

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

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

The “Jesus” the World Loves

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THIS IS AN updated version of a TBC article I wrote in 2008. Normally when I write something for the ministry, my goal is to correct something that has drawn Christians away from the truth of the Bible. I’m always hopeful that I can redirect them back to what the Scriptures teach and that disclosure will turn them from their biblically erroneous beliefs or practices. I’m continually optimistic that by simply showing how the false teachings or practices deviate from the written Word of God, what I write will be effective. Nevertheless, my success rate leaves much to be desired.

This article, written fourteen years ago, is an example of what I and many others who function as apologists (giving reasons for and defending the faith; 1 Peter 3:15) face at times in fulfilling our ministries. The title, “The ‘Jesus’ the World Loves” presents a major obstacle to overcome. The world, which rarely looks to the Bible for information about Jesus, is satisfied with any other source, as long as their Jesus is devoid of judgmentalism, exclusiveness, negativity, and can be reflected in every one’s belief system. Many “like” Jesus, including some atheists who speak highly of the character of their Jesus. Hindu gurus who flooded the West during the 1980s wrote books describing their avatar “Jesus.” Islamic clerics praise Jesus (*Isa* in Arabic) although they deny that he is the Son of God (i.e., Allah, who has no son).

All of that is expected of the world. Yet in our day when much of the church is heavily influenced by the world, the “Jesus” the world loves is often reflected in the beliefs of professing Christians as well as some of those who may be born again. A false Jesus who manifests characteristics that appeal to the fleshly nature of Christians is a powerfully seductive device of Satan, who is “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

Those who *profess* to be Christians quite often have ideas about Jesus that are just as wrong as those people who don’t claim to be Christians. For example, Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that Jesus is a created god and that He is also Michael the Archangel. Mormons believe Jesus is the spirit brother of Lucifer and that He was married and had children. The followers of Christian Science and the Religious Science religions believe that Jesus was simply a man upon whom the “Christ empowerment” came. Roman Catholics believe that the bread and wine of the Eucharist can be transubstantiated, or changed, into the literal body and blood of Jesus, who is then ingested into one’s stomach. Lutherans believe that Jesus is *consubstantiated*, or present, “in, with, and under” the bread and wine of communion. Such unbiblical beliefs are a mere handful among hundreds promoted by various Christian denominations and cults. Yet what is even more appalling is that an inquiry about Jesus today among those who call themselves evangelicals (Bible-believing Christians!) too often reveals “another Jesus” and a “false Christ.” How does that happen?

Let’s start with how one comes to a true knowledge of, and

relationship with, Jesus Christ. It begins with a simple understanding of the gospel that Jesus is God, who became a Man in order to save mankind from everlasting separation from God that resulted from man’s sin. Jesus satisfied the perfect justice of God by His once-and-for-all payment for the sins of humanity through His death on the Cross. His resurrection from the dead assures the salvation of all those who acknowledge before God their sin and their hopelessness in saving themselves, and who by grace through faith accept Christ’s sacrifice on their behalf and His free gift of eternal life. This is how one is reconciled to God and born again spiritually. This is how one’s relationship with the biblical Jesus Christ begins.

Although that relationship is supernatural in that every true believer in Christ is indwelt by God, it nevertheless progresses, as any good relationship does, by getting to know the person with whom one has a relationship.

The primary way a relationship with Jesus develops is by reading the revelation of Himself given in His Word. This is the only way to obtain specific information about Him that is objective and absolutely true. In addition, not only is the content of Scripture inspired by the Holy Spirit, but that same Spirit of Truth is given to believers to understand that content. How then could those who profess to follow God’s Word come up with erroneous ideas about Jesus? Regrettably, many are getting their information about Jesus from sources outside the Bible or second hand from those who claim to be teaching what the Bible says about our Lord.

To demonstrate how ludicrous a relationship dependent upon such sources of knowledge is, consider what might happen to a husband and wife who try to form an intimate relationship with each other by relying on the insights of other people who claim to know them. That’s a sure recipe for failure, yet Christians often run to extrabiblical sources for their knowledge of Jesus.

Years ago, the amazing popularity of the book *The Shack* (see TBC Q&A, 8/08, <https://bit.ly/3htAPHE>) among evangelicals was just one among many examples of depicting a Jesus who is foreign to the Bible and worse. What does the author think about Jesus? He characterizes Him in a way that may make some people feel more comfortable with Him, yet the Jesus of *The Shack* is clearly a false Christ. He’s a “good old boy,” who likes to fix things and takes “pleasure in cooking and gardening.” He laughs at crude jokes, is a bit of a klutz, engages in trout fishing by chasing one down as He runs on water, carves a coffin for the body of a little girl, and enjoys kissing, hugging, and laughing with the two other members of the “Trinity.” The book is filled with dialogue from the characters of God the Father (portrayed as an overweight Afro-American woman), the Holy Spirit (a petite Asian woman), and Jesus. All three speak as the “oracles of God,” giving insights and explanations neither found in nor consistent with Scripture. Some enthusiastic readers say the words and interactions with the Godhead have comforted them, answered difficult questions about their faith, and made the person of the Lord seem all the more real to them.

The reality is that out of his own imagination the author has put *his* words into the mouths of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

which are then perceived by multitudes as “thus saith the LORD.” This is not only a bogus secondhand source but the arrogance of false prophecy at least and blasphemy and idolatry at worst. It is man, making God in his own *fallen* image.

More influential among evangelicals than *The Shack* is Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*, which became a huge box-office success, thanks mostly to evangelical support. Available now as a “definitive edition DVD,” it features, for those who want the official Catholic theology of the film explained, a discussion with director Mel Gibson, along with a Catholic apologist and two Catholic priests who were the film’s theological consultants. The movie has a false gospel, a false Christ, and is loaded with supposedly biblical scenes from the minds of Gibson and a Catholic nun given to mystical hallucinations (see *Showtime for the Sheep?*, <https://bit.ly/3UHAAqB>). Yet it continues to be used extensively by evangelical churches, especially during Lent and Easter week.

In response to “What do you think of Jesus?” millions who saw the movie now mistakenly believe that: He was confronted by Satan in the Garden of Gethsemane; He was thrown from a bridge by His captors and dangled from a chain; His image was captured for posterity on the veil of a woman named Veronica; as His cross began to fall, it levitated to keep Him from hitting the ground, and, most contradictory to the gospel, it was the merciless scourging He suffered that paid for the sins of humanity.

These are only a few of the unbiblical images that the world and many in the church have added to their perception of Jesus. Movies are today’s most popular form of disseminating superficial information and therefore misinformation. Feature films about Jesus and God have put erroneous ideas about them into the hearts and minds of the masses: *Jesus Christ Superstar*; *The Last Temptation of Christ*; *Bruce Almighty*; *The Da Vinci Code*; *Judas*; *Oh God!*; *Oh God, Book II*; *Jesus of Nazareth*, to name but a few.

What about “more biblically accurate” Bible movies—those that take the words directly from Scripture, for example? When you have an actor portraying Jesus who says only the words of Jesus that are found in the Bible, does that make the portrayal more accurate? More accurate than what? Does the actor actually *look* like Jesus, or *talk* like Jesus, or *reflect the godly demeanor* of Jesus? More critically, can he accurately imitate the God-Man, the Creator of the Universe, the One in whom all things consist? Even if he could, which is impossible, it would still be an imitation! Furthermore, he will leave millions, including believers, with an image of a false “Christ.”

A few such movies are sincere attempts at communicating the content and stories of the Scriptures through *visual media*. Although sincere, they are doomed to failure regarding truth. Why? In addition to what was noted above, the Bible is an objective revelation from God given in words. All attempts at visually translating those words abandon objective revelation in favor of subjective interpretation.

Take a passage of Scripture, for instance, and have five people give their understanding of the verse based upon the context, the grammatical structure, and the normal meaning of the words. More often than not, the interpretations will be quite similar. Should one of the five come up with something very different, it can be corrected by simply checking it out objectively against the context, grammar, and accepted definitions of the words in the passage. On the other hand, what if five filmmakers were to

translate the passage visually? The result would be five very subjective and quite different renderings. Even if only one filmmaker visually translated the verse and four people tried to interpret the image, you would likely have four different views because the medium has no objective criteria comparable to that of words. Are you getting the “picture” here? Imagery is not the way to communicate objective truth.

God did not draw pictures on the tablets He gave to Moses. His continual command to Moses and to His other prophets was to *write down His instructions*. Visual imagery was at the heart of pagan worship used by people whose lives centered around idols—the chief by-product being unbridled superstition. The same was true of the medieval Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, who fed their followers images rather than teaching them to read and write (as the Jews had done successfully from the time of Abraham). Even today, superstition continues to be rampant within those visually oriented religious systems.

The question needs to be repeated: Where does the world get its ideas about Jesus? Most non-Christians only know what they’ve picked up from sources they regard as Christian, although rarely is the content biblical. Many Jews put stock in the alleged

Talmudic stories that oppose the gospel accounts. They have been taught that Jesus was an illegitimate child who was born to a harlot and a scoundrel. Declaring himself to be the Messiah, he performed healings by sorcery and consequently was stoned and then hung on a tree for his magic and blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God. Buddhists, such as the very popular Dalai Lama, regard Jesus as a *bodhisattva*, or enlightened god, among multitudes of gods reincarnated for the service of humanity.

Incredibly, the above erroneous beliefs about Jesus are fostered within professing Christianity by popular practices among Emerging Church fellowships and those

involved in the Contemplative Movement. Some invite the followers of the world religions for “conversation” in order to learn more about Jesus from a pluralistic perspective. The goal seems to be to establish a Jesus who is acceptable to people of all faiths—or no faith. A common refrain heard from the Emergent communities is “We love Jesus but not His church.” Certainly, as the church has compromised with the world there is much not to like. Yet sadly, for many, it is neither the biblical Jesus whom they love nor the biblical church that they support. Some are under the delusion that Jesus is becoming more respected in our culture. That has never been the case for the Jesus revealed in Scripture (John 15:18).

The Jesus the world loves has deceived and continues to delude the world in its blasphemy, and more grievously—the church. This latest manifestation of promoting a false Christ is the internationally popular film series *The Chosen*. Its influence among evangelicals is shocking considering the fact that it is produced by committed members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), and all of what it presents is visual idolatry (see <https://bit.ly/3FZZ4qX>).

What’s taking place in the church today is the fulfillment of the prophecy given in 2 Timothy 4:3-4: “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.*” Pray for discernment for those who have been seduced and taken captive by the *fables* of *The Chosen*.

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EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE:
HE IS A SHIELD UNTO THEM THAT
PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.

ADD THOU NOT UNTO HIS
WORDS, LEST HE REPROVE THEE,
AND THOU BE FOUND A LIAR.

—PROVERBS 30:5-6

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: You once stated that "...‘my people’ refers to Israel, not to the church; and ‘I will heal their land’ refers to the promised land of Israel, not to the United States.” If Christians are not God’s people, then who are they? What about Nineveh? Do you not believe that God might heal our nation just as He did Nineveh? I understand that God will not answer prayers addressed to other gods, but is it in vain to pray to Him for a national revival? You also said that “Christians are ‘not of this world’ but have been called ‘out of this world’ to be in it but not of it.” If Christians and Israelites are two distinctive people in God’s eyes, and if Christians have been called out of this world, then to where are the Israelites called? Are they destined to stay on earth during the Millennium, while Christians are not? I am confused. Would you please clarify these issues for me?

RESPONSE: The often-made statement that Christians are distinct not only from Jews but also from Gentiles (i.e., from all non-Christians) is clear: “Give none offense, neither to Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God” (1 Corinthians 10:32). The gospel is both to Jews and to Gentiles; and when either believes in the Lord, he or she becomes a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:8-10) and a new member of His body, the church (Ephesians 2:19-22; 5:30, etc.). Nor am I the one who said Christians are “not of this world” but have been called “out of this world.” Christ said that: “...Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world” (John 15:19). Of His followers, Christ said in prayer to His Father: “...these are in the world” (John 17:11)... I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:11, 15-16).

I don’t say it is vain to pray to God for national revival or to heal our nation. I have often prayed for that myself, and it should be the heart’s desire of every Christian in this country. I only say that there is no biblical promise that such a prayer will be answered, as there is for Israel in 2 Chronicles 7:14. Prayers for America legitimately express our longing for God’s blessing and salvation to come upon all mankind. We are, however, to pray with understanding.

Thus, when we pray, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” we realize that never will happen until Christ returns and reigns. Yes, Christians are “God’s people”—not His earthly but His heavenly people. The church has no land; it is the Jews to whom God gave a specific land. God never gave America to the American Christians or Germany to the German Christians. Therefore, I cannot properly apply God’s promise (that when His people cry to Him He will “heal their land”) to anyone but the Jews, His people, and to the land of Israel, which He promised to them.

To inherit the kingdom eternally on earth, Jews must have the same faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that those patriarchs had. In my opinion—and many Bible scholars disagree—everyone, whether Jew or Gentile, who believes in Christ both before and after the Rapture, but before the Second Coming, will be in the church. Jews who have rejected Him, but who at His Second coming “look upon” Him and believe in Him when He descends from heaven to rescue them at the Battle of Armageddon (Zechariah 12:10)—like the Gentiles who believe at that time as well—will continue into the Millennial Kingdom to experience Christ’s earthly reign on David’s throne.

Jews, of course, will be gathered by angels “from the four winds” on earth to Israel (Matthew 24:30-31). They are destined to dwell upon earth in the Millennium and in the new heavens and new earth. The prophets promised this blessing to Israel (Isaiah 62:65:17-25; Jeremiah 30:8-11; 31:1-12; 27-40; Ezekiel 34:11-31; 36:8-15, 22-38; 37:21-28; 39:21-29; Zechariah 12:10-14:21, etc.). All of Israel will believe in Christ when He appears to rescue her in the midst of Armageddon. Only believing Jews will remain upon the earth, as the verses just referred to declare, and so do many others, such as Matthew 24:13, Romans 11:26, etc.

The church, Christ’s bride, united to Him eternally to always be at His side (from every nation, including Jews), having been made one in Him, will rule and reign with Him both during the Millennium and throughout eternity (Matthew 19:28; Luke 19:12-19; 22:30; Revelation 20:4, etc.).

QUESTION: According to Science Digest, the mother’s blood never mingles with that of the fetus. If there is no contact with the mother’s blood, how can the blood of Jesus be “normal human blood”? How is Jesus’s blood unique from mankind, yet the same? If the blood of Mary didn’t mingle with Jesus’s blood, where does His blood come from?

RESPONSE: I appreciate your concern that I am not putting the importance upon the blood of Christ that the Bible does. However, that is not my intention nor is it the case. Your concern seems to center on the idea that Jesus somehow had “God blood” in spite of the fact that God does not have blood.

You ask, “If the blood of Mary didn’t mingle with Jesus’s blood, where does His blood come from?” Since His blood was part of His body, it must have come into existence in the same manner as His entire body. Did He have a “God body”? God doesn’t have a body, nor is there such a thing as “God blood.” Leviticus 17:11 states, “The life of the flesh is in the blood,” and God is not a man and does not inhabit a body of flesh and blood.

You suggest that His blood must have come from God his Father or from the Holy Spirit, by whom He was conceived in Mary’s womb (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35). On the contrary, the body “prepared” for Him (Hebrews 10:5) was created by God in Mary’s womb, just as Adam’s was created by God in the Garden. Jesus is “the second man” and “the last Adam” (1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). Did Adam have “God blood” and a “God body”? Then why would Christ? Christ’s body did not come into existence by either the Father or the Holy Spirit physically “fathering” Him, as the Mormons believe. Neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit have bodies or blood, so they could not pass on through Mary either by body or blood in the manner of a human father.

How is Jesus’s blood unique from mankind, and yet the same? We are told that God sent His Son “in the likeness of sinful flesh” (Romans 8:3). Does that mean that His body wasn’t fully human? No. Christ’s body was not some hybrid—part-God and part-human. Note that the scripture doesn’t say He was in the “likeness” of a human, but now human. It says He was in the “likeness of sinful flesh” but without sin!

Jesus was a real man of flesh and blood. Is the blood of Christ precious? Indeed, it is, because, like His entire body, Christ’s blood was without sin and was shed on the cross for our sins. He is “God manifest in the flesh,” but the flesh in which He was manifest was not “God flesh,” for there is no such thing. It had to be perfect, sinless human flesh, or He is not really a man.

LETTERS

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Dear TBC,

I pray for our brothers and sisters led astray by *The Chosen* as well. Sadly, many will make excuses for idolatry, especially when it comes to visual depictions of our Lord Jesus. As for Mary and other saints, that is the excuse I heard recently from a very close family member—“Catholics don’t worship Mary.” In the same vein of what you said, the dozens of Marian shrines and statues, countless prayers to Mary, and Marian devotees inspired by apparitions prove the exact opposite. Calling it “veneration” is simply an excuse and I believe it’s an excuse to calm their own fears that we are right and it is against God’s Word. SS (email)

Dear TBC,

It might be good to differentiate between those who say they hear from God constantly, and are actually walking in apostasy and those who are obeying the biblical exhortation to “Pray without ceasing” and other scriptures encouraging us to walk with Christ, of which bible meditation is very important but also yielding to His spirit. We could not really follow Him if we were not only reading His book and obeying, but also seeking Him in prayer and able to yield or listen and do what He prompts us to do.

Of course Jesus is the only one who could do this perfectly but

also He is our example. I’ve been on both sides of the fence. The “constant communication” experienced while walking in apostate teaching has corrupt fruit and can be oppressive to self and others. But at first it seemed great, very deceptive. When I realized my error, I almost went too far the other way so that I was afraid to pray without ceasing. But immersing myself in God’s book (finding answers concerning following false teachers), biblical teachers, obeying the doctrines of Christ, avoiding false teaching (II John 7-11) those who followed it, etc...worked to make me stronger and show me what was real walking in communion with the Lord. BA (email)

Dear TBC,

I’m a bit surprised there was no mention of Jonathan Roumie’s pope and catholic worship in “Visual Idolatry” [TBC: See—<https://bit.ly/3FZZ4qXj>]. However, the plumb line remains: Jesus Christ came to save. God is Spirit. We all must be redeemed and born again of the Holy Spirit. If there is a choice between watching Disney (or ANYTHING else), *The Chosen* is the far better option. Believers must plant seeds, but it is the Holy Spirit who will convict, and the Lord who will save.

I think we need to be really careful about not undermining the sufficiency of Grace, and not tread into “legalism.” The enemy is delighted when believers bicker among themselves. BUT, when even one person trusts that our Lord lives and redeems, all of heaven rejoices. It would be better to remind people that *The Chosen* is a show about “human perspective” and the Bible is God’s Word—and BOTH point to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We may very well be living in the last days, and if this show points even one person to the saving Grace and Love of Christ...well, that’s worth celebrating. Satan is the prince of this world, and the church will be fighting him until the end—we have to occupy and redeem the time until we’re finished in this life. AF (email)

NOTE: *Our purpose in this section is to simply show what kind of feedback we receive. We may respond to some of them in private whether or not we agree with their views.

TBC NOTES

Further Conversations...

As the opportunities arise to have one on one, five minutes or less, conversations as grandparents with their grandchildren, or parents with their children (see “Strengthening the Next Generation”—T. A. McMahon, <https://bit.ly/3AoAHQq>) there are all kinds of spiritual subjects that can be discussed.

For example, recently during our worship time at church we sang the hymn *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*.

As I listened to the familiar lyrics, I wondered what my granddaughter would understand about the hymn. The first verse declares, “What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

Does she know what *the blood* signifies? We as grandparents or parents may assume our children understand very important biblical terms—when that’s not the case. Therefore, conversations that help them discern when a term or phrase is to be understood literally or figuratively is critical. In the hymn given above, “the blood” is used figuratively to refer to His death in payment for the sins of mankind. It’s not the literal blood but rather the sacrificial death of Jesus that can “wash away my sins” and “make me whole again.”

Conversations that help a child differentiate between a literal statement (blood meaning that which runs through the veins of Jesus) and a figurative one (blood symbolically representing His atonement for our sins) have great value in helping children understand the Word of God. Plus it’s a great time of interacting with our kids.

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QUOTABLE

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” —Matthew 6:33

See how the Bible opens: “In the beginning God.” Let your life open in the same way. Seek with your whole soul, first and foremost, the kingdom of God, as the place of your citizenship, and His righteousness as the character of your life. As for the rest, it will come from the Lord Himself without your being anxious concerning it. All that is needful for this life and godliness “shall be added unto you.”

What a promise this is! Food, raiment, home, and so forth. God undertakes to add to you while you seek Him. You mind His business, and He will mind yours. If you want paper and string, you get them added in when you buy more important goods. And just so, all that we need of earthly things we shall have thrown in with the kingdom. He who is an heir of salvation shall not die of starvation, and he who clothes his soul with the righteousness of God cannot be left of the Lord with a naked body. Away with anxious care. Set all your mind upon seeking the Lord. Covetousness is poverty, and anxiety is misery: trust in God is an estate, and likeness to God is a heavenly inheritance. Lord, I seek thee, be found in me.

—CHARLES SPURGEON
(EXCERPT FROM *FAITH’S CHECKBOOK*)

NEWSWATCH

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

THE MYTH OF CLEAN

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 9/20/22, "THE MYTH OF CLEAN" [EXCERPTS]: 'Clean', like 'smart', has become the prerequisite for all technology. Both are myths.

Smart technology is surveillance technology. The smart part of smart technology comes from human beings. So does the stupid part when people sacrifice their privacy and independence for the benefits of technology being shaped to them.

Clean energy is even more of a myth. The Inflation Increase Act doles out another stream of billions toward the inefficient forms of energy generation that the government has been subsidizing for over 50 years because some Madison Avenue ad agency branded them 'clean'.

Energy is inherently clean and dirty. Making the inherent forces of the universe useful requires mining metal, cutting down trees, and turning fossil fuels into plastic to assemble machines. Once those machines are running, they will shed heat because 'clean' or 'dirty', that is how the second law of thermodynamics works.

The only truly energy efficient energy comes from bioluminescent creatures like fireflies. We didn't make them and despite all the boasts from technocrats, we can't duplicate them.

Clean energy depends on massive rare earth mines...that poison everything around them. Wind turbines require huge amounts of balsa wood that are deforesting the Amazon. Neither turbines nor solar panels are recycled when they go bad. They end up in landfills and become toxic waste.

(<https://bit.ly/3Nja30q>)

UPRIGHT WALKING ANCESTER

ICR.ORG, 9/15/22, "UPRIGHT WALKING ANCESTOR?" [EXCERPTS]: In 2020, an interesting evaluation of human evolution was made by a *Scientific American* science writer: "The human saga, we now understand, is far more intricate than scholars of yore envisioned. The tidy tropes of our pre-history have collapsed under the weight of evidence: there is no single missing link that bridges apes and humankind, no drumbeat march of progress toward a predestined goal. Our story is complicated, messy and random." The case for human evolution has long been suspect and messy, for evolutionists it remains the only explanation.

So, they must make do with what meager

evidence is found. In this latest case, it's an incomplete fossil hominin [found] in the desert of Chad over two decades ago.

But the fossils are few—a left and right ulnae (arm bone) and one incomplete left femur (thigh bone). And they might not belong to the same creature. Indeed, evolutionist Franck Guy...one of the authors of the study...stresses the bones could be from other individuals.

If evolutionists want to see a hominin that walks upright, they can observe the living pygmy chimpanzee at most zoos. She walks upright about 10% of the time, more frequently than chimpanzees. So, the possible upright walking of Toumaï is hardly a litmus test for its alleged evolution into man.

Could it be that Toumaï was just a chimpanzee from the pre-Flood world? After all, scientists found that the incomplete skull is similar to that of living chimpanzees able to hold a brain only a third the size of modern human brains. [Also,] Toumaï's facial structure, brow ridges, and teeth are very different from those found in people today.... [which] suggest the evidence points to an extinct chimpanzee.

(<https://bit.ly/3SNEvAZ>)

BIAS RESPONSE TEAMS FOR COLLEGE SURVEILLANCE

THECOLLEGEFIX.COM, 9/5/22, "BIAS RESPONSE TEAMS HAVE TURNED CAMPUSES INTO 'SURVEILLANCE STATES'" [EXCERPTS]: Bias response teams have proliferated on college campuses across the nation, a trend *The College Fix* has covered extensively over the last three years.

"They've essentially taken college campuses and turned them into surveillance states where students are encouraged to kind of narc on each other," said [journalist Christian] Schneider [who] spent years digging into campus bias response teams.

"These are even worse than speech codes, in some respects, because at least in speech codes you actually had a list of things you couldn't say," Schneider said. "Whereas now the standard for things you can't say, or that offend people, are solely up to the person that hears it."

"They are shamed through the process," he said, adding some schools even request students take sensitivity training as a result of a complaint.

[TBC: Once again, mankind's solutions in opposition to God's ways and reasons (Isaiah 1:18) are sheer vanity (1 Cor. 3:18-20).]

(<https://bit.ly/3Fsnxq>)

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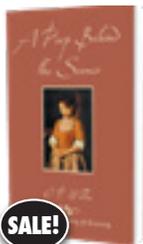
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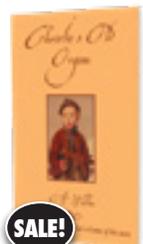
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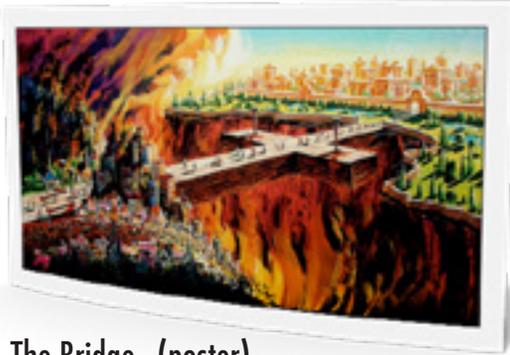
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