



## A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT

MIKE WILLIS

**S**olomon wrote, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12). What he wrote in 970-930 B.C. was true in his day and it has been true in every generation since then, although the things that “seem right” to one generation are radically different from what seems right to another.

In the first century, it seemed right to “expose children.” Tertullian alludes to pagan infanticide in his day, saying, “But then you make away with them (children, mw) in a more cruel manner, because you expose them to the cold and hunger, and to wild beasts, or else you get rid of them by the slower death of drowning. If, however, there does occur any dissimilarity between us in this matter, you must not overlook the fact that it is your own dear children whose life you quench; and this will supplement, nay, abundantly aggravate, on your side of the question, whatever is defective in us on other grounds” (chapter 15). Unwanted children were left to die. A mother would bring her child and place him/her at the feet of the father. If he chose to pick up the child, he assumed responsibility to rear the child. If he did not, the child was abandoned. That “seemed right” to the pagan world in Tertullian’s day.

Before we react in shock and horror about the wickedness of the first-century pagan world, let us remember that about 55,000,000 babies have been murdered in the American abortion clinics since 1973! I seriously doubt that so many first century babies were put to death by infanticide in any forty year span.

Various pagan cultures, including twenty-first century America, have seen fornication as morally neutral. Paul seems to be quoting contemporary cultural arguments (as noted by quotation marks in the RSV) when he wrote,

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for

food” – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body (1 Cor. 6:12-13, RSV).

The world treated fornication as a morally neutral act, as natural as eating foods is natural for the stomach. Paul replied to their pagan point of view in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. In twenty-first century America, committing fornication is an act of passage into the teenage years. Many teenagers have had multiple sexual partners by the time they leave high school. In the eyes of the non-believing social leaders, only the shockingly radical religious nuts discourage a teenager’s natural expression of one’s sexual urges.

In his comments on marriage in 1 Corinthians 7, Paul described the values of the world when he said, “for the fashion of this world passeth away” (1 Cor. 7:31). The point is that pagan beliefs and values are constantly in a state of flux, not that all such values will pass away at the second coming. Indeed, the value system of America’s culture is changing; it has changed drastically during my life and will continue to change as the years advance. What seemed impossible a few years ago becomes the norm. This is illustrated by America’s view of homosexuality. In the 1950s and 1960s, there were a few homosexuals who hid their sin. In the mid-1960s, a few defiant homosexuals “came out of the closet” in Greenwich Village in NYC and started the gay rights movement. Since then, the homosexual agenda has been advanced by the liberal media. The Bible-believing preacher or church member is usually portrayed as an ignoramus in movies and TV programs, but there is no one more consistently given a positive portrayal in the media than the homosexual. Indeed, “the fashion of this world passes away.” Fortunately, these sinful attitudes will pass away as well after they have had their day in the sun. Could any of us have imagined twenty years ago that smoking cigarettes would be viewed as it presently is in America?

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## BELIEF IN GOD IS OUTDATED

DICK BLACKFORD

# They wish!

All the pronouncements men make have absolutely no effect on what is the real truth.

Thomas Jonathan Jackson Altizer was a theology professor at Emory University in Atlanta. He became famous in the mid 1960s when headlines heralded around the world that Altizer announced that "God is dead." His views were published in two *Time* magazine articles in 1965-66. The latter issue was published at Easter time and its cover, in bold red letters on a plain black background, questioned "Is God Dead?"

Altizer's original view was that God totally emptied Himself of deity when He became a man (Jesus) and was absorbed into the world so that we all have some of God in us, but nothing supernatural. The person of God ceased to exist. Thus, he and other modernists referred to themselves as "Christian atheists." This was a convenient blend. One could live as though God did not exist and cherry-pick whatever he liked from Christianity. Many "lay" people did not delve into Altizer's theology but readily, willingly, and eagerly accepted his conclusion that "God is dead," jumping on the bandwagon. At the age of 83, Altizer still has his followers.

The death of God is another of many feeble attempts to rid the world of a moral God. Many have wished it for a long time. Whenever a death occurs there must be some kind of evidence that someone has died: some kind of proof, such as a corpse or a coroner's report. But where is the evidence and who has the proof that God is dead? Altizer will accept the death of Jesus but balks on the resurrection, since he doesn't

believe in the supernatural. Deciding you are not going to believe in the supernatural includes some convenient pre-set, self-imposed rules as a foundation for your theology. However, this doesn't get Altizer off the hook. He still has to explain the empty tomb: a small task with which he doesn't want to be bothered.

### OTHER INFLUENCES

Altizer was greatly influenced by Frederick Nietzsche (1844-1900), who proclaimed that God was dead and that nihilism was the present state of man (nihilism being the belief that there is no meaning or purpose in life). He was also influenced by George W. F. Hegel (1770-1831). Hegel's dialectics set the foundation for Marxism. Hegel believed that Christianity was all right for its day, but that it had now been antiquated. The highest expression of the Absolute was no longer in religion, but in philosophy – particularly his! He had long rejected the supernatural so this amounted to the destruction of Christianity.

Another strong influence on Altizer was the British poet and painter, William Blake (1757-1827). Blake rebelled against the God of Christianity whom he perceived as the agent of repression whose laws were the deepest obstacle to liberty and joy (Altizer, *Radical Theology and the Death of God*, 1966, p. 191).

There have been other strong influences on modern thinking. "*The church historian Martin Marty has characterized the three major thinkers of the nineteenth century, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, and Sigmund Freud, as 'God-killers.'* Marty describes the attempts of apologists for the Christian faith to respond to the challenges of these atheists as "fumbling." . . . *No giants like Augustine, Luther, or Calvin rose to defend the faith from the corrosive inroads of their ideas*" (Jack Wright, Jr., Ph.D., *Freud's War With God, Psychoanalysis vs. Religion*, p. viii). Space does not permit us to analyze (or psychoanalyze) Freud, Darwin, or Marx.

### MOTIVES AND CONSEQUENCES

Blake, who influenced Altizer, repudiated the morality of the Bible. He declared

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that they “kill all joy, which is perverted to ‘ten commands’. . . (these laws) are death to every energy of man and forbid the springs of life” (J.G. Davies, *The Theology of William Blake*, 1948, p. 61). Blake maintained that “the road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom.” Freud sought to free man from guilt, not through repentance, but by abolishing God, religion, and guilt. If there is no God, then there is certainly no word from God. Anything goes, and eventually, everything will. “Nothing is true” and “everything is permitted” (Karl Lowith, *From Hegel to Nietzsche*, 1964, p. 372). “I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning. . . . The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is . . . concerned to prove there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do. The liberation we desired was . . . from . . . a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom” (Aldous Huxley, *Ends and Means: An Inquiry into the Nature of Ideals and into the Methods Employed for Their Realization*, 1946, p. 270f).

This “liberation” has led to bondage when one looks at the consequences of a moral free-for-all. Disease, death, break down of the family, crime (including sexual crimes), and racism are in the wake of the “death of God” movement. Men have chosen to reject God, not because they have been overwhelmed with evidence that there is no God, but because of immoral desires and a need to justify them, thus making man into his own god. “The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ *They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good*” (Psa. 14:1).

### WHY GOD IS NOT OUTDATED

**We Need A Moral Standard.** Atheism denies the existence of evil. C.S. Lewis (a former atheist) said, “Evil can only be known against a standard of good. Apart from God and the morality that flows from Him there is no standard – and therefore no evil either.” Atheism offers no standard for belief, action, or character. If everything is permitted (which some atheists have been honest enough to admit), then they can offer no moral deterrent to some of the most dastardly crimes ever committed. As horrible

as they were, they were not wrong if there is no standard of good. There is no accountability. In every society where Christianity has gone, men have been elevated and order has been preserved.

### We Need An Explanation of Our Origin.

Something can’t come from nothing. Life cannot come from non-life. Intelligence cannot come from non-intelligence. Evolution, with its missing evidence and “big bang theory” still doesn’t give the first cause.

**We Need An Explanation of Why Our Universe Continues To Function.** An enormous amount of energy is needed to keep the earth rotating on its axis and revolving around the sun, to say nothing about the energy needed that keeps all the heavenly bodies moving in their galaxies. For anything to continue functioning, it needs sustenance. Vast amounts of energy are also needed that keeps the earth providing fuel for man, animals, plants, and machines. God’s word offers an explanation. He “upholdeth all things by the word of his power. . . . In him we live and move, and have our being” (Heb. 1:3; Acts 17:25).

**We Need To Know Our Destiny.** If life has meaning and purpose we need to know it. If there is the slightest possibility that life has meaning and that God and the Bible are right, then we are accountable. If the Bible is right, we can have the best of this world and the next. If we are wrong, we lose everything! Double or nothing! “There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12). When contemplating a world without God, I am overwhelmed with the conclusion that “I Need Thee Every Hour.”

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## “THE BIBLE IS OUTDATED”

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**W**hen critics of faith argue that the Bible is outdated, they offer what strikes me as an odd assertion. Do they mean by this that it is no longer applicable? Jesus said that His words will judge men on the last day (John 12:47-48). As the only reliable inspired account of Jesus' words, the Bible offers the standard by which we will be judged on “the last day.” That means that it remains applicable until that day. If the atheist poses this argument, he creates a paradox for himself. If there is no God today, there could have been no God in the past. Scripture then would not have *become outdated* it never would have been what it claims to be – “given by the inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). Critics might try to say that the belief in God itself, reflected in Scripture, served a purpose in the past, to explain the world of ancient man, but that purpose is no longer necessary. Now, so they might say, as was heard in the 1960s, “God is dead.” But the Bible offers a more enduring picture of Deity, teaching us plainly, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). His word, we are promised, “will by no means pass away” (Matt. 24:34).

Perhaps critics mean that the modern world has changed so much that the problems and challenges that face us are different from those that faced the ancient world. In the religious world, this very argument is sometimes used to argue that the church needs to change and adapt to each generation. The church hierarchy (so they say) or a personal and subjective revelation of the Holy Spirit (others argue) is necessary to address this ever-changing world.

Is the world really so different? The world of Bible times knew war (2 Sam. 11:1), corruption (Jer. 5:26-27), immorality (Gen. 19:4-5), famine (Acts 11:28), selfishness (1 Sam. 2:12-14), changing moral standards (Jer. 6:15), murder (Gen. 4:8), rape (2 Sam. 13:14), greed (John 12:4-6), and political and religious chaos (2 Chron. 13:4-12). What's so different? Yes, the technology they possessed was limited and their scientific understanding of the physical world

was different than ours, but we must not confuse the accumulation of knowledge and technology with some imagined evolution of human society. In the church, Paul told Timothy that New Testament writing was offered “that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God” (1 Tim. 3:15). This was a standard taught “everywhere in every church” (1 Cor. 4:17) as it should be today. Human beings were the same in Bible times as they are today. They faced the same questions, struggles, and challenges we do today. To them, as to us, the Bible was given as a divine guide to allow man to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17), granting to us “all things that pertain to life and godliness” (2 Pet. 1:2-4).

I'm afraid that the charge that the Bible is outdated really betrays something much more basic and far less cerebral within the hearts and minds of many. You see, if the Bible is outdated I don't need to study its teachings, follow its guidance, and hold myself to its principles. It's a relic of the past! It has no more power over me than the laws inscribed on the tombs of the Pharaohs or the edicts of Roman emperors. On the other hand, if the Bible is not outdated, then it presents standards of behavior, attitude, and lifestyle that must shape my choices, restrict my actions, and curb my desires in ways that many of us just don't want to accept. That's the real issue!

When we are challenged with this claim by folks we are trying to influence, we can certainly call them to recognize the enduring relevance of Scripture. We must teach them that the Bible offers the standard by which we will be judged – many do not realize this. We must teach them that God is eternal and ever lives as our Creator, Judge, and potential Redeemer – many do not realize that. We must also help them take off the veil of mystery that cloaks the ancient world to help them see a place not so different from our own, in order to lead them to see that the eternal God offered guidance to ancient men and women who wrestled with things


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“common to man” (1 Cor. 10:13) – many do not realize these things as well. Yet, when all is said and done, our biggest challenge may lie more in helping our friends and neighbors understand that “the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23). The way to life rests not in following our own preferences. Jesus said, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matt. 16:24). Often, the charge that the Bible is outdated may be just a more rational sounding excuse than saying, “I don’t like what it says, so I’m not going to do it!”

Now then, if we presume to know this underlying motive, when our friends use the excuse that “the Bible is outdated” we run the risk of assuming that we know what is deep in someone else’s mind. God alone “searches the hearts” (Rom. 8:27). We don’t want to insult people or act as if we know what we do not. However, much of the power of God’s word rests in its ability to penetrate “the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). Perhaps there are ways, as we answer the intellectual challenges to this charge, we can expose the

prospect to the deeper issue of recognizing man’s own inability to adequately guide his own steps. If God is our Creator, then “He knows our frame” (Psa. 103:14) and knows what is truly best for us. Human desire falls short when it comes to properly guiding man through the dangers of this life, and can offer us no insight into what is necessary to secure us beyond this life. When we were children, there were many things that we thought were best, but now as adults we can understand that there is a better way than we even imagined as children. To shatter the pretense that “the Bible is outdated” we may need to help people realize the childlike deficiency of our own knowledge. This immature deficiency can only be overcome by the mature insight offered by “the Father of spirits” (Heb. 12:9). Our friends and neighbors may not need a full helping of intellectual therapy, only a good dose of humility in order to recognize the real problem.

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## CREATION DID NOT OCCUR

JASON LONGSTRETH

**D**avid wrote in the book of Psalms, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Pss. 14:1; 53:1). The purpose of this article is not to specifically look at the concept of denying God’s existence (Another article in this issue will explore that topic.), but to examine a closely related matter. Namely, we will examine the commonly held modern-day belief that creation did not occur. According to those who hold to this view, instead of mankind being intelligently designed or made in the image of God, humanity simply evolved from lower life forms by means of random chance and mutation. This is what is often known as Darwinian evolution. Those who hold to such a theory also believe that the universe is either eternal in its nature or, what is more commonly believed in recent years, the universe simply “popped into” existence in some sort of self-created Big Bang. Whatever the cause may have been, the modern-day naturalist vehemently denies that any type of supernatural power could have been involved in bringing into existence the world in which we live or in bringing about life itself.

However, as useful as it may be to spend time considering the intricate details of Darwinian evolution or the naturalist explanation for the universe and how it operates, it is not my intention to do so in this article. I am also not intending to offer a critique of these views or present a polemic that one might use against their teachings. Instead, I want us to consider two areas as they relate to the biblical doctrine of creation. The first is why naturalists are so insistent upon denying the concept of creation. The purpose in examining such is to realize that this denial of creation is not based on scientific evidence or logical thought and reason (as they so often claim), but is instead the natural outgrowth of a philosophical position and is a matter of choice or desire. The second area that we are going to examine is why the biblical doctrine of creation is so important. Contrary to what some may claim, the origin of the universe, and of mankind in particular, is not a matter of little concern. Instead, it is foundational to everything else we understand regarding God and morality.

Hopefully, this will encourage further thought and meditation on these matters.

So, let’s begin by considering why naturalists are so determined to deny biblical creation. Simply put, they *want* to be able to deny God’s existence. In order to do so, they must also deny creation. As Peter was writing his second epistle, he mentioned those “in the last days” who would mock the believers while they follow after their own lusts. Notice 2 Peter 3:3-7, “Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” (NASB). This passage emphasizes the fact that those who wish to deny the judgment must also deny the creation. I believe this gets to the very heart of the matter.

In fact, if one were to study the history of those who have attempted to come up with a naturalistic explanation for the existence of the universe (and therefore deny creation), I believe he or she would find that these individuals intentionally set out to find a way around creation. A prominent example of such is found with the ancient Greek philosopher Epicurus. Many of us are familiar with what has become a summary of the Epicurean philosophy – eat, drink, and be merry. However, Epicurus did not really begin with the goal of wanton indulgence. Instead, his primary endeavor was to pursue the elimination of stress and of guilt. In Epicurus’ eyes, man’s greatest problem was that he felt pressure to behave a certain way and often felt guilty if he failed to live up to these expectations. Epicurus wanted man to live in an undisturbed fashion where he would be free from pain or judgment. According to Epicurus, the existence of a spiritual realm with gods (or a God) and the afterlife would only create more stress for man, as he would then be forced to live in such a way as to please the gods or else face judgment in the life to come. Therefore, Epicurus sought to come up with a theory whereby the material world was all that existed. He denied creation so that he could reshape his cosmology in such

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a way that God (or the gods) was eliminated from the picture. In order to do this, he promoted an atomic theory wherein the universe was made up of tiny atoms that were eternal and unbreakable. He further suggested that all of the complexities of life could be explained by the interactions of these tiny atoms. But what is most important for our consideration at this time is the fact that Epicurus purposely designed his closed system of nature so that he might exclude the supernatural. The end results of this are still being felt today. Many of those who deny creation do so because they do not want to answer to God.

But this brings us to our second area of consideration. Why is the biblical concept of creation so important? Simply put, it impacts everything we know about God and morality. I mention both God and morality because our understanding of ethics or right and wrong is directly connected to our understanding of God and His nature. If there were no God, then we would be free to do whatever we want. However, the fact that there is a God, that He created us and that He will judge us has a direct impact on our ethics. The Bible presents the fact that our God is a moral God. In a very real sense, whether an action is right or wrong depends on whether that action is in accordance with God's nature or is contrary to it. For example, Leviticus 19:2 instructs the reader to be holy because God is holy. In the same way, Peter uses this passage to instruct Christians to live a holy life. We should be holy, because God is holy. This means being holy is right and not being holy (because it is inconsistent with God's nature) would be wrong. Using the same argument, love has eternal value because love is a characteristic of God. 1 John 4 commands us to love one another because love is from God and also tells us that God is love. Therefore, love is right. In Luke 6, we are commanded to be merciful because God is merciful. Matthew 5 even contains the instruction to be perfect, because God is perfect. These passages uphold the idea that our actions should be directed by what we know of the nature of God. Whatever qualities God has are good qualities and whatever actions they would inspire are good actions. Whatever actions go against God's nature would be wrong. In this way, God's nature impacts biblical ethics.

Additionally, God's creative intent or the nature of creation itself also impacts biblical ethics. When Jesus overturned the Pharisees' understanding of divorce, He did so based on God's original

intent for marriage. Jesus went back to Genesis and argued that God had intended for a man and woman to be joined together for life. Therefore, any violation of God's original intent would be wrong. God expected His love and His other qualities to be demonstrated in marriage. In the same way, homosexuality is condemned in Romans 1 because it is not what God intended for man. The natural relationship is a man and a woman, not a man with a man or a woman with a woman. Premarital sex and extramarital sex is wrong because God intended the sexual relationship to exist within marriage. We can use this argument in many other areas, such as God's intent for men and women (gender roles), God's intent for the church, etc. The fact that God created man in His own image (as revealed in Genesis 1-2, Genesis 9, James 3, etc.) also plays a part here. Because of what man is, it is wrong to kill him, steal from him, or even speak evil of him. Of course, this argument is based not only on God's creative intent, but also on the nature of God Himself. In addition, we can point out that it is wrong for man to misuse or abuse our environment because God intended for man to care for it. As the image-bearer of God, we are called upon to keep the earth and to be good stewards of what God has created. We should respect life because God made life. It was on the basis of these basic understandings (the nature of God and God's creative intent) that the founding fathers of this nation built their ethic. In the *Declaration of Independence*, they wrote that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain rights. Therefore, if God intended them to have certain rights, it is wrong to take these rights away from them. How far we have fallen! Perhaps we can see why a government that wishes to take away the rights of individuals must also deny the concept of creation.

Why is the biblical doctrine of creation so commonly denied today? Because individuals do not want to accept that they must answer to God. Those who want to live their lives by their own rules will voluntarily choose to ignore the fact that God created us and that He has certain expectations for us. If we accept the fact that we are created by God and in His image, then we will seek to use our lives in such a way that we might please Him.

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## “THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF ISRAELITE HISTORY ARE MYTHS”

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Since the “Enlightenment” and the beginning of the “Age of Reason” (ca. 1650-1750), many have sought to consider all aspects of religion to be matters of myth and superstition. Many such people have denied the existence of God and all things supernatural. It is not surprising, therefore, that they have also attempted to cast aspersions on the record of history preserved in the Old Testament.

At one time these beliefs were restricted to the élites in the universities and seminaries, first in Europe, and then in America. Now their views are represented among a good number of “secular” people, especially those influenced by higher education. These views are also strenuously promoted through Internet articles and sensationalized television shows and find a far broader audience than before.

While different schools of thought grant different levels of legitimacy to different amounts of Israelite history as reflected in the Old Testament, all three which we will consider agree that at least part of that history did not actually happen. In their estimation, some parts of Israelite history are myths, that is, stories invented to explain a group’s existence, identity, location, customs, or other similar matters. Some would suggest that whole stories are complete fabrications; others would allow that certain individuals did exist in history but some or most of the stories told about them did not really happen. All would attempt to divorce the miraculous or supernatural from the narratives.

The most extreme school of thought is the minimalists, also known as the “Copenhagen School,” prominent in parts of northern Europe. In their eyes, the entire Old Testament is suspect, written entirely during the Persian (ca. 530-332 BCE) or Hellenistic (ca. 332-167 BCE) periods. They would not deny the possibility of the Old Testament preserving actual historical records, but believe that it is not possible to sort out fact from fiction. In their view, the Old Testament is useful only in understanding how Jews in the Persian and/or Hellenistic period understood

themselves and their nationality, and any attempt to understand Israel as a historical nation before the exile is historically dubious.

Most scholars repudiate the minimalist school as extreme, but dispute among themselves as to the extent of the legitimacy of the Old Testament historical narratives. In general, the older the narratives in the Old Testament, the more likely scholars are to believe it to represent mythology and not true historical events. To that end, most accept the history of the divided kingdom from 1 Kings 12 through 2 Kings 25 and the post-exilic events of Ezra and Nehemiah as generally valid. Many accept the history of the United Kingdom from 1 Samuel 8 through 1 Kings 11 as valid, but the advocates of the “low chronology” suggest that if those kings ever existed, they would be more like tribal chieftains, and place the archaeological evidence previously associated with the time of David and Solomon to the days of Omri and Ahab. Some believe the period of the Judges to broadly represent historical fact. The conquest of the land in the days of Joshua is heavily disputed: some scholars deny that the conquest ever happened, instead believing either that the Israelites more peaceably entered the land and ultimately overran much of its territory or that the Israelites were really a collection of Canaanites who banded together to become one nation. Other scholars believe the Israelites did conquer parts of Canaan. Most scholars believe the Exodus account to be largely mythological: some scholars will accept the idea that a band of people left Egypt and eventually settled in Canaan, either all at once or in stages, but precious few accept the Exodus account as stated. Most have also relegated all of the stories in Genesis into the category of myth. In the academic world, most of those who continue to accept the entire Old Testament history of Israel as historical fact are many scholars and theologians associated with “conservative” Evangelical Christianity, and some among Orthodox Judaism as well.

It is important to note that nothing has ever been discovered which refutes or casts

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serious doubt upon any of the narratives of Israelite history in the Old Testament: none of the stories has been “disproven.” As we will see, some pieces of evidence lend credence to the narratives of the Old Testament. Nevertheless, most of the claims against the legitimacy of the historical records of the Old Testament rest on the absence of evidence: a lack of evidence of the Exodus or the Wilderness wanderings; a lack of evidence of the conquest under Joshua; a lack of evidence for the building campaigns of David and Solomon; and so on and so forth.

Archaeological discoveries are the main reason why most people have rejected the beliefs of the minimalist school. Texts and other objects found both in the land of Israel and in the greater Egyptian and Mesopotamian area broadly agree with the historical narratives found regarding the periods of the divided kingdom, the exile, and after the exile. The “Cyrus Cylinder,” discovered in Babylon, extols Cyrus as a king who allowed people to return to their homelands and who restored temples and service to the gods, consistent with the decree of Cyrus for the Jews as preserved in Ezra 1:1-4. The “Nebo-Sarsekim Tablet” was also found in Babylon, naming the same official as found in Jeremiah 39:3. King Hezekiah of Judah is attested in Sennacherib’s Prism, describing the devastation of Judah and the siege of Jerusalem according to the perspective of the Assyrians, the Siloam inscription discovered in the Siloam Tunnel in Jerusalem, and by many seals (called *bullae*), particularly around Jerusalem. The Mesha Stele tells the Moabite version of the narrative found in 2 Kings 3:4-8, and explicitly names Omri as king of Israel, the men of Gad, and speaks of YHWH. An Aramean inscription found in Tel Dan and dated around 850-800 BCE speaks of victory over the king of Israel and the “house of David.” Stories of Canaanite religion found among texts from Ugarit in northern Phoenicia are consistent with the portrayal of Canaanite religion (and the basis of much of Israel’s idolatry) in the Old Testament. These and many other discoveries directly and indirectly demonstrate that the historical narratives of the Old Testament fit within their time and place.

The recent discovery of a well-established fortress at Khirbet Qeiyafa dated to the period of the United Monarchy suggests that David and Solomon were more than mere tribal chieftains. The earliest evidence for Israel outside of the Bible comes from the Merneptah Stele, ca. 1213-1203, in which Pharaoh Merneptah of Egypt boasts that he laid waste to Israel, an event unattested in the Old Testament. Even though we have not discovered any direct evidence for earlier events, many of the features of the narratives in Genesis are consistent with their time period toward the end of the third millennium BCE in ways inconsistent with later times (e.g. Sarai giving Hagar to Abraham to bear children, Genesis 16:1-4).

We cannot expect archaeological and historical evidence to “prove” that the historical narratives of the Old Testament are factual: the best that can be expected is for archaeological and historical evidence to show that these historical narratives fit into their time period and are consistent with all available evidence. The historical narratives of the Old Testament meet this criterion: the events described make sense in the time frame in which they are alleged to have taken place. All claims against their legitimacy depend on absence of evidence, but absence of evidence is not evidence: a lack of corroborating evidence does not automatically mean that a given narrative is a myth. Archaeological and historical evidence is comparatively scant, especially in Israel, and a product of happenstance: there is much we do not know, and much we will never know.

Archaeology and history do not disprove the narratives of the Old Testament; in fact, they show how those narratives are consistent with their times and places. If it were not for the existence of Judaism and Christianity, and modern desires to reject and repudiate religion, much of this doubt would not exist. We have no good basis upon which to doubt the legitimacy of the historical narratives of the Old Testament; we therefore do well to accept them as true as we serve Jesus, the fulfillment of Israelite history, as Lord!

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## PLURALISM: TOLERANCE OF ALL BELIEFS

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**D**uring an interview with evangelical pastor Rick Warren that was broadcast on Christmas Eve, Piers Morgan, the controversial journalist and CNN television host, once again stroked the flames of controversy, asserting that both the Bible and the U.S. Constitution are “inherently flawed” and need new “amendments.”

Morgan declared, “Both the Bible and the Constitution were well intentioned but they are basically, inherently flawed. Hence, the need to amend it. My point of view about gay-rights, for example, [is that] it’s time for an amendment to the Bible. You should compile a new Bible.”

Warren responded, “Uh, no. Not a chance! What I believe is flawed is human opinion, because it constantly changes. In fact, we do it every eight years in America. We have a change in opinion. What was hot is now not. I willingly admit that I base my world-view on the Bible, which I believe is true. My definition of truth is: if it’s new, it’s not true. If it was true a thousand years ago, it will be true a thousand years from today. Opinion changes, but truth doesn’t.”

Morgan replied, “We are going to agree to disagree on that.” [<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2253902/Now-Piers-Morgan-says-Bible-flawed.html>]

While Mr. Morgan’s comments are extreme and inflammatory, they are by no means unusual. Many accept his underlying premise. Political progressives view the Constitution as a living document, subject to the shibboleths of each successive generation. Religious liberals view Sacred Scripture in a similar light.

In one sense, Piers Morgan’s statement is more honest than some of his compatriots. He acknowledges that the Bible, as written and received, does not endorse gay marriage. Similarly, his comments about the Constitution acknowledge that current efforts to deny law-abiding citizens the right to bear arms is a violation of the Second Amendment. Thus, Mr. Morgan believes that both the Bible and the

Constitution need to be amended, so that they will conform to the contemporary mindset.

This incident provides a useful occasion to examine the concepts of pluralism and tolerance. Is it true, as many assert, that all beliefs are equally valid, and that we should manifest a tolerance for all beliefs? Is truth defined by each individual? Does it make any difference what we believe and practice?

What is meant by “pluralism”? While the word can have a variety of meanings, in this discussion, it refers to the philosophical “theory that there are more than one or more than two kinds of ultimate reality” (Webster) or “a theory or system that recognizes more than one ultimate principle” (Oxford). Citizens of the United States have long been blessed to live in a nation where diverse ethnic, racial, religious, and social groups can peacefully coexist. While we enjoy freedom of religious thought and expression, this does not mean that all are equally valid, at least in the eyes of God, and according to the standard of divine revelation.

What is meant by “tolerance”? Again, the word has several meanings, but here it refers to “sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one’s own” (Webster) or “the ability, willingness, or capacity to tolerate something” (Oxford). Again, we are blessed with various freedoms (i.e., assembly, speech, and religion). However, this does not mean that truth is relative or self-defined.

### MODERN TOLERANCE

The modern concept of tolerance is incompatible with the teaching of Jehovah God, who declared “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exod. 20:3-6; Deut. 6:13-15; Isa. 44:6-8). It is incompatible with the teaching of the Old Testament prophets, who called upon ancient Israel to choose between the Lord and false idols (Josh. 24:14-28; 1 Kings 18:20-40; Jer. 2:9-13). It is incompatible with the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, who condemned unscriptural innovations, and affirmed, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the

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Father but through Me” (Matt. 7:21-23; 15:1-14; John 14:6). It is incompatible with the teaching of the New Testament apostles and prophets, who denounced all who preach a different gospel, and exhorted Christians to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints” (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; Jude 3-4).

### BIBLICAL TOLERANCE

The Greek word *anechō*, which is translated “show tolerance” or “tolerate” in the NASB, means either “to regard someone or something with tolerance,” i.e., *bear with, put up with, tolerate*, or “to undergo something onerous or troublesome without giving in, i.e., *endure*.” This word occurs 15 times in the New Testament, and may be grouped in the following categories.

**Some things are tolerated because they fall within the purview of duty.** Regarding the complaint made by the Jews against Paul, Gallio the proconsul of Achaia said, “If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to **\*put up** with you; but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters” (Acts 18:12-17, esp. vs. 14-15). It was Gallio’s duty to judge criminal wrongdoing; however, religious disputes fell outside his civil jurisdiction (Rom. 13:1-7). Additionally, faithful disciples willingly **\*endure** persecutions and afflictions (1 Cor. 4:11-13, esp. v. 12; 2 Thess. 1:3-5, esp. v. 4). Facing such trials is part and parcel of Christian service (John 15:18-25).

**Some things are tolerated because they fall within the purview of love.** Regarding the faithless generation to which He ministered, Jesus said, “How long shall I be with you? How long shall I **\*put up** with you?” (Matt. 17:14-18, esp. v. 17; Mark 9:14-29, esp. v. 19; Luke 9:37-45, esp. v. 41). Recognizing our common frailty, we should be thankful that the Lord bears with our weakness; yet, let us also recognize the limits of divine patience (2 Pet. 3:8-13).

Christians must also show **\*tolerance** toward one another in love (Eph. 4:1-3, esp. v. 2), **\*bearing** with one another, and forgiving each other, if a brother has a complaint against another (Col. 3:12-14, esp. v. 13). This “new

commandment” was enjoined by Christ Himself: We should love one another, as we collectively strive to walk according to His commandments (John 13:34-35; 2 John 4-6).

**Some things must not be tolerated because they fall outside the purview of truth.** Paul used the Greek term for tolerance to jokingly describe the Corinthians attitude toward himself: “I wish that you would **\*bear** with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are **\*bearing** with me” (2 Cor. 11:1-3, esp. v. 1). More seriously, Paul used this term in describing the Corinthian church’s unfortunate toleration of false teachers and their damnable doctrines (2 Cor. 11:4, 16-21, esp. vv. 19-20; cf. also 2 Pet. 2:1-3).

In like-manner, the resurrected Christ criticized the church in Thyatira for tolerating evil within their midst: “But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols” (Rev. 2:18-25, esp. vs. 20).

### CONCLUSION

Disciples should be tolerant of one another, as we struggle with weakness, but strive to live faithfully to the Lord. Nevertheless, we must not tolerate sinful behavior or false doctrine, in the sense that we accept and endorse the same. It all connects with our attitude toward the truth. While human opinions are in a state of constant flux, divine truth never changes (Psa. 119:89, 160; Isa. 40:6-8; 1 Pet. 1:22-25). Apostates will not endure sound doctrine (2 Tim. 4:1-5, esp. v. 3), but believers bear with the inspired message of exhortation (Heb. 13:22). While disciples are obligated to show tolerance for one another in love, we must respect the doctrinal distinctives of the Gospel (Eph. 4:1-16).



## “THE CHRIST OF FAITH IS NOT THE JESUS OF HISTORY”

DAVID MCCLISTER

**E**ver since the historical-critical method was developed in the Enlightenment (roughly 1650-1780), historians and skeptical Biblical scholars have attempted to read the Bible according to this method in order to find out what the “real” Jesus was like. The method itself excludes the supernatural as a credible part of human experience (and therefore of history), so the basic idea is that if we strip the miraculous from the gospels, and the stories in which Jesus’ disciples expressed their belief that He was more than just a man, then we will be able to get down to the “facts” about Jesus and see what He was “really” like. Not surprisingly, we have been told over and over again by those who have applied this method to the gospels that the “real” Jesus is *nothing* like the Jesus we find when we read the gospels at face value (with the further implication that we have all been “duped” by the gospel authors).

One would think that scholars who entered this pursuit armed with the same method would arrive at the same conclusions concerning Jesus, but the fact is that the results have been anything but uniform. This obviously suggests that there is more to the historical-critical method than scientific, objective inquiry. Using the same method, Hermann Reimarus “discovered” (in a work published posthumously in 1774) that Jesus was a failed Jewish reformer whose disciples refused to accept his failure, scholars such as E. Renan (in 1863) and A. Harnack (in 1900) “found” that Jesus was simply a teacher of noble timeless morality, and men like D. Strauss (in 1860) and W. Wrede (in 1901) concluded that there is actually very little, if any, historical information about Jesus in the gospels. Albert Schweitzer pointed out that these attempts to recover the historical Jesus were actually grand efforts of self-deception, because the Jesus that came out of such studies was nothing more than a reflection of the people who were doing the searching. He remarked, “But it was not only each epoch that found its reflections in Jesus; each individual created Him in accordance with his own character” (*The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, p. 4).

In spite of this failure of the “Quest for the Historical Jesus” (as the pursuit has come to be known), scholars were convinced that the endeavor could succeed. The “quest” was renewed in the 1950s now armed with the critical tools of form criticism and redaction criticism. These methods of literary analysis, it was believed, would allow us to work more accurately and finally get to the “real” Jesus. Also, scholars now began to develop explicit criteria of historicity by which gospel stories and sayings of Jesus were judged. Any gospel material that did not pass the criteria was judged to be inauthentic as a witness to the historical Jesus. In a real sense, this renewed (or second) quest for the historical Jesus went even further afield than the original attempts. Perhaps the most famous results are those of John D. Crossan, who has argued that the real Jesus was an itinerant Galilean Cynic philosopher!

In some cases, the criteria that were formulated to help us see the “real” Jesus are so unusual that the result of investigating the history of Jesus by them could not possibly stand in the light of reason. For example, one of the criteria is called the “criterion of dissimilarity.” It asserts that, if something in the gospels is different from the Jewish culture of Jesus’ own day and from what the later Christians believed, then it is probably something that Jesus actually said or did. The idea here is that people who invented stories about Jesus would have attributed to Him things that were already common in their day, so things that are different would not have been invented. However, the other side of this is that, if we apply the criterion of dissimilarity consistently, we then end up with a Jesus who was basically un-Jewish, who shared none of the ideas, beliefs, or culture of His own day and who would have fit in with no one of His own times. It is hard to imagine any historical figure who could satisfy such a criterion, let alone Jesus.

The moment we begin to establish criteria against which we will judge the gospels, we have thereby placed limitations upon the results we can obtain. Furthermore, such criteria will always be expressions of our own ideas of truth or of our own imaginations concerning how things could or could not happen, so again the Jesus that comes through this process will be nothing other than a reflection of the people who wrote the criteria. Also, these criteria will necessarily reflect

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the limitations of our knowledge. The fact is that we know only a fraction about the past, and New Testament scholars are increasingly admitting that we know relatively little about the Judaism of Jesus' day. Given our extensive historical ignorance, can we really apply criteria of historicity (especially concerning similarity or dissimilarity) with confidence?

One of the great problems with both the “first” and “second” quests is that in the process of stripping the gospel accounts of any hint of the supernatural, the Jesus that was left was often nothing other than a wandering Jewish sage or just a “good man” who went about teaching love toward others and sincerity toward God. The difficulty here is why such a Jesus would have been seen as a threat to the Jewish leaders and the Romans who, according to the gospels (and which is accepted by nearly all) conspired together to crucify Jesus as a false Messiah. As William Temple put it, “Why anyone should have troubled to crucify the Christ of Liberal Protestantism has always been a mystery” (*Readings in St. John's Gospel*, p. xxiv). Similarly, N. T. Wright has demanded that “Jesus must be understood as a comprehensible and yet, so to speak, crucifiable first-century Jew, whatever the theological or hermeneutical consequences” (*Jesus and the Victory of God*, p. 86).

A “third quest for the historical Jesus” is now underway. It has the potential to provide much better results, because it is less skeptical of the gospels and its goal is to locate Jesus firmly within His Jewish context and to understand Him from that perspective. But the older view is very much alive and well, as evidenced by shows about Jesus and apocryphal gospels which frequently appear on the History Channel. The idea persists that we do not “really” know what Jesus was like, and it is presented as an “enlightened” and more accurate view of Jesus as opposed to a simple belief in what the gospels say.

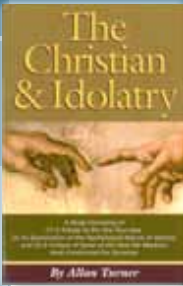
Was Jesus not what the gospels portray Him to be? Are the gospels nothing other than the projected dreams of admiring disciples who were enamored with Jesus to the point that they invented stories about His miraculous powers? It seems to me that much of the matter comes down to the credibility of the gospel authors. Were they inventors of wild stories about Jesus? If so, was no one in their day able to catch them in their deceit? Was everyone in the ancient world stupid and gullible? I remind us all that one of Jesus'

own disciples, Thomas, initially refused to believe the reports of the resurrection of Jesus (John 20:18-25) even when they came from people he knew well. If Thomas was skeptical, then some people who were not close disciples of Jesus would have been skeptical too, and we would expect them to oppose the gospel records on the basis of their being factually incorrect. Yet we hear no such objections in the first century or in the early second century (the very time when the eyewitnesses were still alive).

What Jesus said and did, He said and did in public, often around great crowds of people (*cf.* Acts 26:26 – “this has not been done in a corner”). If Jesus had not really worked the miracles attributed to Him, or if events in His life did not really happen, does it not seem likely that the people who were there on those occasions would have spoken up and exposed the lies the gospel authors were supposedly spreading? If there were not twelve baskets of leftovers after Jesus fed the 5000 (Matt. 14:20), would not someone who was there have pointed this out? If Jesus never healed many sick at Capernaum (Matt. 8:16), would not the people of that village have denied that story? Of the thousands of people who saw Jesus in various places while He was here, not one of them ever stepped up to call the apostles liars. In the absence of refutations from those who were alive at the time, and in the presence of hundreds of witnesses (*cf.* 1 Cor. 15:6), we are compelled to accept the testimony of the gospel authors. Their accounts are based on the experiences of eyewitnesses, and their reports have proven to be accurate in the places where we have been able to check them. In the end, the Christ of faith and the Jesus of history are one and the same. The real Jesus is the one presented in the fullness of gospel accounts.

There is a lesson for us that comes out of this. Liberal scholars are not the only people who tend to make Jesus in their own image and who “find” the kind of Jesus for which they are looking. It is easy for anyone, ourselves included, to see Jesus as a reflection of ourselves, to see the kind of Jesus we want to see, a Jesus who is amenable to our way of thinking and to our own preferences and prejudices. May God grant us the honesty to see the Jesus of the Bible, and to accept Him just as He is.

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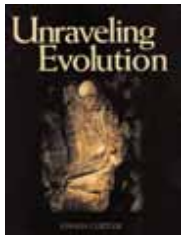
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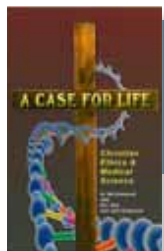


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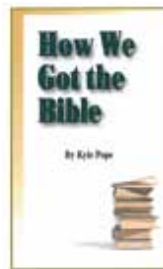
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## “DOMESTIC PARTNERS”

DANNY MCKIBBEN

**"C**ohabitation in the United States has increased by more than 1,500 percent in the past half century. In 1960, about 450,000 unmarried couples lived together. Now the number is more than 7.5 million." So said an article from the *New York Times* (April 14, 2012). For many people today, marriage seems a bit too restrictive on their freedom and lifestyle. They prefer to just live together or to be in cohabitation, thus they will not be "restricted" by the promises or commitments that marriage would put upon them. As one young lady stated in the above article, "We were sleeping over at each other's places all the time," she said. "We liked to be together, so it was cheaper and more convenient. It was a quick decision but if it didn't work out there was a quick exit." Some call it "Free Union," i.e. being joined together in a union, but with the "Free" part of the relationship in place, so as not to feel "restricted or bound" or "obligated" or not having to live under the promise "until death do us part." They do not want to feel like a "slave" or to be in some sort of "bondage" in their relationship. Their thinking is like getting a car, we should "try it out" to see if it is going to fit into our lifestyle, to see if we are compatible. And if not, we can easily trade "models" if she or he does not fit into my desires and my whims. Because they reason, if we get married, I will be "stuck with this person." Besides it is a long process to divorce and more expensive to get shed of him or shed of her. So then, this is how human beings once again vainly reason according to what seems right in their own eyes (Prov. 14:12).

Yet the Lord has spoken plainly on the matter, "*Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge*" (Heb.13:4). Fornication or sexual immorality *is sinful*, period, end of argument. There is absolutely no justification for people to practice shacking up together. Dating is the period to get to know one another, to see if you are compatible in

your attitudes, mind set, goals, desires in life, etc. Having a sexual relationship is not a part of courtship. But "sexual communion" is, as one person said, "God's wedding gift" for those who make the covenant and commitment of marriage. Paul warned about immorality and said, "*But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience*" (Eph. 5:3-6). Listen to Paul's sound wisdom, "*let no man deceive you with empty words.*" When the Bible says "*do not be deceived,*" rest assured, that it is a real possibility that we can be deceived, and that there are plenty of folks who have been deceived on this matter. Whatever the empty words and reasoning that men or women use to talk someone into just "Shacking up" together, it is just that, *empty words!* In the commitment, resolution, agreement, covenant, or contract of marriage, the marriage bed is pure and holy. The institution of marriage is to be had in honor around the world, but God has warned that fornicators and adulterers He will judge, both in time and in eternity. People in general used to, after dating for a while, discuss marriage if they want the relationship to continue. Now many will discuss just "Shacking up" together. We need to sound forth the word of the Lord in this matter, of what is honorable and what is dishonorable (Heb. 13:4). Let us call "Shacking up" or cohabitation for what it is, the sin of fornication. Many folks need to "wake up and smell the coffee" on this Bible topic. Let us encourage people to respect the Lord, His word, His church, society, the family unit, and civil government in this great God ordained institution called marriage. For God commissioned it back in Genesis 2, this institution called marriage; it was His first great institution. Let us proclaim

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the Lord’s will that marriage is honorable among all and that immorality will bring the wrath of God upon the disobedient. As Paul said, “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in

*all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you” (1 Thess. 4:3-8).* When we reject the Bible on this topic or any other, we are in reality rejecting God.

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# 2013 CEI Lectures — July 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

**THEME:** Building Strong Families For Strong Churches and A Strong Nation

**PLACE:** Athens Bible School, Athens, AL

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8:00 AM		<b>Absentee Fathers</b> Don Miller	<b>Unfaithful Husbands</b> Greg Chandler	<b>Spiritual Leader of the Home</b> Justin McCorkle
9:00 AM		<b>Putting God First in the Home</b> Norman Webb	<b>The Father As Provider</b> Tommy Hagewood	<b>Sex Is Limited to Marriage</b> Phillip Stuckey
10:00 AM	<b>Children’s Track:</b>	<b>Developing Character in Children</b> Bobby Graham	<b>Our Children’s Legacy</b> Stan Adams	<b>Wisdom in Child Rearing</b> Mark Mayberry
11:00 AM	<b>Women’s Track:</b>	<b>Adjusting to Widowhood</b> Ruby Hall	<b>Mother’s Role in Spiritual Training</b> Becky Romine	<b>Can I Be A Supermom?</b> Elaine Jordan
11:00 AM	<b>Men’s Track:</b>	<b>The Threat of Pornography</b> Ron Halbrook	<b>The Threat of Being Too Busy</b> Colby Junkin	<b>The Blessings &amp; Threat of Government</b> Mark Hudson
7:00 PM	Singing	Singing	No Singing	Singing
7:30 PM	<b>The Broken Home in America</b> John Humphries	<b>Redefining Marriage</b> Kyle Pope	No Lecture	<b>For the Sake of Our Churches and Our Country: Build Strong Families</b> Mike Richardson

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## SHOULD AMERICA LEGALIZE GAY MARRIAGE?

STEVE MONTS

**O**ur subject is both controversial and crucial. It is a disturbing reality we find ourselves in today, and sometimes we would rather not have to deal with this. However, Jesus prayed that we don't leave the world but rather stay in the world and be kept from the evil one (John 17:15). So then we must wrestle with this question that has profound implications on our country.

Before we answer the question at hand let see what the Scripture says about the homosexual relationship.

Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*." So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!" (Gen. 19:4-6).

...as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire (Jude 7).

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, *nor homosexuals, nor sodomites*, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Man rejects any absolute standard. We hate the thought that some things are right and some things are wrong, some normal and some abnormal. With changing social norms it is society that decides right and wrong. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association declassified homosexuality as an illness. Till then it was recognized as abnormal, but with a flip of a switch

and snap of some fingers it became normal. Why? The answer is simple –because society says so.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due (Rom. 1:26-27).

Romans chapter 1 gives features of every crumbling culture when you look at the history of cultures. They chose to live out vile passions and God said, "Ok, I will give you to it. I will stand back and let you have what you want and you will see the end thereof."

So, should America legalize gay marriage? America can do anything it wants to do, and it will. The real question is this: "Can America legalize gay marriage with the approval of the God of heaven?" The answer is clear, it is a resounding – NO! But a ruling by the Supreme Court in favor of gay marriage cannot be too far in the future. The United States of America is a collection of individual states that have rights to vote on such issues. There are many more states that ban gay marriage than allow it but in the recent votes more have sought to legalize it. Those states are more liberal concerning social issues; however, the media is claiming this as a nationwide trend. Barak Obama chose 2012 as the year to announce he has changed his position and he now favors gay marriage. California, a very socially liberal state, has voted against it twice and both times the judges overruled the will of the people. What has happened in California is a snapshot of our law system. Any decision the Supreme Court gives concerning gay marriage will override any decision individual states have made. This is not a country ruled by the majority but is under the tyranny of the minority. Homosexuals make up 2-3% of America's population. But with the help of the media, Hollywood, ultra liberal churches, and the president you would be led to believe the

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percentage is much higher. And because of them they will take America where they want it to go. It is no longer about what God would deem to be right or moral. So America will do what it wants to do but not with God's approval. Ultimately, no human court can overrule that which Deity has decreed. Psalm 33 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Therefore the negative must be true too. *Cursed be the nation whose God is not the Lord.* And Scripture would verify this to be so. Our nation's founding fathers saw this clearly. They would roll in their graves to see the country today on the cusp of legalizing gay marriage. It would be as far out as Star Wars to them. Yet here we are in a not too distant future, in a proverbial galaxy far, far away from where we once were.

On another note, we are even told that "God made people gay." God did not make people that way. The Bible says it is learned behavior due to individual choice. Romans 1:24-26 says, "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, *who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.*" There was *an exchange made* in a person's life and it was foundational to that life. The person chose to reject the natural order and seek after the unnatural. And that is why God condemns it. He would not condemn that which He had made.

So is it a sickness? Sickness implies something that is beyond one's help. You cannot help it if you catch a cold. So then homosexuality is not a sickness, *but it is a sin.* In 1 Corinthians 6:11 after He mentions the life of homosexuality does God say, "that is what some of you *are*?" No, but, "what you *were*!" It is choice, not DNA. What some of you *were*! If that is what some of you *are*, you don't have to be. The Bible says,

It is choice,  
not DNA.

"the son of man came to seek and save the lost." No one can help the homosexual like Jesus can. He can transform, by helping kill the old man and make a new man! "If *any* man or woman be in Christ they are a new creation" (2 Cor. 5:17). Let us not forget the Gospel is the only hope for America.

Thankfully for everyone, we serve a God who always looks in the distance to see where prodigals have wandered away, hoping, praying for their full return. That is the character of God. Gays can be saved as non gay sinners can be saved – when the plan of salvation is obeyed. The God we serve is rich in mercy and abundant with loving kindness. We have a song that says, "to the VILEST offender who truly believes, when buried with Jesus a pardon receives."

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# A WOMAN HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

LYDIA CASEY

**S**o much has happened in the last forty years, since the US Supreme Court decided in 1973 that a woman had the right to choose to abort her child unless the child was “viable” – in other words, able to survive outside the womb. The infamous *Roe v. Wade* case set America on a devastating course of chaos and destruction like few events in our nation’s history have. On this issue, “choice” was allowed to trump the law of God (Exod. 20:13) in determining what was right (Prov. 14:12).

You probably know that the Court based its “right to privacy” decision on the Fourteenth Amendment’s due process clause. There were two dissenting voices: Justices Byron R. White and William H. Rehnquist, who believed that the Court was artificially manufacturing a new “right” for women and overstepping in a matter that should’ve been left to the states to legislate for themselves. Many “pro-choice” legal experts agree that White and Rehnquist were correct.

Although the numbers shift as the years pass, most Americans still believe that abortion should either never be allowed or should be allowed only in certain circumstances. A pronounced minority (approximately 23%) believe that abortion should be available under any circumstance – in other words, “abortion on demand.”

Yet, the bloody rampage continues: since *Roe v. Wade*, about 54 million babies have been aborted in this country, at the current rate of approximately 1 million each year. Our Father in heaven surely looks down on our nation now with deep disapproval and righteous anger.

As a Christian, I have had the blessing of sitting at the feet of many preachers who have explained from the Scriptures why abortion is wrong under any circumstances. Growing up listening to this teaching, I’m sure I studied passages like Jeremiah 1:5 and Luke 1:15, 41-44, which teach that unborn babies are living persons (see also Isa. 19:1; Ps. 139:13-14; Job 3:11-19). I learned that, under the Law of Moses, someone who caused the death of an unborn child was given the penalty for destroying life (Exod. 21:22-25).

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We need to keep on teaching and writing on this timely subject, as young people today are often assumed to be “pro-choice” in academic settings by their instructors and peers, just as they can be assumed to accept things like evolution, the radical environmental movement, and homosexuality by those in influence over them.

As parents who are Christians, let’s not make a similar mistake by assuming our children will grow up believing as we do about these issues. We need to do everything we can, both as the extended family of Christ’s body and in the close family circle, to make sure that our young people see these evils clearly and never, ever compromise their scriptural beliefs regarding them.

Study the issue of abortion with your children – let them see your tears. Cause them to know how important it is to oppose this terrible sin against God and all humanity. Abortion represents one of the fronts in the spiritual war today, for right now – more than it has been since 1973 – our conscience-driven opposition to abortion has been swept aside. Worse, the pro-life side is under attack by a federal government seemingly bent on making abortion more widespread than ever before.

I’ve noticed that when President Barack Obama is giving a speech or being pressed



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during a face-to-face interview, he insists that he wishes for there to be fewer abortions, but everyone knows that actions speak more loudly than words. He has for many years, going back to his time in the Illinois state Senate, been a staunch supporter of abortion, even the barbaric partial-birth abortion procedure. Again and again, he has sponsored, supported, and voted for legislation supporting abortion “rights” and federal funding of abortion on demand. In lockstep with abortion proponents, he has repeatedly blocked and stood against the rights of the unborn, viable or otherwise. His lack of compassion is staggering.

The crown jewel of the President’s first term, the 2010 passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – “Obamacare” – creates the greatest expansion of abortion since *Roe v. Wade*. By mandating that every American citizen purchase health insurance (through private health insurance, state exchanges, or Medicaid), this law makes it possible and even probable that each of us will be paying for abortion services – because each of those insurance avenues can and in some cases are required to provide coverage for abortion.

The result now is and will continue to be hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars being directed to the abortion industry each year: for example, in 2010, \$487 million in federal taxes went to Planned Parenthood, the global abortion giant that gets a third of its budget from taxpayers. Planned Parenthood is the major abortion provider in the US and puts all its revenue into one pot. There’s no way to make sure money going to Planned Parenthood does not cover abortions.

It’s true that legal challenges to Obamacare’s mandates regarding abortion are being made across the US by states, individual lawmakers, pro-life organizations, and even corporations like Hobby Lobby – and in some cases even won. But the President and other pro-abortion lawmakers have created a perverse shell game in which funding for abortion providers can remain in place from a variety of sources that are hard to track and eliminate.

Indeed, today’s news about abortion is not encouraging. A dismaying recent development is the increased use of the “medical” abortion procedure, during which a doctor doesn’t even need to be present. The medical abortion takes place when the mother is prescribed a series of pills that cause the detachment of the baby from the uterine wall, and, after some time, the expulsion of the baby from the mother’s body.

However, the “surgical” abortion procedure (during which the mother’s uterus is probed and sometimes punctured with a suction instrument that dismembers, decapitates, and pulls out the baby) still accounts for the majority of abortions. Ultrasound technology is not used during routine Planned Parenthood abortions, and – if you think about it – it’s easy to understand why.

Research has shown that, were each woman planning to have an abortion able to see ultrasound images of her unborn baby, 85% of those women would decide not to. Were all mothers considering abortion told that babies being aborted do feel pain and do recoil from the abortionist’s tool and frantically try to flee, and that women and girls who have abortions often suffer mightily for the rest of their lives, we as a society would have fewer abortions.

But these are things the abortion providers will not tell the customer who walks through their doors. They will remove obstacles or “choices” for the mother and pave the way for that lucrative abortion procedure to take place. They want to keep the abortion industry thriving in this country.

What can individual Christians do in the face of the massiveness of this evil? We can keep praying that hearts will be changed, that information will be shared, that indifferent eyes will be opened, and that God’s laws will be honored. We can go to the ballot box with the intent that our voices be heard. We can track developments in our own community, helping where we can in the ongoing fight against the murder of the unborn. And we can teach our children that to take an innocent life is never the right “choice,” no matter what any judge in any courtroom ever says (Deut. 30:19).



# ALL CONSENSUAL SEX IS HARMLESS

BRENT PASCHALL

**If** I act as though what is false is true, I am going to have a head-on collision with reality. If I take the sexual relationship and treat it as though it has only as much significance as a minor business transaction, I am spitting into the wind. The idea that any sexual activity between consenting adults is harmless is a pagan superstition. It is pagan, because it has no basis in true religion and has been believed by pagans throughout human history. It is superstition, because those who believe it do so blindly, and it would take divine intervention for it to possibly be true. This pagan superstition is no less harmful and misguided than, for example, the old Indian practice of burning widows on the funeral pyres of their husbands. Even when a wife followed the superstition voluntarily, it was horrible and wrong.

Unfortunately, millions of human beings are blindly following this superstition and finding out how harmful sexual immorality is.

## IT IS HARMFUL PHYSICALLY

Sexually transmitted diseases have been the bane of society for many centuries. These diseases cause health problems ranging from minor discomfort to sores, severe pain, sterility, deformity, dementia, and death. "Protection" has been promoted that is intended to reduce the risks, but in many cases the effect is simply to multiply the occurrence of risky behaviors. All the while, the United States Centers for Disease Control [CDC] advises, "The surest way to avoid transmission of sexually transmitted diseases . . . is to abstain from sexual contact or to be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is known to be uninfected." Have the researchers at the CDC been studying the Bible (Gen. 2:24; 1 Cor. 7:39; Matt. 19:1-9)? The sexual union was never intended to be a cause of harm to humanity, but when we don't do things God's way we turn a blessing into a curse.

## IT IS HARMFUL EMOTIONALLY

Separating sexual activity from the committed relationship of marriage evacuates it of its



intended purpose and meaning. Unfortunately, it also fills it with any number of other meanings, which are invariably destructive emotionally. If all that is necessary is mutual consent, sexual activity can occur for virtually any reason: pursuit of individual pleasure, glory, power, or control; to soothe one's own feelings of pain, loneliness or inadequacy; to "pay" for goods, services or benefits; to attack an enemy; to defy parents, God or society; the list could be as long as the catalogue of human depravity. Not only that, my reason for "consenting" could be very different or even in conflict with my partner's reason for "consenting." A mutual activity of physical and emotional intimacy and oneness is now a swirling tempest of emotional turmoil, tearing people apart instead of bringing them together.

We now live in a society where, in order to protect ourselves from the physical and emotional damage that threatens every sexual relationship, we must fear, distrust, worry, check and double-check, all with the knowledge that we could have our lives turned upside-down or cruelly shortened by one careless action that some would like to call "harmless." Young adults are between a rock and a hard place, as they endure constant pressure to validate their self-worth by conforming to worldly sexual standards, while understandably fearing the consequences of their actions. Not surprisingly, "hookups" are often-times aided by the influence of drugs

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or alcohol, with about the same satisfaction as receiving nourishment through a feeding tube. The "Bible scholars" at the CDC are helpful here as well, "Avoiding alcohol and drug use may also help prevent transmission of [STDs] because these activities may lead to risky sexual behavior" (Prov. 23:29-35; Rom. 13:13-14). These shallow sexual encounters typify the shallow relationships which are based upon them, which end much as did Amnon's relationship with Tamar: "the hate with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her" (2 Sam. 13:15).

### IT IS HARMFUL SOCIETALLY

What is the effect on a society when more than half of its youth are "damaged goods" physically, emotionally, and sexually before they even reach 25 years of age? That was a question that could only be asked a few generations ago. Now we see the answer all around us, every day. The true costs of "free love" are on full display as mothers kill their unborn children, pop culture sexualizes children at younger and younger ages, treatments for diseases which are the fruit of sexual immorality steadily lose their effectiveness, and guilt, grief, neglect, poverty, hatred, abuse, despair, death, and destruction abound where men and women sow to the flesh, and of the flesh reap corruption (Gal. 6:8).

### IT IS HARMFUL SPIRITUALLY

What all of the modern doctrinal and moral errors we have under consideration have in common is their failure to account for God as the Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Judge of humanity. This is the same as saying that these errors fail to take into account the most important truth about ourselves as human beings, that we have an immortal spirit made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). If we do not know this about ourselves, then an enormous amount of what goes on in our lives remains unexplained and unexplainable. The difficulty is made worse if we ignore it (Rom. 1:28).

When it comes to sexual morality then, the question is not whether society consents to my behavior, nor whether I can get some other human being to consent to participating in it with

me, but whether God gives His consent. The only way to know is for Him to tell us. Thankfully, He has. "Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Heb. 13:4, NASB). To act without His consent is to repudiate my relationship with Him and deface the divine image that I bear.

Marriage is a relationship of life-long commitment. It is the proper relationship for a man and a woman in which the blessings of physical and emotional union can be enjoyed. It is the proper relationship between the church and Christ, which enjoys an even more significant spiritual union (Eph. 5:25-33). It is not the proper relationship between human beings and the pagan superstitions of an ungodly culture. When this wicked world is going up in the flames of God's judgment (Jude 7; 2 Pet. 3:7), do not, like a devoted Indian spouse, be there to cast yourself on the funeral pyre and share in its destruction. No custom, peer group, or law, written or unwritten, can force you to do that, but if you act as though all consensual sex is harmless, you will voluntarily destroy your life here and for eternity.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code (Rom. 7:4-6, ESV).

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# PORNOGRAPHY IS HARMLESS

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**F**irst of all, pornography is not harmless! The untold misery in the lives of countless thousands of people as a direct result of pornography attests to the harm and destructive nature of this evil. It used to be that, among NT Christians, divorce was seldom heard of; now local congregations are filled with people who have been married, divorced, and remarried. The same is true of pornography. While Satan has always presented temptation in the form of the “lust of the eyes,” NT Christians holding to a high Bible ethic, resisted the filth, exploitation, and destructive nature of the use of pornography. But no more is this true. Rape, domestic violence, sexual dysfunction, difficulties with relationships, and child sexual abuse are problems associated with the use of pornography. It is not true that the use of pornography is simply a personal issue. Families are destroyed (particularly wives, children); trust is shattered; reality becomes distorted.

Society is affected by pornography. In 1969 the Supreme Court legislated that a person could view any kind of materials he or she desired. The resulting *President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography* concluded that there was little danger in pornography to those using it. This commission also began advocating sex-education for public schools; we can see how much good this has done! A similar President's Commission on pornography conducted in 1986, reversed most of the original findings. The new findings said that pornography is harmful! From TV to Blackberries, from the Internet to iPods, from newspapers to movies, salacious materials are available at the click of a “mouse.” And sadly, movie channel packages enable those so inclined to transport this filth into their living rooms privately! Do popular media outlets help or hurt our families? Are you less inclined or more inclined to think about your own sexual urges when lurid images are piped into your living room? Do you really believe that the media's portrayal of beauty, dating, married love, and courtship are accurate pictures of reality? Have you seen an increase or

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a decline over the past twenty years in the morals and ethics in American culture? No, pornography is harmful!

The *American Heritage Dictionary* gives this definition of pornography: “Lurid or sensational material: Sexually explicit pictures, writing, or other material whose primary purpose is to cause sexual arousal.” Whether in written or visual form, pornography is designed to stimulate a person sexually. *Porneia* and *grapho* translate into visual or written images that promote lusts. We are not talking about good, legitimate “lusts” (desires; hunger for example). In this case, pornography is creating sinful lusts – lusts that are filled or fulfilled in illegitimate ways. The Bible speaks of *porneia* or sexual immorality (1 Cor. 5:1). The Bible speaks often about the things that promote lusts (Prov. 6:25). In the use of pornography men seek to “undress” the woman with the eyes. This is visual stimulation. And the purveyors of such filth know what they are doing! In the OT, Job provides a positive example for all. “I made a covenant with mine eyes; How then should I look upon a virgin?” (31:1, ASV). Let us remember that pornography is most often a problem for MEN!

In over thirty-five years of local work, I have been blessed to associate with scores of outstanding young people. These young men and women have come from many different congregations scattered throughout Texas to attend college here in Nacogdoches. Some come from others states. For the most part, especially over the past eighteen

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years, we have been blessed with some really faithful, dedicated young people. Yet, I have had to deal with some young men who have struggled with pornography. Some were caught by loved ones. Some were caught looking at pornography at work. Sometimes a spouse or girlfriend was involved; in this case, relationships were harmed. Adding to this problem is the wide-spread acceptance of pornography in our culture; often the prevailing moral climate on a college campus is pornographic. I am not saying that these young people have not heard lessons about the evils of pornography while attending their home congregations. There are preachers in Texas that do address this evil. I am asking, though, do we preach and teach on this subject enough? Pornography is harmful!

Pornography is destructive to marriages. Avoiding pornography helps the husband avoid committing adultery in his heart (Matt. 5:27-30). Husbands and wives promise to keep themselves for each other and avoid all others. Pornography destroys that commitment. Genuine love for your wife helps you avoid adultery. Trust builds in a marriage over time; pornography destroys that trust. One result of the use of pornography is lies. When the husband is addicted to pornography he has to lie to his wife in order to cover up his sin. And with increased use of pornography the lies get bigger and bigger. Too many violations of that sacred trust will destroy the lives of those in the covenant of marriage. "Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness; But a faithful man who can find? A righteous man that walketh in his integrity, blessed are his children after him" (Prov. 20:6-7). The use of pornography destroys marital purity and faithfulness. A man leaves father and mother and cleaves to his wife. That relationship is permanent. It takes work to channel one's thoughts, emotions, and habits into honorable thoughts, emotions, and habits. When the husband crosses the line into pornography, that relationship is no longer faithful and pure.

The use of pornography contributes to a fantasy world. When husband and wife are intimate with each other, two lives are blended physically, emotionally, and spiritually. But what happens when your wife has had children? Does her body look the same as it did when you were first married? Remember that you have changed, too (fat stomach,

bald head, disgusting personal habits). Now, though, the only thing the husband can think about is "Miss October." "Miss October" is beautiful, young, sexy, and perfect. And why shouldn't she be? Airbrushed photos can make anyone look good. A wife of thirty years cannot compete. Yet, "A worthy woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies. . . . Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:10, 30). No one enjoys being rejected. Yet, when the husband invites pornography into the marriage, the wife is being rejected. Her worth is diminished. Her self-worth is shattered. She is made to feel inferior. Can we not at least understand when marriages are shattered over the use of pornography?

Pornography is not harmless because of the danger it poses to children in the home. A father may have salacious materials in the house; a young boy might accidentally stumble across these magazines. A father may be careless in the use of his computer; nearly every household has a computer; and every young person is more techno savvy than most adults. The father might openly view filth on TV or movie channels (and remember that "normal" TV programming promotes pornography, adultery, fornication, homosexuality). How can young people in the home not be affected by the sins of the father? Most men who use porn were introduced to it as children. We need fathers who love the Lord enough and love their families enough to never use or to stop using pornography. The use of pornography cannot build strong moral values in the family. And the father's use of pornography often embitters the younger members of the family.

What can be done to reverse the curse of pornography in the home and in society? A commitment and resolve to do what God's word says is a first step in the right direction. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

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# LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL DRUGS: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

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**H**istory was made on November 6, 2012, and not merely in the realm of American presidential politics. For the first time, voters in two U.S. states approved the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. While federal legal hurdles must still be cleared before full implementation of these new state-specific laws, Colorado and Washington constituents were clear in their support, endorsing them at a rate of 55% in both states (“Colorado Marijuana” and “Washington Marijuana”). Under the proposed legislation, Colorado residents 21-years-old and older can purchase up to one ounce of marijuana at regulated retail locations for private use (*Washington Post* staff) and can own up to six marijuana plants (Hoover). Washington state’s law establishes similar regulations on the possession and use of marijuana, but it also permits purchase of “up to a pound of a marijuana-infused product, such as brownies; or up to 72 ounces of marijuana-infused liquids” (*Washington Post* staff).

If certain political forces have their desired influence, these states will not be the last civil entities to adopt such measures. Powerful pressure is mounting from well-heeled lobbying organizations to influence public policy on every level — local, state, and national. Their agenda is clear. The Drug Policy Alliance “work[s] to ensure that our nation’s drug policies no longer arrest, incarcerate, disenfranchise, and otherwise harm millions” (“About”). In its own words, it “envisions a just society . . . in which people are no longer punished for what they put into their own bodies” (“Mission and Vision”). Similarly, the American Civil Liberties Union’s “Criminal Law Reform Project focuses its work at the ‘front end’ of the criminal justice system, from policing to sentencing, with an emphasis on ending our nation’s punitive drug policies” (“Criminal Law Reform”). “The Project’s current priorities include . . . reducing reliance on incarceration, with a focus on decriminalizing drug offenses and shortening sentencing schemes overall” (“ACLU”). In addition to such national efforts, grassroots organizations like StoptheDrugWar.org seek “an end to drug

prohibition worldwide and an end to the ‘drug war’ in its current form” (“Our Mission”).

Facing this rising tide of public sentiment and political momentum toward the legalization of currently illicit drugs, what is the proper course to be pursued by civil authorities? Clearly, “There is a way that seems right to a man” (Prov. 14:12), but is this the path which God would have men follow? From a Biblical perspective, what is the divinely-approved direction for national and international public policy on the issue of drug legalization?

## A TERROR TO EVIL

Civil authority is a divinely ordained institution, and it has no power except that which is given by God (Rom. 13:1; Dan. 4:17, 25, 32; 5:21). As in His creation and consequential governance of mankind (Gen. 1:1, 27; Mal. 1:6), God’s establishment of earthly governments implies His rule over their functioning. They are designated to be His “servant” (Rom. 13:4), “for the authorities are ministers of God” (v. 6). To what responsibility have they been charged? “For rulers are not [to be] a terror to good conduct, but to bad” (Rom. 13:3).

Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him *to punish those who do evil* and to praise those who do good (1 Pet. 2:13-14, emp. added).

“The ruler has a special relation to each classification of men here referred to as welldoers and evildoers. The former are to be extolled and the latter are to have vengeance taken on them . . . . As long as civil government functions to punish or take vengeance on evildoers and praises the welldoers, it pleases God. To deviate from the God-given purposes is to sin and to be held accountable for it by God” (Hamilton, 393).

## RECREATIONAL DRUGS: GOOD OR EVIL?

Independent of the legalities, into which classification do we assign the recreational use of drugs — good conduct or bad (Rom. 13:3)?

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Doing evil or doing good (1 Pet. 2:14)? Consider the evidence.

According to a 2004 survey of those incarcerated for non-drug-specific crimes, conducted by the United States Bureau of Justice Statistics, “32% of state prisoners and 26% of federal prisoners said they had committed their current offense while under the influence of drugs” (Dorsey, 9).

As of 2002, more than half of those convicted of robbery, weapons crimes, burglary, and motor vehicle theft were reported to have been under the influence of illicit drugs at the time of their offense (Dorsey, 10).

In 2004, “state prisoner reports of lifetime drug use stayed at 83%, while federal inmates rose to 79%” (Dorsey, 14).

Furthermore, “The U.S. Department of Justice found that 61% of domestic violence offenders also have substance abuse problems” (“Domestic Violence,” 1).

By what measure can one conclude that the recreational use of drugs composes “good conduct” (Rom. 13:3)? Upon what basis could one espouse that drug use results in the user “doing good” (1 Pet. 2:14)? With what standard is recreational drug use judged to be a benefit to any environment into which it is introduced or a blessing to anyone affected by the user’s conduct? How does such behavior fulfill one’s obligation to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8)? Contrary to drug-induced evil, “Love does no wrong to a neighbor” (Rom. 13:10). And this is to speak nothing of the well-documented physiological damage inflicted upon the user’s body in the process, a body designed to be “a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom. 12:1) and intended to “glorify God” (1 Cor. 6:20).

### JUST SAY NO TO DRUGS!

If God has ordained civil government as “a terror to [bad] conduct” (Rom. 13:3) and “to punish those who do evil” (1 Pet. 2:14), and the overwhelming evidence convicts the recreational use of illicit drugs as an unequivocal menace to society, it is incumbent upon governing authorities to terrorize and to punish such drug use — not legalize, legitimize, and license it! Only in so doing can those in positions of authority hope to please God. As brother Clinton Hamilton appropriately

concluded, “To deviate from the God-given purposes is to sin and to be held accountable for it by God” (393).

Indeed, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death” (Prov. 14:12). Despite the political posturing, moral melodrama, and religious rhetoric given in defense of this “way of man,” the legalization of recreational drug use is entirely inconsistent with the revealed wisdom of God.

### WHAT SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS DO?

Despite the protestations of God-fearing, Bible-believing, and morally-conscious citizens, the legalization agenda is being advanced at an alarming rate at every level of civil government. “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19), and Satan’s servants are gaining ground. It may very well be that, in our lifetime, many (or most) of our nation’s (or world’s) governing authorities will surrender to the influence of this evil and legalize recreational drug use. As that movement progresses, and if legalization becomes the prevailing reality of our culture, what good should characterize the lives of God’s people?

*Season and Shine* (Matt. 5:13-16). Live righteously. If we earnestly desire to positively influence the world around us, we must not behave hypocritically.

*Advocate Righteousness*. “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34). As Americans, we have been given the freedom to speak and petition, and we should employ those means for good.

*Pray* (1 Tim. 2:1-3) — for our leaders, for the godliness of their decisions, and for our fellow citizens. “This is my Father’s world. Oh, let me ne’er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet” (Babcock).

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## A TELEVISED DEBATE TOOK PLACE

on Tuesday February 19, 2013 in Hickory, NC on WHKY. Stan Adams, preacher for the Newton church of Christ debated Robert Ross of the Merry St. Church of God (7<sup>th</sup> Day) Nashville, TN. This debate was not open to the public; rather, it was conducted live in the studio. Mr. Ross agreed to another debate to take place in the Nashville area at a later date to be determined.

This televised debate is available on the Newton church of Christ website, "[www.wordandword.com](http://www.wordandword.com)."

Proposition 1: The Scriptures teach that the first day of the week as a day of worship is enjoined on God's people in this age of the world.

Affirmative: Stan Adams, New Testament Christian.  
Negative: Robert Ross, Church of God 7<sup>th</sup> day

Proposition 2: The Scriptures teach that the seventh day of the week as a Christian Sabbath is enjoined upon God's people in this age of the world.

Affirmative: Robert Ross, Church of God 7<sup>th</sup> day.  
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**NEW CONGREGATION:** Beginning in May, 2012, two congregations in Murfreesboro, TN (Brinkley Rd. and Southridge) merged and began afresh as one new church: Veteran's Parkway Church of Christ. It is located just off I-24 on the southside of the city. The brethren have enjoyed the opportunities of unity and growth. Jason Page and Wilson Adams serve as evangelists. Attendance runs 120-130 and they have had 8 baptisms since their start. For more information please visit their website: [www.vpchurchofchrist.org](http://www.vpchurchofchrist.org).



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# Q A

## QUESTION:

Do fornication and adultery mean the same thing?

## ANSWER:

No, they do not really mean the same thing, though one of them (fornication) does include the other (adultery). For this reason, passages sometimes speak of the broader, more inclusive term while allowing the more specific one to be the meaning intended. A case in point is 1 Corinthians 5:1, where “fornication” is the Spirit’s description of what was transpiring between the man and his father’s wife. Though styled “fornication,” adultery is the specific name for the sin here committed. Vine and other word experts verify that the term “fornication” (*porneia*) includes “adultery” (*moicheia*) because the former is the broad word meaning sexual sin of any kind, any illicit sexual action, and the latter word means the sinful sexual act committed by anyone and a spouse of another. In our previous sentence the key word indicating the meaning of adultery is “spouse,” because adultery is possible only when at least one party is married. Fornication is possible between two persons, related or unrelated (male, Jude 8; females, Jude 8; or male and female, 1

Cor. 5:1), and a person and an animal, Lev. 20:10-21).

This explanation of the difference of meaning between “fornication” and “adultery” helps us to understand why New Testament writers sometimes spoke of fornication, when adultery was involved. The two words are sometimes synonyms; and the use of the broader word to suggest the narrower is a case of the whole being put for the part—a figure of speech called *synecdoche*.

It is also important to understand that the two words do have different meanings, as we pointed out in the opening sentence. The Bible sometimes differentiates between the two words by speaking of them together in the same sentence, as in Matthew 15:19 and Mark 7:21. These two verses, which record what Jesus said on the same occasion, use *porneia* and *moicheia* side by side, thereby implying a distinction of meaning. Having said this, we do not nullify what has earlier been said about their similarity of meaning. The significance of context still stands out!





# BOOK REVIEW

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## ***Dear Christian Parents: An Appeal for Homeschooling.***

Stacey Durham. Privately published, 2011. 207 pages, softback. ISBN: 9780615519487.

Christian parents looking to home school their children will want to take a look at a new book by Stacey Durham. Brother Durham writes a series of "letters" to make his appeal that homeschooling is the best way to carry out the biblical mandate for parents to educate their children. I know Stacey personally. He is a faithful gospel preacher in the middle Tennessee area. He currently home schools his children along with his wife, Valerie. Stacey attended public schools growing up as many parents did who are now homeschooling. But, he is now of the opinion that homeschooling is the better way. Stacey groups his "letters" together into three parts. First, he focuses on the Bible information that emphasizes the importance of the home in the education of the child. Second, he offers an overview of the history of the public educational system in this country and its attending problems and challenges. Third, he offers practical help and advice to parents who want to begin homeschooling or who are currently engaged in it. Stacey understands that homeschooling is not for everyone and does not wish to judge or condemn those who do not home school. He writes: "If you don't agree with my conclusions in these letters, then I respect your opinion and judgment with all honesty, sincerity, and truth. These letters are not intended to judge you or condemn you for any decision you make, but I do hope to influence you" (10). *Dear Christian Parents* is recommended because it addresses the subject of

homeschooling from a conservative viewpoint and it fills the gap in material that many homeschooling parents are looking to read on this subject. You can also review brother Durham's book and find homeschooling helps at his website: [www.DearChristianParents.com](http://www.DearChristianParents.com)

## ***Hello, I'm Your Bible: A Practical Guide to Accurately Handling the Word of Truth.***

Jason Hardin. DeWard Publishing Co., 2011. 148 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-936341-22-1.

Jason Hardin is no stranger to the printed page. He has written other good books including *Boot Camp* which was written for men who want to win their spiritual warfare and *Hard Core* which was written for those dealing with sexual temptation. *Hello, I'm Your Bible* is Jason's latest book and it focuses on the importance of Bible understanding, study, and application. Jason opens with a brief overview of God's inspired revelation found in the Bible and then he leads the reader through the necessary principles to understand and apply the Word of God. The reader will learn to distinguish between the Old and New Testaments. He will then learn the principles of generic and specific authority, context, commands, examples, inferences, expediencies, and God's silence. Jason also writes about how to handle human traditions today in light of God's word. Jason's material on tradition is very good and is often not found in other books of this type. Each chapter in Jason's book closes with questions for growth and discussion making his book good for a small group Bible study or a Bible class setting. *Hello, I'm Your Bible* is recommended because it will help

the next generation to faithfully understand and apply the Word of God in their lives.

***Biblical Theology: Fundamentals of the Faith.*** Rex A. Turner. Amridge University Press, 2010. 474 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-1-61647-000-5.

There are many biblical theologies in print today, but the majority of them are written by denominational scholars who insert their denominational bias. These theologies are full of Calvinism and Premillennialism. The *Biblical Theology* written by Rex. A. Turner is not like this. Turner, who has passed, was a member of the Church of Christ (institutional) and his systematic theology is based upon sound, biblical exegesis without the denominational bias. *Biblical Theology* is the revised edition of Turner's older *Systematic Theology* (Alabama Christian School of Religion, 1989). Turner's theology covers the subjects of Bibliology, Theology, Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, Pneumatology, and Eschatology. This revised edition was edited by Don Shackelford and includes some new material on instrumental music. *Biblical Theology* is recommended as a good introduction to biblical theology and the reader will not have to wade through common denominational errors while studying some of the deeper subjects of the Bible.

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## A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT

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Furthermore, the purveyors of the world's value system are passing away. Describing the political leaders of the first century, Paul said, "However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, *who are coming to nothing*. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory" (1 Cor. 2:6-7). Like Voltaire, O'Hare, and all other unbelievers before them, the modern philosophers, social critics, ethicists, movie and TV stars, and other purveyors of damnable doctrine and moral filth will pass away, to be replaced by another troop in Satan's ongoing assault against God and His Messiah.

This issue of *Truth Magazine* is designed to call attention to the beliefs and value system in our contemporary society which stand in stark contrast to the revealed word of God. The issue is divided into two sections: (a) Doctrinal beliefs of our age; (b) Moral beliefs in America. And, like Paul in his letters to the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians, this issue of *Truth Magazine* is organized in such a way as to cover the doctrinal issues first and then follows a section that addresses the moral values of our culture.

America has significantly shifted toward non-Christian beliefs and values. Some have commented that Christians were the "silent majority" several years ago, but today they seem to be the "silent minority." At least Christian beliefs and moral values are not presently widespread enough to change political elections. In counting Christians, the mainstream denominations, which pass as Christian, are included although their doctrinal beliefs and moral values more nearly resemble the contemporary pagan belief and value system than Biblical doctrines and values. Modern denominationalism is not representative of or an ally to New Testament Christianity! It is a major part of the problem, not the solution in America!

It has been easy for preachers to pull out their old sermons on denominationalism and preach about what Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, etc. believe, using materials readily available

in sermon outline books and internet searches. In the meantime, the fashion of this world is changing and America in the twenty-first century does not believe what Americans in the early twentieth century believed. Consequently, contemporary denominational beliefs and societal morés may not be given enough rebuttal. This issue of *Truth Magazine* focuses on some (but not nearly all) of the beliefs and values of today. We hope you can use it profitably in your personal study and in teaching your neighbors.

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### DOES GOD LOVE MICHAEL'S TWO DADDIES?

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In a world that is constantly changing, God's Word remains the standard by which we must judge all human actions and lifestyles. In *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?*, Seth and Sara learn that God loves all people, even those who are disobeying Him. But they also learn that the only way to have a relationship with God is to stop sinning and turn to Jesus. For the last 15 years, the homosexual community has been publishing children's books promoting homosexuality, starting with the book *Heather Has Two Mommies, Daddy's Roommate*, and *My Two Uncles*. To our knowledge, no comparable children's book designed to combat the promotion of homosexuality is available on the market—until now. *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?* is a professionally designed and illustrated book that promotes God's love for all individuals, while at the same time showing, in a loving way, that homosexuality is out of harmony with Bible teaching. This book has tremendous potential to influence positively the lives of thousands of children growing up in tumultuous and confusing times.





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