

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

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

## The World and The Church: Where Are They Headed? - Part Two

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IN PART 1 we looked at what the Scriptures tell us will take place in the end times just prior to and including the return of Jesus Christ. Our focus was primarily on the world—that is, those who have rejected biblical Christianity, Jesus Christ, and the way of salvation that He has provided for all those who are willing to accept it. We noted that those who rejected Christ’s way for mankind to be reconciled to its Creator turned to mysticism in the form of pantheism. They replaced the true and living God, our Creator, with themselves (Romans 1). They have bought into the lie that Satan had used to deceive Eve (see Genesis 3) and are being prepared to accept the Antichrist’s claim to be God, as described in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4:

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

We considered the writings of Samuel Andrews in his book *Christianity and Anti-Christianity in Their Final Conflict* and his method of studying the scriptures of the end times. He looked to see if what the Bible said would happen was being manifested to some degree in his own day. He found examples of nearly every deception the Bible warns about. The only difference between his day and ours is that the world and the devil have expanded the lies exponentially. What was just beginning to emerge 120 years ago has become blatant today. I believe the phrase “hidden in plain sight” best describes what’s taking place.

The beliefs of Eastern Mysticism, Hinduism, and Buddhism have all but displaced the traditional Christian beliefs in the West. One of the hundreds of “hidden in plain sight” examples is the Young Men’s Christian Association. It has become a popular center for Yoga lessons. Most people today couldn’t tell you what the letters YMCA stand for, with many guessing the Y probably stands for Yoga. Teenagers today are unaware of the spiritual basis for the Eastern religious terms they have added to their vocabulary (i.e., karma, mantra, avatar, diva, guru, nirvana).

In Part 1, the focus was mainly on the world being drawn to pantheism, the belief that everything and everyone is God. That is the foreseeable outcome due to the world’s rejection of Jesus Christ and the fact that it is consequently being drawn to the religion of the Antichrist. In this article, we will briefly consider the state of Christendom in Samuel Andrews’ day as it was influenced by the world, then we’ll look at the state of the church today by comparison.

Andrews points to Revelation 2 where Jesus addresses the church at Ephesus. Although the church was doing many good works, Jesus admonishes the fellowship: “I have this against thee,

that thou hast left thy first love.” Andrews connects the church’s drifting away from its love for Jesus with apostasy: “It is thus in the loss of the first love, not in doctrinal errors, that we find the root of the falling away [the apostasy] in the beginning, and the key to the whole subsequent history of the Church. Then began that spiritual separation from the Head which cannot cease till the first love has been regained.”

He defines apostasy: “The apostasy, or falling away . . . means, generally, a falling away from some given standard; a defection. Here it means a falling away from the true standing of the Church as appointed by God. This general meaning leaves undetermined the degree of the apostasy or falling away, whether a total or partial denial of the truth. The Apostle [Paul] distinguishes two forms of the apostasy, one being the corruption of Christianity, the other its absolute rejection. The falling away, beginning with the loss of love, is not to be confined to doctrine; it embraces the whole spiritual life; and therefore the whole external order of the Church.”

When Jesus addresses the churches in Revelation, He is doing so as the Head of the church. He is speaking to His body. As the body’s love for Him decreases, its obedience to Him also decreases, resulting in the body doing its own thing without submitting to Jesus, the Head of the church.

That’s how the apostasy, in its corrupting sense, develops. It’s the forsaking of the truth through ceasing to love and obey the instructions of our Lord and Savior. Andrews identified much of what had influenced the church of his day. It was a case of the church in the world and the world in the church, all brought on by slipping away from the Head: “Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip” (Hebrews 2:1, emphasis added).

The exhortation from the Head to give “earnest heed” was *not* heeded then . . . or now. The “slip,” therefore, has turned into a massive spiritual landslide in our day, burying the truth of God’s Word in every demonically conceived way possible—or so it seems. If you’ve been following The Berean Call for a moderate length of time, or even for a decade before the start of the TBC ministry in 1992, you no doubt became familiar with the book, *The Seduction of Christianity*. That being the case, you have been made aware of more heresies and false teachers infecting the church than most Christians probably care to know about. It can be a bit discouraging at times—kind of like swamp swimming. It’s often a sluggish affair, with nasty leeches sticking to your body for the ride . . . and for lunch. So, I’ll spare you my enumerating most of the heresies, as they would quickly fill up this article.

On the other hand, there’s much exhortation and encouragement in what the Lord has enabled us to do. After all, I’m not the one who said, “Take heed that no man deceive you” (Matthew 24:4). Or, “. . . in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1). Or, “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; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3, emphasis added). Or, “For I know this, that after my departing shall

grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:29-31). Or the Book of Jude! Or "...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). So, it never gets boring, even though the times of apostasy are not pleasant.

If you've been unsure about apostasy and are thinking along more "positive" lines, such as a pending global revival and national repentance—and those verses don't give you pause—Scripture gives us dozens upon dozens more. Nevertheless, rather than review the multitude of heresies that abound today, I want to share a perspective that the title of Samuel Andrews book motivated me to consider.

Again, the title is: *Christianity and Anti-Christianity in Their Final Conflict*. This makes me believe that those two entities will be in a battle that will conclude when Jesus returns to destroy all those whom Satan has gathered against Him. Satan, rallying his troops, draws them from a diversity of his deceits, his devices, his frauds, his seductions, his lies, his twisting of Scriptures, his false prophets and teachers, his cults, his appeal to man's lusts, and particularly to man's ego, all of which he uses to entrap them.

Those deceptions have captured not only those who have rejected Christ but also believers who were ensnared by Satan's "angel of light" deceptions and his multitude of lying signs and wonders. My goal is to show how connected the seemingly diverse deceptions of the Adversary are and how they will converge as they contribute to the development and acceptance of the religion and kingdom of the Antichrist.

I see it as the perfect storm, where many elements come together to create something far more volatile and deadly than one might expect under normal storm conditions. Here are just some of the diverse entities that are prepared wholly or in part to contribute to the kingdom of the Antichrist.

Let's begin with the Roman Catholic Church, which is loaded with antichrist kingdom-supporting essentials. First of all, it sees itself as the head of Christianity. Its pope is called the Vicar of Christ, meaning the human representative of Christ on earth. Its eschatology is amillennial. It has replaced Israel and has been trying to set up the kingdom of Christ ever since the days of the Roman Emperor, Constantine, while the popes have ruled over the kingdoms of the world.

Much of Catholicism has been given to mysticism and pantheism through the Desert Fathers, Ignatius Loyola of the Jesuits, and, of more recent times, the Buddhist/Catholic monk Thomas Merton, as well as the favorite priest of leading evangelicals, Henri Nouwen. A more direct connection to pantheism is found in the latest Catholic Catechism: "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God," and, "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers of his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods." Those quotes, listed in the *official* Catholic catechism, are from St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Athanasius.

Even more could be cited regarding the Church of Rome, but I want to cover as many "perfect storm" contributors as I can in this brief article. Nevertheless, I'm sure you get the picture that a billion-and-a-half Catholics are being set up to receive the pantheistic religion and kingdom of the Antichrist.

Let's move on to a church organization that's trying to rival the Church of Rome in power and money—namely the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mormonism's fundamental belief is that man can work his way to godhood. As the saying goes that was supposedly received from the Mormon gods to man, "As you are, we once were. As we are, you will become."

Brigham Young declared, "The Lord created you and me for the purpose of becoming Gods like Himself...to become Gods like unto our Father in heaven," and, "The devil told the truth. I do not blame Mother Eve for eating the forbidden fruit. That's how we become gods." Mormons obviously are well prepared to accept the pantheistic lies of the Antichrist. They also believe they will rule over the world government set up in the last days as the kingdom of God on earth. Nothing is too farfetched for Mormons to believe, because they are assured that the more unrealistic and impracticable Mormon doctrine seems to them, the greater is their faith when they nevertheless believe it. That includes accepting Mormon teachings that have absolutely no biblical, archaeological, linguistic, geographical, or anthropological evidence to support their claims.

Among the Word/Faith, Prosperity, and Healing preachers, godhood has been a significant part of their conniving. As one of their influential leaders declared: "Just as dogs have puppies and cats have kittens, so does God have little gods." Kenneth Copeland says, "Man was created in the god class. We are a class of gods." Last year, my talks at our TBC conference addressed an earlier gathering of nearly 50,000 young adults at a stadium in Orlando, Florida. The gathering was titled *The Send*. The stated purpose was to send the young people out to evangelize the world, beginning with their neighborhoods, their schools, their communities, their countries, and on to the ends of the earth. What could be wrong with that?

Those who put on the gathering were kingdom dominionists representing YWAM, Bethel Church and its School of Supernatural Ministry, the New Apostolic Reformation, and numerous Word/Faith preachers. The elder leaders of the event were introduced as "mighty men of God." They included false prophets and false teachers such as Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Lou Engels, Bill Johnson, and Loren Cunningham.

What then are kingdom dominionists? They believe that Jesus, as the head of the church, has appointed the body to take over the world in His physical absence and are to set up His kingdom in order for Him to return. Those taken in by this are clamoring for worldwide revival. That's been the call of those Pentecostals and Charismatics involved in the Latter-rain Manifest Sons of God movement of the mid 1940s, and later the Toronto Blessing, the Brownsville Revival, the Kansas City Prophets, IHOP (the International House of Prayer,) and the New Apostolic Reformation.

Why? They believe a worldwide Christian revival will put them in charge. I interviewed a young man who was attending the Bethel School of Supernatural ministry. He was in his third year. I asked him about his eschatology. He didn't know what the term meant. Not surprising. Biblical eschatology isn't taught there. It gets in the way of the school's Kingdom Dominion agenda. Having sat in on a Bethel service, I told him I was curious about the preacher mentioning a coming worldwide revival, and could he tell me where that's found in Scripture? He wasn't sure. I asked him what, according to the Scriptures, was the next kingdom to come. He seemed more than startled when I informed him it will be "the kingdom of the Antichrist." Many of our young Christians, ignorant of what the Word of God declares about the Last Days, are being recruited to contribute to the development of the religion and kingdom of the "man of lawlessness, the beast." I don't believe a true Christian can lose his salvation, but I do believe that by buying into Satan's deceptions a believer's life and fruitfulness can be wrecked.

In next month's newsletter we'll address two more elements of the "perfect storm" that are causing many conservative evangelicals to buy into the beliefs of, and unwittingly participate in, the activities for building the kingdom of the Antichrist.

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION:** Jesus said, “I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...if two of you shall agree on anything it shall be given you....” Why can’t we make this work today?

**RESPONSE:** The Catholic Church teaches that the “keys” were only for Peter (and his “successors,” the popes) and that the “binding and loosing” authority was for all of the apostles (including Peter) and their “successors,” the bishops et al. But what does the Bible say? Jesus promised Peter, “I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven:...whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19). But he also said virtually the same thing to the rest of the apostles (18:18). Clearly, the “keys” in Matthew 16 are connected with the “binding and loosing” authority given to Peter at that time, and later to all of the disciples in Matthew 18. To all of the disciples after His resurrection Christ declared, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained” (John 20:23).

Surely the gospel and sound doctrine are the “keys” to the Kingdom. Peter used these keys to unlock the Kingdom to the Jews through his sermon on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2; and, in Acts 15:7, Peter seems to indicate that he used these keys again when he preached the gospel to the Gentiles in Cornelius’s house in Acts 10. Every Christian is a successor to the apostles, and we have the same authority they had to bind and loose. The “binding and loosing” in Matthew 16 is further illustrative of “keys.” Keys are used both to lock (bind) and unlock (loose). The gospel of Jesus Christ that we preach sets free from sin (looses) those who receive it and condemns (binds) those who reject it. In Matthew 18, “binding and loosing” is linked with the promise, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” That promise applies to *all* Christians. The context and the entire tenor of Scripture make it clear that Jesus is not handing His disciples a magic power to wield as they please. He is telling them that as His representatives they are to act in His name. This is no different from His promise that “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). Invoking His name in prayer is not a magic formula. To ask in His name means to ask according to His will and to His glory. The same is true with “binding and loosing”—it must be in His name and through His Word.

**QUESTION:** Do you ever worry that you’ve become a legalist, constantly holding others to the letter of the law as you see it?

**Response:** I understand what you mean about legalism. The letter kills, while the Spirit gives life. One can be as clear as crystal on doctrine and just as cold and hard in applying it to others. That fact, however, is no excuse for disregarding sound doctrine but a reminder that truth is to be spoken in love, while not compromising. Of course there are peripheral matters upon which there can be disagreement—but not when it affects the salvation of souls. Unfortunately, a false gospel is being preached today, and Paul said that those who do so are under God’s curse.

Now, you may wonder who has the right to say who (in understanding and interpretation) is right. We must each be convinced in our own hearts. We are to study to show ourselves approved unto God, not unto men. On the one hand, I must be

sensitive to heed criticism of others, especially of those who know the Word and live it. On the other hand, however, I am personally accountable to God, and though many church leaders may stand against me, I must be and say and do what I truly believe is God’s will and according to His Word. The fear of man, or a desire to be well thought of by others or to gain some important or influential person’s approval, has led many astray. We need to remember that one day we will give an account to Him. Time is so very short and eternity so long!

**QUESTION:** I read some time ago that the Vatican justified expenditures for its telescope by saying it would all be worth it “if just a single alien is converted.” You seemed to imply disapproval of that idea. Why? Shouldn’t the gospel be given to extraterrestrials if they are encountered?

**RESPONSE:** First of all, the gospel is for man and not for beings on other planets: “For God so loved *the world* that he gave his only begotten Son...that *the world* through him might be saved” (John 3:16-17); “Christ died for *our sins*” (1 Corinthians 15:3); “he is the propitiation...for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2), etc. So even if extraterrestrial intelligences (ETIs) existed, the gospel would do them no good. The fact is, however, that they don’t exist.

Evolutionists are the ones who suggest there are ETIs out there; and the Vatican accepts evolution. Atheists believe that life happened by chance on Earth and could have happened by chance elsewhere, a theory that the Vatican also accepts. On the contrary, life is created by God. If it exists on other planets, He created it—but that idea is both unbiblical and unreasonable. God was not experimenting. Any intelligent life capable of making a choice would make sinful choices. Surely one planet of sinners is enough!

Since “God is love” (1 John 4:16), He would not create intelligent beings and, after they sinned, do nothing to rescue them. But there is only one way for God to forgive *any* sinners: the penalty must be paid by God himself becoming one of them. Jesus had to become a *man* to redeem us. He would have to become one of each kind of ETI to redeem *them*. But that is antichrist doctrine according to 1 John 4:1-3—Christ has come *once* and *for all time* in human flesh. Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8)—the unique Son of God, who is God and man in one Person.

It was to this earth that Satan came to spread his rebellion and to this Earth that Christ came to defeat Satan and destroy his power. It is to this earth that Christ will return to destroy Antichrist and to establish His kingdom; and from this earth He will rule the new universe. Christ died for sin only once, here on this planet and for mankind (Hebrews 9 and 10, etc.). His sacrifice of Himself and His resurrection cleansed the entire universe of sin and made possible a new universe. The Bible has no gaps into which ETIs could fit.

The universe is so vast that it is absurd to imagine contact with physical ETIs even if they did exist. It would take our fastest spacecraft 90,000 years just to reach the closest sun that *might* have planets where life *might* exist. Any “UFOs” with the technology to zoom through “hyperspace” would likely crash when they got here. UFOs are nonphysical *demonic* manifestations sent to deceive mankind. Angels and demons are out there, but not ETIs. Their “gospel” is antichrist.



# LETTERS

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**Dear TBC,**

We are surely living in crazy times—the pandemic, the riots, the protesting. Like so many others, I’ve been saying that the world is falling to pieces. Then I heard someone say that the world isn’t falling to pieces—the pieces are just falling into place.

So many have been quoting 2 Chronicles 7:14, yet no one quotes verses 19-20 in that chapter where God talks about plucking those up by the roots who forsook his statutes and commandments. Thanks for keeping me in the Word of God. BM (Iowa)

**Dear Tom & Staff,**

Concerning your July 2020 newsletter, more specifically the Q&A section, where the questioner asked if “God...puts all the

U.S. presidents and vice-presidents in power,” you stated that God is not the “active cause” behind all that happens (I assume the operative word behind that statement is *all*). I agree. God did not cause the Canaanites to sin, but He did cause the Israelites to come out of Egypt and to destroy them.

You state that God established order, and you quote Paul that each ruler “is the minister of God for good.” Those are obvious truths. Nevertheless, God did not just wind us up like a top and let us go. Indeed, Proverbs 21:1 says, “The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever he wishes.” CB (Idaho)

**Dear T. A. and Berean Call Staff:**

Today, I was getting ready to write a mean letter to someone who really caused me a lot of hurt and pain years ago. Then the mail and your September 2020 issue arrived. I read the first question regarding forgiveness. Timing was perfect. The Holy Spirit got hold of me and I tore up the letter!!! Praise God!

Next, your TBC Notes: “What must I do to be saved?” I use this Scripture continually during prison Bible studies and Sunday School. Perhaps the most important question asked in the Bible is what the jailer asked Paul and Silas. I also continually hint to preachers/teachers that they should use this Scripture more often instead of “feel good” sermons that are so insignificant compared to teaching/preaching on what we should do to be saved—and then explaining what it means to “believe” in Jesus. So many do not understand the spiritual meaning of “BELIEVE IN JESUS.” Thank you! Keep it going! SG (email)

**Dear TA and all the TBC co-workers:**

Thank you for the Internet postings of TBC video/conference/newsletters, etc. It is such an encouragement for me personally—I am rereading Dave Hunt’s and T. A.’s books. I’m listening again to audios, etc. The Lord has truly helped me through your diligence in standing for the unchanging Word of God. JD (Canada)

**Dear Berean Call:**

I am not sure how long I have been receiving your material; but it has been a long time. There are not very many others out there doing what you do to inform us fundamentalists and some good “evangelicals” in naming the enemy within. My only complaint is that I feel you should do more to inform us. [Even] pastors of good fundamental churches are increasingly going the wrong way or have some surprising lapses in good doctrine. MO (Canada)

## QUOTABLE .....

The church was never given the task of establishing an earthly kingdom. After spending 40 days with their risen Lord, during which time He spoke to them “of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3), the disciples knew the right question to ask: “Lord, wilt *thou* at this *time* restore again the kingdom to *Israel*? (v. 6). The italicized words set forth four simple truths: 1) It is *Christ* (*thou*), not the church, who will do this special work; 2) it will be done at a *future time* predetermined by the Father (v. 7); 3) a kingdom which once was will be *restored*; and 4) the restoration will be to *Israel* (not to the church) of a kingdom it once had. The church has nothing to do with any of it.

—DAVE HUNT

## TBC NOTES

### Worshipping the Creation Rather than the Creator

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

—(ROMANS 1:18-23)

No one can know God unless he or she is born again. Yet a person can know things about God, such as the truth that He is the creator of all things. His “eternal power” in making the expanse of the universe and the incredible complexity of a human cell are “clearly seen.” That knowledge, when recognized, should cause all humanity to seek to know Him. When that doesn’t take place, mankind is “without excuse.” Furthermore, God’s creatures become “vain” in their thinking, “fools” in their wisdom, their “hearts darkened.” The belief in evolution attests to that.

What does all that lead to? The godhood of “corruptible man!” That’s the lie that Eve believed and the Antichrist will foster. It’s widespread throughout the world and increasing in Christendom. Concerning these last days prior to the return of Jesus, we need to pay serious attention to our Lord’s warning: “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.” Pray that believers in Christ will “take heed.”

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# NEWSWATCH

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

## STANDING FOR THE GOSPEL IN THE NBA

**WORLD.WNG.ORG, 8/4/20, "STANDING FOR THE GOSPEL IN THE NBA." [EXCERPTS]:** After grabbing headlines for becoming the first NBA player not to kneel during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" last week, Orlando Magic forward Jonathan Isaac left the court two days later with a season-ending knee injury. He used both incidents to proclaim his faith in Jesus Christ.

Isaac chose to stand during the national anthem before Friday's game against the Brooklyn Nets.... After the game, Isaac, who is African American and an ordained minister, explained why he chose not to wear a Black Lives Matter shirt like other players or kneel during the pre-game ceremony: "I don't think that kneeling or putting on a T-shirt, for me personally, is the answer.... Black lives are supported through the gospel. All lives are supported through the gospel."

After tearing his ACL during Sunday's game against the Sacramento Kings, Isaac tweeted the next day, "It is well!... Remember our God is not just a God of the hills but a God of the valleys!"

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## STANDING FIRM

**WORLD.WNG.ORG, 9/4/20, "LEFT OFF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY" [EXCERPTS]:** Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling returned a prestigious human rights award for charity work after the presenting organization blasted her views on biological sex and gender dysphoria. Though Rowling says transgender individuals should have the freedom to live as they wish, she has argued that erasing the concepts of biological manhood and womanhood harms women.

Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights honored Rowling with its Ripple of Hope Award in December 2019. Last month, organization President Kerry Kennedy, the daughter of Robert F. Kennedy and niece of former President John F. Kennedy, called Rowling's comments on sex and gender identity "transphobic," "degrading," and "inconsistent with the fundamental beliefs and values of RFK Human Rights and...a repudiation of my father's vision."

After the public tongue-lashing, Rowling said she felt obligated to return the award and continue following her

conscience. She said thousands of people—including transgender individuals—have sent her supportive emails since she spoke out. Doctors, teachers, scholars, and people who are no longer transgender shared their concerns that trans-affirming practices harm adolescents and lead to the loss of protections for vulnerable women.

"[Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights] has stated that there is no conflict between the current radical trans rights movement and the rights of women," Rowling said. "The thousands of women who've got in touch with me disagree, and, like me, believe this clash of rights can only be resolved if more nuance is permitted in the debate."

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## UNITARIAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE UNRAVELS

**ONENEWSNOW.COM, 10/12/20, "UNITARIAN RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE UNRAVELS" [EXCERPTS]:** Because of lack of interest, among other factors, a left-wing "religious" organization will soon close its doors.

The small interfaith group, the Unitarian Religious Institute, has aimed to provide sexuality resources for the seminaries and church institutions that lean to the left on moral issues.

"In practice the organization is basically a pro-abortion lobby. It also advances LGBTQ issues," details Jeff Walton of The Institute on Religion & Democracy. "They have basically run out of funding. The organization has been around for about 20 years, and the board of directors has announced that they are going to shut down this autumn."

The Religious Institute was one of the groups that spearheaded clergy support for the ObamaCare abortifacient and contraceptive mandate as a necessary part of healthcare, which resulted in the faith groups opposed to abortion being forced to provide coverage for the life-ending procedure.

"Obviously there were positive Supreme Court developments, in this group's view, that probably reduced much of the need for their work," Walton notes. "This would be like Obergefell and probably with the abortion issue—things have actually not gone their way for the most part. But there is no longer as much intense energy on the religious left for that issue."

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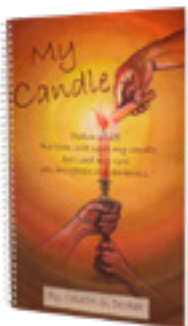
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