

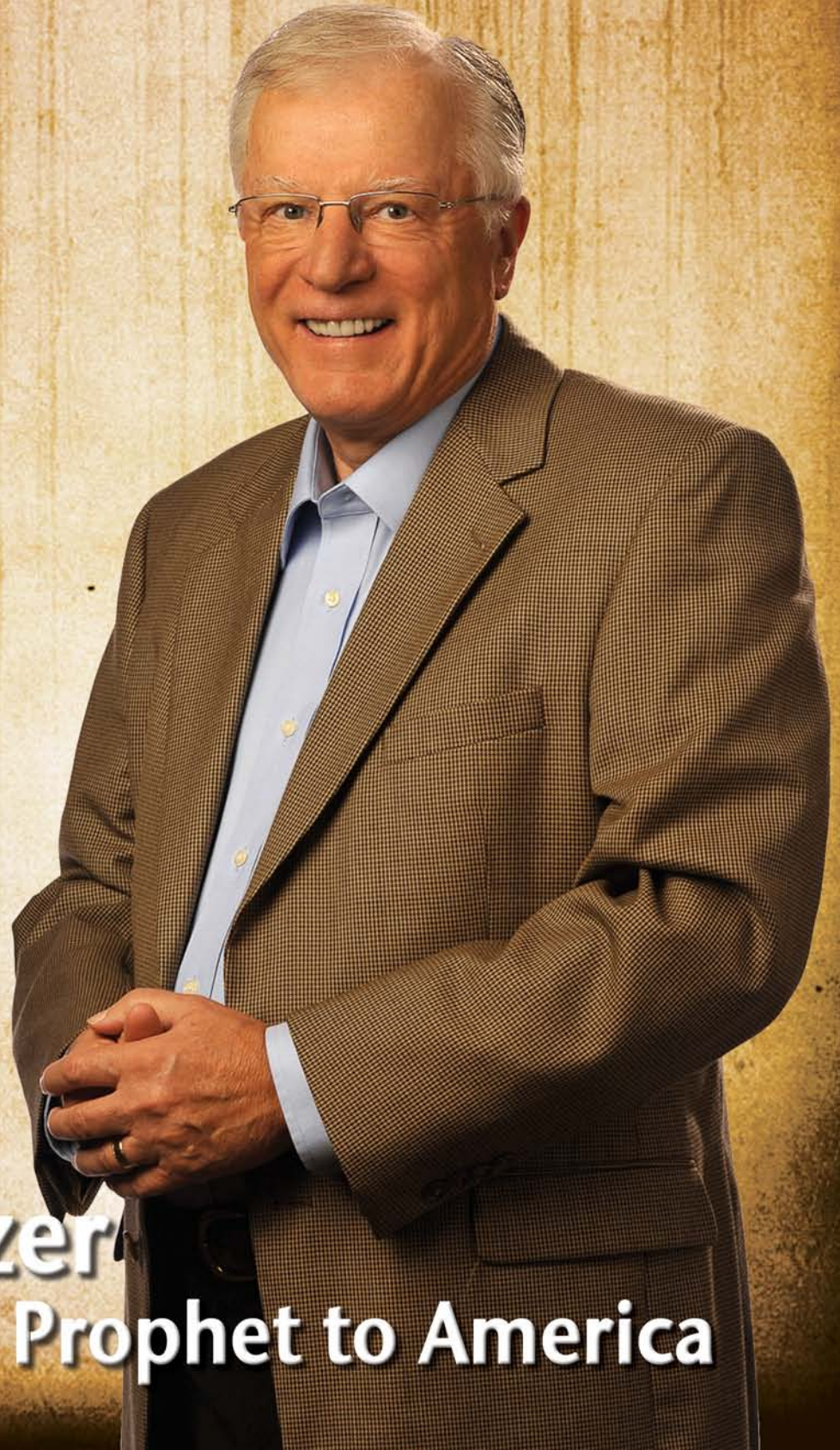
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Observations by the Editor

Prophetic Voices

When a nation rebels against God, particularly one that has been as blessed as ours, God responds with remedial judgments like weather disasters and economic calamities. He also raises up prophetic voices to call the nation to repentance. I have discussed this process in detail in my book, *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy*.

Our nation is in rebellion against God today. We are literally shaking our collective fist at Him, mocking and blaspheming both Him and His Word. He has repeatedly sent remedial judgments like Hurricane Katrina and the 9/11 attacks, but we have refused to repent. He has also raised up powerful prophetic voices to confront us with our national sins and to call us to repentance.

Prophetic Pastors

The interesting thing to me is that nearly all the prophetic voices the Lord has anointed thus far have been pastors like David Wilkerson, Jonathan Cahn and Robert Jeffress — all of whom we have highlighted in this magazine. The reason I find this interesting is because I have always found that pastors tend to avoid highly controversial subjects for fear that they will offend people in their congregations. Yet, these pastors are speaking out boldly and fearlessly.

Another thing interesting about the phenomenon of prophetic pastors is that God's anointing is falling on them and not on Bible prophecy experts. It seems that the experts are more concerned about debating the timing of Ezekiel's war of Gog and Magog, or the identity of the Antichrist or the meaning of the fig tree parable in Matthew 24.

There are some among the Bible prophecy experts who have spoken out — people like Terry James. But, I'm sad to say that many of the prophecy experts have spent their time taking potshots at the prophetic pastors because of the way they have used a particular prophetic passage.

Take, for example, the attacks on Jonathan Cahn for his supposed "misuse" of Isaiah 9:10. The "experts" have ripped him to pieces while ignoring the fact that



Dr. David Reagan standing in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem, with the Eastern Gate in the distance behind him.

his writings are biblically based and are right on target in identifying the sins of America and our nation's desperate need to repent. So the "experts" end up quibbling over whether or not the verse in Isaiah was meant only for Israel while ignoring Cahn's anointed message for America.

And then there are those like John MacArthur who believe the gift of prophecy died with the death of the last apostle. They too spend their time attacking the prophetic voices God has anointed today. They often just dismiss people like David Wilkerson by claiming they are nothing but "off-the-wall Charismatics or Pentecostals."

But God has anointed a Southern Baptist like Robert Jeffress and conservative Evangelicals like Erwin Lutzer and David Jeremiah.

We need to stop nit-picking these prophetic voices and start listening to them. Better yet, we need to start encouraging them. They have a message our nation desperately needs to hear, for God's sword of final judgment is hanging over our heads. ✚



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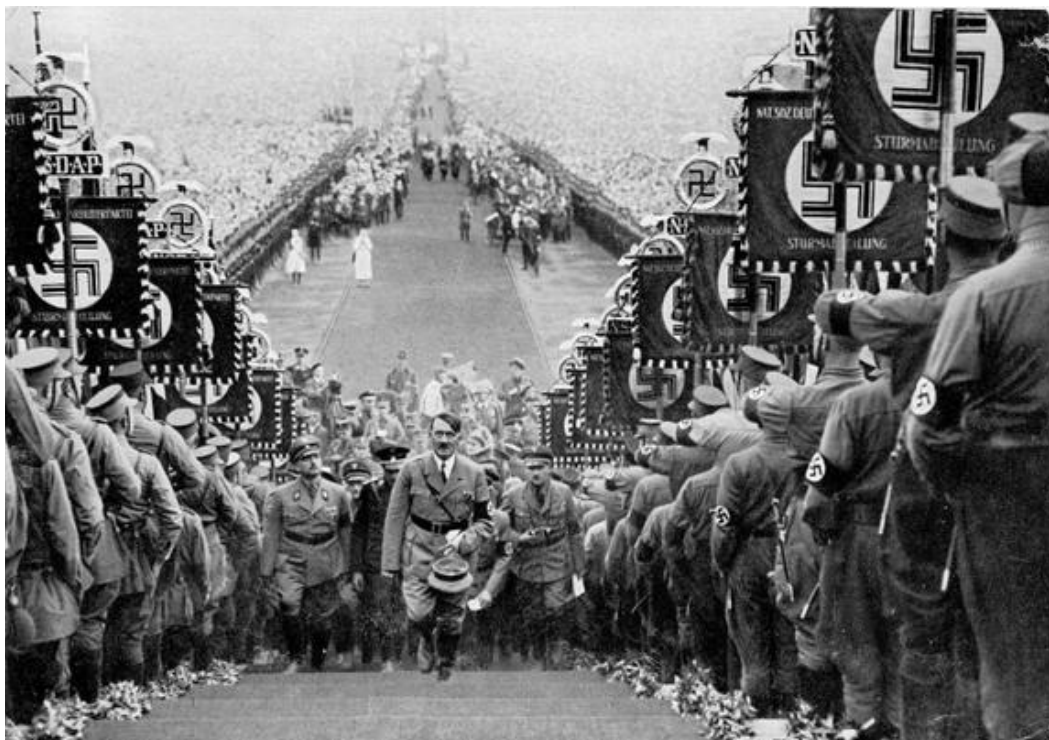
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Hitler's Nightmare

Could it happen here in America?



Hitler arriving at a Nazi Party rally in Nuremberg in 1934. This photo was prominently displayed at the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem for many years. One person commented that it looked to him like “Satan rising from Hell.”

Dr David R. Reagan

The question posed in the title of this article is one I have often asked people, and the answer I have always received is a resounding, “NO!”

The reasons given usually include such things as:

- America's strong Christian heritage.
- Our nation's commitment to freedom and liberty — both in our constitution and in practice for over two centuries.
- The high level of education and civilized culture that characterizes our nation.

Those are good reasons, and on the surface, they seem invincible. But they are not.

We need to remind ourselves that pre-Nazi Germany had a strong Christian heritage. It was, in fact, the heartland of the Reformation Movement.

Germany also contained a highly educated and erudite population, and was a land of literary giants and scientific geniuses. It was, in fact, one of the most advanced civilizations on earth.

And Germany also had a democratic government. In fact, Hitler was elected to power.

The Trigger

So, what happened? The nation's economy was destroyed by World War I and the draconian reparations Germany was required to pay after the war. Racked by a runaway inflation and widespread joblessness, the German economy created the kind of despair that will motivate people to seek desperate solutions.

Our nation is a sitting duck for the same type of peaceful transition to the form of totalitarian dictatorship that Hitler instituted.

Just think about it for a moment.

In the 1960s we began to jettison our Christian heritage. It happened quickly and decisively, and it continues to accelerate to this day. The culture war has been won by the secularists and pagans, and we can no longer claim to be a “Christian nation.” Without the inhibitions of Christian morality, the demons have been let loose. And so, on a daily basis, we witness senseless killings and gross immorality.

Churches have gotten in bed with the world, endorsing such biblical abominations as homosexuality and same-sex marriage. And they have surrendered to the demands of “tolerance” by embracing such heresies as “many roads to God.” Polls show that the number of Bible-believing Christians in America is no greater than 9%. The Church has ceased to be a restrainer of evil.

Our level of education is certainly very high, but we have kicked God out of our educational institutions from the pre-school to the graduate level. The result is a pagan education that teaches our children that there is no God and that they are simply the accidents of evolution. In short, they are being taught that they are nothing more than a higher species of animal, and they are acting like it.

Our culture is becoming increasingly depraved. Immorality is being encouraged by our governments, and it is being celebrated in our movies and television programs. Hedonism and materialism are the driving forces in our culture. The dollar has become our god.

Our democratic heritage is also being rapidly undermined by the centralization of power in the national government and its ever-increasing welfare programs. More and more people are becoming wards of the state, and when it comes to voting, their only concern is which candidate will promise to give them the most “free stuff.”

Our governmental leaders, particularly at the national level, have become so corrupt that we can no longer believe anything they have to say.

Our nation is becoming increasingly polarized. The two coasts are battling the center of the country. The young are fed up with having to support our exploding class of senior citizens. Blacks and Hispanics are at each other's throats. Pagans continue to try to silence Christians.

The Needed Spark

All that is needed is a spark to set off a new civil war that will lead to the suspension of civil liberties and the institution of martial law.

I believe that spark will most likely be an overwhelming economic collapse — one far more severe than the one we experienced in 2008. I believe that because, as I said before, the dollar has become our god, and the true God of this universe is a jealous God who delights in destroying false gods.

That economic collapse will most likely be triggered by a major terrorist attack, possibly involving nuclear weapons. Just imagine the national chaos that would occur if a nuclear device were to be detonated by a suicide crew on a merchant ship in New York harbor. It could easily happen.

The Bible makes it clear that God never pours out His wrath on a nation without warning. He will send both remedial judgments and prophetic voices to call the nation to repentance before He will deliver it to destruction.

God is doing that in America today. He responded to our Sexual Revolution in the 1960s with the Vietnam War that ended



This poster is an advertisement of the French version of Charlie Chaplin's 1940 film, "The Great Dictator." As can be easily seen, it was a parody of Hitler which the Nazis did not appreciate. They dubbed Chaplin "a disgusting Jewish acrobat" (despite the fact that Chaplin was not Jewish).

up plaguing the soul of our nation. He has sent natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina, man-made disasters like the 9/11 attacks, and economic calamities like the stock market crash of 2008.

And God has sent the prophetic voices calling the nation to repentance and warning of impending judgments. The first major voice to be anointed was that of Dave Wilkerson, who told in the 1970s about his vision of New York City burning.

In recent years the prophetic voices have been greatly multiplied and magnified because we as a nation have dug in our heels and refused to repent.

In previous issues of this magazine we have focused on two of the prophetic voices God has anointed to call us to our senses — Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn (May-June 2013) and Baptist Pastor Robert Jeffress (November-December 2013). You can find both of these issues on our website (www.lambliion.com).

In this issue I want to call your attention to another major prophetic voice that God has called to warn our nation — namely, Erwin Lutzer, the Pastor of The Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Chicago, Illinois.

He has been speaking out strongly and fearlessly for several years, unafraid of whose toes he might step on.

As examples of what he is saying to our nation, I would point you to two sources in particular. One is a sermon of his that you can find on the church's website (www.moodychurch.org). It is titled, "America's Spiritual Crisis." The other is an outstanding book that was published in 2010. It is titled, "When a Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn From Nazi Germany."

A Powerful Sermon

In his sermon, Lutzer begins by going directly for the jugular, by providing a no-holds-barred definition of the problem:

Despite its foundational Christian heritage, America is rapidly degenerating into a godless society. The Church in America, although highly visible and active, appears powerless to redirect the rushing secular currents. Mired in moral and spiritual crisis, America's only hope is a national revival, like God has graciously bestowed in the past.

He proceeds to emphasize the way in which our leaders are doing everything they can to erase God from America's consciousness.

The powers in America today . . . have chosen a path of rejecting God and His ways. Federal

courts have interpreted our constitution as requiring that the Bible, prayer and religious discussion be removed from classrooms, community buildings and places of public gatherings. Government officials and educators across the country are systematically eliminating any vestiges of God from society. Militant secularists will not be satisfied until God is expunged from every fact of American life.

As for Christianity in particular, Lutzer declares that “society is becoming openly hostile to Christian values.” In this regard, he points out that “the media trivializes and ridicules Christianity in the name of humanistic and pluralistic concerns.” Commenting further on the influence of the media, he writes:

American culture is dominated by television and movies, whose profanity and lewdness tramp God’s honor into the mud, inculcating non-Christian values from infancy. Public schools teach our children how to practice various forms of immorality. One school curriculum in America teaches acceptance of homosexuality in the first grade and mutual masturbation in junior high . . . America is reaping the dire consequences of rejecting God. Our society is morally bankrupt, and the problems seem resistant to government cures.

As a pastor, Lutzer is particularly concerned about the waning influence of the Church. He declares:

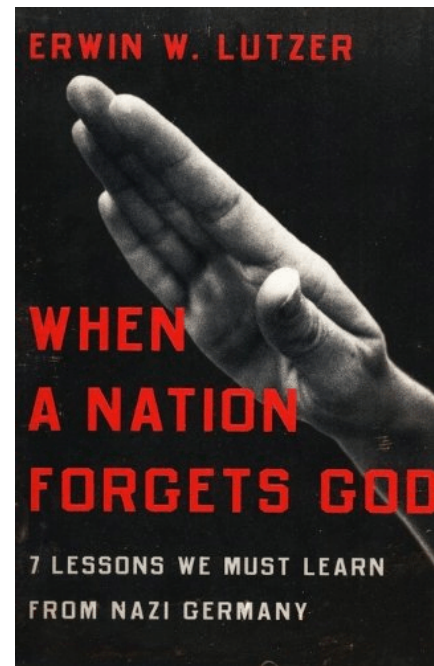
The Church in America, despite its many activities and apparent successfulness, has had no measurable affect in reversing the downward spiral . . . Sadly, the influence has been in the wrong direction, as we see evidence that our culture has begun to permeate our churches. The Church is seduced by the social agenda of wealth and pleasure, and has condoned sinful compromises.

An Insightful Book



Hitler is mobbed by an adoring crowd as he arrives in Nuremberg in 1934.

In Lutzer’s book, “When A Nation forgets God,” he begins by asserting that “Yes, Nazi Germany has some lessons to teach us.” Following up on that observation, he writes:



I am aware, of course that parallels between Nazi Germany and the United States can easily be overdrawn, but this danger should not stop us from learning some hard lessons from that dark period when the Church struggled to find its identity and had to suffer for what it believed . . . those similarities are happening before our eyes . . .

Nazism did not arise in a vacuum. There were cultural streams that made it possible . . . Some of those streams — myths accepted by the masses — are in evidence in America today, and hence this book . . . there were circumstances and widely accepted ideas that enabled the population to become a part of an evil that was greater than that of any individual. The gas ovens were the end result of certain political and religious trends that made the horrors possible.

Lutzer then illustrates his point with a quote from the writings of Viktor Frankl (1905-1997), the famous psychoanalyst who was a Holocaust survivor:

The gas chambers of Auschwitz were the ultimate consequence of the theory that man is nothing but the product of heredity and environment — or as the Nazis liked to say, “Of blood and soil.”

Focusing once again on American society, Lutzer observes:

Today we face cultural pressures that are forcing us to combine Christ with other religions, or to combine Christ with a political or ideological agenda. The experience of the Church in Nazi Germany reminds us that Christ must always stand alone; He must be worshiped not as One who stands alongside the governmental leaders of this world, but as

standing above them as *King of kings and Lord of lords*.

Whether it's Nazism, Marxism or Secularism, the state is always in conflict with religious freedom.

Following this disturbing introduction, Lutzer launches into the heart of his book by outlining seven lessons he believes Americans need to learn from Nazi Germany. The seven are listed below, with a quote from each section.

1) When God is separated from government, judgment follows.

And so it was that secularism was imposed on the German people. The role of the Church was minimized by privatizing faith and instituting laws about what could or could not be said from a pulpit.

2) It's always the economy.

When given a choice, most people probably will choose bread and sausage above the free market and individual liberties.

3) That which is legal might also be evil.

When God is separated from government, we are forced to accept arbitrary laws. Either God is the lawgiver or Man is; either we derive our laws from theistic universal values, or we say that the individual countries or cultures are the lawgivers. Either God is supreme or the state is supreme . . . a court can make abortion legal, but it cannot make it moral . . . *Show me your laws and I will show you your God.*

4) Propaganda can change a nation.

Perhaps the most enduring lesson of Nazi Germany is that ordinary people, simply concerned about living their own lives, can be motivated to become a part of an evil movement through the power of compelling propaganda, intimidation and mass euphoria.



Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Minister of Propaganda.

5) Parents — not the state — are responsible for a child's training.

Today's law in Germany that makes home

schooling illegal reminds us of a Nazi-era law instigated by Hitler back in 1938. He declared that public education was compulsory and that children could not be educated in the home. The state, not the family or the Church had first dibs regarding the child's education.

6) Ordinary heroes can make a difference.

"When God calls a man, He bids him come and die," wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer during the dark days when the Church in Germany was being Nazified. And at the age of 39, he practiced what he preached; he was hanged on the gallows and died . . .

Today in America we need an army of ordinary heroes to stand against the gathering darkness in our land. We need people who will stand for truth courageously, consistently, and with humility and grace.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German theologian and Church leader who was murdered by Hitler.

7) We must exalt the Cross in the gathering darkness.

. . . without the Cross we pound a nail in our coffin! There is a danger that we become so overburdened with social/political agendas that our message is lost amid our many cultural skirmishes. The Church has always faced the temptation to modify the Gospel or make it secondary to a given political, philosophical or cultural agenda . . . God is neither Republican nor Democrat. When the Cross is wrapped in the flag of a political party, it is always distorted or diminished.

In conclusion, Lutzer points out how we as Christians have allowed the culture to divert our eyes from Jesus onto ourselves:

In the evangelical community, psychology is substituted for theology and cheap grace has replaced what Bonhoeffer described as "costly grace." In short, we have lost our intellectual and spiritual center and replaced it with consumerism, self-help and the quest for personal advantage. We are self-absorbed rather than God-absorbed. And we can see the results.

Concluding Thoughts



We need to keep in mind that the potential for the evil of Hitler resides in all of us. The Bible states that “the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick” (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus affirmed this when He asserted that all evil — both thoughts and actions — come out of the heart (Matthew 15:19-20 and Mark 7:20-23). Over and over the Bible asserts that the nature of Man is evil and should never be trusted (Psalm 53:1-3, Psalm 118:8-9, and Romans 3:10-12).

This fundamental truth about the nature of Man was reflected in the most surprising quotation I ran across while doing research for this article. I found the quote in the writings of Charlie Chaplin’s son, Charles Jr. He says that in 1940 while his father was filming his parody of Hitler, “The Great Dictator,” he was “haunted” by the similar backgrounds of Hitler and himself. He explains:

“Their desires were poles apart. One was to make millions weep, while the other was to set the whole world laughing. Dad could never think of Hitler without a shudder, half of horror, half of fascination. “Just think,” he would say uneasily, “he’s the madman. I’m the comic. But it could have been the other way around.”

That profound insight is true of all of us. We are born with a fallen sin nature. We have to learn the difference between good and evil. That knowledge comes from God’s Word, and we learn it either from our parents or from the Church, or both. When God is ejected from society and the Church is either marginalized or suppressed, evil is let loose, and “God gives the society over to a depraved mind” (Romans 1:28). That’s where we are in America today.

We are literally begging for the fate of ancient Judah when that nation turned against God and refused to repent, despite the infliction of many remedial judgments and the warnings of prophets. Some of the saddest words in the Bible, recorded in 2 Chronicles 36:15-16, describe what happened:

15) The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

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

Wake up, America! ❖

Getting Acquainted with Erwin Lutzer

Dr. David R. Reagan



Erwin Lutzer was born in 1941 in Canada and grew up on a farm near Regina, Saskatchewan. He earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from Winnipeg Bible College and then proceeded to Dallas, Texas to study at Dallas Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Theology degree. Later he received a degree in philosophy from Loyola University in Chicago. While he was a student at Dallas Theological, he met his wife, Rebecca.

In 1980 he succeeded Warren Wiersbe as senior pastor of The Moody Church in Chicago and has served there in that capacity ever since. He is an award-winning author of more than twenty books, a celebrated international conference speaker, and the featured speaker on three radio programs: The Moody Church Hour, Songs in the Night, and Running to Win. These programs are available on the Moody Broadcasting Network, the Bible Broadcasting Network, Trans World Radio and many Christian radio stations around the world.

He and his wife, Rebecca, live in the Chicago area and are the parents of three married children. They have seven grandchildren.

Pastor Lutzer’s parents were born and raised in the Ukraine in a German-speaking community. When World War I broke out in 1914, the Russian government began persecuting all people of German heritage living within its borders. His mother’s parents fled to Siberia; his father’s family went to Afghanistan. Both families ultimately migrated to Canada, and that’s where his parents met — at church.

A few years ago I was invited to be a co-speaker with Pastor Lutzer at two conferences held in the state of Illinois. I looked forward to meeting him personally, and I decided to do some research about his background. In the process I discovered that his father was 106 years old, and his mom was 100! I mentioned this when I met him, and he said it was true at the time the article was written, but that his dad had since died.

He then began chuckling to himself. I asked what was so funny. He said he was thinking about something his father told him shortly before he died. “Son,” he said, “your mom and I were talking the other night about how long we have lived, and in the process, it occurred to us that most of our dear friends in Christ died 30 or more years ago. And that’s when we realized that by now, they must have all come to the conclusion that when we died, we went to Hell!” ❖

Heinrich Himmler

Lessons from a Wretched Life

Dennis Pollock

(Editor's note: Dennis Pollock is a former Associate Evangelist of Lamb & Lion Ministries. He currently heads up a ministry called Spirit of Grace which focuses on evangelism in Third World countries, particularly the continent of Africa. Dr. Reagan was profoundly impacted by this article and believes it contains a message that Americans desperately need to hear. You can find Dennis' ministry on the Internet at www.spiritofgrace.org.)

In most respects Heinrich Himmler would not seem to belong in a list with the likes of Hitler, Stalin, and some of the world's most evil men. He possessed virtually no charisma whatsoever, and the words most often used to describe him are "clerk" and "schoolmaster." He considered himself a man of high moral rectitude and lived on a small salary throughout his days as the second in power in the mighty Third Reich.

He had a nervous disposition and did not like to take risks. He had little about him, in either personality or physical demeanor, that would have set him apart from the tens of thousands of government clerks and bureaucrats that went quietly about their business in every country of the world.

But Himmler's business was murder. This mousey little man, with his rimless glasses and his love for keeping records on nearly everything, was responsible, under Hitler's authority, for the deaths of ten million men, women, and children.

His name struck fear in the hearts of all Europe, and his legacy is that of genocide and misery on a scale the world has never seen before or since. If ever the term "cold-blooded killer" applied to anyone, it was Herr Himmler. While others killed out of rage or greed or lust, Himmler killed out of principle, without passion and without regret. He turned murder into an efficient business, and did it so well that almost no one had any idea as to the extent of this holocaust until the deed was done.

Proper Young Man

We know more about Himmler's youth than many other historical figures, due to the fact that he kept a diary, much of which survived his death. Most of Heinrich's diary entries are pedantic and hold little interest for most. He records such things as taking walks, going to church, working on his stamp collection, and doing his homework.



Himmler at age 7 in 1907.



Heinrich Himmler

We do, however, see a trait that would, in time, become lethal. Himmler shows utter contempt for the weak and those who are not as militaristic as he, calling those who protested World War I "silly old women and petty bourgeois." Speaking of the Russian prisoners, he proudly declares "they multiply like vermin" and writes of the German pacifists: "They are as stupid and chicken-hearted as ever." Young Heinrich was easily possessed by the anti-Semitic spirit that was rife in Germany in those days. In his diaries, this proper young German has a penchant for referring to individuals he dislikes as "Jew louses."

One of the great puzzles to this strange man was his hatred of weakness, when, in his own physical body, he himself was far from strong. While he dreamed of becoming a great Germanic warrior, the truth was that he was flabby, slow of foot, and not particularly coordinated. He was pathetic at gymnastics, the only school-sponsored sport. One of his fellow pupils recalled how the gym instructor used to deliberately ridicule and torment him in front of the other students. Masculinity and physical prowess were highly prized in German society, and young Heinrich always seemed to come up short.

One item of interest in Himmler's youth was his relationship with the Catholic Church. Being raised in a devout Catholic family, Himmler attended endless masses, and religious rituals and liturgy were part and parcel of his youth. In his desire to conform and be the proper young man, he was quite faithful to the church as a youth.

As he matured, however, he began to realize that in many quarters it was okay to be less than ardent about religion and still maintain the proper German pedigree. Indeed there seemed to be something of a conflict between Christianity, with its "Thou shalt not kill" and its "turn the other cheek" and the masculine, martial German tradition. By his late teens he was beginning to see orthodox Christianity as being somewhat wimpy and non-Germanic.

Himmler Becomes a Nazi

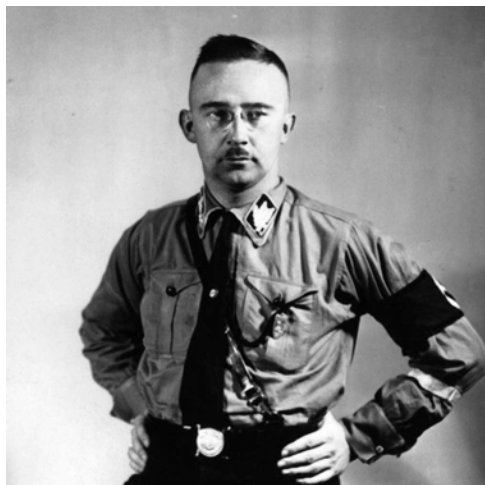
Upon leaving college, Himmler got a job as a fertilizer salesman, but his real interest became more and more attuned to right-wing nationalistic politics, and he found himself attending Nazi meetings constantly. When he wasn't working for the party he was reading, and his reading was becoming almost exclusively racist and pro-German. He read books which unapologetically praised the "Nordic" race, men who were broad in shoulder and slim in waist, with chiseled features and blond hair — "a royal species."

These kinds of descriptions had a profound impact on



The ideal Aryan family as portrayed on the cover of a 1938 calendar published by the Nazi Party and republished as a postage stamp.

Himmler, made all the stranger since he possessed none of these attributes. Yet as he read he began to conclude that the greatest problems of the world were all due to inferior breeding and inferior races like the Jews, Blacks, Slavs, and Gypsies. He considered these groups to be a drain on society.



Himmler in his early days in the Nazi Party.

As he moved up the ladder in the Nazi hierarchy he was hardly noticed. He had none of the blustery pugnacious style that marked so many Nazis. He went about his work quietly, efficiently, and kept his eyes open.



The SS symbol of Himmler's Gestapo, whose formal German name was "Secret State Police."

world had never yet seen.

While he labored for the party, Himmler managed to fall in love. On a trip to Berlin he met a nurse seven years older than himself, Margarete Concerzowo. Himmler was smitten and began a courtship with her through the mail. He called her "the flower of all womanhood," and she called him "my naughty darling." It is hard to believe that this iceman who could order the deaths of millions of men, women and children could be so human as to fall in love, but such is the mystery of evil. They were married in July, 1928.

By January of 1929 Hitler was looking for a replacement for Erhard Heiden to head the SS. He chose the ever so dutiful, ever so efficient Heinrich Himmler. The short-sighted, flabby file clerk may not have looked like the kind of man to control some of the toughest thugs in Germany, but Hitler saw below the surface. The combination of a steel will, a fanatical loyalty, a penchant for details, and a true belief in the superiority of the "Aryans" convinced Hitler that here was a man who could be

trusted with the most powerful of positions. One of Hitler's pet names for his SS chief was to become "der treue Heinrich" (faithful Heinrich).

Thus a bright but nerdy schoolboy, who recorded his baths and his walks in his diary, rose to that position that would eventually make him the second most powerful man in the whole of Europe. His love for order, his obsession for keeping dossiers, and his willingness to do whatever the party asked had served him well. It was as though he had been especially prepared for the service of his master. And he would gladly serve.

Reichsfürer – SS

Himmler set about slowly and methodically to build up the SS. By the end of his first month as their leader, he had instituted racial safeguards to purify the ranks. Every SS man had to be able to produce proof of solid German ancestry for at least three generations. To Himmler the idea that all the world's problems were due to race was not just theory; it was reality. He was not like so many other Nazis, merely giving lip service to these ideas to please Hitler. Heinrich was a true believer.



Himmler visiting a POW camp in 1942.

While the first two years of his reign were used primarily to reorganize, the years that followed saw the SS rise phenomenally in stature and in number. Himmler became more and more enamored with Adolf Hitler. He told Otto Strasser that his SS would be an Order sworn to the Führer. "For him I could do anything. Believe me, if Hitler were to say I should shoot my mother, I would do it and be proud of his confidence." Otto told him that he shuddered at him, and thereafter greeted the Reichsfürer with the words, "I shudder at you." Himmler would laugh and take it as a compliment.

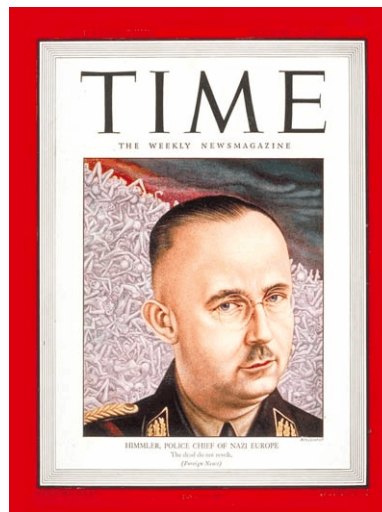


Hermann Goering

Evidence of Himmler's genuine belief in the Nazi platitudes he preached comes to light as you contrast Himmler with Hitler's other trusted man, Hermann Goering. As World War II dragged on Goering used his position to gather enormous wealth and possessions for himself. He indulged in lavish, expensive uniforms, and gorged on the finest delicacies. Himmler, on the other hand, lived frugally, refusing to use his personal position for profit, or to charge the smallest



April 1939



October 1943



February 1945

personal item to his expense account.

For example, when Himmler had his driver pick up his parents and give them rides in his official car, he noted the fuel costs and had them deducted from his salary. If he borrowed a cigar, he would repay with a larger one, or return a cigar and one half more. In a very bizarre way, **he considered himself a highly moral man**, and was disgusted with many of his fellow Nazis who behaved so “immorally.”

By 1933 the SS had grown from 167 to nearly 50,000 men. Himmler loved to preach to his men. He constantly gave speeches, decrying the evils of the inferior races, the glory and superiority of the Aryan race, and the noble way in which all SS men were to conduct themselves. In one speech he took note of the fact that many of his men were getting heavily in debt. This was not acceptable. He granted that during the war, there might be a necessity for such things, but declared that in the future:

An SS man buys nothing for which he cannot pay . . . an SS man never buys by means of a loan – he can save up the money beforehand and then buy . . . the SS man is the most honorable human being that can be found in Germany — the most honorable that one can imagine.

The Concentration Camps

In his quest for order, Himmler created what he considered to be the model concentration camp at Dachau to house 5,000 prisoners in 1933. With the many Jewish “vermin” and other racially inferior types, they would need lots of prison space to confine them. Ever the efficient administrator, Himmler was sure he could create a camp that would reach the zenith of German efficiency. The camp was to be run with an iron hand. Hitler was impressed, and later relegated responsibility for all the concentration camps over to “der treue Heinrich.”

It is curious that, like his master, Himmler could sentence men to death without batting an eyelash, yet found the killing of any animal a terrible crime. He harped at his personal physician, Felix Kersten, for his deer hunting: “How can you find pleasure, Herr Kersten, in shooting from behind cover at poor creatures browsing on the edge of a wood — innocent, defenseless,

unsuspecting? It is really pure murder . . . Every animal has a right to live.” Somehow the irony of defending animals while he butchered his own species never seemed to penetrate his cold, efficient heart.

The Shadow Lengthens

By 1939 Himmler's marriage had disintegrated. He was no longer Margarete's “naughty darling” and she had long since ceased being “the flower of all womanhood.” He now lived and worked in Berlin, and she stayed back on their farm in Gmünd. Himmler began to take up with his secretary, who became like a second wife to him. The former youth who determined to remain chaste until marriage now had two children by his mistress, and felt himself all the more patriotic for it. Was he not increasing the stock of good German blood?

It is interesting that the first cases of Himmler's SS being involved with systematic murder involved the German people themselves. In 1939 Hitler ordered Himmler to supervise the euthanizing of the weak throughout Germany. The retarded, the simple-minded, and patients in mental institutions were targeted. If nature had ordained the survival of the fittest, surely it could not be wrong to assist nature by the destruction of those least fit.

This murderous scheme was carried out in relative secrecy, Hitler realizing that there were many in Germany that would not understand these “mercy killings.” Death reports were falsified, and every attempt was made to keep the general population unaware of the murderous policies set in place by their Fuehrer and his SS chief.

The euthanization program had been based upon one of Hitler and Himmler's most basic and fundamental assumptions: many, if not most lives were fit only for slavery or death, due to poor genetics. Jews, gypsies, the retarded, the emotionally disturbed . . . all these must be eliminated, or at the least sterilized and supervised, to keep them from diluting the strong and mentally superior Aryan race, of which the majority of the Germanic peoples were the purest examples. In the minds of these two fanatics, the extermination of the weak was a distasteful business, but for the sake of the betterment of the world, it had to be done by those with the foresight to know what was best for the common good.

Himmler proved himself a most efficient administrator of



Himmler with Hitler

murder. His natural obsession with details, his slavish devotion to Hitler, and his passionate fixation with race and genetics, made him the ideal man to supervise Hitler's murderous schemes.

Himmler wanted to be able to kill the undesirables in a cleaner, neater fashion that would not take such a toll on those who must do the dirty business. When he learned of a poisonous gas called Zyklon B, and saw that it

could kill hundreds in minutes without blood and dismemberment, he put together the ultimate killing scheme: herd the undesirables into a "shower room," lock the doors, and kill them with gas in twenty minutes' time. It was neat, efficient extermination.

Himmler and the Jews

Himmler described his organized murder of the Jews as simply dealing with lice: "It is exactly the same as de-lousing. Getting rid of lice is not a question of ideology, it is a matter of cleanliness. We shall soon be de-loused."

Day by day and week by week the killing went on. At its zenith around 250,000 Jews were killed in a single month. Noting this statistic, Himmler wrote that they died "for the greater glory of the German Reich." His major worry by this point was a concern that such mass slaughter would have a negative effect upon the poor SS men whose job was to do the actual killing. In a speech he gave to encourage his partners in murder, he exhorted them:

Most of you know what it means when a hundred corpses are lying side by side, or five hundred or a thousand. To have stuck it out, and at the same time . . . to have remained decent fellows, that is what has made us so hard. This is a page of glory in our history which has never been written . . .

True to the End

In April, 1945, Himmler's master, Adolf Hitler, put a pistol in his mouth and ended his life. It was now every man for himself. The Russians were attacking from the east, and the Americans and the British from the west.

The man who had preached to his men to do their duty and fight until death, could not bring himself to take his own advice. Shaving off his mustache, doing away with his famed pince-nez glasses, he attempted to blend in with the masses of ordinary German soldiers who were being taken prisoner. When the Americans seemed to recognize him, rather than face a trial and execution by hanging, he bit down on a capsule of cyanide. Within minutes he was dead.

Lesson Learned

So what can we learn from the life of this wretched and evil man? One of the major insights that screams at us from

Himmler's story is that *morality is worthless if it is not God's morality*.

To the very end Himmler fancied himself a highly moral man. He had been meticulously honest, a patriot who passionately loved his country, and he liked to think that he did all he did for the betterment of mankind. But the code of ethics that satiated his soul and motivated his murderous policies was flawed and corrupt to the core.

This man who was so scrupulous to pay for the fuel consumed when his parents rode in his government car, who flinched at the killing of deer, and who lived on a small salary when he could easily have siphoned off millions of marks through his powerful position in the Nazi government, was guilty of murders and atrocities on a scale and to a degree that has rarely been seen in our world.

Having rejected the morality of the Holy Scriptures, deciding that God's word was antiquated and archaic, Himmler embraced the poisonous morality of Adolf Hitler and the anti-Semitism which made up the very worst of German culture in those days. While many joined the Nazi party for power or due to cultural pressure, Heinrich was a true believer. His story is a dramatic testimony of the power of belief to transform and motivate a life. He did what he did because he believed what he believed.

In our culture today, we likewise have rejected biblical morality. Unborn babies are slaughtered every year in the name of a woman's "right to choose." Sex outside of marriage is condoned and even expected; young people who wait until marriage are looked upon as freaks and hopeless losers. Marriages are dissolved easily and quickly on the basis of "irreconcilable differences." Groundless divorces have become the norm, with lawyers advertising "easy divorce without the drama." Homosexuality is the latest celebrity cause, and is pushed at us relentlessly.

The people who promote and defend these evils are often highly moral individuals. They speak of lofty ideals, and when challenged, answer with shrill voices of righteous indignation. They love to talk about "being on the right side of history" which is code language for following whatever direction the latest cultural winds are blowing, especially in terms of sex without any moral restraints whatsoever. Like Heinrich Himmler, their problem is not a lack of morality. They have morality all right, but it is a home-made version. They have never embraced the morality of Jesus Christ.

When we are born again we are forgiven and we are given the gift of eternal life. We shall live forever with God. But we are also given a code of ethics which is to be our guide as we live out our years on this earth. These ethics and moral decrees are found in the Bible, the very same book which tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ."

We cannot, we must not, we dare not allow our culture to become a substitute for the Holy Scriptures and begin to dictate what is lawful and what is not. To embrace Jesus Christ is to embrace His word, His ways, His precepts, and yes, His commandments. Anything less than this and we are left with a false gospel, a spurious Jesus, and a pretend Christianity. ❖

An Eye Witness Report About Life Under Hitler

Dr. David R. Reagan

In 1979 a book written by Jan Markell was published by Tyndale House entitled *Angels in the Camp*. It was the gripping story of a Holocaust survivor by the name of Anita Dittman.



Dr. Reagan with Jan Markell. Jan is a Messianic Jew who heads up Olive Tree Ministries in Maple Grove, Minnesota. She has a syndicated radio program that is broadcast on more than 650 stations all across America.

This year WND Books republished the book under the new title, *Trapped in Hitler's Hell*, and they also made a documentary film about the book.



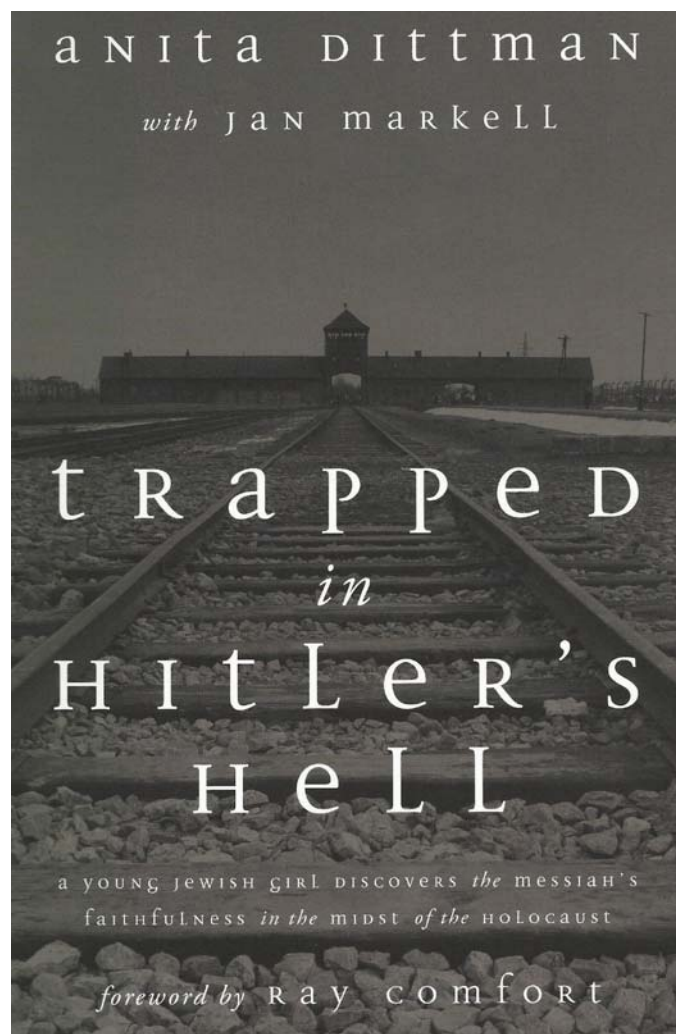
Anita Dittman

I had heard a lot of good things about the book, but I had never read it. When the new edition was published, I decided to put it at the top of the stack of books I hope to find the time to read. The opportunity came in early July when I was driven by one of my staff members to a church in Oklahoma where I was scheduled to speak.

When I returned to the office, I immediately sent an email message to Jan Markell in which I told her that I found the book to be “mesmerizing, fascinating, informative, inspirational and God-exalting — a masterpiece of writing.” I also told her that I was so impressed with it that I was going to purchase a copy for each member of the Lamb & Lion staff.

The foreword to the new edition was written by Ray Comfort, a Messianic Jew from New Zealand who heads up Living Waters Publications and is the co-host (together with Kirk Cameron) of the television program called “The Way of the Master.” In his foreword, he states:

Trapped in Hitler's Hell is more than just a gripping story. It is living history. It's a human experience of the Christian faith that induces empathy from the reader. I was so moved by its account that I sought out Jan Markell to say how its pages had



affected me.

May God use this wonderful publication to remind us of the darkest of times in human history, to help us appreciate liberty and to display the power of Christian faith in times of gross darkness.

Reading these comments by Ray Comfort should prompt you to ask how a Jew's experience in the Holocaust could possibly be a “display of the power of Christian faith.” The answer is that Anita Dittman and her mother were both devout Christians, but because of their Jewish heritage, they were considered by the Nazis to be biologically “tainted.” They were therefore persecuted, tormented and ultimately imprisoned by the Nazis.

The book concludes with a thought-provoking question: “What nation is not capable of the same kind of tyranny?” Anita's final comment is reassuring:

God's people do not need to fear. God delivers. And if He does not deliver, He sustains. And if He does not sustain, He receives us into His everlasting arms — for He is sovereign! God be praised.

The book runs 203 pages in length. It is illustrated with many very interesting photos. It sells for \$15, plus the cost of shipping. To order, call, 972-736-3567. ✚

I'm Tired!

Jim Jones

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I have just about had all I can take, and I need to vent out loud what I am feeling. And I hope the NSA is listening! Here are just a few things that I am tired of —

Dishonest Politicians

First, I am tired of the lies and corruption from elected officials who apparently think that all of us are just too stupid or ignorant to know the truth. I do know that there are many, perhaps even a majority, who are either stupid or else willingly ignorant.

But there are still plenty of us who know a bold-faced lie when we hear it, and there have been far too many in the last several years to try to elaborate on them. I just wish there were sufficient numbers of those who know the "truth" to set us free from the bondage of political corruption that now enslaves us!

Race Baiters

Second, I am tired of being called a racist because I do not agree with liberal policies and agendas that are destroying this country, even if our current President is half black. I would not care if he were purple with pink stripes; I would still be conservative and denounce most all of the current liberal agenda.

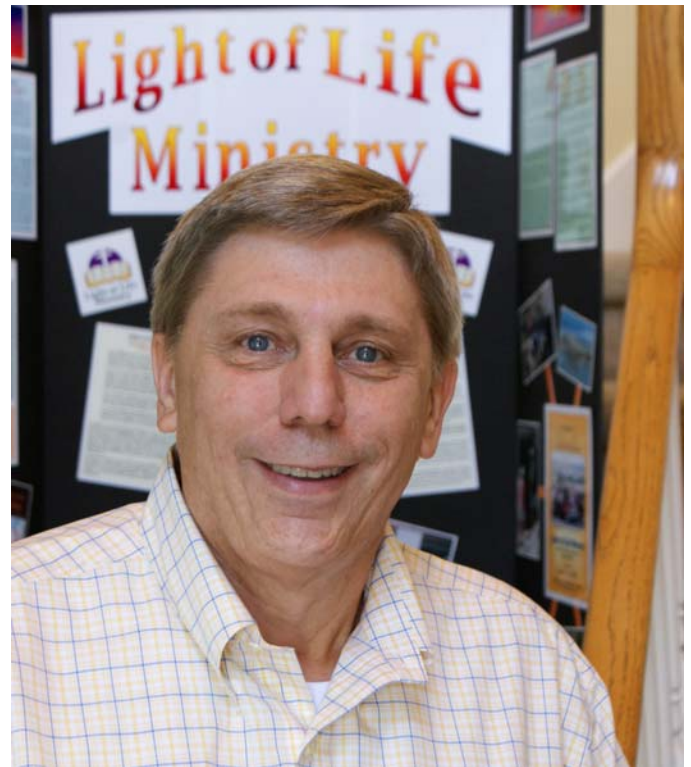
Racism is an evil thing, and it has played a big part in the history of our nation. And yes, there is still some racism in our midst, from folks of all colors and nationalities. But the color of our President makes no difference to me. I do not pick and choose what I believe and support based on the skin color of the person in the White House. And as our President so often says, "Period!"

So to all of those "race baiters" who cry racism every time something is said against their agenda, save it for true racism. You are merely hurting your cause by calling me and folks like me, racists.

Homosexual Activists

Third, I am tired of being called a bigot and homophobe because I do not believe in and support same sex marriage. Yes, I am opposed to the practice of homosexuality. The God of the Bible calls it sin, an abomination, and against nature, and I just happen to believe the God of the Bible. But I do not "hate" homosexuals any more than I hate fornicators, adulterers, thieves, liars, and the rest of the list from 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

Again, all of us either are sinners, or were sinners prior to the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. But God makes it clear that all unrepentant sinners, regardless of their sin, will not see heaven. Only those trusting in the sin sacrifice of Jesus on the cross have the hope of eternal life.



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Now, back to the issue of same sex marriage. The same God who has established the rules for eternal life or eternal death has also established the rules of marriage, and that is simply one man and one woman. Again, especially to my fellow believers who want to be tolerant of everyone and everything, our God is not tolerant (see John 14:6). We have no authority to "monkey around" with His rules.

Same sex marriage is opposed to God's perfect plan. Again, "Period!"

Militant Atheists

Fourth, I am tired of being told that prayer in public places, carrying a Bible into a school building, having the Ten Commandments openly displayed, singing Christmas carols, displaying a nativity scene or wishing someone a "Merry Christmas" violates the "Constitutional Separation of Church and State" and should be banned because it is offensive to some people.

My response is that "some people" need to get a life, grow a backbone, and stop whining like a two year old who doesn't get all the candy he wants. I too am offended by many of the things I see and hear almost every day, and especially on those days when I leave my home or turn on my television.

But you know when I am not offended? It's when I see a Jewish person celebrating Passover or when a Jew wishes me a "Happy Hanukah." Nor am I offended when I hear a Muslim call to prayer when I visit Israel, or see people entering the Hindu Temple just two miles from my home. Nor am I offended when I go into an eating establishment and the folks at the table next to mine order a beer or wine or cocktail with their meal. You see, even if I do not personally drink alcoholic beverages, we live in a country where each person has a right to practice their freedoms openly as long as it does not infringe on another's right to also enjoy their freedoms. My freedom allows me to choose a different eating establishment, but not to necessarily wage a war

against another's individual right to drink.

Sadly, I have to agree with President Obama when he proclaims that America is not a Christian nation. He is correct. But there are still some 80% of Americans who claim to be Christian even if the majority of them are not born-again, and this mostly silent majority also has rights. If I do not want to hear a Muslim call to prayer, then I have the right to move to a place where I will never hear one. Same with all those who are offended by my rights as an American to practice my Christian beliefs openly — accept it or go to some place where such freedom is not tolerated! You guessed it — “Period!”

Aggressive Evolutionists



Fifth, I am tired of being called “ignorant” and “unlearned” because I believe the Bible’s assertion, “in the beginning, God,” rather than science’s claim, “in the beginning, the Big Bang.” This of course constitutes believing that God is the Creator of all things rather than believing that nothing created something out of nothing, and then that something that came to be out of nothing spontaneously became a living cell, and that from that single living cell all life — every plant, every animal, and even mankind himself — evolved over millions and billions of years to what we have all around us today.

Now, I have to ask, “Who is it that is really ignorant and unlearned”? I have heard it said, and I agree, that I do not have enough faith to believe in evolution! You see, naturalism (which entails no God and everything by natural causes) is just as much a religion as Christianity. It takes more faith to believe in what they profess to be “true science” than it does to believe in a Creator God. Their science is not true science. It is a theory at best, and one that cannot be proven or logically defended no matter how many billions of years you give them.

The KJV translators could not have said it better than they did in 1 Timothy 6:20, “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:” To this I will say “AMEN!” rather than “Period!”

Prophetic Warnings

Yes, I could continue with my “I am tired” list, but I think that by this time you have gotten the idea. But I suppose that none of this should be surprising to us. After all, we have been warned by God Himself about such times and people as these, and how true believers should respond. Consider the following words from Isaiah 5:20:

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;
that put darkness for light, and light for darkness;
that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

In the New Testament, a similar, but more detailed warning can be found In 2 Timothy 3:1-5 —

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

And how are we to respond in times such as these? We find the answer in 2 Timothy 4:1-5 —

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

In Romans chapter 1, God tells us why we are in such times as these and what He is doing about it (verses 18, 22, 24-32):

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness . . . Professing to be wise, they became fools . . . Therefore God . . . gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves . . . For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And . . . God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting . . . those who practice such things are deserving of death . . .

Conclusion

So dear friends, if we are tired of these things, imagine how much more tired God is of them. Yet we are told that God is “longsuffering” (patient) with us, not willing (desiring) that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, we should do no less. As frustrated as we can get over all the lies, name calling, ignorance, and sin all around us, these people are those for whom Jesus died. So as Paul told Timothy, “Preach the Word!” ❖

Political Correctness Insanity —

The Vancouver, Canada school system has proposed that students start using gender neutral pronouns as follows:

xe for he or she
xem for him or her
xyr for his or hers

“We’re standing up for kids and making our schools safer and more inclusive,” said one of the school board members.

Additionally, the board has adopted new policies for a “gay-friendly curriculum” in which students “have the right to dress in a manner consistent with their gender identity or gender expression.” And, yes, a unisex bathroom is being supplied for the students.

The only good news coming out of Vancouver concerning this insanity is that the changes were greeted with sharp criticism and shouting by parents at the next school board meeting, and the trustees had to call for police protection.

Professing to be wise, they became fools . . . And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper . . . (Romans 1:22 & 28)

Presbyterian Apostasy —

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its 221st General Assembly in Detroit in June. During the conference, the church continued to veer away from the Word of God in three notable decisions:

- 1) They voted to allow their clergy to perform same-sex marriages in states where gay marriage is legal.
- 2) They voted to divest all the church’s investments in three corporations whose products Israel uses against Palestinians in the “occupied territories.” The corporations were Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions.
- 3) They refused to take a stand against infanticide (specifically the killing of babies who survive abortions) because they stated that the members of the denomination “do not have substantial agreement on when human life begins.”

Question: Why do people expect God to bless what He has condemned?

Last year the leadership of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) decided to exclude a beautiful and popular new hymn from its official church hymnal. The hymn was “In Christ Alone,” written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. The leadership objected to the fact that in verse two of the song, there is mention of the “wrath of God.” They requested permission to change the words, and the writers denied their request.

Richard Niebuhr, back in the 1930s, described today’s Presbyterian form of Protestantism as religion in which “a God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross.”



Baptist Courage —

Refusing to be kowtowed by political correctness, the Southern Baptist Convention voted at their annual meeting in June to refuse to give “moral validation” to transgender people. Instead, they passed a resolution stating that “God’s original design was to create two distinct and complementary sexes.” The resolution further stated that “gender identity should be determined by biological sex and not by one’s self-perception — a perception which is often influenced by fallen human nature in ways contrary to God’s design.” The resolution ended by encouraging transgender people to “trust in Christ and to experience renewal in the Gospel.”

Honoring Perversity —

In May of this year the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp honoring Harvey Milk. In 1977, Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, making him one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States. His career was cut short nearly a year after he took office, when he and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated by another city supervisor.



In response to the stamp, the American Family Association issued the following statement: “Harvey Milk was a very disreputable man and used his charm and power to prey on young boys with emotional problems and drug addiction. He is the last person we should be featuring on a stamp.” The Homosexual community responded by explaining that Milk was not a pedophile because, by definition, a pedophile is a person who is attracted to children under the age of puberty. They explained that he was a “homosexual ephebophile,” which means he was primarily attracted to boys aged 15-19. They pointed to the fact Milk was 33 when his 16 year old boyfriend deserted him.

Thanks for the clarification! It makes the whole matter so much more palatable.

Endorsing Catholicism —

Incredibly, Rick Warren recently endorsed a public relations campaign aimed at getting lapsed Catholics to return to their faith! The campaign is called “Catholics Come Home.” It was launched by an advertising executive named Tom Peterson who was a formerly lapsed Catholic. Warren said that the organization’s mission “to bring souls home to Jesus and the church is critically important during this challenging time in our history.” He further stated that he “fully supports this new evangelization project.” Evangelism? Calling people to return to a church that preaches a false gospel?

The campaign was launched because only 33 percent of U.S. Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis. That means approximately 42.7 million U.S. Catholics are not practicing Catholics. Further, as many as 100,000 baptized Catholics in the U.S. drift away from the church each year. ✕

Pithy Thoughts —

“Faith is like a spiritual muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it gets.” Glenn Meredith, pastor of the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, Texas.

“The history of Islam is a river of blood.” Mark Gabriel, former Muslim and professor of Islamic History at Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

“The great fantasy of our age is that Islam is a religion of peace that has been hijacked by fanatics.” Don McGee, founder and director of Crown and Sickle Ministries in Amite, Louisiana.

“There is no political fix for America’s death spiral . . . We are drowning in a turgid river of postmodern relativism. This is a spiritual problem, not a political problem. This is a worldview matter, not a partisan matter.” Matt Barber, author, columnist and attorney specializing in constitutional law.

“Things change, the world around us becomes more and more unpredictable, and yet people are so predictable — rejecting God and His love, His truth and wisdom.” Vasily Lastochkin, Russian evangelist based in Moscow.

“Mountain tops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys.” Billy Graham.

“God is more interested in my availability than my abilities.” Sandra Vaughan of Pennsylvania.

“A ‘Liberal Paradise’ would be a place where everybody has guaranteed employment, free comprehensive healthcare, free education, free food, free housing, free clothing, free utilities, and only law enforcement has guns. And believe it or not, such a place does indeed exist. It’s called prison.” Joe Arpaio, Sheriff of Maricopa County in Phoenix, Arizona.

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas —



“The political left in our country seeks to reach down the hand of government and move people up the economic ladder. This attempt is almost always driven by noble intentions. And yet it never, ever works. Conservatives, in contrast, understand from experience that the only way to help people climb the economic ladder is to provide them the opportunity to pull themselves up one rung at a time . . .

“Fifty-five years ago, my father fled Cuba, where he had been imprisoned and tortured — including hav-

ing his teeth kicked out — as a teenager. Today my father is a pastor in Dallas. When he landed in Austin, Texas in 1957, he was 18. He couldn’t speak a word of English. He had \$100 sewn into his underwear. He went and got a job washing dishes and made 50 cents an hour. He worked seven days a week and paid his way through the University of Texas, and then he got a job,



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and then he went on to start a small business . . . I’ve thanked God that some well-meaning liberal didn’t greet him when he landed in Austin and put his arm around him and say: ‘Let me take care of you. Let me make you dependent on government. Let me sap your self-respect — and by the way, don’t bother learning English.’

“When I was a kid, my father used to say to me: ‘When we faced oppression in Cuba, I had a place to flee to. If we lose our freedom here, where will we go?’”

Big Government or Family? —

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas recently shared an insightful memory as follows:

“I remember some time ago when former Texas Senator Phil Gramm was participating in a Senate hearing on socialized medicine, and the witness explained that government could best take care of

people. Senator Gramm gently demurred and said, ‘I care more about my family than anyone else does.’ And this wide-eyed witness responded, ‘On no, Senator, I care as much about your children as you do.’ Senator Gramm smiled and said, ‘Really? What are their names?’”

The Wretched State of our Nation —

“The United States, while claiming to be a ‘Christian nation,’ is serving as the moral polluter of planet earth through the worldwide distribution of our vulgar, blasphemous and violent television programs and movies.” Dave Reagan, founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries.

“Under President Obama, America’s chief export has become immorality, sexual deviancy, murder of the unborn and redistribution of wealth. These and other evils have been sanitized and propagandized as ‘basic human rights’ . . . Under the tragic leadership of this ‘selfie-centered narcissist,’ the United States while never perfect, now looks less like Reagan’s ‘shining city on a hill’ and more like the biblical ‘Whore of Babylon.’” Matt Barber, author, columnist and attorney specializing in constitutional law.

At a meeting of homosexual leaders in Washington, D.C. on June 24th, Vice President Joe Biden declared that “protecting gay rights is a defining mark of a civilized nation and must trump national cultures and social traditions” [including, of course, religious beliefs]. He went on to say: “I don’t care what your culture is, inhumanity is inhumanity is inhumanity. Prejudice is prejudice is prejudice.” [And sin is sin is sin!] When countries fail to provide special protections for LGBT people, he warned, “There is a price to pay for being inhumane.” [There is a greater price to pay for endorsing sin. If you don’t believe it, ask Sodom and Gomorrah.] ❖



Vice President Joe Biden

Israel in the Crosshairs

Dr. David R. Reagan

The war that broke out in July between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip was a war perpetrated by Hamas when it started launching missile attacks into Israel. The Israelis responded in self-defense.

Yet, the world condemned Israel for a “disproportionate response” because hundreds of civilians have been killed.

Who is Hamas, and what are its objectives? Hamas is the Arabic word for zeal. It is also the acronym for the name of the Islamic Resistance Movement in Arabic. The group was established by the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood at the outset of the First Palestinian Intifada (uprising) that began in December of 1987 and continued until October of 1991.

Hamas has two goals. Its first goal is to take over the leadership of the Palestinian people from Fatah (formerly the PLO). Hamas is a fundamentalist, radical Islamic terrorist group that desires to create a Palestinian state under Sharia Law. Fatah, in stark contrast, is a secular, nationalist political organization.

The second goal of Hamas is to eradicate the state of Israel. Whereas Fatah has at least indicated that it might accept the two-state solution proposed by the Western world, with Jewish and Palestinian states existing side-by-side, Hamas is adamant about the annihilation of Israel.

In 2006 Hamas won the elections in the Gaza Strip and began killing off its Fatah opponents who control the larger Palestinian area called The West Bank. Recently, Hamas fell on hard times when it lost its financial support from both Egypt and Syria due to the Syrian civil war and the takeover of Egypt by the military. This forced Hamas into the formation of a unity government with Fatah in April of this year.

Today Hamas is funded primarily by Iran. And now that they have formed a unity government with Fatah, they are receiving funds from the United States! That’s because we give the Palestinian Authority a total of almost 500 million dollars per year.

That means the Obama Administration is violating U.S. law because the 2006 Palestinian Anti-Terror Act bans our nation from giving aid to any Palestinian government in which Hamas has “undue influence.”

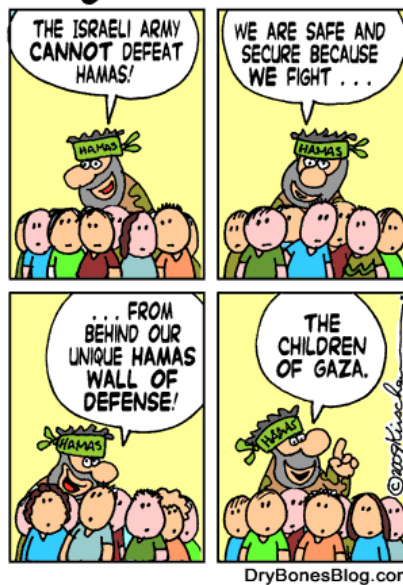
Hamas is a ruthless terrorist organization that deals recklessly with the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians. In violation of international law and the rules of war, Hamas shoots unguided missiles into Israel — a total of 450 since the first of the year,

before Israel decided to respond.

But what most people are unaware of, and what the international media fail to report, is that the leaders of Hamas are equally reckless with the lives of their own people. Part of their strategy is to maximize the casualties among the Palestinians in order to rally world public opinion against “the evil Israelis who kill innocent civilians.”

How do they do this? In various diabolical ways. They launch their missiles from schools, hospitals, private homes and mosques with the hope that any Israeli response will result in a maximum of civilian injuries and deaths. Normally, before the Israelis attack a target, they will warn in advance by dropping leaflets or calling the target by phone. They do this to give civilians sufficient time to flee. But Hamas will call upon civilians to occupy the targeted buildings as “human shields,” and if their appeal fails, they will often force them by gunpoint to occupy the buildings — while the Hamas leaders hide in their underground bunkers.

Dry Bones PROTECTION



The Hamas Interior Ministry issued instructions on how to respond to war casualties. The guidelines stated that “anyone killed is to be called an ‘innocent civilian’ regardless of whether or not the person might be a combatant.”

The hypocrisy of the world toward Israel is galling. There is not a single nation on planet earth that would sit idly by and tolerate someone shooting missiles at its people. Yet, Israel is always told “to be patient” and “to exercise restraint.” And when Israel does respond, it is always accused of taking “disproportionate action.”

Winning a war requires disproportionate action. Did we practice restraint in World War II when we demanded “unconditional surrender,” when we fire-bombed Dresden and Tokyo, and when we dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

Why is it that every nation in the world is entitled to exercise self-defense except Israel? Why are other nations allowed to fight to victory whereas Israel must stop short?

Of course, the answer to these questions is very simple. It is summed up in one word: anti-Semitism. The bottom line is that the world hates the Jews, and the world will condemn them regardless of what they do.

Thus, in 2005 the international community, led by the United States, demanded that Israel abandon the Gaza Strip as part of the “land for peace” strategy that was launched in 1991 by President George H. W. Bush. Israel complied and pulled out. Terrorist groups, like Hamas, immediately rushed to fill the vacuum, and they turned Gaza into a rat’s nest of terrorism and a launching pad for missiles. And when Israel responded in 2012, whom did the world condemn?

The whole world, blinded by vehement anti-Semitism, is coming together against Israel, just as prophesied in Zechariah 12:1-3. But “He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:4). ❖

A Blessed Bible Conference!



Slightly more than a thousand people gathered in Richardson, Texas in mid-July for our annual Bible conference.



Janet Paschal

The conference began on a Friday evening with an inspirational concert by Janet Paschal, followed by a hard-hitting presentation by Dave Reagan concerning America's increasing rebellion against God and His Word.

Lamb & Lion's featured TV singer, Jack Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries was back after missing last year's conference due to a serious illness. He called each session to order with the blowing of

his shofar, and he sang before each of the six speakers made their presentations.



Jack Hollingsworth blowing his shofar.

The first speaker on Saturday morning was Warren Smith, one of Christendom's foremost experts on the New Age Movement. He talked about how New Age thinking has penetrated the Church. He warned about how easily Christians can be deceived by New Age concepts as demonstrated by the Christian acceptance of the New Age book, *Jesus Calling*.

Warren was followed by Eric Barger of Take A Stand! Ministries. Eric is an expert on cults and false religions. Eric focused on how the Church has been weakened by false doctrine and by compromises with the world as it has sought the world's approval.



Dr. Reagan with Warren Smith

After a lunch break, the conference resumed with a presentation by Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. Mike is regarded as an expert on Christian doctrine. He zeroed in on the overwhelming need for personal and national repentance.



Dr. Reagan with Mike Gendron



Jan Markell with Shelly Hunt, a Lamb & Lion Trustee wife who served as a conference volunteer.

Mike was followed by Jan Markell of Olive Tree Ministries. Jan is a Messianic Jew who hosts a nationally syndicated radio program that is heard on more than 650 stations across America. Jan spoke about our nation's treatment of Israel, providing a sweeping overview of each President's policies from Woodrow Wilson to Barack Obama. Jan concluded her presentation by introducing her new book, *Trapped in Hitler's Hell* (see page 12 for details).

The last speaker was Carl Gallups, a pastor from Florida who hosts an Internet radio program where he presents a biblical viewpoint on national and international events. He is also a best-selling author. He presented a rousing, passionate presentation concerning our nation's "deliberate forgetfulness" of our rich Christian heritage and of God and His Word.



Carl Gallups

The conference concluded with everyone singing a majestic medley of Gospel songs and hymns which was led by Jack Hollingsworth.

The conference was live-streamed on the Internet and was watched by people in 82 nations! Before the conference ended, there was a total of 10,000 streams, and, of course, those streams could have led to one person or 30 or more, for in some cases, Bible study groups and churches were watching.



Dr. Reagan with Eric Barger



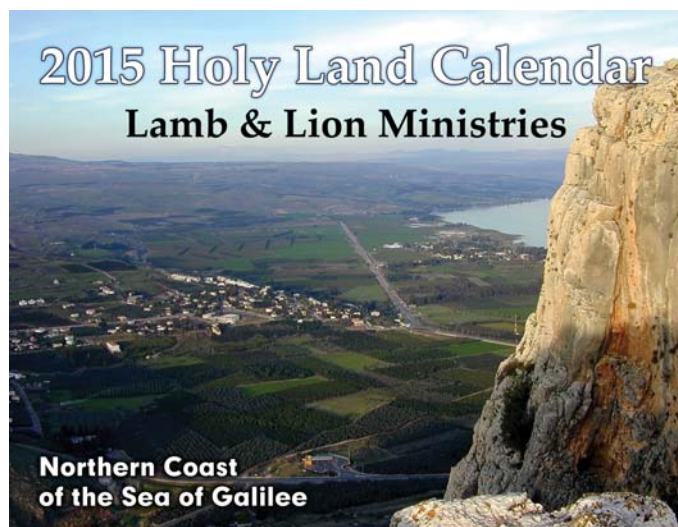
Rachel

Dr. Reagan's daughter, Rachel Houck, was the overall coordinator of the conference. All the Lamb & Lion staff members worked under her direction to present a conference that was smoothly run and was a spiritual blessing to everyone who attended. Next year's conference will also be held in July. The theme will be "Messages for a Rebellious Nation." ✚

Ministry News

Speaking Schedule — In **September** Dr. Reagan will be speaking at Maranatha Ministry's annual Bible prophecy conference which is scheduled to be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana (5-6). Other speakers will include the conference host, Al Gist, Don McGee of Crown and Sickie Ministries, and Robert Jeffress, the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas. For further details, check out the following website: <http://maranathaevangelisticministries.com>. On Sunday evening, the 21st, Dr. Reagan will be teaching at the Discipleship University at First Baptist Church in Dallas. Dr. Reagan will end the month speaking at the 24th annual Winnipeg Prophecy Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (25-27). For further information about that conference, see: www.wpgpc.org. In **October** Dr. Reagan will conduct a weekend prophecy conference at Hazelwood Christian Church in Plainfield, Indiana (4-5). Further information about this conference can be found at www.hazelwoodchristian.org. In **November** Dr. Reagan is scheduled to speak at a Bible conference that will be hosted by First Christian Church in Johnson City, Tennessee (7-9). Additional speakers include James Walker of Watchman Fellowship and Henry Morris, the head of The Institute for Creation Research. Each man will speak three times. More information about this conference can be found at: www.fcc-jc.org. Later in November (14-16) Nathan Jones will be speaking at Grace Bible Church in Winchester, Kentucky.

2015 Calendar — Our 2015 calendar should be ready for distribution in November. It will contain 13 photographs from the Holy Land. It will sell for \$5 plus the cost of mailing. All our Prophecy Partners will receive a free copy in December. This calendar can be used for Christmas presents.



Television — We continue to broadcast our TV program, "Christ in Prophecy," over 8 national Christian networks and 8 Internet networks. Many of the Internet networks also archive the programs, making it possible for you to watch programs dating back to the first of the year. The programs are also archived on our website at lamblion.com. You can also find a schedule of all our broadcasts on our website. Please pray for the effectiveness of our television outreach. In mid-September we will start broadcasting a series of 11 programs that we shot in the Holy Land.



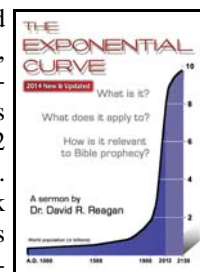
We were recently visited by the Bruce Smith family from Dover, New Hampshire. Wherever you may live, if you come to the Dallas area, please plan to stop by our headquarters for a visit.

Mission Spotlight — One of the most effective evangelists in Israel is Avi Mizrachi. His ministry, called Dugit, is located in Tel Aviv. We have provided him support for many years. He has been forced to move his ministry frequently due to pressure applied to his landlords by Orthodox Jews. He recently discovered a prime location in central Tel Aviv that is for sale. He placed \$100,000 down on the property to hold it. He must now raise \$1.5 million over the next 6 months to pay the balance due. He has sent out a fervent appeal for 1,500 people to supply \$1,000 each. He needs smaller donations as well. You can either send your donation to us, or you can send it directly to his U.S. office as follows: Messianic Outreach Center, P.O. Box 60099, Jacksonville, FL 32236.

New Building — Due to the steady growth of our staff, we have been forced to expand our facilities. We recently purchased a manufactured home that will provide us with 4 to 5 additional offices. The building, together with the foundation, air conditioning, septic tank, water line — and other such things — is costing us \$100,000.



New Study Resources — A revised and updated version of our popular video, "The Exponential Curve," is ready for distribution. It runs 50 minutes in length and is heavily illustrated (\$12 plus the cost of shipping). Dr. Reagan's newest book about the Jewish people is also available for distribution. It runs 232 pages in length (\$15 plus the cost of shipping). Both the book and the video can be ordered on our website or by calling 972-736-3567. ❖





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The 2014 Bible Conference Video Album

The album consists of three DVDs that contain six presentations made at our 2014 Bible Conference in July. The total running time is approximately 300 minutes. The album will be ready for distribution on or before September 1st.

The featured speakers and their topics include:



Dave Reagan of Lamb & Lion Ministries in McKinney, Texas. "An Overview of America's Spiritual Crisis." Why America is suffering a moral meltdown and the likely consequences.



Warren Smith of California. "The Danger of False Christs in the Church." How New Age demonic principles are creeping into the Church and deceiving many Christians.



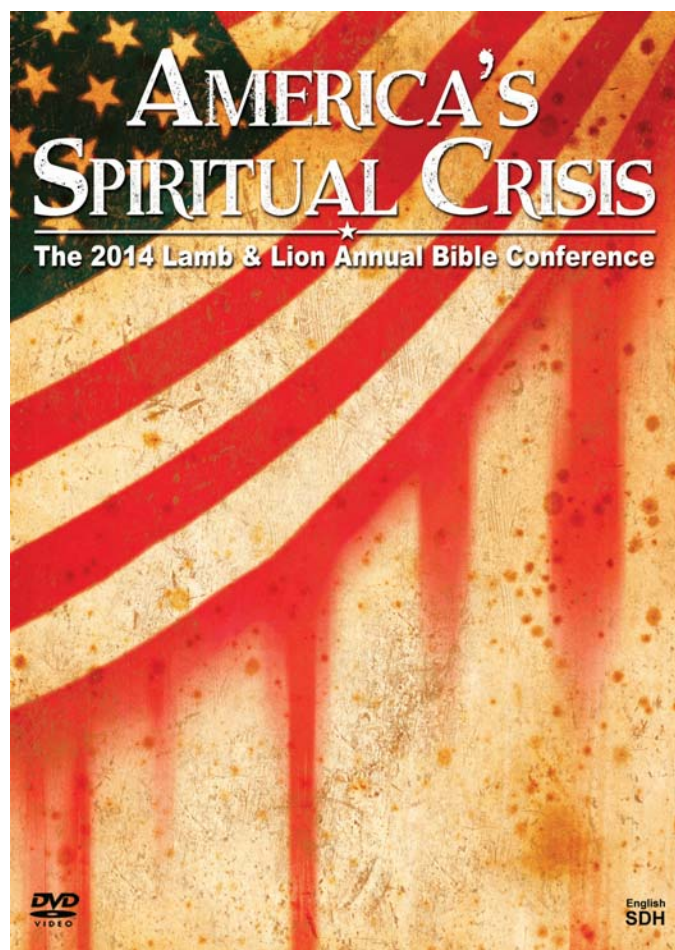
Eric Barger of Take A Stand! Ministries in Seattle, Washington. "The State of the Church in 2014." How heresies like the Emergent Church Movement have weakened the Church.



Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries in Garland, Texas. "The Critical Need for Repentance." How repentance has been ignored and needs to be revived both personally and nationally.



Jan Markell of Olive Tree Ministries. "American Presidents and Israel: A Blessing or a Cursing?" The spiritual significance for our nation in supporting Israel and the dangers of abandoning the Jews.



Carl Gallups of Milton, Florida. "The Problem of Deliberate Forgetfulness." How we as a nation are digging our own grave by deliberately forgetting God's Word and our Christian heritage.

Each presentation has been edited to include the speaker's PowerPoint slides, if they were utilized in the presentation.

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