVT	18
Atlanta GA		WDTA	53
Gainesville	GA	W28CD	28
Macon GA		WDMA	32
Honolulu	HI	KWBN	44
Boston MA		WYDN	48
Jackson	MS	WJKO	43
Las Vegas	NV	KTVY	63
Buffalo	NY	WDTB	39

Apex	NC	WACN	34
Raleigh	NC	WWIW	66
Oklahoma City	OK	KOCM	46
Philadelphia	PA	WELL	8
Knoxville	TN	WDTT	38
Memphis	TN	WJRJ	59
Nashville	TN	WIIW	14
Dallas	TX	KMPX	29
Houston	TX	KLTJ	22
San Antonio	TX	KQVE	46
Seattle	WA	KWDK	56

### Satellites:

DirecTV	National	Ch. 369
Dish Network	National	See below
Sky Angel	National	Ch. 9713
Webcast	World	daystar.com

**Dish Network:** Boston 8763, Dallas 8413, Houston 8383, Seattle 8622, Phoenix 8333, and Denver 8207.

**Note:** Station numbers will be different on cable. So, if you are on cable, consult your TV

guide for the proper channel number.

### Family Vision Network

Our program is also available over the Family Vision Network in Southern Louisiana. It is broadcast on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and on Monday mornings at 8:30am over three stations:

KAJN-TV (Ch. 40) in Lafayette  
KAGN-TV (Ch. 65) in Crowley  
KFAM-TV (Ch. 58) in Lake Charles

### KAZQ TV 32 in Albuquerque

Tuesdays at 9:30pm

Fridays at 12:30pm

Also available on the Dish Network on channel 8817 and on the following cable channels: Comcast Cable (22), Comcast Cablevision (32), Cable One (9), USA Media (22), GST Home (78), and Chamesa Future Vision (22).

### Internet

To access the program live over the Internet, go to [www.daystar.com](http://www.daystar.com) and click on "Watch LIVE!"

## Meet our Staff Members



**Larry Watts**

**Birth place and date:** Danville, New Jersey, 1950.

**Wife's name and years married:** Cheri, 18 years.

**Names and ages of children:** Anna (15), Sarah (9), Evan (7), and Nicki (5).

**Education:** Architecture degree from Clemson University and divinity degree from Talbot Seminary.

**Lamb & Lion position and duties:** Media Associate. Video shooting and editing.

**Number of years on staff:** 6 months.

**Number of years a Christian:** 30.

**Church membership and activities:** McKinney Fellowship Bible Church. Teaching, pre-marital counseling, and video production.

**Spiritual gifts:** Discernment and teaching.

**Favorite scriptures:** Proverbs 3:13-24 and Colossians 1:15-20.

**Favorite Bible characters:** Apostle John and Daniel.

**Favorite Christian book:** *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer.

**Favorite Christian hymn:** "Majesty."

**Favorite Christian Singer:** John Michael Talbot.

**Favorite Bible version:** New American Standard.

**All-time favorite movie:** "It's a Wonderful Life."

**All-time favorite novel:** "Piercing the Darkness" by Frank Perretti.

**Favorite pastimes:** Photography, cross country skiing, and gardening.

## Meet our Trustees



**Ronnie Jones**

**Birth place and date:** Houston, Texas, 1944.

**Wife's name and years married:** Glynda, 38 years.

**Names and ages of children:** Rhonda (36) and Randy (32). Two grandchildren.

**Education:** BS in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University.

**Occupation:** Engineer and Manager, retired.

**Numbers of years a Christian:** 47.

**Years of service on the Lamb & Lion Board:** 10.

**Church membership:** Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.

**Church Activities:** Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and discipleship training teacher.

**Spiritual gifts:** Exhortation, teaching, and serving.

**Favorite scriptures:** Psalm 122:6; Ephesians 6:10-12.

**Favorite Bible character:** Daniel.

**Favorite Christian book:** *The Late Great Planet Earth* by Hal Lindsey.

**Favorite hymn:** "I'm Living in Beulah Land."

**Favorite contemporary Christian song:** "Stepping on the Clouds" or "Shouting Time."

**Favorite Bible version:** The King James.

**All-time favorite movie:** "Places in the Heart."

**All-time favorite novel:** The Zion Chronicle Series.

**Favorite pastimes:** Fishing and playing with grandchildren.

# The Disconnect Between Hollywood and America

Pat Sajak

Host of "Wheel of Fortune"

*Editor's Note: This speech by Pat Sajak, which he delivered at Hillsdale College in April of 2002 contains one of the most insightful analyses of the entertainment industry that I have ever read.*

Because Hollywood is so big and so powerful, so great and so well-known, it has an exaggerated view of its significance. Not Hollywood, the town. Not much Show Business actually goes on there. Most of the studios are spread around other Southern California communities, like Culver City or Burbank. But I mean Hollywood, the Entertainment Mecca – which includes parts of Southern California and New York City, and, because news has become entertainment, some of Washington, D.C., as well.

While I work in Hollywood, I live elsewhere. My family and I live in a quiet suburb of Annapolis, Maryland. The kids go to school there. They live near their grandparents – my in-laws – and most of my neighbors care very little about overnight ratings, box office grosses and sweep weeks. We don't hate L.A. In fact, we like it, and we spend a great deal of time there. But I happen to have a job that allows me a great deal of flexibility, and that gives me the luxury of living a *real* life in addition to my fake one.

## Hollywood Egotism

You see, one of the dangers of my business is that it has the potential to fill you with a distorted view of life and your importance in it. And it's understandable in a way. If you are part of a successful enterprise, people treat you very well. They send limos for you. They tiptoe around you. They pretend that the most outlandish or inane things you might say are important and quotable. Drugs? Adultery? Alcoholism? Deviant behavior? Don't worry. You go on *Oprah* . . . you cry . . . people call you heroic for being so open . . . and your career soars to new heights.

You're treated importantly, so you must be important. Suddenly your views are not just your own private opinions; they become part of a public record. They quote you on *Entertainment Tonight* and in *People* magazine. You can endorse a candidate, fight for a cause, call people names – it's pretty heady stuff. The world waits breathlessly for your next pronouncement.

## Hollywood Nonsense

Rosie O'Donnell – a daytime talk show host – goes public with her sexual preference, and she is lauded as brave. What exactly is brave about that? First of all, who cares? And what's brave about getting the chance to be

Pat Sajak was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1946 and attended Columbia College. Hired at his first job in broadcasting in 1967, he left college in 1968 to volunteer for the Army and was posted to Vietnam, where he served as a morning disc jockey on Armed Forces Radio.



His career in broadcasting brought him to television station KNBC in Los Angeles, where he performed weather duties and hosted a weekend talk show. *Wheel of Fortune* creator Merv Griffin hired him to host the then daytime game show in 1981, adding the syndicated evening version in 1983. Since then, the program has become the most watched show of any kind in syndication.

Mr. Sajak's honors and awards include three Emmys, a People's Choice Award, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

In addition to his broadcasting career, he owns a radio station in Maryland, a television production company, a music publishing company, and a record label. He has performed readings with, and guest-conducted for, the Dallas, Pacific and Florida Symphony Orchestras. He serves on the boards of the Caremont Institute and the American Cinema Foundation.

In March of this year, Mr. Sajak began hosting a weekly, one-hour talk show on the Fox News Channel called "Pat Sajak Weekend."

interviewed by ABC and landing on magazine covers? I characterize it as bravery-as-a-career-move.

I don't mean to pick on Ms. O'Donnell, but it's just another example of the self-importance that Show Business can bestow on you – the idea that your sexual preference matters to anyone other than your immediate family and your partner, or partners, seems rather silly to me.

Speaking of silly, Alec Baldwin, an actor, recently compared the election of George W. Bush to the terrorist attacks of last September. This is the same Baldwin brother who promised to leave the country if Bush were elected. Sadly, he reneged on that one. Baldwin also went on Conan O'Brien's late-night show during the Clinton impeachment to say that Illinois Republican Congressman Henry Hyde should be shot – along with his family.

Do remarks like that get you chastised in Hollywood?

Ostracized? Marginalized? No, it's Alec Baldwin. He's an actor. He's in Show Business. He's important.

### Hollywood Silliness

The silliness and outrageousness that emanates from Hollywood comes from non-performers as well. Ted Turner once mocked his employees who had ashes on their foreheads for Ash Wednesday as "Jesus Freaks." Mr. Turner, a self-proclaimed protector of human rights, apparently has his limits.

Filmmaker Rob Reiner — a cofounder of Castle Rock Entertainment — is reportedly upset by what he sees in many films these days, and he plans to do something about it. In fact, he's so upset about this thing, anyone who wants to depict it in a Castle Rock film must meet with Reiner first in order to justify its inclusion.

So what's got Rob so upset? Gratuitous violence? Casual sex? Disrespect toward Christianity? Bias against Big Business? Is that what he wants to cut down or eliminate? No, of course not. That would be censorship. He wants to get rid of smoking. There's too much smoking in movies.

To quote Mr. Reiner, "Movies are basically advertising cigarettes to kids." No knock on Rob. In fact, I agree with him. But why is smoking open to censorship and not these other issues? And what happened to Hollywood's argument that movies and TV shows don't *cause* bad behavior, they just reflect it? Or is it merely a health issue? But surely, health is involved when it comes to violence and casual sex. The answer is, there is no answer. It's just Hollywood being Hollywood. It's monumental hypocrisy. Kids can't pick up bad habits from what they watch . . . oh, except for smoking.



Pat Sajak with  
Vanna White.



### Hollywood Hypocrisy

You see, if *you* complain about what you see as excesses on the screen, you are a book-burning prude who wants to tell everyone else how to live. You are a censor. You have no right. That is a right saved for the wise. They know better. They are important.

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**"On the great social issues of our time, there is an alarmingly monolithic view held by what has become known as the 'media elite.'"**

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It's the same kind of nonsense that brings celebrities to "Save the Earth" benefits in eight-mile-per-gallon limos. Or that allows them to make a public service announcement urging recycling — filmed at their 20,000 square foot homes. They can lecture to you and you should listen, even if they don't because . . . well, because they're celebrities.

They're from Hollywood, for goodness sake — and you live in Michigan (or wherever)!

I could go on with a laundry list of silly and hypocritical things said and done by some of my fellow Show Business luminaries, but the point here is not to make them look silly. They're perfectly capable of doing that without my help. The larger point is the disconnect between the realities of this nation and its people, and the perceived realities of many in the entertainment community.

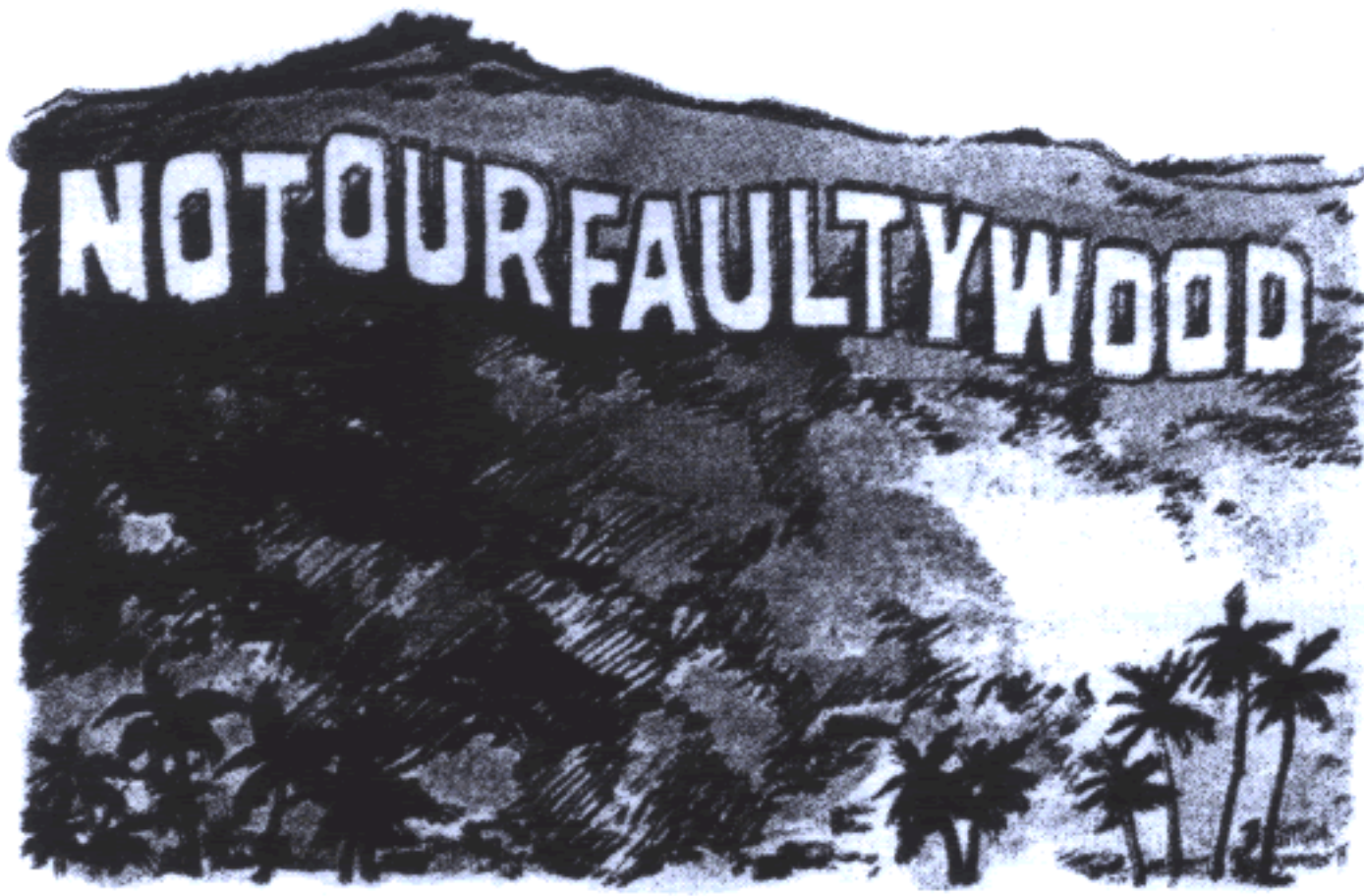
I don't mean to sound too harsh — or hypocritical. After all, I seem perfectly happy to have cashed my checks for the more than 30 years I've been in television. And I'm not exactly working on the Dead Sea Scrolls. I *do* make a living by selling vowels and spinning a giant multicolored wheel! So who am I to be pointing fingers? Well, I'm just someone who wants to feel prouder than he does — as proud as he once was — about what goes on in his industry. And that's why I spend only part of my time around it. I need to step back occasionally. I think it does help me see the world more clearly.

### Hollywood Conformity

And that's the irony of it all. Most of you, in a very real way, are more aware of what this nation and this world are about than the supposedly well-connected and in-tune people who inhabit our media culture.

Former *CBS* newsman Bernard Goldberg has written a best-selling book called *Bias*, in which he maintains that the real problem with the media is not a bias based on liberal vs. conservative or Republican vs. Democrat. It is a bias based on the sameness of worldview caused by social, intellectual, educational and professional inbreeding. These are folks who travel in the same circles, go to the same parties, talk to the same people, compare their ideas, and develop a standard view on issues that makes any deviation from them seem somehow marginal, or even weird.

They think they have diversity in their midst because they take pains to hire a representative mix of gender and race. But there is no diversity of *thought*. On the great social issues of our time, there is an alarmingly monolithic view held by what has become known as the "media elite." You can bet that the *New York Times* is careful about how many women it hires, but you can



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also bet that it is *not* very careful that these women hold diverse views on issues they'll be writing about, such as the environment, gun control or abortion. My guess is that a pro-life view within the walls of the *Times* is a pretty rare one. And the same holds true on the entertainment side.

It is just assumed that "right thinking people" hold certain views. If you *don't* . . . well there's the problem. How can you portray people fairly in film or on TV if you think their attitudes are so foreign?

How can you write about people fairly if they seem so out of touch with what you are used to in your everyday life? That might help explain why religion is rarely depicted as a natural part of life in the average sitcom or drama series, despite the fact that tens of millions of Americans say that it is important to them.

At a dinner party in Los Angeles recently, our hostess was about to say some grudgingly kind words about President Bush and the way he was handling the War on Terror. She prefaced her remarks by saying, "Now I know everyone at this table voted for Al Gore, but . . ." Well, she knew no such thing. She just presumed it. It's what "right-thinking" people did. This "false reality" is a phenomenon that permeates media circles.

### Hollywood False Reality

It's the phenomenon that caused Pauline Kael, former film critic for *The New Yorker*, to remark after Richard Nixon's election sweep in 1972, "I can't believe it! I don't know a single person who voted for him." This was a man who won in 49 out of 50 states and she didn't know *one* person who voted for him. And I don't think she was dealing in hyperbole. She simply had never met those people. She couldn't believe they really existed.

It's the phenomenon that allows the media to "rediscover" patriotism and heroism in the wake of September 11, when millions of others in St. Louis,

Cleveland, Salem, Phoenix, Cheyenne, and a thousand other cities and small towns, know that those traits never went away.

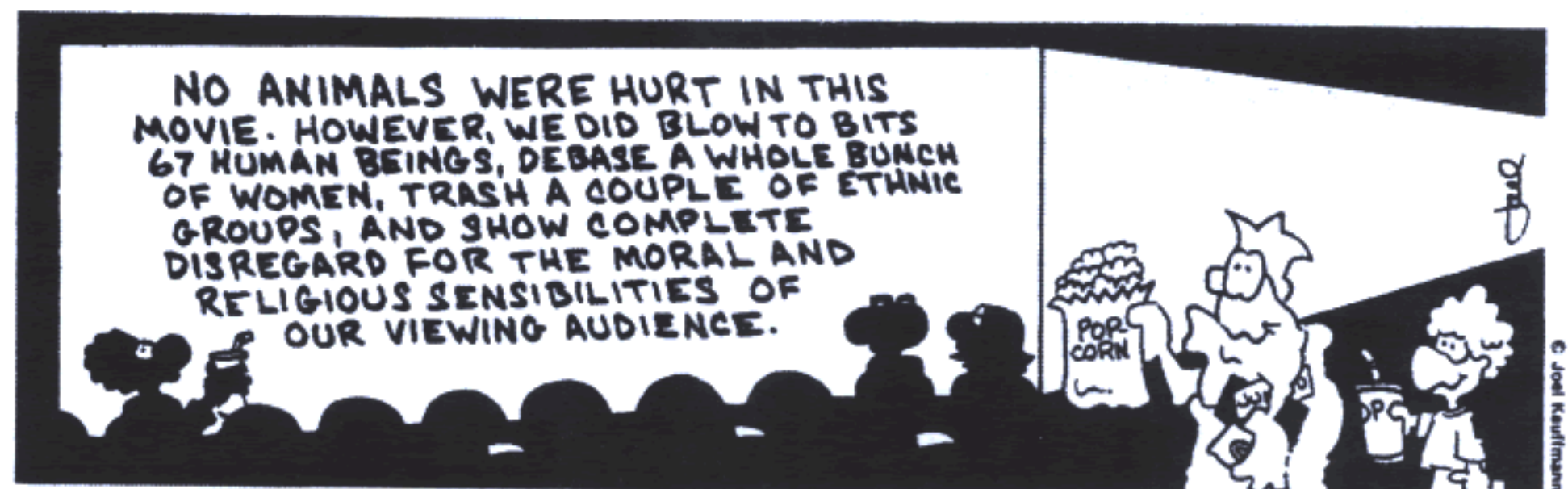
It's the phenomenon that explains Hollywood's disdain for Big Business. You read about it in the news magazines and see it in the movies. Big Business is bad. The people who run these businesses are heartless, often criminal, brutes. There is no regard for the little guy. Thousands are laid off while the greedy business executives reap windfall profits. Never mind that some of the biggest and least-competitive businesses are in entertainment. They merge, they lay off thousands, while stock options accrue to the top executives. Top talent at networks and in movies get tens – even hundreds – of millions while so many of their co-workers lose their jobs. They simply don't see the contradiction. They are above it.

And, perhaps worst of all, it's the phenomenon that allows movie studios and television networks to program with an utter disregard for your kids and your communities. It's not that they're evil people. They have kids, and they care about them. But they see no connection between what they do and the results of what they do. And, besides, you're not really families and communities. You're ratings, demographics and sales.

You see, they are – for the most part – clueless. Clueless about this country and its people. Clueless about you. And they are afraid. They are afraid of the new technologies . . . afraid of the dwindling numbers of viewers or readers or listeners . . . afraid for their very existence. So, don't you see, they have to do what it takes to survive. They must survive. They are important. Who do you people out here – the ones they fly over on their way to the other coast for meetings – who do you think you are?

Well, you are this country. You are its future. And I think that's a very good thing to be. ✦

### Pontius' Puddle





# A New Bible Prophecy Ministry Worthy of Your Support

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

A person whom I have known for years, and who I highly respect, recently decided to step out in faith and launch a full time Bible prophecy ministry. His name is Don McGee. He lives in Amite, Louisiana.



Don has decided to call his ministry "Crown & Sickle." The name comes from a passage in Revelation 14 where the Apostle John is given a vision of the Second Coming of Jesus. John states: "I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand." This is an image of Jesus returning as King to pour out the wrath of God on those who have rejected God's love and grace.

When I asked Don how his call to ministry came, he told me this story:

It all began at about age four. I would put on a suit, complete with tie, and force my younger brother to sit on the couch and, with a rocking chair as my pulpit, I would expound eloquently the deep doctrines of holy writ while he protested, squirmed and cried to leave my makeshift sanctuary. I suppose he simply did not understand he really needed to hear my sermonizing.

Don was raised in a strong Christian family and in a church with a preacher who believed in the imminent and premillennial return of Jesus. As a teen he began to develop an interest in the prophetic word. That interest intensified in 1967 during the Six Day War.

Two years later Don graduated from high school and decided to join the Army.

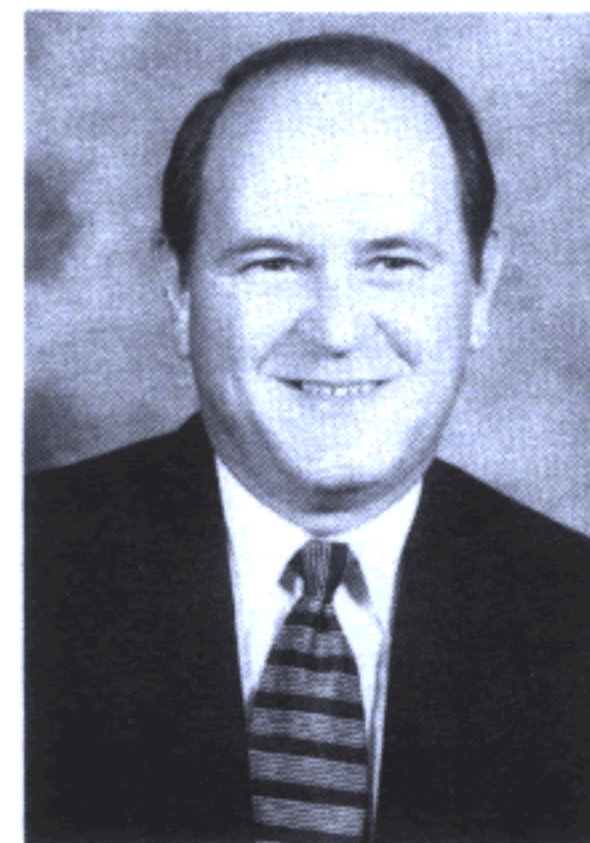
I enlisted in the Army with the understanding that I would be in military intelligence and would get to go to Vietnam. My recruiter said I drove a hard bargain, but that he thought the Army could accommodate my wishes. It just goes to show you that some 18 year olds cannot be accused of being very smart!

After an 18-month stint in Southeast Asia, Don was sent to Europe for a short while. That assignment, which came in the middle of the Cold War, added to his interest in the prophetic word. That was when he first read *Mein Kampf* and *The Communist Manifesto*. After reading them, Don realized how a particular ideology, no matter how corrupt, could impact the entire world when in the hands of a skilled demagogue. This caused him to give serious consideration to how the Antichrist might rise to world power.

After some college training and more time in the Army as a field artillery officer, Don began a twelve year career as a Louisiana State Trooper. All during those years he never lost his interest in preaching in general, and in preaching the prophetic word in particular. He taught and preached at summer youth camps, occasionally preached week long meetings, and did some supply preaching on the side.

He and his wife, Valerie, were married in 1979 and five years later the Lord gave them twins – Travis and Katie. Travis is currently in the Army, and Katie is in college.

When Don left the Louisiana state police in 1988, he decided to yield to the Lord's call on his life. He committed himself to full time ministry, and for 14 years he pastored two small congregations. During this time, Don gradually came to realize that he was not gifted to be a pastor. He felt his calling was to preach and teach. And his passion became the proclamation of the Lord's soon return.



**Don McGee**

So, in September of last year Don decided to resign his pastorate and form a full time Bible prophecy ministry. The decision was not an easy one. Don wrestled with it for several months and sought the advice of Christian counselors.

Finally, I said, "Okay, Lord, if this is what You want, I will do it. I know nothing about how to organize a prophecy ministry. I am not independently wealthy. I have never met Ariel Sharon, and I don't speak Hebrew. I don't see how I will be able to support my family. But, if You say to do it, I will do it."

Don says that since that time he has felt a sense of relief and peace. "I keep asking myself: Why did God chose to call me to this particular work? I am not sure I really know, but this I do know – I am pleased and at peace that He did."

And so is his younger brother! ✚

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To contact Don to hold a meeting, call 985-748-9593. Donations should be sent to 60498 Floyd Rd., Amite, LA 70422. Don needs your encouragement!

# Bible Prophecy Study Resources

## Books



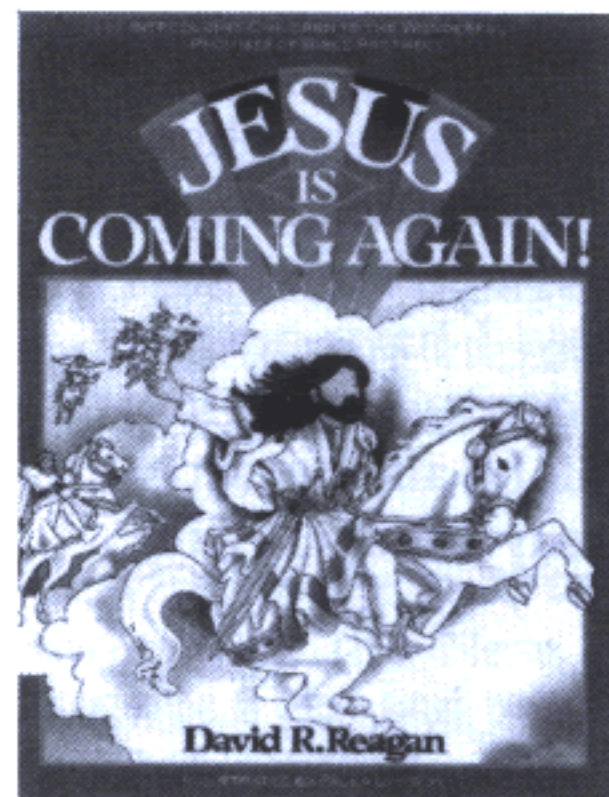
**Wrath and Glory.** Dr. Reagan's explanation of the book of Revelation. Written in a down-to-earth and easy-to-understand manner. It provides guidelines for interpretation, and responds to the most frequently asked questions about Revelation. It also explains how the book relates to Christian living. 240 pages. \$12.



**Living for Christ in the End Times.** A hard-hitting commentary on how Christians are to respond to the decay of society and the increasing apostasy within the Church. The book is full of practical guidelines for overcoming paganism and living a triumphant daily life in the power of the Holy Spirit. 263 pages. \$12.



**The Christ in Prophecy Study Guide.** Lists in chronological order all the prophecies in the Bible concerning both the First and Second Advents of the Messiah. Represents seven years of research. Printed in a large format (8½ by 11") and spiral bound. Provides topical and scripture indexes. 150 pages. \$15.



**Jesus is Coming Again!** Dr. Reagan's book for children (pre-school and elementary). This is the only book ever published for children about end time prophecy. Beautifully illustrated in full color. Large format (8½ x 11"). Durable cover. Contains teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references. 28 pages. \$7.

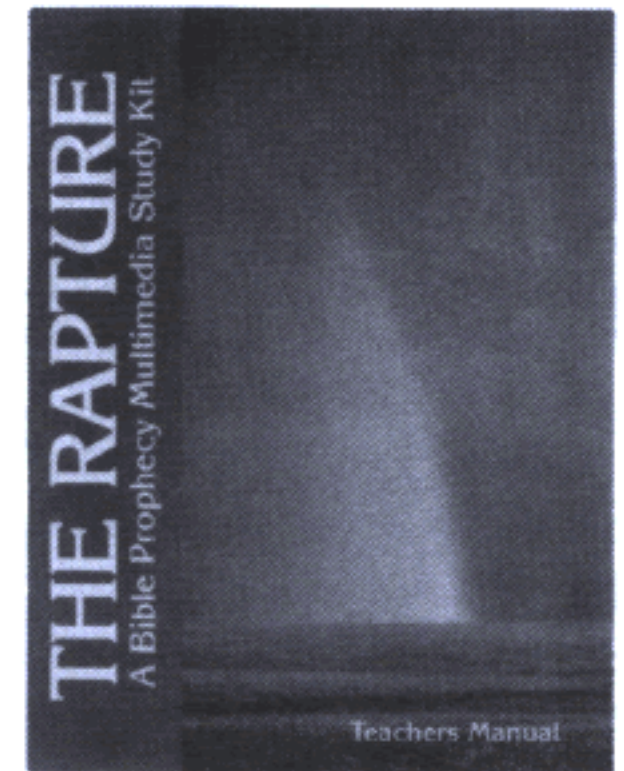
## Audio Tapes



**An Overview of Revelation.** Dr. Reagan presents an in-depth survey of the book of Revelation, covering it verse by verse. Twelve tapes in an album. \$30 (normally \$35). A study guide is available to accompany the album. The cost of the guide is \$5. Our most popular study resource.

## Multimedia Kits

**The Rapture Kit.** This kit contains seven lessons on all aspects of the Rapture, utilizing both cassette and video tapes. It includes a teacher's manual and study guide for students. The lessons are contained on a total of four video programs (running 25 minutes each) and six cassette tape segments (running 15 to 20 minutes each). \$35.

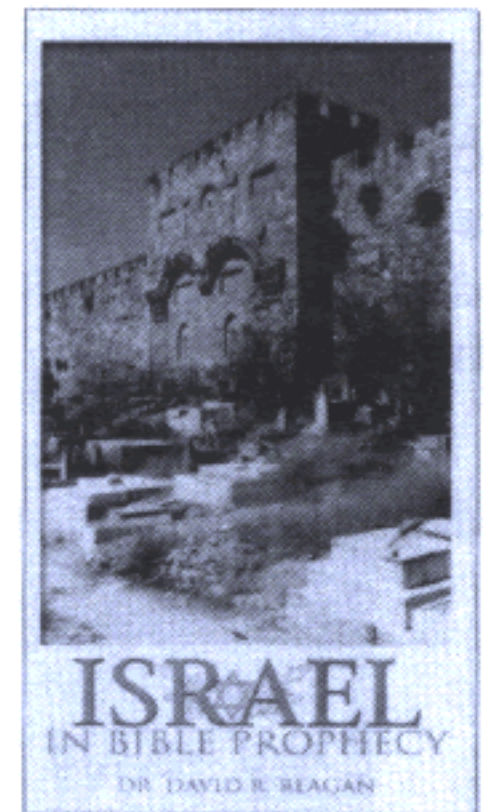


**The Signs of the Times Kit.** This kit provides four video programs and three audio segments which can be combined to produce seven in-depth lessons on the signs of the times. A teacher's manual is provided to illustrate how the materials can be used effectively. The manual contains lesson outlines and study guides that can be reproduced and distributed to students. \$35.

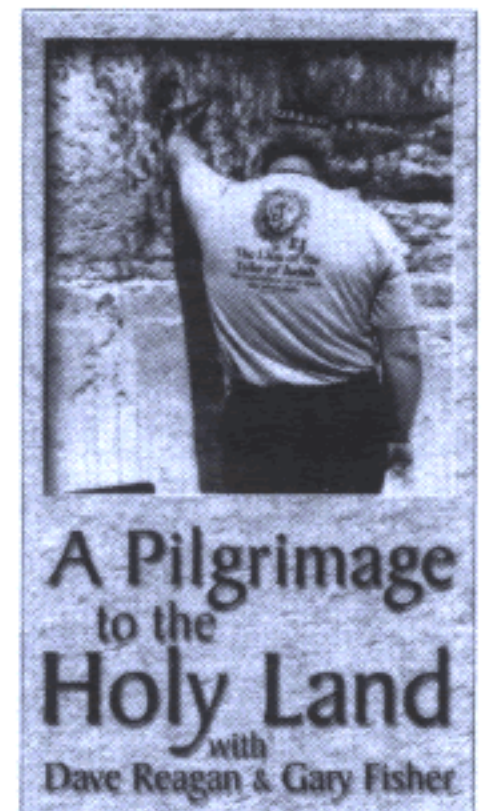


## Video Programs

**Israel in Bible Prophecy.** An exciting survey of seven prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus. The video was shot on location at various sites in Israel. Appropriate for both individual and group study. Shows how the Jews are the key to understanding end time prophecy. Contains significant historical footage. 65 minutes in length. \$15 (normally \$18).



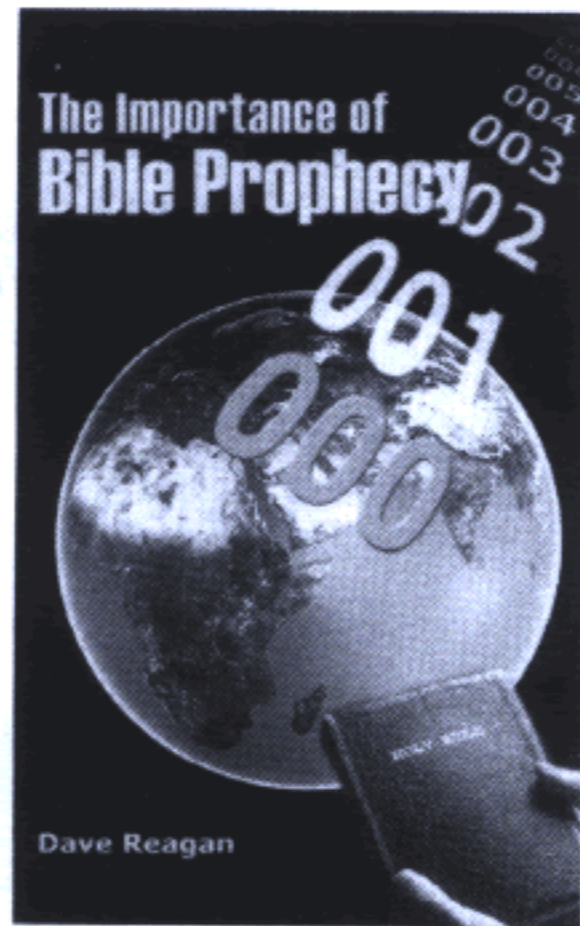
**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** A 75 minute video program featuring Dr. David Reagan and Gary Fisher as they lead a pilgrimage group on a nine day journey through Israel. Walk where Jesus walked, and see all the major sites related to His First and Second Advents. \$15 (normally \$18).



All resource items listed on this page can be ordered by calling **1-800-705-8316**. Please call between 8am and 5pm, Central time, Monday through Friday.

# Ministry News

**Foreign Publications** — The Ministry's materials continue to be published in a variety of languages. Dr. Reagan's book, *The Master Plan*, has just come out in Urdu, the national language of Pakistan. Many of the *Lamplighter* articles by both Dr. Reagan and Dennis Pollock have been published in a variety of languages in India. A collection of Dr. Reagan's articles, titled *The Importance of Bible Prophecy*, was recently published in three languages in India. It has also been printed in the national language of Nepal.



**Foreign Missions** — The Ministry continues to send monthly support to a variety of foreign missions in Israel, Mexico, Pakistan, India, and the Philippines. You can earmark special donations for any of these areas. Dennis Pollock is scheduled to fly to India in September to conduct prophecy conferences for pastors in two cities, including the capital city of New Delhi. Dennis will also conduct an outdoor evangelistic crusade. We need to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to pay all the costs of this special outreach. Please designate donations for "India Outreach."

**Calendar** — In **September** Dave will conduct a prophecy conference at Calvary Chapel in Destin, Florida (14-16) while Dennis is conducting conferences in India (14-24). Later that month Dave will speak at Christ's Church in Federal Way, Washington (27-28). In **October** Dave will

begin the month in California, speaking at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch (2) and at the Christian Church in Fountain Valley (3-5). Both of these churches are in the Los Angeles area. While Dave is in Los Angeles, Dennis will be preaching at Antioch Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas (5-7). Dave will conclude the month at Hebron Christian Church in Winder, Georgia (25-26). Dave does not have any openings for the rest of the year except in the Dallas area. Dennis is still scheduling meetings anywhere in the country. To contact Dennis, call 972-736-3567.

**Quote of the Month** — At a recent prophecy conference, Al Gist of Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries introduced one of his presentations with the following comment: "I'm not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet. In fact, I work for a non-profit organization!"

**Financial Report for 2002** — We ended the calendar year of 2002 with all our bills paid in full for the 23rd year in a row, for which we praise the Lord.

On the **income** side, our total income for the year was \$1,090,266. We had \$70,022 in carry-over funds from 2001, giving us a total of \$1,160,288 in available funds for 2002. A little over \$100,000 of our income came from sales. The largest percentage of our income — 60% — came from our Prophecy Partners.

On the **expense** side, our expenditures broke down as follows:

Salaries and Benefits (10 staff members)	46%
Buildings and Property	3%
Equipment and Furniture	5%
Evangelism Outreach	40%
General Expenses	4%

The low expenditure for buildings and property is due to the fact that both are completely paid for. Our contributions to foreign and domestic missions and to benevolent projects totaled \$91,875, representing 8% of our income for the year.

We ended the year with a carry-over of \$70,000 which we will use in two ways. Part of it will be applied to television broadcast costs. The majority of it will be held in reserve to cover the "summer slump" in giving that we normally experience each year.

**Prophecy Partners** — As indicated above, about 60% of our income last year came from our Prophecy Partners. These are people who commit to give \$20 a month or more for one year. Most average a dollar a day or \$365 for the year. Dr. Reagan sends a special report each month to our Prophecy Partners, and the report always includes a gift like a video or audio tape concerning some aspect of Bible prophecy. We need more Prophecy Partners. Pray about it, and if you feel led of the Lord to partner with us, give us a call at 1-800-705-8316. Thank you, and God bless you! ♥



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## Dr. Reagan's Newest Book!

**“W**here is the United States in Bible prophecy?” This is the hottest question in Bible prophecy today. It is being asked not only by Americans, but by people all over the world.

Dr. David Reagan, senior evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries, combines his Bible knowledge with his 20 years of experience in teaching international politics to provide some penetrating insights about America in prophecy. In the process, he surveys what the Bible has to say about all nations in the end times.

Discover the biblical principles that guide how God deals with nations.

Learn what the Bible says about the pattern of international politics that will characterize the end times.

Grasp the central significance of Israel among the nations.

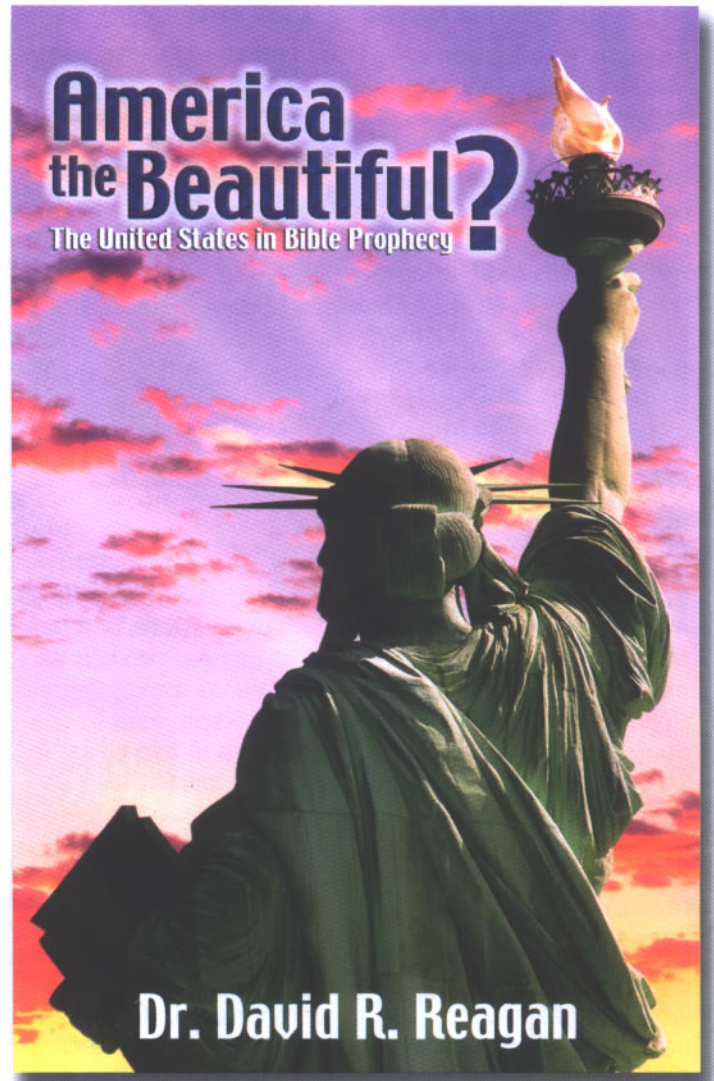
Survey all the Scripture passages that have historically been applied to the United States.

Find out what biblical nation serves as a prophetic symbol of the United States.

Gain new insight into the spiritual meaning of the 9/11 attack against America.

Consider the question of whether or not the United States is destined for destruction.

Discover what the Scriptures say is the only hope for the United States.



This is a down-to-earth, easy-to-read book that will help you understand the biblical relevance of current world trends and events.

The book sells for \$10. There will be no mailing charge for orders received before June 15th. To order the book, please call 1-800-705-8316. Call between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday. The following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.



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