

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

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

## Mysticism and the Coming World Religion – Part Two

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AS NOTED IN PART 1 of this series, there is a coming world religion (CWR), and it is advancing rapidly. One of the significant elements that expedites its growth is mysticism, which is a belief system that ultimately rejects teachings that involve objective laws, rules, requirements, obligations, dogmas, doctrines, and the like, in favor of subjective experiences and intuitive feelings. The goal of the CWR (also known as the religion of the Antichrist) is to bring all religions under its patronage and control. Since all religions have doctrines that separate them from one another, even to the point of hostility in some cases, their doctrines must be compromised or altered in order to be acceptable to all—or they must be removed altogether. Mysticism facilitates doctrinal compromise because of its subjective nature. In other words, the objective meaning of a doctrine must give way to one’s subjective interpretation, i.e., how one *feels* about it. When such a belief system is in place, there can be no absolute truth; so-called truth is whatever an individual feels it is. It’s in the mind of the beholder.

Religions that are heavily legalistic in their theology must change in order to fit in with the ecumenical CWR. Two such religions are Roman Catholicism and Islam. In part one of this series we documented how the Church of Rome is well along the way of shifting from its highly legalistic system of rules and obligations toward a more mystical process. The Catholic Church has more than a billion followers, and they also must be included in the religion of the Antichrist. Islam, too, has greater than a billion adherents, so it also must become a part of the CWR. However, it is legalistic—and aggressively so—in its doctrine and practices, far more so than any other religion in the world. Consequently, many doubt that it could ever change.

Some have suggested, therefore, that the religion of the Antichrist will be Islam itself. For that to happen, the conversion of the world to Islamic beliefs would follow its historical method, which is at the point of a sword. Although that worked to a large degree in the past, it falls far short of what is necessary to spiritually transform the entire world. Additionally, there are obvious problems for this belief system regarding the coming religion of the Antichrist. The fact that the entire world will worship the Antichrist as God is inconsistent with and opposed by the Muslim worship of Allah. Sharia law, which is the Islamic code of law, is derived from the Qur’an and the Sunnah (Muhammad’s teachings and examples). Consequences for disobeying Sharia laws are the harshest among religions. Its rules are overtly abusive regarding women. Furthermore, Islam’s collectively intense hatred of Jews and Christians, as well as “all infidels,” is diametrically opposed to the CWR’s necessary ecumenism. These doctrines of Islam work against its efforts to attract followers

to the coming world religion. What then, if anything, is there within Islam that might reconcile the billion-plus Muslims to the religion of the Antichrist, with its mystical underpinnings? The answer is *Sufism*.

Sufism is the mystical Islamic belief and practice through which Muslims seek to find the truth of divine love and knowledge by way of a direct personal experience with Allah. This is Islam in the throes of experiential and subjective beliefs and practices. Being functionally at odds with Sharia laws and practices, many Sufi practitioners reject the rules of Sharia outright, regarding mysticism as the most direct way to achieve union with Allah. Moreover, where it has been historically practiced throughout the world, Sufism has had no problem coexisting with other religions. This is not the case, as we’re well aware, for Islamic Sharia Law.

One mystical aspect of Sufism is for its practitioners to put themselves into an ecstatic trance or altered state of consciousness through whirling. These individuals are known as Whirling Dervishes. According to one source, “The hundreds of the Dervish twirling rotations (20-30 per minute) coincide with the *theta* rhythm in the brain, and the chanting (they repeat the word ‘God’ [more likely ‘Allah,’] about 99 times) makes the dancers dissociate from reality and enter a different state of mind. When the ceremony is over, the dervishes return, side by side, in front of the sheikh [master and guide] and then move to another room to meditate. The physiological goal of the whirling is for the dervish to ‘empty’ himself of all distractions” (<https://bit.ly/3ZgY9sm>). It should be obvious that this is just another form of Eastern mystical meditation along with the contemplative forms practiced by more and more professing Christians in the West.

The various exercises of mysticism are similar throughout the world, even where there has been no connection between the cultures or people groups. For example, Sufi meditation and yoga employ the same lotus sitting position and a *hasta mudra* (with the thumb curled and touching the tip of the forefinger). Sufi whirling has the same effect as the uncontrollable shaking in the Dynamic Meditation practiced by the followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. The Sufi Shaykh is similar to the guru in yoga in terms of the practitioner’s absolute submission to him and obedience to the guidance given. In some practices, the Shaykh is a transcended spiritual entity channeled by the meditator.

The *Encyclopedia of Islam* lists a number of manifestations found within the meditation practices of Sufism, e.g., “barking and howling” (MacDonald, D. B. “Darwish [Darwesh],” *Encyclopedia of Islam*, Second Edition, edited by: P. B. Bearman, Th. Bianquis, C. E. Bosworth, E. van Donzel and W. P. Heinrichs, Brill Online, Augustana, 21 Sept 2009), behavior that was also exhibited through the so-called impartation of the Holy Spirit in places such as the Toronto Airport Vineyard, Pensacola and Lakeland, Florida, International House of Prayer (IHOP), and Bethel Church in Redding, California, among numerous others.

These experiences taking place throughout the world should offer more than a hint that spirit entities, contacted through altered states of consciousness and meditation, as well as some people’s

faith in the false signs-and-wonders methods, have been facilitating Satan's goal of seducing and controlling the consciousness and beliefs of mankind. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1).

Mehmet Oz, better known as Dr. Oz, is someone whom I would describe as the poster boy for everything that I've been noting in this article, which is the acceptance of *all religions* in the formation of a one-world religion. He is a Muslim—a Sufi Muslim. He is also a New Ager and a national spokesman for Transcendental Meditation or TM (<https://bit.ly/3GjqXKc>). TM is the pseudo-scientific title conjured up by Hindu guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The Maharishi, who came to fame as the spiritual advisor and guru to the Beatles, began teaching meditation in US schools as the Spiritual Regeneration Movement, but it was shut down because the courts realized that it was clearly a religion. The Maharishi simply renamed it *The Science of Transcendental Meditation* (emphasis added). This incredibly important alteration was not only successful in promoting his Hinduism in schools, but it also opened the door for other pseudoscientific forms of meditation such as Mindfulness and MindUP, which have been overwhelmingly accepted by our school systems here in the US.

Dr. Oz is a protégé of Oprah Winfrey, who is the leading advocate of New Age beliefs and practices in America. Dr. Oz, a Muslim, is a close second. How can that be? Oz has explained that he grew up in America with parents who were diverse in their Muslim beliefs—one leaned toward Sufism and the other toward Sharia law. "I found myself tugged more to the spiritual side of the religion rather than the legal side of the religion.... [Sufism] is the order I resonate to because it's much more mystical.... [Sufis] are more concerned with the true connection with God.... But when you get caught up in the religious legal aspects of religion, it frustrates me to no end." Dr. Oz also noted with enthusiasm that his wife, a "Protestant," is a follower of the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg, who was heavily involved in mystical experiences (as well as blatant biblical heresies).

Dr. Oz *personifies* what I have been trying to explain regarding what could attract humanity to the coming subjective, experiential, and feelings-oriented one-world religion. Laws, rules, doctrines, and requirements are out; intuition, feelings, and mystical experiences are in. Dr. Oz's charisma and enthusiasm for the mystical have already deceived millions, Christians and non-Christians alike, toward the direction of the CWR. Rick Warren had Mehmet Oz as a teacher of meditation (read "occult meditation") for the "Daniel Plan" weight loss program that Warren promoted for his Saddleback Church members and his followers.

Changes are taking place in the world—new concepts that are speeding along at a breathtaking rate. Furthermore, these are changes that defy logic and reason. As the lyrics of a modern song plead seductively, "If it feels so right, how can it be wrong?" And an even more recent popular tune exclaims in its title, "Wrong feels so right!" The very idea that something could be considered "wrong" has not only been questioned, but it is now regarded as belonging to the "archaic realm of judgmentalism." Daring to call something wrong has become the social sin of the day, and it's being drowned in the deluge of "let your feelings be your guide."

In the 1977 blockbuster, *Star Wars*, which was the most financially successful (and therefore influential) movie series in the history of motion pictures, Yoda (as in "Yoga") instructs Luke Skywalker to control the Force with this admonition: "Luke, trust your feelings." Eastern mysticism has gone viral in the West. What were once foreign terms such as *karma* or *guru* or *deva* or *mantra* have become commonplace. What used to be the Young Men's Christian Association has morphed into the "Yoga Mastery Coaching Association." The latest survey has the number of

practitioners of yoga at 37 million people in the US, with projections of 80 million over the next few years. Numerous evangelical churches have pushed aside pews in their sanctuaries in order to practice "Christian" Yoga. "*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*" (Isaiah 5:20)

The chief reinforcement from the world for the development of the mystical religion of the Antichrist, however, comes from the pseudoscience and religion of psychology. Psychology has duped mankind into accepting psychotherapy as a science when it has *no basis* in true science. Most of the practice comprises a subjective belief system, i.e., a religion. This is abundantly clear particularly as it pertains to counseling, which is overwhelmingly the largest field of psychology. How, then, does psychotherapy bolster the development of the Antichrist's mystical spirituality? Consider just a few of psychotherapy's Antichrist beliefs: 1) Mankind is innately good. That innate goodness, we are told, is the source of the "true self." Getting back to our true self is accomplished through the psychotherapeutic process of self-actualization. Self-actualization, conjured up by Abraham Maslow, is no different from the Eastern mystical teaching of self-realization—realizing one's godhood. 2) Sin is simply wrong thinking. Sin, we are told, is a construct of judgmental religions imposing their beliefs and practices upon humanity. It is a control mechanism that prohibits mankind from reaching its potential—which, again, is godhood. 3) Being guided by one's feelings is the basis for true wellness. Feelings emanate from one's subconscious, which, we're told, is where one's true self resides. Being true to one's feelings, therefore, is the ultimate path of truth.

Carl Jung, who is highly favored in Christendom, claimed that the comprehension of Eastern mystical thought was essential if Western psychology was to develop. *Psychology Today* years ago added its own confirmation to the changes we're seeing now by declaring that Eastern mysticism would come to the West through psychology. It has, and it will continue until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The demonic strategy of mysticism (which is *union* with God) is to make man believe that he *is* God. That lie had its beginning in heaven when Lucifer declared, "I will be like the most High [God]" (Isaiah 14:14). His prideful self-delusion turned him from being a "light bringer" (which was what his name meant) to what he is now—God's chief adversary and the ruler of the darkness of this world, Satan. He then introduced the lie of Godhood to humanity by convincing Eve that she could become a god (Genesis 3:5) and this lie will culminate with the Antichrist, "...Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

Of course, the lie of godhood will not be exclusive to Antichrist but rather will be all-inclusive. Universally, it will likely take on the form that we find in the *Namaste* of Hinduism, where a person "recognizes the divinity of another" by declaring, "I bow down to the god in you," or the grand delusion of Mormonism: "As man is, God once was; and as God is, man may become."

That is the religion of the Antichrist. It will continue to increase in various forms until it reaches its fulfillment when the "man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians 2:3). As our Lord warned us, the times prior to His return for His church will be days of great spiritual deception (Matthew 24:4). How, then, should believers who are living in these perilous days not only protect themselves spiritually but also be fruitful and productive in order to do His will and look forward to His coming? That will be the subject of Part 3. [TO BE CONTINUED]

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION: What do people mean when they talk about Jesus as both Lord and God? What's the difference? Also, I know about the doctrine of the Trinity, but does that mean that our triune God is the only one, or are there others?**

**RESPONSE:** Scripture is very clear in teaching that there is only one Lord, and He is God. Jesus told His disciples to call no one Lord or Master because they had one Master who is God.

As Jesus Himself asked the rabbis, why would David the king call his descendant, the Messiah, Lord, if He were not? The rabbis couldn't answer because they didn't understand that the Messiah was God. Not just mighty God, but in fact, the everlasting Father! They crucified Him for claiming to be who He was!

The New Testament clearly calls Jesus "God" a number of times. The best-known example is John 1:1— "...and the Word was God." It does no good to translate this as "and the Word was a god." How many Gods are there? Surely only one. Any other god is a false god and not to be worshiped.

Is Jesus a false god? You either must admit that He is a false god and not to be worshiped or served, or you must admit that He is God. Surely He cannot be a true god in addition to the one true God of the Bible! And He is worshiped all through the New Testament. Moreover Jesus cannot be our Savior unless He is God, for both Old and New Testaments declare that God alone is the Savior. Yet Christ is clearly our Savior; therefore, He is God.

**QUESTION: We've heard much about demons and deliverance lately. Some have even suggested that good solid long-term Christians with the Holy Spirit inside can also be inhabited by demons. I'm confused—what is your take on this question?**

**RESPONSE:** I don't believe that demons can inhabit a Christian along with the Holy Spirit, but they can have a powerful and debilitating influence. As for the remedy, the Bible never directs exorcism at believers, but truth.

For example, in John 8:31-32, Jesus said that the truth that comes through His Word is what sets us free. And the parable of the sower and seed in Matthew 13, concerning the seed that fell by the wayside and was devoured by the birds of the air, He explained that the Word can be taken out of the heart by Satan if those who received it do not understand it. There are too many conversions based upon emotion, with the truth imperfectly imparted and explained, and thus not believed. The battle is between the truth of God and the lie of Satan, and those who refuse the love of the truth will indeed be given a strong delusion to believe the lie.

We live what we really believe with deep conviction, and that is only possible when there is a thorough understanding. Rebuking Satan, as you point out, is of no value and is actually unscriptural. At the same time, I have spoken with those who can recite amazing stories from experience but when I asked for either biblical doctrine or example, they can give neither. Typically, they say we must therefore look to experience.

But experience that has no example in the Bible is dangerous indeed and should not be relied upon. Of course, the Bible doesn't include every kind of experience man is subject to, but for something as important as demonization of Christians, the Lord would surely give us careful direction. The fact that the Bible contains many examples of the demonization/deliverance of unbelievers, yet not one example involving a believer, is practically conclusive evidence against the alleged modern experience of the latter. And to say that the Bible doesn't specifically state that a believer can

get cancer, therefore it need not state specifically that a believer can be demonized simply doesn't follow.

Moreover, I can tell of believers who were confused and harmed by allegedly being exorcized. It seemed real and convincing to them at the time, involving even the manifestation of other voices speaking out of them. Looking back on the experience later, however, they concluded that under the power of suggestion they had been hypnotized to act that way but that in truth there had been no demons involved (though hypnosis can open us up to demonic influence).

Others say that demonization is no different (for a believer), than falling into sin. If that is the case, why are there no examples in Scripture, when there are plenty of examples of believers sinning? It simply cannot be shown from Scripture that demonization is theologically in the same category as falling into sin.

**QUESTION: How does the rise of Islam fit with the revival of Rome? The woman riding the beast represents a world religion headed by the Vatican. Can you see Islam ever uniting with Rome?**

**RESPONSE:** Yes. The Vatican has long been "dialoguing" with Muslims to realize such unity. Muslim leaders have already joined with Rome to oppose abortion. Many Muslim leaders are ecumenists. On May 14, 1999, a delegation of "Christian" and Muslim leaders from Iraq visited the Pope in Rome. They gave the Pope a special copy of the Qur'an. He kissed it and expressed his reverence for it.

Official Catholic declarations claim that the Muslims worship the one true God. For example: "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Moslems: ...and together with us they adore the one, merciful God..." (Vat II, Lumen Gentium, II, 16). Conspicuous by its absence is any reference to Jews as worshipers of YHWH, while Muslims are put in "first place." Rome accepts anyone of any religion as long as they give allegiance to the Pope.

Your question, however, pertains to true Muslims, for whom there can be no compromise with any non-Muslims, religious or not. How will these be united into a one world religion and government under the Vatican and Antichrist?

It could be that God will destroy militant Islam, which may be indicated when Gog attacks Israel. (Ezekiel 38:16-23). Another event that could possibly bring this about is the sudden disappearance of perhaps 100-million people from this planet through the Rapture of true Christians. Terror would grip the entire world, causing the most violent enemies to unite against the common extraterrestrial enemy that has apparently snatched slaves from Earth and in all likelihood will return for more.

This worldwide hysteria will be Satan's opportunity to put into power the man "...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish..." (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12). Antichrist will seem to have the answer to the crisis, and the world will follow wherever he leads.

At the beginning, he needs the false church (the woman who rides the beast), along with the Vatican's worldwide network. He will claim to be God and "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). But when he is established and no longer needs the woman, he will destroy her.

# LETTERS

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**Dear TBC,**

It's now 2023 and things are pretty bad here on planet Earth with rumors of war with nation against nation, global pestilences, hyperinflation, imminent famines, drying of the Euphrates, single world religion and untold increase in wickedness with abortions, wokeness, trans/LGBTQ+, etc..., Lord, I believe it is ripe for your return. Anon. (email)

**Dear TBC,**

Thank you [for the "Flocking to Fables" article, see—<http://bit.ly/3FHWR2B>]. This reminder is so important and so many lives can be negatively affected because of failure to spend time in the Word of God. One outstanding example is the way most people fail to see the serious responsibility of keeping the family together (Mark 7 and also mentioned in Matthew) and instead remove aging parents from the family when they could have such a significant positive impact and be a God-given help in raising children.

Sadly, there are seniors who go along with the idea that they are supposed to accept this unbiblical practice, which has seriously contributed to children who no longer see the value of loving family relationships and have become unloving and self-centered themselves as a result and then propagate this notion over many years. Our heavenly Father put us into a family for a reason, which is to learn what the most important things in life really are, but over time and failure to read what God has said, the family structure has failed to produce loving and caring generations until young people no longer understand what it means to be human by showing love and having compassion. KD (email)

**Dear TBC,**

I read passages from Genesis in the Bible, and they were so powerful and condensed that I read it again and again. Every word is a box and every box has a word and so on, like one of those

Russian dolls. When Dave teaches, it's the same. You can listen to his teaching over and over [and] at each level of profoundness there is another teaching and so on. His way of teaching provokes the mind to search the thing out! I suppose that's what it means to be a Berean. Dave says he's not a scholar of ancient Hebrew or Greek, yet he analyzes Scripture in the same way as ancient scholars. He's ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, IT'S THE WORD! "In the beginning was the Word." I hope to meet Dave in heaven and I can thank him personally for his care and attention to the Word. Anon. (email)

**Dear TBC,**

I feel that we're welcoming in the one world religion through this Trojan Horse called *The Chosen*. Practicing Mormons, Catholics, and Bible-believing Christians do not worship the same Jesus. CC (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.

## QUOTABLE.....

"To believe 'on the Lord Jesus Christ' includes believing *who He is* and *what He has done*. Jesus says, 'Ye are from beneath; I am from above...if ye believe not that *I am*... [I AM is God's name, YHWH—Exodus 3:14], ye shall die in your sins' (John 8:23-24). Jesus himself says we must believe that He is God, for He is: and no one less than God could save us. We must believe that the sinless One 'died for our sins,' was buried, and rose bodily from the grave. Only by believing this gospel are we saved. So says God's Word."

—DAVE HUNT

## TBC NOTES

### Questions for Those Christians Enamored with *The Chosen*

Those involved in the production of *The Chosen* claim that the series does not add to God's words (condemned in Proverbs 30:6). How can that be true when the actor who portrays Jesus says things and does things not found in the Bible?

We're told that the backstories given throughout *The Chosen* were all made up by the series screenwriters, yet we're also told that the made-up stories encourage people to read the Bible. How can anyone who is new to reading the Bible discern that which is true? Especially when *The Chosen* and the Bible contradict each other, which they do continually.

- Did Jesus need help from His disciples (such as Matthew) in preparing the Sermon on the Mount?
- Was the Word of God as given through the Holy Spirit insufficient in presenting the character of Jesus until the motion picture medium was invented?

- Where in Scripture do we find Jesus "entertaining" children by "blowing raspberries"?
- Is it possible for anyone to replicate the Son of God, the Son of the Highest, the Son of the Blessed, the Lord thy God, the Lord of the Sabbath, thou Son of God most high, the Word who was with God and was God, the Lamb of God, the only begotten Son, the Messiah, the Christ, the eternal I Am, who was before all things and by whom all things consist, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, who is God our Savior, and who is the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior?

Those are just a few questions that came to my mind regarding *The Chosen*. These kinds of questions will continue for the next few newsletters. My purpose is to get those being seduced by this series (produced by Mormons pretending to be biblical Christians) to really *think* about what they're watching. Send me some questions you would ask those who are in fact controlling the program's content and those who are enamored with it.

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in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## JAPAN FACES DEMOGRAPHIC DISASTER

**INTELLECTUALTAKEOUT.ORG, 1/31/23, "JAPAN FACES DEMOGRAPHIC DISASTER" [EXCERPTS]:** Japan's Prime Minister has warned that his country will fall over an economic and social cliff unless it reverses its population decline. "Our country is on the brink of being unable to maintain the functions of society," said Fumio Kishida at the beginning of this year's Diet session.

Mr. Kishida's apocalyptic statement is by no means news. Japan's population has been shrinking for years. Rural towns are being abandoned. The number of people in nursing homes is constantly rising. Schools are closing because there are no children to fill the classrooms.

In 2020, researchers predicted that Japan's population would decline from 128 million in 2017 to less than 53 million in 2100. In 1973, at the peak of the baby boom, 2.09 million children were born; in 2022 the number of births was below 800,000.

Their options are limited...they can bribe Japanese women to have more children. At the moment this appears to be Mr. Kishida's plan.

There is an obvious, if unwelcome, solution: to restrict abortion. Abortion is decreasing in Japan (partly because the population is shrinking) but there were still 141,000 of them in 2020. Would 140,000 more babies turn around Japan's demographic decline? No, but it would help. Would this be popular? Absolutely not. Abortion rights activists would fight it tooth and nail.

(<http://bit.ly/40c0nuq>)

## WEBB TELESCOPE CONTINUES CHALLENGING BIG BANG

**ICR.ORG, 1/26/23, "WEBB TELESCOPE CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE BIG BANG" [EXCERPTS]:** Data obtained by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) continue to challenge expectations of Big Bang proponents.

The JWST is designed to "see" in the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, just outside the range of visible light. Since redshifts "push" most of the light from distant galaxies into the infrared part of the spectrum, the JWST can obtain better images of these very distant galaxies than if it were viewing them in visible light.

Data from the JWST show that distant galaxies look more "mature" and "developed" than predicted by Big Bang theorists. Big Bang astronomers assume light from

the most distant galaxies took almost 14 billion years to reach Earth. By Big Bang reckoning, we should be seeing these very distant galaxies—not as they are now, but as they were almost 14 billion years ago. Hence, these galaxies should appear very "unevolved" and "immature." Yet, this expectation is routinely contradicted.

Big Bang theorists are being forced to quickly revise their predictions. NASA was claiming that the universe's first stars formed about 400 million years after the Big Bang. Yet, a *Nature* article published just last year stated that the first stars formed "perhaps around 250 million years after the Big Bang."

The supposed dates of the formation of the earliest galaxies are also being pushed back. That same *Nature* article stated, based on analysis of JWST data, that galaxies were already in existence "a few hundred million years [i.e. about 300 million years] after the Big Bang." Yet Big Bang scientists are now claiming, just months later, that the first galaxies could have formed as early as 200 million years after the Big Bang.

Are you seeing a pattern? Big Bang theorists have to keep "pushing back" the times at which the first stars and galaxies supposedly appeared, because no matter how deep we look into space, stars and galaxies already exist! But as the supposed ages of the first stars edge closer and closer to 13.8 billion years, there is less and less "time" for natural processes to "make" stars and galaxies, even if one ignores the scientific problems with naturalistic star and galaxy formation theories.

(<http://bit.ly/40v5F3B>)

## NORTH KOREA TOPS LIST OF WORST PERSECUTORS

**WNG.ORG, 2/11/23, "NORTH KOREA TOPS LIST OF WORST PERSECUTORS" [EXCERPTS]:** The Hermit Kingdom is once again the world's worst persecutor of Christians, according to Open Doors' 2023 World Watch List. The Christian nonprofit compiles the list using input from teams of researchers and lawyers.

North Korea has topped the list for many years, only displaced last year by Afghanistan due to the Taliban takeover. North Korean Christians routinely lose jobs and face imprisonment, torture, or death if discovered. A new "anti-reactionary thought law" has increased already severe punishments.

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### THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Randy Guliuzza, Terry Webb, Jay Seegert, Carl Teichrib, Mike Warren, and T. A. McMahon.

### WHAT'S THE VENUE THIS YEAR?

The Conference Will Be Held at Calvary Chapel Bend!

The conference is free to attend, but registration is required. You can register online or by calling our toll-free number. We will also stream the conference for free online (September 6-8 only) and we encourage you to sign up for that as well. For more information visit [www.thebereancall.org/conference](http://www.thebereancall.org/conference) or call 1-800-937-6638.

#### DO WE HAVE ANY DISCOUNTED HOTEL ROOMS?

The Element Hotel Bend has a very limited number of rooms available for a special rate. Mention "The Berean Call" group for the special rates!

#### YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Come and hear great messages from God's Word, while enjoying plenty of fellowship with like-minded believers! We have some wonderful programs planned for you. And while you're here, why not stay a bit and visit our friendly city?

#### WILL THERE BE ENOUGH ROOM AT CALVARY CHAPEL?

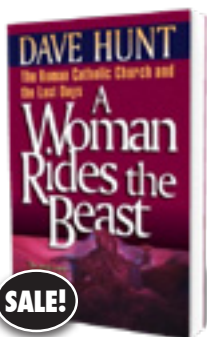
Calvary Chapel is a smaller facility than The Riverhouse but much more child-friendly! We can accommodate 150 people in the main meeting room, plus there is limited overflow seating inside. There is a nice grassy area right outside also, with a playground. Feel free to bring your outdoor games!

#### WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Registered attendees will have the option of enjoying two dinners and two lunches provided by Calvary Chapel volunteers. These meals will be free of charge and we hope that you can join us for a sweet time of fellowship. If you plan to come, please sign up right away to reserve your seats. We're looking forward to seeing you!

★ **NOTE:** There will be a book store—location to be determined.

## SALE! A WOMAN RIDES THE BEAST



### A Woman Rides the Beast

**Hunt**—Are you missing half the story about the last days? Virtually all attention these days is focused on the coming Antichrist—but he is only half the story. Many are amazed to discover in Revelation 17 that there is also another mysterious character at the heart of prophecy—a woman who rides the beast. Who is this woman? Tradition says she is connected with the church of Rome. But isn't such a view outdated? After all, today's Vatican is eager to join hands with Protestants worldwide. "The Catholic Church has changed," is what we hear. Or has it? In *A Woman Rides the Beast*, prophecy expert Dave Hunt sifts through biblical truth and global events to present a well-defined portrait of the woman and her powerful place in the Antichrist's future empire. Eight remarkable clues in Revelation 17 and 18 prove the woman's identity beyond any reasonable doubt. —Harvest House Publishers, 549 pp.

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## SALE! TBC CATHOLIC TRACTS!

TBC's "plain vanilla" tracts are distilled from chapters of Dave Hunt's books and newsletter articles exploring pivotal issues affecting the church and world today.



### Catholicism - Christian or Cultic?

**Hunt**—The evangelical church today is being seduced as never before in its history. It faces a danger so grave that, although we have discussed this problem before, it must be addressed again with new insight and vigor. If evangelicals succumb to the seduction of Catholicism, then their gospel witness will be submerged in confusion and could eventually be lost—a tragic and new dimension to the apostasy from which the church and the world will never recover. —8-panel, black and white, 10 pack.

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### Baptismal Regeneration

**Hunt**—Baptism by immersion, as practiced in the early church, symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Unfortunately, various innovations and heresies were gradually introduced: that one must be baptized to be saved and that baptism itself saves the soul even when administered to infants. These heresies became known as the doctrine of baptismal regeneration and continue to our present day. —8-panel, black and white, 10 pack.

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## "ABANDONING GOD'S TRUTH" BOOKLETS FROM LIGHTHOUSE TRAILS



### Critical Race Theory

**Lighthouse Trails Editors**—In June 2019, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) passed Resolution 9: "On Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality." Critical Race Theory is a political/philosophical-driven ideology that claims to be a solution to ending racism, but according to critics, it actually presents a "solution" that will install Marxism into our society while creating a sentiment leading to escalated conflict and diminished freedom for all. —Lighthouse Trails, 19 pp.

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### The Dangerous Truth About the Social-Justice "Gospel"

**Danielsen**—Many Christian believers are expressing concern today, and rightly so, over something called "social justice" or the "social-justice gospel." Jim Wallis is one of the top "change agents" in the social-justice movement within the evangelical/Protestant church. Mary Danielsen has done a thorough investigation into the writings of Wallis and brings numerous problems with the Social Justice movement to light. —Lighthouse Trails, 19 pp.

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### A Christian Perspective on the Environment

**Oakland**—In 2016, Roger Oakland presented a paper on the environment from a Christian perspective at an energy, water, and environment conference held in Rome, Italy. This booklet includes that information. —Lighthouse Trails, 19 pp.

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### S is for Social Justice

**Danielsen**—This booklet takes a look at the "social justice" terms being touted today. The contrast between the social-justice "narrative" and what is written in God's Word is very apparent. In God's economy, the terms "justice" and "gospel" are clearly defined in biblical texts. —Lighthouse Trails, 19 pp.

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### Earth Day and a Total Transformation for a Post-Christian World

**Teichrib**—Just as in olden days, the earth has become the focal point for worship. In Grecian times, the supreme Earth deity was Gaia, also known as the Universal Mother. Sacred oaths were given in her name, and worshippers performed rituals in her honor. In our contemporary era, Earth Day has become the modern celebration of Gaia. Partakers of this event, whether aware of it or not, play off the ancient pagan beliefs of a Universal Mother. Like the sacred oaths taken in her name, today's Earth Day celebrants sign environmental petitions, make pledges, and announce resolutions in support of Mother Earth. —Lighthouse Trails, 19 pp.

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*The complete set of "Abandoning God's Truth" booklets, one of each booklet.*

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## ISLAM, PROPHECY, AND END TIMES RESOURCES EXPLORING THE LAST DAYS



### Islam and Prophecy: How Muslims Understand the End

**World of the Bible Productions**—How do Muslims see the future unfolding? Do Muslims accept the Jewish and Christian Bible? Do Muslims believe in Christ's Second Coming? How does Islamic eschatology affect the way Muslim militants think about Israel and the West? Randall Price (Th.M., Ph.D.) looks at the way Islam views the Bible and, in particular, its beliefs concerning events leading to the End Time. Because the agenda of Islamic militants is rooted in their interpretation of the future, these facts are essential to understanding today's terrorism. —1 DVD, 57 min.

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### 101 Last Days Prophecies

**Tetlow**—The Bible predicts many specific signs that would culminate in the last days. Notice that none of these prophecies are vague. Though many of these prophecies won't climax until the tribulation period, our generation is the first to see every trend in place. As the final seconds of this age tick away, these events will come into even clearer focus. Keep in mind as you read through this list that these prophecies were penned 1900 to 3500 years ago! How does this relate to you? The last several pages provide the answer—you need to read them carefully. —Eternal Productions, 30 pp.

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#### Quantity discounts available for 101 Last Days Prophecies booklets

2 booklets - \$1.60 ea.	wt .2	<b>\$3.20</b>
10 booklets - \$1.40 ea.	wt .6	<b>\$14.00</b>
25 booklets - \$1.20 ea.	wt 1.5	<b>\$30.00</b>
50 booklets - \$1.00 ea.	wt 3.1	<b>\$50.00</b>



### Game of Gods: The Temple of Man in the Age of Re-Enchantment

**Teichrib**—We are witnessing a titanic impact at the crossroads of religion, politics, technology, and culture. Fundamentally it is a collision of worldview, and we are all experiencing the shockwaves. Building on over twenty years of meticulous research, *Game of Gods* documents the historic and contemporary quest to reshape Western civilization, with global ramifications. This book is a comprehensive journey into the cracks and crevices of big history; an expedition into the expanding realm of transformational movements and ideas—forces of change that are shifting how we think, behave, and relate. "Humanity has three Great Desires: To be as God; to be Masters of Meaning and Destiny; to build Heaven on Earth—this is that story." —Whitemud House Publishing, 552 pp.

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