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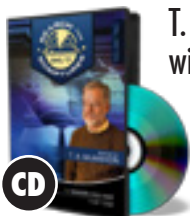


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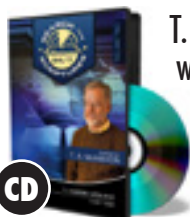


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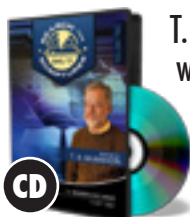
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The Bible According to Hollywood 2

T. A. McMahon

Here we go again. For those who may agree but are a little tired of my crying out for discernment regarding "biblical" movies, you have my apology . . . in the midst of my growing concern. Nevertheless, I covet your prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for the multiple millions of the lost who are being presented with a caricature of the biblical Son of God in yet another Hollywood translation of the Word of God.

"So what?" some have asked. "It gets people interested in Jesus and the Bible, and that's a good thing."

Is it? Who is the Jesus that is capturing their attention? How close is the movie presentation to the biblical account? Does it make any difference?

No matter how close a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill is to the real thing, it's still a fake. Legal issues and deception aside, it has *no value* as a currency. Yet someone who isn't aware that the bill is fake may be thrilled initially if he were to stumble upon a satchel of such twenties. The thrill would end quickly, however, when he tried to spend the bogus money. Although the analogy is a bit rough, it still brings to light some important issues.

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, who is the image of the invisible God and the One in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, is not someone who should be portrayed (counterfeited would be more accurate) by a fallen, finite being—Christian or otherwise. Any such attempt will result in another Jesus, a false Christ.

According to the Bible, all Christians who have been truly born again have a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, and that relationship has (or should have) developed and matured by one's getting to know Him through His Word, through prayer, and through obedience to His teachings. I've known Jesus personally for nearly four decades, and by God's grace, my relationship with Him continues to grow. How would that relationship be strengthened by my watching someone who is obviously not Jesus but who is attempting through his acting to reflect the divine attributes of the Son of God? It can't happen.

Let's consider some other examples that I hope will show just how wrong is any

attempt to depict Jesus, who Scripture tells us is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person, and just how impossible it is to reveal His supernatural attributes and His divine personality on the screen. A recent movie gave historic as well as Hollywood insights into the life of Abraham Lincoln. The actor who played Lincoln was superbly convincing. He certainly looked like Lincoln, at least based on the photographs we have of our former president. He did some things that we know Lincoln did from historic accounts, to the degree that the accounts are true. Beyond that, we have a view of Lincoln that was conjured up by the creative artists of Hollywood and was convincingly realistic but not accurate to the man himself. Nor could it be. Why? None of the creative artists of Hollywood were around when our former president lived, so none of them knew him personally. They have created an image of Lincoln that *may* reflect some truths about him, but they have also added much of their own conjecture.

Let's expand our reasoning a bit. Consider this made-up scenario: I take my wife to a screening of a Hollywood movie of her life that I produced and directed. I have had an intimate relationship with her through 45 years of marriage—in other words, I know her really well—and I want to share her qualities with the world through a motion picture. I hire an "Academy Award-winning" screenwriter to do the script, cast a beautiful and gifted actress to play the role, spare no expense creating an authentic production of where the scenes from her life took place, and feature the noble aspects of her life story. After viewing the movie she turns to me and says matter-of-factly, "It's a flattering film . . . but that's not me. I don't look like that, I don't talk like that, I don't think like that. Some of the scenes never happened that way, and if I weren't given the names of the people the other actors in the film were portraying, I could only guess who they were supposed to be in my life. Besides, Honey, that's just not me."

Obviously, in my enthusiasm to share the love of my life with others via the medium of film, I would have erroneously given them a view of her that was neither accurate nor true. *But hey, no big deal!* It's only a movie—just a popular form of entertainment, even if the claim is that it's based on a true story or character. "Based on a true

story" is a Hollywood euphemism for "we made up most of the story."

Now let's get to the point of the two examples. Suppose that Jesus was sitting beside me in a theater as we watched a marathon of "biblical" movies that featured an actor who was attempting to portray Him. Would He consider these to be merely a form of entertainment—just a dramatization of His earthly life? Would He be thrilled by the ones that seemed to be the "most accurate"? No. I wonder if His response might include the word "blasphemy." Noah Webster (who knew the Bible well), in his 1828 dictionary, wrote that blasphemy is "an injury offered to God by denying that which is due and belonging to Him, or attributing to Him that which is not agreeable to His nature." That would cover every attempt by men to portray the God-Man Jesus. The result can only be a false Christ, and Jesus warned that a proliferation of such would characterize the days prior to His return (Matthew 24:5).

Since a host of very influential evangelical leaders (Rick Warren, Luis Palau, Max Lucado, Francis Chan, Pat Robertson, Andy Stanley, Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, Sam Rodriguez, Geoff Tunnicliffe, Leith Anderson, Ro Chang Soo, Erwin McManus, Jim-Bob Park, Bill Hybels, James O. Davis, Craig Groeschel, Miles McPherson, Jimmy Mellado, along with a number of Catholic bishops and a Cardinal) have been singing the praises of *The Son of God* and the History Channel's Bible series that spawned it, it raises a very serious question regarding *their view of the Bible*.

If they truly believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that it is His God-breathed, inerrant revelation to mankind, how could they glorify a production by men that claims to bring "the story of Jesus' life to audiences through compelling cinematic storytelling . . ." and in the process utterly destroys the critical truth aspect of the Scriptures? Evidently these leaders had no problem with the distortion of the Word in scene after scene. Did the wise men show up at the stable right after the birth of Jesus? Did Jesus entice Peter to follow him by filling his nets with fish? Did Jesus draw the fish into Peter's net by swishing the water with his fingers? Was Mary Magdalene the lone woman among the small band of disciples (if not one of the apostles)? Did Nicodemus play the good Pharisee/bad Pharisee, even

challenging Jesus about paying taxes? Was Pilate a brutal military leader who threatened to shut down the temple? Did Jesus have confrontational exchanges with Barabbas? Did Jesus tickle a little girl and playfully tell her that the temple would be utterly destroyed? At the Last Supper, did Jesus drink the wine that he had just called his own blood? Did the mother of Jesus wash his bloody body in preparation for his burial? Did Jesus *unsymbolically* appear to John on Patmos? The list of unbiblical and extra-biblical scenes goes on and on.

One would think that a Christian leader who truly cares about the Scriptures would take seriously the admonitions not to add to it. Nevertheless, nearly every scene in the film features conversations that the screenwriters made up along with numerous contrived monologues by “Jesus.” How could any believer condone putting words into the mouth of biblical characters and especially into the mouth of one’s Lord and Savior? Yet that must take place in order to make a cinematic dramatization of the Bible. Neither the words of Scripture nor the descriptions found within its pages suffice—therefore every scene has to be fabricated from the creative albeit fallen minds of men.

Jesus declared in John 17:17: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” But in defense of the movie, one might argue that much of what was presented upheld the truth of the Scriptures. How much? We could say the same thing in defense of the erroneous New World Translation bible produced by the Jehovah’s Witnesses or the blasphemous *Message* bible. “Much,” or “quantity,” is not the criterion for qualifying something as true to God’s Word. The Bible, which is God’s inerrant communication to mankind, is a believer’s absolute authority in all matters of faith and practice. If only *much of it* were true, then it is neither inerrant nor can it be a believer’s authority.

A so-called biblical movie—any biblical movie—can never be truly biblical for what should be obvious reasons. This is an attempt to *visually* reproduce a Book that is itself objective and supernatural. First of all, the Bible cannot be translated visually without removing it from its objective nature. Moses did not receive a picture book on Mount Sinai. God communicated to him in words that were written down. Therefore, the communication can be objectively understood through hermeneutics, the science of interpretation. That has to be the basis for believers to come to a common understanding of what God has communicated.

The interpretation of pictures, on the other hand, lacks that objectivity and nearly always involves a subjective understanding.

For example, ask a handful of people to give you their impressions of a certain painting and you will get quite varied responses. Then ask what they believe the artist is communicating. Again, their replies will nearly always be different because the communication is in a subjective medium rather than one that is objective. A biblical movie is a *visual* interpretation.

The making of theatrical movies is a very expensive collaborative process that involves creative input from numerous personnel and has as its primary goal the entertainment of audiences that will ultimately translate into a box office success.

AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID
UNTO THEM, TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN
DECEIVE YOU.

FOR MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME,
SAYING, I AM CHRIST; AND SHALL
DECEIVE MANY.

— Matthew 24:4-5

Decisions are often made on the basis of production costs, location problems, actors’ egos, the director’s and writers’ ideas, producers’ whims, studio pressure, weather, etc., etc. Rarely, if ever, would the *truth* of the content presented be a major issue, especially to the degree that it would trump other considerations. What does that tell you in regard to bringing the Bible, the Word of God, to the silver screen?

One of the amazing characteristics of visual media is the power of imagery. Scenes that appear on the screen can remain with a viewer, popping into the mind occasionally over his or her lifetime. That can be spiritually devastating. I’ve heard that some believers who watched Mel Gibson’s “biblical” movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, had great trouble dismissing the face of James Caviezel when their thoughts turned to Jesus, even while in prayer. Not everyone saw that as a problem. One woman complained about our criticism of *The Passion*, noting that she believed she was greatly blessed to have Caviezel as a tangible image of Jesus for her prayers. In contrast, as Dave Hunt and I left the theater after reviewing Mel’s movie, I remember Dave crying out to the Lord to remove the imagery of the counterfeit Christ that had just invaded his mind!

The Bible doesn’t describe Jesus for us in any detail. Why is this? Could it be that God knows that His image in our minds

might become the basis for idolatry, which the Scriptures condemn (Exodus 20:4-5; Acts 17:29)? Even with no biblical basis and in light of its condemnation, false images of Jesus abound, from Eastern and Russian Orthodox icons to classic Catholic works of art; and to those we must add the numerous portrayals of Christ in the movies. Scriptural censuring aside (because too few seem to care or heed what the Bible says), of what possible value would there be in a *misrepresentation* of Jesus—especially for those who claim to know Him personally? As Dave Hunt has noted, “Wouldn’t that be like a man carrying a picture of a beautiful actress in his wallet under the guise of ‘she reminds me of my wife’”? What might his wife think of that? What might it do to their relationship? We could ask the same question regarding our own intimate relationship with Jesus. Wouldn’t that grieve Him?

When Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him, Peter replied, “Thou knowest that I love thee.” Following Peter’s responses, Jesus commanded him to “feed My lambs, feed My sheep.” What, then, of today’s shepherds who are feeding their sheep a diet created by Hollywood, put together by hirelings? What of those highly influential Christian leaders who have endorsed the *Son of God*, who have given themselves to ad campaigns for the movie, whose churches have purchased nearly 500,000 theater seats (prior to the film’s opening) for their flocks? Is it truly the love of God’s sheep and His Word that is persuading them to lead His flock into grievous error?

The incredible power of the medium of film resides in its capacity to impact emotions through imagery, acting, dialogue, and music. Tears can flow even in animated movies. People can have artificial “life-changing” experiences based upon what they see on the screen, but the Word of God declares: “the flesh profiteth nothing” (John 6:63). A movie-generated catharsis may affect a person *experientially*, but it cannot enrich him *spiritually*, nor can it save anyone who is lost.

More and more “biblical” movies will continue to be produced for a time because Hollywood, which has historically been opposed to biblical truth, recognizes that right now Christians, and particularly their “leaders,” are a viable revenue source. The movie industry will continue to seduce the shepherds and fleece the sheep until the “evangelical” marketing scheme plays itself out. Tragically, we are seeing in all of this the words of Peter fulfilled: “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you” (2 Peter 2:3).

Quotable

If God's *day* of grace is as a *thousand years*, there is an *eternity* of suffering in the compressed *three hours* of darkness of the cross.

In the daylight we see our Lord's suffering at the hands of men; in the darkness He suffered at the hands of God. In the former it is the injustice of men; in the latter it is the justice of God. It is man's hatred of the Bearer of sin; it is God's hatred of the burden of sin.

—Neil M. Fraser,
The Grandeur of Golgotha

Q&A

CORRECTION: Your ministry has blessed us for many years. We rely on your attention to detail (fact-checks) and integrity. The Strange Fire Conference article implied that *Seduction*, published in 1985, influenced/motivated Chuck Smith to write *Charisma vs Charismania* (e.g., "similar books by others followed.... *Seduction* also motivated..."). *Seduction* certainly was a powerful book that (I would guess) influenced many apologetic ministries. But Chuck Smith wrote *CvC* in 1983, two years before *Seduction*. *CvC* was published in 1992 but it was first published in 1983.

RESPONSE: We stand corrected, and we thank you for bringing this error to our attention. We had only seen the 1992 publishing date and suggested that *Seduction* may have been an influence. Although we don't like to report anything erroneously and are thankful to those like yourself who take the time to keep us on track with the truth, I can see an additional blessing stemming from our mistake. It gives us the opportunity to affirm the spiritual integrity of Chuck Smith, the founder of the Calvary Chapel movement, who, as you point out in your letter, was disparaged at the SFC by some who were "equating Calvary Chapel with the excesses of the Charismatic movement." As you noted, "Chuck always spoke *against* the excesses of the movement," and he was doing it before many of us.

QUESTION: I've spent countless hours talking to those who support biblical movies, and no matter what concerns I raise that are abundantly clear from the Scriptures, the final word on their part is, "I hear what you're saying, but I still feel that God can use such movies to win people to Jesus." I am continually frustrated by their lack of biblical discernment. What do you say to those who respond based upon what they feel?

RESPONSE: God, in His abundant mercy, can certainly bring conviction of sin and draw a person to Himself in ways and means that seem to be an exception to what we would normally see. Consider these scenarios: 1) A Roman Catholic at Mass hears a verse quoted from Scripture during the priest's homily. The verse speaks to the person's heart and leads him to the biblical gospel and salvation. 2) A Jehovah's Witness is reading through his New World Translation bible, and some of its verses that contradict Witness doctrine lead the person to trust in the biblical Jesus. 3) Some of the writings in the Book of Mormon (which were plagiarized from the King James Version of the Bible) are read by a Mormon, who is then convicted by those words; they help lead him out of the cult, and to salvation. God's Word, as we know, will not return void but will accomplish what He intends (Isaiah 55:11).

Can we then say that the Mass, the New World Translation, and the Book of Mormon are legitimate means of bringing the lost to Christ? No. To support such erroneous, even blasphemous, spiritual devices as valid for evangelizing is to give credence to those things that are an abomination before God, not to mention that they are a pack of lies. God cannot support such things for evangelizing that contradict or corrupt His Word, and He does not. Again, in His mercy He may *use* such things even when they contain only a slight hint of truth to help deliver a person from spiritual bondage.

Biblical movies are similar to the above examples because in the attempt to translate the Bible to the screen, the content must be altered to fit the medium. That involves adding dialogue to the Scriptures not found in the Bible, scenes not found there, characters who are portrayed out of their biblical context, emotions and drama not indicated in Scripture, locations not consistent with Scripture, and the list goes on. In other words, they are a major distortion of God's Word. For those who still cling to the belief that God, nevertheless, is using such errors to draw multitudes of the lost to Himself, we appeal to them to consider these two words: *damage control*.

Although God may use whatever truth may be gleaned from any medium, the unsaved meanwhile will have been subjected to a truckload of unbiblical teaching. God's objective would not be to have people partake of the errors but rather that the lost would respond to the truth. Those evangelical Christians who know the Lord, however, and who watched movies such as *The Passion of the Christ* and *Son of God* have consequently been fed imagery that confuses their biblical literacy at best and corrupts the truth of what they have already

been taught at worst. This is damage that has serious consequences and must be dealt with for the sake of *both* the lost as well as believers.

QUESTION: I get the idea that you just have a bad attitude about movies. Is that the case?

RESPONSE: You are only partially correct. My "bad attitude" is primarily directed at *biblical* movies. As someone who was trained and who worked professionally in the film industry and has a great love for the Bible, I've tried to explain in many writings that the Word of God cannot be presented visually without destroying its truth. On the other hand, I do like *some* movies, although the number of them you could put on the head of a pin with room to spare. *Chariots of Fire* and *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* have made my list of favorite movies with Christian content, if that personal information is of any interest to you.

Here is a brief synopsis of my concerns regarding biblical movies and the body of Christ: Movies are the most influential communication medium today. The power of a movie itself lies in its ability to influence and even control the emotions of the audience. Scenes are put together to elicit emotional responses from viewers. Powerful images combined with heartrending music all too often compel the person to react beyond his or her control. Who has never unexpectedly shed a tear at a movie?

Sadly, that can even be a problem for Christians who have a personal relationship with the Lord and are somewhat familiar with the Scriptures. Discernment can easily take a back seat to emotions that have been manipulated by compelling images. For example, believers may supply or fill in what they know about Jesus from Scripture when the screen version doesn't warrant it and may even contradict what the Bible says. Consequently, they can easily miss the obvious biblical errors. What results may be a kind of emotional catharsis, that is, a fleshly experience mistaken for a spiritual experience based upon truth.

Furthermore, visual screen errors have a way of clinging to the mind of the viewer. As I mentioned elsewhere (TBC, 07/13), I have interviewed young adults who were biblically literate, questioning them about scenes they remembered from "biblical" movies. More often than not, they couldn't discriminate between scenes added by Hollywood that were in their minds and those they thought were in the Scriptures. At best their understanding of the Bible was terribly confused. That is a huge problem in these days of apostasy where biblical discernment is vital for the spiritual welfare of believers.



IN DEFENSE *of the* FAITH

BIBLICAL ANSWERS *to* CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

Must We Become Experts on All Religions?

QUESTION: Since there are so many sacred books of various religions, all of which claim to be true, how can anyone be sure that the Bible is the true Word of God without first examining all the others? Even though another sacred writing might be mostly false, couldn't it still have enough truth in it to make it worth the time and effort to examine all religious writings?

RESPONSE: That philosophy leads to liberalism's conclusion that there is no definitive truth and no conclusive answer to any question whatsoever. For example, how could one be certain that two plus two was only four without first examining whether it might not also be three or five or six or seven or every other number? Since numbers are infinite, one would never come to the end of the search. So it is with religion: No one could live long enough to examine every claim of every religion that has ever existed. Nor is such an effort necessary.

Thankfully, truth is not arrived at by a process of elimination. The fact that two plus two equals four *and only four* can be proved without looking at every other number. And so it is with the Bible: its validity can be determined from examining it alone.

The Exclusivity of the Bible's Claims

Whether the Bible is true or not depends upon the facts relating to that particular book. It is not to be arrived at by examining all other sacred books, concluding that none of the others is true, and then because the Bible is the only religious book left, accepting it. Every sacred book, including the Bible itself, could be and would be false if there were no God and/or if God had not chosen to reveal Himself and His will to mankind in written form. Whether He has done so or not is a question that cannot be answered by a process of elimination but must be determined factually.

Furthermore, if the Bible is the Word of God, as it claims (such terms as "Thus saith the Lord," "The word of the Lord came unto me," etc., are found about 3,800 times in the Bible), then all other sacred books must be false just as all other gods must be

false. The God of the Bible says He is the only true God: "I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. . . . Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any. . . . There is no God else beside me . . . for I am God, and there is none else" (Isaiah 44:6, 8; 45:21–22). If He is God alone, then the Bible through which He speaks must be His Word alone also.

Once one has come to know the true God, there is no need to check out all other possible gods just in case one of them might have some legitimacy. That possibility has been eliminated by knowing that the God of the Bible is the *only* true God. And once one has verified the Bible's claim to be the *only* Word of God by internal and external proofs, by archaeological and historical evidence, and, most of all, by meeting the Christ and God of the Bible, then there is no need to examine any other sacred books to see whether one of them might not have some truth in it as well.

The only reason for becoming familiar with other religions and other religious writings would be in order to show those who follow these false systems wherein the error lies and thereby to rescue them.

TBC NewsWatch

POPE FRANCIS TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

HUFFINGTONPOST.COM, 3/13/14, "John Boehner Invites Pope Francis To Address Congress" [EXCERPTS]: As Pope Francis celebrated his one-year anniversary, House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) announced that an open invitation has been extended to him to address a joint session of Congress.

According to a statement from the speaker's office, the event would be an "excellent opportunity for the American people as well as the nations of the world to hear his message in full."

Boehner wrote, "It is with reverence and admiration that I have invited Pope Francis, as head of state of the Holy See and the first Pope to hail from the Americas, to address a joint meeting of the United States Congress.

"Pope Francis has inspired millions of Americans with his pastoral manner and servant leadership, challenging all people to lead lives of mercy, forgiveness, solidarity, and humble service.

"His social teachings, rooted in 'the joy of the gospel,' have prompted careful reflection and vigorous dialogue among people of all ideologies and religious views in the United States and throughout a rapidly changing world, particularly among those who champion human dignity, freedom, and social justice.

"These principles are among the fundamentals of the American Idea. And though our nation sometimes fails to live up to these principles, at our best we give them new life as we seek the common good.

"The Holy Father's pastoral message challenges people of all faiths, ideologies and political parties. His address as a visiting head of state before a joint meeting of the House and Senate would honor our nation in keeping with the best traditions of our democratic institutions. It would also offer an excellent opportunity for the American people as well as the nations of the world to hear his message in full."

[TBC: Pope Francis continues to draw followers with his ecumenical message and a social gospel suitable for the world but with nothing to change the hearts of men.]

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SINGAPORE TO BE CENTER OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL

REUTERS.COM, 3/6/14, "SINGAPORE MEGACHURCHES HOPE TO MAKE CITY-STATE INTO CENTER OF PROSPERITY GOSPEL CHRISTIANITY" [EXCERPTS]: "God is here, God is here," croons Singapore church official Sun Ho as she struts across a neon-lit stage

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Kong Hee, the church's founding pastor and Sun Ho's husband, then takes the stage. In keeping with the electrifying mood, he invites his followers to speak "in tongues" and a pulsing murmur echoes through the auditorium of 8,000 people.

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With a "prosperity gospel" that blends the spiritual and the material, City Harvest and other Pentecostal megachurches in the wealthy Asian city-state have perfected a popular and lucrative model.

Evangelising missions by City Harvest, including pop concerts by Sun Ho in China, Taiwan and the United States, have helped it gather followers across Asia and set up 49 affiliate churches in Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan and India.

City Harvest—whose founder faces trial, along with five others, on charges of criminal breach of trust and falsifying accounts over the use of nearly S\$51 million (\$40.2 million) in church funds - also has a bible college that trains church leaders from countries such as Norway, Kazakhstan and Zimbabwe.

(www.goo.gl/4dw5hC)

ISLAMISTS DEMAND LEVY FROM CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA

REUTERS.COM, 2/26/14, "ISLAMISTS DEMAND LEVY FROM CHRISTIANS IN SYRIAN CITY" [EXCERPTS]: An al Qaeda splinter group has demanded that Christians in a Syrian city it controls pay a levy in gold and curb displays of their faith in return for protection, according to a statement posted online.

The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), mainly composed of foreign fighters, is widely considered the most radical of the groups fighting President Bashar al-Assad, and is also engaged in a violent struggle with rival Islamist rebels.

Its directive to Christians in the eastern city of Raqqa is the latest evidence of the group's ambition to establish a state in Syria founded on radical Islamist principles, a prospect that concerns Western and Arab backers of other rebel groups fighting Assad.

ISIL said it would ensure Christians' safety in exchange for the levy and their adherence to restrictions on their faith, citing the Islamic legal precept of 'dhimma.'

It said Christians must not make renovations to churches or other religious buildings, display religious insignia outside of churches, ring church bells or pray in public. It demanded every Christian man pay a tax of up to 17 grams of gold,

a levy that was common in Muslim states centuries ago.

The directive also bans Christians from owning weapons and from selling pork or wine to Muslims or drinking wine in public.

Raqqa was the first and only city to fall completely under rebel control last year. After repelling an offensive last month... ISIL has turned its attention to setting up a state based on a radical interpretation of Islamic law.

It issued a more general set of restrictions for all residents of Raqqa last month, but this week's notice included the most extensive restrictions yet on Christians.

The recognized al Qaeda affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front, has demanded ISIL submit to mediation to end the infighting that has killed about 3,300 people this year, saying it will "eradicate" them if they do not comply in the coming days.

(<http://goo.gl/yBWK21>)

WHY HAS LENT BECOME COOL WITH EVANGELICALS?

CHRISTIANITY.COM, 3/12/14, "Why Has Lent Become Cool with Evangelicals?" [EXCERPTS]: Born in the Bible Belt and raised in an evangelical church, I didn't know what Lent was until after I graduated from college. That was nearly ten years ago, and since that time I've seen an explosion of evangelical observation of Lent.

Figuring out why anything becomes popular always involves some speculation, but the following factors seem to play the largest role in Lent's growing trendiness among evangelicals.

The Internet rapidly exposes us to new ideas and social media gives us a virtual window into the lives of others, putting names and faces on practices, like Lent, that once may have seemed strange to us.

Our society has a double-love of experience. Economically, most people can afford the goods and services they need, so experience is 'the last frontier.' That's why we pay top dollar for unique experiences. Philosophically, most people today believe that experience trumps reason. What we feel about something is more important than what someone else says about it. In our experience-loving culture, is it really a surprise that Lent has become so popular?

(<http://goo.gl/KTJf11>)

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- Aug 29-31** **TBC Conference**
Bend, OR
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- Mar 28/Apr 4** **Dennis and Rauni Higley**
Ministry to Mormons
- Apr 11/18** **Mark Dinsmore**
Therapeutic Prayer Practices
- Apr 25/May 2** **Emily Rand**
Ministry to Young Women

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Letters

To the Berean Call,

We are so grateful to you for your faithfulness in serving God in your unique way.

When we come to the place where we feel like Elijah ("I am the only one left..."), we receive your *Berean Call* and rejoice that there are still those "whose knees have not bowed down to Baal."

May God continue to use you in His work. T&MK (CT)

Dear Brother McMahon,

I have received your magazine for many years and I really appreciate how you project your ideas on the written page. My family and I were missionaries to Costa Rica and Spain for 12 years and then pastored a church in Washington State....Perhaps I am wrong, but I have noted that the American church is quite shallow in the sense that I don't see the evangelism, the all-night prayer meetings that we were accustomed to on the mission field, praise and worship that is not just a "song service," older women teaching the younger women things that they have learned from experience, and other things....I don't want to be critical, but I have learned to observe. Your teaching is really needed. JH (AR)

To Berean Call,

As a Calvinist, I object strongly to your flawed and humanistic interpretation of God's Sovereignty in salvation. We purchased *What Love Is This?* and found it unreadable! Convoluted and totally illogical! However, I am also an ex-Catholic and applaud your efforts there as well as against so many other assaults on the faith, especially psychology! Thank you. JC (TX)

Dear Berean Call,

Praise the Lord! Just a quick note to say thank you to all the TBC staff. I really appreciate your ongoing work....Dave Hunt's teaching (as well as Tom McMahon's) has greatly blessed me. Keep up the good work. DM (IL, prisoner)

Mr. McMahon,

Your own doctrine needs to be examined in the light of the Word of God and Paul's gospel. There is no Rapture....The Israel of God is not physical Israel. It is the church! ...Dave Hunt is gone now. You can either carry on his legacy or true yourself up with the Word of God and the Gospel as taught us by Paul....The church needs to come out of her Babylonian captivity! She has been there almost seventy years under the Judaized gospel of Scofield....You will answer to God, and not to Dave Hunt, in eternity.... ML (email)

Dear T. A. and Staff,

Just a word of appreciation for Dave Hunt. His stable confidence in God's Word [taught us] that all men can understand God's Word....The individual's responsibility and accountability to seek out the Word for themselves is missing in the body today (people are relying on others to explain it to them). I put my trust in Jesus when I was 26 years old and some of the first works I listened to were Dave's. This has been of extreme value to me as I also recognize that no person can come to the knowledge of the truth without...seeking it for themselves.... JB (email)

Dear Berean Call,

Thanks for your faithful service [and] for your article on the Hebrew Roots Movement. How timely! HRM has infiltrated at least one of the members of our church. Our pastor addressed HRM in a sermon recently. Up until then I had no knowledge of HRM and am still amazed that so many people are immersed in an aberration so removed from the finished work of Christ. They cannot see that "in Christ" (which we now are) we *have* fulfilled the law. If only the church could see the depth of Jesus' prayer in John 17:21. J&SL (NM)

Dear Brother McMahon,

I am sad for the TBC staff in now being without both Dave and Ruth. However, how wonderful to know that they are together in the presence of the Lord whom they served so passionately throughout their lives.

May the Lord bless and reward you all for carrying on their tradition so seamlessly. *The Berean Call* is as uplifting, educational, and spiritually thought provoking as it has always been. I truly feel in the company of family whenever I am reading my copy from one end to the other. Have never found anything to disagree with! Thank you for the immense work that goes into every aspect of your publication and thank you for the blessing it imparts. BL (MI)

TBC Notes

A Few "Faith" Reminders...

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

— HEBREWS 10:38-39

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

— HEBREWS 11:1-3

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

— HEBREWS 11:5-6

We pray that all of us would have the testimony of Enoch...that we pleased God.

T. A. McMAHON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GRACE — ONE STEP AT A TIME

AN EXCERPT FROM *Why Grace Changes Everything* BY CHUCK SMITH

Walking in the Spirit is an amazingly practical proposition. It doesn't mean that we float through life with a halo over our head and an angelic smile on our face. We can be spiritually minded and still relate to people about earthly things. Some believers react so strongly against the pervasive worldliness of our culture that they lose the ability to communicate with their friends, relatives, and neighbors. Walking in the Spirit doesn't take us out of reality; it allows us to function in reality with optimum effectiveness.

Relationship First

Somebody once said, "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." How true that is in the spiritual realm! While walking in the Spirit is an incredibly practical proposition, we must bear in mind that it's not the place we begin. *Relationship always precedes behavior.*

A great example of this principle is found in the book of Ephesians. The first three chapters all deal with relationship. Only then does the fourth chapter begin, "Therefore...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The relationship comes first because it provides the foundation for everything that follows.

If we try to walk without first establishing the proper relationship, we won't make it. Walking requires that we first acquire balance. This is true even in the physical realm. Before children take their first steps, they must learn how to keep their balance while sitting. Next they master the art of standing. Then they learn to wobble a little. And only after that do they develop the ability to walk.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul tells us that by understanding what it means to be seated with Christ we will begin to experience the power of God, which in turn will allow us to walk in a manner pleasing to Him. There is a definite progression here. First we must have a balanced relationship with God; then we can learn to walk.

At one time all of us lived after our flesh, obeying the desires of our flesh and our minds, and were alienated from God. But then God's grace transformed our lives and we began to enjoy delightful fellowship with the Lord. We continue to enjoy that deep fellowship as we allow God's Spirit to exercise control over our lives.

Walking Our Talk

There are many who claim to have a relationship with God, who throw around all the right Christian buzzwords and catchphrases, but who simply aren't walking with God in any practical way. It is crucial that we learn to "walk our talk." Our lives must be consistent with the calling, the blessings, and the profession we make concerning our new relationship with God.

The question is: how do we manage this? How do we avoid being carried away by the allure of the world? Paul had an answer in Galatians 5:16: "This I say then, *walk in the Spirit*, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (emphasis added).

The Greek word translated "walk" in this passage is a term used to describe the dominant characteristic of a person's life. If someone were to have a reputation as a real miser he would be known as a person who "walked" in greed. If a person characteristically was concerned and helpful, he would be known as someone who "walked" in kindness.

To walk in the Spirit means that we allow the Holy Spirit to exercise control over our lives. Every day we are presented with the option of living after the Spirit or after our own fleshly desires. Our mind is the battleground where we will decide which will have dominion.

It is helpful to remember that God has designed the human mind to work much as a computer does. A computer can only produce that which has been programmed into it. In like manner, our minds

are being programmed daily. If our input comes from the flesh, our lives will be characterized by the flesh. If we begin to program our minds with the things of the Spirit, our lives will begin to reflect the priorities of the Spirit.

How easy it is to fall into the trap of making a bold profession to please the flesh! Certainly the power that our fallen nature can hold over us is one of the biggest problems we face in life. How can we be free from the seemingly unconquerable bondage to the flesh?

The simple yet profound answer is this: *Don't fight the flesh; strengthen the Spirit!* Don't fight against the darkness; turn on the light.

To do this we must first recognize that we have both a spiritual and a fleshly side to our nature. If we are to walk in the Spirit, we must feed the spiritual man. We all know what it means to feed the physical side of our nature. If I miss feeding my body, it is not subtle about reminding me of its needs.... We exercise and take vitamins so that we might grow strong physically. Becoming strong in spirit requires a similar regimen. We must regularly consume the bread of life, the Word of God.

Taking in the Word

How ironic it is that our consumption of the Word is often the last thing we get around to. "Of course, I need to spend time in God's Word," we say, "but I just don't seem to have time right now." In essence, we are fasting in the Spirit. Our spiritual side often gets fed irregularly, spasmodically, and in an unbalanced way. We neglect regular, systematic study of the Word for a "let's flip open the Bible and see what catches our eye" approach. Often we have no consistent practice of Bible study or personal growth.... As a result, the spiritual man becomes weak and the flesh begins to dominate.

If I want my spiritual man to be strong, it only stands to reason that I must sow to my spirit. I can't be sowing to the flesh and hope that I'm somehow going to produce a spiritual crop. In order to walk in the Spirit, I must begin to feed the spirit. That means I must make it a point to get more and more into the Word of God....

It is important to see God's Word as the essential that it is. Jesus claimed that His words were spirit and life, so a regular, systematic time in God's Word is essential if we are to walk in the Spirit.

Communing with God

A high priority on prayer is another essential for experiencing the joys of walking in the Spirit. As we thrill to the excitement of communing with God, we find ourselves being strengthened in spirit. We become more and more conscious of the presence of God in all that we do and in every circumstance we encounter.

Being aware of God's presence opens our understanding to a more full and developed worldview. I am convinced that one of our greatest needs is to become more and more aware of God's presence at all times....

Our lives can be remarkably transformed when we come to realize that God is with us continually. Losing sight of that fact can open the door to spiritual disaster. The farther God is removed from our consciousness, the more we are strongly drawn to the things that feed and please our fallen nature. When we stumble and fall, we may point to many external factors to explain our behavior, but the root of our problem is a failure to keep God's presence in mind. The instruction to walk in the Spirit simply means that we are to deliberately make God our constant traveling companion as we move through the day.

When we walk in the Spirit, living in constant awareness of the presence of God, we no longer need others to nag and preach at us about living up to Christian standards. Our lives will be revolutionized as we keep the nearness and love of God in the front of our minds.



2014 TBC

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IT'S TIME TO BEGIN planning for another exciting Berean Call conference in beautiful Bend, Oregon – August 29-31! There is no cost to attend the meetings (though pre-registration is required).

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G. Richard (Dick) Fisher served as pastor of Laurelton Park Baptist Church in Bricktown, New Jersey, for more than 40 years, from 1968 until his retirement in June 2009. Pastor Fisher was also part of the teaching staff at Central Jersey Bible Institute for over three decades, where he had served as Dean of the school. He currently serves as an officer of Personal Freedom Outreach. Dick is a contributing writer to the PFO Quarterly Journal and a co-author of a book published by PFO, *The Confusing World of Benny Hinn*.



T. A. McMAHON

T. A. McMahon is president and executive director of The Berean Call ministry, editor-in-chief and contributing writer for *The Berean Call* newsletter, co-author of *The Seduction of Christianity*, and author of *Showtime for the Sheep?* and *Temporal Delusion*. Holder of a master's degree in communications, he has researched and written numerous documentaries and scripted several feature films. His writing/producing for Christian videos includes *The God Makers*, *Israel, Islam & Armageddon*, and *Psychology and the Church*.



WARREN B. SMITH

Warren B. Smith is a former social worker who directed several homeless programs in Northern California and served as a hospice social worker in New Orleans and on the California coast. Prior to coming to Christ, Warren was involved in the New Age movement. That experience has prompted him to write extensively on the subject of spiritual deception in the church. Warren is the author of many books including *The Light That Was Dark*, *A "Wonderful" Deception*, *False Christ Coming*, and his latest book *Another Jesus Calling*. Warren is a frequent speaker at conferences and on radio and television.



RON MERRYMAN

Ron Merryman has been involved in Christian ministry for more than 50 years. He has served the Lord as a pastor and in several Bible colleges. Ron has authored many books including, *Galatians: God's Antidote to Legalism* and *Millennial Eschatology: The Triumphant Kingdom of Messiah*. He writes and manages Merryman Ministries from his home in Tullahoma, Tennessee.



PAUL WILKINSON

Paul Wilkinson is the Associate Minister at Hazel Grove Full Gospel Church in Stockport, England. He holds a BSc in Mathematics from York, and a BA, MA, and PhD in Theology from Manchester. An international conference speaker, writer, and contributor to Christian television, radio, and documentaries, Paul has also studied and lectured at the International School of Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and is a recognized authority on "Christian Palestinianism." He is the author of *Understanding Christian Zionism - Israel's Place in the Purposes of God* (formerly titled *For Zion's Sake*), which addresses Christian Zionism, Christian Palestinianism, and charts Dispensationalism and the role of John Nelson Darby. Paul has been a featured speaker at our past three conferences (2011, 2012, 2013) and we look forward to hearing from him again in 2014.

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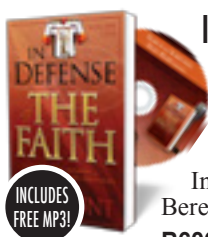


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Donald E. Chittick holds a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Oregon State University and has taught at the University of Puget Sound and George Fox College. A contributor to several books and periodicals, he has lectured on the creation/evolution topic throughout the past two decades, both in the United States and abroad. Dr. Chittick was a speaker at The Berean Call 2008 conference – see DVD below.



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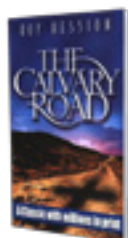
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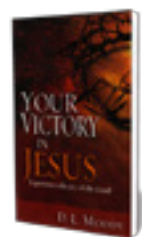


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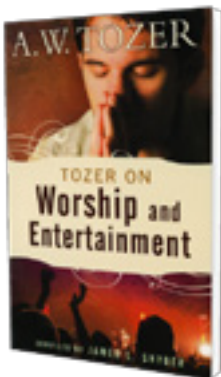
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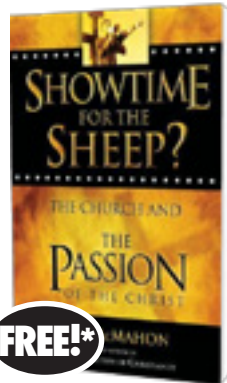


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