

"[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so." —Acts 17:11

Heaven's Cure for Our Troubled Hearts — Part Two

William MacDonald (1917 - 2007)

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

—JOHN 14:1-6

I BELIEVE THAT the great miracle that the unsaved world wants to see today is not the healing of a leper, not giving sight to the blind or hearing to the deaf. The great miracle that the unsaved want to see today is the miracle of a transformed life—people who've been saved from sin and defilement and corruption. They're new creatures in Christ Jesus, and they're really different persons! "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). And we're going to come to that just a little bit later in the chapter.

"...believe me for the very works' sake." The Lord Jesus came performing the works that were predicted of the Messiah in the Old Testament. He performed them all. It's strange that the rabbis of His day didn't realize that and trust in Him.

He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Well, that's something, isn't it? Greater works than the Savior? Yes, well, first of all, greater geographically. The farthest Jesus ever traveled, as far as we know, in Palestine [see this month's Q&A] was up to Tyre and Sidon. Not very far. That's the farthest that's described. And when He finished His course here on earth, let's say He had about 120 disciples in Judea and maybe 500 up in Galilee. You think of people that travel the world today, you think of people who preach the gospel to thousands of people, you think of the outreach today by radio and by television and by the internet now, but I think there's something more.

Going back to what I just said, the greater works...the Lord Jesus performed healings, miracles of healing. He raised the dead, but those people died again, didn't they? I think it's a more wonderful work, a greater work, to witness to someone, to see that person led to Christ, and that person's going to worship the Lamb of God for all eternity. Life forever! That's greater, isn't it? I think it's greater. Blind eyes heal, yes, but I tell you, it's more wonderful to see people who are in the darkness of sin, held in the grip of some cult or false religion, to see them liberated by the grace of God, and they're going to be forever worshipping Him in heaven. To me, that's a greater work.

So I read the Gospel of Mark, and I see all these *physical*

miracles that the Lord Jesus did, and I realize that there's a spiritual counterpart to every one of them, and that's our privilege. He healed a leper—leprosy speaks of the loathsomeness of sin. And can we see that? Yes, we can see the healing of lepers, moral lepers, sitting at the feet of the Lord Jesus. Demoniaics, yes, once again sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right minds. Paralysis—He healed a paralytic. Well, that speaks of the paralysis of sin. And we can see that miracle performed by being faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus and leading souls to Him.

So it's no exaggeration when the Lord said that "greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

What does that mean, "because I go unto my Father"? Well, it means that when He goes to the Father, when He is glorified in heaven, the Holy Spirit is sent and the Holy Spirit empowers us in this ministry. We can't do it ourselves, but the Holy Spirit gives us the power.

And I think you all know that the work of ministry today is not for a special class of people. It's for all believers, right? If the evangelization of the world depends on a special class, the world will never be evangelized. But in Ephesians 4:12, it says that the gifts were given for the perfecting of the saints for the work of ministry. Who are the saints? You and me. We are the saints, and the work of ministry is given to us for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

My Bible teaches every member evangelism, and of course the greatest is to know the Word of God and exemplify it in your life so that people say, "You've got something I don't have. I don't know what it is, but I want it." I've heard of that happening within the last few weeks to someone: "You've got something I don't have. I don't know what it is." But I tell you, it's easy to lead a person like that to the Lord, isn't it? It really is.

"Because I go unto my Father." Going to the Father meant the coming of the Holy Spirit who empowers us. He's in us; He's with us forever.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

"Oh," you say, "that's a blank check, friends!" No, not exactly. It says "in my name," and asking in the name of the Lord Jesus means asking according to His will. It means asking according to the principles that are laid down in the Word of God. For instance, can I get down on my knees and pray that the Lord will give me a million dollars tomorrow? Well, He won't! He loves me too much. He knows that could be the worst thing that could happen to me. God wants me to live a life of faith. He wants me to be dependent on Him, to look to Him for the supply of my needs. So it would be completely contrary to the principles of the Word of God for me to ask for a great sum of money like that. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth. . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. . . ." (Matthew 6:19-20).

So asking in His will really limits the prayers to prayers in accordance with the principles that He has taught us in His Word.

But I want to tell you, it's a wonderful verse of Scripture: to ask the Lord according to His will is the same as asking God. It's the same as asking God, because when we pray to the Lord

Jesus, our prayers go through Him, and they're purified through Him (Revelation 8:3-4), and they go to God the Father and they're absolutely perfect. And I believe that God answers every prayer of mine, as I said before, in exactly the same way I would answer it if I had His wisdom, love, and power. God does nothing, nor suffers anything to be done, that you would not do yourself if you could see the end of all He does as well as He. That's a comfort to me. I'm a simple believer. I can pray with full assurance that my prayers go to the throne of God and that He answers them in the very best possible way, and one answer is "no."

When I was a younger believer, there was a prayer I sent up and I insisted on it. And God gave me my request, but He sent leanness to my soul, and I wish today I'd never asked for it. It was a prideful prayer. I should never have asked for it. But we never come closer to omnipotence than when we pray in the name of Jesus. You and I will never be omnipotent; we'll never have all power. Only God has all power. But when we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, it's the closest we ever get to omnipotence. Wonderful! This should be a great inspiration to us to pray.

You say, "Well, Brother MacDonald, I've been praying for the salvation of a loved one, and as far as I know, that loved one has never been saved. This bothers me. How do you reconcile that? Isn't it God's will to save?" Yes, it is God's will to save that person. But let me tell you something: God is not going to populate heaven with people who don't want to be there. And God has given each person a will, and God doesn't trample on the will of any person. He doesn't drag reluctant people to heaven. And my Bible and my experience tell me that there was a time in my life when by a simple act of faith I had to trust Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

When I was in the Navy, I started to pray for a fellow. We were friends in the Navy, and I think it was a year ago last January he died. I had prayed for about 50 years. As far as I know, he died without Christ, and his wife really read the Riot Act to me. She said, "You think yours is the only true religion?" after he died. Why? Fifty years of prayer, yeah, 50 years of prayer. I still believe that when I prayed for him, God brought the Word of God before him. Maybe he saw "Jesus Saves" on a rock as he traveled along the road. Maybe he turned on the radio by accident and heard some gospel. You know, maybe somebody passed him a tract.

I believe that when I pray for an unsaved person, God does something—God jiggles the conscience of that person in some way or other. But "whosoever will may come," and the Lord Jesus taught that. He said to the Jewish people of His day, "[You] search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:39-40). He didn't put it to their intellect, He put it to their will. "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

And if there's someone who's reading this who's fighting the Lord on the issue of salvation, let me say quite clearly: There's nothing about Jesus that makes it impossible to believe in Him. Nothing! If there's a problem, the problem is your will. That will has to be broken to come to the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"If you ask anything in my name, I will do it," the Lord Jesus said. But notice—"in my name."

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." It's interesting the way prayer and obedience are linked together—prayer and obedience. Somebody might say to me, "Brother MacDonald... commandments? I thought we were under grace, not under law, and here in the New Testament I'm reading about commandments." Yes. "We have commandments?"

Well, let me explain.

The New Testament is filled with commandments for the child of God, but they're not commandments like the Old Testament commandments with penalty attached. When God gave the commandments in the Old Testament, "This do and thou shalt

live," implied, "This fail to do and thou shalt die." You know? It was law with penalty attached.

The commandments of the New Testament are commandments for the new nature. They are instructions in righteousness for God's people. God says to you and to me, "Look, I've saved you by My grace. Now 'walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you were called'" (Ephesians 4:1).

And I say to Him, "Lord, give me an example." And so He gives me examples: the commandments, the New Testament commandments. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good..." (Ephesians 4:28).

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but [rather] that which is good to the use of edifying..." (v. 29), and so forth.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land" (Exodus 20:12). This is the first commandment with a promise.

They're not given to me. He doesn't say, "Look, if you fail to do it, you're going to lose your salvation." That's not the point at all. I've asked Him to let me know what a life that's consistent with my calling is, and so He gives me all these New Testament commandments. Let me say again: instruction in righteousness for God's people down here. So I have no trouble with New Testament commandments. We *are* under grace, we're not under law; but we still have these guidelines to go by.

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." And, of course, this is the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit of God. He came on the day of Pentecost. He indwells every true believer. Isn't that marvelous? Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I tell you, that blows me away, friends! I say that reverently: to think that my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 6:19)! I tell you, to me, that's one of the greatest motivations to a holy life that there can possibly be! That solves a lot of questions: *Is it all right for me to do this? Is it all right for me to do that?* Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. And think of that—think of God designing in His grace to send one of the persons of the Trinity to indwell His people.

"...another Comforter [helper]." Another? Yeah, the Lord Jesus is a helper. This is another helper: the Holy Spirit.

A friend of mine went out from Half Moon Bay the other day. One of his customers had just bought a new boat and they went out fishing, and they began taking in water in a brand new boat! There was a hole where a hose is supposed to be. And they sent an SOS to the Coast Guard, and the Coast Guard telephoned Master Seaman there in Half Moon Bay, and he set out in his own boat to go to them. And pretty soon, he just pulled up alongside the sinking craft. He said, "Now, don't worry. Everything's all right. I'll get you to port safely." A good illustration of the Holy Spirit—that's just what the Holy Spirit does! He comes alongside us in time of need—another helper just like the Lord Jesus is.

Notice: "that He may abide with you for ever." The eternal security of the believer. Once in Christ, in Christ forever. Thus the eternal covenant stands.

"...even the Spirit of truth..." The Spirit of truth—He speaks the truth. He is the truth, just as Jesus is the truth. "...whom the world cannot receive." Why can't the world receive Him? Because it can't see Him. The world says, "Show me and I'll believe." For the Spirit of God is invisible. We can see His work, we can see Him acting in marvelous ways, but we do not see Him except with the eye of faith. It says that: "...whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you [the Lord Jesus said that to the disciples when He was here on earth], and shall be in you." And that took place on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit

came and indwelt believers for this whole church dispensation up to the Rapture of the church.

“And shall be in you.” And we really little know how much we owe to the Holy Spirit of God.

You know, the Christian life is a supernatural life. I don’t know if you realize it, but to me it’s like walking through a minefield, the Christian life. And I can think of many incidents in my life where, for instance, my life would have been taken, I think, if it weren’t for the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Many incidents. Conscientious of His wonderful ministry in my life.

“I will not leave you comfortless [orphans]: I will come to you.” Well, that expression, “I will come to you,” has various meanings. It can mean, “I will come to you in the coming of the Holy Spirit.” There was a sense in which the Lord Jesus came back to us in the coming of the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the representative of Christ in the earth today. But, of course, He came back to us in the resurrection and He will come back to us at the Rapture, which we read about in the first verses of John 14.

Wonderful promise that the Lord Jesus said here: “I will not leave you [orphans],” and we’re not orphans. We’re never alone. The Lord is always with us and makes Himself very real to us. How does He make Himself real to us? Through the Word of God, by the Spirit of God.

You know, we know the Lord Jesus better today than the disciples knew Him when He was here on earth. Did you ever think of that? We know Jesus better today than the disciples knew Him when He was here on earth. For instance, Matthew saw Him through Matthew’s eyes. Mark saw Him through Mark’s eyes. Luke through Luke’s eyes, and John through John’s eyes. We see Him through all their eyes, don’t we? And not only that, but if the Lord Jesus were here and was down there at the front, He’d be closer to these folks at the front than He would be to you at the back, but that’s not true today. He’s just as close to any one of us as He is to the other. And this is all through the ministry of the Holy Spirit of God. What a blessing it is to know that we have such a wonderful revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just let me close with verse 27. We’re not going to be able to get to all the verses. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart

be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” That’s good, isn’t it? There’s the word “troubled” again. He began with, “Let not your heart be troubled,” and now He says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” This peace is a supernatural peace. It’s nothing you can cook up yourself.

For instance, in some great trial in life (and I know many of you have had this experience) when you should have worried yourself sick, and yet you have the peace of the Lord in your heart.

I know a young fellow who went in for a kidney transplant. I could see the peace of the Lord throughout his demeanor. It wasn’t natural, it was supernatural. And the Lord Jesus left us that peace, just as His joy is supernatural, too. You can have joy in the midst of sorrow—not in the midst of sin, but in the midst of sorrow. And what a wonderful bequest he made to us: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.” He had that peace Himself, didn’t He, here in life when all the scaffolding was falling around Him, as it were? He could say, “Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight” (Matthew 11:26).

Now, we can do that, too. We live in a day when the moral fiber of the nation is gone, when you think you’ve read every terrible thing that can happen, and you look at the newspaper and something worse has happened. And yet, it’s possible in the midst of it all to have the peace of Christ monitoring in your heart. How? Staying close to the Word of God, spending time with God in prayer, walking in obedience to the Word of God, trusting the Lord, and all the changing circumstances of life.

Let’s pray.

Blessed God and Father, we just marvel at Your Word. We stand in awe of the holy Scriptures. We think of the marvel of the Bible, and we thank You especially tonight for these words of comfort for troubled hearts. Perhaps there are many here tonight who have broken hearts, maybe over wayward children. Maybe over broken homes. Maybe over some serious illness, Lord. We just pray that You’ll come and speak peace to those troubled hearts that they may know that You are in control, and that the winds and waves still know Your voice “who ruled them while He dwelt below.” We give You thanks in the Savior’s name. Amen.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: Why should Christians care about the Middle East in general, and specifically about Israel?

RESPONSE: This is the key issue upon which the future of earth and heaven—indeed, the entire universe—depends. God has tied His name and integrity to Israel. He is called the God of Israel 203 times and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob 12 times. Depending upon what happens in the Middle East, God will either be vindicated or discredited. His name and integrity will either be upheld in perfect purity and power, or He will be disgraced as a liar who cannot make good upon His promises to His people Israel. That’s how important the regathering and ultimate blessing of Israel is!

If the Muslims, UN, EU, et al., succeed in destroying Israel, the integrity of everything God has said throughout His Word would be placed in question. If “forever” and “everlasting” don’t really mean forever in relation to Israel (“all the land...to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever”—Gn 13:15; “I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee...all the land of Canaan [not ‘Palestine’—there was no such place; see—<https://bit.ly/3VvHxPn>], for an everlasting possession”—17:8; “the covenant which he made

with Abraham...Isaac...Jacob...Israel for an everlasting covenant, Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan...”—1 Chr 16:16-18, etc.), then how can we be sure that the promise of “everlasting life” (Jn 3:16, etc.) means forever?

If Satan were stronger than God and able to make God a liar by preventing His promises to Israel from being fulfilled, then how could we ever be secure, even in heaven itself, from Satan’s schemes and power?

Such is the importance of Israel and what happens in the Middle East. There is a real battle going on between God and Satan for the eternal destiny of planet Earth and of all mankind. Wake up, pray for God to tear down the Islamic curtain (more vicious and impenetrable than the Iron Curtain ever was) so that Muslims can hear and receive the gospel without fear of being killed for their faith. Firmly oppose Islam and replacement theology, pray for the salvation of Jews and Muslims alike, and do all you can to bring the gospel to them and to the whole world.

NOTE: Our Q&A section is primarily pulled from the Dave Hunt archives. Although some references may be dated, we believe there is timeless value within the messages.

LETTERS

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Dear TBC,

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!” Intellectuals destroyed what Harvard was created for. As a boy, in the ’50s, having a set of Harvard Classics was a status symbol. I didn’t really get the idea until reading Will & Ariel Durant. It’s still a useful record of “history” and supports the biblical stories.

Does truth need support? I think so. Dave Hunt was a CPA, so am I, and his ministry was wonderfully informed by professional skepticism...Bereanism. Tom has been a worthy successor to y’all’s ministry. I’m grateful for you. BB (email)

Dear TBC,

I’m sorry [but] never at one time did I hear Dallas Jenkins say the Jesus that he’s speaking about was the Mormon Jesus, therefore I feel this project could bring the true gospel to the LDS people. I was raised LDS and I have seen LDS people leave the church for the truth through projects like this. S (email)

Dear TBC,

Blessings indeed on your continued pronouncing of Biblical Truth. Can’t recall who helped me connect with your ministry when I was saved out of Catholicism back in the early 1980s, but I am grateful for that brother. The accurately labeled “blasphemous” translations referenced in the 3rd part of “The Wide Gate is Booming” article series (see—<https://bit.ly/3TJr6xv>) are

most definitely signs of 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Thankfully I study daily from the New American Standard translation where any verse from or about the Almighty and the Lord Christ capitalize those pronouns. I am deeply saddened that for close to a decade now I have not been part of a local fellowship as even our local Baptist, Bible, and even fundamental churches have buried their hymn books in favor of entertainment. PTL again for being and encouraging us to be Bereans! KS (email)

Dear TBC,

Thank you for the links that you sent about *The Chosen*...I especially like the 17-minute video by the former Mormon (see—<https://bit.ly/3VwcWB4>) which had a brief clip of Dave Hunt speaking! I wonder if he videoed it in response to *The Passion of The Christ* which I also refused to see...it was appropriate for *The Chosen* as well! (Not a surprise but VERY impressive!)

I was wondering how any Christian who loves the Word could go “ape” over *The Chosen*...I definitely did not know Mormons had a lot to do with it and how Dallas can say these Mormons are our brothers and sisters is VERY disturbing and has to be “called out” (as Tom and TBC did!!!). Thank you for your adherence to the Holy Scriptures NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS!! Very magnanimous! May the LORD give TBC extra jewels in your crowns at the Judgment Seat of Jesus to cast at His feet! GB (email)

NOTE: Our purpose in this section is to simply show what kind of feedback we receive. We may respond to some of them in private whether or not we agree with their views.

TBC NOTES

Flood Versus Counterflood

I just returned from visiting two of my grandchildren in Maui. Maui’s terrific, but I’m mostly still smiling about the lesson I learned about prayer from my three-year-old granddaughter Rory. She’s definitely the poster child for 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (“Pray without ceasing”), especially at mealtime. Her six-month-old brother Leo doesn’t complain. His meal is always at body temperature; ours not so much as Rory’s prayers of thankfulness seem to grow for her friends and loved ones and each new person she met that day.

That totally thrilled me! Why? She simply followed the thankfulness of Jesus as He ministered at every meal He attended. Furthermore, they were her personal prayers to Jesus with whom she was growing in her relationship, not just some rote memorized words with no personal connection.

Our children are under a spiritual assault in our day as never before in human history. Satan knows his time is short (Revelation 12:12), and through the attractive power of modern communication he is flooding every form of media with his antichristian and seductive wickedness. Only a counterflood enabled by the Holy Spirit and instituted by loving and steadfast believers can make a difference. If you haven’t started teaching your little ones to pray, mealtime is a great time to start.

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QUOTABLE.....

“Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with....” —JOHN 4:11

“I am impressed with the wonder of what God says, but He cannot expect me really to live it out in the details of my life!” When it comes to facing Jesus Christ on His own merits, our attitude is one of pious superiority—“Your ideals are high and they impress us, but in touch with actual things, it cannot be done.” Each of us thinks about Jesus in this way in some particular. These misgivings about Jesus start from the amused questions put to us when we talk of our transactions with God—“Where are you going to get your money from? How are you going to be looked after?” Or they start from ourselves when we tell Jesus that our case is a bit too hard for Him. “It is all very well to say ‘Trust in the LORD,’ but a man must live, and Jesus has nothing to draw with—nothing whereby to give us these things.” Beware of the pious fraud in you which says—“I have no misgivings about Jesus, only about myself.” None of us ever had misgivings about ourselves; we know exactly what we cannot do, but we do have misgivings about Jesus. We are rather hurt at the idea that He can do what we cannot.

My misgivings arise from the fact that I ransack my own person to find out how He will be able to do it. My questions spring from the depths of my own inferiority. If I detect these misgivings in myself, let me bring them to the light and confess them—“Lord, I have had misgivings about Thee, I have not believed in Thy wits apart from my own; I have not believed in Thine almighty power apart from my finite understanding of it.”

—OSWALD CHAMBERS
(EXCERPT FROM *MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST*)

NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

HUMMINGBIRD FLIGHT STRATEGIES

ICR.ORG, 1/29/24, "HUMMINGBIRD FLIGHT STRATEGIES" [EXCERPTS]: The fossil record shows that hummingbirds have always been hummingbirds. Such amazing mastery of aerial acrobatics could never have evolved. ICR's Dr. Jeff Tomkins put it succinctly:

"The hummingbird is another animal that glorifies the Creator. This little creature is distinctly different from all other bird kinds. Hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backward. They can literally zip around in just about every direction due to their wings' ability to rotate in a full circle and flap up to 80 times per second."

Thus, hummingbird flight is not only amazing, it is unique among all animals. These specialists, which include the smallest bird in the world, can navigate efficiently with their long, saber-like wings. In fact, "the fast turns of hummingbirds have inspired a massive motion-tracking study of the birds' flight maneuvers," stated science writer Susan Milius of *Science News*.

Blind evolutionary forces like random mutations could never perfect the hummer's fast ballistic trajectory, obstacle avoidance, and novel sideways maneuvers we observe today. Instead, we clearly see evidence of purpose, plan, and special creation in these highly specialized creatures.

What can scientists learn from observing the detailed and precise aerobatics of hummingbirds? Five insightful researchers pointed to engineering applications when they stated that "These strategies for aperture transit and associated flight trajectories can inform designs and algorithms for small aerial vehicles flying within cluttered environments."

Yes, scientists actually learn from what our Creator, the Lord Jesus, designed just thousands of years ago. We should always be ready to give glory to the Creator and not to the creation, as Paul stated in the book of Romans.

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UNIVERSITY POSTPONES HOLOCAUST LECTURES

EUROPEANCONSERVATIVE.COM, 1/29/24, "DISGRACEFUL: DUTCH UNIVERSITY POSTPONES HOLOCAUST EDUCATION LECTURES" [EXCERPTS]: Utrecht's University of Applied Sciences is postponing a lecture series on the Holocaust, causing uproar in the Netherlands.

The timing of the announcement only made matters worse: Holocaust Memorial

Day, the annual observance to commemorate the victims of the genocide that claimed the lives of an estimated six million Jews.

The eight-part lecture series, in collaboration with the Center for Information and Documentation on Israel (CIDI), was supposed to start on February 7th, and is designed to combat a "growing antisemitism in Dutch society."

A spokesman explained to *De Telegraaf* that the university wanted to "facilitate a diverse and balanced dialogue around this issue," and that for this, it would "need more time to put the events of October 7th [when Hamas militants massacred over 1,200 civilians and soldiers in Israel] and beyond into broader perspective, with room for diverse opinions and beliefs."

[A user of the social media site X commented:] "Seriously? A 'diverse and balanced dialogue' about the persecution of Jews?! Six million Jews have been murdered because of who they are. Six million lives were brutally destroyed because of pure Jew hatred. Anyone who wants to bring nuance to that needs a history lesson. The nerve."

(<https://bit.ly/3SZrZR2>)

TRANSGENDER RUNNER BREAKS TWO WOMEN'S TRACK RECORDS

THECOLLEGEFIX.COM, 1/31/24, "TRANSGENDER RUNNER BREAKS TWO WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS" [EXCERPTS]: A biological male who now identifies as female recently set two new track-and-field records for the Rochester Institute of Technology, prompting concern and anger among advocates who say it's unfair to women competitors.

"Sadie Schreiner set the 200-meter record and qualified for the Atlantic Region Championship with a time of 25.27 seconds at the RIT January Friday Meet. The runner also broke the 300-meter record with a 40.78-second finish," the *National Desk* reported.

The Post Millennial pointed out that: "For comparison, Schreiner's times would have placed the athlete in 18th place in the men's 200-meter race, and in 10th place in the men's 300-meter race."

Schreiner's accomplishments have caught the ire of women's rights advocates, including Riley Gaines, who posted on X on Monday: "...Women's records mean nothing if they're set by men."

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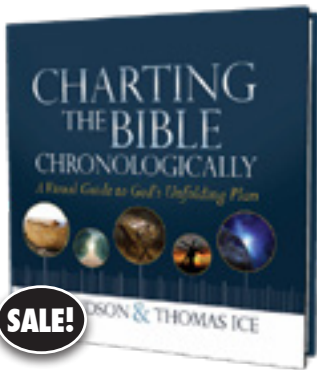
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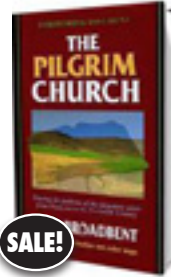
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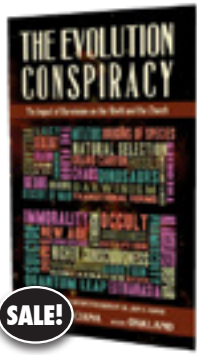
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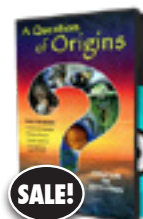


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