

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

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

## “They Have Forsaken the LORD”

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*Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger; they are gone away backward.*

—ISAIAH 1:4

MOST OF US FAIL to grasp the depths of depravity into which the United States—and the world—are rapidly sinking, provoking a merciful and patient God to judgment. The evidence is overwhelming. Yet we’re blinded to the truth like the proverbial frog in the pot that is slowly, by small degrees, being brought to a boil. Deceit is everywhere, and lies pass for truth. The major promoter of abortion calls itself Planned Parenthood. By what perverted logic can a husband and wife who deliberately murdered in the womb what would have been their baby be called its “parents”? Shouldn’t the organization that inspired and assisted in this foul deed rather be called “Planned No Parenthood”?

Murder in the womb is cloaked under the innocuous label of “pro-choice” while at the same time denying any choice to the victim. The “Campaign for Healthy Families” was the group that defeated a proposed ban on abortions in South Dakota. To what “healthy family” do aborted babies belong? In 2006, the National Abortion Federation complained that the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act would “impose . . . burdens on teens seeking abortion” by requiring minors to get parental notification to cross state lines in order to get one!<sup>1</sup>

And how do teens get into this predicament? By the immorality held up in a wicked society as a desirable sign of “maturity.” To brainwash teenagers with the lie that they can get away with anything that is their choice is evil. God no longer is allowed to have any opinion in the world He made! Our choice overrides His. America has “forsaken the Lord” and is sowing the seeds of its destruction. God cannot withhold His judgment without becoming a partner in our sins.

Between 1960 and 1990, out-of-wedlock births in the US increased more than 500 percent (from 5.3 percent to 28 percent), single-parent families tripled, about 50 million babies were murdered in the womb, and violent crimes increased 500 percent. About 16,000 crimes occur on or around school campuses each day! In 2005, 37 percent of births were to unwed mothers, up from 36 percent in 2004 and 28 percent in 1990. The report stated that “The overall rise reflects the burgeoning number of people who are putting off marriage or are living together without getting married.” Are these the “Healthy Families” that the amoral campaign of that name is building by supporting abortion?

Homosexuals not only flaunt their sin in public, they are fêted, wooed, indulged, and thanked by politicians for their votes. It’s Sodom and Gomorrah again—or worse! In January 2007, Christian Vanneste, an MP in France’s ruling party was fined nearly \$4,000 for saying that homosexuality is “inferior to heterosexuality” and would be “dangerous for humanity if it was pushed to the limit.”

Of course, these are the facts. But daring to express the undeniable truth unleashes the wrath of police and courts in their zeal to protect the feelings of a favored class that complains of being offended.

Homosexuals and lesbians don’t procreate as God commanded mankind to do. The Creator’s very first commandment to Adam and Eve was, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth . . .” (Genesis 1:28). “Gays” defy God’s very first words to mankind. They seek not children but pleasure, to the exclusion of all else. And in their self-absorbed folly, they taunt us with “gay pride.” Are they proud that their lifestyle is not only “dangerous” (it shortens the lifespan by 24 years<sup>2</sup>) but that it would abruptly end the human race if universally adopted? What madness supports this celebrated perversion?

Vanneste is appealing his case to the European Court of Human Rights, a likely exercise in futility. Truth used to be a sure defense in a lawsuit. Today, truth is irrelevant: the issue is whether a “protected minority” or a special interest group feels offended. Vladimir Bukovsky, a former Soviet dissident, warned that “the EU’s enforcement of political correctness was a symbol of the Union’s slide toward a similar [Soviet-like] oppressive regime.”

On October 10, 2004, in Philadelphia, eleven evangelical Christians were arrested and jailed for peacefully witnessing for Christ at a “gay parade”—four of them for quoting Bible verses while walking a public sidewalk. In Germany, a priest faces jail for publicly criticizing abortionists, and in Holland, “fornicators” and “adulterers” are protected classes and cannot be criticized.<sup>3</sup>

On October 6, 2006, LifeSiteNews reported, “The gloves have come off; the Parliamentary debate in Canada has moved beyond homosexual ‘marriage’ and on to refusing freedoms for those with religious beliefs opposed to homosexuality and those with conscientious reasons for opposing it.”<sup>4</sup> Hundreds of other examples of “political correctness” gone berserk in defense of immorality throughout the Western world could be cited, space permitting.

What is happening today reflects a long history. Visiting Holland, Germany, France, and England, countries where the Protestant Reformation challenged Roman Catholicism, which had held the entire Western world in its iron grip for centuries, is inspiring but at the same time disheartening. It is thrilling to visit the Wittenberg Castle Church, where the Reformation began. It held one of Europe’s largest collections of religious relics—some 19,000 accumulated by Frederick III. Pilgrims viewing all of them would receive indulgences that would allegedly shorten their time in purgatory by 5,209 years<sup>5</sup>—the largest reduction obtainable in one place outside of Rome.

Of course, these poor souls never suspected that on January 1, 1967, over the signature of Pope Paul VI, their infallible Church would issue its “Apostolic Constitution on the Revision of Indulgences,” admitting centuries of false promises, undoing the reduction of the purgatorial sufferings deceased Catholics thought they had purchased, and making new requirements they couldn’t possibly fulfill, having been dead and presumably still in purgatory after 400 years of torment in its flames.<sup>6</sup>

This was the madness that ruled the Middle Ages. There were tiny vials of “true milk from the Virgin Mary’s breasts,” pickled fingers and toes of this or that “saint,” and enough pieces of wood in Europe venerated as parts of the “true cross” to build a cathedral. Even toenails of “saints” were worshiped by the deluded devout.

Peter's toes were uncommonly prolific. There were enough "certified trimmings" in Europe's cathedrals to fill a gunny sack. The biggest scam was selling "indulgences" to release deceased relatives from purgatory—and who would refuse to buy Aunt Maria's release from the flames! From such blood money, St. Peter's Basilica was repaired and expanded to its present form.

No matter how well one knows the story, it is always an emotional experience to stand at the Wittenberg door. There, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Disputation of the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences, known as the 95 Theses. By 1518, copies in other languages had been read throughout Europe, arousing rage against the Roman Catholic Church. Luther's brave challenge at the risk of his life shook the church and world of his day. Oh, that it would happen again—not just to Catholicism (which hasn't changed), but to Protestantism as well!

Visiting those areas of Europe and remembering the impact of Luther's simple paper is deeply moving—but at the same time discouraging. Everywhere, one sees the ruins that the Reformation has left in its wake: apostate state churches scarcely attended, mostly dead and a reproach to Christ instead of the centers for proclaiming the gospel they once were. "Christian" Europe has assuredly forsaken the Lord and is beginning to reap in earnest the fruit of the rebellion it has been sowing for a long, long time.

The liberalism of England's universities, media, and courts undermined any sense of God-given morality that had barely survived from the days of Luther and Calvin. "Multiculturalism" is the new faith—a multiculturalism that embraces every religion and creed. There is, however, one exception: the culture of the host country, England. Why? Because it is Western and has a Christian heritage. That, above all, is not acceptable. Islam most assuredly is in, and Christianity is out.

In fact, it was the rejection of Christianity that opened Britain to the amoral liberalism prevalent in its courts, media, and universities that now favors Muhammad over Christ and is sowing the seeds of its own destruction.

The most disheartening—even frightening—experience each time one returns to Britain and Europe is to see firsthand the evidence of the "new reformation" sweeping those countries and the world today. A fresh Islamic invasion (already far more effective than the military invasion that was turned back at Poitiers-Tours in 732 and Vienna in the 18th century) is changing the face of England, France, Holland, Germany, and the other countries that supported the first Reformation. The new privileged "minority" are the Muslim immigrants, many of whom have come in obedience to Muhammad's command (which all Muslims everywhere are obligated to obey in the name of Allah and Islam) to take over the entire world by violence, if necessary. They mostly refuse to be integrated into the societies they invade, retaining their own customs and language, while demanding "rights" (including welfare support of multiple wives) from the country they intend to destroy. The protection of the West's liberal laws assists terrorists in the commanded takeover. Imam Abu Baseer, a leading religious supporter of al-Qaeda, confessed:

One of the goals of immigration is the revival of the duty of jihad and enforcement of their power over the infidels. Immigration and jihad go together.<sup>7</sup>

Christianity and Christ may be mocked in the West, but no word must be whispered (for fear of violent reprisals) against Islam. One city in England is already 75 percent Muslim and has a Muslim mayor. Non-Muslims move out, property values plummet, allowing more Muslims to move in at bargain prices. Islamists boast that they will eventually have a string of Muslims-only cities in a crescent shape stretching across the heartland of England. They insist that this "crescent" will be ruled by sharia (Islamic law), as in Saudi Arabia, where women are publicly stoned to death (if the family doesn't kill them first) for "allowing" themselves to be raped; no non-Muslim place of worship may be built; those who convert from

Islam to any other religion are beheaded; and Islamic law rules an Islamic state. This is Islam's intent for the entire world.

The cost of opposing Islam or Muhammad far exceeds the judgments decreed by liberal courts against anti-abortionists or anti-gays—a cost that has already mounted into thousands of lives and billions of dollars. We've seen it in murder, mayhem, and destruction through riots in Paris, trains blown up in Madrid, subways and buses exploding in London, planes flown into the Twin Towers in New York, and Shiites and Sunnis slaughtering one another with a ferocity and cruelty that proclaims to the world—if the world were not afraid to listen—that Islam is not a religion of peace. Yet, in spite of such overwhelming evidence, the same old political correctness insists that all of this horror is in the cause of "peace" because Islam is peace—and woe to anyone who dares to correct that lie!

Incredibly, after 9/11 and again after the London bombings of 2005, government instructions were for police "to avoid doing anything to alienate Britain's Muslims." As a practical matter, "this meant the police had to deny the nature of Islamist terrorism altogether."<sup>8</sup>

"This was why, on the day that four Islamist suicide bombers blew themselves and more than fifty London commuters to bits, the Met's deputy assistant commissioner, Brian Paddick, stood before the television cameras and made the noteworthy comment: 'As far as I am concerned, Islam and terrorists are two words that do not go together.'"<sup>9</sup> Such whitewashing of Islam by high officials has become the scandal of the century. As Melanie Phillips, author of *Londonistan*, so perceptively points out:

Britain is in Denial. Having allowed the country to turn into a global hub of the Islamic jihad...the British establishment is still failing...to acknowledge what it is actually facing and take the appropriate action. Instead, it is deep into a policy of appeasement of the phenomenon that threatens it...in a panic-stricken attempt to curry favor and buy off the chances of any further attacks...<sup>10</sup>

Though they knew that London had become a headquarters for Islamic terrorism worldwide, the British police "even after 9/11... still took no action against Islamist extremists embedded in London..." The willful blindness to indisputable facts was incredible.

"Over the years, the governments of India, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel, France, Algeria, Peru, Yemen, and Russia, among others, lodged...protests about the presence in Britain of terrorist organizations or their sympathizers.... Egypt denounced Britain as a hotbed for radicals..."<sup>11</sup>

The reason for this insanity was in the multiculturalism (every culture and religion is equally good—except for Christianity, which must be jettisoned because of its narrow-minded claim that Jesus Christ is the only way to God). In a word, British society has lost its moral foundation, as Melanie Phillips explains:

The underlying message in the classroom is that there is no historical truth at all, and whatever had happened in the past [including the crucifixion of Christ for our sins and His resurrection] was only a matter of opinion.... At the heart of this unpicking of national identity lies a repudiation of Christianity, the founding faith of the nation and the fundamental source of its values, including its...profound love of liberty.... For the secular elite, Britain is now a "post-Christian society; and insofar as this is not yet the case, this elite is determined to make it so. Under the rubric of multiculturalism and promoting "diversity," local authorities and government bodies are systematically bullying Christianity out of existence..."<sup>12</sup>

Whether in the world or in the church, we see much the same thing happening in America. Anything is acceptable—except biblical Christianity. Public schools accommodate witches, homosexuals, and Muslims promoting their beliefs and practices. But Christianity, in the name of freedom, is outlawed. Let us not give up the fight for biblical truth, earnestly contending for the faith, once for all delivered to the saints.

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION: Scriptures such as Exodus 34:7 and Numbers 14:18 seem to indicate there is such a thing as generational sin caused by the sins of our ancestors. Shouldn't we pay more attention to those who have been involved in "deliverance" ministries?**

**RESPONSE:** No. We should pay more attention to the context of the scriptures being used to see whether or not someone's teaching is true to God's Word. In both Exodus 34:7 and Numbers 14:18 God is dealing with a people according to His covenant of law. His covenant included blessings and curses; obedience brought blessings and breaking the law brought curses. Even though the sins of God's covenant people would reap destructive consequences throughout generations, nevertheless God's justice, grace, and mercy were made manifest to the individual. The entire chapter of Ezekiel 18 addresses that fact: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him [the righteous], and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him [the wicked]" (Ezekiel 18:20).

As a basis for their insistence upon the need to "break off" iniquities of one's father in order to free an individual, deliverance ministries lean heavily on Old Testament scriptures. Yet even those Old Testament scriptures look forward to Christ, the Servant who will bear these iniquities (Isaiah 53:11) and pardon all of them (Jeremiah 33:8).

Deliverance ministries (and others who emphasize "generational sins," "iniquities," and "ancestral curses" affecting believers) are in danger of putting themselves under a "curse." The New Testament clearly teaches that believers are not under the law; that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us..." (Galatians 3:13). Therefore, those who impose the law upon believers deny the gospel and become subject to Paul's condemnation in Galatians 1:9: "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Finally, "generational curses" are said by many of the deliverance teachers to be the implements of Satan and his demons to create problems for Christians. Supposedly, sins of our ancestors bring about curses for which demons are making us pay today. The primary problem with this teaching is that there is no example in Scripture of demons cursing anyone. God curses, not Satan. And even when Satan's instruments such as Balak try to have God's people cursed, it is of no effect (Numbers 23:23). So, while curses may be the demonically generated devices of fear and destruction in the sorcerer's world of animists, shamans, witches, voodoo priests, and other pagans, as far as the church is concerned, they are simply part of Satan's scam to deceive—especially experientially driven—and, consequently, spiritually gullible Christians.

**QUESTION: I've read your Q&A on eternal security, but I'm still left with this nagging question: Can an individual who made a confession of faith in Christ come to a place where he ceases to believe? Don't we have examples of this in the parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13?**

**RESPONSE:** In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:18-23), we are given examples of those who have opportunity for salvation. We

believe the first example represents almost everyone in the world because no one leaves this world without being presented, in some compelling way, the hope of salvation. As Romans 1:20 states, "They are without excuse." The analogy indicates that many are hardened against believing the gospel. The second example tells us that some will show a superficial interest in the gospel, but it won't last long. The third example relates to those who try to make the gospel fit their hope of salvation, which is manmade and worldly. In examples one through three, the people did not believe the gospel. Only example four presents an individual who truly believes the gospel and receives eternal life. Such a person then demonstrates (not gains) the reality of full salvation by showing some degree of growth and fruitfulness in Christ.

Your question, "Can an individual who made a confession of faith in Christ come to a place where he ceases to believe?" is answered by the above. If the "confession" fits one, two, or three, the person never truly believed (1 John 2:19). It can't fit in example four because, in express contrast to the others, there is no allowance made for ceasing to believe.

If maintaining our faith for salvation were dependent on us alone, none could be saved. But in fact it is dependent upon the only One who could save us and the only One who can keep us. For various reasons, we may waver in our faith and have times of little fruitfulness, but sustaining our eternal security is something only God in Christ can do.

## QUOTABLE.....

*"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?"*

—ROMANS 8:33

Most blessed challenge! How unanswerable it is! Every sin of the elect was laid upon the great Champion of our salvation, and by the atonement carried away. There is no sin in God's book against his people: he seeth no sin in Jacob, neither iniquity in Israel; they are justified in Christ forever. When the guilt of sin was taken away, the punishment of sin was removed. For the Christian there is no stroke from God's angry hand—nay, not so much as a single frown of punitive justice. The believer may be chastised by his Father, but God the Judge has nothing to say to the Christian, except "I have absolved thee: thou art acquitted." For the Christian there is no penal death in this world, much less any second death. He is completely freed from all the punishment as well as the guilt of sin, and the power of sin is removed too. It may stand in our way, and agitate us with perpetual warfare; but sin is a conquered foe to every soul in union with Jesus. There is no sin which a Christian cannot overcome if he will only rely on God to do it. They who wear the white robe in heaven overcame through the blood of the Lamb, and we may do the same. No lust is too mighty, no besetting sin too strongly entrenched; we can overcome through the power of Christ. Do believe it, Christian, that thy sin is a condemned thing. It may kick and struggle, but it is doomed to die. God has written condemnation across its brow. Christ has crucified it, "nailing it to his cross." Go now and mortify it, and the Lord help you to live to his praise, for sin with all its guilt, shame, and fear, is gone.

—C. H. SPURGEON

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# LETTERS

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Dear TBC,

This mysticism stuff is so real and it is fooling so many people. The wicked world that we live in shrugs off any boundaries which God had set up and pushes those boundaries to the point where they are non-existent. Just because something feels good, doesn't mean that it is good. Just ask someone who's been trying to quit smoking for years. It may feel good for a moment but the body is dying. Romans 6:23, (KJV): "For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." BL Ministries (email)

Dear TBC,

Wait, so is Dr. Bobgan against Biblical Counseling? Or what some people call "Integration" counseling? Because combining Psychology and the Bible, I can see why he would disagree with that. However, just using the Word of God to help someone, or "counsel" someone as a pastor would...that's what I always called "Biblical Counseling." The other one I call "Christian Psychology," which I don't agree with, methodologically. C (email)

Tom,

Just a note of mega appreciation for yours and the team's efforts in bringing us true and safe information to guard us in these times. I often forward the reports to my contact list. Like you, Tom, I am an "Escaped Catholic" delivered in 1974 after being there as a

volunteer in the Yom Kippur war. My reward for trying "to bless Israel" as promised to Abraham was to lead me to know Yeshua as my Messiah and Saviour too. Blessings to you all and thank you again for being there and serving our King's people. RN (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.

## END NOTES.....

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## TBC NOTES

### *The Israelites' Choices...and Ours*

Some preach today that man has no free will but that everything is controlled by God. This constitutes a false teaching that is denied by His Word. Deuteronomy 28 is a favorite chapter of mine that makes clear the consequences of our choices. Whereas the words of Deuteronomy were spoken to Israel, they speak to all of us about our obedience and disobedience regarding the Lord's teachings. Here's the obedience part, the results of which every believer should greatly prefer:

#### DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

The *disobedience consequences* are contained in Deuteronomy 28:15-68, which you may read for yourself. Why anyone would *choose disobedience* only demonstrates the wicked heart of mankind, and clearly establishes their self-willed choice making.

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# NEWSWATCH

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in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## PAKISTAN INTENSIFIES BLASPHEMY LAW

*JIHADWATCH.ORG, 6/20/23, "PAKISTAN: GOVERNMENT SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH TEHREEK-E-LABBAIK PARTY, INTENSIFIES BLASPHEMY LAW" [EXCERPTS]:* Pakistan is already infamous for its cruel blasphemy laws, which mostly target Christians, leading to numerous instances in which Christians are victimized by false blasphemy accusations in neighbor and work disputes. Now Pakistan is becoming even more strict in its application of the Sharia...and set up a Counter Blasphemy Wing to further its crack-down against blasphemy ("use of derogatory remarks, etc., in respect of the Holy Prophet"), which includes blocking so-called blasphemous social media content.

Pakistan is well known for charges of "Islamophobia" against India, despite its own abuses, including its blasphemy laws, forced marriage and forced conversion of Hindu and Christian girls, and its intensifying jihad activity. This new agreement with Tehreek-e-Labbaik Party will also encourage greater persecution of religious minorities.

(<https://bit.ly/479Iv79>)

## DAWKINS AND DESIGN

*CREATION.COM, 6/17/23, "DAWKINS AND DESIGN" [EXCERPTS]:* Romans 1:20 states that everyone should be able to understand that there is a Creator from what has been made, "so that men are without excuse". But in this "Year of Darwin", there's no shortage of outspoken Darwin adulators who unashamedly proclaim the world was *not* created. Surely the best known of these is Richard Dawkins. In his book *The Blind Watchmaker*, Dawkins wrote: "Biology is the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose", then proceeds to argue that they were not.

Dawkins has vociferously continued to proclaim the "no design, therefore no designer" line. But when Ben Stein (in his documentary *Expelled*) asked him, "What do you think is the possibility that Intelligent Design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics, or evolution?"

Dawkins responded: "It could be that at some earlier time, somewhere in the universe, a civilization evolved by probably some kind of Darwinian means to a very, very high level of technology—and

designed a form of life that they seeded onto perhaps this planet... And I suppose it's possible that you might find evidence for that if you look at the details of biochemistry, molecular biology, you might find a signature of some sort of designer." For Dawkins, that's quite a concession.

However, even if Dawkins were to accept the evidence of "a signature of some sort of designer," it would not be the God of the Bible. "No," Dawkins said to Stein firmly, "nothing like that." As Stein said later, "So Professor Dawkins was not against intelligent design, just certain types of designers, such as God."

God has *not* hidden his handiwork from us. Also, He has spoken through His prophets (Romans 1:2, 2 Peter 1:20–21, Hebrews 1:1), and then through His divine Son (Hebrews 1:2–8). He sent this Son, Jesus Christ—through whom and by whom and for whom all things were made (John 1:1–3, Colossians 1:16)—to die in our place, so that all who believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). His Word can be trusted, not just in matters of morality and salvation, but also in relation to the history of the universe, despite much-heralded "Year of Darwin" proclamations.

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## TRACKING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER

*THECOLLEGEFIX.COM, 6/20/23, "FEDS TO BEGIN TRACKING SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OF PHD EARNERS" [EXCERPTS]:* The federal government will soon begin asking for the sexual orientation and gender identity of PhD earners in addition to the typical demographic data it has tracked for decades.

The demographic data it collects already includes traditional information such as sex, race and academic field, but the recent decision to include questions pertaining to sexual orientation and gender identity comes after years of pressure from both LGBTQ activists and some lawmakers.

[Supporters] claimed if sexual orientation and gender identity data were properly collected through the listed surveys, the data could later be used by institutions, researchers, and agencies to inform diversity initiatives such as fellowships, scholarships, recruitment strategies, and interventions aimed at supporting members of the LGBTQ community.

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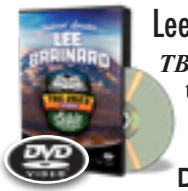
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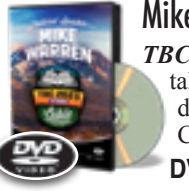
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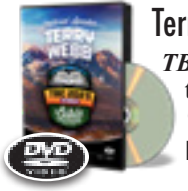
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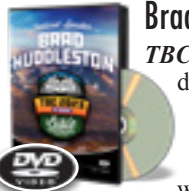
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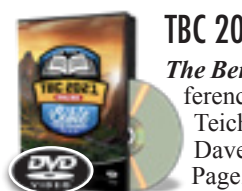
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