

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

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

## Counseling in the Church: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – Part One

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IN THIS TWO-PART series I’m addressing what I believe is the Adversary’s most successful device among his many deceptions (2 Corinthians 11:3), temptations (1 Corinthians 7:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:5), wiles (Ephesians 6:11), devices (2 Corinthians 2:11) and snares (1 Timothy 3:7), which have captured both professing and true believers in Jesus Christ. . . and I’m doing it with more than a little help from my friends, Dr. Martin Bobgan and his wife, Deidre. Between them they hold a half-dozen degrees. Martin’s Doctorate of Education is from the University of Colorado, and Deidre is a Phi Beta Kappa with a Master’s Degree in English. (The reason I’m saying this up front will become significant as I go through my message and will provide information that I’m sure will disturb some of you.)

Regarding my own background, I grew up in the mental health community, literally. My father was a psychiatrist, and during my formative years we lived on the grounds of a large mental institution in central Ohio. He later became the director of a mental hospital in southern Ohio. Many of my relatives were involved in various mental health capacities, so my understanding of psychology is more experiential than academic. In other words, as I said, I grew up surrounded by it.

After becoming a believer, I spent decades comparing psychotherapy’s teachings with the Word of God. My personal experiences also contributed to my increasing compassion for those undergoing some of the mental problems of living and the damage that counseling has done not only to them but also to their counselors.

Even so, the title of this message may seem a bit disconcerting to some, and perhaps even confusing. Yet it is an accurate description of the state of counseling by those who profess to believe in Jesus and who claim to adhere to His Word.

Regarding counseling, some of it is good, some of it is bad, and some of it is definitely ugly:

- 1) It’s good when it’s true to the Scriptures.
- 2) It’s bad when it deviates from God’s instructions in word and practice.
- 3) It’s ugly when its methods follow the concepts devised by the godless founders of psychotherapy and their latter-day disciples.

Having spent close to four decades observing and addressing false teachings and practices impacting the entire church (charismatic, conservative, liberal, fundamental, aberrational, etc.), nothing in my view has been as devious and controlling as psychotherapy.

Its effective deception has convinced the masses that it helps people by healing their mental, emotional, and behavioral problems. One critic of psychology’s influence throughout the world writes: “Psychological insight is the creed of our time. In the name of enlightenment, experts promise help and faith, knowledge and comfort. They devise confident formulas for happy living and ambitious plans for dissolving the knots of conflict. Psychology, according to its boosters, possesses worthwhile answers to our most difficult personal questions and practical solutions for our most intractable social problems. In the late twentieth-century United States, we are likely to

believe what psychological experts tell us. They speak with authority to a vast audience. . . . Their advice is a big business” (from *The Romance of American Psychology: Political Culture in the Age of Experts*. Berkeley: University of California Press, c1995. <http://ark.cdlib.org>).

Referring to the ubiquitous (i.e., seeming to be everywhere) nature of psychology, she adds that it has “seeped into virtually every facet of existence.”

Tragically, it has come into the church and has overtaken much of it. Considering just one example, a survey of the 39 largest mission agencies in America reveals that one cannot be accepted for missionary work without a psychological stamp of approval, based on a psychological interview and psychological tests.

The contemporary evangelical church was led into much confusion regarding counseling during the 1960s and ’70s. That time period gave rise to the myth of “Christian psychology.” It’s a myth because there is no such thing. Search as you will the numerous recognized fields of psychology and you will not find *Christian* psychology!

Although there is no accredited degree in this field, the profession of “Christian psychology”—along with the regard in which its practitioners are held—is spreading exponentially.

In a message at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, an organization of psychologists who profess Christ, one speaker admitted that there is “no acceptable Christian psychology that is markedly different from non-Christian psychology,” and although there are “Christians who are psychologists, they basically do the same things as non-Christian psychologists” (from *Psychoheresy Revised & Expanded* chapter 2, I Sutherland, P and Poelstra, P “Aspects of Integration.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Western Association of Christians for Psychological Studies, Santa Barbara, CA, June 1976).

What then constitutes so-called Christian psychology and its practice? It is centered in the field of psychotherapy, also known as clinical counseling, which is simply *talk therapy*. Psychotherapy itself has no scientific basis. Its concepts and practices stem primarily from beliefs originated by influential theorists such as Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Eric Fromm, Abraham Maslow, Carl Rogers, B.F. Skinner and their latter-day disciples.

The fabrication that psychotherapy is scientific is due to the background of men like Freud and Jung, who earned medical degrees as psychiatrists. Their science degrees, however, had little or no relationship to their practice of psychotherapy.

Most of those who refer to themselves as Christian psychologists have earned degrees in psychology, focusing primarily on psychotherapy. Their training, therefore, is based upon the opinions and motives devised by the theorists previously noted and others.

The “Christian” aspects of their practices come about by attempting to integrate their Christian beliefs with their secular training. Although that may give the *impression* of reflecting Christianity, nearly all of the secular psychotherapeutic concepts are diametrically opposed to the teachings of the Bible!

Considering just one of the many teachings of psychotherapy that oppose biblical Christianity, a foundational example is the differing perspectives on “self.” The Word of God and the psychological wisdom of men couldn’t be more at odds with one another!

The Bible teaches that “self” is at the root of humanity’s sin nature and must be in complete submission to God. Verses abound to that end: “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come

after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Self is the chief focus of psychotherapy, running the gamut from self-love to self-deification. No teaching in the contemporary church has been more insidious and destructive than the self-love/self-esteem heresies of the twentieth-century. They are a fulfillment of prophecy of which the Holy Spirit had the Apostle Paul warn us: “This know also, that in the last days *perilous times shall come*. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves*...” (2 Timothy 3:1-2). They have turned the truth of God’s Word upside down and continue to deceive Christians well into this century.

Before addressing specifics regarding the good, the bad, and the ugly, it’s important that we understand what the Bible teaches *foundationally* about counseling.

Number one: God is the only One who qualifies as Counselor. The reason should be obvious. God alone (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) knows the heart, mind, thoughts, and motivation of every human being.

And Jeremiah 17:10: “I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” Revelation 2:23 repeats that of which only God is capable: “...I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

In Isaiah 9:6, Jesus is called “Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God...” One function of the Holy Spirit is to convict humans of the sins that commence from their hearts (John 16:8). (More on this later, but suffice it to say that these abilities are beyond the capabilities of finite humanity.)

Number two: The content of counseling *must* be true to the Word of God. Acts 20:27: “For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” And Romans 11:34: “For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?”

Where anything adds to or departs from these fundamental truths, they are “psychoheresies,” to use a term coined by the Bobgans. They define the term this way: “Psychoheresy is the integration of secular psychological counseling theories and therapies with the Bible. It is also the intrusion of such theories into the preaching and practice of Christianity, especially when they contradict or compromise biblical Christianity in terms of the nature of man, how he is to live, and how he changes.”

In our day, when belief in sound biblical doctrine is diminishing, e.g., “The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:3), and fewer and fewer Christians are looking to the Scriptures for God’s help and guidance in living out their Christian lives, the universality of psychology with its lack of accountability and its focus on self has great appeal.

Much of its acceptance is also because of an underlying intimidation factor. People have been told—and believe—that the “professional experts” know better. They don’t. Their theories are clouded in pseudo-scientific language, giving the impression that they have the answers to life’s problems. Again, they don’t.

To the uninformed, the *self-assurance* of psychotherapists also appears intimidating. Yet, in truth, it’s wrapped up in nothing more than psychobabble. Nevertheless, their false claims are mostly accepted by osmosis rather than by one’s searching out the facts, causing many to yield to the self-proclaimed experts.

What are some of their beliefs?

“Psychotherapy is a scientific endeavor.”—No. Psychotherapy (i.e., psychological counseling) has no scientific basis. It’s simply *talk*. The counselee talks to the counselor and the counselor listens to the counselee. At times the counselor may ask questions and make suggestions.

Research psychologists who study the effectiveness of clinical counseling are in agreement that psychotherapy *is* not and *cannot* be scientific. Nevertheless, the widely believed myth is that it is a scientific practice! The content of the talk is drawn from a number of thera-

pies in which the therapist has been trained. There are about 500 basic ones, but combinations thereof result in *thousands* of related therapies.

Psychological theories are often in conflict, even in contradiction, with one another. Furthermore, the counselee’s issues are revamped to fit within one or more of the counselor’s favored therapy or therapies.

Given the subjective nature of talk therapy, it should come as no surprise that studies have shown that professional counselors are no more successful than non-professionals—i.e., everyday folks who have never had any training in the field of counseling!

Some researchers point to the similar methods of native medicine men and shamans in “counseling” their tribal people and compare them with today’s psychotherapists. They note that the success/failure rate of both is comparable with these exceptions: the shamans charge less and release their “counselees” sooner.

Again, we are addressing “talk therapy.” That is hardly a practice in which one needs to earn a degree. Furthermore, it’s not the medium of “talk” that is the real problem in counseling. It is the *message*, i.e., the *content* of the talk.

The Bobgans remind us, “Christians should know and affirm that such psychology is merely the hunches, opinions, guesses, and particularly the wisdom of men that God rejects” (1 Corinthians 2).

Pastors who refer their church members out to professional counselors have either been duped by the myths of psychotherapy and fallen prey to its intimidation factor, or they simply do not believe in the sufficiency of God’s Word. Either way, they are not living up to their calling as shepherds of God’s sheep, if indeed they truly have that calling.

For all the errors that are found within psychotherapy’s theories and practices, the one that should have every biblical Christian fleeing psychological counseling is its concept of the *nature* of mankind. They claim that man is *inherently good*, which is their foundational belief.

What then of man’s ever-increasing problems of living, his struggles with relationships, his ongoing hostilities? We’re told that they are *learned conditions* stemming from factors outside of the individual: his or her upbringing by their parents, their physical and social environment, influences from their peers, educators, media, and so forth.

All such things are said to have shaped, even determined, the mental, emotional, and behavioral condition of his present state. The goal, therefore, of psychological counseling, through various means (mostly talk), is to restore one back to one’s “true [inherently good] self.”

On the other hand, if mankind is innately evil, as the Bible declares over and over, psychotherapy is out of business. Why? All the supposed “fixing” of humans through talk therapy *cannot change humanity’s deeply-rooted evil nature*. We are all like leopards that cannot change their spots. Only God can truly change us by giving us new life.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 spells out our inherent nature and tells us why only God is able to fix us: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”

Further biblical insights regarding the heart were written by English theologian Matthew Poole in his *A Commentary on the Holy Bible* penned in the 1700s. He declares that the deceitful heart is “unsearchable by others, *deceitful* with reference to ourselves, and abominably wicked so that neither can a man know his own heart, neither can any other know our hearts.”

Poole continues, “Lest these hypocrites should pretend that their hearts were not departed from God, or should say, Who then can judge us if none knoweth the Heart? Saith God, Though no creature knoweth the heart of another fellow creature, yet I know the hearts of all creatures; for I will judge them according to their thoughts and the secret motions and affections of their souls, according to all their ways, and the fruit of their doings....”

That is so far beyond the capability of human counselors that any attempt to step into that role smacks of the idolatry of self-deification.

(To be continued.)

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION: I disagree with your statements distinguishing Israel from the church. Paul teaches us in Ephesians 2:11-22 that the church and Israel are “one” grouping of believers.... Romans 9-11 describes Israel...[as] those people of all times, places, lands, nationalities, and ethnic groups who have had faith in God.... Israel is not “God’s earthly people” but God’s spiritual people...believers everywhere.... God’s promises of land do not promise His *earthly* people *physical* land. They promise His *spiritual* people a spiritual country...heaven.**

**RESPONSE:** You spiritualize the truth of Scripture. Paul refers to “my kinsmen according to the flesh: who are Israelites...whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came” (Romans 9:3-5). The word *flesh* cannot be turned into *spirit*. The “people of Israel after the flesh” (*physical* descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) have existed throughout history and still exist in the present. Their history is given in the Bible, including their very real possession of the promised land for centuries, their being cast out of it and scattered around the world, their persecution and their preservation—along with hundreds of clear prophecies of their return. If Israel is a *spiritual* people, i.e., all true believers everywhere, then what is that specific nation of Israel whose history the Old Testament gives in detail and is the subject of most Old Testament prophecies? Israel exists today as a distinct people and nation and is once again in possession of part of the land she was promised and once possessed in full. Every news report confirms this. Try to tell the Arabs that those are not the Jews living in Israel today!

The Bible describes Israel as distinct among the nations of the world. As a nation and as a people, the Jews are distinguished from all others in hundreds of verses such as “I will give...unto you...a land.... I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.... And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed ye from other people, that ye should be mine” (Leviticus 20:24-26); “[T]he LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth” (Deuteronomy 7:6); “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.... And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.... Ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth unto the other” (Deuteronomy 28:10, 37, 63, 64); “Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations... He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.... It shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more forever” (Jeremiah 31:10, 40); “And thou [Gog and Magog, et al.] shalt say, I will go up...upon the people that are gathered out of the nations.... And thou shalt come up against my people Israel ...in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me” (Ezekiel 38:11-16), etc.

Zechariah 12, 13, and 14 surely refer to Jerusalem as a “cup of trembling” for all nations in the last days, to Israel being attacked by all nations of the earth, to Christ coming to the Mount of Olives to rescue His people and all Israel seeing Him and believing on Him. You cannot spiritualize Israel without doing violence to history, the present facts, and the Bible. Furthermore, if Israel is the church, then why does Paul say, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel, is that they might be saved” (Romans 10:1)? To be in the church, one must already be saved in the sense of John 3:16, Acts 16:31, and Romans 1:16: “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:3).

Nor does Ephesians 2:11-22 teach that “the church and Israel are ‘one,’” as you state. It declares that the Gentiles are “aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise,” but through Christ they become part of “the household of God.” The message is not about the oneness of Israel and the church but the fact that both Jews and Gentiles (as individuals through faith in Christ) are made “one new man.” There is a new entity, the church, “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2:20).

The church came into existence only after Christ’s incarnation and glorification. If Israel was already the church, Christ would hardly have stated that it was yet to be built in the future: “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). Identifying Israel with the church requires such a spiritualizing of Scripture that its entire meaning is changed and the major promises concerning the return of Christ to Israel to establish His kingdom on the throne of His father David become mere allegories.

**QUESTION: We’re told that God uses trials to increase a believer’s faith and trust. Isn’t this out of character with a God who is love?**

**RESPONSE:** The writer of Hebrews declares in no uncertain terms that “whom the LORD loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth” (Hebrews 12:6). James 1:17 tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. Paul in turn says that God gave him a “thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan, to buffet me” (2 Corinthians 12:7). He further explains that he asked God to remove it and the LORD said no (verses 8-9). Paul also gave some medical advice to Timothy to help relieve this young man’s stomach problems and his “often infirmities” (1 Timothy 5:23). Why did Paul not heal Timothy as he had so many others? The answer is obvious. Just as God’s gift of a “thorn” to Paul accomplished a specific purpose, so too did Timothy’s affliction.

David was willing to walk “through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4) because God was with him. This same verse also says, “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.” Consider the implication here. While the shepherd’s staff was used to gently pull a wayward sheep back into the fold, the rod was used to drive off predators and to direct straying sheep with a judicious whack or two.

What some might regard as a cruel act (or abuse) is really a gift of life! In the midst of severe judgment, Jeremiah wrote down God’s declaration: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jeremiah 29:11). Many faithful Christians are able to echo the testimony of the psalmist: “Before I was afflicted, I went astray...” (Psalm 119:67). Even a prolonged bedridden time of illness can be looked upon as “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures...” (Psalm 23:2).

Jesus promised joy, peace, and happiness *in Him* (not in the world). Though promising that tribulation would come, He gave us the promise that He had overcome the world (John 16:33), not that He would necessarily remove our affliction. Paul and the apostles testified of the myriad troubles that came their way. Even though their “outward man perish,” yet their “inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Although it’s not always easy to see how problems can strengthen a believer’s faith, the Apostle Paul testifies to such a fact (2 Corinthians 4:17-18; 5:1-21; 6:1-10, etc.). The scriptures are filled with examples (see Hebrews 11) of those who through trial, troubles, and great loss were brought closer to God. This does not exclude deliverance from afflictions (Psalm 34:19). We too must all walk in faith. Of even more concern is your assertion that you are unable to find these things in Scripture.

# LETTERS

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**Dear TBC Staff,**

In a recent newsletter Q&A, two people insinuated that Tom had a sharp tongue and was insensitive. I thought his answers were perfect. I am reminded of other godly men such as Isaiah, Paul, and many others who used words that though harsh were appropriate. Let's also remember these quotes from our Lord and Savior: "Whitewashed sepulchers," "Brood of vipers," and "your father the Devil." Keep up the fight, Tom. Shallow Christians will always be with us. God will deal with them. JA (ID)

**Dear Sir**

[Concerning Covid] should we go along like dumb cattle and take these deadly shots? It seems like globalists are playing god. How can we protect ourselves and families from this demonic system? I have been disappointed that even churches have been going along with this jab thing. Are these churches sold out to a godless system? I listened to a Bill Gates speech about human population reduction. He seemed really excited about this topic. DT (NC)

## TBC NOTES

### *Your Prayers for TBC and Me*

I love it when we receive emails in which the writers close by saying they are praying for the ministry and for me personally. In some cases they ask us what they can pray for specifically regarding our needs. That obviously changes depending on our circumstances.

Nevertheless, there are some things in our walk with the Lord that are always needful prayer wise.

Colossians 1:9-14 gives us a list of prayers that I continually covet: "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Again, I covet your prayers that those things might be manifest in my personal walk with Jesus, and in fulfillment of the ministry in which He has blessed me to be a part. My other favorite prayer is that of the Canaanite woman who wanted Jesus to help her daughter. She cried out to Him simply: "Lord, help me!" (Matthew 15:25).

You may not remember all the things for which I covet your prayers that are found in Colossians, but God knows.

So, "Lord, help TBC and Tom" will more than suffice.

*T. A. McMAHON*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Brother McMahon,**

I've just read the July 2021 issue of *The Berean Call*. I find it just excellent. Your feature article is good and the answer to the first Q&A on 1 Corinthians 14:32 is the best I've ever read or had hoped to read.

A small item in defense of Billy Graham is that he set the gold standard for men in ministry that had to be away from home for extended periods of time. He never left his hotel room without an escort of men faithful to the Word. In my lifetime I've heard of some good men who failed and ruined their ministry by yielding to temptation.

Also, brother, I have detected an increase of humility and grace and love in your ministry as the years roll by. RP (MT)

**To T. A. McMahon and Staff,**

Your June issue was so encouraging in these very troublesome times. In quoting Job 25 and 1 John 5:13, we're reminded that we have eternal life. What a blessing and comfort. Thank you for these reminders. RY (NM)

**Dear TBC,**

My husband and I have been unable to watch the conference live, however, we have "tuned in" through the TBC app. This conference, with all the wonderful speakers, has truly been a blessing. Your ministry, unlike so many others, stays focused and helps Christians to be prepared, while reaching out with the Gospel in love and hope to people who don't know Him. God bless you all. BF (email)

**Dear TBC,**

[Regarding Carl Teichrib's message] Thank you, Carl. We need to read out loud chapter 38 of Job to the environmentalists—in fact, the whole book of Job! May we pray for more and more eyes and hearts to be opened to the one living God of the Bible. May we trust and believe Isaiah 40:28-31 and the author and finisher of our faith, Yeshua the Messiah, Jesus. Excellent presentation. Thank you so much. KP (NE)

## QUOTABLE.....

Nothing is less suited to a follower of the meek and lowly Son of Man than a contentious spirit and vainglorious bearing. Boasting and bitter words ill become one who has taken the place of death with Christ. If, in lowliness of mind, each esteems others better than himself, how impossible for strife and contention to come in. Alas, that it is so much easier to speak or write of these things than to practically demonstrate them!

It is not in the natural man to live out what is here inculcated. The man after the flesh "looks out for number one," as he puts it, and is fond of reminding himself, and his fellows, that "charity begins at home." But the Christian is exhorted to look not on his own things but on the things of others. A heavenly principle this, surely, and only to be attained by a heavenly man, one who walks in fellowship with Him who came from heaven to manifest His love for others. It is characteristic of man's deceitful natural heart to suppose that his greatest pleasure can be found in ministering to his own desires. But the truest happiness is the result of unselfish devotion to the things of others. Were this ever kept in mind, what unhappy experiences would many of God's dear children be spared, and how glad and joyous would fellowship in Christ become.

—H. A. IRONSIDE

# NEWSWATCH

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

## THE FAKE SCHOLARSHIP OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

**MIDWESTOUTREACH.ORG, 9/9/21, "THE FAKE SCHOLARSHIP OF SOCIAL JUSTICE":** A few professors in academia are publicly speaking out about the virtual abandonment of the pursuit of truth in the universities. "Social Justice is 'Fake Scholarship,' Oxford Philosopher Says" is one of the more recent examples."

Sir Roger Vernon Scruton, an English philosopher and writer who specializes in political philosophy and aesthetics, said social justice is changing the very nature of scholarship—and not for the better.

"The academy has been invaded by a new form of study," says Scruton, a senior research fellow at Oxford University.... "It used to be the case at universities you were teaching a recognized subject with a recognized curriculum and you were carrying out research or scholarship in the humanities which was open-minded, guided by the pursuit of truth, and not dismayed particularly if it came to surprising or unorthodox conclusions."

In what were the hallowed halls of learning, rigorous inquiry, and research, the new orthodoxy is simple. Believe and salute whatever the new popular opinion may be without question. Unfortunately, this is invading the church as well.

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## TALIBAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T INCLUDE WOMEN

**JIHADWATCH.ORG, 9/9/21, "STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED THAT TALIBAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY WOMEN" [EXCERPTS]:** The naivete and self-delusion of these "foreign policy experts" is apparently bottomless.

The State Department [recently] expressed concerns over the makeup of the new interim Afghan government announced by the Taliban, including the lack of female leaders and the past actions of some of those appointed to top posts.

A State Department spokesperson said in a statement shared with *The Hill* that although the Taliban "has presented this as a caretaker cabinet," the U.S. "will judge the Taliban by its actions, not words."

The statement went on to note that the list of names announced by the Taliban earlier Tuesday "consists exclusively of individuals who are members of the Taliban or their close associates and no women."

The announced leaders come after the Taliban specifically called on women to join government offices in an apparent attempt to portray itself as a more moderate version of the group that previously enforced extreme laws on women and girls, including preventing them from going to school and barring them from leaving their homes unless they were accompanied by a man.

The State Department also said that it was "concerned by the affiliations and track records of some of the individuals."

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## WORLD'S 'TINIEST DINOSAUR' IS JUST A LIZARD

**ICR.ORG, 8/31/21, "WORLD'S 'TINIEST DINOSAUR' IS JUST A LIZARD" [EXCERPTS]:** Many of the world's top paleontologists were again recently fooled by their own preconceived ideas. This time it was a tiny skull trapped in amber that was declared a hummingbird-size dinosaur and named *Oculudentavis*. The initial report was published in *Nature* in March 2020. However, nearly as soon as it was published, a second paper was submitted to *Nature* showing that the fossil was a lizard and not a dinosaur. *Nature's* editors promptly rejected the rebuttal. The authors of the refuting article had to publish their paper in a Chinese journal instead.

Then, in July 2020, *Nature* did retract the original paper. They explained that a new specimen of *Oculudentavis* showed they were mistaken. Others have come forth with the same conclusion. The so-called "tiniest dinosaur" was labeled a lizard after all.

A recent paper published in *Current Biology* tried to rationalize that the earlier misidentification was due to distortions of the skull during fossilization.

Alan Feduccia, emeritus professor at the University of North Carolina and a paleornithologist, noticed the red flags associated with the dinosaur interpretation right away. Feduccia said the bony rings of the eyes in the original specimen (sclerotic ossicles) easily identified it as a lizard.

The Bible warns Christians about this type of so-called science, where philosophical views trump factual evidence:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

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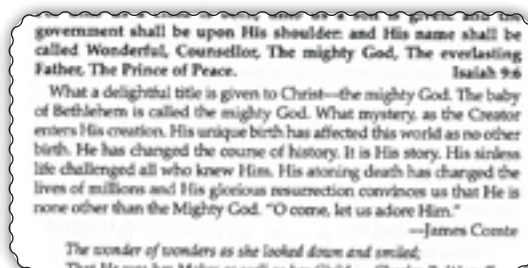
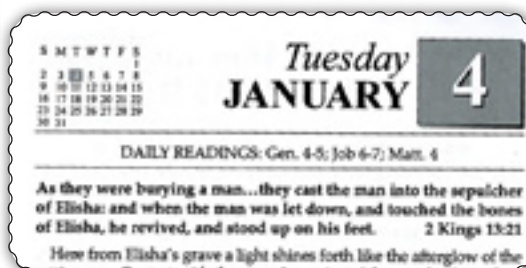


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More than in the time that their corn...increased. (Psa. 4:7)

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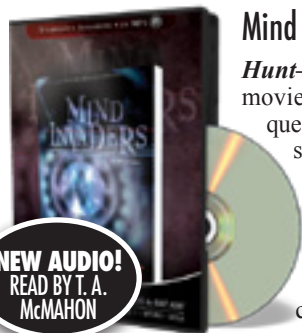
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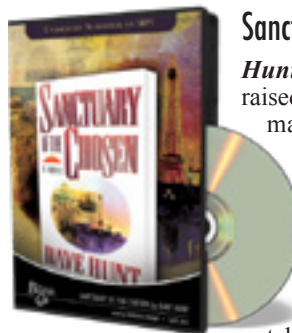
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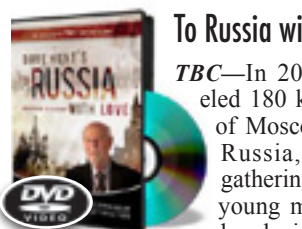
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