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AND THEY CALL US DENIERS*by Mark Armstrong*

NOT just any Muslim terrorists, but killers loyal to ISIS went on a bloodthirsty killing spree in, of all places, San Bernardino, California. Any casual observer knew immediately that it was an ISIS style attack, much like the one that had occurred only two weeks before in Paris. It was the one president Obama said we didn't have to worry about here in the United States homeland. It took some four days before the F.B.I. could bring themselves to say they were investigating it as a terrorist attack and probably only then because the news reports were making what had happened so abundantly clear. It took Obama nearly a week before grudgingly admitting that it may have had something to do with a "perverted" interpretation of Islam, before he launched

into a lecture against we the people, if we dared to think it had anything to do with Islam, or Muslims in general.

French President Hollande uncharacteristically declared that France would begin to "wage pitiless war" against the terrorists. But even people who witnessed and survived the hideous ordeal in Paris were quick to tell interviewers that they don't blame Muslims or their religion. "We've gotten past all that," one Parisian declared. We'll see what comes of it, but chances are the "pitiless war" was just rhetoric spoken in the emotional wake of the mounting body count in Paris.

Hollande's early response was to say that France would not cower in the face of terror, but will continue to enjoy the lifestyle of liberty ingrained

in its culture. Then they shut everything down. A whole week after the vicious attack, the streets were still virtually empty. Public transportation practically came to a halt, everything was closed. People were staying home afraid to go out in public.

Only nine hours prior to the report of machine gun fire and bombs going off at locations around Paris, Obama was on Good Morning America with George Stephanopolis (a political hack for Bill and Hillary Clinton who was welcomed into an anchor chair for ABC as a fair and unbiased arbiter of current events). He told George and the world at large that ISIS was contained, and that his strategy was playing out successfully.

Obama took to the podium in Turkey to declare, "What I'm not interested in, is... pursuing some concept of...ah... 'America leading' or 'America winning'." No, that would be completely counterproductive, according to the president. He's already pursuing the right strategy, he insists, one of containing ISIS and working together more closely with our allies. Then came the most important part of his reaction. That's when he took to lecturing all of us from his podium in Turkey, that it would be wrong, even dangerous



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TRANSitioning

by Jim Josephsen



TRANSITIONING, or in its shortened form Trans, describes the process of changing one's gender assignment (one's sex at birth) to agree with one's gender identity (gender expression). This process is the experience of transgender individuals. Thanks to the likes of Bruce Jenner (now called by his new name, which reflects his new gender identity – Caitlyn) or transgender actor Laverne Cox of the television show “Orange is the New Black” or as glamorized in the recent television program “Transparent,” the Transition movement of late, is gaining greater awareness and heightened exposure. Currently, 18 states within the United States have legislation and school districts along with college campuses across the United States have taken the appropriate action to protect and accommodate the transgender population.

Adding to this exposure was the comment made by President Obama in his 2015 State of the Union address. “As Americans, we respect human dignity ... That’s why we defend free speech and advocate for political prisoners and condemn the persecution of women, or religious minorities, or people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.”

As never before, there is now a greater acceptance of transgenders (the T in LGBT).

Trans, is the new underdog. Mara Keisling, executive director of the “National Center for Transgender Equality” commented on Obama’s speech: “It wasn’t a transgender speech at all - but just inserting the words LGBT the way he did ... he’s bringing us into that dream, that promise,” (their dream of an America, which promotes and protects the rights of the LGBT community).

Many people, perhaps millions (perhaps even the silent majority) throughout the country are just getting over the slap in the face of same-sex marriage; now legal, protected by the supreme law of the land and consecrated by SCOTUS. Now seemingly with no time to catch one’s breath, the Trans movement is progressing full speed ahead.

Of course, it is not as though transgender individuals never existed before the 21st century. History reveals that during the American Civil War (1861–1865) some 240 women (born female, their assigned, visible birth gender) were known to have put on traditional men’s clothing and fought as soldiers – under the guise of being men. Did this action evidence that these women were transgender or were they simply patriotic citizens who desired to step out of their assigned female roles at that time? Not much unlike today, in most

nations’ armed forces, women are conscripted or voluntarily enlist to serve. Examples of Israel, the United States, Germany or China come to mind.

In 1895, a group of self-described androgynist in New York organized a club called the “Cercle Hermaphrodites,” based on their wish “to unite for defense against the world’s bitter persecution.”

Recent interviews with transgender elderly have revealed what it was like for them in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Those uncomfortable with or disliking their birth gender assignment, hid in the shadows, trying to conform to the norms while in public, yet in private, living their gender expression. In essence living a dissimulated double life. Back then, just as today, the incidents of suicide and drug and alcohol abuse were disproportionately higher among transgenders than among the general public.

The word transgender was first publicized in 1965 as a hybrid word derived from trans+gender. In the early to mid-1970s, the term transgender gained traction but more in relationship to

WHO - WHAT - WAS JESUS BEFORE HIS HUMAN BIRTH?

This question has puzzled theologians for centuries: Was He God – Was He an angel – Was He spiritual essence – Did He exist only in the plan, thought, and purpose of God?

by Garner Ted Armstrong and David Jon Hill

DID Christ exist prior to His Human birth through the virgin Mary? Was He God? Was He actually born in HUMAN flesh? Or was He born of a divine

the word “God.” Here—from the Bible—is the real meaning of this word.

In Genesis 1:1 the original Hebrew word translated “God” is

man in OUR image, after OUR likeness...”

Do you think God was talking to Himself? Notice what God continues to say, “And the Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of us to know good and evil...” Notice it—God said “...the man is become as ONE OF Us...” God could not have said ONE of us if there were only one person composing God.

Now, for further proof, let’s turn over to 1 Samuel 4:8. The Philistines had heard a great cry which went up from the camp of the Hebrews when the ark of God had entered the camp... and they were afraid—so read on. “Woe unto us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? These are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.” That certainly finishes it—THESE ARE THE GODS! Meaning plural—not one person, but more than one, forming and composing God who is a KINGDOM.

IS GOD A TRINITY?

If the family of God has more than one member does the Bible reveal just how many persons are in this family? Is it a trinity composed of three members—Father, Son and Holy Ghost?



mother, immaculately conceived? What does the Bible teach on this vital subject?

We cannot know the answers to these questions until we first realize just what—or who—is God. Is God a person... an Essence... or only a principle or an idea?

The word “God” is grossly misunderstood. Men have always liked to “create God in their own image” by putting their own interpretation on the meaning of

Elohim, the plural form of the Hebrew word *El* or *Eloah* meaning mighty one. This word is plural—it means MORE THAN ONE. However, it is not plural like boys or girls but rather a uni-plural word like church or family. There is one God, but composed of MORE THAN ONE MEMBER.

SCRIPTURE REVEALS GOD IS NOT ONE PERSON

First, let’s read Genesis 1:26 which says... what? Read it!

“And God said, Let us make

BESTSELLING author Jack Cashill is back with his most timely book yet, *Scarlet Letters: The Ever-Increasing Intolerance of the Cult of Liberalism Exposed.*

And Cashill, a WND columnist, is pulling no punches over what he calls the unholy rise of progressive neo-puritanism.

As in old school puritanism, worshipers achieve a sense of moral worth simply by designating themselves among “the elect” – no good works required.

To validate that uncertain status, they heap abuse upon the sinner lest they be thought indifferent to

the sin, he outlines.

Rather than simply cataloging the neo-puritan assaults on reason and liberty, *Scarlet Letters* illustrates how the progressive movement has come to mimic a religion in its structure but not at all in its spirit while profiling brave individuals like Clarence Thomas, Aayan Hirsi Ali, Camille Paglia and many lesser known truth tellers who have dared to take a stand against this inquisition.

Released by WND Books, *Scarlet Letters* shows in detail how an allegedly “liberal” movement has become what can only be described as bizarrely punitive and inquisitorial.

Scarlet Letters, Chapter Three

THE SCARLET D: “DENIER”

by Jack Cashill

AMERICAN history is rich with movements, religious and quasi-religious, grounded in the belief that the end is nigh. Perhaps the most influential was the one inspired by William Miller, a New York State farmer who persuaded as many as one hundred thousand people the world would end in 1843. Although the apocalypse did not arrive for his followers in 1843 – or 1844, after a hasty reset – it did for a gun-toting “branch” of his sect on the dusty plains of Waco almost exactly 150 years later.

The Branch Davidians were hardly unique in hastening the end times with, admittedly, more than a little help from the Clinton Justice Department. Charles Manson had his “Helter Skelter.” Jim Jones had his “White Night.” And Marshall Applewhite had a spaceship waiting for him and his Nike-wearing acolytes behind the Hale-Bopp comet. Joseph Bottum described the impulse as “the

search for immediate application of the Book of Revelation.” To deny a believer his apocalypse is to challenge his very identity. That gesture often comes at a price.

THE DENIER

On November 5, 2008, the very day Barack Obama was elected president, writer and producer Michael Crichton died at age sixty-five. The Harvard-trained MD had enjoyed a spectacular career. Several of his best-selling, science-rich novels had been turned into movies. These included hits such as the *The Andromeda Strain*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Lost World*. He had success as a screenwriter and a director and produced the megahit TV show *ER*, which he also conceived. Despite this résumé, or perhaps because of it, the progressive online journal *ThinkProgress* saw fit to headline his obituary, “Michael Crichton, world’s most famous global warming denier, dies.” The neo-puritans buried

him with the scarlet D for “denier” ablaze on his chest. To the hard core, he had no other meaningful credential.

The *ThinkProgress* headline would not have surprised Crichton. Some years earlier, he had taken it upon himself to question the prevailing scientific orthodoxy and did so most flamboyantly at the famed Commonwealth Club in San Francisco. The organizers of the September 2003 event had handed Crichton a weighty assignment, namely, to address the most important challenge facing mankind. The “challenge” he chose – “distinguishing reality from fantasy, truth from propaganda” – surprised everyone. It seemed so lacking in gravitas. As Crichton explained, however, solving more tangible problems was futile if no one could discern which problems were real.

As an example of the challenge

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THE PONTIFF'S SHOES

by Mark Armstrong

IN THE wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris, demonstrations related to the “global-warming/ climate-change” conference were banned by the French authorities. Since the plaza protesters would have taken over was the scene of mourning and memorials from the November 13 terrorist massacre, protest organizers came up with the idea of placing pairs of shoes in the *Place de la Republique* in symbolic protest. Climate-change demonstrations had been canceled for the location. So thousands of shoes were placed in the square, symbolic of those who would have been out in the street, demanding precisely what Obama and Hollande and the UN plan to accomplish during their conference.

Among the high-heels and sandals arranged in the street,

(*Reuters* reported) were a simple pair of plain black shoes, sent by pope Francis. The pontiff regards himself as an environmental activist, and he obviously intends for the world to hear that he is in league with protests demanding an international “carbon credit” system and is on board with mandatory “carbon taxes” such as the one already in effect in Australia. But despite the fact that Australia already has a “carbon tax” in place, driving up fuel and energy costs, “global warming” protesters turned out in Sydney too.

Hundreds of climate radicals turned out to desecrate the *Place de la Republique* in battles with police despite the fact that their protest had been banned, and despite the clever display of shoes. According to *Reuters* news

service, Paris police had to use tear gas to disperse two hundred odd protesters, many wearing masks, throwing rocks, shoes and candles from the memorial to the fallen, in a pitched battle with the police. Even the socialist president Hollande, who plans to do all within his power to push through an international agreement to redistribute wealth, from primarily the United States, to the third world expressed disgust with the actions of the protesters. And they are protesting in favor of what he, Obama, leaders in the UK, EU and UN are demanding.

Not only is the humble pontiff a “climate-change” protester, one of his cardinals told news outlets that the pope himself will intervene if the “climate-change” negotiations should falter. However, he would



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BIBLE STUDY

by Dr. James Ricks

ABRAHAM:

FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL AND FRIEND OF GOD



ORIGINAL WORSHIPERS, LIKE ABRAHAM, WERE SAVED BY GRACE AND FAITH

AFTER Noah, who was also saved by grace, God called Abraham. He was a friend of God and did not earn his salvation but was saved by the graciousness of God. Paul, while trying to save the Galatian Christians from the Judaizing conspiracy, explained that Abraham, the progenitor of all Israel including the Jews, was himself saved by grace. (See Gal. 4:20-21 and 5:2-4.) Paul wanted the Galatians to avoid the bondage that returning to Judaism would be for them. This would not only include circumcision but many other expanded regulations.

Christ told the Jewish people that his yoke was light while that of their religious leaders were burdensome. (See Matt. 11:28-30 and 23:13-34.) Christ explained to the Pharisees that the Law, if administered correctly, should be a blessing to people, but they had made it a burden. (See Mark 2:27-28, 7:3-12.) The Judaizers were surreptitiously

trying to make Christians, and especially Gentiles, just another sect within Judaism. They missed the true message of the spiritual circumcising of our hearts toward God.

ABRAHAM OBEYED GOD, WITH A FEW MISTAKES, AND WAS SAVED BY HIS FAITH

Abraham moved away from the paganism of his society and toward learning to hear, believe and act on the voice of the true God. (See Gen 11:27-12:9.) Abraham learned that it was not what we do for God, but what God has done for us that counts. He obeyed because he believed in God as his friend and loved Him. He knew God gave him many blessings.

We, like Abraham, cannot earn our salvation. We trust that God's ways and laws are best for us and, out of love, try our best to obey like father Abraham. Abraham relocated all his people and belongings from his home country to a foreign one out of trust and obedience to God. That is not an easy thing to do. (See Gen. 12:4-7.) Abraham tithed to Christ

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HISTORY'S GREATEST FRAUD

by John Mitchell

THE BIBLE has a lot to say about money, wealth, greed, contentment and a variety of other topics as they pertain to our financial and spiritual lives. Over the years I've heard it said more than once that the Bible has well over 2000 verses about money. I will begin with two of them which you will see being fulfilled in our world today, as we fully illustrate the result of man's greed for wealth and power!

Isaiah 9:16 (KJV), "For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed."

You are about to learn one of the biggest secrets in the history of the world. It's a secret that has huge effects for everyone who lives on this planet. Most people can feel deep down that something isn't quite right with the world economy, but few know what it is. Gone are the days where a family can survive on just one paycheck. Every day it seems that things are more and more out of control, yet only one in a million understand WHY. You are about to discover the system that is ultimately responsible for most of the inequality in our world today. The powers that be DO NOT want you to know

about this, as this system is what has kept them at the top of the financial food-chain for the last 102 years. Learning this will change your life, because it will change the choices that you make. Never in human history have so many been plundered by so few, and it's all accomplished through this... HISTORY'S GREATEST FRAUD.

Here are a few quotes that help illustrate this fraud:

Baron Nathan Mayer Rothschild stated, "I care not what puppet is placed on the throne of England to rule the Empire... The man that controls Britain's money supply controls the British Empire. And I control the money supply."

"A theft of greater magnitude and still more ruinous, is the making of paper money; it is greater because in this money there is absolutely no real value; it is more ruinous because by its gradual depreciation during the time of its existence, it produces the effect which would be proration of the coins. All those iniquities are founded on the false idea that money is but a sign."- Count Destutt de Tracy, 1754-1836.

"It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our

banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning." So spoke Henry Ford.

"I see nothing in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism... I have every confidence that there will be a revival of activity in the spring and that during this coming year the country will make steady progress." - Andrew W. Mellon, US Secretary of the Treasury, December 1929.

There have been 55 major financial collapses in history with many others of lesser impact on the citizens of sovereign governments. They each have a common thread running throughout in their formation, application and ultimate collapse. All are operated with the exchange of real money (tangible assets) for fiat (non-tangible paper currency) and have the ability to print unlimited amounts of this unbacked currency in a system designed to enslave the citizenry.

This has been accomplished in the United States by two events that occurred in 1913.

The first is the creation of the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve System is the central banking system of the United

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Good vs EVIL:

a MORAL CRISIS

by Michael Armstrong

LOOK at your life, what do you see? Is it peaceful, congenial agreement with your spouse, with your family, your friends? What about at work, where you spend so much of your time and energy? Those 40 hours of perfectly productive cooperation. Don't we all wish that were the case.

Truth be told, disagreement is all too common. Hopefully

The *Black Lives Matter* movement, organized after the death of Trayvon Martin, has certainly been controversial. Most noticeable has been their participation in the Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MA protests, both of which led to violence, more recently making news over the forced resignation of University of Missouri President

homosexuality and whether or not couples of this persuasion qualify for Holy Matrimony. That discussion has rocked the domestic moral landscape all year. Even *Black Lives Matter* lists "fostering a queer affirming network," "freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking," and "transgender affirming" among their guiding principles. That is a shrewd stance to take when opinion polls showed 50-60% of the population in favor of overturning state-level same-sex marriage bans. On July 26, 2015 the United States Supreme Court ruled the bans unconstitutional, joining the upwards of 20 other countries worldwide where these unions were already legal.

This is a far cry from the traditional view of homosexuality as a perversion at times in history, and in some places even crossing the line into criminality and warranting capital punishment. As recently as 1973 the American Psychiatric Association considered it a mental disorder. Yet today even a bakery declining to make a wedding cake for such a service can be shut down by protest and sued for damages in a court of law. Kim Davis, clerk in Rowan County Kentucky, refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples after the Supreme

What is more important than the course taken by a nation or defining the purpose and proper manner of life?

our personal lives are full of love and congeniality, our work pleasant and satisfying. But look a little farther out, your town, city, state, nation. Disagreement surrounds us. Some are petty differences of opinion, matters of little real consequence. But how about the adage of avoiding politics and religion to maintain peaceful conversation? What is more important than the course taken by a nation or defining the purpose and proper manner of life?

The big issues, changes in the status quo or the desire to return to it, the righting of wrongs, that's where visceral emotion often presents itself. Let's look at a few current examples.

Tim Wolfe. The group's inflammatory rhetoric alleges "structural racism" in the United States of America, particularly regarding law enforcement.

Critics say their actions have made it harder for police to do their jobs and actually led to an increase in crime rates, something commentators label the "Ferguson Effect." Others say 93% of black murders are perpetrated by other blacks and wonder why *BLM* doesn't protest these deaths. Ben Carson, the only black presidential candidate in either party for the 2016 election, called the movement "silly" and said they should care for "all black lives, not just a few."

Another hot-button issue is

Anything But "FREE AND CONFIDENT"

by Mark Armstrong

ANGELA Merkel has doubled down on Germany, and Europe, continuing to accept an unlimited number of refugees from Northern Africa and the Middle East. She's just said that Europe's strongest response to the ongoing threat of further terror attacks on European soil is "to carry on living our lives and our values—as we have until now, self-confident and free, considerate and engaged." She delivered this line to a round of applause. But everyone's not clapping

Unfortunately, for hundreds who have been shot up and blown up by Muslim terrorists, carrying on living life, with whatever confident, considerate values they had is no longer a possibility. And what about Belgium, and Brussels, which has shaped up to be a sort of Muslim-ghetto headquarters for jihadists? That city has been turned into a ghost town, with citizens ordered to "shelter in place." The authorities don't want anyone going out anywhere because they know they've got active terrorist cells in the city who are anxious to keep up the momentum of fear kicked off by the Paris attacks.

How self-confident and free are the inhabitants of Brussels, Mrs. Merkel? The orders to stay home and shelter in place for a



City of Brussels on lockdown after Paris attacks.

city like Brussels sounded a lot like marshal law. Maybe worse than marshal law! This is what many have feared for the United States, that internal threats might become so urgent that government agencies and law enforcement might be tempted to set up road-blocks all over the place, monitor everyone's comings and goings, question everyone's movements and motives, thereby destroying the whole concept of a free society. But in Brussels, the threat level for a terrorist event has been elevated to the highest level. Known terrorists are believed to be hiding among the Muslim population, protected by a sentiment that sees the host country and its law enforcement personnel as "the enemy."

Right now in France, civil liberties have been suspended. Police can barge in and raid anybody, anywhere without a warrant. And the French people, in the wake of the horrific attacks in Paris, are fine with it. They are confident that only Muslim terrorist suspects will be targeted. We've also learned that French security has dropped all the niceties of political correctness amid the crisis. There is racial and religious profiling being carried out all over the place, in raids, at checkpoints and public transportation terminals. Muslims are suspicious, they're getting the full shakedown treatment and the French, politically correct as they are, believe the policy is justified and

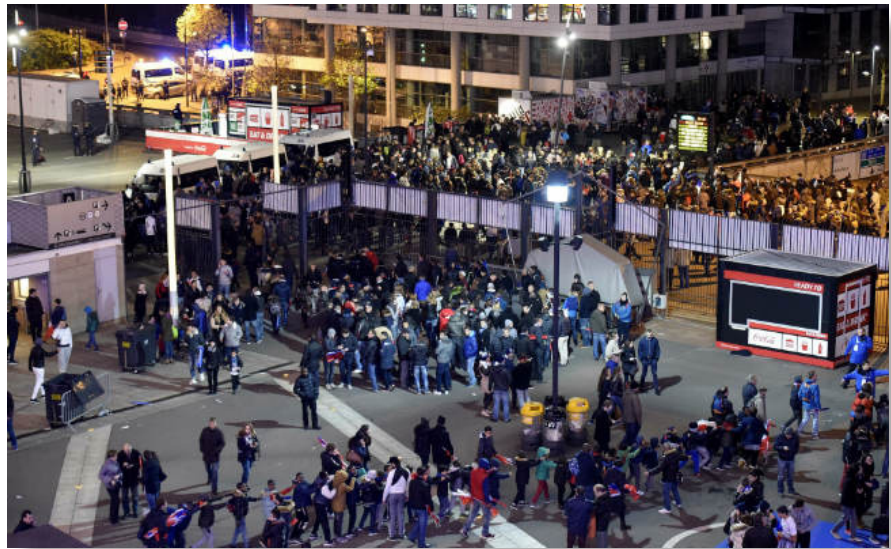
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to conflate the incident in Paris with the religion of Islam. Why would it be dangerous? Because all the Muslims in the Middle East might leap to the conclusion that we in the West are critical of their beliefs and practices, critical of them as human beings, and then the lid would really blow off!

Something became crystal clear in the aftermath of carnage in Paris, the criticisms of the president, and the discussion of whether the religion of Islam has anything to do with terrorist attacks all over the world. You and I are incredibly ignorant and bigoted if we don't understand that all GOOD Muslims, you know, 99.999 percent of ALL Muslims, reject out of hand the clear instructions of the prophet Mohammad. All truly enlightened and civilized people are well aware that GOOD Muslims would never support this tiny handful of *jihadists* that believe that they must either



ISIS rampage in Paris November 13, 2015, 129 killed.

convert or kill infidels, Jews or Christians or anybody else who hesitates to become one of them. If you don't believe that, and understand it as self-evident truth, then you're xenophobic, bigoted and beyond redemption.

Only BAD Muslims would carry out, or privately support these vile acts of wanton murder. Only BAD Muslims would actually act out Mohammad's clear instructions. Oh, but these terrorists really aren't Islamic at all. According to the president, they have nothing to do with Islam!

Think about this, it's incredible. GOOD Muslims would NEVER actually get on board with what they regard as holy scripture in the *Koran* and the collections of Mohammad's sayings and quotes known as the *Hadith*. There have been all kinds of historical disputes over which accounts of Mohammad's sayings are accurate and which are "weak" or lacking in credibility. Those disputes are responsible for the many divided sects, the most notable being the *Sunni* and the *Shiite*. While they may disagree on details, one thing is clear: They all agree that Islam is destined to conquer the world, and that infidels, particularly Jews and Christians must be conquered, subjugated under Islamic law, or killed. It is a religious imperative under the *Koran* and various versions of the *Hadith* that all Muslims contribute to that end. *Sunnis* and *Shiites*, regardless of their internal disputes, agree on these points and have their high holy men, their "clerics," preaching this doctrine on a continuing basis.



San Bernardino ISIS inspired attack, December 2, 2015, 14 killed, 21 injured.

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Al Qaeda claims credit for the November Radisson Hotel attack in Mali, killing 27 including one American.

But GOOD Muslims would never, EVER condone outright slaughter of unsuspecting civilians like the attack just carried out in Paris. No, we'd be ignorant to believe that any GOOD Muslims actually believe and support the clear narrative of their holy books. That would be ridiculous...

When pressed on the issue while Paris was still cleaning up riddled and blown-up bodies, Hillary Clinton actually refused to equate the attack as having anything to do with the religion of Islam. No, that would be "painting with too broad a brush," she said.

So there you have it! Only BAD Muslims actually live the words of the *Koran*, and follow the example of their prophet. And there's only a relative handful of those. All GOOD Muslims hate what those BAD Muslims have done, and believe that they have besmirched the great religion of peace by following its dictates to the letter.

And if we don't understand that pretty much all Muslims are GOOD, and would never act upon the instructions of their holy scriptures, then we're ignorant bigots. The enlightened Obama, having been raised and taught Islamic precepts from a tender age,

knows this emphatically, and will rule accordingly on our behalf.

So what if one of the attackers came into Europe with the hundreds of thousands of supposed "refugees." He must have been the only one! These people, these massive hordes of young swarthy men, need our help. To quote the enlightened one, "To slam the door in their face would... ah... be... ah... inconsistent with American values."

Nearly half the governors of the United States have publicly rejected the idea that the "refugees" should be transported and settled in their states. But never mind that. Obama knows best, and besides, the States have no legal right to reject what the federal government under Obama has decreed.

So, here they come. There's no stopping it. We have nothing to say. Our representatives in Washington have nothing to say. The governor of our state can say



ISIS bombs Russian airliner leaving Egypt October 31, 2015 kills 217, no survivors.

Bible Study: Abraham

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in obedience to God. (See Gen. 14: 18-20.) When Abraham was ninety years old God told him to “Walk before me,” or obey in a mature or balanced manner (perfect). God gave him the covenant that would make him the father of the faithful for many nations. (See Gen. 17:1-5, 19.) Abraham obeyed God’s commandments, statutes and laws. (See Gen. 26:5.) The faith of his wife Sarah was also critical.

ABRAHAM SHARES THE FATHER’S EXPERIENCE OF OFFERING HIS ONLY SON

Abraham’s son born in the natural way was Ishmael. Abraham’s son born of grace by a miracle (not in any way earned) was Isaac. Abraham knew he needed his only son Isaac in order for God to fulfill His promise of making him a father to many nations and a blessing to the world. Yet he obeyed God when he was commanded to make the ultimate sacrifice of his only son. (See Gen 22:1-12.) Abraham offered Isaac on Mt. Moriah. He trusted that somehow God would make it work out. Abraham experienced what it was like for God the Father to see Christ enter Jerusalem to painfully become mankind’s Passover Sacrifice. Just like God, Abraham found it harder to sacrifice his only beloved son than to die himself. God allowed the father of the faithful to have a similar experience to God the Father, during the original Passover period. Abraham proved his

faithfulness by being willing to sacrifice his son. He was stopped at the last second.

ABRAHAM WAS A HEROIC WARRIOR PRINCE AND A PROPHET

The powerful Pharaoh learned that Abraham was a prophet of the true God. (See Gen. 12:10-20 and 20:1-18.) Abraham was wealthy and had a large number of employees or servants. He had enough resources to raise a small army and rescue his nephew Lot, who he brought to the land of Canaan with him. (See Gen. 14:14-16.) Abraham was such a friend of God and a prophet that he almost talked God into sparing Sodom and Gomorrah. (See Gen. 18.) If they had a few more righteous men, Abraham’s petition to God would have saved the city. He did intervene with God for his nephew Lot’s sake, no doubt.

GRACE AND THE LAW STILL WORK TOGETHER, JUST AS THEY DID FOR ABRAHAM

Paul explains that if there were NO LAW you would not need grace. If no speed laws existed, you would not need a pardon for speeding. (See Romans 3:31.) We are often accused of trying to earn our salvation when we explain that we should obey God’s laws. The deceived just do not want to understand. (See Romans 6:1-2, 7:7.) Why should we obey? Because we love Christ! (See John 14:21, 15:10.)

Be like Abraham and follow God all the way with faith, trust and love. □

ABRAHAM’S STRENGTHS

Faithfulness: References to Abraham’s faith can be found in Heb. 11:8-12, Gen.12:1-4.

Unselfishness: Allowed Lot to choose the best land.

Dependence: Dependent on God and gave Him glory.

A Candid Personal Connection: He had a close, personal relationship with God.

Generous: He tithed to God and gave back all of Sodom’s captured and rescued wealth.

Hospitality: Read the account of his special visitors in Genesis 18.

Committed: With obedience and faith Abraham’s life was totally committed to God.

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cross-dressers or cross-gender individuals not having sex reassignment surgery. In 1979, Christine Jorgensen, who in 1952 went to Denmark for 'gender reassignment surgery,' identified herself as trans-gender, clarifying that gender has to do with self-expression and psychological identity, not with birth gender assignment.

In 1976, little publicized, Phillip Frye no longer suppressed his gender identity. With that decision, he was forced to resign from the military for "sexual deviation." He was eventually disavowed by his parents, divorced by his first wife, separated from his son. As a born-again Christian, Army Lieutenant, husband and father, Phillip became Phyllis. His transition was neither pleasing nor accepted back then. Frye, who started his transgender journey four decades before highly publicized Bruce Jenner, eventually became the country's first openly transgender judge appointed in Texas.

Thousands of other trans-genders lived in the shadows back then. Now, no longer afraid to hide, conservative estimates put the transgender population



Born Chastity Bono, now identifies as male Chaz Bono.

in America currently at 700,000 adults.

In 1984, the "transgender community" became vogue as the march for full recognition, acceptance and political protection gained momentum. By 1992 transgender was a coverall or "umbrella" term for transsexuals, transgenderists, cross-dressers and anyone transitioning.

To date, 18 states have clear laws that protect transgender people, from bathroom designation to ensuring employers cannot terminate the employment of an individual based on his or her

transgender or sexual expressions.

Recently, Bill Maher, an American comedian, writer, political commentator, media critic, and television host,



made light of the emergence of transgender youths by commenting, "gay is the new straight ... gay is so simple now."

There is an irony in his comment. Truth is a gay person, whether male or female, is obvious. Man is attracted to man and woman is attracted to woman. Their birth gender (as defined - their physical equipment) does not change. However, for a transgender, the changes are demonstrative, psychologically and physically.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, academicians, medical staffs, the World Health Organization and the scientific community all now concur that being transgender is not a mental illness. Once considered "gender identity disorder" it's now referred to as "gender dysphoria," and is "the distress that may accompany the incongruence between one's experienced or expressed gender and one's assigned gender." Psychologists conclude gender identity transitioning is not the problem,



Olympian Bruce Jenner transitioned into Caitlyn Jenner.

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it's the distress caused by not being able to do anything about it.

Not to be mistaken as solely an America phenomenon, every country has transgenders among its populace. Some countries, societies and religious practices punish or even put to death those considered within LGBT. However, not in democratic

the United States and many European countries. The number of empowerment and support resources now championing the transgender movement for youth is staggering.

You cannot ignore it; you cannot defeat it, if that was your intention. The Trans movement is alive and growing. Parents are encouraged to support their transgender children, and not to interfere with their child's freedom to choose their gender

transgender people have the same rights and protections as other Americans.

Psychiatrists, psychologists, academicians, medical professionals, human rights groups, empowerment and support resources, liberal, liberated parents and grandparents are not shy to encourage the impressionable, developing, young little minds of boys and girls, as well as teenagers and adults to pursue their desired gender identity. Morals, tradition, religious values are no longer adhered to or tolerated. Follow your heart in spite of your gender assignment, is the new mantra. Transition if you feel you must.

How often these days do parents, misguided in their parental duties, deceived by social pressures, preoccupied with their careers, iPads and tablets, social media pursuits, blogs and tweets, cause greater anguish for their children by ignoring their children's cries for help and ignorantly encourage them to pursue gender transition behavior.

There is a spectrum of gender expressions that can be measured and gauged, exhibited and utilized by both male and female. At times men will exhibit a softer, more sensitive, compassionate side. At times women can express inflexible tenacity, headstrong boldness. These expressions are by no means restricted to just one or the other gender exclusively. For a man to exhibit what is normally considered a female trait does not cause that man to lose his male gender assignment. For a woman to exhibit what is considered a

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countries like the United States. Today, general statistics reveal MTF (male to female transgenders, a.k.a. transwomen) on average outnumber FTM (female to male transgenders, a.k.a. transmen) by a ratio of 3 to 1. Some studies indicate higher ratios while others seem to indicate that FTM are closing in on MTF.

As never before, transgender behavior and expression, be it incongruities and uncertainty or clear, unobstructed acceptance and practice is becoming more prominent among the youth. And by youth, the age is as young as 5, 6, 7. The conversations, texts, blogs, posts, web sites, columns, social agencies, human rights campaigns, centers and support groups are voluminous, spanning the width and breadth of cities and rural areas across

identity or expression even if it runs contrary to their gender birth assignment.

Many school districts across the country are becoming ideological war zones in the mêlée over transgender rights. For example, a boy dresses as a girl and wants to go in the girls' bathroom. However, his anatomy reveals she is a he. Confusion arises and most likely girls scream, "Get out." Of course. That's only logical and natural. But that's discrimination. Johnny, who wants to be Jane, cries foul and the courts or the school board steps in. Rather than hurting the child's feelings, why not just construct a transgender bathroom and everyone will be the better for it. That answer is the reality in the adult world too. More transgender bathrooms are popping up, especially on campuses, because in America,

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Court ruling, sparking protests against her as well as counter protests in her favor. Both sides naturally believed themselves to be right, on the side of justice.

How about terrorism? Average people going about their lives have been suddenly gunned down without warning. The attacks in Paris and San Bernardino are abhorrent to all of western civilization. Even the most asinine among us has a hard time justifying the murder of the unsuspecting, even if they claim to see the “rationale.”

But what do the perpetrators and their ideological cohorts have to say about their actions? They consider themselves champions of a true faith dedicated to conquering the world in the name of Islam, the religion of peace. They say our culture, with its admittedly loose morals, is the scourge of the earth, calling the United States “the great Satan.” Sharia law, supposedly, will restore order and justice to the world.

However to us, living under a system like that seems inconceivably vile. The oppression and dependency of women, their very person reduced to a literal possession, is an abomination to westerners, the idea of beheading disgusting under any circumstances. It is a way of life that is diametrically opposed to our own.

Indeed, it's tantamount to what so many have fought and

died to do away with in Iraq and Afghanistan. Spending over a decade trying to install democracy and liberty, believing the mission helpful and uplifting to the people, has instead engendered resentment and talk of foreign invaders. Now we have ISIS sweeping the region, claiming victory and rendering the situation worse than ever.

These examples barely scratch the surface of life or the world as we know it. Disparate situations without number exist across the globe, yet they contain a common thread. People everywhere want to be right. Rarely are they intentionally, provably wrong, at least in their own minds.

“Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.” Prov. 21:2

Sure people do things that are commonly considered bad on purpose, but even these actions satisfy a personal desire, some lust or greed. The character of Robin Hood combined crime and virtue in a heroic fashion.

The issues discussed have all motivated people to take extraordinary measures; Gathering in the streets, blocking traffic, setting fires, surrounding government buildings, forcing acknowledgment, showing strength in numbers, taking up arms, the laying down of life and taking the lives of others in brutal public chaos designed to intimidate.

But why? Why do the participants consider such extremes necessary? So that good will triumph over evil and for the establishment of righteousness. And what could be more noble, more selfless? But what, after all, is good? And what is evil?

In the book of Proverbs chapter 21, verse 2 begins “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes.” And don't we find that to be the case? Rarely are any of us caught without an excuse, or at least an explanation for what we have done and why. Verse 2 finishes “but the Lord ponders the hearts.”

Both sides of each issue, whether we realize it or not, appeal to a higher power. Not in these

examples only but many others; from the rights of immigrants to those of animals, from so called “blue laws” in the Bible Belt to the coming ice age... rather global warming... OK - call it climate change. Each figuratively points to a line in the sand, declaring one side right and the other wrong. People can change sides, taking the path of least resistance, going green, maybe even converting to save their lives, but the line remains unmoved.

That which is inherently good and inherently evil occupy opposing sides in each instance, but what separates them? Man, with his selfish and changing

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To begin with, the word “Ghost” should be translated “Spirit.” When the King James version of the Bible was translated in 1611, people firmly believed in ghosts. Due to this fact, the words which should have been translated “Holy Spirit” were translated “Holy Ghost,” thus giving this most sacred word a wrong connotation.

Christ himself, in unmistakable words, reveals just how many persons there are in the family of God. “No man (or person) knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him” (Matt. 11:27). How many persons mentioned? Only two,

the Father and the Son. If there were another member of the Godhead, he would certainly know both the Father and the Son, would he not?

Now consider—is Christ the Son of God? As he is the Son of the Person He called the Father, and if the Holy Spirit is a separate person, He couldn’t be the son of the Holy Spirit could He? And yet your Bible plainly says that before Joseph and Mary came together “. . . she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.” There it is! If the Holy Spirit were a separate person in the family of God, then Jesus is the son of THAT person and NOT of the Father!

The truth is that the Holy Spirit is not one of the Persons of the

Godhead, but is the substance of which those who are in the Godhead are composed. “God is a Spirit...” (John 4:24). There is only one Spirit which composes God but God is a family of more than one person. Just as we humans are composed of flesh and blood (material substances) so the family of God is composed of Spirit... the Holy Spirit. Just as we use the power of material muscle to carry out our human plans so the family of God (*Elohim*) uses the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the divine plan.

If Jesus is now part of the family of God, when did He achieve that status?

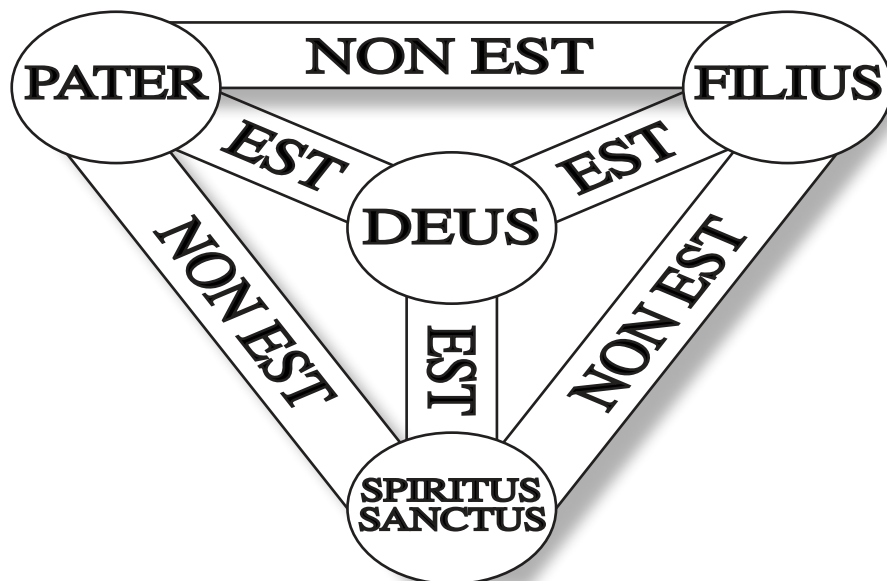
HOW JESUS BECAME A SON OF GOD

Let’s examine the statement made in John 1:1. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” In the original Greek the “Word” is *Logos* which means one who speaks—a spokesman—one who personifies the very words of God.

According to John 1:3, it was the “Word” which made all things. Therefore He had to exist before anything else (Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:10-19). God created all things by Christ, who employed the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father gave the order to Christ who spoke the words which were executed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Again—we read in Malachi 3:1, “Behold, I will send my messenger... even the messenger of the covenant.” A messenger is one who brings a message—a spokesman—a *Logos*.

When this promised Messenger



The “Shield of the Trinity,” a visual representation of Trinitarian confusion, derived from the Athanasian Creed. The Latin reads: “The Father is God, The Son is God, The Holy Spirit is God; God is the Father, God is the Son, God is the Holy Spirit; The Father is not the Son, The Son is not the Father, The Father is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Son is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Son.”

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States. It was created by an ultra-secret meeting of the largest bankers in the country. On November 22, 1910, Senator Aldrich, with a handful of companions, set forth in a privately chartered railroad car from Hoboken, New Jersey to the coast of Georgia, where they sailed to an exclusive retreat, the Jekyll Island Club.

The conferees worked for a solid week at Jekyll Island to hammer out the draft of the Federal Reserve bill. In addition to Aldrich, the conferees included Henry P. Davison, a Morgan partner; Paul Warburg, whose address in the spring had greatly impressed Aldrich; Frank A. Vanderlip, vice president of the National City Bank of New York; and finally, A. Piatt Andrew, head of the NMC staff who had recently been made Assistant Secretary of the Treasury by President Taft.

After a week of meetings, the financial power elite now had themselves a bill. The six men had forged a plan for a central bank, which eventually became the Aldrich Bill. The significance of the composition of the small meeting must be stressed: two Rockefeller men (Aldrich, Vanderlip), two Morgans (Davison and Norton), one Kuhn, Loeb person (Warburg), and one economist friendly to both camps (Andrew). The financial elites of this country were responsible for putting through the Federal Reserve System as a governmentally

created and sanctioned cartel device to enable the nation's banks to inflate the money supply in a coordinated fashion, thus avoiding any accountability or unpleasant consequence to them when the citizens demanded the withdrawal of their own money.



US Federal Reserve Bank building in Washington D.C

On December 23, 1913, with the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act signed into law by Progressive President Woodrow Wilson, the constitutional power to issue the nation's money supply was negated and given into the hands of the banking cartel. There is nothing Federal about the Federal Reserve, it is a privately owned bank bleeding the American citizens of their freedom and stealing their hard earned wages to enrich the very few.

The other event of 1913 sealed the financial doom and restricted the personal freedom of the American people. The Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution granted Congress

the specific power to impose an income tax without regard to apportionment among the states by population. By February 1913, 36 states had ratified the change to the Constitution. It was further ratified by six more states by March. Of the 48 states at the

time, 42 ratified it. Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Utah rejected the amendment; Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida did not take up the issue.

If you think these two events in 1913 were coincidence, I have beach front property in Kansas to sell you.

This made possible the meaning of the scripture found in:

Proverbs 22:7 (KJV) "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender."

Following the old saying, "Paper is the money of slaves," I will now break down this great fraud that, although made to appear "too complex" by those who want to hide its evil intention, is actually quite simple when you get beyond

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male trait does not cause that woman to automatically desire to abandon her female gender features.

There is an obvious male-female (gender binary) reality in the world and it has been that way since creation. Oh no, don't say it. *Creation* - meaning God. Do not even dare put God in the equation these days. Although some transgenders have commented words to the effect, "God put me in the wrong body at birth."

If you introduce God in the discussion, most likely you will be labeled ignorant, a bigot. You may even be guilty of instigating hate, and that is a crime. Certainly, God cannot be considered in the conversation. Trans is all too pervasive, all too encouraged and all too socially accepted a behavior now to correct or renounce. The transgender arguments and "studies" presented by the various branches of science today reinforce humanism and self-expression and promotes gender self-determination. Science seems more believable than the words God has spoken to His creation.

God created male and female, both in His image; yet each gender unique and distinct from the other, each with a functional design and purpose exclusive to each. Creating binary gender attributes, identities and expressions, both distinct yet complementing the other, God said it was very good. To sustain

what He created and maintain a healthy, wholesome, honorable and right life style, distinct to each gender, God issued life preserving commands (laws), which when disobeyed will naturally cause misery, suffering, mental anguish and eventual death.

God said, "A woman must not wear men's clothing nor a man wear woman's clothing"

(cf. Deuteronomy 22:5 NIV). By stating this, God was not advocating that women must not wear Levis or pant suits and men must not wear kilts. God's mind is much more logical and His purpose more rational than that.

At the time God gave this law to the children of Israel, both men and women dressed with distinctive yet similar robes, skirts and coverings. Clothing, per se, was not the issue. The purpose of this law, which is universal, comprehensive, crossing cultural bounds, was to protect, preserve and maintain the dignity and uniqueness of one's gender assignment (one's sex at birth). It was a law prohibiting transvestism and transsexual, transgender behaviors, tendencies or practices, which are immoral behaviors, anomalous to what God created.

God's desire is to make sure the distinction between male and female, the two genders He created, should be maintained.

This law, like all of God's laws, statutes and judgments are still extant and in force today. To break this law will cause mental anguish, individual emptiness, societal confusion and ineptitude, and ultimately the demise of a nation.

Sexual variants, gender aberrations, transgenderism, like every other sexual perversion,

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infidelities, adultery and immoralities, is a sin which results in broken hearts, broken lives, angst, misery, hurt, pain, emptiness, corruption, and often disease, sickness and eventually death.

When it is all said and done, whether in ignorance or by free moral choice, sin is the result and lives are ruined. Transgenderism, transitioning is no exception. When cataloguing some of the behaviors which corrupted and diseased the ancient Greek city of Corinth, the Apostle Paul listed among those sins the following: "fornicators, idol-worshippers, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with those of the same sex, thieves, drunkards, and extortionists." Paul explained that those individuals who practice such behavior would have no place in the eternity (the Kingdom of God), which God is preparing for His creation.

The Apostle Paul, however, was encouraged by the fact that

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at hand, Crichton spoke about environmentalism, a bold move in a city that spawned the Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, and a herd of other like-minded groups. If anyone had the chops to challenge eco-activists in their home court, it was Crichton. At this stage of his career, he did not need anyone's approval, and, in San Francisco, he wasn't about to get it. After reassuring the audience that, like all rational people,



Michael Crichton, author, physician, producer, director and screenwriter.

he understood man had a responsibility for his environment, he warned that civic leaders often failed to make the right decisions and, worse, refused to learn from their failures.

As a student of anthropology – he had taught the subject at Oxford – Crichton knew why this

was so. “The best people, the most enlightened people,” he argued, were making decisions based not on fact but on faith. They thought they had transcended religion, but they had not. For the West, said Crichton, “one of the most powerful religions” was environmentalism. He called it, in fact, “a perfect 21st century remapping of traditional Judeo-Christian beliefs and myths.” This was the belief system that gave meaning to the life of the secular elite and shaped their sense of the world.

Crichton went on to explain how environmentalism mimicked Christianity. It started with the “initial Eden, a Paradise, a state of grace and unity with nature.” Man then overreached. He plucked the technological fruit from the tree of knowledge, and this led to pollution. “There is a judgment day coming for us all,” said Crichton. “We are all energy sinners, doomed to die, unless we seek salvation, which is now called sustainability.” Not above a little humor, Crichton described communion in the church of Mother Earth as pesticide-free, organic food consumed by the elect, “the right people with the right beliefs.” Bottum had come to the same conclusion.

Environmentalism, he affirmed, “comes to us as Christianity without Christ.”

Crichton had no argument with the Judeo-Christian tradition. Its adherents acknowledged many of their beliefs to be issues of faith. They did not pretend otherwise. Environmentalists had no such

humility. They clung to their core beliefs as gospel even when confronted with new evidence. “Facts aren't necessary,” Crichton taunted his audience. “It's about whether you are going to be a sinner, or saved. Whether you are going to be one of the people on the side of salvation, or on the side of doom. Whether you are going to be one of us, or one of them.”

Crichton disabused the San Francisco audience of one core belief after another. There was no Eden. Life before the emergence of modern technology was rife with disease, appalling child mortality, and early death all around. The indigenous peoples no sooner crossed into America than they began wiping out hundreds of species of large animals. Well before Columbus, they lived in a state of constant warfare with each other. Human sacrifice and infanticide were common. Those tribes that could not compete simply vanished or hunkered down in hillside abodes. Similar conditions and worse prevailed throughout the world among indigenous peoples. “The noble savage is a fantasy, and it was never true,” said Crichton. That anyone still believed in the concept, he said, was a testament to “the tenacity of religious myths.”

Having dispensed with the notion of a godless Eden and fall from grace, Crichton then questioned the rest of this ersatz theology, including the various apocalyptic scenarios. One that had not panned out, he observed, was the fear of rampant over-

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the smoke and mirrors put in front of it.

We may easily understand in seven steps “History’s Greatest Fraud,” the system set in motion in 1913, 102 years ago. We will go through this together and when we are through, you will be “mad as a wet hen” as the expression goes and you will see why there will be a global financial meltdown; for this same system is employed by all Sovereign Governments on the planet.

STEP 1, The Government creates glorified IOU’s in the form of Treasury Bonds (the root word being bondage). These Bonds increase our national debt and put the public on the hook to pay it back.

STEP 2, Banks swap the IOU’s to create currency. The Treasury sells the Bonds to the banks. The banks then turn around and sell our national debt at a

profit to The Federal Reserve, which they probably own. The Federal Reserve then opens its checkbook, which doesn’t have a penny in it, and buys those IOU’s with IOU’s that it writes - checks on a checking account that has a zero balance. Then they give those checks to the banks and currency springs into existence, and then the whole process repeats over and over. This results in a buildup of bonds at the Federal Reserve and currency at the Treasury, which is really just a supply of numbers. The Treasury Department deposits those numbers into the various branches of the government.

STEP 3, Government spends the numbers on promises, public works, social programs and war. Then the government employees, contractors and soldiers deposit their pay into the banks.

STEP 4, Banks multiply the numbers by magically inventing more IOU’s through Fractional Reserve Lending where they steal a portion of everyone’s deposit

and loan it out. That currency gets re-deposited and then a portion is stolen again; and the process repeats over and over, magnifying the currency supply exponentially. Then we work for some of those numbers.

STEP 5, Our numbers are taxed by the IRS, who then turns our money over to the Treasury, so that the Treasury can pay the principal plus the interest on bonds that were purchased from the Federal Reserve with a check from nothing.

STEP 6, The Debt ceiling is reached, which is designed to require ever increasing levels of debt and will eventually collapse under its own weight because politicians always kick the can down the road. They don’t want it to collapse on their watch.

STEP 7, The Secret Owners of the Federal Reserve take their cut. The world’s largest banks own the Federal Reserve (although their identity is a carefully guarded secret from the public). Those banks make a profit selling our

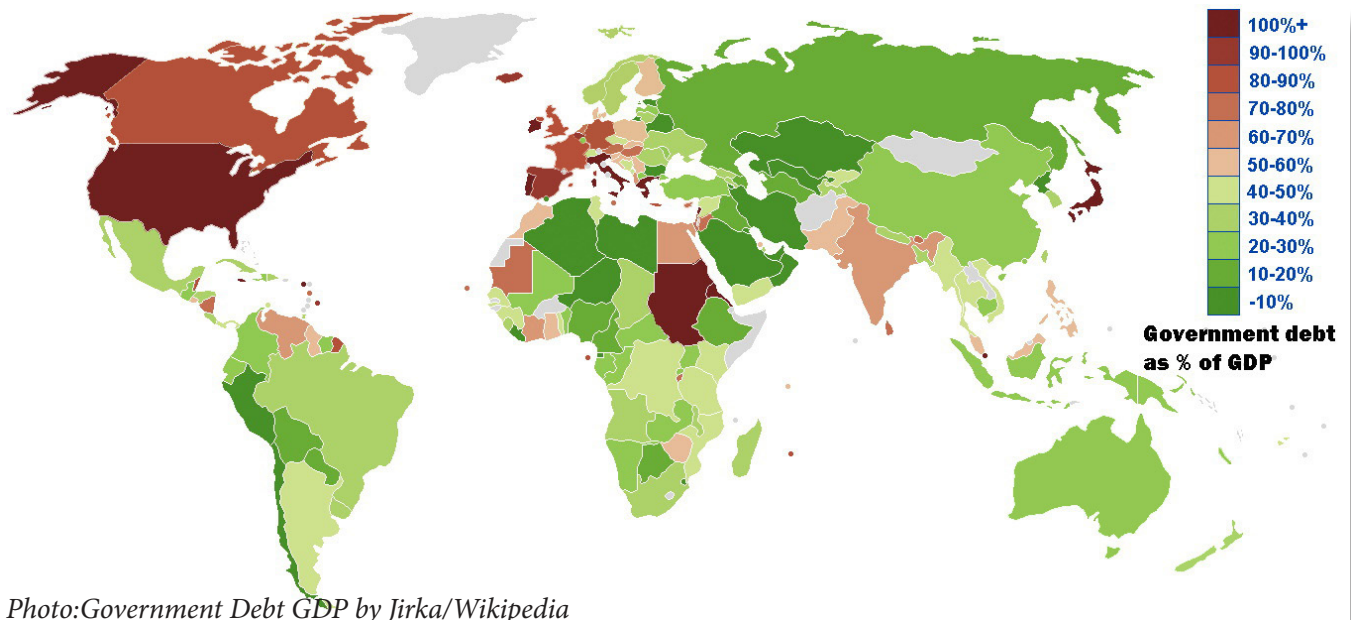


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came He was called Jesus. That was His human name just as John or George or James might be your name. However while your parents might have named you anything that sounded good, there was a reason for the name Jesus. The angel told Joseph that he should call His name Jesus because He should save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

God always names people what they are. When the devil was a shining archangel his name was Lucifer which means “light-bringer” or “shining star of the dawn.” When he rebelled, his name was changed to fit his new character so he was called “Satan” which means “an adversary.” In the same way the Savior was called “Jesus” because that name shows what He is. The name Jesus means “YHWH (THE ETERNAL) saves” or “YHWH (THE ETERNAL) is the Savior.”

Jesus Himself said that He existed before Abraham (John 8:58). And according to the first chapter of John, He had existed from the beginning of creation. Did He then exist before this “beginning”?

To determine the answer, let us examine a little-understood passage in the Bible. The sixth chapter of Hebrews states that Christ has been ordained a priest forever after the order

of Melchisedec. Who was this mysterious figure, mentioned only twice in the Bible?

Was he man... angel... or what? Melchisedec “first being

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by interpretation King of Peace.” He was not human but divine - one of the GOD family! Hebrews 7:1 reads as follows: “For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God...” Notice - he was priest of the most high God. “Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but made like unto the Son of God; ABIDETH A PRIEST CONTINUALLY.”

Notice carefully. He was not the FATHER of the God family—He was the Priest or Representative of the Father. He was like the SON—He was Christ the Eternal before He became human flesh by birth as the Christ child. Melchisedec “abideth a Priest continually”—He was, at the time Hebrews was written, “abiding”—remaining continually High Priest. At that time Jesus Christ was the High Priest. There is but ONE High

Priest. Therefore Melchisedec was the *Logos*—the YHWH—who was by human birth made flesh—He and Christ are one and the same Person. And He existed as much from eternity as He shall for eternity—“having neither beginning of days nor end of life.” He always existed,

the same as the Father!

The final clincher to this whole discussion is Micah 5:2. “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah... out of thee shall come unto me he that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from EVERLASTING.” Jesus existed from all eternity before being born into human flesh. He is one of the persons in the eternal family of God. He was not a created being of the Father.

Since Jesus is divine, then was He ever born into HUMAN flesh at all? Was Mary a divine person, immaculately conceived, according to the doctrine of the “immaculate conception”?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A FABLE

This doctrine teaches that Mary’s parents were so perfect that God changed them into holy, sinless, divine flesh. It was while they were in this state that Mary was conceived. If this

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what he wants, too bad. Obama is sending the refugees anyway.

Clearly, the president knows best. He's much more enlightened than the heads of the CIA, FBI, the NSA, or any collection of governors. They all say they have no way of knowing who's who when it comes to the hordes Obama wants settled in the U.S. They say we're already in grave danger of a domestic terror attack along the lines of 9-11 or the Paris massacre. Their resources and manpower are already stretched to the breaking point. There are a couple of hundred here in the U.S. that went over to fight with ISIS and have returned. There are over twelve hundred known Muslims in the United States who are under suspicion of terrorist intentions. What happens when another 10,000 or 100,000 or 200,000 take up residence among the American citizenry? The agencies tasked with our protection tell us there's no way they can stay on top of the

situation. They say we're in grave danger of more terrorist attacks.

But Obama obviously is not listening to them either. The Muslims are coming to a state, perhaps a neighborhood near you, and there's nothing you, your representatives, law enforcement or your governor can do about it. He's spoken, he knows best, and it's "the right thing ta dooo." Just like when he released five more terrorists out of Guantanamo Bay Saturday, after the Friday night attacks on Paris. This president apparently hates America, and scoffs at everyone who loves it and wants it preserved. It's hard to believe that, being so fond of the religion of Islam, he doesn't realize that the terrorists are merely acting out the dictates of their prophet. They're following the instruction of their "holy" scriptures to the letter. Meanwhile, the president tells us, and the world, terrorism has nothing to do with Islam. If that is not absolute denial of incontrovertible truth, then what is?

As France scrambles to mop up the terrorist cells that have caused such horrid bloodshed and

incalculable grief on families and loved ones, that nation realizes that they've got thousands more potential terrorists living among them already. Recent years have seen their rebellion against free society; rampages in the streets with windows shattered and shops looted, cars torched by the hundreds. They've seen their streets blocked by hundreds of Muslims who decided to hold their prayer vigils in the middle of a boulevard. Paris has whole districts that are un-assimilated and angry, as does nearly every other European city. Those districts are growing now, exponentially.

And yet, as we've noted, many in France remain in denial. Several interviews with Parisians revealed that they still are not prepared to admit what motivates the mindless violence. When asked if they've begun to look at Muslims or the religion of Islam differently, the reply came, "No, I think we've progressed past all that." But that may be starting to change, in France and elsewhere around Europe.

France just held regional elections that saw what the mainstream calls the "far-right" National Front (known as FN) originally founded by Jean Marie Le Pen, making substantial gains with voters. Some are concerned that the popularity of Marine Le Pen may propel her into the French presidency in 2017.

As we noted long prior to the current onslaught of north African and Middle Eastern "refugees" pouring across Europe, there was already a major Muslim



Muslims praying in the streets of Paris.

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Heads of Delegations at the Paris 2015 UN Climate Change Conference.

problem in Germany, in Belgium, in France, in Sweden. In 2010 German Chancellor Angela Merkel made big news declaring that Germany's experiment with a multi-cultural society had not only failed, but "utterly failed." Given the facts on the ground, the "no-go" ghettos and non-stop terror investigations, it certainly seemed a logical reaction on her part.

What could have changed her position? Now she's *Time* magazine's Woman of the Year, and the most noteworthy thing she has done is to invite the entirety of the Muslim world into Europe to be supported by an already overburdened socialist system. In addition to that, one of the Paris attackers arrived amid the swarms of "refugees" and had his part in murdering well over one hundred innocent civilians. So it's only logical that *Time* magazine has named her Woman of the Year for 2015. How very fitting! The formerly reliable news periodical has elevated

her stock around the world now for her part in the destruction of all of western civilization.

Meanwhile, leaders of 165 nations have gathered in Paris to complete some kind of international agreement on "Global Warming," or is it "Climate Change?" They've got to enter into some kind of pact to be enforced by the UN, or the damage will be irreversible, they say. Surely they know of the many scandals that have arisen from their attempts to doctor temperature data, present and past. Surely they know that their many predictions, from melted Himalayan glaciers to an ice-free arctic have failed. We certainly do!

No, it's absolutely clear to them that we must surrender our earnings and perhaps our way of life, giving the UN and various government agencies unlimited power to "save the planet," and if we don't agree, then we're just "deniers." You know, like those who refuse to

acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God, or like those who claim the holocaust never happened.

Yes, "global warming" has become a "faith" with religious overtones. Why, a Catholic Cardinal just made worldwide headlines by stating that the pope himself may well intervene if climate-talks don't pan out.

Here we have a Muslim terrorist movement that literally spans the globe, but with Israel, Europe and America as its primary targets. Obama scolds us to respect the religion that mandates their actions. Then he turns around to scoff at anyone who doesn't support some global plan to distribute "carbon credits," redistribute wealth, and impose itself on everyone's personal lifestyle. He, his political supporters and the mainstream media still have the gall to call us "Deniers."

May God give us the strength to survive another year of his double-talking balderdash. □

Transitioning

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some of the very members of God's church, to whom he was writing then and there, who once practiced these types of destructive and heinous behaviors had repented and were baptized,

healthy in God's sight and in the sight of Jesus Christ.

The Trans explosion will not end any time soon. However, it will end at the time of God's choosing and at the time of Christ's return. For now, Jesus Christ is offering to those who choose to listen, the opportunity to repent and be forgiven, to be healed mentally,

sinner to repentance."

In the life of those transitioning, each person has a story to tell. Those who are courageous enough to do so can allow God to help them close that chapter of their book. Transitioning individuals can repent of this aberrant way of life, which is foreign to creation and foreign to what God said is "very good." Transitioning individuals, held captive to gender identity disorder, can be freed from the mental torment and the physical maladies that naturally follow. One who is transitioning can stop that type of existence and begin living a God-defined, God-ordained, honorable, healthy life. It may not be easy at first, but it is possible. If you are burdened by the sin of transitioning, may you have the courage to repent and be baptized, asking Jesus Christ to forgive you and heal you. □

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being forgiven and made right in the sight of God. These sinners, now in God's church no longer committed these grievous and horrible sins. They no longer practiced their lusts and desires, their self-willed perversions and sin-generating dysphorias. They repented. They were then made right in God's sight. They became

spiritually and emotionally of this dreadful scourge which destroys the hearts and minds of those confused about their sexuality.

Jesus Christ made it clear, "it is not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but the

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do so "subtly."

That's nice. But there's nothing subtle about the measures western leaders want to impose upon their own nations. The demand in essence is that we all agree that the poor nations of the world are poor because the industrial nations have flourished at their expense. Success at the "climate-change" conference would mean that the United States would

begin to pay "reparations" to all the destitute nations of Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Central and South America, in addition to accepting UN authority over our own domestic energy production and consumption.

In short, success for the environmental activists would mean disaster for all developed nations. That's just what the UN wants. That's just what president Obama wants, it's what Angela Merkel wants, and it's what other socialist leaders of Europe want. A world authority over everything,

one that looks nothing like the United States or any other affluent western society. More proof that they're angling for our dissolution and destruction is the flood of the lowest imaginable third-world "hard luck" cases they're funneling into our culture at great risk to us all. Their plan for the modern descendants of ancient Israel is clearer by the day. "You will pay, and you will lose all the blessings God saw fit to bestow on you. And you'd better agree to every bit of it, or face the consequences!" □

The Scarlet D

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population. Although Crichton did not mention Paul Ehrlich by name, he did not have to. Ehrlich, the twentieth century's best-known neo-Malthusian, was foremost among the "preachers of environmentalism" to whom Crichton alluded. Indeed, he made the Millerites look like optimists. "The battle to feed all of humanity is already lost," Ehrlich lamented in the opening of his breakthrough 1968 best seller *Population Bomb*. The most "cheerful" scenario Ehrlich could envision for "the next decade or so" was one in which Americans assumed an unexpected "maturity of outlook," a new pope gave "his blessing to abortion," and only half a billion people died of famine.

"Okay, so, the preachers made a mistake," said Crichton with a wee bit of irony. Not only did fertility rates fall everywhere and food surpluses grow, but also, he noted, twenty-first-century demographers were worrying about a shrinking, aging population throughout the Western world. The fact that Ehrlich got everything not just wrong but spectacularly wrong scarcely dimmed his star. He capped a lifetime of prestigious environmental awards in 1990 – long after most of his predictions had proven absurd – with both a \$345,000 MacArthur Foundation grant and the Crafoord Prize from the Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Nobel equivalent

for environmentalists. This kind of acclaim made sense, said Crichton, if one thought of environmentalism as a religion, and a crackpot religion at that. "Remember, the nut on the sidewalk carrying the placard that predicts the end of the world doesn't quit when the world doesn't end on the day he expects," said Crichton. "He just changes his placard, sets a new doomsday date, and goes back to walking the streets."

"Facts aren't necessary," Crichton taunted his audience. "It's about whether you are going to be a sinner, or saved..."

Another article of faith that Crichton attacked that fateful night in San Francisco was the dogma that the miracle chemical DDT caused cancer and, worse, killed birds. One very determined woman, Rachel Carson by name, introduced this idea in her influential 1962 best seller, *Silent Spring*. A Manichaeon at heart, Carson envisioned a constant struggle between an evil, material world of darkness and the bearers of light like her. She pulled much of her literary power from this ominous vision. Her chapters have titles such as "Elixirs of Death," "Rivers of Death," and "Beyond the Dreams of the Borgias." The Borgias, it seems, were mere dabblers in the art of poison. America introduced the "age of poisons." Carson used words such as "toxins," "contaminants," "hazards," "death-dealing

materials," and the inevitable "poison" where others might use "chemical" or "insecticide." And she never let up.

As it happened, Carson proved to be the Elmer Gantry of environmental preachers. The esteemed entomologist Gordon Edwards, a Carson fan at the time, combed through the book page by page, noting literally scores of "deceptions, false statements, horrible innuendoes, and ridiculous allegations." At the end

of the day, beyond all reasonable doubt, Edwards revealed Carson's claim that DDT is "deadly" to be "completely false." Still, her careless, media-fanned hysteria contaminated the culture and politics of the day. In 1972 the newly formed Environmental Protection Agency issued an order ending the general use of DDT in the United States after nearly three successful decades of application. Worldwide bans would follow, and so would millions of needless deaths from diseases, most notably, malaria. "Banning DDT is one of the most disgraceful episodes in the twentieth century history of America," said Crichton. Eco-activists had no use for facts; he noted ruefully, "The tenets of environmentalism are all about belief." □

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national debt to the Fed. They make a profit when the Fed pays them interest on the reserves held at the Fed, and the Fed pays them a 6% dividend on their ownership of the Fed.

As the Economic Grand Master of this system, “History’s Greatest Fraud,” John Maynard Keynes had as his economic formula $D+I=P$ (Debt + Inflation = Prosperity). For its implementation by world governments he stated, “By this means the government may secretly and unobserved confiscate the wealth of the people; and not one man in a million will detect the theft.”

This is why, as I stated in the beginning, most people can feel deep down that something is not quite right with the world economy, but few know what it is.

NOW, YOU DO!!

Now you understand Proverbs 22:7, “The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Now you understand that a global financial meltdown is not “if” but “when” and the “when” is much, much, much closer than you can imagine today.

Now you understand 1 Timothy 6:10, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” Paul wrote this from a lifetime of observation of the greed of man and its result and is sending a dire warning to the Christians of The

Church of God of his day and throughout the ages since, not to become entangled therein.

Now you understand that when you saw overnight on March 20, 2014 the Government of Cyprus confiscate, no, STEAL, from 20% to 70% of the bank accounts of ordinary citizens that something is about to happen.



When you saw on January 15, 2015 the Government of Switzerland, without warning, devalued its currency, the Swiss Franc, something is up. When you saw on February 2, 2015 the Government of Venezuela, overnight, devalued its currency, the Bolivar, by 69%, you may not have cared since they are a Communist, Socialist country. When you saw on August 11, 2015, without notice, the Chinese Government devalue the Yuan through the “Peoples Bank of China” and the ensuing drop in world stock, commodity and Fx markets, you may have thought, “Who is next?”

Now you understand. When you hear that Christine LaGarde, the head of the International Monetary Fund, is speaking about

a “reset” of the world’s reserve currency to a basket of different currencies rather than just the U.S. Dollar, the “WHEN” is close at hand for the global financial meltdown.

What then do we do? I believe Proverbs 2:1-12, “My son, if you wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with you;

So that you incline your ear unto wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yea, if you cry after knowledge, and lift up your voice for understanding; If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures; Then shall you understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints. Then shall thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto your

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Moral Crisis

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opinions? No, in each instance the cause is greater than the individual, as evidenced by the self-sacrifice so often involved.

Only God can draw the line. Only He, in purity and constancy, has defined the absolutes. Which side is which and where exactly the line lies is not always easy for us to ascertain, but we are not without resources. God, in His wisdom and mercy, has provided us with the answers to all of our problems. The keys to happiness, peace and prosperity, the things every person craves.

We have access to His inspired word, so crammed with knowledge and examples of His revealed will that many cannot easily comprehend it. They dismiss it without taking the time to understand or are unable to bear its implications in their own lives. No human, by its

own admission, has or ever will be able to perfectly live up to its standards.

In Matthew chapter 7 verses 1 and 2, Christ said "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged..." Often this line is thrown in the teeth of those who would stand for traditional values or clearly defined biblical principles. Yet this modern addiction to progress is flawed.

How can universal acceptance deny the right of certain opinions even to exist? How can anything be right or wrong if everyone is allowed to define truth for themselves, let alone if the world is constantly evolving?

Hypocrisy is odious. Many who reject the watery pap nominal Christianity has become do so on its account. They see a flawed person and they assume a flawed system.

That, however, is not where the problem lies. We fall short only too often. Even those who

claim "all you have to do is believe," dwelling entirely on love and neglecting God's revealed will in our lives, His law, His commandments, can't hit the mark. Our works, the evidence of our faith, betray us.

First Corinthians Chapter 11 verse 31 says, "for if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." What God has given us is in no way defective. We need to read it and apply it, "judge ourselves." The human mind discovering itself, asserting and never restraining itself, is not righteousness. We can all benefit from humility, from honest self examination, and from acknowledging the power of the Highest. His will does not change, it is as immutable as the gravity binding us to this earth. We need His protection, His deliverance from many a moral crisis. Let His word banish the darkness, separate good from evil, and light our way. □

Who -What- Was Jesus Before Birth?

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were true, then Mary was not composed of mortal flesh as we are.

In II John 7, we find what God, through His apostle, labels this idea: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." It is a doctrine of antichrist!

Before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He was a member of the eternal Godhead. When He was born He was a HUMAN being who could be tempted, suffer, bleed and die (Hebrews 2:14). After His resurrection He was again an immortal member of the family of God.

Yes, it's all very easy to understand. A lot of Bible

quotations and lengthy references are not necessary in order to get a clear picture of the overall meaning of Bible scripture. Rather a summing up of the important points on any one subject, adding the TOTAL together, accepting each verse for what it says, and not attempting to make one fit the other--that is the proper way to arrive at the answers. □

Free and Confident

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necessary.

If that happened in the United States, the news media would be screaming bloody murder! Obama wouldn't stand for it. He'd be issuing executive orders left and right. U.S. government agencies don't seem the least bit perturbed that they've ruined the pleasurable experience of air travel by treating us ALL like potential terrorists, including searches of personal items, x-rays that see through our clothes, pat-downs and all manner of abusive nonsense. They know, and we know that it's an idiotic exercise in futility unless they are targeting actual potential terrorists, but they give us no choice. If you want to fly on a commercial plane, spread your feet and put your hands up



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A TSA agent scanning a potential terrorist.

in the air, or opt for a pair of blue gloves to get very intimate with your person. But I digress.

Mrs. Merkel's latest speech will again be broadcast all over the Middle East. The story will be carried in every foreign paper, in every language, again. The message is, "Come one come all!" We'll make sure you're "settled" and supported. It's as

if she's acquired a case of the Obama malady. And it will surely lead to terrorism, a fearful and angry domestic population, and anything but the "free and confident" Europe she proposes. It's looking more like the demise of western civilization, courtesy of politically correct, socialist lunacy. □

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soul; Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you: To deliver you from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaks perverse things."

I can't tell you what to do. I can only choose to do for myself and mine. But my job as your pastor is to be a shepherd, a watchman for you, and to sound the alarm of impending danger when it is coming. There are no set dates here today, that lesson was well learned many years ago. But I feel we should urgently do what the church taught many years ago;

before it was all forgotten in the trauma of the splits and divisions created by the quest for power and control of God's people by many parading as ministers of God.

What did we teach? Common sense, wisdom and reliance on God. It would not be a bad idea to again save and lay aside as much cash as you can, to put aside some non-perishable food in your home, to store water, candles, matches, and a good first aid kit. In other words, preparations for an emergency that may occur at any time, natural or man-made. Add to that list as you see fit. And put your reliance in Isaiah 41:10, "Fear you not; for I am with you:

be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness."

We can't do anything about this world's economy of lies or the theft, deceit and greed of those controlling "History's Greatest Fraud." But we will soon have the grand opportunity to teach the entire world God's true way of life; peace, joy, love, happiness and prosperity in "History's Greatest Blessing" - the Kingdom of God!

AND YOU CAN TAKE THAT TO THE BANK! □

LETTERS

Dear GTAEA,

Thank you for the CDs and the WATCH magazine and the letters that you send to me. I appreciate them. They keep me informed on world events and things going on in our own country that I couldn't know about if you all didn't tell me. So thanks a lot.

W.M., Sevierville, TN

Dear GTAEA,

Thank you and all your co-workers for your CDs and pamphlets and magazine.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for opening my eyes and mind to the Real Jesus and the Bible like I've never known.

L.C., Mountain Grove, MO

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

I thank you for the CDs you send me. My son is a pastor and he enjoys them also.

Your dad started sending me sermons years ago. I try to pass them along to others to listen to.

May Jesus bless you and your family until Jesus comes for us.

H.M., Cleburne, TX

To All Friends at Headquarters and Those Who Visit,

Greetings from Tasmania for the Holy Season and for the days ahead.

Thank you for keeping us up to date on world events and for the constant flow of God's word through our ministers.

Being isolated from our brethren makes us appreciate so much more, with Murray in Sydney and your continual provision of DVDs, CDs, and updates.

Though we haven't met, the Spiritual bond God has endowed us with draws us together as nothing else can. We wish you all a glorious, inspiring, uplifting and safe Feast and Holy Days...

Our prayers daily are for you and our thoughts with you in these troubled times.

May God place his righteous angels about you and keep you all safe in His love.

To Mark Armstrong, Mr. Roberts, and all visitors who speak on our DVDs, thank you one and all!

D.R. & E.B.D., Tasmania

Dear GTAEA,

Thanks for the effort you put forth. We appreciate it. The age of man is fast coming to a close. This world needs more people like you to sound the warning!

L. & H.F., Wasilla, AK

Dear Sir,

I enjoy your letters so much. Please never stop! This world needs more people like you .

I used to listen to your father over the radio. Keep up the good work.

R.S., Eufala, OK

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Your newsletter of 8-25-2015 was awesome! I can't stop reading it - you sound just like your dad! Can't wait for the next letter!

B.H., Sandy Hook, KY

Dear Mr. Armstrong,

Thank you for carrying on. When I was a young teenager, ironing for my grandmother, I remember listening to GTA on the radio in the 40's.

K.B., Chickamauga, GA

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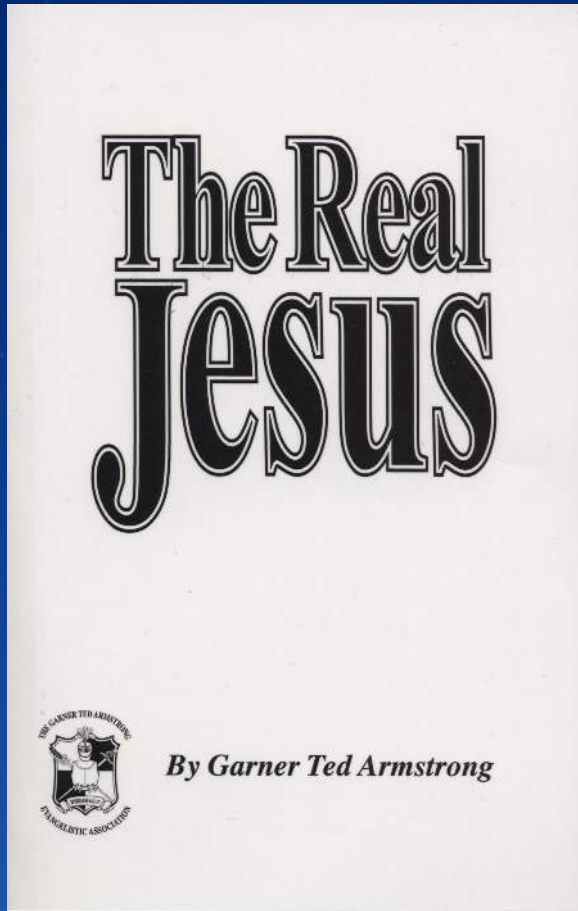


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Few know that Jesus was not born on or anywhere near December 25...



- that, as a boy, Jesus learned a profession; that He owned at least one and probably two homes of His own; that He paid taxes.
- that He was a personal friend of con artists, soldiers, fishermen, cheats, liars, thieves, crooked politicians, religious leaders and prostitutes.
- that Jesus did not come to save the world some two thousand years ago, that He has not been trying to save it since, and that He is not trying to save it today.
- that Jesus did not die of a broken heart; that He was not crucified on “Good Friday”; that He was not resurrected on “Easter Sunday”; that neither Jesus nor His disciples ever celebrated (or taught anyone to celebrate) Christmas or Easter.
- that Jesus Christ is alive today, is planning to return to earth and has actually begun His “countdown” from heaven!

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