

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

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

## Conversations with Our Children—Part One

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THIS ARTICLE IS about having important biblical conversations with our children. I am the father of five children and the grandfather of five grandchildren. The conversations I desire to have with them include discerning whether or not my children and/or grandchildren fully understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, and discovering whether or not they are able to articulate what the Bible teaches that they must believe in order for them to be saved.

In addition to knowing what our children/grandchildren need to believe in order to be saved, these articles are designed to help them explain *why* they believe what they believe.

Certainly, knowing the “what” of their belief is first and foremost. Sadly, for some, even when their belief is biblically correct, what follows for many is spiritual disaster. They cannot give reasons (“a defense”—NKJV, 1 Peter 3:15) as to *why* they believe what they believe.

What we have been observing over the last couple of generations is that children, even though they have been raised in Christian homes, have become biblically defenseless, especially those who go off to college and must endure being questioned by atheistic friends and bullied by antichrist professors. Consequently, most back away from the faith they once professed.

What follows are potential discussions that may be useful for a born-again grandparent and his or her grandchild or a believing parent and his child. Although the content of the conversation should be simplified in the presentation of essential truths of Scripture, the adult involved needs to thoroughly understand what a child must know and do in order to be saved. That may also be a valuable refresher exercise for some parents and grandparents. Part 2 will expand on the parent and grandparent’s biblical responsibilities for teaching their children.

The conversation I’m suggesting should always be a one-on-one interaction between the adult and the child, the objective being that the adult can hear *directly from the child* what he or she personally believes. This one-on-one condition is recommended in order to avoid distractions for the child, whether they be from siblings or friends, or from one child simply parroting what another says. Again, the goal is to learn what the individual child *believes*.

The responses given by the child in this conversation are *probable* responses. Hopefully, they provide opportunities to help the child clarify what he actually believes. The initial goal of the questioning is to get the child to articulate what he or she understands about being a Christian.

It’s recommended that the conversations take place often and, preferably, shouldn’t last longer than 5 minutes. (The time, of course, can be adjusted according to the child’s ability to maintain concentration.)

Repetition is encouraged! I try to engage my grandchild (my personal focus in these articles) in one particular brief conversation whenever we get together. It starts with a “gimme five”—as in minutes.

My own grandchildren range in age from two to fourteen. I make it a practice to see the ten-year-old boy and the thirteen-year-old girl every couple of weeks. My two other grandsons live quite a distance from me, so I’m having my son carry out the conversation process with his boys. At times I can have a conversation with each grandchild by phone.

Since this is a work in progress, I tell them that I need their help (which I really do!) in trying to understand what kids their age believe about Jesus, and I want to start with them. I ask them to answer my questions as best they can. I begin with “Are you a Christian?” My grandkids all answer “yes.” I then ask the older ones, “What kind of Christian are you?”

I briefly explain that there are many different kinds of Christians, and they do not all believe the same things. I encourage the older child to refer to himself as a “biblical Christian,” which means his Christianity is based on what is taught in the Bible rather than the religious ideas people make up.

It’s unlikely that the child would answer “no” regarding whether or not he is a Christian, since this conversation is designed primarily for children of those whose parents profess to be Christians. Nevertheless, the “no” response could come up and will be addressed in Part 2 of this series.

Following the answer that the child is “a Christian,” I then ask how he or she *became* a Christian. The most common answers are “because my family is Christian,” “I go to a Christian school,” “my friends are Christians,” “I believe in God,” “I go to church,” “I’m in a Christian youth group,” etc.

It’s really surprising how many of the answers deviate from the biblical teaching of *how* one becomes a Christian. Even so, no matter how erroneous their answers are, they provide great opportunities for the conversation to introduce what the Bible teaches about how one becomes a Christian.

The opportunity here in the conversation is to explain to the child that becoming a Christian has to do with what he or she *believes*, and it needs to *begin* with what they believe about Jesus. So, my next question to the child is just that: what does he or she believe about Him?

The adult may need to help the child articulate his beliefs in order to clarify what the child actually believes. That, however, has to be done without putting words in the child’s mouth. Answers will vary, but they must contain three biblical truths about Jesus: 1) Jesus is God. 2) Jesus became a Man in order to pay the eternal penalty for the sins of mankind. 3) Jesus, who is sinless, is the only One who could pay the penalty for a person’s sins, which He did through His death, burial, and resurrection.

If the child’s answers are not true to the Word of God, or if he has *no* answers, the adult can introduce him to what he needs to believe about Jesus according to the Scriptures. The answers taught must be simple, and, as stated above, they must contain the three biblical truths about Jesus. That conversation should lead to a discussion about whether or not the child recognizes his own condition as a sinner.

The child should be asked if he or she understands what sin is and what it means to sin. Have him give you an example of a sin that he has committed. If he’s not sure, a good question to ask

him is if he has ever disobeyed his mother or father. The adult needs to help the child understand his condition before God, that he is a sinner, and that only Jesus can save him from the penalty for his sins.

The next question for the child is, “Do you *know* what the penalty for sin is?” Explain, then, that the Bible says that sin separates the sinner from God forever. Inform the child that God is a holy God, and Heaven is a holy place where sin cannot enter. God cannot allow anyone who has sinned to be with Him in Heaven.

Since every man, woman, and child has sinned, explain that they are all excluded from ever entering Heaven and being with God. That everlasting separation from God is called Hell, a place of utter darkness and loneliness. That’s the punishment for sin. In fact, all of humanity would thus be without hope of ever being with God, had God himself not provided a solution.

The next question you ask should be: “Do you know the solution that God has provided?”

Some children may know, while others are not sure. This is another place where the conversation provides the opportunity to teach about the character of God, especially related to His justice and love.

Explain that God is not only holy, He is just, meaning entering Heaven can only take place by the penalty for sin having been paid. That’s referred to as *justice*.

When a person breaks the law, justice requires that he has to pay the penalty that the law requires. When a person sins against God, God’s perfect justice requires the payment for his sin must be made. Since the penalty for sin is separation from God forever, no human can fulfill what the law of God requires so he can be reconciled to God.

God, however, is also a loving God, meaning He does not want those whom He created to be separated from Him forever. In view of God being perfect in justice and love, ask the child what he believes was the solution that God provided in order to save mankind.

If the child is still unsure of God’s solution, that presents a great opportunity to go through the John 3:16 verse with him or her: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This opens the conversation to some great things about God, along with some critical questions. First of all, we see that God is a loving God who loves those whom He created. Refer back to John 3:16, “Who is God’s Son that He sent? and what did He do?”

Here’s where the child’s answers usually come together for him during the conversation, especially if he’s been comprehending what his parent or grandparent has been informing him about what the Bible teaches.

I would expect him to respond that “The Son of God is Jesus” and that “Jesus died on the cross in order to pay the penalty for mankind’s sins.”

Remember, this is a conversation with your child or grandchild. It shouldn’t be perceived by the child as a pass-or-fail test. The questions are for the purpose of seeing through the child’s eyes what he or she understands and supplying information that the child needs to know.

A following question might be, “What must you do in order to receive what Jesus did for you?” The child’s response must be that he simply *believes* that Jesus did what the Bible says He did: He paid the punishment for sin for everyone who puts his faith in Him.

This point needs to be made absolutely clear to the child. There is nothing that can be added by the child to what Jesus accomplished on the cross in payment for the child’s sins. Salvation is received by faith alone!

Sometimes we forget that the very *terms* we use need to be

explained to the child. “Salvation” and “being saved” are good examples. The conversation should have its share of what some of the words we use mean. “Being saved,” for example, can be made clear as one who is simply being forgiven and spared from the punishment for his or her sins.

The conversation should include not only what a believing child is saved *from*, but also what the child is saved *for*. That can be discussed by asking him or her if they understand what took place after they believed that Jesus saved them.

As I mentioned at the beginning, this conversation with our children should take place as often as possible. The sessions need to be brief, with no attempts made to cover all the points in each session. There needs to be repetition, and it should be made enjoyable, even fun!

These conversations with our children and grandchildren are not only to make sure they understand the gospel but also to realize that it’s a *relationship building procedure* with the child that will have temporal and (far more importantly) eternal value. In addition to the emphasis on things the child needs to understand, the way the parent or grandparent goes about implementing the program must reflect his or her love of Jesus and thankfulness for all He has done for us. The significance of that impression upon a child cannot be overstated!

In terms of the conversations being fun (perhaps “joyful” is a better choice of words), the question related to what takes place after Jesus saves the child is nothing but good news! The child can draw upon what he knew prior to the conversation, add things that he may not have known (e.g., eternal life with Jesus), and the adult can add things for the child that the Bible says takes place once a child is saved.

For example, once salvation has taken place, the child’s sins are completely forgiven. He receives the free gift of eternal life. The child is born again and sealed with the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of eternal life. The Holy Spirit indwells the child, enabling him or her to live the Christian life according to God’s instructions.

All of the above constitutes much of the “*what*” that a child should know about being saved! Without an understanding and acceptance of the *what* of the gospel, the child cannot be saved.

More often than not, a child has only heard that he must ask Jesus into his heart. That’s true, but it must be based upon the knowledge of who Jesus is and what He accomplished on the cross (see 1-3). Although the parents or grandparents cannot know the heart of their children regarding their acceptance of the gospel, they can discern what the child understands or—misunderstands—about the doctrine of salvation.

This document is primarily about making sure the child’s understanding of the doctrine of salvation is true to the Scriptures. A false understanding of the gospel can save no one.

Both the “*what*” and the “*why*” are necessary if a child is to defend and/or share his beliefs with others.

I’m very thankful for parents and grandparents who have done their best to raise their children and grandchildren in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” That has supplied for multitudes of children the “*What?*” necessary for their salvation. However, as I mentioned, a serious condition has developed for many young Christians that has caused them to be shaken in their faith.

Few young Christians today can explain why they believe what they believe. They are not able, as I mentioned, to satisfy 1 Peter 3:15: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

Consequently, when they are asked about their beliefs, their responses are nearly always personal and subjective, lacking reasons that would refute the objections of others, or encourage those to believe what they believe. That’s the subject of Part 2 of “Conversations with Our Children.”

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION: I have heard others teach that water baptism is an essential part of New Testament salvation, and that without proper baptism it is impossible to enter into the Kingdom of God. Is this true?**

**RESPONSE:** I do not believe that this teaching can be substantiated from the Bible; I know of no verses that support it. On the contrary, Paul tells us that he didn't baptize any of the Corinthians; then he corrects himself and says that he does remember that he baptized a few of them, but hardly any—Crispus and Gaius, and the household of Stephanas, but if there were any others, Paul doesn't remember: "I know not whether I baptized any other" (1 Corinthians 1:14-16).

Surely if baptism were essential to salvation, he would have been more careful about this. "Well," you might say, "someone else did the baptizing so they did get baptized." This is possible, but Paul calls himself their father and explains what that means: "...for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15). They have been born again into Christ, Paul was the means of their salvation, and it happened through the gospel but *without baptism*. If baptism were essential, he could not have called himself the father through whom they were begotten in Christ Jesus, because he hadn't baptized them! Paul reminds the Corinthians that they were saved through his preaching of the gospel, and explains what the gospel declares: "how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

We also are saved through believing the gospel, and only through believing the gospel. Paul declares repeatedly: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16). Again, this says nothing about baptism being any part of the gospel. In fact, Paul goes so far as to state, "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel" (1 Corinthians 1:17). Clearly, he distinguishes between baptism and the gospel.

**QUESTION: What is the technique that is referred to as "mind-mapping"? Is it legitimate or is it considered an occult technique?**

**RESPONSE:** The concept of mind mapping is interesting, and introduces some good suggestions for organizing one's efforts to prepare a talk, to increase the efficiency of a discussion group or board meeting, or for other pursuits of a similar nature. The terminology, however, is very misleading. "Mind mapping" has nothing whatsoever to do with mapping one's mind, using both sides of the brain, or with tapping into that "90 percent" of our brain that we allegedly never use.

There *are* no brain cells lying around idle. The entire brain is being used *continuously*, though not all at one time, because different parts of the brain are involved in different processes and functions. Some make references to "brain power," but what does that mean? Are we talking about intelligence? If so, then according to at least one article, each of us is potentially 1,000 times more intelligent than we ever act—and greater intelligence simply involves turning up the power level in the brain.

That theory is absurd. Such "experts" seem to equate "brain" with "mind," which is a common fallacy. One is physical and the other is mental, and, in fact, spiritual. The brain is neither intelligent nor does it even think. It is merely the computer that the mind uses to control the body in order to interface with the physical universe. As for using both sides of the brain, this is another popular fallacy that not only the human potential gurus use but even some Christian leaders (psychologists in particular) have mistakenly

adopted. It offers an appealing substitute for the biblical solution to human problems. Developing (what does that even mean?) or using the right side of the brain has nothing to do with being loving or kind, which are spiritual qualities. Some charismatics have even suggested that developing the right side of the brain will help one to speak in tongues, work miracles, etc.

Actual scientists who were involved in research on the left/right brain functions call such delusions "whole-brained half-wittedness." Yet many Christian "counselors" promote this apostasy as scientific fact.

**QUESTION: I believe the Bible condemns infidelity of any kind, especially that of a sexual nature. Nonetheless, we see so much of it in our society today! Whether churches have dropped the ball is another question entirely, but I do know that we can't simply stand back, point fingers, and shout simple answers. What is the single most effective, positive concept that you would try to communicate to young people (and older folks as well!) with respect to the sexual temptations that surround them—especially those who know right from wrong but make bad choices anyway?**

**RESPONSE:** We must keep in mind an unchanging perspective on eternity. This life is so very short, and any person is a fool who barter eternity for a few moments of pleasure that leave a bitter taste and remorse even in this life.

Not long ago, I was counseling with a young couple; he wanted to divorce her because she no longer seemed as beautiful and attractive to him as she once had. (Frankly, I thought that, based upon physical attraction, she would have been the one to divorce him.) However, as I mentioned to them both, decisions depend upon the values we have set. I told him that if he found the most beautiful woman in the world and had a few years of pleasure with her, in the end it would all turn to gravel. There are lasting values to consider that are far more important than temporary pleasure.

Even to the unsaved person who has some ethical standards the same is true. What about honor and commitment? What about the promises that have been made? In the long run, we will find longer lasting, deeper satisfaction, and more genuine joy at having been true to our commitments and having obeyed God and His Word, keeping our promises, and having lived for truth and honor! How could any temporary pleasure make up for the lasting regret one would have at knowing that honor and truth and commitment and righteousness had been trampled?

So it is in our daily lives in our relationship with our Lord. I think we often put a selfish interpretation on the scripture that says of Jesus, "For the joy that was set before Him, he endured the cross, despising the shame..." We think it was the pleasure of having us in His presence, and I'm sure that played a part. However, I am certain from the Word of God that the real joy set before Him was knowing that He had fulfilled His Father's will; that He had been true to His commitment—to His purpose for coming into this world and had pleased His Father.

There is no greater joy for any of us in the final analysis than knowing that we have done God's will, that we have pleased Him, that we have been true to His Word, to His love, and that we have responded in kind to His grace and commitment to us. I think if we keep these things in mind it helps stabilize our Christian life, gives us a real purpose and joy in simply being and saying and doing what He has planned for us. And that is a joy that will be ours for all eternity. At the same time, anything that violates these eternal truths brings only a temporary pleasure but a lasting remorse.

# LETTERS

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**Hi T. A. McMahon,**

Decades ago, I listened to James Dobson while waiting to pick up my sons from school. I could never relate to what he was saying. It seemed like it was something I couldn't quite grasp. You are helping me to see why. And now I know that trusting Jesus and His Word fulfills us.

There are people in the church I attend who are dazzled by *The Chosen*. CP (email)

**Dear TBC,**

"Thank You" Brother for this illuminating work. Just to corroborate your words on Christian psychology, I heard it said, "if sin is the noun, self is the verb." I couldn't have put it any better myself. Shalom. TA (email)

**Dear TBC,**

Thank GOD Dave wrote [*What Love is This?*]! I was just about to jump ship; thinking that God CHOSE NOT to save members of my family. My feeling became, "If that's the kind of HEARTLESS MONSTER you are, 'God,' I want nothing to do with YOU!" The RELIEF at finding out about this book, AND that Calvinism was as widely accepted as I thought, was enough to make me cry for joy! I ordered [the book] as soon as I could.

The sad irony was, I ordered from The Berean Call the day I also learned Dave Hunt died. I HOPE he got a "WELL DONE,

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!" He deserved it. My book just about resembles a coloring book now, with all the highlighting. A BLESSED RESOURCE! The Calvinist view of "Will" almost takes humanity off the proverbial hook. I mean, Adam and Eve were told NOT to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and yet, they have no will to decide? If that's the case, God puppeteered A&E to the very tree He told them NOT to eat from. So what? GOD made Adam and Eve sin? How does THAT work? J (email)

**Dear TBC,**

We just finished a 30-hr. class in Biblical Counseling. I can't see anything wrong with helping people using God's word—as long as we always use the Word of God, which is powerful and can heal any mental disorder. We have all as Christians helped a brethren at one time or another. We are called to encourage and build up the body. We are called to Love one another. And many times the Holy Spirit has intervened in many situations to help me with what to say to a brethren or unbeliever. LC (email)

**Dear TBC,**

This comment is in reference to that book *God Calling* that Dave mentioned at the end. No matter the tactic or method used to propagate error, the means of detection are always the same. As in my previous comment Jesus said in Matt 22:18, "Ye do err not knowing the scriptures." In order to perceive a lie, you must know truth. And Jesus declares in John 17:17 that His word is TRUTH.

I find it interesting, indeed, that when the federal government trains a federal agent to identify counterfeit bills, they are never allowed to handle the counterfeits. In this way, whenever they come into contact with one, they're able to identify it immediately. And this I believe is the essence of what it means to be a Berean. God's people ought to be so acquainted with the truth (the word of God), that when they are presented with a counterfeit, they are able to identify it immediately. I believe 2 Tim 2:15 sums this concept up quite well. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Anon. (email)

**Good Morning,**

Thank you for providing such good and accurate information about being Catholic. I am deeply grateful and I downloaded the information this morning. In a few weeks I will be visiting Catholic relatives. I pray for opportunity to share the good news with them that Jesus Christ is our Savior. And I pray they will be hungry and thirsty to know the truth. Your material, which is so easy to understand and backed up with scripture, will help me tremendously to share biblically.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and the ministry. PR (email)

## QUOTABLE .....

"As the outward man is not fit for work for any length of time unless he eats, so it is with the inner man. What is the food for the inner man? Not prayer, but the Word of God—not the simple reading of the Word of God, so that it only passes through our minds, just as water runs through a pipe. No, we must consider what we read, ponder over it, and apply it to our hearts."

—GEORGE MÜLLER

## TBC NOTES

### 10 Questions

These comprise the basic questions for an adult's conversation with his child or grandchild regarding the child's understanding of the biblical gospel:

- 1) Are you a Christian?
- 2) What kind of Christian are you?
- 3) How did you become a Christian?
- 4) What do you believe about Jesus?
- 5) Do you know what sin is, and whether or not you are a sinner?
- 6) Do you know what the penalty/punishment for sin is?
- 7) Do you know God's solution for saving everyone from the penalty/punishment for sin?
- 8) Do you know what you must do in order to be saved from your sins?
- 9) Do you know that when a person believes in Jesus for saving him from his sins he will be with Him forever?
- 10) Do you know what else takes place once you have believed in your heart that Jesus paid the full penalty for your sins?

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# NEWSWATCH

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

## ZIONISTS THIRST FOR PALESTINIAN BLOOD

*THECOLLEGEFIX.COM, 3/21/22, “ZIONISTS’ HAVE ‘UNQUENCHABLE THIRST FOR PALESTINIAN BLOOD,’ DUKE SPEAKER SAYS” [EXCERPTS]:* Duke University’s Student Government voted on March 16 to give over \$16,000 to an upcoming event featuring a speaker who is a staunch critic of Israel and Zionism.

The event [was] called “Narrating Resistance and Agency: Shifting the Discourse on Palestine” and is hosted by the campus Students for Justice in Palestine chapter.

The allocation to the event raised concerns for some student senators who objected to past language used by El-Kurd to describe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“Across the country Zionists are beating, gassing, shooting, lynching Palestinians. They’re unhinged. The videos we’re seeing are reminiscent of the Nakba. State-settler collusion emboldening an unquenchable thirst for Palestinian blood & land. Terrorist, genocidal nation.”

“Would this not send the wrong message and potentially promote violence against Jewish students on campus by providing \$5,000 for this individual to speak, despite his antisemitic tweets and statements?” student senator Nicole Rosenzweig said at the meeting....

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## CROCODILE’S LAST SUPPER WAS A DINOSAUR

*CREATION.COM, 4/14/22, “FLOOD-BURIED CROCODILE’S LAST SUPPER WAS A DINOSAUR” [EXCERPTS]:* A fossilized crocodile discovered about one metre below the surface in the Winton Formation in Queensland, Australia, had a young dinosaur in its stomach. That ornithomimid (a bipedal herbivore) under 2 kg became the last supper—either scavenged or ambushed—for the extinct crocodyliform. This reptile, appropriately named *Confractusuchus sauroktonos* (broken crocodile, lizard killer), was dated between 92.5 and 104 million years old. They recovered about 35% of the crocodile’s 2–2.5 m body, with an almost complete skull. However, “the abdominal region preserving the ornithomimid was badly damaged by excavation equipment prior to its discovery.”

Both evolutionists and creationists believe crocodiles were contemporaneous with dinosaurs—albeit at vastly different time scales—and at times these different animals might well cross paths. No

surprises here (apart from maybe the little dinosaur, if it was ambushed).

*C. sauroktonos* is believed to have died in a flood. That too is nothing new to creationists or evolutionists.

A co-author of the study reviewed here said, “The fossilized remains were found in a large boulder. Concretions often form when organic matter, or say a crocodile, sinks to the bottom of a river.”

Even if the remains of a dead animal were to immediately sink to the bottom, they would still need to be covered fairly quickly, before decay and scavengers commence their work of disposing of the tissues that keep the bones from becoming disarticulated, i.e. scattered. For instance, the young dinosaur “remains displayed clear evidence of oral processing, carcass reduction (dismemberment) and bone fragmentation.” In other words, the eating process of the crocodile caused the dinosaur to be broken apart. The same fate would be awaiting the crocodile, unless it was preserved by some means, for example rapid burial followed by relatively rapid hardening.

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## DOCTOR ASSISTED SUICIDE CONVICTION UPHeld

*NATIONALRIGHTTOLIFENEWS.ORG, 4/14/22, “DANISH DOCTOR ASSISTED SUICIDE CONVICTION UPHeld” [EXCERPTS]:* Danish physician [Svend Lings] who was convicted in 2018 of assisting the suicide of two people and assisting in another’s attempted suicide lost his attempt to overturn his conviction at the European Court of Human Rights.

After his final appeal failed before the Danish Supreme Court, he complained to the ECHR, arguing that under the right to expression, guaranteed by the convention which created the court in 1959, what he did should not be considered illegal.

The seven-judge panel disagreed, writing that Lings “had not only provided guidance, but had also, by specific acts, procured medications for the persons concerned, in the knowledge that it was intended for their suicide.” It was clear, the court wrote, that he had gone beyond simply providing general information about suicide.

Similar to other euthanasia activists, Ling openly challenged the law. He likely hoped that his actions would result in an acquittal, thus striking down the law.

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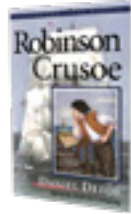
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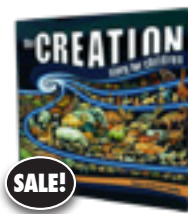
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