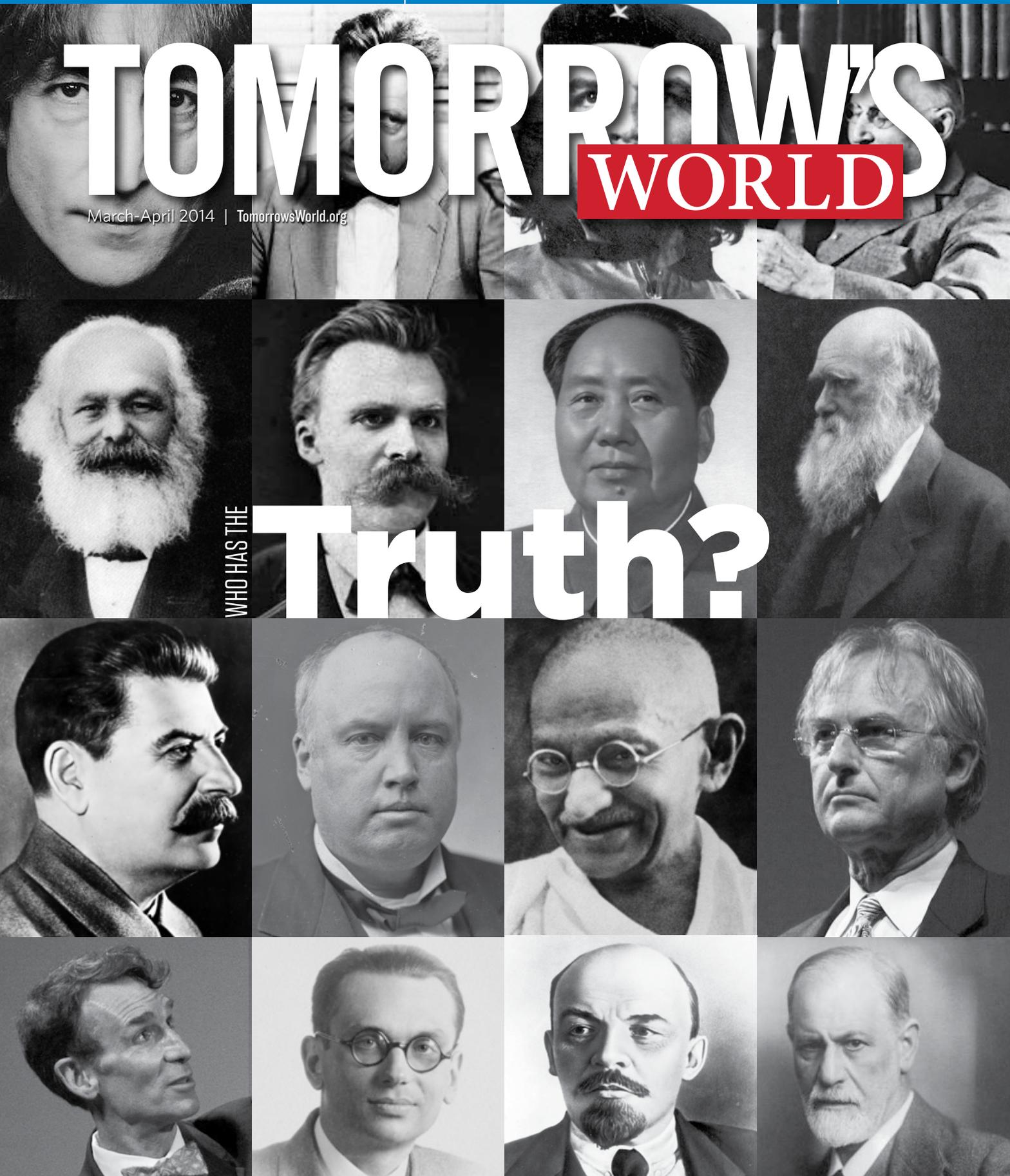


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Open Doors for the Gospel

Most of you reading this magazine are familiar with the *Tomorrow's World* telecast. On that telecast, this magazine's Editor in Chief, Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, joins with me and with two other presenters, Mr. Rod King and Mr. Wallace Smith, in sharing with viewers the true Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God.

Incidentally, this issue of *Tomorrow's World* magazine contains articles by all four of us. Be sure to read Dr. Meredith's powerful article on page 5, "Why Don't Most Churches Preach the Truth?" As a reader of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, you probably are already well aware that we teach the plain truth of the Bible, as taught and practiced by Jesus Christ and the apostles. Most churches in our day have drifted far away from the uncompromised biblical teachings of Jesus Christ—even though many honest ministers will admit that they know better, and that they are simply teaching what they believe people want to hear. Dr. Meredith's article is a powerful challenge to them, and to each of us, to hold fast to the truth of Scripture.

Who, then, has the truth? God's Church has the truth! But what exactly is truth, and where can it be found? Mr. Smith's article, on page 16, asks this vital question. Continuing with this theme of "truth," my article on page 10 explores the values that should be the underpinnings of true education. And Mr. King's page 14 article explores the truth behind the biblical origins of today's Irish people.

The four of us who present the *Tomorrow's World* telecast to the English-speaking peoples—and indeed the entire *Tomorrow's World* staff—are very thankful that Christ is opening more doors for the gospel to be proclaimed throughout the world. In 2013, we began broadcasting the *Tomorrow's World* television program in Russia and surrounding regions. We also began broadcasting to Latin America in Spanish over the JBN network, and in Southern and Central Africa over CTV network. In Hong Kong, a customized version of the *Tomorrow's World* telecast is provided with Chinese subtitles, and a number of booklets are available in Chinese at TomorrowsWorldHK.com.

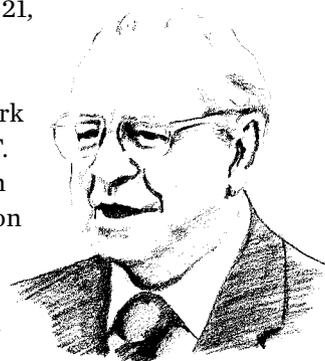
On January 1, 2014 we began broadcasting the *Tomorrow's World* television program in India, the second-most-populated nation (1.2 billion) in the world. We are cautiously starting with a limited audience of about 1.5 million near the city of Goa.

Starting on January 21, 90 million households were able to view the telecast over BET network Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. ET. On January 22, we began broadcasting to 45 million households in Europe and North Africa over Faith World TV network Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.

London time. And then on January 23, we began broadcasting to 50 million households over ION National Cable Platform network Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. ET.

Thank you for your support and prayers for this media initiative. Jesus stated, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Christ has given us a mission to prepare the world for His Second Coming!

As you know, we are also preaching the gospel over the Internet—which reaches most nations—and we are very thankful for our Spanish and French Web sites, MundoManana.org and MondeDemain.org. There, you can view the *Tomorrow's World* telecast in Spanish and French, and access free publications. German-speaking subscribers are familiar with our Web site WeltVonMorgen.org. And of course we have the English-language TomorrowsWorld.org site for English-speakers around the globe.



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Preparing for Christ's Return

The greatest event yet to come in human history is soon to occur—the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! He will return to planet Earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. He will establish the Kingdom of God on earth, and all nations will submit to His divine government that will ensure world peace, prosperity, justice, tranquility, joy and happiness.

Jesus commissioned His servants to prepare the way for His coming by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, by warning the Western nations of their sins, and by preparing a people for the Lord (Luke 1:17). The staff of *Tomorrow's World* is striving to carry out that commission, as Christ commanded.

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Sadly, the world frankly does not want this solution for its unsolvable problems. Human nature is contrary to the love of God and the laws of God. Why? The Apostle Paul wrote, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

Will Mankind Learn?

God has been giving human beings nearly 6,000 years to experiment with carnal, selfish ways of living. That time is fast coming to a close! God gives us the freedom to choose selfish independence, but the people who choose to live contrary to His laws of love will have to "learn the hard way."

Even in the 21st century, after two world wars, and numerous regional wars since, we still have not learned the way to peace among nations. Why? The answer is in Romans 3:17–18. Quoting from the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul wrote: "And the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

When tragedies occur, populations sometimes seek God for understanding and comfort. According

to Barna Research, U. S. church attendance increased by about 25 percent after 9-11, but just two months later a November survey revealed that church attendance was "back to normal levels." ("How America's Faith Has Changed Since 9-11," November 26, 2001).

When will we learn? If we do not repent nationally and individually, eventually God will allow a new superpower, referred to in the Bible as "the Beast," to conquer our Western nations—with millions going into captivity before Christ returns to establish His Kingdom and set the captive nations free. After Christ returns as King of kings and Lord of lords, the nations will face the reality they once rejected. Christ will rule all nations: "And the LORD shall be King over all the earth" (Zechariah 14:9)! At that time, all nations will learn the way to peace from the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 2:4; 9:6–7).

But there is a way to escape that future captivity, if you let Christ rule your life *now*! God is now calling thousands to repent of their carnal-mindedness and to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

Every year brings us closer to the return of Christ to this earth. We know that He is the One who opens doors for the preaching of the gospel. "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens: I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name'''" (Revelation 3:7–8).

Dear readers, thank God for the doors that Christ is now opening to witness to all nations the most important message this dying world needs. The "gospel" means "good news." Let others know about these open doors on television and the Internet. Continue to prepare for Christ's return, the greatest event in all human history yet to occur, and pray daily "Your Kingdom come!"

Richard F. Ames



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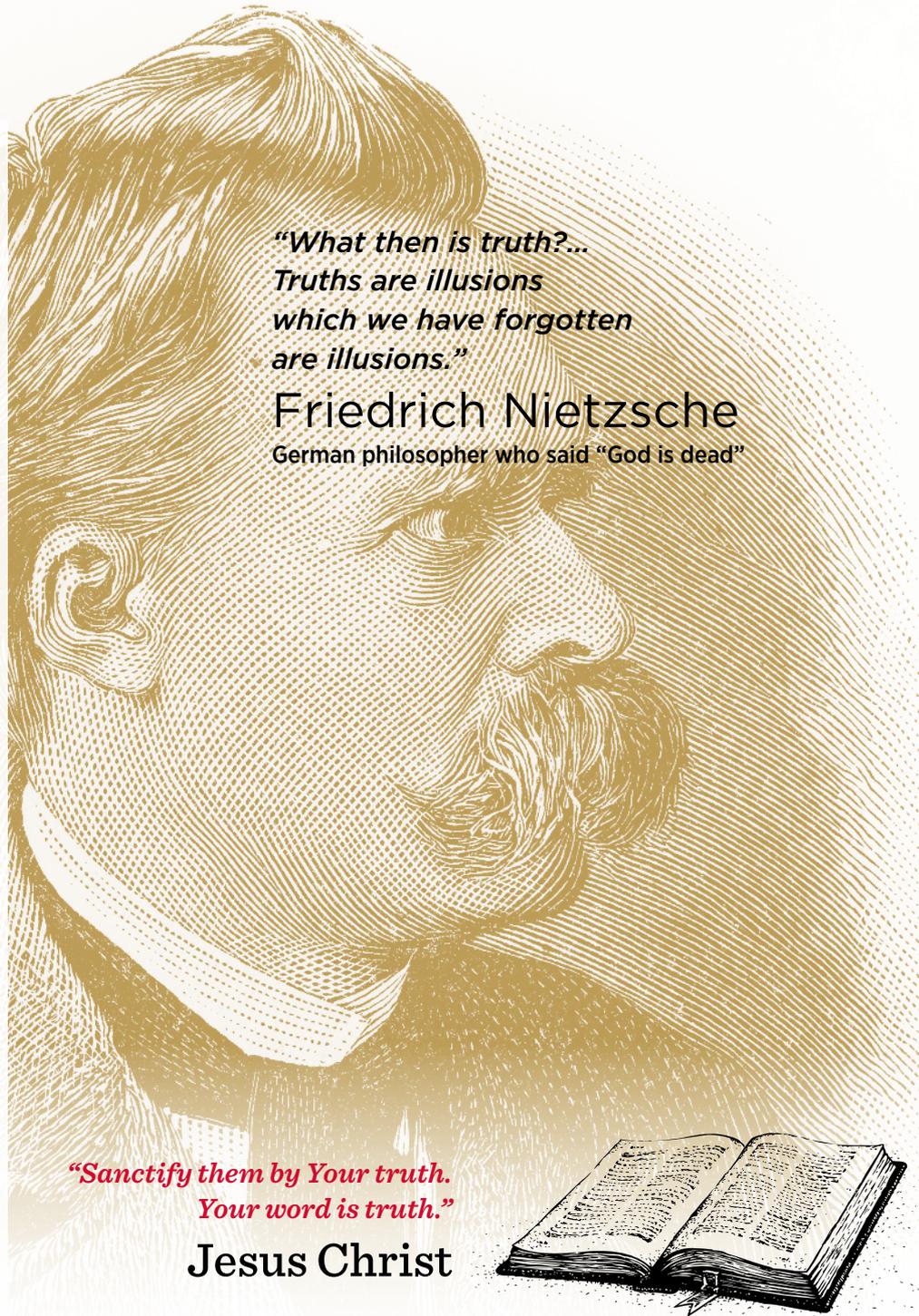
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*"What then is truth?...
Truths are illusions
which we have forgotten
are illusions."*

Friedrich Nietzsche

German philosopher who said "God is dead"

*"Sanctify them by Your truth.
Your word is truth."*

Jesus Christ



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Why Don't Most Churches PREACH THE TRUTH?

This magazine preaches the plain truth from your Bible. You can prove it for yourself. Jesus Christ does not require His followers to have a seminary degree in order to understand His teachings. So, why are so many millions who call themselves “Christians” totally unaware of Christ’s actual message?

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

Our entire Western, formerly “Christian” society *is rapidly changing*. Many educators and writers have noted *how swiftly* entirely new ideas are accepted about same-sex marriage, legalization of marijuana, *persecution* and often state sponsored *prosecution* of people for following biblical teachings that used to be part of the very fabric of our society!

Yet, the vast majority of “Christian” churches either **go along** with these unbiblical ideas and practices—or even teach and *promote some of them!* So we now have acknowledged lesbian ministers in an increasing number of churches. And most so-called “Christian” ministers are even participating in the practice of men supposedly “*marrying*” other men!

Wow! *What next?* Group marriages? Several men “marrying” each other all at once? If they try to convince people that animals have intelligence and feelings “just like us,” will *bestiality* become the next “civil right”? If you carefully follow all the ideas and reasonings that are out there, the answer is probably “yes”! We would not want to **discriminate** against people who truly “love” their pets, would we?

What Is MISSING?

The problem with such carnal human reasoning is that it neglects the Creator of mankind and *His*

inspired word. If the Bible happens to be considered at all, it is nearly always handled in a very incomplete or even derisive manner.

A major problem is that most churchgoers—and even most ministers—do **not** take the Bible literally. The theological seminaries—or theological *cemeteries* as they probably ought to be called—have been infusing their young students for *many decades* with concepts originally derived from German-led “higher criticism.” Students are continually bombarded with the idea that a genuine, personal **God** of power and righteousness probably does not even exist, and that the Bible itself was assembled over many centuries by divided and confused men *without* the infallible guidance of a Creator. Obviously, they say, the “miracles” of Jesus and other servants of God were meant as metaphors or “teaching tools” to somehow describe God’s love and mercy—**if** this nebulous God even exists as a Divine Personality at all!

These students, robbed of their former simple faith, go on to teach their congregations. So it is no surprise that the average churchgoer in America, Canada, Britain and Australia is almost totally **ignorant** of the Bible and what it actually says.

How *will* all of this affect **your life**? *Very powerfully indeed!* For specific prophetic indicators show that we are near the end of the age of Satan’s rule over this earth. Christ will return *within the lifetimes* of most of you reading this article. But first, as our nations *turn away* from God and every vestige of Christianity, God

will bring down the unrepentant, rebellious peoples of the earth!

So, how can you prepare to survive what is coming? *Somewhere* on this earth, there is a true Church of God. This Church genuinely *understands* the Truth of God's *purpose*, and what is ahead in prophecy. Those who are *faithful* in that true Church will be taken to a "Place of Safety" somewhere *on this earth* (Revelation 12:13–17). The "woman"—the *true Church*—will be taken "into the wilderness" (v. 14). Note that **heaven** is **never** called a wilderness! Satan will try to destroy the woman (v. 15) and "make war" with the rest of her offspring: "who **keep the commandments** of God and have the testimony of **Jesus Christ**" (v. 17).

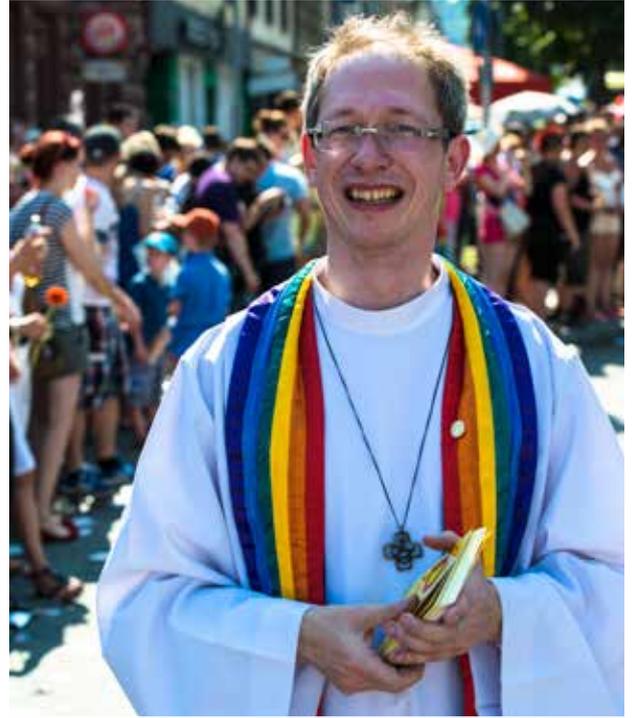
This Spirit-led Church—*soon* to be taken to a place of safety—*exists right now*. **You**, personally, need to find out where it is! You need to be willing to "search the scriptures" as the Bereans (Acts 17:11) and **prove** to yourselves that the Bible is inspired, and that a very *real* God has a true Church on this earth today. Then you need to **act** on that information!

You Need to ACT!

If you *procrastinate*, fool around and *do nothing*, you may well end up being in the coming prophesied "Great Tribulation" that Jesus Christ specifically predicted (Matthew 24:21–22). Jesus directly indicated that His true followers would "flee" to escape this tribulation. He instructed: "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath" (v. 20). If you fail to **act** on these inspired commands, your whole life will come *crashing down around you* and you will *abhor yourself* for your laziness and unwillingness to **prove** the key things of life: **Is** there a real God? **Is** the Bible the inspired revelation of God to mankind? **Is** there a *true Church* on earth today with God's direct guidance?

All of these issues are *absolutely vital*. For they will determine whether you live or whether you die over the next several years during the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord, and whether you really come to *understand* the genuine **purpose** of your Creator—who made us in His image and wants us to become His *full sons* in His Kingdom and Family forever.

If you fail to act, you will lose the opportunity to *prepare yourself* to be among those kings and priests



Reveler at 2013 "Pride Festival" in Stuttgart, Germany, dressed as a "gay-friendly" pastor

that Jesus Christ talked about who will soon **rule** under Him in His soon-coming Government over this entire world (Revelation 5:9–10).

Yes, you will really miss out on so many, *many* things if you do not truly heed Jesus' basic command: "But seek **first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

Many are prophesied to miss out. Indeed, millions of churchgoers *and their ministers* are living in almost total **ignorance** of the real *purpose* of God and of genuine *understanding* of His inspired word. Describing the coming false prophets, Jesus said: "You will know them by their **fruits**. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit" (Matthew 7:16–17). So the "fruit"—the **results**—of modern "churchianity" are entire societies almost devoid of real understanding of the Bible. They include a ministry that is mainly involved in a type of "social work"—doing very limited good as far as helping people understand God or His purpose. These ministers are themselves **deceived**. Referring

to the religious leaders of His day, Jesus stated, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Matthew 15:14). The Bible makes this *exceedingly clear* over and over. God tells us about Satan the Devil: “who *deceives the whole world*” (Revelation 12:9).

Are people really deceived? Research commissioned by the American Bible Society found that the majority of Americans (69 percent) believe the Bible provides answers on how to live a meaningful life. But while 79 percent believe they are knowledgeable about the Bible, 54 percent were unable to correctly identify the first five books of the Bible. Approximately half of Americans surveyed could not

as to where their dead daughter is or how the world is going to end. Churches offer musical productions and food, but they are not answering the questions” (May 27, 2002).

Millions of Americans, Canadians and Britons attend church and recite standard prayers, sing songs, clap their hands and hope they are learning something worthwhile. But they are **not** actually learning to understand the inspired word of God. They are **not** being taught the details of **why** they were actually born, the ultimate **purpose** of life and **how** to attain that purpose. They are not being told of the dozens of *specific prophecies* now beginning to occur, which will greatly affect *their very lives* over the next decade or

two. They are **not** being taught the “whole counsel of God” as the Apostle Paul taught (Acts 20:27).

In an inspired passage in Hosea—a

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describe the fundamental differences between the teachings of the Bible, Koran and Book of Mormon. Forty-six percent said they believe all three books teach the same spiritual truths (American Bible Society, *State of the Bible 2012*).

Wow! With such pitiful understanding of the inspired word of God, it is **no wonder** people can be easily deceived and manipulated. It is *no wonder* that many of you **reading this article** have not gained much understanding of the Bible—or the specific prophecies of the Bible—in the churches you have attended. You have been in **ignorance**—even though you may have attended church regularly for most of your life!

Ministers Must WAKE UP!

I do not wish to hurt the feelings of ministers or priests around the world. But *I have to say* as a true servant of the living God: most of you had better **wake up!** Most of you have been absolutely *derelict* in teaching the basic truths of the Bible. Your congregations are in absolute **confusion!** As an article in *Insight Magazine* related: “People are looking for comfort and answers. The reason people are leaving church now is they have serious questions

book Almighty God *directly inspired* as a message to the British-descended people of America and the British Commonwealth nations—God states: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the **law** of your God, I also will forget your children. The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame” (Hosea 4:6–7). Certainly, as the power and wealth of America and the British peoples has increased, we have definitely *turned away* from God.

And we have certainly “forgotten” the **law** of Almighty God—the Ten Commandments! Again, speaking of our peoples, God states: “I have written for him the great things of My law, but they were considered a strange thing” (Hosea 8:12).

After these peoples go through the coming Great Tribulation, Almighty God will bring them back to their own lands and make a “new covenant” with the House of Israel **and** the House of Judah—*two separate*



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h Canada!

Gender-Bending Education?



As parents find themselves busier than ever with work and distractions, schools are increasingly becoming the default teachers of values, but not all values being taught in today's schools are moral. Do you trust the public school system to teach your children about family values, or is it a parent's responsibility? You might be surprised to learn what children are being taught in school today. It is often more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic, and as schools usurp parental roles much of what they are feeding to children as education actually attacks the traditional family and destroys the basis for a moral society.

Welcoming Alternatives?

By way of example, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario recently encouraged its members to begin teaching alternatives to Mother's and Father's Day opting instead to acknowledge what it termed 'alternative' names such as Love Day or GAMES Day in recognition of Grandmothers, Aunts, Moms, Even Sisters. The organization encourages its teachers to connect messages about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender lifestyles to the curriculum so that "all students feel validated and engaged" (*The Toronto Sun*, September 25, 2013, "Union Playing Games"). It encourages the use of LGBT books, media, and pictures as part of the everyday curriculum and including the "terms gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender when describing various families" (*ibid.*). The organization claims on its Web site that it is doing this as part of a social responsibility to produce a welcoming atmosphere for LGBT families as the "fastest growing type of family structure in Canada."

A year earlier the Toronto District School Board found itself defending a decision to put posters up in school hallways throughout the system. These were no ordinary posters encouraging hard work, preparation for college entrance, or setting high academic goals. Rather, the posters openly encouraged all students to accept homosexuality and its byproducts as a normal alternative lifestyle. Hearts in varying colors were prominently displayed across the surface of the ideological advertisement. Stick figures representing people were shown standing within the hearts. In some of the hearts two stick figures, one representing a man or boy and the other representing a woman or girl, were shown standing side-by-side. In other hearts on the posters, two masculine stick figures were shown standing together. Likewise, some hearts displayed two feminine representations. In the center of the same poster was a giant heart over which were the bold capped words, "LOVE HAS NO GENDER."

Polygamy and Bisexuality Promoted?

Astonishingly, none of these things prompted a defense from the school board. Rather, it was the depictions found in some of the remaining hearts on the poster. The school board was brazen enough to go beyond the obvious attempt to force homosexuality on the impressionable minds of the students within its care and place three stick figures representing two boys and one girl and vice versa standing together within one heart. As might be expected, some parents felt this was an attempt to promote polygamy and at last voiced their concerns. At the time, the Toronto District School Board spokesman Ryan Bird attempted to douse

the fires of outrage by indicating that the school board did not support polygamy, yet he went on to issue an equally disconcerting message essentially endorsing bisexuality: “The images in question were meant to support an individual’s right to choose whom they love, regardless of gender. For example, the reason for depicting two women and one man was meant to show that a person can be attracted to more than one gender” (*The Toronto Sun*, September 25, 2012, “Poster Not About Polygamy: TDSB”).

The “Love has no gender” posters were accompanied by others as part of the district’s “Safe and Positive Spaces Campaign.” Other posters included various messages such as, “Masculine and feminine are labels, not definitions” and “There are no rules for being a boy or a girl.” According to the school board, these

were designed to promote “tolerance” of alternative lifestyles. The board reportedly appropriated approximately \$8,500 to indoctrinate their students with these messages (*The National Post.com*, September 26, 2012, “Threesomes on Toronto School Board Posters Not Intended to Promote Polygamy, Spokesman Says”).

Is this what you sent your children to school to learn? Or were you expecting them to learn about math, science, grammar, and the like? Yet such political movements are rampant in the school systems as various interest groups vie for the impressionable minds of tomorrow’s leaders. The prophet Isaiah long ago prophesied to a similar people, “For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err, and *those who are led by them are destroyed*” (Isaiah 9:16).

So, what is a concerned parent to do? Some parents choose to homeschool their children, yet that option is becoming increasingly difficult for many. In some countries, it is not even legal. Regardless of whether a child is homeschooled or in public school, it is first and foremost a parent’s responsibility to teach his or her child about morality and true family values as expressed by our loving Creator. God inspired Moses to write, “These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently

to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). As proclaimed by God, values-based education is first and foremost a parent’s duty.

Lay a Foundation

Parents must take full responsibility to arm their children with a foundation of values that will help them navigate the insanity of an immoral world. This requires teaching them God’s words and showing them how God’s divine and moral law applies in today’s society. Whether sitting around the dinner table or under the stars on a camping trip, there are endless opportunities to fulfill a parent’s God-given responsibility to teach his or her children about the tremendous benefits of living

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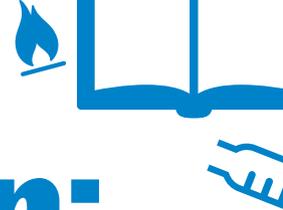


a godly life. Spending this quality time with children firmly establishes the loving parent as the child’s

moral authority rather than a random teacher. Further, it will ensure that children are able to stand on solid ground in the face of immoral opposition, even when it comes from their academic teachers, and it will help children grow to live healthy and happy lives free from the confusion and negative consequences associated with alternative lifestyles. So, do not get caught up with political movements that seek to undermine the special role of mothers and fathers in a child’s life and do not allow the public school system to teach your children about their corrupted brand of family values. Instead, become the best mother or father you can by following the admonition to teach your children so that they can grow to have a truly prosperous and successful life.

Do not allow school systems that do not share biblical values to become the moral authority in the eyes of your children. By educating yourself as a Christian parent and setting a proper example through your own marriage, you firmly establish credibility in the eyes of your children as their moral authority. Rather than relegating that influence to strangers—whose true intent may be promoting a political agenda rather than teaching your child how to live a prosperous and successful life free of the harmful side effects of sin—make the time to fulfill God’s command to be your child’s moral teacher.

—James Ginn



True Education: Can You Find It?

Much of modern education is based on atheistic or even anti-God concepts. In the coming Millennium, God's way will bring about a complete revolution in education. But you can experience God's true values of education now!

By **Richard F. Ames**

With the Ten Commandments and prayer barred from many American classrooms, what is taking their place? Even though most of the nation's first and most prominent universities were founded in the name of Christianity, most of today's educators are ignoring the foundation of truth—God's word. Students are being taught that there are no absolutes and that there is no ultimate authority except the self. Instead of learning God's eternal law, they are learning humanism and materialism.

How did our educational systems shift their emphasis? Many universities that were founded to teach the Bible and uphold God's moral law had, by the 1960s, become havens of nihilism and anti-God sentiment. Beginning in the 19th century, they adopted the structure, and later the ideals, of the German universities and philosophers.

Key among these philosophers was Friedrich Nietzsche, whose philosophy was not merely atheistic but was strongly anti-God. He wrote: "God is dead; but given the way of men, there may still be caves for thousands of years in which his shadow will be shown. And we—we still have to vanquish his shadow, too" (*The Gay Science*, Nietzsche, 1882, section 108). Nietzsche is now dead, but his philosophy lives on to this day in anti-God minds. During the tumult of the 1960s, it even leapt out of philosophy books and into the news headlines, when the respected *TIME* magazine asked on its April 8, 1966 cover: "Is God Dead?"

Many intellectuals of the 18th and 19th centuries saw correctly that Christianity had strayed from its

apostolic origins and had taken on the pagan customs of the surrounding society. But instead of rebuilding modern education on Christianity's true foundation, many intellectuals sought to destroy that foundation altogether! They rejected one kind of false religion and its false education, but sought to replace it with godless education rather than godly education.

The True Foundation of Education

The Christianity taught and practiced by Jesus Christ and the Apostles set an example for all times. That example included following the spiritual laws of God—the Ten Commandments—and the way of love taught by Jesus Christ, who said to His followers: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

By contrast, we read a shocking statement in the book of Revelation: "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who **deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9).

This great fallen angel, called the Devil and Satan, deceives not just a few of human beings, but the vast majority. Simply being part of the one-third of humanity that calls itself "Christian" is no guarantee that one is not deceived!

And just what is this truth about which Satan deceives the whole world? Of course, there is scientific truth that can be tested and verified. Science can, to some extent, describe the "what" and "how" of natural laws, yet it cannot explain the **why** of our existence! Such truths are beyond natural law, and



can only be explained by the One who created those laws. So, what does the Creator say about truth? When Jesus was praying to His Father on the night before His crucifixion, He prayed for His disciples: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

Yes, the word of God is truth! You need to prove to yourself that the Bible is the revelation of the Creator God. The Apostle Paul wrote: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16). The Greek word translated as “inspiration” is *theopneustos*, which means “divinely breathed.” The *New International Version* translates this as: “All Scripture is God-breathed.” When Paul wrote this, the books that we call the “Old Testament” were the only canonized “Scripture,” yet today many Christians wish to ignore the plain teachings of the Old Testament and consider only the New Testament writings. But the New Testament itself tells us otherwise. **All Scripture is God-breathed!**

How Does a Human Being Learn?

True education must be based on the truth God has revealed in His word. Yet how many university administrators, professors or students know the true purpose and meaning of life? Most accept the evolutionary concept that man is only an animal.

But is that true? Or is there something that differentiates animal

brain from human mind? Scientists know that the human brain delivers far more “performance” for its weight than any other species’ brain. A few scientists have concluded that this capacity can only be explained by the presence of a spiritual component. This scientific conclusion, though not commonly accepted, agrees with revealed Scripture. The Apostle Paul wrote: “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?” (1 Corinthians 2:11).

This spirit Paul describes is not the Holy Spirit, nor is it an “immortal soul.” It is a spirit essence combined with the physical brain, which empowers human beings far beyond animals (Job 32:8). This understanding harmonizes science and Scripture, and explains an aspect of the human mind that remains a mystery to most educators and “experts.” Sir John Maddox, editor emeritus of *Nature*, wrote in a classic *Time* magazine essay, “How the brain manages to think is a conundrum with a millennial time scale. All animals have brains so as to be able to move about. Signals from the senses—eyes, ears, nostrils or skin, as the case may be—send messages to the spinal cord, which moves the limbs appropriately. But thinking involves the consideration of alternative responses, many of which have not been experienced but have been merely imagined. The faculty of being conscious of what is going on in the head is an extra puzzle. A

century from now, electronics shops (or web sites) will be advertising all kinds of gadgets that simulate some of the workings of the human brain, but neuroscientists will still be struggling to understand the thinking machine in all our heads” (“Thinking,” *TIME*, March 29, 1999, p. 206).

Maddox, a world-renowned physicist, predicted that even a century from now the puzzle of human thinking will not be solved. With an understanding of Scripture, we can see that education based solely on material and physical knowledge is woefully limited. When an educational system rejects the existence of God and of spirit, it rejects ultimate reality and ultimate truth!

Mankind’s Failed Educational System

If our modern educational system is not producing all the answers we seek, should we at least be impressed with the system itself? Certainly, universities can successfully teach some areas of material knowledge. But what happens when these institutions are cut off from the values that should guide them?

What goes on in the modern university? Here is what one unhappy academic wrote: “The average American persists in thinking that the classroom is

is value in research, and in economic development and public service. But true education, as Scripture presents it, goes far beyond knowledge production; it must teach the spiritual values without which all the other pursuits will lead to ruin!

Can one be truly educated without knowing the difference between right and wrong? The Apostle Paul powerfully condemns those intellectuals who reject the truth and the reality of God: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools” (Romans 1:18–22).

Throughout the Bible, indictments of anti-God education are very strong: “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call on the LORD?” (Psalm 14:1–4).

WHY ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS THE SOURCE OF TRUE EDUCATION? THEY TELL US WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG!

the center of activity of a university. Because it makes for good relations with the public (as well as with the legislature), university administrators encourage such fanciful notions. But among themselves, they know how anachronistic and downright inaccurate they are. Asked to describe the mission of his school, a vice chancellor of a Big Ten university listed five separate areas of responsibility: economic development, service to the state, the creation of new knowledge, and training graduate students. *And, finally, dead last, teaching*” (*Profscam*, Sykes, p. 29).

The modern university has strayed from its roots. Not only does it minimize the teaching of values, it minimizes the value of teaching. Certainly there

God: The Greatest Teacher

True education must be based on the truth of God. All other foundations are but vanity. Only a Christian with a willingness to call on the Lord—to learn from the Great Teacher, and follow His example, will build a proper foundation to receive true knowledge. Jesus Christ taught His students: “If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). He then listed several of the Ten Commandments.

Why are the Ten Commandments the foundation of true education? Because they plainly tell us what is right and what is wrong! They reveal the way of peace

and prosperity that God intends for all humanity. What happens to those who ignore God's plain laws? As the Apostle Paul wrote: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Galatians 6:7–8).

Ancient King David wrote of the education that comes from a sound foundation: "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not departed from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught me" (Psalm 119:97–102).

God taught King David, and He wants to teach all His people. Once you begin to apply the spiritual laws of God as taught in the Bible, as magnified by Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, you can have greater understanding and true knowledge. As we read in Psalm 111:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments."

As you seek to obey Him, God will reveal spiritual knowledge to you through the Holy Spirit. Paul goes on to explain the difference between the knowledge of a converted Christian and of an unconverted person: "For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. But we received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God" (1 Corinthians 2:11–12, ASV).

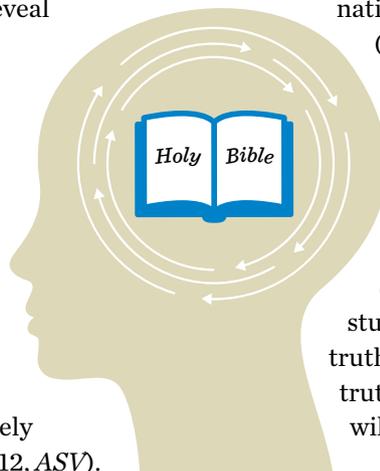
Just as an animal brain cannot understand the "things of man," neither can the carnal, natural mind of man understand the "things of God." Paul goes on to explain: "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:14). Spiritual truth is spiritually discerned; it cannot be acquired by natural human intellect apart from the gift of God's Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Because it has rejected true education, our modern world does not know the way to true peace. But Christians can know the truth, and can look forward to the soon-coming time when all nations will finally become students of the Great Educator. What will tomorrow's education be like? Scripture gives the following encouraging description: "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:2–4).

Such peace will only come to the world through true education, in the coming Kingdom of God. But you can have that peace now, in your own life. A revolution in education is soon coming for the whole world, but you can have the same in your own life, by studying the Bible—the starting point of truth. As Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). That truth will revolutionize your life forever! 



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Who Are the Irish?

"A *Uachtarain agus a chairde*" ("President and friends"). These warm words of respect were spoken by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at a state banquet speech in Dublin Castle during her first historic visit to the Republic of Ireland in May 2011. Ireland's President, Mary McAleese, had extended the invitation to the Queen to visit her country and was the first Irish leader to do so. The President was visibly surprised by the Queen's words and mouthed the word, "Wow!" when she heard the Queen speak in Ireland's native Gaelic tongue.

The Queen continued, "It is a sad and regrettable reality that through history our islands have experienced more than their fair share of heartache, turbulence and loss."

Why have the English and the Irish often had such a stormy relationship? The reason is partly due to the fact that they have common ancestral roots. In fact, genealogists can trace Elizabeth's lineage back through the Scottish kings to the *Ard Righ* (High Kings) of Ireland. For centuries the Royal House of Ireland crowned their kings at Tara, west of Drogheda in Co. Meath, on the same stone where English monarchs are now crowned in Westminster Abbey.

To recognize why there have been many bloody, brotherly conflicts, one must understand the nature of the four main peoples who have inhabited the Emerald Isle. So, let us see who the first Irish settlers were.

Firbolg and Tuatha de Danaan

"The races that occupied the land when the so-called Milesians came, chiefly the Firbolg and the Tuatha de Danaan, were certainly not exterminated by the

conquering Milesians" (*The Story of the Irish Race*, Seumas MacManus, p. 1).

The 3,500-year history of the Irish people is one of the most well-preserved accounts, because it was conveyed from one generation to the next by the *seanachies* (bards and storytellers). The ancient records were not recorded in books of writing that could be destroyed, but were instead passed down by the spoken word in long, rhyming verse. Not until the *Four Masters*, MacFirbis and Keating preserved the bards' words in the 17th century did Ireland have an official written history.

The Firbolg probably arrived in the middle of the second millennium BC. According to Keating, they were of the posterity of Magog, son of Japheth (*History of Ireland*, Irish Texts Society, Book I, p. 139). Some scholars believe these people may well have been associated with the seafaring Phoenicians who were well known to have mined copper, lead, tin and gold in the British Isles. Irish gold is still a sought-after precious metal and new gold mines have recently been opened in Counties Tyrone and Wexford.

The Firbolgs' hold on the isle was soon to be challenged by a new invader, the Tuatha de Danaan. The word Tuatha means "tribe." They were from the tribe of Dan, son of Jacob.

In Judges 5:17, the Israelite judge Deborah (ca. 12th century BC) sang a song that includes the words, "Why did Dan remain on ships?" The Danites were well known as seafarers along with their Phoenician neighbours, plying the Mediterranean and beyond the "pillars of Hercules" (Gibraltar) into the Atlantic Ocean and on to Britain and Ireland. Some suggest that they made

their first migration from Egypt just before the Exodus (1446BC) and that a second wave followed in 1213BC.

MacFirbis in the mid-17th century wrote that “everyone who is fair-haired, of large size, fond of music and horse riding, and practices the art of magic is of the Tuatha de Danaan descent” (*History of Ireland*, Thomas Kelly, p. 25). Maybe their descendants today are not as involved in magic, though horse racing is still a passion of the Irish and Irish music is synonymous with good times and maybe just a little of the Guinness!

The Milesians

The next wave of migration arrived at the time of King Solomon (circa 1000BC). Solomon’s lineage followed Pharez of the half-tribe of Judah (see Genesis 38:28–30); the other part of the tribe travelled to Asia Minor, becoming known as the Milesians (after the city of Miletus). “They were possessed of a high degree of political unity, had a single king, and a wise and constant external policy” (MacManus, p. 7). The Milesians fought the de Danaans, routing them and killing their three kings. They soon established their own royal line and crowned their kings at Tara on the *Lia Fail* or Stone of Destiny.

The Milesians were later to settle mainly in the north. Their kings were named the *Ard Righ* (“High Kings” over the lesser kings of the many Irish tribes).

History records an amazing number of customs and laws introduced into Ireland by the Milesians that closely resemble the statutes and judgments given by Moses to the Israelites during their wilderness years (1446–1406BC). Here are just a few:

“The stock borrowed from a noble... was returned at the end of seven years” (MacManus, p. 293; see Leviticus 25:1–10).

“The greater part of the tribal land was free



for the use of all the people of the tribe” (*ibid.*, p. 293; see Leviticus 25:34).

“The system in Ireland was something more like the patriarchal system of the east” (*ibid.*, p. 294).

“‘No person’, says the law, ‘shall be oppressed in his difficulty’” (*ibid.*, p. 294; see Leviticus 25:35).

“He [the priest or king] had to be without physical deficiency or deformity” (*ibid.*, p. 295; see Leviticus 21:17–23).

The Scots

Ireland was for centuries called *Scotia*. The name is derived from the *Scyths*. MacManus states, “They (the Gaels) came out of that vast undefined tract, called Scythia... They came to Ireland through Egypt, Crete and Spain” (*ibid.*, p. 8). While in Egypt, Niul, grandson

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of Gael, married Scotia, the Pharaoh’s daughter.

The very name “Gaul” is derived from Gael, these people

whom the Greeks called Celts (*Keltoi*). This establishes the Irish as one of the great Celtic nations, along with the Scots, Cornish, Bretons, Walloons (of Belgium) and Welsh. In fact, the French name for Wales is *le Pays de Galles* (the land of the Gauls). Celtic ancestry can also be traced to many of the Swiss, as well as the Celto-Iberians in Spain and the Galatians of the New Testament.

The Milesian *Ard-Righ* took the *Lia Fail* coronation stone with them to Argyll, Scotland in 478AD and later to Scone. The English brought it to Westminster Abbey to crown most of their kings and queens. Many of the Scottish descendants returned in successive waves of migration to Ulster between 1605–1697, which has aggravated the de Danaan southern Irish to this day.

The Queen’s reference to the “heartache, turbulence and loss” of the Irish suffering at the hands of English overlords was but a brief and cursory reference to what were for the southern Irish to become painful and bitter memories passed down from generation to generation. Yet her visit, and her words, seemed to many observers to signal the beginning of a healing between brothers of Israel.

Will it continue? Only time will tell.

—Rod King

What is Truth?

Can the truth be found through science, philosophy or materialism? Does absolute Truth even exist? You need to know!



By **Wallace G. Smith**

When Jesus Christ was on trial for His life on trumped up charges before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, He told Pilate, “For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37). Pilate then ends their conversation with a question that has echoed through the millennia; “What is truth?” (v.38).

Over the millennia, philosophers have wrestled with this very question. Various religions have co-opted it. Some scientists increasingly claim to be the sole arbiters of truth. But the question remains: “What is truth?”

Few other questions have the ability to fundamentally challenge our understanding of the world, and few other answers show such promise to completely revolutionize our lives. In many ways, it is the question of questions!

So, how can we **know** how the world *really is*? What *is* the truth? How can we discover it? How can we know what is fundamentally true—and then live our lives accordingly?

In today’s world of “situational ethics” and moral relativism, some even question the very possibility that there **is** any absolute in the world. Is all truth relative? Is nothing fundamentally true or false?

When someone claims that all truths are relative, it can be amusing to ask them an important ques-

tion: “Well, then, is it absolutely true that there is no absolute truth?” Of course, if that statement is true, then it is false—and if it is false it must be true! The statement that all truth is relative is complete nonsense! Not only is it utterly self-refuting; it is something that no one truly believes—not even those who say it.

In fact, absolute truth is *very real*. It is out there! But *where* can we find it?

Given the nature of the question “What is truth?” it sounds like something from the world of philosophy. Can human philosophy provide us with a source of truth?

Do Philosophers Know the Truth?

History has seen an amazing parade of intellects and thinkers whose names are known to almost all of us. You say the word “philosopher” and names like Aristotle come to mind... Plato and Socrates... Then there are great Western thinkers, such as Thomas Aquinas and Rene Descartes—and Eastern thinkers such as Confucius. And there are lesser-known names that have left their mark on human philosophical thought, such as the great Persian Avicenna and the multiple Zenos of Greece. From Kierkegaard and Kant, to more modern philosophers such as Whitehead, Fromm, and Ayn Rand—many people have delved deeply into the questions of who we are, why we’re here, what is the meaning and purpose of life, what is right and wrong, and, fundamentally, *what is truth?*

We see in the struggles of the secular philosophers throughout time a great deal of logic and discussion, which is good, but *no real answers*. Many young men and women enroll in philosophy classes at university hoping to finally resolve life's great questions only to discover that the discussions and debates among philosophers seem to produce, mainly, more discussions and debates! As one of the wisest men to have ever lived, King Solomon, once wrote, "I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Ecclesiastes 1:13–14).

Certainly, the study of philosophy can have benefits: God *is* logical, and God's word encourages

IS IT ABSOLUTELY TRUE THAT THERE IS NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH?

logical thinking. But with no common, fundamental ground on which to stand, the philosophical debates of mankind about the nature of truth only go so far—in the end, producing nothing more than additional debates, in which the arguing goes on and on, but the sort of fundamental truth that we need to found our lives upon alludes us. In our search for truth, we will need to look elsewhere.

Do Scientists Know the Truth?

Today, it seems that for many, the most popular contender for the title of truth-bringer is natural science. Certainly, the practice of science *is* powerful. It has allowed us to determine the chemical composition of stars and nebula and the orbital periods of distant planets far from earth, and we have probed the depths of the subatomic realm, identifying many of the amazing laws working behind the scenes in the world around us!

And yet, too many scientists today assume that their knowledge about the creation implies that *there is no Creator*. It is as if experts on the Mona Lisa were to say they understood the painting so well as to conclude that its painter, Leonardo da Vinci, never existed!

Further, there are many scientists now claiming that science is the **only** means by which all truth worth knowing can be understood. We see shades of this mindset in the works of some popular atheistic scientists, such as biologist Richard Dawkins, physicist Lawrence Krauss and neurobiologist Sam Harris. In his book *The Moral Landscape*, Harris attempts to reduce even absolute morality down to purely scientific terms, knowledge, and experimentation.

Yet, such efforts to make science the ultimate source and judge of truth are doomed from the start, and for so many reasons. For one, science is, ultimately, a human endeavor, vulnerable to the usual pitfalls of pride, politics, and prejudice. Evolutionary biologist Austin Hughes wrote that "[T]he high confidence in funding and peer-review panels should seem misplaced to anyone who has served on these panels and witnessed the extent to which preconceived notions, personal vendettas, and the like can torpedo even the best proposals" ("The Folly of Scientism," *The New Atlantis*, Fall 2012, p. 32).

Of course, scientific theories are never purely statements of facts, nor should they be. They are *interpretations* of facts and, as interpretations, are always subject to being colored by underlying assumptions and worldviews. Often scientists disagree passionately among themselves about their interpretations, though you rarely see this in television programs produced for the public.

Actually, the practice of science, itself, rests upon principles of *logic* and *mathematics* and *metaphysical assumptions* that cannot, *themselves*, be proven scientifically. In fact, the very statement that science should be the ultimate arbiter of truth and meaning cannot, *itself*, be proven scientifically! For those who believe it, it is an article of *metaphysical faith*, and not a "scientific truth" at all.

Concerning morality, science is impotent in defining for us what is truly good or truly evil. No experiment can tell us, for instance, whether or not the Holocaust was truly evil or whether murder or rape are evils or virtues.

Science has given us an amazing understanding of how *many* aspects of our world work—but when we begin to look at it as the only real "source" of truth, we find it to be a poor source, indeed. Mathematical truths, aesthetic truths, truths about our purpose and



the meaning of our lives—even the most fundamental moral truths and the most *basic* concepts of right and wrong—**none** of these is accessible through the microscope of the biologist or the telescope of the astronomer.

An answer to the question “What is truth?” will need to be found elsewhere.

Mathematical Truth?

If we are looking for *ultimate* truths—fundamental, dependable truths—why not consider mathematics? The abstract laws of the mathematical sciences go much deeper than the laws of physics and chemistry that we see in the rest of science. The fundamental truth that $1 + 1 = 2$ is not truly open to “interpretation” or vulnerable to the whims and fads of academia in any given decade. The theorems and proofs of Euclidean geometry or the postulates and principles of algebra do not even depend on the universe in which we live, and given their underlying axioms and assumptions would be true in *any* universe! The absolute rigor of mathematics and its uncompromising view of proof and truth is part of the appeal of the “queen and servant of science” to those who study it. And many mathematicians have wondered what the ultimate reach of mathematics might be and whether it may be the key to unlocking the ultimate question of truth for all time.

Seventeenth century mathematician Wilhelm Gottfried Leibniz—co-discoverer of the mathematics of calculus, alongside the great Isaac Newton—was a

logician of the highest order. He believed that all of life was inherently logical **and** that, if we could simply encode all of our thoughts on paper in math-like symbols, we could discover the “mathematical” rules that would lead us to truth. In his 1685 treatise *The Art of Discovery* he wrote: “The only way to rectify our reasonings is to make them as tangible as those of the Mathematicians, so that we can find our error at a glance, and when there are disputes among persons, we can simply say: ‘Let us calculate, without further ado, to see who is right.’”

Leibniz was not alone in waxing poetic about the presumed power of symbolic, mathematical reasoning. Such motivations also stirred the famous Alfred North Whitehead and Bertrand Russell to create one of the landmark works of mathematical logic, *The Principia Mathematica*. Their desire was to lay a logical foundation that would allow mankind to prove *all* of mathematics. It dug so deep, and sought to lay a foundation so fundamental, that in its first edition the simple statement “ $1 + 1 = 2$ ” does not show up until page 379!

The idea of systems of symbolic thought that could derive truth just as one performs a mathematical calculation was tempting to many! But it was a fantasy. In the 1930s, mathematician Kurt Gödel dropped the equivalent of a logical nuclear bomb. The details of his work are abstract and hard to understand for those without mathematical training, but essentially Gödel proved *mathematically* that not all truths could be proven *mathematically*! In fact, he proved that not even all purely *mathematical* truths could be proven mathematically.

The idea of a perfect, symbolic set of axioms and theorems that would unlock all truths was, in essence, *dead*.

For those searching for an ultimate source of truth, mathematics is a fascinating and lively port of call but not an end to their voyage.

In all of these efforts, we see the best and brightest of mankind struggling to define “truth” and, ultimately, failing miserably. Ask a philosopher or a scientist what the purpose of life or the value of existence is, and you will likely get a variety of answers based on a variety of theories and a variety of utter nonsense.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What did Jesus Christ say about His crucifixion and resurrection?

Question: My church has some special observances for “Good Friday”—the Friday before Easter Sunday. I have looked in my Bible for evidence of Good Friday, but cannot find it there. What am I overlooking?

Answer: You should be commended for your careful reading of Scripture! The Bible does reveal what happened on the Friday before Jesus Christ’s resurrection—but the truth is not what most professing Christians today believe!

We know from Scripture that Christ spent three full days and nights—72 hours—in the grave. He had to do this in order to fulfill the biblical “sign of Jonah” as He proclaimed. “But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will

Scripture makes it clear that Jesus was buried late in the day, before the start of a Sabbath day

the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:39–40).

This fact by itself debunks the common chronology leading from Good Friday through Easter Sunday. If Christ had been resurrected on Easter Sunday, He would have had to be in the grave by no later than the end of the day on Thursday—not Friday.

What do we know about the timing of Christ’s resurrection? Notice this account: “Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him’” (John 20:1–2).

This means that Mary went to Christ’s tomb in the night hours after the Sabbath (after sunset on Saturday, before sunrise on Sunday), and found that Jesus was not in the tomb. This lets us push back still

further the time of Christ’s death, to no later than the pre-sunrise hours of Thursday.

Scripture, however, makes it clear that Jesus was buried late in the day, shortly before the start of an annual Sabbath day. We read: “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away” (John 19:30–31).

The “Preparation Day” is the day before the Sabbath, when tasks are performed in anticipation of the coming Sabbath rest from workaday activities. But we have already seen that Friday cannot be the day of Christ’s death, since He had to have been dead for 72 hours before the end of the last day of the week! Is this an apparent contradiction in Scripture? No! What many readers forget is that a Preparation Day may also precede an annual Sabbath—one of the Holy Days, listed in Leviticus 23, which God set aside for yearly observance.

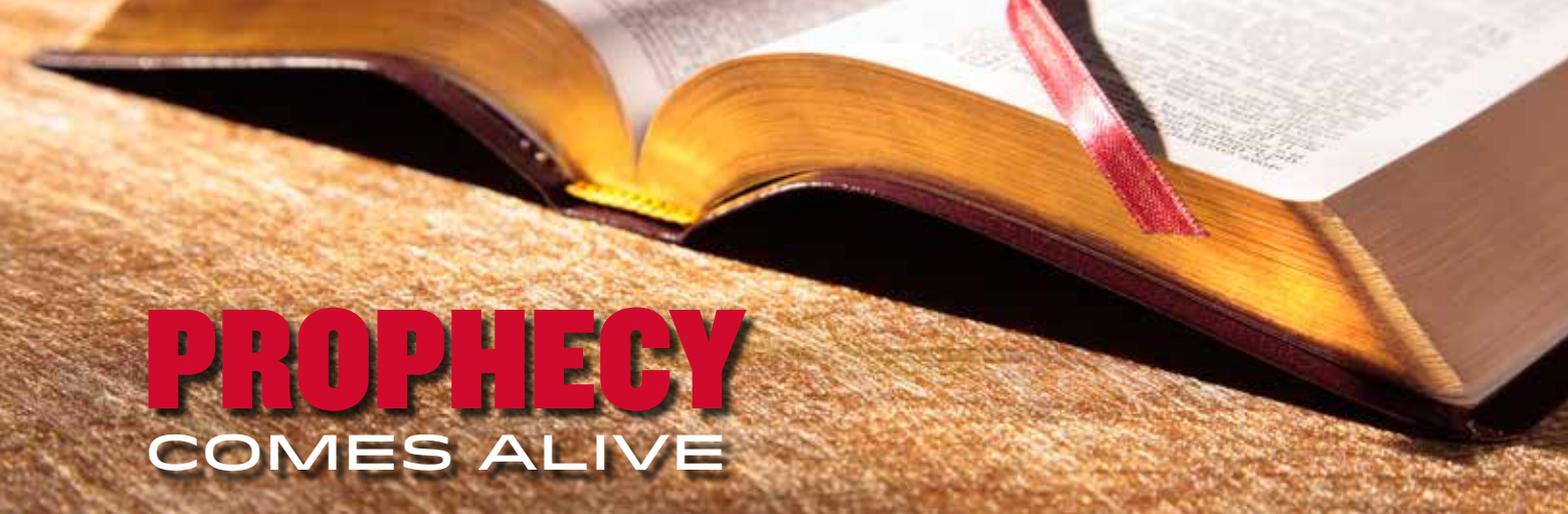
If Christ was put in the grave on Wednesday before sunset, He would have been in the grave for 72 hours by late Saturday afternoon, rising just before the first day of the week began.

So, in summary, we know from Scripture that on the Friday before His resurrection, Jesus Christ was



already dead in the grave, fulfilling prophecy. Traditions that insist He was alive and preparing for a Sunday

resurrection are denying not only the plain words of Scripture, but also the very sign Jesus gave of His Messiahship. If you worship a Messiah who rose on Sunday after 36 hours in the grave, you are not worshipping the true Jesus Christ, but rather a counterfeit Jesus invented by men who want to draw attention away from God and His Truth. To learn more about many false teachings that have been promoted in the name of “Christianity,” please request your free copy of our booklet, *Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity*.



PROPHECY COMES ALIVE

Last Days Prophesied!

Are we *really* living in the “last days” before the return of Jesus Christ? While critics scoff, many professing Christians believe that is the case, but how would you know? The obvious answer is to consult the source that addresses these questions—the Bible. The Bible, unlike any other religious books, contains dozens of prophecies about specific events that will occur at the “end of the age”—just before Jesus Christ returns to this earth and dramatically intervenes in human affairs—and many of those prophecies are *coming alive today!*

Scoffers in the Last Days

Two thousand years ago, Jesus told His disciples to *watch* for specific signs that would indicate His return was near—widespread religious deception, increasing violence, spreading ethnic strife and wars, famines, disease epidemics and increasingly severe natural disasters—events that are making headlines today (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21). However, the Apostle Peter mentions *another major sign* that will mark the approaching end of the age, “knowing this first, that *scoffers* will come in the *last days*, walking according to their own lusts... saying ‘Where is the promise of His coming?’” (2 Peter 3:1-4). Peter foresaw a future time *at the end of the age* when skeptics and critics would *mock* the plain statements of Scripture. Jude, the brother of Jesus, mentions this *same sign*, “remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles... how they told you that there would be *mockers* in the *last time* who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts” (Jude 17-20). A *major sign* of the end of the age will be the emergence of *scoffers and critics* who will attack the

Bible and the teachings of Jesus just before His return. We are witnessing this growing phenomenon and its consequences *today!*

Prophecies Come Alive

For nearly two thousand years, the Bible and the words of Jesus and the apostles were regarded as divinely inspired writings. Biblical teachings provided a *unique* foundation that set Western Civilization *apart* from the rest of the world. However, beginning in the 1850s with the speculative theories of Charles Darwin (creation without a Creator), Karl Marx (religion is the opiate of people) and the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche (God is dead), critics and skeptics saw an opportunity to attack the veracity of the Bible and reject the God of the Bible and His teachings. In the late 1800s, Robert Ingersoll, a self-educated American attorney and professed atheist, attracted thousands who came to hear his outrageous attacks on God, religion and Christianity (see *Challenging the Bible* by Dean Tipton).

Since the 1960s, liberal scholars and theologians, progressive politicians and the secular media have adopted this same approach and mounted a *sustained attack* on all the elements of biblical religion. In recent years, in once-professing-Christian nations, we have witnessed atheists *openly attack*, theologians *openly doubt*, and political leaders *openly defy* the teachings of the Bible and *deliberately scoff* at the idea of an all-powerful God who intervenes in human affairs. British professor Richard Dawkins claims in his book *The God Delusion* that “there almost certainly is no God,” that the Bible is “just plain weird” and filled

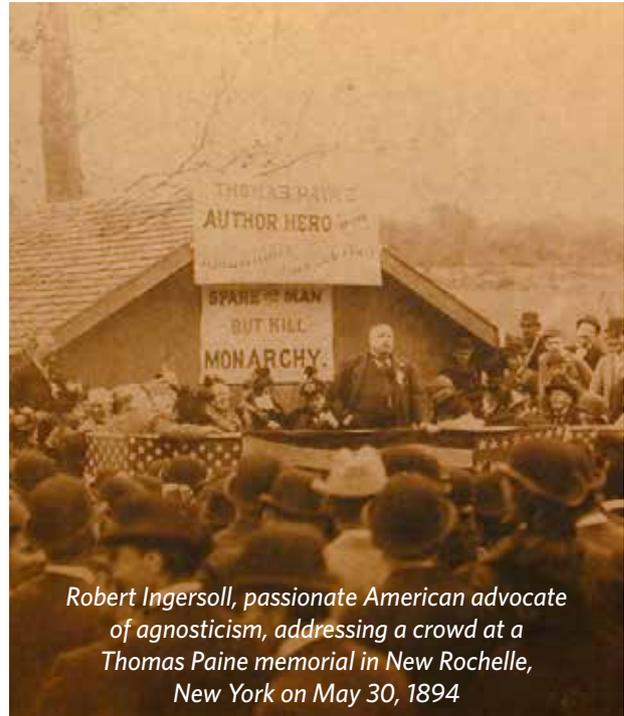
with “obnoxious doctrines,” that the God of the Old Testament is a “vindictive... bloodthirsty... monster” and “the most unpleasant character in all fiction,” pp. 2, 4, 31, 237, 252). Author Christopher Hitchens writes in his book *god is not Great* that religion is grounded on wishful thinking, and he lampoons the “mythical morality tales of the holy books” (pp. 4-6). American atheist and neuroscientist Sam Harris writes in *The End of Faith* that faith-based religion, like alchemy, is headed for “the graveyard of bad ideas,” and he claims there is no more evidence for God or Satan than there is for Zeus and that religious faith is based on a lack of evidence (pp. 13, 25, 232).

Ideas Have Consequences

In America, a nation founded on biblical teachings, prayer and Bible reading have been *outlawed* in school classrooms, the Ten Commandments have been *banished* from public buildings, and liberal theologians openly state they no longer believe in a personal God or that the Bible is divinely inspired. After decades of anti-religious and anti-Christian propaganda, researchers have noted a “sharp decline in religious faith in Britain” with more people *not* believing in God than those who do (*Daily Mail*, December 16, 2009). In America, studies by the Barna Group show the move away from Christianity is greatest among younger adults, “Almost half (48 percent) of all U.S. adults between the ages of 18-28 are post-Christian, and 40 percent of those between 29-47 fall into the category as well” (*Frontlines*, June 2013).



The decline of religious belief in America and other Western nations has *paralleled* a rise in social pathologies and perversions. Behaviors once frowned upon and punished—lying, stealing, fornication, adultery and divorce—are now promoted as normal. In the last few years, political leaders, secular academics and liberal theologians, aided by the media, have actively promoted the acceptance of homosexuality and same-sex marriage—practices that the Bible has long-labeled “evil” and “an abomination” to God (Leviticus 18:22; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Significantly, these “bold new progressive” actions *rest on assumptions* that God is not real, the Bible is not true, and people can do whatever they want—without any consequences!



Robert Ingersoll, passionate American advocate of agnosticism, addressing a crowd at a Thomas Paine memorial in New Rochelle, New York on May 30, 1894

However, just as Bible prophecies foretold the rise of scoffers in the last days, dozens of Bible prophecies reveal that *serious consequences will come*—especially on Israelite nations that God has blessed so abundantly. Long ago, God warned His chosen people if they disobeyed His laws, they would “reap what they sow” (Jeremiah 2:17-19; Hosea 4:9). Moses warned the ancient Israelites, “If you *do not* obey Me ... and if you *despise* My statutes... I will even appoint terror over you... you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you... I will even break the pride of your power” (Leviticus 26:14-33). Looking far into the future, Moses warned, “I know that after my death you will become *utterly corrupt*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And *evil will befall you in the latter days*, because you will do evil in the sight of the lord, to provoke Him to anger” (Deuteronomy 31:29). All this is going to happen because the end-time leaders of once-professing Christian nations have chosen to *scoff* at the laws of God, *ignore* Bible prophecies and *defy* the God of the Universe. Sadly, end-time scoffers do not recognize themselves in Bible prophecies. The real question is, *do you* recognize the significance of ancient prophecies that are *coming alive today*?

—Douglas S. Winnail

SEVENTY-TWO HOURS

Three days, three nights and a sign most “Christians” ignore

For most people, 72 hours is a nice three-day weekend, or maybe a short getaway or vacation. It is enjoyable, but often quickly forgotten. After all, it is only three days and nights. What could be the importance of such a short time in the larger scheme of things? If one has the eyes to see, the significance of 72 hours becomes very clear.

Consider the book of Jonah, a little biblical book that tells the story of a reluctant prophet. God instructed Jonah to warn the people of the great city of Nineveh that if they did not repent of their cruelty and atrocities, their city would be destroyed. But Jonah, a Hebrew, had seen his people become victims of great Assyrian cruelty, so he fled the scene, trying to escape his responsibility.

However, the ship on which Jonah had booked passage was caught up in a terrible storm at sea. Jonah ended up being thrown overboard in an effort to save the ship, and God had prepared a great fish to swallow him, which prevented him from drowning. The Bible says that Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights—72 hours.

Think of what that must have been like. Jonah, with seaweed wrapped around his head, endured the smells and the damp darkness not knowing what would happen next. He surely expected to die in this ordeal. And yet, God made the great fish vomit Jonah out onto the seashore! One wonders if Jonah ever ate fish again, having seen the disgusting contents of fish guts from the inside.

As Jonah recovered from this incredible deliverance, wondering “What next?” God told him to warn Nineveh. This time, Jonah reluctantly obeyed.

You may be wondering, “What could this possibly have to do with me?” Well, you might be amazed to know that Jesus Christ used Jonah’s 72-hour ordeal as a powerful sign to answer the skeptical scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees who demanded that He give a sign proving that He was the Messiah.

Scripture records the event. “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’ But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth’” (Matthew 12:38–40).

Think of it! The **only** direct sign Jesus Christ gave of His Messiahship was that He would spend 72 hours in the grave—just as did Jonah, who was as good as dead in the belly of the great fish, were it not for God’s deliverance! The religious leaders who questioned Christ knew the story of Jonah very

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well, but it seems they never understood its true significance.

Today, most who profess Christianity follow a Good Friday/Easter Sunday tradition that makes a mockery of Jesus Christ’s own words of promise! There is no way to fit Jesus’ 72-hour promise within the mistaken idea of a Friday crucifixion and Sunday resurrection. The Easter story itself is a product of pre-Christian pagan traditions, and is nowhere found or countenanced in your Bible!

So, how do true Bible-believing Christians acknowledge and observe the memorial of the death of the Savior of mankind? The Church of God observes the Passover with the New Testament symbols of the bread and wine, as Jesus Christ taught His disciples to do.

You need to know about the 72 hours that changed mankind’s destiny forever. If you want to know more about this incredibly important period of time, and how to memorialize it as Christ intended, read our life-changing booklets, *What Is a True Christian?* and *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*.

—J. Davy Crockett, III





WHAT IS TRUTH? CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

Concerning the meaning, value, and purpose of life and existence and concerning the fundamental foundations of morality: the philosophers are confused, the scientists are empty-handed, and the mathematicians are silent.

Revealed Truth!

Yet we should consider: Would a loving God—the personal Creator of all mankind—leave His Creation without some basis of understanding, some guide, some standard of truth? Would He craft us only to abandon us to stumble in darkness with no answer, no basis for determining what is true and right, what is good and what is evil? Would He create us only to leave us with no hope of ever understanding the truth about *why* we were created?

If man needs to know what is true but *cannot* fully discover it on his own, then surely a loving God would leave for us some record or account—some guide for knowing the truth. And in the revelation of the Almighty and Eternal God—the Bible, His word—we ultimately do find *truth*.

Consider the Bible's own claims concerning its nature and content. On the night He was going to be

betrayed and arrested before His crucifixion, Jesus Christ prayed to His Father in heaven in the presence of His disciples. In that prayer, He made a simple request and a beautiful statement: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Here, Jesus Christ was simply reflecting the sentiment expressed in the Old Testament, “You are near, O LORD, and all Your commandments are truth” (Psalm 119:151).

The truth contained in God's word, the Bible, is not meant to be simply accepted intellectually on its own testimony but to be put to the test! As the Apostle Paul wrote, “*Prove* all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21, *KJV*)!

Despite its critics, who are many, and despite its detractors, who are passionate, Scripture has survived through the centuries as a solid, reliable, practical source of wisdom and knowledge—of *truth*! *It continues* to pass the test of historical discovery and of scientific research. *It continues* to prove itself in the lives of those who dare to live by its words! Though it has been attacked and belittled generation after generation, those attackers live and die but the Bible's words and the power of its truths **remain**—transforming lives, establishing families, guiding those who need guidance, and answering the questions of meaning and purpose with an authority and a power that *no other source on earth* has **ever** been able to match!

The role of God's word as a source of ultimate truth—truth that can only come from the Almighty Creator, Himself—is not one that must be simply accepted on the basis of a philosopher's argument, or a scientist's experiment, or a mathematician's proof. God, Himself, validates His word in the lives of those who will allow Him to work in them to understand its truths and who commit themselves to walking in the path it illuminates. Those willing to devote themselves to the transcendent God of the Bible not only find an answer to the question “What is truth?”—they also find a living, loving, and beautifully personal Guide and Companion to help them *live out* that truth, forever.

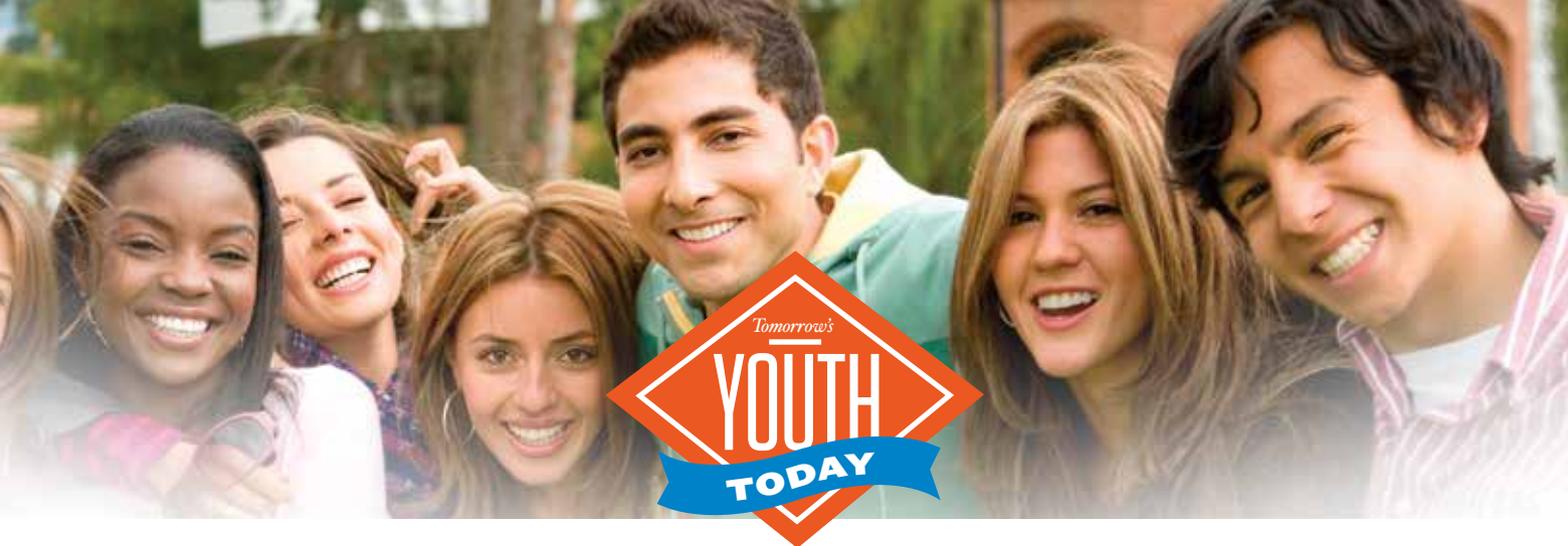
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Go After Wisdom!

Solomon, the wisest man to ever live, begins Proverbs explaining the book's purpose: "To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity" (Proverbs 1:2-3).

In the second chapter he beseeches us to seek wisdom—to really go after it! He writes: "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:1-6). He emphasizes this point with an impassioned plea to get wisdom whatever the cost! "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding" (Proverbs 4:7). Solomon understood that its acquisition was of prime importance.

True Wealth

Next, this wise king explains why we should earnestly pursue this precious gift: "Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor" (Proverbs 3:13-16). Few people have ever had both wisdom and riches. Solomon did, and he knew that wisdom was his most valuable possession.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding," he notes (Proverbs 9:10). The fear of God is the most basic component in wisdom. Knowledge is of little value without the proper fear and respect of God to put it all in perspective. Mankind, without God's Spirit, lacks the spiritual understanding and wisdom to know how to solve the problems that now threaten to lead to his demise. Wisdom refers to a skill, or it can denote an applied skill. Wisdom incorporates every aspect of our lives and it involves a change of behavior and a commitment to living according to biblical values. Those who are wise have the solutions to even the greatest problems facing humanity! The answers to the obstacles of world peace and prosperity are found in the application of God's word.

A Request Granted

As a young king, Solomon lacked wisdom and experience. One night, while in Gibeon, the Eternal appeared to him in a dream by night and said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

With proper humility, Solomon replied: "Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" (1 Kings 3:5-9).

God abundantly answered Solomon's request, granting him not only an understanding heart, but wisdom for handling the challenging affairs of life in a skillful manner. "The speech pleased the Lord, that



Solomon had asked this thing. Then God said to him: 'Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days' (1 Kings 3:10-13). The abilities that God gave Solomon were exceptional! This young king understood that wisdom was of more value than riches and honor. He knew that godly wisdom was needed if he was to lead and serve God's people.

Ask God

Have we asked God to endow us with wisdom? We ought to! The New Testament also talks about the value of wisdom. In the first chapter of James we read: "If any

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of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him"

(James 1:5). Often we do not have the things we desire, simply because we fail to ask. At other times God does not honor our requests; either because we ask for the wrong thing, or because we ask with ulterior motives in mind. James writes, "Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask

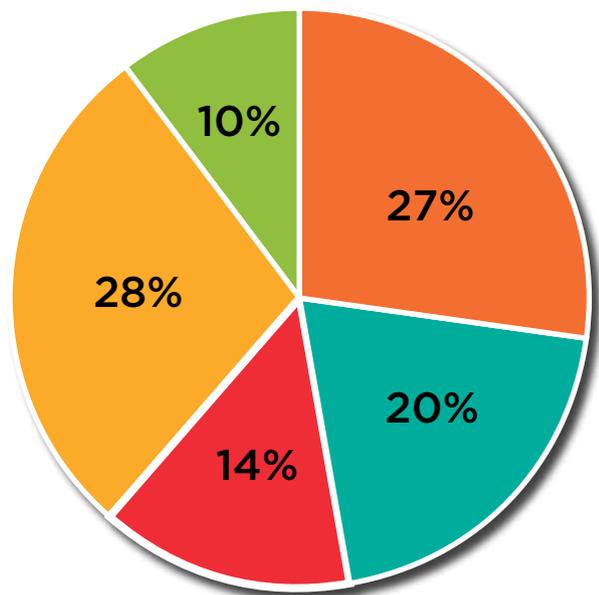
amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:2-3). All of us should pray for wisdom so that we can more effectively serve others.

Study and Meditation

In addition, we must not neglect study and meditation on the word of God. It is one of the best investments we will ever make. The Apostle Paul, in his epistle to Timothy, stresses this point. He tells Christians to "continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:14-15). Paul points out a direct link between a knowledge of Scripture and wisdom. The word of God shows us how God thinks. It gives us examples of how to apply the basic spiritual principles that govern mankind. That is why the Psalmist wrote: "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts" (Psalm 119:97-100).

So, be sure to study and meditate on God's word, and earnestly pray for wisdom, "For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her" (Proverbs 8:11). Wisdom is needed in godly leaders both now and in the future!

—Sheldon Monson



Will Jesus Return Soon?

Percentage of U.S. professing Christians who say Jesus will return to the earth in the next 40 years

- Definitely will return
- Probably will return
- Don't know
- Probably will not return
- Definitely will not return

peoples finally reunited. Does that covenant—soon to be made by Christ—in any way **do away** with the fundamental spiritual law of Almighty God, the Ten Commandments? **No way!** For God tells us: “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: *I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people*” (Jeremiah 31:33).

For your own Bible tells you again and again that as Christ’s Kingdom is set up on this earth in a few years and **all** nations flow to it, God’s inspired law will be the very **basis** of the entire society: “Now it shall come to pass in the **latter days** that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ *For out of Zion shall go forth the law*, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:2-3).

Christ's Direct INSTRUCTION

Nearly all professing Christians understand that in order to be an acceptable sacrifice for mankind’s sins, Jesus Christ had to keep the law perfectly. But what law did He keep, and what did He expect of His

followers? Here is how Christ Himself described His mission: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:17-20).

Many today do not grasp the *vital importance* of those words! Christ said that not “one jot or one tittle” (the tiniest marks in the Hebrew script) of the law would pass from the law until heaven and earth pass away. Since heaven and earth have not passed away, we must understand that the law remains. And Christ condemned those who would falsely teach men to break even the “least of these commandments.” Rather, He explained that those who both **do** and **teach** the commandments will be called “*great*” in the kingdom of heaven! *Could anything be more clear?*

Did His “fulfilling” the law somehow change these commands? Or did they change after Christ’s resurrection? No! Heaven and earth did not pass away at

His resurrection. And we must understand what He meant when He said that he would “fulfill” the law.

In other words, Jesus came, as Isaiah prophesied (Isaiah 42:21), to “magnify” God’s law and to show its fullest *intent* and *purpose*. What Jesus Christ sought to abolish were the abuses of the law, and the man-made “traditions” perverting it. His sacrificial death, foreshadowed by the temple sacrifices, made those animal sacrifices and washings irrelevant for Christians. But



His life showed that the *spiritual* law—the Ten Commandments—was and would remain relevant for those seeking

to obey Him. One cannot properly understand His teachings without understanding the Old Testament scriptures and the law they contain.

Subtly, but surely, Satan the devil has deceived most of today’s ministers into believing that Christianity was a brand new religion—seemingly *cut off* from the Old Testament and the teaching God gave through Moses. And although some may not be consciously aware of it, a definite *anti*-Jewish bias crept into early Christendom and has *continued to this day!*

But the biblical and historical facts show that Christianity was a continuation—an enlargement and **magnification** of the teachings God gave through Moses—*not* something brand new! As the Apostle Paul was inspired in the *New Testament* to explain to the Gentile Christians at Ephesus: “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the *foundation* of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:19–20). So a basic part

For Jesus Christ was a circumcised *Jew* (Luke 2:21–22; Hebrews 7:14). It was His “custom” to keep the seventh-day Sabbath—right along with the other Jews (Luke 4:16). Far from abrogating God’s Sabbath, Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for **man—not** just the Jews, and Christ also said that *He* was “Lord” of the Sabbath (Mark 2:27–28). So the Sabbath is, in fact, the true “Lord’s Day” as far as a day of rest and worship is concerned!

Long after the crucifixion, it was the Apostle Paul’s “custom” also to keep the seventh-day Sabbath (Acts 17:2). We also find Paul observing the annual biblical festivals such as Pentecost (1 Corinthians 16:8), Passover and Unleavened Bread (1 Corinthians 5:7–8) and other festivals.

The true Church of God—*named* “Church of God” **twelve times** in the New Testament—was itself started on the Day of Pentecost, one of the seven annual Sabbaths God gave Israel. Christ Himself will return at the “seventh trump” (Revelation 11:15)—pictured by the Feast of Trumpets, another one of the biblical Holy Days. And the living Jesus Christ, who inspired the *entire Bible*, also inspired His servant Zechariah to explain that after Christ’s return the **whole world** will be observing the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14).

Practice the Christianity of CHRIST!

True Christians who observe the biblical Sabbaths and biblical festivals are, in fact, **pioneers**. They are not only following the **pattern** of the original Christianity taught and practiced by Jesus Christ; they are **pioneering** the *Way of life* which **all** nations will soon learn in tomorrow’s world!

For example, the seventh-day Sabbath pictures

the reign of Christ during the coming seventh millennium of human history. It is the “rest” which God commanded from the beginning (Hebrews 4:4). That is why Paul

was inspired to write, “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God” (v. 9). It is important to realize that the Greek word here translated “rest” is *sabbatismos*—the “keeping of a Sabbath”—where-

DID CHRIST’S “FULFILLING” THE LAW SOMEHOW CHANGE THESE COMMANDS? NO! HEAVEN AND EARTH DID NOT PASS AWAY AT HIS RESURRECTION

of the very “foundation” of true Christianity consists of the writings and teachings of the *Old Testament prophets*—those writings that Christ and the Apostles referred to as “Scripture” again and again!

as *katapausin* is the normal Greek word for taking rest and is the word used throughout the rest of Hebrews 4.

God’s Sabbath and His annual Holy Days picture His great **Plan**. Yet true Christianity, of course, involves **far more** than keeping the biblical Sabbaths. It involves an entire **Way of life** based on Jesus’ example and His teaching, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word of God” (Luke 4:4). And over and over, throughout the entire Bible, God’s Word shows us clearly that *obedience* to the Ten Commandments is the **way of life** Almighty God prescribes for His true “saints”: “Here is the patience of the **saints**; here are those who **keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus**” (Revelation 14:12).

But the devil has injected into the minds of most ministers the strange idea that “grace” somehow supercedes obedience to the very law of Almighty God, which

CHRISTIANS MUST BE WILLING TO DO WHAT CHRIST TAUGHT!

was somehow “done away” after Christ. They are taught that all one has to do is “believe on Jesus” and one’s sins are immediately forgiven even though no **real repentance** is required! But even many of these ministers realize that this is a theory of “cheap grace.” They know the Bible says **clearly** that one must **repent of sin** in order to be forgiven and receive God’s Spirit (Acts 2:38). The Bible also says clearly: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: *for sin is the transgression of the law*” (1 John 3:4, *KJV*).

If sin is *breaking* God’s law, then *that* is the very thing to be **repented** of! And to repent does not mean to just be sorry and go right back and sin all over again. **To repent** means to **change**, to turn around and go the other way! *How clear!*

True Christians must be willing to do what Christ taught! Over and over, even “mainstream” theologians have acknowledged that Christ clearly taught

What the Public Knows About Religion

Moses was the Bible figure who led the exodus from Egypt	72%
Jesus was born in Bethlehem	71%
Sabbath begins on Friday	45%
Four Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke, John	45%

the Ten Commandments and *practiced them* as a way of life! So **why** do professing Christian ministers **fail to teach** these things? And why do they fail to *pay attention* to Jesus’ inspired challenge: “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Modern churchianity is confused about all these very basic issues because Satan the devil has indeed “deceived” thousands of religious leaders into preaching something *entirely different* from what your Bible clearly states! So **listen** to what the Apostle Paul was inspired to warn the Christians of his day: “For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!... For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:4, 13–15).

May God help *you* to “wake up” and be willing to “come out” of modern Babylon while you have the opportunity! May God help *you* to be willing to “prove all things” and find out for yourself what your inspired Bible actually says! And may God help you to be willing to **act** on God’s Truth—to *seek out* where God’s true Church is today—and to **act** on that precious knowledge before the end of this age or the end of your life. 

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IT IS YOUR MOVE...

Are you a pawn, a knight, a queen or a king?

Do you play chess? Are you in the ranks of the great masters of the back row, or do you feel far removed from the “royalty” of chess legend—really not much more than a pawn (most of the time) in someone else’s game? Although some consider chess a bit too competitive and aggressive for the pacifist, and others may think its intricacy and time-consuming nature tedious, there are some parallels between this not-so-simple game and the all-too-real game of life.

Life can be like a good chess game. It is complicated, it takes planning and organization—and it often seems to take a long time to get anywhere. You must balance your priorities—pawns are easy to sacrifice, but do you really want to move that bishop there? The rules are strict, and cheating can cost you the game entirely. You must know your opponent, and you need to pay attention! It is all or nothing.

But is that all there is—anything goes, winner take all? Or, is there “a more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31) if we have the eyes to see it?

God says there is, and that—just as there is a mixture of good and evil in many matters pertaining to this life—there are right and wrong aspects of “the game.”

The Christian life can be complicated, too—there are many challenges for those who follow God’s ways—but at the same time, it can be very simple. It has rules, too, of course, but the bottom line is to trust and obey God.

Of course the stakes are high, and Christians have a very real opponent in Satan, who loves to see them fail. In fact, he pulls out all the stops, and can put his victims in some very precarious positions if they do not keep an eye on his moves. Consider that, when you play the game of life like you play the game of chess—by the world’s rules, Satan’s world, that is (2 Corinthians

4:4)—you are at the mercy of your opponent, and your opponent in this case is far more wily than grandmaster Gary Kasparov or computer Deep Blue.

However, God has given us the ultimate “guidebook” to rise above those rules. It is called the Bible, and it teaches moves that will let us win the real game—and eternal life (Matthew 19:17; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Ephesians 6:10–18). What does it matter if we win a few tactical victories in this life, yet still lose everything in the end? (Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36; Luke 9:25). After all, “you can’t take it with you”—as the old saying goes. Pawn or King, Bishop or Queen, death is the ultimate equalizer (Ecclesiastes 2:12–16; 3:18–20).

In Christian life, unlike chess, we do not make sacrifices only for our own personal gain. A higher purpose drives everything we do (Matthew 5:45–47; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13). The ends do not justify the means, and the attitude—the character—we build along the way is just as important as the end result (Romans 12:2; James 1:4). Desiring the “best gifts”—even in the Christian walk of life—is not wrong in and of itself (1 Corinthians 12; 1 Timothy 3:1), but the ultimate goal must be to give, not to get. On our own, we cannot defeat that ultimate opponent, Satan. In fact, our battle is against “self”—our internal, carnal drive to crush the competition (an urge leading to hatred and other wrong attitudes)—as well as against the external “adversary” (1 Peter 5:8–9).

Thankfully, with God’s help, we can overcome the temptation to make our moves out of selfishness and vanity and pride. By repenting of our sins, accepting baptism and learning to walk in obedience to our Savior, Jesus Christ can teach us a whole new game—and prepare us to assist Him in teaching it to the whole world in the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

—William L. Williams



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We enjoy the *Tomorrow's World* magazine so very much and have found it very enlightening. And, as you suggested on your TV programme, which we received on the Vision Network, we check up on your teachings from the Bible. As a result we go to our Bible more and more to find the truths you explain so well. God bless you in your continuing endeavour.

D.S., Francis, Saskatchewan, Canada

Sir! I would like to tell you that your magazine is the most interesting source of knowledge I have ever read in my life. It covers everything and I can't put it down until I have read the whole thing in one go. I cannot praise it enough. Truly amazing. Thank you.

J.M., Killygordon, Ireland

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G.M., Londonderry, Ireland

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for such an exciting magazine—at last I have come across a rational explanation of the prophecies and the Bible. *Tomorrow's World* has brought to life prophecy that I see unfold every day on my TV news screen. For years I have studied with the Witnesses but I have had more elucidation from your newscasts and magazines and booklets. A big thank you once again. It has made me want to get up and look forward to the day as I avidly read through all your articles and digest intensely your literature.

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F.S., Luton, Bedfordshire, United Kingdom

Sir, I am one of your *Bible Study Course* students and one that agrees with your teachings about the word of God. I have come to realize that God really blessed you to be a blessing to thousands upon thousands, of which I am one. I'm using this small opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the lots you are doing in my life and in the life of others.

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A.M., Ghana, West Africa

I thank you and your staff for your program being one of the few that sticks to the letter of the Bible and not self-implied doctrine. I enjoy watching your program and look forward to being taught the true word of God every day.

S.D., Caliptra, CA

Everything that I have learned about the Holy Bible to be true, I learn through your booklets, everything that you write about can be backed up in the Bible. I just want to thank you for the work that you are doing and I would like to continue supporting your work in spreading God's message of the coming of the Kingdom of God.

R.E., Madison, TN

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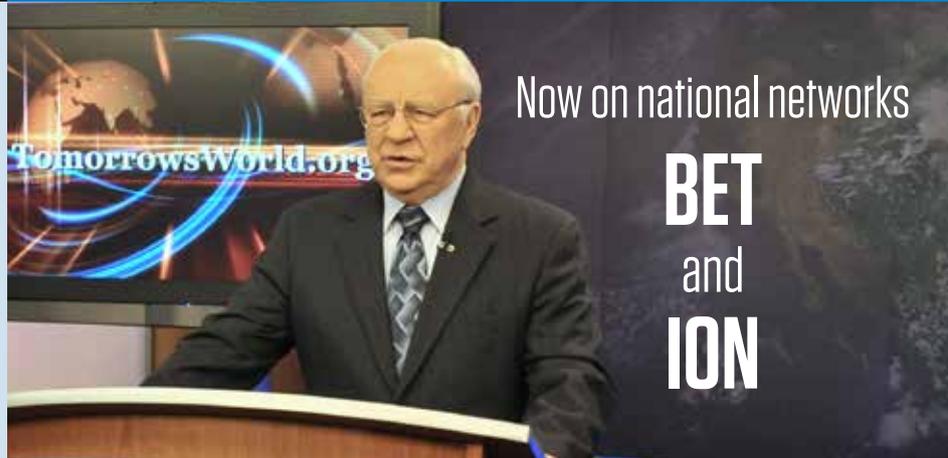
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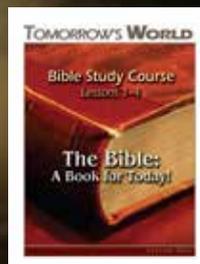
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