

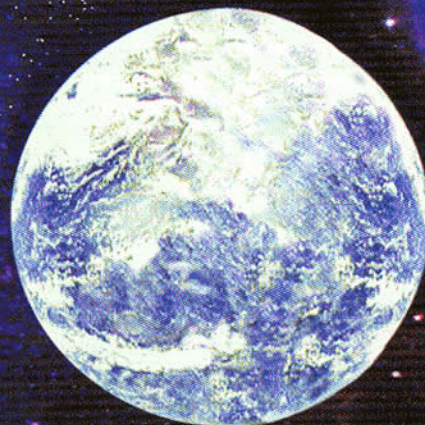
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# Observations by the Editor

## The Forgotten Promises of Christmas

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this year during the Christmas season, let's remember the promises that were made to Mary when she was visited by the Angel Gabriel:

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
And you shall call His name Jesus.  
He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High;  
And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father, David,  
And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever;  
And of His kingdom there will be no end. — Luke 1:31-33

### Seven Glorious Promises

This magnificent statement contains seven promises. Four of them relate to the First Advent of the Lord, and they have thus all been fulfilled. Mary did conceive and bear a son. His name was called Jesus. He was great, and He was called the Son of God.

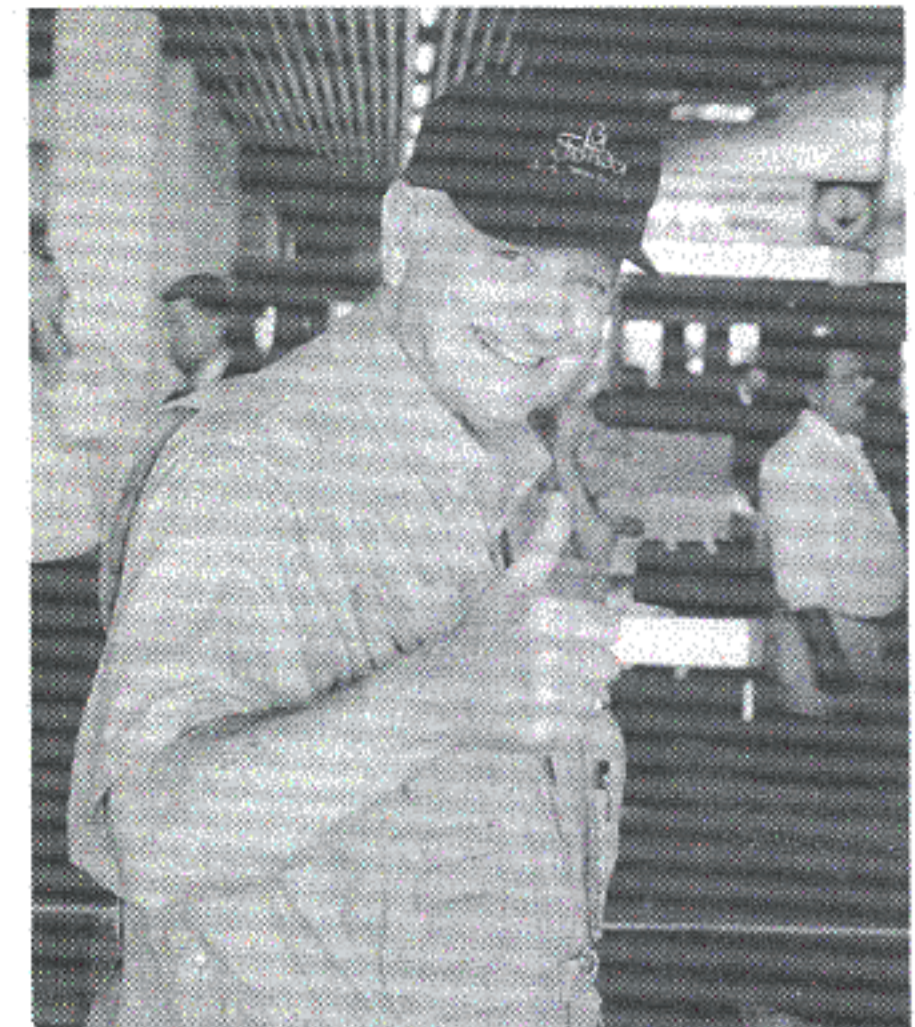
The last three promises which Gabriel made to Mary have not been fulfilled. They relate to the Second Coming:

- 1) Jesus will be given the throne of David.
- 2) Jesus will reign over the house of Jacob.
- 3) There will be no end to His kingdom.

I call these three promises the "forgotten promises" of Christmas because they are not taught by most churches in Christendom today. That's because most churches take the position that Jesus will never return to this earth to reign.

### Promises Spiritualized

This view is based upon the supposition that the Bible does not mean what it says. To substantiate the viewpoint, its proponents are forced to spiritualize Scripture.



Dr. David Reagan in Munich, Germany.

Thus, in their interpretation of the passage from Luke, they convert the throne of David into the throne of God and the house of Jacob becomes the Church. They then conclude that the promises have been fulfilled in the current reign of Jesus from His Father's throne over His Church.

### The True Meaning

There is no doubt that Jesus is currently reigning from His Father's throne over His kingdom, the Church. But to identify that reign with the one promised to Mary takes a great leap of imagination.

The throne of God is not the throne of David (Revelation 3:21). Nor is the Church the house of Jacob. This is an Old Testament term for the children of Israel (Exodus 19:3).

The first four promises made to Mary by Gabriel meant exactly what they said. I think the last three also mean what they say. And all I can say is "Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!"

### A Word of Thanks

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement and donations during the past year. You have blessed all of us.

I pray the Lord will multiply the blessings back to you in good health, peace, and joy in the Spirit. ✚

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# The Earth in Prophecy

## Will it be destroyed or is it eternal?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Did you know we are living on earth number three? Did you know the Bible reveals that there are two earths yet to come? Did you know the Bible teaches that the earth is eternal?

### Earth I

The first earth was the one created in the beginning (Genesis 1:1). It was perfect in every respect (Genesis 1:31). But because of Man's sin, God placed a curse upon the earth (Genesis 3:17-19).

Have you ever stopped to think what a "perfect" earth must have been like? There certainly were no meat-eating animals or poisonous animals or poisonous plants. All of nature was at peace with itself and with Man. Adam and Eve did not have to strive against nature in order to produce their food. And there were no natural cataclysms like tornados, hurricanes, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

The Bible indicates that the curse radically altered the nature of God's original creation. Instead of Man exercising dominion over nature, as originally planned (Genesis 1:26, 28), nature rose up in conflict with Man, as poisonous plants, carnivorous animals and climatic cataclysms suddenly appeared.

### Earth II

The curse radically altered the original earth, but Earth II was still quite different from the one we live on today. There is much biblical evidence in both Genesis and Job that the second earth had a thick vapor canopy which shielded life from the ultraviolet radiation of the sun, contributing to the long life spans recorded in Genesis (see Genesis 2:5-6 and Job 38:8-11).



*The Banishment from Paradise* by Marcantonio Franceschini, Bologna, Italy (1648-1729).

The whole earth was like a greenhouse with thick vegetation growing everywhere, even at the poles. There was also probably only one large land mass.

Once again the sinful rebellion of Mankind motivated God to change the nature of the earth (Genesis 6:11-13). The change agent this time was water. It appears that God caused the vapor canopy to collapse (Genesis 7:11). He also caused "fountains of the great deep" to break forth upon the surface of the earth (Genesis 7:11).

### Earth III

Like the curse, the flood radically altered the nature of the earth. It produced Earth III, the earth we now live on.

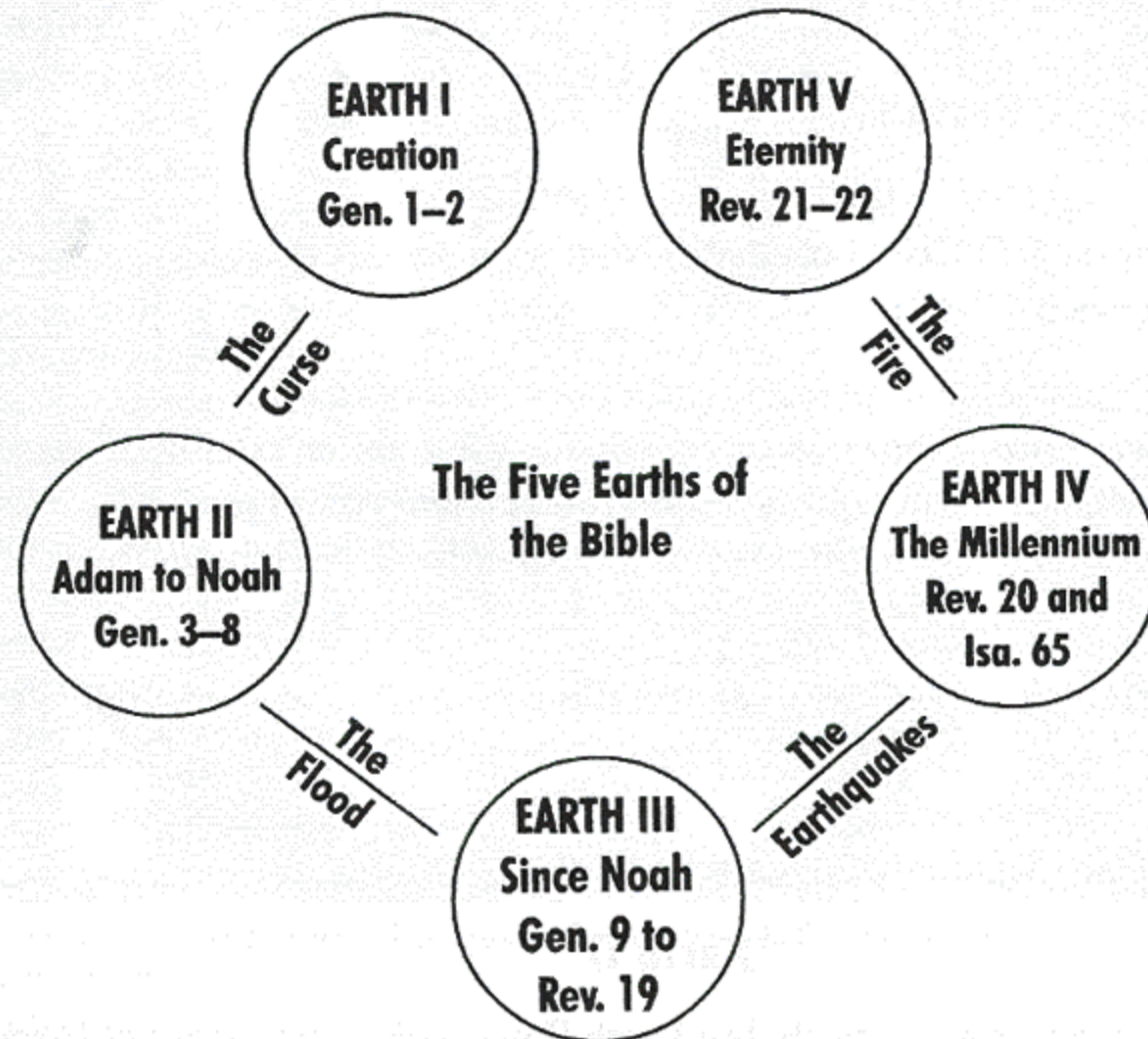
The earth tilted on its axis, forming the polar



caps. The unified land mass was split apart, forming the continents as we now know them (which is why they fit together like a jigsaw puzzle — see Genesis 10:25). And the vapor canopy was so completely depleted that ultraviolet radiation began to reach the earth in unprecedented levels, resulting in greatly reduced life spans, first to 120 years and then to 70 years.

The Bible reveals that the current earth, Earth III, will be radically changed again at the Second Advent of Jesus. The change agents will be earthquakes on the earth and supernatural phenomena in the heavens.

The changes produced will so totally alter the earth and its atmosphere that Isaiah refers to “the new heavens and the new earth” which will exist during the reign of the Lord (Isaiah 65:17).



### Earth IV

Earth IV — The millennial earth — will be very different from the present earth. The earthquakes that will produce it will be the most severe in history.

Every valley will be lifted, every mountain will be lowered, and every island will be moved (Revelation 6:12-14 and 16:17-21). Jerusalem will be lifted up, and Mt. Zion will become the highest of all the mountains (Zechariah 14:10 and Micah 4:1).

The vapor canopy will likely be restored because life spans will be expanded to what they were at the beginning of time (Isaiah 65:20, 22).

Further evidence that the vapor canopy will be restored is to be found in the fact that all the earth will become abundant once again with lush vegetation (Isaiah 30:23-26 and Amos 9:13-14). The Dead Sea will also become alive (Ezekiel 47:1-9).

Most important, the curse will be partially lifted, making it possible for Man to be reconciled to nature

and for nature to be reconciled to itself. The wolf will dwell with the lamb because the wolf will no longer be carnivorous. The nursing child will play with the cobra because the cobra will no longer be poisonous (Isaiah 11:8).

### Earth V

But Satan’s last revolt at the end of the Millennium will leave the earth polluted and devastated (Revelation 20:7-9). Thus, at the end of the Lord’s reign, God will take the Redeemed off the earth, place them in the New Jerusalem, and then cleanse the earth with fire (2 Peter 3:10-13).

In other words, God will superheat this earth in a fiery inferno and then reshape it like a hot ball of wax. The result will be the “new heavens and new earth” prophesied in Isaiah 66 and Revelation 21.

This will be Earth V, the perfected, eternal earth where the Redeemed will spend eternity in the new Jerusalem in the presence of God (Revelation 21:1-4). The curse will be completely lifted from this earth (Revelation 22:3).

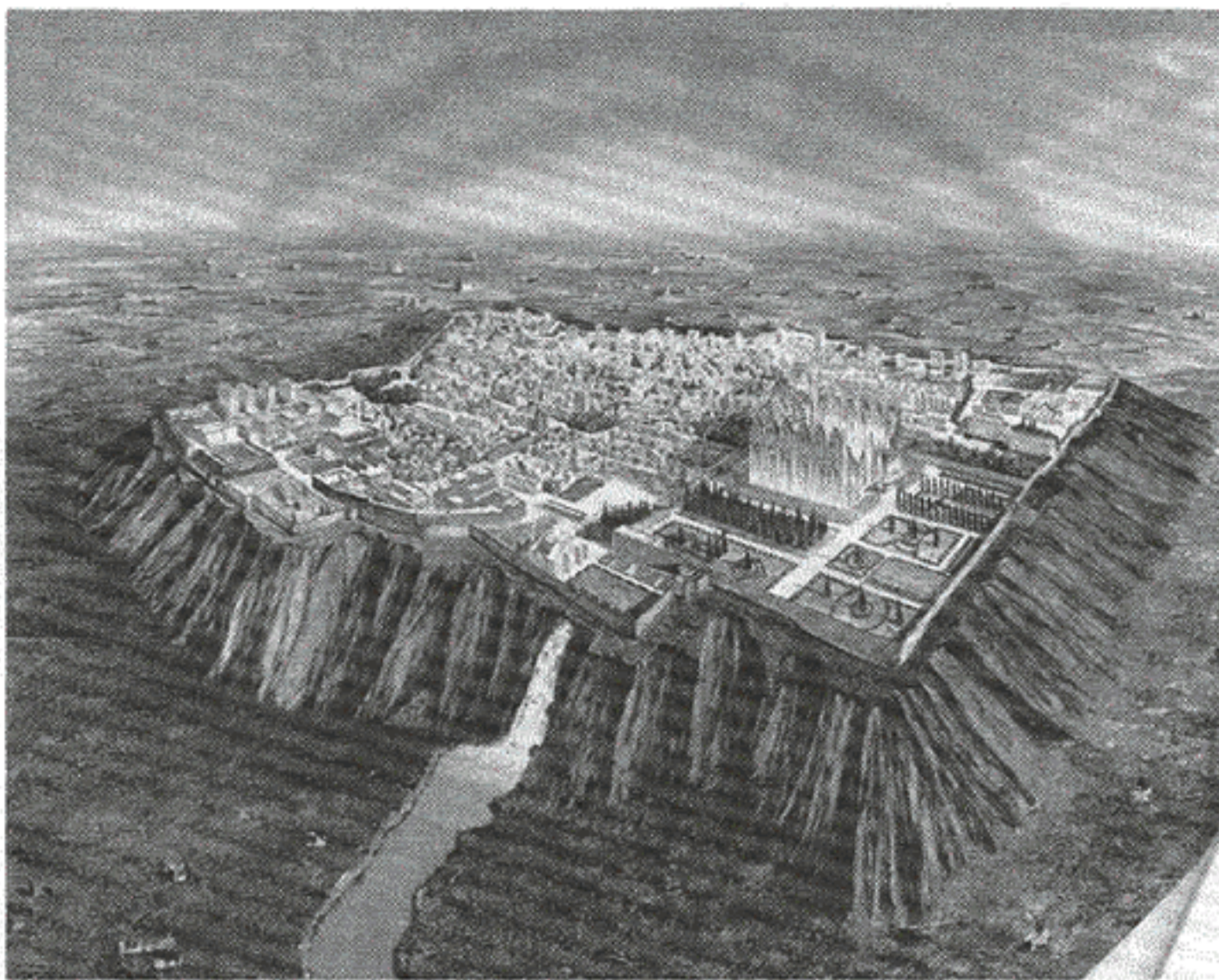
Some argue that the new earth will be totally new, and not a renovation of the current earth. But the Bible teaches that the present earth is eternal: “Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever” (Ecclesiastes 1:4; see also Psalm 78:69 and Psalm 148:6).

It is true that 2 Peter 3:10 says the current earth will be “destroyed with intense heat,” but the same context says that the earth of Noah’s time was “destroyed” by water (2 Peter 3:5-6). Noah’s earth did not cease to exist, rather, it was “destroyed” in the sense that it was radically changed.

### Restoration in the Old Testament

God loves His creation, and He is determined to restore it to its original perfection.





An artist's concept of Millennial Jerusalem.

This purpose of God was reflected in the rites of the Tabernacle of Moses. Each year when the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement for the sins of the nation, he would sprinkle blood on the Mercy Seat of the Ark — and also on the ground in front of the Ark (Leviticus 16:15).

The blood on the Mercy Seat pointed to the promise of God that one day He would send a Messiah who would shed His blood so that the mercy of God could cover the Law and make it possible for us to be reconciled to our Creator. The blood on the ground pointed to the promise of God that the sacrifice of the Messiah would also make it possible for the creation to be redeemed.

In the Old Testament, Isaiah 11 gives us a beautiful picture of the redeemed creation during the Millennium. We are told that the meat eating animals will cease to prey on each other and “will eat straw like the ox.” The poisonous animals will also be transformed. They will cease to be dangerous (Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:9).

The plant kingdom will similarly be transformed back to its original perfection before the curse. The result will be incredible agricultural abundance (Amos 9:13):

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine . . .”

The prophet Joel adds that “the threshing floors

will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil” (Joel 2:24).

The implication of these passages is that Man will no longer have to strive against nature because weeds and poisonous plants will cease to exist and rainfall will be abundant.

In fact, Isaiah tells us that areas of wilderness will be transformed into glorious forests (Isaiah 35:2) and deserts will become “springs of water” (Isaiah 35:7).

### Restoration in the New Testament

The promise of a redeemed and restored creation is reaffirmed in the New Testament.

Peter referred to the promise in his second sermon at the temple in Jerusalem. He told his audience that Jesus would remain in Heaven until the time comes for the “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21).



An artist's depiction of a passage in Isaiah that says there will be peace in the animal kingdom during the Millennium, and that a “little boy” will lead all kinds of animals (Isaiah 11:6).

Paul elaborates the theme in Romans 8:8-18. He declares that the whole creation is in “slavery to corruption” (verse 21). This is a reference to what physicists call the Second Law of Thermodynamics; namely, that all of creation is running down, moving from order to disorder — that all of creation is in bondage to decay.

Paul then pictures the creation as a pregnant woman waiting anxiously for the moment of delivery when the curse will be lifted and the creation will be re-



deemed. He says that will occur at “the revealing of the sons of God” (verse 19).

That is a reference to the resurrection of the saints, a point he makes clear in verse 23 when he says that the saints should yearn with nature for that same event because that is when we will receive “the redemption of our body.”

### The Eternal Earth



The Old Testament has little to say about the eternal earth which God will create at the end of the Millennium. Isaiah simply asserts that such an earth will be provided (Isaiah 66:22). Isaiah’s only other reference to a “new earth,” in Isaiah 65:17, is a reference to the renovated earth of the Millennium.

In Revelation 21 the apostle John gives us the most detailed look at what the new, eternal earth will be like. And yet, his description is tantalizingly vague. He makes a cryptic reference to the fact that there will no longer be any sea (Revelation 21:1). Beyond that, all he tells us is that God will make “all things new” (Revelation 21:5).

Some believe the reference to the sea is symbolic since that word is often used in prophecy to refer to the Gentile nations (see Luke 21:25 and Revelation 13:1). They thus interpret this statement about the sea to mean that the nations will no longer be divided between and against each other.

Others interpret the reference literally and argue that it is a clue that there will be one land mass on the new earth and that the seas will no longer separate peoples of the world as they do today.

The description of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21 infers that the eternal earth will be much larger than the current earth. This inference is drawn from the fact that the New Jerusalem will be shaped as a fifteen hundred mile cube. Such a structure would be completely out of proportion to the size of the current earth.

### A Glorious Blessing

I think the reason the passages about the eternal earth tell us so little about the features of that earth is because they focus on one glorious fact that overshadows any concern with what the new earth will be like. That fact is that the Redeemed will live in the presence of Almighty God (Revelation 21 and 22). We will “serve Him” and we will “see His face” (Revelation 22:3-4). What the earth will be like pales in comparison to this revelation.

Are you an heir of this wonderful promise? The Bible says that “he who overcomes shall inherit these things” (Revelation 21:7).

Are you an overcomer? The Bible defines an overcomer in 1 John 5:1-5 as any person “who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” Such a person is portrayed as being “born of God.”

### A Warning

As we await the Lord’s return, we are to be good caretakers of the earth God has given us. We are to be concerned about all aspects of ecology — both plant and animal life.

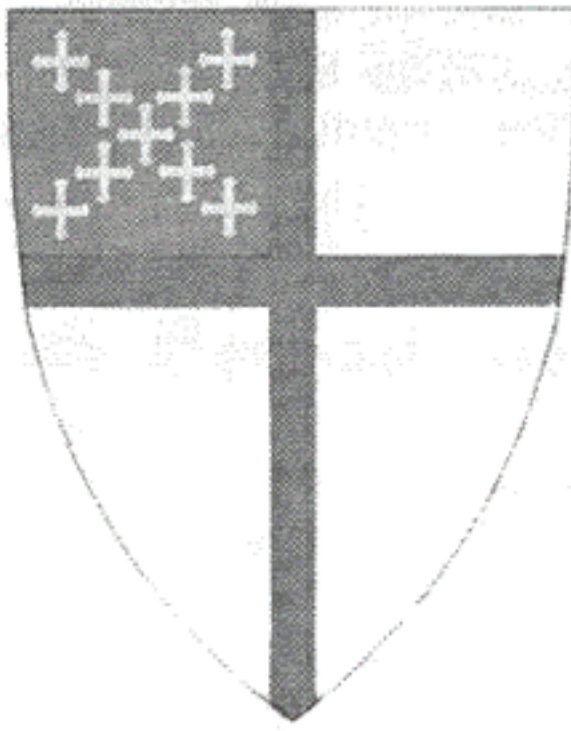
But we are to keep that concern in check. We are not to become worshipers of the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25). “Mother Earth” is not God.

Our focus must be on the Creator, our Father God. His creation has been polluted by our sins (Isaiah 24:5). Let us yearn for that day when His Son will return and the creation will be restored to its original perfection (Acts 3:21). ✚

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*Note:* This essay is taken from Dr. Reagan’s newest book, *God’s Plan for the Ages: The Blueprint of Bible Prophecy*. The book contains 41 chapters about every aspect of Bible prophecy. It sells for \$15 and can be ordered by calling 1-800-705-8316.





# Homosexual Advocacy in the Episcopal Church The Perspective of a Fifth-Generation Episcopalian

Observations by Mark M. Alexander

**Editor's Note:** This article by **Mark Alexander** is so profound that it needs to be read by all professing Christians, and not just Episcopalians. Mark Alexander is the executive editor and publisher of **The Federalist Patriot**, the Web's "Conservative Journal of Record" ([www.federalistPatriot.us](http://www.federalistPatriot.us)).

"The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord."  
(Genesis 18:22)

The shifting paradigm of sexual morality is a source of much controversy in Western culture, and thus, in the Christian Church. Homosexuals, though less than 3% of the population, are at the center of this controversy. The secular rights of consenting adults are in contest with the timeless Judeo-Christian foundation for the family and society.

## Background of the Issue in the Episcopal Church, USA

The Episcopal Church has debated the "normalization" of homosexual practices, same-sex marriage and the ordination of practicing homosexuals, for two decades. Episcopal Bishops have come perilously close to approving ordination of homosexuals and recognizing homosexual "marriage" at previous triennial conventions, setting up a schism between the Episcopal Church and the World Anglican Communion, and prompting a growing number of Bishops, both domestic and international, to view the Episcopal Church leadership as apostate. Thus, many Bishops have declared the U.S. a mission field for reseeded, and several Archbishops in the World Anglican Communion have been ordaining American Bishops and Priests under their authority since 1997.

At the World Anglican Communion's decennial Lambeth Conference in 1998, Bishops representing 77 million Church congregants worldwide overwhelmingly passed a resolution reaffirming that homosexual ordination, same-sex marriage and homosexual practices were "incompatible with Scripture." But a significant number of Bishops representing the 2.3-million member Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. (ECUSA), the American branch of the World Anglican Communion, strongly objected.



Bishop Gene Robinson

Once the most powerful Protestant church in America, Episcopal flirtation with heretical causes in the last three decades has driven many Christians away from the church — its current membership of 2.3 million is down 33% from 1965, despite the ECUSA's recent "Decade of Evangelism."

At its 74th triennial General Convention in August of 2003, the Episcopal House of Bishops voted, by a two-thirds majority, to confirm an unrepentant homosexual [Gene

Robinson] as Bishop of an American Diocese, the first such confirmation in the history of the Anglican Church. This action is arguably heretical, a willful violation of Scripture and the historic faith, order, tradition and governing canons of the Anglican Church, and codified the breach between the Episcopal Church and World Anglican Communion.



Mark M. Alexander

ECUSA Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold has defended the election, proclaiming that the Bible does not condemn homosexual acts. "Discreet acts of homosexuality" were condemned only because they involved lust instead of the "love, forgiveness and grace" of homosexual relationships, argues Griswold. "Homosexuality, as we understand it as an orientation, is not mentioned in the Bible. I think the confirmation of the bishop of New Hampshire is acknowledging what is already a reality in the life of the church and the larger society of which we are a part."

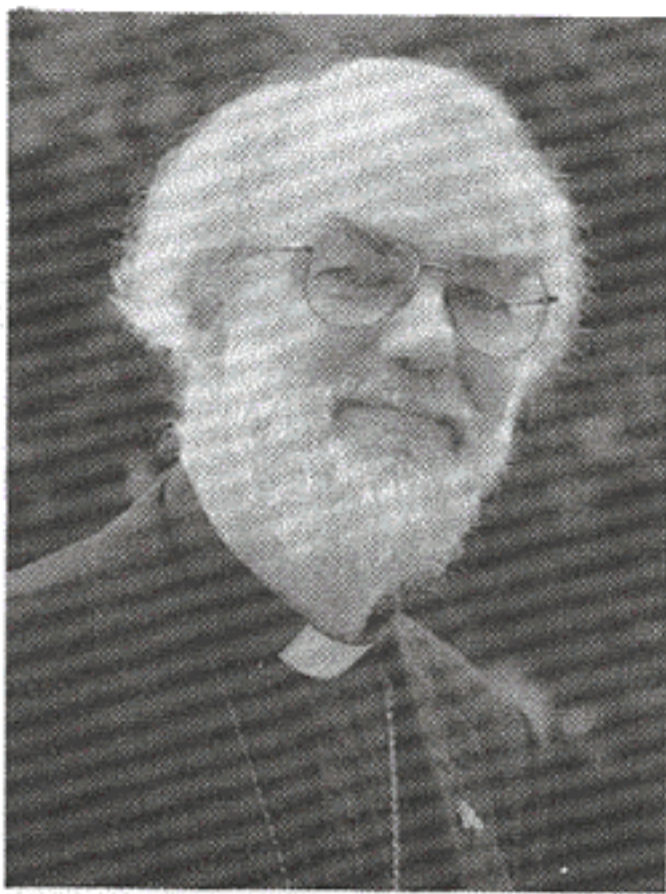
Griswold said further, "If I believed in any part of my being that the consent to this election was unfaithful to an authentic way of reading scripture and contrary to the leading of the Holy Spirit, I could no longer serve as the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church."

But among the American bishops protesting the election is Robert Duncan, Bishop of Pittsburgh, who has warned Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, that he could become "little more than the titular head of a moribund and declining British, American and Australian sect," if he did not take dramatic action to refute the ECUSA election.

## The Archbishop of Canterbury's Response

In an effort to seek some resolution to the world communion's objection to the ECUSA convention's actions, Archbishop Williams called an emergency meeting of 37 Anglican primates representing the Anglican Communion worldwide in October of 2003, to discuss the implications of the ECUSA bishop's election. Though the Archbishop has no authority to discipline any of the national churches, he does have the authority to withdraw recognition from a church as part of the Anglican communion.





Archbishop Rowan Williams

"We can't deny the realities of the reactions that I have described to you," said Williams, "which are the reactions of the greater part of the Anglican world."

In early October, Archbishop Williams met in Rome with Pope John Paul II, and the pontiff told Williams that confirming a homosexual as bishop would pose "new and serious difficulties" to unity between Catholics and Anglicans.

Archbishop Williams, though sympathetic to homosexual advocates, has pledged to uphold the church's historically correct teaching that homosexual acts are contrary to Scripture. Earlier this year, Williams withdrew the appointment of a homosexual priest elected bishop in the Church of England, and said in defense of his action, "My primary duty is to the church whose orders I hold, and whose unity I have to serve as best I can."

At the October meeting, the 37 Anglican primates unanimously signed a statement noting in part: "If his consecration proceeds, we recognize that we have reached a crucial and critical point in the life of the Anglican Communion. We have had to conclude that the future of the communion itself will be put in jeopardy . . . The ministry of this one bishop will not be recognized by most of the Anglican world, and many provinces are likely to consider themselves to be out of Communion with the Episcopal Church (USA). This will tear the fabric of our Communion at its deepest level."

It is noteworthy, however, that since ECUSA is, by far, the wealthiest of the national churches, the Anglican primates, mostly representing poor third-world nations, were careful not to outright condemn the American church and call for its censure and breaking of communion.

### The Real Issue

The issue conflicting the church, at its core, is not about church unity or traditions or politics, nor is it about the appointment of a homosexual bishop in the Episcopal church or homosexuality, per se. It is about Scriptural authority — the relevance of God's word as received through Holy Scripture, the historic foundation of our church. However, homosexual advocacy in the church has become the catalyst that has raised the issue of Scriptural relevance.

Despite ECUSA Presiding Bishop Griswold's contrary assertions about the "authentic way of reading scripture," in every authentic translation of the Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek Old and New Testament Scriptures, homosexual acts are, indeed, explicitly condemned. But Griswold, et al., like contemporary political liberals who justify their social agenda by insisting our U.S. Constitution is an "elastic, living document," are suggesting Scripture is equally elastic, subjecting it to the similar revisionist interpretation.

Reverend Martyn Minns, who opposed the homosexual

agenda at the ECUSA convention, says of such revisionist justification, "When the plain teaching of the Bible was referenced, eyes rolled, and with expressions of polite exasperation we were told that it was time to move on. The Bible simply hadn't kept up."

Of course, homosexual advocates argue that citing "the plain teaching of the Bible" is eisegetical (proof-texting) rather than exegetical . . . Ironically, it is theological revisionists who are citing verse of Scripture in isolation of its context in defense of their position . . .

### The Authority of Scripture

To discern right from wrong in the Episcopal Church, we find in Article VI of Religion, (BCP, p. 868) that "Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation...." Scripture is the first resource of our faith, and the foundation on which the tenets of reason and tradition reside. The "First Promise" taken by all of our clergy in their ordinal vows is to abide by this foundation. If Scripture is not accepted for what it is — the authoritative Word of God — then the foundation for faith in the Triune God collapses.

Opponents of Biblical authority within the Episcopal Church (and other mainline denominations) must address themselves to an essential question: **If Scripture is not the received Word of God, what then is our source of knowledge, of truth, in the Church? . . .**

If the Word of God is subordinate to "situational ethics" and "cultural relativity," if one is content to "interpret" Scripture such that it comports with a post-modern social agenda rather than receive God's word as objective truth, then there is no further common ground for discussion of homosexuality (or any other issue) in the context of the Christian Church. Such subordination leads to a denial of objective truth and, consequently, the advancement of subjectivist doctrines.

In Luke 12, Jesus speaks about denial of objective truth: "And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven."

Endeavoring to divine objective truth, some Episcopalians suggest that the Church's founding tenets of Scripture, reason and tradition have equal standing. But there is nothing in the history of the Church to support such an errant assertion. Reason and tradition rest on the foundation of Scripture, and are not to be equated with God's Word. Thus, if we are to be faithful, we turn to Scripture for Divine guidance in the Christian Church . . .

Some Episcopal tradi-





tionalists differentiate between Scriptural truths, which transcend time and culture, and teachings, which are a reflection of historic culture. In Leviticus for example, one may conclude that the legal stipulation for unrepentant homosexuals — death — is associated with an ancient culture. But, to conclude that all of Leviticus or the entire Bible for that matter is relative to whatever measure we choose, defies truth.

Indeed, Article VII of Religion, (BCP, p. 869) states that “. . . no Christian man whatsoever is free from obedience of the Commandments which are called Moral.” Thus, the transcendent truth in Leviticus is its condemnation of homosexual behavior as “an abomination.”

The New Testament is also abundantly clear in its condemnation of fornication and homosexual practices. In Romans 1:24-32, the Apostle Paul says, “. . . they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator . . . Their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another . . . Though they know God’s decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them but approve those who would practice them.” In 1 Corinthians 6:9, Paul adds, “Do not be deceived, neither the immoral . . . nor sexual perverts . . . will inherit the Kingdom of God.” Paul uses the Greek word “*arsenokoitai*” in these texts, which means “sodomites.”

Some homosexual advocates argue that Jesus is “silent” on this issue in the Gospels. Of course, Jesus does not directly address other deviant sexual behavior (pedophilia, bestiality, etc.) either. Is He really silent, or is His affirmation of marriage between “man and woman” sufficient rebuke for the homosexual agenda in the Christian Church?

In Matthew 19, Jesus speaks to us about marriage and sexuality: “Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning made them male and female, man and woman, and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.’”

Note that Jesus concludes in this passage: “What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

So what do we do with the homosexual agenda in the Christian Church? If we are to remain faithful, we abide by Scripture and uphold its revealed transcendent truth. But, if Episcopal Church leaders can’t discern transcendent truth in Christ’s words, what are the implications for our Church?

In John 8, Jesus speaks to us about transcendent truth: “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

### The Christian Response

So what then, as Christians, do we do with homosexuals?

In Matthew 22, Jesus declares: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

As for how to show God’s love to sinners, Romans 12:21 teaches: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” We are commanded to reach out unconditionally in love, and seek to heal. While discerning right from wrong in our denomination and society, as Christians we are called to love sinners, and not predicate our love for homosexuals, in this case,

on condition of their obedience to moral truth as set forth in Scripture. But “unconditional love” is not analogous with “subjective relativism,” and we should not uphold sinful behavior as righteous, which violates God’s word and design.

Understanding aberrant sexual behavior is critical to healing it. Homosexuality is sometimes a promiscuous “lifestyle choice.” Often, however, as understood by many Christian medical and mental health specialists, gender-disorientation pathology is associated with childhood or adolescent sexual and/or emotional trauma and/or abuse. Additionally, homosexual modeling by an authority figure — often an influential person with access to the victim through the family, church, school, neighborhood or media, can also promote gender-disorientation pathology.

Homosexual victims often compensate and cover their pain by manifesting some degree of narcissism, an unmitigated expression of self-love, which is antithetical to the embodiment of the Holy Spirit and the image of God. They compulsively indulge in aberrant sexual behavior to avoid reconciling the pain of abuse or homosexual modeling.

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It is this unmitigated narcissism which accounts for why ECUSA’s recently consecrated homosexual bishop [Gene Robinson] will not step aside, even though his election will create a schism in the World Anglican Communion. While anyone with a modicum of Christian humility would never have placed themselves in such a position, the narcissistic pathology associated with homosexuality is diametrically opposed, and thus completely incompatible with the expression of such humility.



The ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson on June 7, 2003.



Additionally, while there was some speculation about a "homosexual gene" a decade ago, that theory has been rejected by both the scientific community and national homosexual advocacy organizations . . .

Given this insight into the pathology of gender disorientation, to abandon homosexuals in their mental illness (and sin) under the aegis of "love, compassion and inclusion" is tantamount to abandoning a destitute homeless soul in a gutter under the aegis their condition is "righteous in God's eyes."

As for unrepentant homosexuals (those who have been offered love and healing) and their standing among Christ's people, 1 Corinthians 5:11 confirms: "But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral.... With such a man do not even eat." As noted, this does not mean we are not to reach out to sinners and seek to foster repentance and healing in them. But it does mean we do not raise them up in their sin as in good standing in our fellowship.

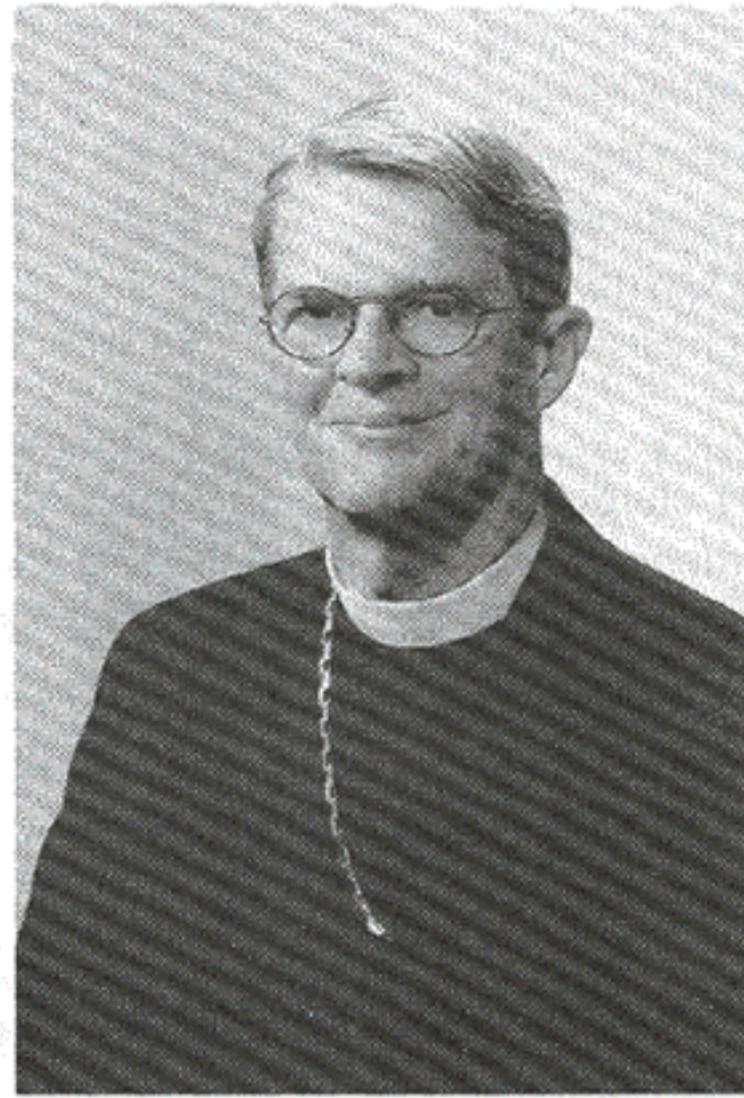
#### Unity of the Body: Christian Fellowship

Of Church leaders and elders, Paul writes in Titus 1:7-9: "Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work...he must hold firmly to the trustworthy Message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." Holding firmly to the Message has always required much faith and courage. Paul also writes in 1st Timothy 3:2, "Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife . . ." and notes, "If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?"

It follows then that Episcopal Bishops were gravely mistaken in elevating a homosexual man (a divorced father of two and unrepentant sinner) to the order of priesthood, much less the position of Diocesan Bishop, ostensibly as an expression of "unconditional love." And, in an egregious example of hypocrisy, some of the dissenting Bishops did so only, they explained, because the homosexual Bishop in question is in an "extramarital" sexual relationship — meaning had he been "married" to his homosexual partner, more Bishops would have consented to his confirmation . . .

Though the legal status of "homosexual behavior" and "same-sex marriage" is being debated within the context of the government legislatures and courts, the objective truth concerning such behavior has long been revealed through Scripture. Therefore, no institutional body of Christians should seek to normalize homosexuality or any other sexual aberration. By its nature such action projects such aberrations as acceptable in God's eyes and nature, and somehow comply with Scripture and the canons of the Church. This projection is not only iconoclastic but deceitful in that it suggests overt sinful behavior is to be upheld and honored.

Jesus fulfilled the Old Covenant with the New. Now, some apostate Episcopal clerics are attempting to supplant the New Covenant with their "new and improved" version, discarding



**Bishop Frank Griswold, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, USA.**

their ordinal vows as specified in the Articles of Religion and departing the faith by forsaking God's Word and substituted their own.

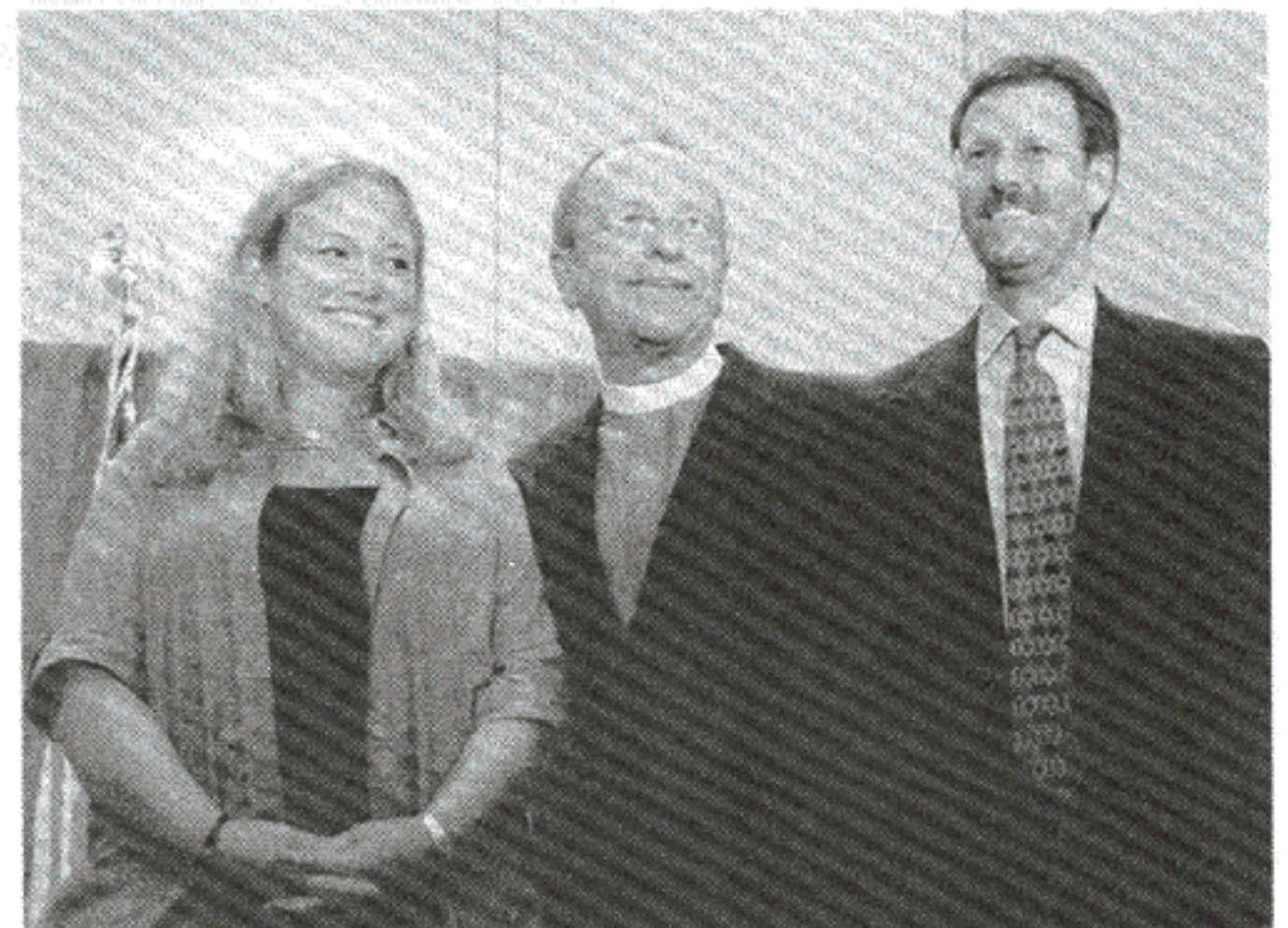
As for how the world now views ECUSA's heretical teachings, the Most Rev. Peter Akinola, who represents bishops in Asia, Africa and South America, called their relationship with ECUSA an "impaired communion," noting that "authorities within [ECUSA] consider that their cultural-based agenda is of far greater importance than obedience to the word of God. Such a church is bound to become a shrine for the worship of men rather than God."

As for the tens-of-thousands of obedient Christians who continue to worship corporately in the Episcopal Church, it is good and right that faithful Christians remain in Episcopal parishes still under the leadership of right-thinking pastors and vestries. Episcopal parishes enjoy substantial autonomy and Christians in those parishes are sufficiently insulated, if not completely isolated, from the ECUSA hierarchy. But those under apostate leadership must either replace that leadership or find a fellowship elsewhere . . .

It can be difficult to stand in defense of God's Word and plan for His people against such odds. But stand firm brothers and sisters in defiance of errant teaching, and know that you have been called to do so in His name. "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers" (Psalm 1:1).

Remain vigilant and know that your calling to defend objective truth will bring upon you much ridicule. In the words of our Savior in Matthew 5: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

May God bless and keep you, and may He restore Truth and Light to the Episcopal Church of America. ✚



**Bishop Gene Robinson with his daughter, Ella, and his homosexual partner, Mark Andrew. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20).**



# The Disappearing Doctrine of the Evangelical Church

Mike Gendron

Many professing Christians now think it doesn't really matter what you believe, as long as you label it Christianity. Their only test for becoming a Christian is a simple acceptance of Jesus as a historical figure. In our post-modern Church, *doctrine is out and tolerance is in*. We are told that for the sake of unity, doctrine should not be tested or contested. We are not supposed to draw any definitive lines or declare any absolutes. Doctrinal and moral issues which were once painted black and white, are now seen as gray. The state of the Church is now in a state of confusion.



Mike Gendron

Paul forewarned us that this would happen when he wrote: "The time will come when they [the people in the Church] will not endure [tolerate] sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

When "Christians" turn to popular teachers who tickle their ears with messages on self-esteem and self-improvement, they are also turning away from God's Word. Without a steady diet of Scripture, they will not hear sound doctrine and therefore be unable to discern truth from error. Ultimately, they will not know if they are following Jesus Christ or His adversary.

Without discernment, the 21st century Church is headed for serious trouble because the enemies of the Gospel are more shrewd and cunning than we are. What the Body of Christ needs now are soldiers of the Lord who are committed to battle for truth!

## Decline of Biblical Preaching

What has happened to pastors who preach the whole counsel of God? Churches that once taught the Bible verse-by-verse are on the endangered species list. I receive letters from people all over the world who cannot find such churches. I have also witnessed this first hand as I listen to sermons on church web sites. It appears pastors today are more concerned with popularity, church growth, methodology, psychology and meeting felt needs than biblical doctrine. Pastors are teaching less and less from the Bible which ultimately calls people to trust in the words of men, instead of the Word of God.

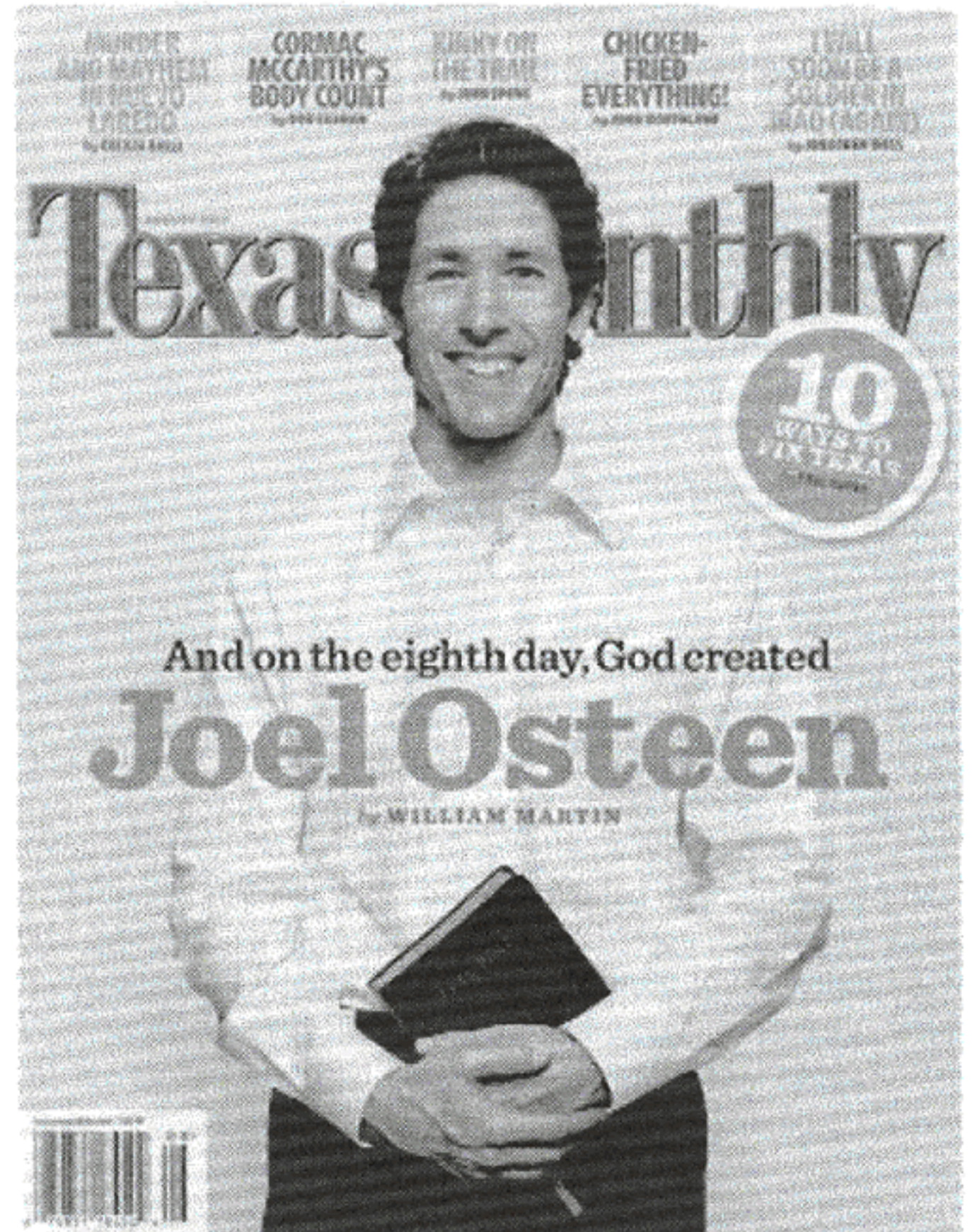
In one category are teachers who faithfully preach the whole counsel of God. They exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict (2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9). These men are devoted to seeking the approval of God over the approval of men (Galatians 1:10).

In the second category are teachers who cater to desires of men (2 Timothy 4:3). These teachers are dangerous, not because

of what they say, but for what they don't say. They purposefully avoid the offense of the Gospel for fear it will make people uncomfortable. Whenever preachers avoid the Word of God, believers don't get discernment and "seekers" don't get saved.

We see an example of this type of preacher in Joel Osteen, the pastor of one of America's largest churches located in Houston. In a June 20th interview on Larry King Live, he was asked if atheists go to heaven. He replied, "I'm going to let God be the judge of who goes to heaven and hell." When asked where Jews or Muslims go without trusting Jesus, he replied, "I'm very careful about saying who would and wouldn't go to heaven; I don't know." Rather than unashamedly respond with the power and exclusivity of the Gospel, Osteen chose to remain silent so that no one would be offended.

The third category is made up of false teachers who secretly introduce destructive heresies and malign the way of the truth (2 Peter 2:1-2). These teachers deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting and the undiscerning (Romans 16:18). Without discernment, listeners will not be able to distinguish between who has been sent by Christ and who is a mouthpiece for Satan.



## Wooing the World into The Church

Proponents of the church growth movement have developed attractive gimmicks and techniques to invite the world into our churches. Their thinking is this: "If we can get the world to like us, maybe they will like our Savior." Their approach to post-modern ecclesiology has been labeled "seeker-friendly" or, more



profoundly, “sinner-friendly.” Jesus is being disguised to make Him and His Gospel “less offensive” to seekers. Their goal is to make sinners feel comfortable by giving them what they want instead of what they need. Their strategy is to throw soft balls at non-Christians rather than challenge and confront their unbelief with convicting truths from Scripture. As the goats are being entertained with this nonsense, the sheep of the Shepherd are being deprived of His Word.

We must ask where does God’s Word tell us to woo the world? Did not Jesus say, “The world . . . hates Me because I testify that its deeds are evil” (John 7:7)? James wrote: “Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (James 4:4). Church history confirms this and we should learn from the past. The churches and denominations which made friends with the world began a downward slide into apostasy. By trying to woo the world, they had to compromise their preaching, tolerate sin and immorality and abandon nearly every doctrinal position they once held.

### **Diluting the Offensive Gospel**

Those who remain faithful to the Gospel will be an offense to the world because the Gospel is inherently offensive. Christ Himself is offensive to all who reject the truth. He is “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense” (1 Peter 2:8). The message of the Cross is also a stumbling block and foolishness to those who are perishing (1 Corinthians 1:18; Galatians 5:11). Tragically there are multitudes who profess Christ but cannot articulate the Gospel’s basic elements. What is left for the Church if it can’t communicate the only message that brings forth life?

The decline of doctrine (and ultimately the ability to discern) occurs in our churches when anyone of three things take place. First, when drama and entertainment become more important than preaching the Word. Secondly, when the pastor’s goal becomes “making people happy instead of holy.” You know this is taking place when he shifts his sermons from “this is what God says” to “this is what I think people want to hear.” Thirdly, when the pastor spends more time addressing “felt needs” over “spiritual needs.” Eventually these churches become filled with gullible people who believe their lovable pastor is speaking for God. Might they consider a quote from A. W. Tozer who said: “Gullibility is not synonymous with spirituality. Faith keeps its heart open to whatever is of God, and rejects everything that is not of God.”

### **Tolerance Rather Than Truth**

Some Christian leaders are calling for the Church to adapt to the new generation by eliminating all absolutes. They are saying that we can no longer proclaim absolute truth. Truth is now said to be subjective and in the eye of the beholder. Needless to say, this is producing a Christian faith void of doctrine but full of confusion.

Tolerance and acceptance of other faiths is now firmly established within Christianity. We are called to be tolerant of

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“My message is one of encouragement. I always try to put a seed of hope into people’s hearts. I’m not there to teach them doctrine necessarily, but to let them know that God is a good God, and has a plan for their lives. Hopefully, that will restore their faith, or draw them into faith.” — Joel Osteen

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everything except absolute truth. This tolerance is being used as a platform for unity with the Roman Catholic Church. Some evangelicals would rather have a counterfeit unity based on tolerance than authentic spiritual unity based on truth. Anyone who stands in their way is labeled divisive or troublesome.

### **Warnings Are Being Ignored**

There are numerous warnings in Scripture that tell us the Church will be bombarded with perverse teachings, empty philosophy; vain deceit, speculations, lying spirits, worldly fables, false knowledge, doctrines of demons, destructive heresies, myths, falsehoods, traditions of men and worldly wisdom.

Jesus and Paul warned of false prophets who would come in as wolves in sheep’s clothing not sparing the flock (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:29). We must do as Jesus and the apostles did and warn Christians of these destructive influences which are weakening the Church and bringing shame to the precious name of our Savior!

### **The Product of Spiritual Immaturity**

When sound doctrine is replaced with shallow teaching made up of humorous stories and opinions, you will find spiritual ignorance and biblical illiteracy in the pew. New babes in Christ will have difficulty growing in the grace and knowledge of their Savior when pastors do not preach the whole counsel of God. When the Word of God is not being faithfully taught, people will not hear truth. And if they don’t hear truth, they will be unable to discern God’s way from man’s way, truth from error and right from wrong.

We must all become more and more discerning because no man is infallible and no preacher is beyond the possibility of doctrinal error. We must always be ready to reject what is false and hold fast to what is true. As disciples of Jesus we must be known for what we are for as well as what we are against.

In closing, we must recognize that all truth sets itself against error. Sound doctrine divides and confronts, it judges and separates, it reproves and rebukes and it exposes and refutes error. It leads us from the broad way to the narrow way (Matthew 7:13-14). It commands us to submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7). It exhorts us to discern between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error (1 John 4:6). It demands that we turn away from evil and do good (1 Peter 3:11). It tells us that our ways are not God’s ways, nor are our thoughts His thoughts (Isaiah 55:8). It warns us against exchanging the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25). It guarantees that the righteous shall be blessed and the wicked shall perish.

True Christians cannot continue to tolerate or ignore Satan’s wicked schemes to weaken the Church. We must stand firmly on sound doctrine, heed the biblical warnings and live passionately for the truth so that Jesus Christ will be glorified and His Church will grow in holiness and strength. ✚ (Mike Gendron is the founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. His ministry’s website is located at [www.pro-gospel.org](http://www.pro-gospel.org).)



# Responses to Two Speeches by President George W. Bush

On May 26, 2005, President Bush met at the White House with Mahmoud Abbas, the newly elected President of the Palestinian Authority. On that occasion, Bush read a prepared statement to the press that included the following sentence: "Any final status agreement must be reached between the two parties, and changes to the 1949 armistice lines must be mutually agreed to."

That statement was absolutely astonishing since it established the 1949 armistice lines as the starting point for all negotiations. That means that the United States is now pressuring Israel to surrender all the strategic areas they acquired in the defensive Six Day War of 1967 — before the negotiations even begin!

The pronouncement was a clear signal to the Palestinians that terror pays dividends and that the United States is no longer willing to stand with Israel.

Below is an excerpt from an article that Bible prophecy expert Hal Lindsey wrote in response to Bush's statement. It is taken from WorldNetDaily.com. It was posted on June 2, 2005.

## Bush's 3 Little Words, 1 Big Betrayal

Hal Lindsey

The Israelis are reeling from the body blow delivered them by President Bush following his meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. In one pronouncement, Bush totally scuttled all the hard-fought, blood-bought gains Israel has made in the three wars forced upon her.

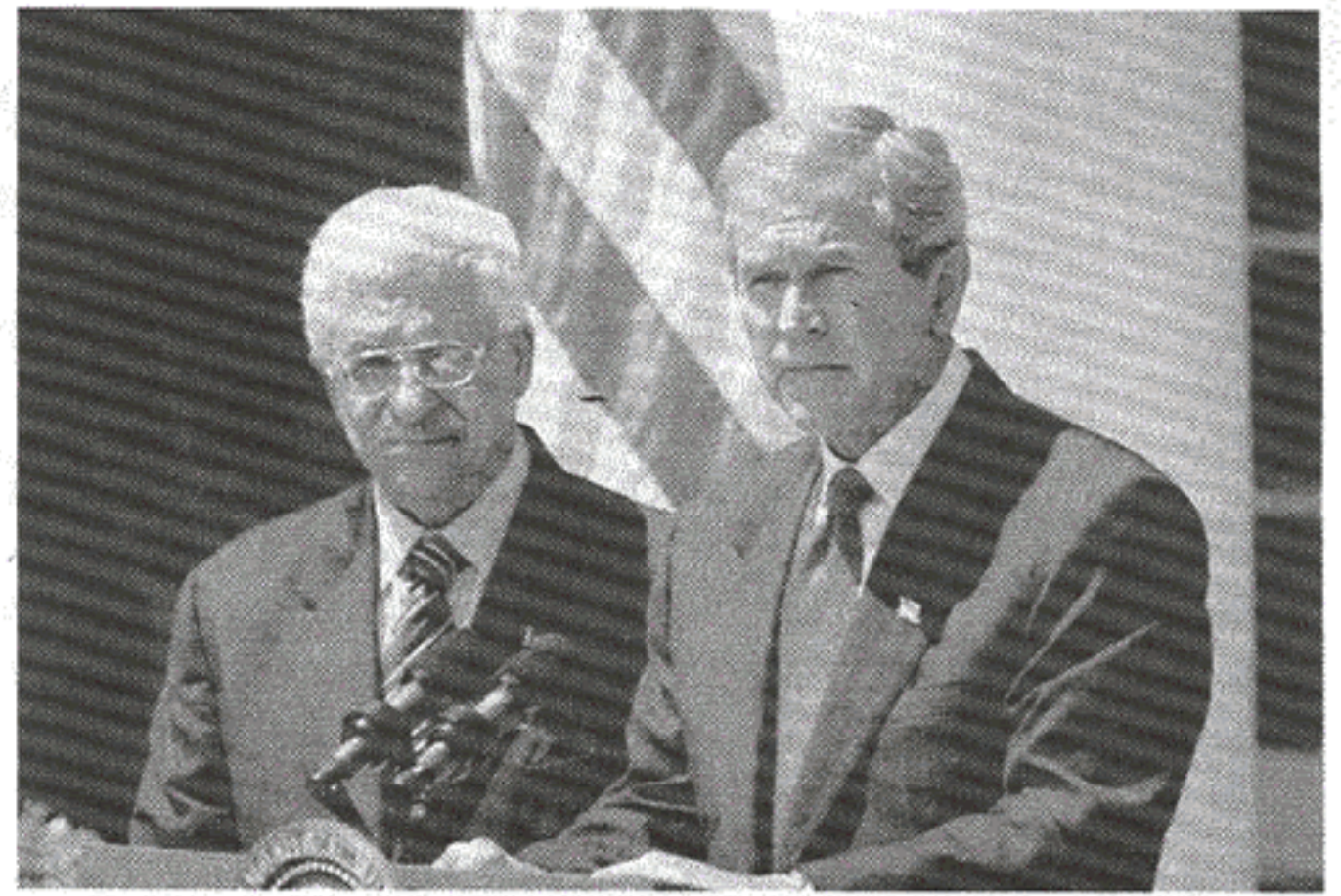
All peace negotiations and concessions by Israel in the pursuit of peace with the Muslim Nations and Palestinians since 1949 have been rendered null and void.

President Bush's astonishing and unexpected statement reversed long standing American policy. In his joint statement with Abbas, he declared that any final status changes in the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians must be mutually agreed to on the basis of the **1949 armistice lines**.

To my horror, this statement is the greatest betrayal of Israel committed by any American president in history.

It nearly knocked me out of my chair when I considered the implications of Bush's statement. After considering them, I waited for a clarification. I thought, "Surely this president could not have meant what he said. It has to be a mistake."

I am still waiting, slack-jawed, for a retraction that evidently



President Bush with Mahmoud Abbas.

isn't forthcoming.

Imposing the condition of mutual agreement and setting the benchmark at the 1949 armistice lines starts the whole process at the beginning. This in effect gives all of the advantages to the Muslims without even sitting down at the bargaining table. Palestinians hold every casual word made by an American president that is to their advantage as the "Law of the Medes and Persians which changeth not."

It is a dead certainty that the Palestinian side isn't going to agree to a united Jerusalem with Israel. East Jerusalem was in Arab hands in 1949. A return to the 1949 armistice lines puts it in Arab hands again.

The Western Wall was in Arab hands in 1949. So was the Temple Mount. Making the 1949 armistice lines the basis for mutual agreement means Israel must negotiate with the Palestinians until they agree to give up their claim to the Dome of the Rock or until Israel agrees to give up its claim to the Temple Mount and all of biblical Jerusalem.

Neither will happen. What is Bush thinking?

Based on this new equation, there is nothing left for Israel to negotiate. Victory: Palestinians. Method: Terrorism. Is it possible that President Bush didn't consider the implications?

President Bush gave his support to all key Palestinian demands without Abbas having to do a single thing to get it.

After resetting the negotiations to the 1949 lines, Bush added salt to the cuts:

A viable two-state solution must ensure contiguity of the West Bank, and a state of scattered territories will not work. There must also be meaningful linkages between the West Bank and Gaza. This is the position of the United States today, it will be the position of the United States at the time of final status negotiations.

Connecting the West Bank and Gaza effectively cuts Israel in half, making Israel a "state of scattered territories" instead. Such a border arrangement renders Israel totally indefensible. Could the president have misspoken? How could he do such a thing? Especially since it is not Israel that threatens to destroy Palestine, but the Palestinians who — along with the Muslim world — vow



to destroy Israel.

Everything about the Israeli-Arab conflict is unique, just as the Hebrew prophets said it would be. When it comes to Israel, the world becomes irrational.

For example, it is the only instance in modern history in which ethnic cleansing is a precondition to peaceful negotiations.

... Only hours after President Bush gave Abbas the green light to claim most of Israel as Palestinian territory, Abbas was warning that if PA demands were not met, "despair and loss of hope will come back and a return to the old ideas" of "armed resistance."

The message, "Terrorism pays, negotiation doesn't" was delivered personally to the Palestinians and the rest of the Islamic world by George W. Bush. President Bush did all of this when he uttered those three little words, "1949 Armistice Lines." It might be time for Israel to start looking around for a new peace broker. This one appears to have taken on a new client.

But there is an even graver consequence for the USA. I have believed for decades that God has protected America despite our growing sin. He has done so because the USA has been a base for world evangelism and we have supported Israel's right to exist in the land God promised them. This betrayal, if followed through, will effectively remove God's protective shield. May God help us. ☆



On October 6, 2005, President George W. Bush gave a speech in Washington, D.C. to the National Endowment for Democracy. In that speech he spoke out strongly against terrorism all over the world, asserting that "We're facing a radical ideology with inalterable objectives: to enslave whole nations and intimidate the world." He then asserted that "No concession, bribe, or act of appeasement" would ever "change or limit" the murderous plans of the intractable foes of

Judeo-Christian civilization.

They were noble words that we could all applaud. The only problem is that we have a double standard when it comes to Israel. We are literally forcing Israel to follow a suicidal policy of appeasement, trading land for an empty promise of peace.

In the next column are excerpts from an article which Ryan Jones wrote in response to Bush's speech. Mr. Jones is an editorialist for Jerusalem News Wire which can be accessed on the Internet at [www.jnewsire.com](http://www.jnewsire.com). The article was posted on October 7, 2005.



## Bush Wants Total Victory Over Terror

Ryan Jones

Islamic terrorism is the greatest threat to the free world today, and the only appropriate response is unrelenting battle until the day of ultimate victory, a resolute US President George W. Bush declared on October 6th . . .



Ryan Jones

For which we should all say, Bravo, Mr. President.

However, the Bush Administration fails to adhere to its firm position on the dangers of and solution to Islamic terror when the perpetrators are Palestinian Arabs and the victims Israeli Jews.

And Bush's robust assessment of the global threat contrasts starkly with the concerted American effort to prod Israel into relinquishing control of its biblical homeland in order to calm a century-old terrorist effort to dislodge the Jews from the Middle East.

Proponents of the land-for-peace process claim sweeping Israeli "concessions, bribes and acts of appeasement" will assuage Islam's desire to drive the Jews into the sea . . .

For Americans, on the other hand, Bush stated there is "only one effective response" to the kind of terrorism Israelis live with day in and day out: "We will never back down, never give in, and never accept anything less than complete victory."

The president also took issue with the regimes that harbor, support and otherwise allow to act with impunity these forces of evil.

"State sponsors [of terrorism] like Syria and Iran . . . deserve no patience from the victims of terror," Bush said forcefully, reiterating that the "United States makes no distinction between those who commit acts of terror and those who support and harbor them."

Again, his words did not correspond to Washington's treatment of the Palestinian Authority, or the conciliatory manner in which it demands Israel relate to the regime of PLO chief Mahmoud Abbas . . .

Lastly, Bush in his address rejected the idea of a premature US withdrawal from Iraq, which would result in that country becoming a "home base and a launching pad for terror."

Islamic terrorism "considers every retreat of the civilized world as an invitation to greater violence," he said.

Israel's pullout from Gaza, which appears to be leading to a complete takeover of that area by Hamas and other Islamic radicals, was nevertheless loudly applauded by Washington.

"In Iraq," the president concluded, "there is no peace without victory."

This truism, apparently, does not apply in Israel. ☆



# Television Update

The ministry's weekly television program, "Christ in Prophecy," is available nationwide on two networks.

The **DayStar Network** can be accessed by satellite over DirecTV (channel 369). The DayStar broadcast can also be seen live over the DayStar website at [ww2.daystar.com](http://ww2.daystar.com). DayStar programming is also carried over six international satellite systems which literally cover the world. You can get a listing of these at the DayStar website. Additionally, DayStar owns 40 broadcast stations scattered across the United States. A listing of these stations can also be found at the DayStar website.

The **Inspiration Network** can be accessed by cable nationwide. Check your local cable listings to see if your cable system carries the network. If it does not, then give them a call and ask them to add it to their offerings. You can also check the availability of Inspiration programming in your area by typing your area code into a search engine at [www.getinsp.com](http://www.getinsp.com).

DayStar Network				
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				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm



Our television program is also broadcast over the Family Vision Network, a regional network that covers all of Southern Louisiana. This network is owned by a great man of God, Barry Thompson, who also owns radio station KAJN which served as our home base station for the 22 years that we produced a radio program.

The programming of Family Vision can be seen on 11 cable systems throughout Southern Louisiana, reaching approximately 200,000 homes: Crowley (Channel 2), Estherwood (channel 44), Franklin (Channel 62), Iberia (Channel 15), Lafayette (Channel 16), Lake Charles (Channel 20), Patterson (Channel 62), Rayne (Channel 2), Roberts Cove (Channel 24), St. Martin (Channel 22), and Vermilion (Channel 14).

The network also broadcasts over a series of low-power television stations: Lafayette (Channel 40), Lake Charles (Channel 58), and Crowley (Channel 65).

Our program, "Christ in Prophecy," is broadcast over the Family Vision Network three times a week at the following times: Sunday at 6:30am, Monday at 8:30am, and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

We praise God for the Family Vision Network, and we encourage the Christians of Southern Louisiana to support it by watching its programs and sending it donations. You can access the network over the Internet at [www.kajn.com/familyvision](http://www.kajn.com/familyvision).

## 25th Anniversary Video & TV Program

We used the video footage we shot at our 25th anniversary banquet to produce both a video program and a television program.

The video program runs about 90 minutes in length. Copies of it were sent as a gift to our Prophecy Partners. You can purchase copies for \$10 by calling 1-800-705-8316. The television program was broadcast the week of November 6th.

The video program contains all of Jack Hollingsworth's songs and all of Tim LaHaye's speech about the importance of Bible prophecy. The TV program contained snippets of Jack's songs and LaHaye's remarks.

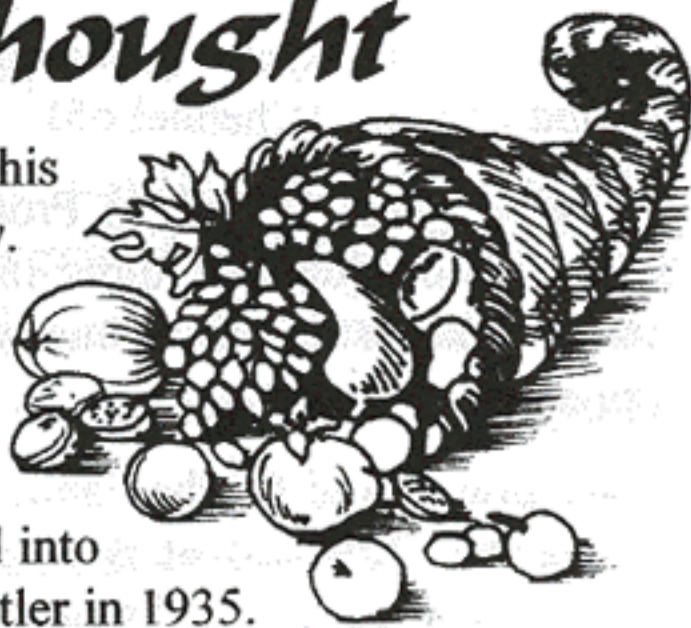


Jack and Sally Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries are shown above at our 25th anniversary banquet where Jack served as the featured singer. The Hollingsworths travel the nation ministering to churches, the homeless, and prisoners. To schedule them at your church, call 850-832-1174. ✚



# Food for Thought

**Who said this?** — “This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future.” Answer: Adolf Hitler in 1935.



Ken Ham

## Wisdom from Ken Ham

“It’s unbelievable what unbelievers have to believe to be unbelievers!”

Ken Ham is the founder and director of Answers in Genesis, a ministry that affirms the creation account in the book of Genesis. For more information about his important ministry, see his website at [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org).

**Hypocrisy Gone to Seed!** — United States foreign policy toward Israel is a study in hypocrisy. Consider:

- 1) President Bush called for the capture of Osama bin Laden “dead or alive,” and then turned around and condemned Israel for targeting terrorist leaders for assassination.
- 2) President Bush called for terrorist leaders to be brought to justice. He invaded Iraq to go after Saddam Hussein. Then, he let Israeli leaders know that they could not touch the world’s foremost terrorist, Yasser Arafat.
- 3) President Bush has stated that he would never negotiate with or make concessions to terrorist regimes, but he forces Israel to negotiate with the world’s premier terrorist regime, the Palestinian Authority.
- 4) The Bush Administration is unwilling to tolerate a single terrorist attack, but it demands that Israel respond to terrorist attacks with “patience and longsuffering.”

The number of terrorist attacks in Israel since September 2000, when the Arab Intifada (uprising) began totals 22,406. The number of Israelis killed in those attacks adds up to 1,073. The number injured totals 7,371. The equivalent figures for the U.S. population would be 59,146 killed and 414,027 wounded. How much patience and longsuffering would we show if we were suffering such casualties?

What if a terrorist government were to take over Mexico and start lobbing rockets across the Rio Grande, killing Texans pell-mell? How long do you think it would take us to respond with overwhelming force?

Why then do we make demands of another nation that we would consider ridiculous if they were made of us? Is it because we are more concerned about access to Arab oil than we are about the killing of Jews? [Thoughts by Dave Reagan.]

## Blessed Hope or Holy Terror?

“God is going to invade this earth in force. But what’s the good of saying you’re on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else, something it never entered your head to conceive, comes crashing in — something so beautiful to us and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left.



C. S. Lewis

“This time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side.

“There is no use saying you choose to lie down, when it’s become impossible to stand up. That will not be the time for choosing . . . Now, today, in this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever; we must take it or leave it.”

**What Darwin did not know** — (From an article by Russell M. Grigg that appeared in *Creation* magazine.)

We know that if Darwin could have foreseen coming scientific developments, he would have had good reason to be concerned that his theory might one day be proved wrong.

In particular, **Gregor Mendel** had not yet established his work on the laws of heredity and genetics, which said that the characteristics of offspring are passed on from parents according to precise mathematical ratios and do not derive from chance random processes in what Darwin called “blending inheritance.”

**James Joule, R. J. E. Clausius and Lord Kelvin** were only just developing the concepts of thermodynamics, the second law of which states that the universe is proceeding in a downward degenerating direction of increasing disorganization . . .

**Louis Pasteur** was just beginning his famous experiments which showed that life (even microbial life) comes from life, not from non-life.

**The mathematical laws of probability**, which show that the odds of life occurring by chance are effectively zero, had not yet been applied to the theory of evolution.

**Molecular biology**, with its revelation that the cell is so enormously complex that it could not possibly have been formed by chance, had not yet commenced.

**The fossil record** had not yet been investigated sufficiently for paleontologists to be able to say, as they do now, that chains of intermediate “links” do not exist.

Any of these concepts or laws, if known to Darwin at the time he wrote *Origin* (1856-1859), would have been enough to torpedo his ideas; taken all together, they kill the theory of evolution stone dead! ✚



## Compromising Christianity

"In the name of Allah, the merciful and compassionate, Amen."

These are the words that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Washington, D.C., used recently



Theodore McCarrick

when he concluded a prayer at a ceremony where King Abdullah II of Jordan was present.

Does he believe that Allah is the same as Yahweh?

Is he ashamed of the name of Jesus?

Can you imagine an Islamic cleric ending a prayer in the name of Jesus simply because a Christian was present in the audience?

(Source: *The Washington Post*, September 15, 2005.)

# TIMES and Seasons

## China Threatens the U.S.

A Chinese military official stated last July that Beijing will use nuclear weapons against the United States if the Americans attack China in a fight over Taiwan.

"If the Americans draw their missiles and position-guided ammunition on to the target zone on China's territory, I think we will have to respond with nuclear weapons," Zhu Chenghu, a major general in the People's Liberation Army, said at an official briefing, according to the *Financial Times* of London.

"If the Americans are determined to interfere [then] we will be determined to respond," Zhu said. "We Chinese will prepare ourselves for the destruction of the cities east of Xian. And, of course, the Americans will have to be prepared for hundreds of cities to be destroyed by us."

Zhu is not the first Chinese official to mention the use of nuclear weapons first in a conflict over Taiwan. Chas Freeman, a former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense says that in 1999 he was told by a Chinese official that in the end "Americans will have to decide whether they care more about Los Angeles than they do Taipei." (Source: [www.armscontrolwonk.com](http://www.armscontrolwonk.com))



General Zhu Chenghu

## Starbucks Endorses Gay Agenda

Starbucks Coffee is one of the major corporate sponsors of Homosexual causes in the United States.

Dr. Reagan recently wrote to them and complained about their enthusiastic endorsement of the homosexual lifestyle. They responded saying they were proud of their stance because they believe in "celebrating diversity."

Dr. Reagan wrote back and asked, "When do you plan to start celebrating pedophilia?"

Meanwhile, as part of their campaign, the company issued a series of cups with quotes printed on them from famous authors. The series is called, "The Way I See It." Cup number 43 gives a quote from homosexual author Armistead Maupin: "My only regret about being gay is that I repressed it for so long. I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life's too [expletive deleted] short." (On the cup, the expletive was unedited.)

You can express your feelings to Starbucks through their website at [www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com). You can also let them know how you feel by purchasing your coffee elsewhere.



## UN Envoy Calls for End of Israel



John Dugard

In a report to the General Assembly last August, United Nations envoy John Dugard argued that the state of Israel should be abolished and "consideration should be given to the establishment of a binational Palestinian state." Dugard is a South African who currently serves as a professor of international law at a university in the Netherlands.

## Canada Approves Same-Sex Marriage

In June the Canadian Parliament passed legislation legalizing same-sex marriage. The legislation passed easily, making Canada only the third country in the world, after the Netherlands and Belgium, to officially recognize same-sex marriage.

One of those who voted for the legislation was Senator Marilyn Trenholme Counsell. During the debate on the issue, she made the astonishing claim that Jesus Christ would have voted in favor of the legislation.

"As a Christian, I often ask myself 'what would Jesus do?'" she said, reiterating a maxim often heard in Christian circles. She answered her own question by saying, "In this case, in this time, I believe He would say, 'Yes!'" "After all," she added, "we have come a long way from Old Testament days when adulterers were put to death; and we have come a long way in our understanding of human sexuality." (As if we know something God did not know when He created sexuality.)

Senator Counsell, a physician, compared homosexuality to a "learning disability." She added the unscientific claim that "One's sexuality is as fundamental to who we are as the color of our eyes and the shape of our hands," implying that homosexuality is determined in the genes.

Senator Counsell, a Liberal from New Brunswick, was originally a Baptist but converted to Anglicanism when she married. ✚



Senator Counsell



# Greetings from the Lamb & Lion Staff

## We need your support as a Prophecy Partner!



First row, left to right: George Collich, Jr., Trey Collich, Leo Houck, Rachel Houck, Don Gordoni, and Gary Byers. Second row: Kay Bien, Dave Reagan, Cathie Grubb, and Larry Watts.

### Program Requirements

The financial base of Lamb & Lion Ministries is provided by its Prophecy Partners. These are the people who pledge to provide \$20 a month or more for one year.

We currently have 1,350 Prophecy Partners. We need to increase that number to over 1,500 for 2006 if we are to continue expanding our media outreach with the message of the soon return of Jesus.

We ask our Prophecy Partners to aim at giving \$1 a day for a year — or \$30 per month. Many do this, and some give even more. The minimum contribution is \$20 per month.

### Program Benefits

There are many benefits and blessings associated with being a Prophecy Partner. First and foremost is the knowledge that your sacrificial support is going to a ministry whose purpose is to point people to Jesus Christ and to proclaim His soon return.

As a Prophecy Partner you will receive a monthly audio or video program or special publication, together with a personal report from Dave Reagan highlighting major events and decisions affecting the ministry.

The tape or publication usually covers some special study topic or current events topic related to Bible prophecy. From time to time a special gift, like the ministry's annual calendar, is sent to our Prophecy Partners in recognition of their support.

### Program Purposes

Your donations will be used to help pay for our media outreach all across this nation and around the world via television and the Internet. They will also be used to help cover the cost of the many free tapes and publications which we distribute yearly to people who cannot afford to pay for them.

**We need your support! Join us for 2006.**

### Prophecy Partner Commitment

**Yes! I want to be a Lamb & Lion Prophecy Partner during 2006.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

2006 Monthly Commitment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Goal of \$30 per month — minimum of \$20 per month)

or

2006 Yearly Commitment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Goal of \$360 — minimum of \$240)

Mail to Lamb & Lion Ministries P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070.  
Or, call in your commitment to 1-800-705-8316.



**China** — Dr. Reagan had a very blessed trip to China in late September. He flew non-stop from San Francisco to Shanghai and then proceeded on to the interior city of Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province. Wuhan is located on the Yangtze River and has a population of 8 million. Dr. Reagan taught Bible prophecy there for a week at one of China's 12 seminaries. He found the students and faculty to be very interested in the meaning of the book of Revelation, and the decision was made to try to get his book, *Wrath & Glory*, translated and published by the state-approved church of China. The first step in this process will be to find a skilled translator who can make a very accurate and culturally adapted translation.

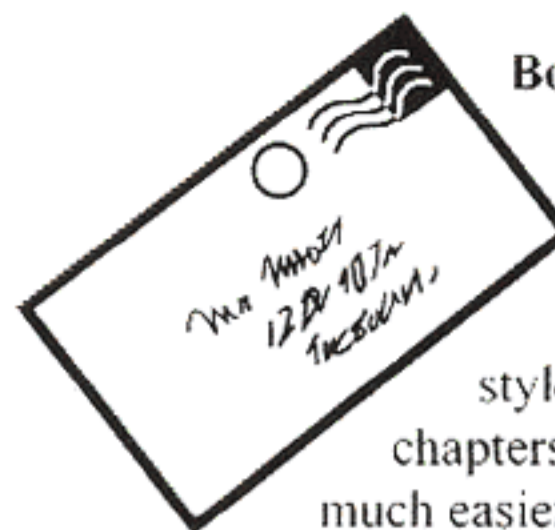


Dr. Reagan is shown above with some of the seminary students. Although they appear to be very young, they are fourth year, senior students.

**Speaking Schedule** — In November Dr. Reagan will be speaking at Trinity Baptist Church in Silsbee, Texas (4-5) and at a home group of Central Christian Church in Richardson, Texas (8). In the middle of the month, he will conduct a conference together with Paul Wilbur at Living Waters Church in Shelbyville, Kentucky (10-13). Paul Wilbur is internationally known as a very gifted Messianic worship leader. In January of next year Dr. Reagan will videotape some additional television programs with Dr. Ron Carlson, Christendom's foremost expert on cults and world religions. In February, Dr. Reagan is scheduled to speak at Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany, Indiana (11-12) and at Cornerstone Assembly of God in Danville, Kentucky (25-26). He is also scheduled to be one of the featured speakers at the Stealing the Mind Conference in Anaheim, California (18).

**Hands of Luke Ministries** — It's that time of year when we annually try to raise funds for a great ministry in Juarez, Mexico that reaches out to orphans, the homeless, and prisoners. Hands of Luke Ministries is headed up by Dr. Marco Samaniego. At Thanksgiving, they normally feed 15,000 people who live on or around the Juarez garbage dump. At Christmas, they feed 5,000 children and supply them with gifts. To make a donation, send a check designated for Hands of Luke or call 1-800-705-8316 and make a donation by credit card. Thanks!

**South Africa** — And thanks too for your very generous response to our appeal for \$10,000 for the construction of a church building in Kimberly, South Africa. We reached that goal! ✚



**Books** — "I have scoured and devoured your 415 page book called *God's Plan for the Ages*, and I have found it to be absolutely comprehensive, captivating, and fantastic! I truly appreciate your style of writing with the sub-titles of the chapters asking pertinent questions, making it much easier for the reader to skip around and more easily identify the get-right-to-the-point answers along with various views on the subject. Also, the personal applications to the believer and the unbeliever are very appropriate and challenging." — Kathie R. Corder of Oreland, Pennsylvania.

**Magazine** — "I am 95 years old and love Jesus. I want you to know that I love to read the *Lamplighter* so I am sending you a little gift to show my appreciation." — Alvin Christensen of Litchfield, Minnesota.

**Website** — "The newest version of your website is absolutely fabulous! Your wonderful ministry has indeed come a long way, and I am fully in agreement with your great teaching on the exponential curve. It is a clear, easy-to-understand, yet unique, teaching that should wake up the Body of Christ." — Dr. Bob Romanelli of the University of California Santa Barbara.

**Preaching** — "I want to thank you for coming to my church and speaking. Your messages were so fascinating. I hope you know your points were conveyed very clearly. Learning about the facts that seem to point to Christ's soon return excited me and just made me so joyful that I am ready. It also made me horribly sad for those I know who don't have any assurance. This has spurred me on to never giving up and continually growing towards a Christ-like life, that I may be a living testimony." — Kelly Dyer (age 14) of Greenwood, Indiana.

**Television** — "I watched your telecast at 12:30am this morning, and it inspired me. This is mostly because as a college student and a believer in the Lord Jesus, I experience a huge challenge reaching out to those who do not believe that Jesus is the only way to God the Father — which stems from their refusal to acknowledge that the Bible is the Word of God." — Oore-ofe Olumuyiwa from Nigeria, Africa.

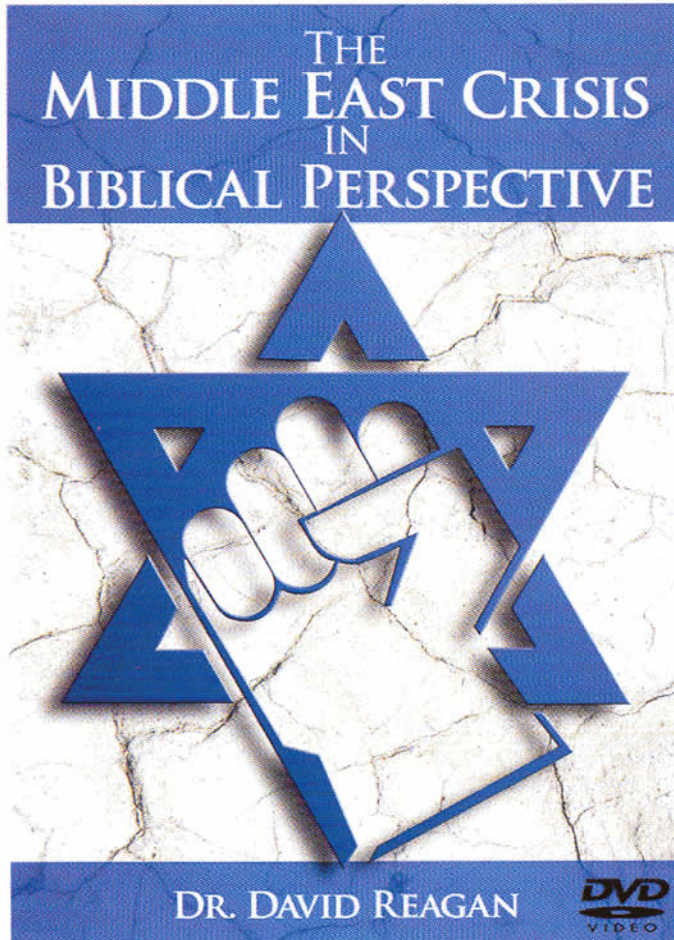
**Magazine** — "I have read your article in the *Lamplighter* about the legacy of Pope John Paul. I just wanted to say how much I appreciate your consistent stand about salvation being by grace alone." — David Royalty, pastor of First Baptist Church in Joelton, Tennessee.

**Website** — "Last year I joined a Masonic lodge and became a Mason which entailed taking some of the oaths described by Dr. Reagan in his website article, 'Should a Christian be a Mason?' Taking those oaths never made me feel good about myself, and I should have known better. I was not aware of Matthew 5:34 where Jesus commanded us not to take oaths. I have prayed and denounced my affiliation with the Masons. Since I serve in the Navy, every single Masonic item I have will be thrown into the sea!" — Name withheld. ✚





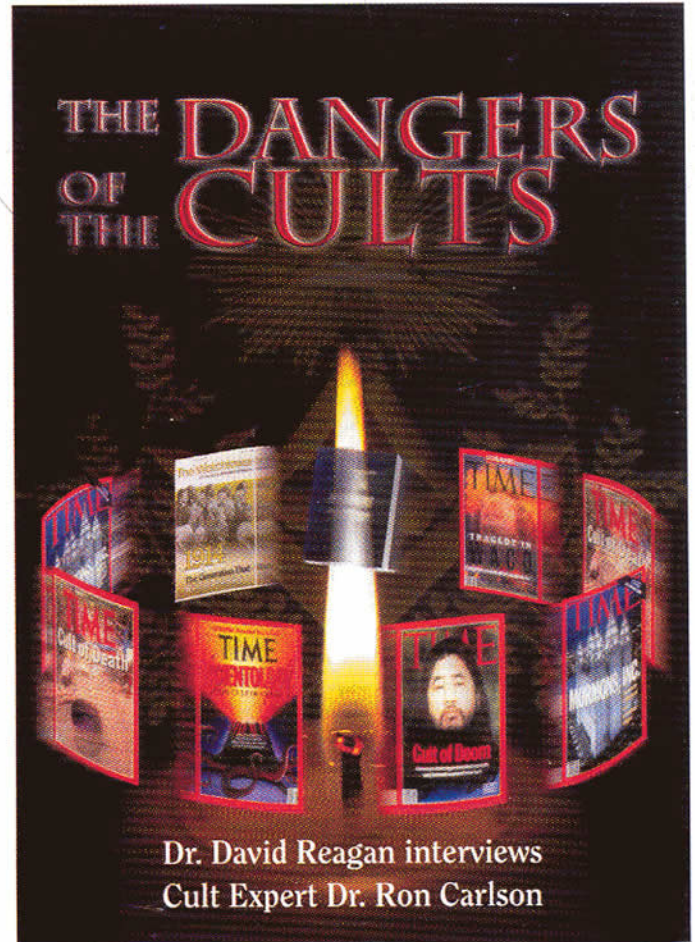
## TWO NEW INFORMATIVE VIDEOS



A 50 minute presentation by Dr. Reagan at the Stealing the Mind Conference held in Santa Barbara, California in 2005.

This is a very dynamic presentation in which Dr. Reagan clearly shows that the struggle in the Middle East is a spiritual one that can never be solved by diplomacy or war. Illustrated extensively throughout with pictures and diagrams.

DVD format only. Cost is \$10. Call 1-800/705-8316.



Four of the ministry's most popular TV programs have been edited together to produce this new 85 minute video program about the Cults.

Dr. Reagan interviews Dr. Ron Carlson, Christendom's foremost expert on the cults, regarding the cults in general and then focuses on three specific cultic groups: the Mormons, the Jehovah's Witnesses, and the Masons.

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