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Who Can Understand the Gospel?

Dave Hunt

Calvinists emphasize that their theology rests upon solid biblical exegesis, being "firmly based...upon the Word of God." Some have gone so far as to assert that "this teaching was held to be the truth by the apostles," and even that "Christ taught the doctrines that have come to be known as the five points of Calvinism."

According to the Bible itself, however, no one should accept such claims without verifying them from Scripture. Any doctrine claiming to be based on the Bible must be carefully checked against the Bible—an option open to anyone who knows God's Word. Relying upon one supposed biblical expert for an evaluation of the opinions of another would be going in circles. No matter whose opinion one accepted, the end result would be the same: one would still be held hostage to human opinion. Each individual must personally check out all opinions directly from the Bible. Yet I have been advised to keep silent on the basis that only those with special qualifications are competent to check Calvinism against the Bible, an idea that in itself contradicts Scripture.

The inhabitants of the city of Berea, though not even Christians when Paul first preached the gospel to them, "searched the scriptures daily, [to see] whether those things [Paul preached] were so" (Acts 17:11)—and they were commended as "noble" for doing so. Yet leading Calvinists insist that it requires special (and apparently lengthy) preparation for anyone to become qualified to examine that peculiar doctrine in light of the Bible. Why?

After all, the Bible itself declares that a "young man" can understand its instructions and thereby "cleanse his way" (Psalm 119:9). Even a child can know the Holy Scriptures through home instruction from a mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15). Timothy was certainly not a seminary-trained theologian, yet Paul considered him competent to study and "rightly divide" God's Word. If special expertise were required to test Calvinism against Scripture, that would be proof enough that this peculiar doctrine did not come from valid biblical exegesis. Anything *that* enigmatic, by very definition, could not

have been derived from the Bible, which itself claims to be written for the simple.

Many friends, whose obvious sincerity was appreciated, have told me that in spite of my quoting John Calvin directly from his writings, along with quoting leading Calvinists of today, I was still likely to misrepresent Calvinism. Even after many hours of detailed discussions with Calvinist friends, they still told me, "You just don't understand Calvinism." Then what of the claim that Calvinism *is* the gospel and true Christianity? Could multitudes of mature and fruitful evangelicals have somehow misunderstood the gospel and Christianity?

In contrast, "Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of

FOR YE SEE YOUR CALLING, BRETHREN, HOW THAT NOT MANY WISE MEN AFTER THE FLESH, NOT MANY MIGHTY, NOT MANY NOBLE, ARE CALLED: BUT GOD HATH CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE WISE; AND GOD HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY.... THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE.

—1 CORINTHIANS 1:26–29

such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein" (Luke 18:16–17).

Should Calvinism remain a mystery for the common Christian? That very fact, if true, would be additional proof that Calvinism was not derived from the Scriptures. How could something so complicated possibly come from that upon which every person is capable of meditating day and night (Psalm 1:1–2), and joyfully received—even by a "little child"? If the essential nourishment God's Word provides is to be every man's daily sustenance for spiritual life (Deuteronomy 8:3), could Calvinism really be the biblical gospel and biblical Christianity and yet be so difficult for the ordinary Christian to understand?

Why should Calvinism be such a complex and apparently esoteric subject that it would require years to comprehend? Such an attitude could very well intimidate many into accepting this belief simply

because such a vast array of highly respected theologians and evangelical leaders espouse it. Surely the great majority of Calvinists are ordinary Christians. On what basis, then, without the expertise and intense study that I apparently lacked, were they able to understand and accept it?

Most Calvinists (but not all) agree upon five major points. Some insist that there are ten or even more relevant points. Edwin H. Palmer, in his book *The Five Points of Calvinism*, suggests, "Calvinism is not restricted to five points: it has thousands of points." It's not likely that we can cover all those alleged points in these pages! Palmer himself deals with only five.

There are a number of disagreements between "five-point" and "four-point" Calvinists. For example, Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder of Dallas Theological Seminary, called himself a "four-point" Calvinist because he rejected Limited Atonement. Laurence M. Vance points out that "Many Baptists in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches are four-point Calvinists" [Vance, *The Other Side of Calvinism* (Pensacola, FL: Vance Publications, rev. ed. 1999), p. 147]. To deny one point while accepting the other four, however, has been called by five-point Calvinists the "blessed inconsistency." They are correct. We shall see that each point is a logical consequence of those preceding it. It is not possible to be a Calvinist and hold *logically* and consistently to less than all five points.

God's foreknowledge, predestination/election, human choice, God's sovereignty, and man's responsibility are widely alleged to be mysteries beyond our ability to reconcile. Therefore, some insist that these concepts should be accepted without any attempt at understanding or reconciling apparent conflicts. The illustration is used repeatedly that as we approach heaven's gate we see written above it, "Whosoever will may come," but once we have entered we see from the inside the words, "Chosen in Him before the foundation of the world." We respect the many church leaders who continue to offer such an explanation as though that were sufficient. There are, however, several compelling reasons for not acquiescing to that popular position.

First of all, God intends for us to understand His Word rather than to plead "mystery" over vital portions of it. He has given it for our learning. Of God's Word the psalmist said, "it is a lamp unto my feet,

and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105), and such it is intended to be for each of us today. Peter acknowledged that there are “things hard to be understood” and warned that Scripture is sometimes twisted by some, resulting in destruction to those who do so (2 Peter 3:16). God never suggests, however, that there is any part of His Word that we should not attempt to understand fully. Inasmuch as many passages in Scripture are devoted to the difficult themes we will address, we can confidently expect that the Bible itself will clarify the issues.

Second, the history of the church from its earliest beginnings has involved sharp differences of opinion on many vital subjects, including the gospel itself. Numerous destructive heresies have developed and have been vigorously opposed. Neither Christ nor His apostles considered divergent views on the essentials of the gospel to be normal or acceptable, but commanded the believers to “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). That command applies to us today.

Third, it hardly seems that our Lord would have us draw back from seriously considering and understanding foreknowledge and election/predestination, as well as man’s responsibility and how it all fits together in God’s sovereign grace. Although we may never see the entire body of Christ in perfect agreement, each of us is responsible to understand these issues as clearly as each one is able, through diligent study—and to help one another in the process.

Finally, God calls upon us to seek Him in order that we may know Him, though His ways and His thoughts are as far above ours as “the heavens are higher than the earth” (Isaiah 55:8–9). Surely, as we come to know God better, we will understand His Word and His will more fully. God is our Savior; to know Him is life eternal (John 17:3). Knowing God must include a deepening understanding of all He has revealed to us in His Word.

We are to live, as Christ said (quoting His own declaration as the *I AM* to Israel through Moses in Deuteronomy 8:3), not “by bread alone, but by *every* word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Solomon said, “*Every* word of God is pure” (Proverbs 30:5; italics added).

Then we must carefully consider and seek to understand *every* word.

It is a general assumption that, whatever other disagreements we may have, when it comes to the gospel of our salvation both Calvinists and non-Calvinists are in full agreement. Some Calvinists, however, disagree, claiming (as we have already seen) that the biblical gospel *is* Calvinism. For example: “God’s plan of salvation

revealed in the Scriptures consists of what is popularly known as the Five Points of Calvinism.” Loraine Boettner declares, “The great advantage of the Reformed Faith is that in the framework of the Five Points of Calvinism it sets forth clearly what the Bible teaches concerning the way of salvation.” Others insist that “if you do not know the Five Points of Calvinism, you do not know the gospel, but some perversion of it....” B. B. Warfield claimed, “Calvinism is evangelicalism in its purest and only stable expression.”

Such claims that the Five Points *alone* constitute the gospel raise concerns about Calvinism to an entirely new level! If much special study is required to understand Calvinism, and if years of Bible study still leave one ignorant on this subject, and if Calvinism *is* the gospel of our salvation—then where does that leave the multitudes who think they are saved but are ignorant of Calvinism? This question may seem divisive but it cannot be ignored.

Another grave question is raised concerning the proclamation of the gospel to the whole world as Christ commanded. Calvinists insist that their doctrine does not diminish the zeal with which the gospel is to be preached. To support this assertion, they name some of the great preachers and missionaries who were staunch Calvinists, such as George Whitefield, Adoniram Judson, William Carey, and others. And it is true that, although they know that many to whom they preach are not among the elect, some Calvinists nevertheless preach earnestly so that the elect may hear and believe.

Certainly, however, the zeal of such men and women in bringing the gospel to the world could not be *because* of their Calvinism but only *in spite* of it. To believe that those who will be saved have been predestined to salvation by God’s decree, that no others can be saved, and that the elect must be regenerated by God’s sovereign act without the gospel or any persuasion by any preacher, or by any faith in God on their part, could hardly provide motivation for earnestly preaching the gospel. No matter how the Calvinist tries to argue to the contrary, such a belief can only lessen the zeal that a reasonable person might otherwise have to reach the lost with the gospel of God’s grace in Christ.

The gospel that Peter and Paul and the other apostles preached was for everyone in the audiences they faced, wherever they went. It was not a message that only the elect could believe. In contrast, Calvin’s gospel says that Christ died, and His blood atones, for only the elect. This is the way Calvin put it:

To many this seems a perplexing subject, because they deem it most incongruous that of the great body of mankind some should be predestinated to salvation, and others to destruction.... From this we infer, that all who know not that they are the peculiar people of God, must be wretched from perpetual trepidation.... [John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, trans. Henry Beveridge (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1998 ed.) III:xxi,1]

Could this be the same gospel Paul preached? Paul proclaimed to audiences, “We declare unto [all of] you glad tidings...” (Acts 13:32). The “glad tidings” of the gospel that Paul preached echoed what the angel of the Lord had said to the shepherds at the time of Christ’s birth: “I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people...” (Luke 2:10). These tidings of great joy concerned the fact that “the Savior of the world” (Luke 2:11; John 4:42) had been born.

Calvin’s gospel, however, says that Christ is not the Savior of the world, but only of the elect. How could that message be “tidings of great joy” to those whom the Savior did not come to save and for whose sins He refused to die?

Could it really be true, as Arthur C. Custance insists, that “Calvinism is the Gospel and to teach Calvinism is in fact to preach the Gospel” [Custance, *The Sovereignty of Grace* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1979), 302]? Is Calvinism founded upon the plain text of Scripture? Or...[is] a peculiar interpretation of Scripture required to sustain this doctrine?

Our concern is for the defense of the character of the true God, the God of mercy and love whose “tender mercies are over all his works” (Psalm 145:9). The Bible declares that He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9); “who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). Such is the God of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation.

Open examination and discussion of important issues—especially the gospel and the very nature and character of God—can only be healthy for the body of Christ. It is my prayer that our investigation of Calvinism and its comparison with God’s Holy Word...will bring helpful and needed clarification. **TBC**

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Quotable

The inconsistencies of Christian people who, while professing to believe their Bibles, were yet content to live just as they would if there were no such Book, [has always] been one of the strongest arguments of my skeptical companions.

Hudson Taylor

Q&A

QUESTION: Recently I joined a yoga class for fitness and relaxation. During the class, mantras are used. The teacher explained the meanings such as “all is truth.” Is it wrong to participate in these mantras? Can I just substitute Christian words such as “Jesus”? Or should I not participate in the class at all? Everyone I have asked seems to think there is no problem with this but I feel uncomfortable and do not know why.

RESPONSE: I am glad that you feel uncomfortable about being involved in yoga. Drop the class immediately! Yoga is the very heart of Hinduism. It is sold in the West as science but in fact is religion. It is promoted in the West as beneficial to health, but in the East it is a technique for dying. The goal is to reach *moksha*, allegedly escaping the world of illusion (*maya*) of time and sense into liberation from the endless cycle of birth and death and rebirth through reincarnation.

The latter is another of Satan’s appealing lies that offers endless chances by denying God’s declaration that it is “appointed unto man once to die” (Heb 9:27). Many Roman Catholic priests and nuns practice yoga, and some who have become deeply involved in Eastern mysticism of various kinds, such as Thomas Merton, are highly honored among Catholics.

Yoga is a Sanskrit word that means “yoking” and refers to union with Brahman, the ultimate god in Hinduism. The goal of yoga is “self-realization,” to realize that *atman*, the individual soul, is identical with Brahman, the universal soul, i.e., that you and god are one; indeed, that you are god but just don’t know it and need, through yoga, to discover this great “truth.”

Your yoga teacher will probably deny all of this, but he (or she) cannot deny that this practice comes from Hinduism. It was not invented in the West. Yoga was introduced by Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita as the sure way to the Hindu heaven. Shiva, one of the most feared Hindu deities, known as The Destroyer, is addressed as Yogeshwara, which means “Lord of Yoga.”

Hatha yoga, known as physical yoga, is alleged to be devoid of the mysticism

in other forms. Not so. One of the most authoritative hatha yoga texts, the fifteenth-century *Hathayoga-Pradipika*, declares that Lord Shiva was the first hatha yoga teacher. As for the mantras, if one of them means “all is truth,” that should give you the pantheistic Hindu connection. You know that all is not truth; indeed, this very idea is a satanic lie!

Substitute “Jesus” as your “Christian mantra”? No! Any mantra (like the Catholic rosary) violates Christ’s command to “use not vain repetitions as the heathen” (Mt 6:7). I don’t know what mantras you have been taught, but the fact is that true yoga mantras are all the names of Hindu gods. Furthermore, the greatest yoga teachers all declare that the repetition of a mantra is a call to that god (i.e., the demon it represents) to come and possess the meditator. I have interviewed people who became demon possessed through yoga. The great yogis all warn of the grave dangers involved, even though at the same time they promote the alleged benefits.

Yes, you could benefit physically from stretching your muscles, etc. However, the spiritual price you pay is not worth it. If you are interested in physical fitness, then practice exercises designed for that, not those designed specifically for achieving union with Brahman!

One of the most popular forms of yoga in the West is Transcendental Meditation (TM). Maharishi Mahesh Yogi at first introduced TM to the West as a Hindu religious practice. He openly taught that its purpose was to produce in the meditators’ bodies “soma,” a legendary substance that would allegedly feed and awaken the pantheon of Hindu gods. But when TM was excluded from public schools and government funding, Maharishi quickly and dishonestly deleted all reference to religion and began presenting TM as pure science. Such deliberate deceit says much about Maharishi’s integrity. Nothing was changed except the labels.

Former TMers have filed lawsuits asking millions of dollars in damages because of the traumas they suffered through the practice of TM. More recently, TM has practically taken over the town of Fairfield, Iowa, where Maharishi University of Management is located.

The latest push in the promotion of TM comes from television personality Dr. Mehmet Oz. This protégé of Oprah Winfrey is a national spokesman for Transcendental Meditation, as well as being a medical advisor/teacher in Rick Warren’s “Daniel Plan,” an alleged biblical health and fitness program begun at Saddleback Church. The curriculum features occult meditation advocated by Oz and two other medical consultants [see also *Yoga and the Body of Christ*].

QUESTION: Do you believe smoking to be a sin? Please don’t quote “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple are ye.” That verse is about causing divisions in the Church....From my studies, I cannot say that smoking is a sin. Otherwise breathing in smoke from burning firewood would be a sin since that is harmful. God did not specifically prohibit breathing in smoke in the Old Testament and Jesus did not specifically speak about it in the New Testament.

RESPONSE: Although 1 Corinthians 3 begins with a discussion of divisions in the church, in context verses 10-13 speak about the judgment of individuals: “Now if *any man* build upon....*Every man’s* work shall be made manifest....If *any man’s* work abide which he hath built thereupon, etc.” Yes, the “temple” speaks of the entire body of believers, but the judgment is against *individuals* whose choices, whose actions, defile the body. “All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought *under the power of* [controlled by] *any*” (1 Cor 10:23). Are you under the power of cigarettes?

Regarding specific verses, “Thou shalt not kill” doesn’t limit whether the killing is instantaneous or spread out over many years. Look at the statistics. You are destroying your body. Look at it from God’s view, see how it violates what He made you for, and ask Him to help you to hate and despise it for what it is and what it does. Drinking a “little wine” is recommended by Paul. But if you drink it to excess, it ruins your life, destroys your liver, etc. Again, simple common sense would deliver you from desires that are destroying you. Don’t leave it up to God to miraculously cause you to stop something that you yourself have the willpower to do and every reason to stop. He will help you if you desire to stop for the right reasons: because it is sinful, harmful, and dishonors Him. We need to confess our sin as sin and believe that Christ can deliver us.

Paul’s heart for the church seems so much greater than ours at times: “Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (1 Cor 8:13).

Finally, I think it’s a given that we all know there is a vast difference between someone accidentally inhaling smoke from a fireplace or woodstove and purposely from a cigarette. How many people have you had to stop from sticking their heads into a fireplace to inhale? Let’s be objective.



IN DEFENSE *of the* FAITH

BIBLICAL ANSWERS *to* CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

Is Seeing Really Believing?

QUESTION: A famous adage says, “Seeing is believing.” Yet the Bible says, “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). These two ideas seem to be in direct conflict with each other. Which one is right?

RESPONSE: The first saying, although partially true, can be very misleading; the second is totally true. While it helps to “see” something with one’s own eyes or to witness an occurrence, one doesn’t always “see” accurately. Thus, “seeing” is not always a sufficient reason for believing. Nor is “seeing” essential for believing, because we obviously believe in much that we have never seen.

No one has ever seen gravity, though we have observed what we believe to be its effects. Nor has any scientist seen energy, but we now believe it to be the stuff out of which the entire universe is made.

Moreover, appearances can be deceptive....A mirage can make it seem that the burning sand of a dry desert is water. A stage magician can deceive his audience into “seeing” the impossible. In fact, in no instance do we really “see” what we are looking at. The reader doesn’t actually see the page and print of this book. What he “sees” is the impression made upon his brain cells of a reflection carried by light waves into his eyes and then along nerve connections to the brain. Whether that impression is precisely what the page and ink really “look” like or really “are” can never be known by mortals. So “seeing” isn’t what one thinks it is and is surely not the best basis for believing. British astronomer Sir James Jeans declared:

The outstanding achievement of twentieth-century physics is not the theory of relativity . . . or the theory of quanta . . . or the dissection of the atom . . . [but] it is the general recognition that we are not yet in contact with ultimate reality. [The Mysterious Universe (The MacMillan Company, 1929), p. 140]

The words of Jesus when He showed Himself to doubting Thomas are very instructive: “Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29). Of the risen Christ, now at the Father’s right hand in heaven, Peter wrote: “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8). If “seeing is believing,” then those alive today...could not believe in Him.

Indeed, if “seeing is believing” were true, no one could ever believe in God, because He dwells “in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see . . . (1 Timothy 6:16). The Apostle John declares that “no man hath seen God at any time” (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12). Yet we are to believe in God, and multitudes of intelligent people do so without ever having seen Him. Obviously, then, faith does not involve seeing with one’s eyes, but faith makes contact with that which is invisible. The great faith chapter of the Bible begins with “Faith is . . . the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1)....

The most important elements in this physical life (love, joy, peace, purpose, contentment, truth, justice, etc.) can neither be seen nor explained....Nobelist Sir John Eccles pointed out that the recent recognition that minds are nonphysical entities has caused the collapse of scientific materialism [With Daniel N. Robinson, *The Wonder of Being Human—Our Brain & Our Mind* (New Science Library, 1985), p. 54]. Nobel laureate Erwin Schrödinger, who played a vital role in giving the world today’s new physics, put it very bluntly:

The scientific picture of the real world around me . . . is ghastly silent about all . . . that is really near to our heart, that really matters to us. . . . [I]t knows nothing of . . . good or bad, God and eternity. . . . Whence came I and whither go I? That is the great unfathomable question, the same for every one of us. Science has no answer to it. [Cited in *Quantum Questions: Mystical Writings of the World’s Great Physicists*, ed. Ken Wilbur (New Science Library, 1984), pp. 81-83]

“Seeing” has serious limitations and therefore has little to do with “believing” and nothing to do with “faith.” If we are to know those most important things in life—which science cannot reveal and concerning which it has nothing to say (love, joy, peace, truth, purpose, etc.)—we must have faith. Yet that statement immediately raises the serious question of how one can possibly believe in what or whom one has never seen and indeed cannot see. *Faith must stand on the basis of evidence that is independent of physical sight and scientific verification but that is irrefutable.*

— An excerpt from IN DEFENSE OF THE FAITH (PP. 15-17) by DAVE HUNT

TBC NewsWatch

CHURCHES EMBRACE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

CHRISTIAN NEWswire, 3/8/12: CHURCHES EMBRACE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING [EXCERPTS]—A growing number of churches in the U.S. are turning to an innovative training program to equip their congregations with the skills to recognize mental illness and respond to mental health emergencies. “Mental Health First Aid” helps people assess a mental health crisis, select interventions and provide initial help.

“The faith community has always felt a calling to help people, but has not always had the tools to assist people struggling with conditions like depression,” says Mike Johnson, an instructor and special projects director at Union Gospel Mission in Seattle.

Marti Vogt [says] Mental Health First Aid gives compassionate people the practical skills to complement their spiritual gifts. “Many times people of faith respond to someone with mental illness by saying ‘I’m praying about it,’ but now they can do something about it,” says Vogt.... “I compare it to seeing a child get hit by a car. You pray, but you also call 911.”

Mental Health First Aid is an *evidence-based program* [our emphasis] which uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis, select interventions and provide initial help. The training also addresses the risk factors and warning signs of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and substance use disorders.

[TBC: Despite claims of an “evidence-based program,” on the contrary: “The fundamental problem is that ...we still fathom embarrassingly little about the biology of the major mental illnesses. And even the burgeoning understanding of genetic and metabolic risk factors has not translated into clinically useful tests or cures. Modern technology has not produced a single blood test or brain scan that can be routinely used to diagnose depression, bipolar disease, schizophrenia or other common mental illnesses” (American Scientist, Vol. 90, p. 569). Even more important, it is one more method of man that further denies the sufficiency of Scripture.]

NETANYAHU’S GIFT OF SCRIPTURE TO OBAMA

THE CHRISTIAN POST, 3/8/12: NETANYAHU USES GIFT OF SCRIPTURE TO WARN OBAMA OF GRAVE ISRAELI DANGER [EXCERPTS]—In a pointed message to President Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave Obama a copy of the book of Esther, which recounts how Esther heroically prevented the massacre of Jews.

“The prime minister of Israel is many things, but subtle is not one of them,” columnist Jeffrey Goldberg wrote Wednesday for Bloomberg. “The message of Purim is: When the Jews see a murderous conspiracy forming against them, they will act to disrupt the plot. A further refinement of the message is: When the Jews see a plot forming against them in Persia, they will act to disrupt the plot, even if Barack Obama wishes that they would wait for permission.”

Jews will be celebrating Purim on Wednesday and Thursday [March 7-8] to remember Esther’s deeds. Esther, a Jew, was selected to be the Queen of Persia, but kept her religion secret. In her position, she wittingly prevented a plot to kill all the Jews in Persia.

Goldberg called Purim “the apotheosis of the ‘They Tried to Kill Us, They Failed, Let’s Eat’ category of Jewish holidays.”

Netanyahu and Obama [met] to discuss what to do about Iran’s possible development of a nuclear weapon that could be used to attack Israel. Netanyahu is apparently struggling with whether Israel should preemptively attack Iran to take out its nuclear facilities, or trust that the United States will attack Iran if diplomacy and economic sanctions fail to persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear program.

Obama has said that Israel is a sovereign nation and has a right to make its own decisions in these matters, but he also said that, while a military strike is not off the table, there is no imminent threat from Iran and diplomacy and economic sanctions should be given more time to work.

LOCAL PARISHES WELCOME PASSION RELICS

CHRISTIAN NEWswire, 3/7/12: LOCAL PARISHES WELCOME PASSION RELICS [EXCERPTS]—An extraordinary exhibition of holy relics [was] held in the Catholic churches in Mesquite and Logandale, Nevada, from March 16 through March 18. The Relics included a portion of the Crown of thorns, a piece of the table where the Last Supper was held, and a relic from the Cross of Christ.

Friday, March 16, the relics [were] at La Virgen de Guadalupe church in Mesquite beginning at 3:00 pm with Stations of the Cross, Mass, and Veneration.

The relics serve as reminders that the death of Jesus brings the hope of eternal life. There is no relic of the body of Christ because a core belief of the Christian faith is the Resurrection.

“The veneration of relics is a means by which the spiritual part of us can be nourished,” says Father Robert Pulhman, pastor of La Virgen de Guadalupe and

St. John the Evangelist parishes. “Modern society offers so many ways to feed our temporal bodies and satisfy the many desires which pass so quickly. Quiet contemplation of relics reminds us that there is a spirit in each of us that longs for our heavenly home. Our spiritual nature, though often silenced by the cacophony of modern life, will find a silent reminder of eternity in the presence of the Relics of the Passion.”

[TBC: The veneration of relics is an important part of Catholic tradition; however the practice is nowhere to be found in Scripture. Furthermore, Calvin commented sarcastically that there were enough wood relics allegedly from the Cross of Christ to build a ship.]

CAMPING ADMITS SIN—NO MORE PREDICTIONS

THE CHRISTIAN POST, 3/6/12: HAROLD CAMPING ADMITS SIN, ANNOUNCES END TO DOOMSDAY PREDICTIONS [EXCERPTS]—“We have learned the very painful lesson that all of creation is in God’s hands and He will end time in His time, not ours!” a statement on Family Radio’s website reads. “We humbly recognize that God may not tell His people the date when Christ will return, any more than He tells anyone the date they will die physically.”

Camping, 90, has made predictions about Judgment Day, Christ’s return and the end of the world for the past few decades—with the May 21, 2011, forecast receiving the most media attention. Each time the date passed, he did not admit to mistaking the timing but instead reasoned that the events happened “spiritually” rather than physically.

But once Oct. 21, 2011—the day Camping said the world would be destroyed physically—came and went, the Christian broadcaster began to reevaluate his views about being able to calculate and know the exact date of the apocalypse.

“Even the most sincere and zealous of us can be mistaken,” Camping and Family Radio staff stated in their March letter. “[We] now realize that those people who were calling our attention to the Bible’s statement that ‘of that day and hour knoweth no man’ (Matthew 24:36 & Mark 13:32), were right in their understanding of those verses and Family Radio was wrong. They went further to say that their ‘bold’ insistence that the Bible guaranteed Christ’s return on May 21 was both ‘incorrect’ and ‘sinful.’”

[TBC: Camping’s “oops” does little to compensate those who were economically and spiritually devastated by his false teaching.]

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- Apr 19-21** **St. Louis Conf. on Biblical Discernment**
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- Apr 22** **Calvary Chapel St. Louis County**
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- Sep 15** **Midwest Hebrew Min. Conference**
Brooklyn Park, MN
(612) 866-8014
- Sep 28-30** **Great Lakes Prophecy Conference**
Appleton, WI
(920) 735-1242

Letters

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I just wanted to say "thank you, thank you, thank you!" After listening to your message on YouTube...I will be purchasing your book. I really appreciate your message [on Calvinism]. The church my husband and I previously attended and grew up in was split because of this issue. We both felt an uneasiness (now I know it was the Holy Spirit) because the "doctrines of grace" was being added to our church doctrine. The leaders felt it was an "essential doctrine." They said that we could still be members and not agree with it but we could not serve as teachers without agreeing to this doctrine. They also removed all books, curriculum, and tracts that weren't in line with a reformed theology. We had a very hard time finding books/messages that gave scriptural arguments against Calvinism.

Fortunately, God still miraculously blessed us with finding scripture on our own, turning on the radio and hearing sermons spontaneously that were about this, [and] getting some different opinions from...godly men....I believe that a lot of people around our age (mid-30s) and younger are turning to Calvinism [because of] an unbalanced response to the tolerant, shallow teaching of many of today's churches....[T]he leaders who were introducing this "truth" into our doctrine were intimidating through their use of "Greek and Hebrew" word translations, by so easily pointing [to scripture after scripture] to make their point, and by saying that since they were church elders they had the authority that we should trust. This doctrine is presented in such a way that people who

disagree are essentially accused of stripping God of his Sovereign nature (scary!) and of claiming to play a part in their own salvation (horrible!). So, thank God for His Holy Spirit! And thank you for being willing, not to fight against Christians, but to present a scriptural response to encourage others like us! EP (email)

Dear Dave,

We have been listening to your audio archives, which speak about *The Occult Invasion*. In it you reference a few quotes from C. Peter Wagner in reference to Lausanne II in Manila 1989, which then led to the beginnings of the NAR movement and the part he played in its inception. The article in November 2011 *Charisma Magazine* is written by C. Peter Wagner, "The Truth About the New Apostolic Reformation," where he's defending their movement. We don't normally read this magazine, but God kind of dropped it into our hands. He's basically saying that it's just a group of like-minded individuals and that he's not really the leader. In contrast to the quotes he's made in previous sources, we thought it was quite amusing. Thank you for all the materials you and T. A. have produced over the years to help clarify the truth in God's Word. MT (FL)

Berean Call,

I was getting your newsletter while I was in prison. I would always share it with other inmates. You sent it to me for free when I could not afford to give anything. Now that I'm out and have a job I want to support what you are doing. Receiving the newsletter was a major blessing. Let people know to remember the prisoner. There are a lot of broken, desperate men in prison.

I loved your article on the Jehovah's Witnesses (Feb 2012). I love the JW's, but they are lost. They don't realize it but their own name betrays their doctrine. If Jesus is the fulfillment of the "Davidic Covenant," then, according to Jer. 23:5-6, His Name is "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (JEHOVAH TSIDKENU)." Again, in John 10:11,14,16, Jesus claims to be the "Good Shepherd." Psalm 23 says, "THE LORD is my shepherd (JEHOVAH ROHI)." The list goes on. Let's warn them, as you say! GH (CA)

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I'm a 34-year-old born-again Christian from [the oldest city] in Germany. It's over 2,000 years old and close to Luxembourg. I was not raised in a Christian home and had severe psychological problems when I was growing up. My life was without hope and without God. I became a Christian in 2001. I was involved with the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement for a few years, but

the Lord quickly opened my eyes to some of their false teachings. The Lord led me to The Berean Call in 2005. I was really blessed by the *Search the Scriptures* radio show you did with T. A. McMahon. I also really enjoy the *Berean Call* newsletter, which I always download from the website. Your clear teaching really opened my eyes to the end time apostasy in the world and the church. You're a very big role model for me. I really like the clarity of your teaching, but especially your humble and loving spirit. God bless you for all your years of dedicated work for the Lord. I hope and will be praying, that the Lord will help you with your health problems. God bless you. CB (Germany)

TBC,

Just want you to know that after I got the e-mail [update 1/9/12 at www.thebereancall.org] from TBC, I forwarded it to some family and friends. Today, my sister-in-law wrote a note to thank me for the encouragement it gave her. She has very bad back, leg, and ankle problems, and can only stand for a few minutes at a time. So, thank *you* for sending it to me! One never knows what needs are "out there." I pray for Dave, Tom, and *all* of you at TBC. Thanks so much for all you do! LG (FL)

Dear T. A. McMahon,

It has been years since I received a visit from Jehovah's Witnesses, but last week one (just one!) came to my door. After acknowledging that the world is a mess, I asked whether he believed Jesus was fully man and fully God. He answered, "Jesus is the son of God." We discussed the Trinity, which the JW claimed was a concept taken from pagan religions, and when I got to John 1:3, the JW told me that the KJV was a flawed translation. I didn't know where to go from there, nor did I have a list of verses to show. He said he would return next week with his wife. Opening *The Berean Call* and seeing "Warning the Witnesses" was as though God was saying, "Here, let Me help you"! I wonder how many other believers are, like me, thanking God for sending this timely witnessing help through you. KR (MA)

Dear Mr. McMahon:

I read the entire article you wrote, published in the latest issue of *Berean Call*: "A Generation Adrift, Part One." It touches on so many important topics about the decaying from within of today's churches, and even Christian lives. Next generation believers, are indeed, in a stage of arrested development, having been led down the broad path that leadeth to destruction, by growing up in a "church" that's more like a

song and dance routine, with a corrupt, perverted “gospel” being told to them. They’re also given a very incomplete picture of who God is, and Jesus Christ, bringing them down to such a familiar, pat-on-the-back level that I find outrageous, and very sad.

I’m looking forward to part two of “A Generation Adrift.” All I can say is, keep preaching, and maybe some of those hearts will be softened, and ears will willingly open back up to the truth. NB (email)

Dear Dave,

I just read the brief article in TBC Today [3/19 at www.thebereancall.org] about the young man who refused to sing the song with its tribute to Allah. Kudos to him for taking a stand like he did. So many Christians have the mistaken belief that Allah and God Almighty are the same God. They couldn’t be more wrong! Allah is the name Mohammed came up with to call the god he had “invented,” using the name of the moon god that was then being worshiped in Mecca. Allah is *not* the God of the Bible, and bears no resemblance to Him. In fact, if we were really honest about it, Allah does not exist! Christians who don’t believe this should read the Koran, which is an instant opinion changer!

Dave, thank you again for your wonderful ministry...if we could get the whole Christian community to be “Bereans,”

that would solve a whole slew of problems within the Body of Christ and in our personal lives—and in the world. Stay the course...you’re doing a wonderful work for the Lord! BR (TX)

Dear TBC,

I have sometimes been skeptical about some of the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled, thinking, “Well, He could have ridden into Jerusalem on a donkey because He knew the Scriptures said the Messiah would ‘ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.’” But the excerpt “A Passover Plot” [TBC 3/12, Dave Hunt Classic], which condensed all of these fulfilled prophecies into a couple of pages, was a serious eye-opener. I had never thought about the fact that Paul knew so much of Christ’s teachings without having read the gospels, which hadn’t even been written yet! Of course he learned it all, and so much more, from Jesus Himself, which is why he had the authority to teach others and why his letters make up most of the New Testament! I want to copy this article and hand it out to my fellow doubting Thomases. MW (email)

Dear Dave,

Thanks to your presentation *What Love Is This?*, I have recently ditched Calvinism and lordship salvation. I just wanted to say thank you. For a long time I had a hard time

reconciling God’s love and his sovereignty to the point that I was in such despair over this issue that for a brief period I just walked away from God. Not any longer...amazing grace how sweet the sound. Amen.... Thanks, brother. May God continue to bless you and your ministry. JG (email)

Dear Berean family,

Your latest [January] was right on time. A friend telephoned me yesterday to ask if I knew about “Chrislam” and why were evangelical churches getting on board.

[A] few months before we left our last church, the pastor was promoting that book about the little boy who went to heaven and talked with his sister. I wrote two full pages about why it was unscriptural and had a conference with our pastor. He was glad I shared the info—but also asked that we not mention it to anyone; he just would not order any more books!! Now this story about “Josiah” reaching back from the dead to attend his parents’ church services, etc., and all the dream communication reminds me of my years in the New Age.... My heart is crushed that the beginning of their book would profess Biblical life in practice, but then use that as a pretext to support their activity with demonic familiar spirits. Sounds like *X Files* fodder.... MU (PA)

TBC Notes

Update From Down Under

My speaking engagements and travel through New Zealand and Australia could not have gone better. The saints who hosted us (me, my wife, Peggy, and son Patrick) en route were all gifted in hospitality; the fellowships that allowed me to minister were wonderfully gracious; and the personal fellowship with individuals provided great opportunities for ministry and edification to them, as well as from them to my family and me.

Dave Hunt’s influence in both countries through his visits, his books, and through TBC became very apparent as pastors and elders of various churches commented that many of those who filled the pews (to near capacity quite often) were not their members. Some drove many hours to attend our meetings. What our brothers and sisters in the Lord are struggling with in their churches and among loved ones knows no barriers of distance. Many of the issues that they face are due to the same growing apostasy that we contend with here in the U.S.—so our time together was a great encouragement!

God’s grace in answer to your prayers was apparent as He enabled me to give messages more than two dozen times (to which were added many lengthy Q&A sessions). Many of the later talks were fueled primarily by God-given adrenalin—exhausting but a blessing nevertheless. Continual sleep on the flight home and multiple daily naps my first week back aided my recovery from extreme jet lag, a new experience for me.

A final thought: if you have yet to have the experience of traveling around the world and meeting people for the first time, e.g., strangers who will be your hosts, it may seem a bit daunting. However, what I’ve experienced time and again is that when I meet believers for the first time, we have an instant bond between us. The most important Person in their lives is the most important Person in my life: Jesus. That which guides their lives—the Word of God—is what guides my life. That takes “having something in common” into the stratosphere, not to mention “eternity!” That’s just one of the reasons I’ll be thrilled to go again, as the Lord wills.

T. A. McMAHON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE POWER OF GOD'S DESIGN

—Excerpted from *One Heartbeat Away* by Mark Cahill

I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the Heaven and say there is no God.

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Many people believe there is no God because they are convinced that science has fully explained how our universe came to be. If there is a natural explanation of our origins, they think, who needs a supernatural one? Perhaps, like many, you see a contest between science and religion, and believe that science has been declared the winner hands down.

But does science alone explain this incredibly beautiful and complex creation in which we live? Doesn't its magnificence make you wonder?

How does the sun provide just the right amount of energy to light and heat our planet? What makes everything in our orderly world work so well together? How is it that we can predict the precise day of a full moon or an eclipse, or determine whether to expect a violent thunderstorm or a fresh snowfall?

Where does lightning come from, or a brilliant rainbow? When we see the startling colors of a sunset, we often wonder how such a spectacular display is created. We marvel at the grandeur of mountains and the beauty of beaches.

As I saw the Grand Canyon for the first time, my jaw dropped. The canyon's vastness was awe-inspiring and its colors were truly amazing. Where did that canyon come from?

Why is it that when we look at Mount Rushmore, we don't say, "Wow, erosion is an amazing thing! Look how it formed the heads of four presidents of the United States"? We realize that would be a foolish statement. Whenever we see creation, design, art, or order, it's obvious that there was some intelligent force behind it to make it happen.

I speak in many venues around the country, so I fly a lot. Once, on the drive from the airport, I saw a beautiful sunset—one of those amazing Technicolor displays that keeps changing like a kaleidoscope. I began to pray that someone would see that beautiful sunset and wonder who painted it in the sky.

The following night was Halloween. I was staying with some friends who had a very large house set back from the road quite a distance. No one had come to the house for candy that night—until there was a ring at the door at around 9:30. As the lady of the house went to answer it, I stuck my head around the corner to take a peek. At the door were two young ladies, their faces painted like cats. They looked a bit too old to be trick-or-treating, so I asked them their ages. They said they were 20 and 21. I asked them what they were doing trick-or-treating and, of course, they said they wanted some candy!

After chatting a few minutes, I brought up a question about eternity. One girl responded, "You're wasting your time talking to us about God. We're atheists."

So I asked them what evidence they had found to prove that there is no God. They didn't have any evidence at all, which I found

very interesting. Like many people, they were probably thinking that reason was on their side. Yet without any evidence to support their belief, what they actually had was blind faith—and they were using that as the basis for their eternal destiny.

Some people think it takes blind faith to believe in God. But we use calculated faith for most decisions in life, and we should do the same for our decisions about eternity. I asked them what would be enough evidence to prove to them that God exists. They didn't have an answer for that either. So I told them I would give them something to think about, and I explained the concept that the universe displays creation, design, art, and order. I asked them, "If everything else has a creator, designer, artist, or orderer behind it, why would you think that there is not a Creator, Designer, Artist, and Orderer behind this universe?"

Suddenly their eyes grew wide. One of the young ladies said, "Yesterday, I walked outside at dusk and saw a gorgeous sunset. And I was wondering to myself, 'Who painted that in the sky?'"

Within twenty-four hours of my prayer, I got to meet someone with whom God had answered that prayer!

Both young ladies were students at a local art college. As artists, they knew that for every beautiful painting, there must be a painter who created that artwork. And logically, the same would have to hold true for all that is in this incredible universe.

I was talking with a man one day in downtown Atlanta and I asked him a question about spiritual matters. He replied that he was an atheist and that there was no way to prove there is a God. We were standing among tall buildings so I pointed to one of the skyscrapers and said, "Prove to me that there was a builder for that building." He answered, "That's easy. The building itself

is proof that there is a builder."

He was 100 percent correct. We know that you don't just gather some concrete, pipes, windows, paint, wires, etc., then turn around and look back to suddenly find a building. A building requires a builder.

I said, "Exactly. The building is proof that there is a builder." I then added, "The sun, the moon, the stars, the oceans, the sand, each unique snowflake, the three billion pieces of your DNA that are different from mine, are absolute proof that there had to be a Creator of this universe."

He looked at me. I could see the light bulb flash on behind his eyes, and then he glanced away. As he thought about that statement, he realized he had provided his own proof.

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. —ROMANS 1:20



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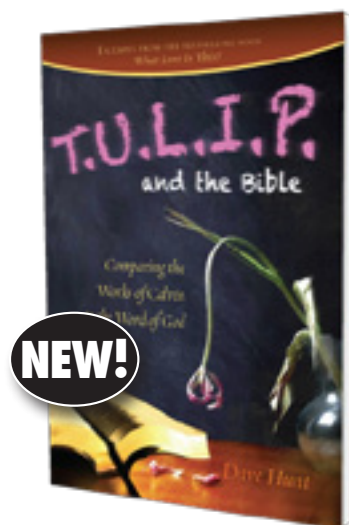
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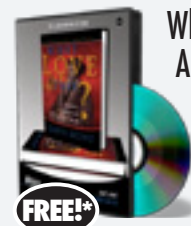


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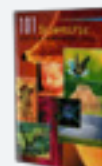


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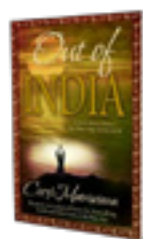


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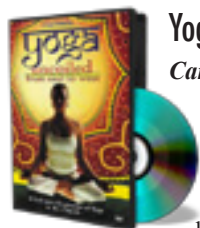


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