

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

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

King of the Jews

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AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, people who otherwise give little or no thought to God or Christ give lip service to the idea that more than 1,900 years ago Jesus was born in Bethlehem and “there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?” (Mt.2:1-2). Oddly, many Christians who believe Jesus was born “King of the Jews” attach no literal meaning to that title, especially one that has anything to do with *Jews*. Prophecies concerning Christ ruling the world from David’s throne in Jerusalem are taken as metaphors referring to His present rule from heaven.

Jerusalem was founded by King David 3,000 years ago. No fewer than 40 times the Bible calls Jerusalem “the city of David.” There God established David’s throne forever, and on that throne the Messiah, King of the Jews, descended from David, must reign over Israel and the world (2 Chr 6:6; 33:7; 2 Sam 7:16; Ps 89:3,4,20,21,29-36, etc.). Jerusalem is named more than 800 times in the Bible and is central to God’s plans. He has placed His name there forever.

Knowing that only the Messiah, descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, can defeat him, Satan has inspired 3,000 years of anti-Semitism. Destroying all Jews would have prevented Messiah from being born. Satan lost that round. But if all Jews were destroyed today, God couldn’t fulfill His promises that Christ would reign as King of the Jews on David’s throne at His second coming. God would be a liar and Satan the winner. God’s integrity and eternal purposes are linked to Israel’s survival!

Yasser Arafat claim[ed] that Israel has always belonged to Arabs and that Jerusalem has been an Arab city for thousands of years. In fact, it isn’t even mentioned in the Qur’an! On July 15, 1889, the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* reported that of Jerusalem’s 40,000 residents, 30,000 were Jews and most of the others were Christians. In 1948, when Israel declared its independence, only 3 percent of Palestine was owned by Arabs. Israel has its Knesset in Jerusalem. But the world won’t accept that, and foreign embassies are located elsewhere. In defiance of God and His King (Ps 2), the world has its own plans for Jerusalem.

Here we confront the broader aspects of anti-Semitism’s war against God and the King of the Jews: the attempt to control Jerusalem and God’s land (Lv.25:23). Incredibly, the UN Security Council has devoted nearly a third of its deliberations and resolutions to Israel, a country with less than one-thousandth of earth’s population! The UN has never condemned the Arabs for their terrorism but has condemned Israel more than 370 times for defending itself. In March 1999, the EU notified Israel again that it “does not recognize Israel’s sovereignty” over Jerusalem. In a papal bull on the Year 2000 Jubilee, Pope John Paul II once again rejected Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem.

We see the continuing fulfillment of Christ’s remarkable prophecy that Jerusalem would be “trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” (Lk 21:24). The capture by Israelis of East Jerusalem in 1967 seemed to mark the end of the “times of the Gentiles.” But in a surprising move, Israel turned

the Temple Mount back to the custodial care of King Hussein of Jordan, leaving the very heart of Jerusalem in Gentile hands. In 1994, Yasser Arafat and his PLO took control.

Roman Catholic doctrine that the nation of Israel has been replaced by that Church is spreading increasingly among evangelicals. This replacement of Israel is a subtle form of anti-Semitism. Instead of sending Jews to ovens, their significance and even their existence is denied: by some twist in history, those now commonly called Jews are supposedly not really Jews—the *real* Jews are Mormons, or British Israelites, or Catholics, or Christians!

The shameful horror of historical anti-Semitism provides a shocking exposé of the human heart. Satan found multitudes of partners (many of whom called themselves Christians) only too eager to malign, persecute, and kill God’s chosen people. Hitler’s “final solution to the Jewish problem” was known to Roosevelt, Churchill and other allied leaders, who did nothing. Neutral Switzerland and Sweden turned escaping Jews back to Hitler’s ovens. [See Mar 2000 Q&A]

Incredibly, a typical Jordanian textbook equates Zionism with Nazism! Yet Arabs applauded and aided Hitler—and Islam pursues Hitler’s “solution” to this day. Hitlerian threats pour continuously from Muslim religious and political leaders on TV and over radios and loudspeakers in mosque and street. The battle between Yahweh, the God of Israel, who loves Jews as His chosen people, and Allah, the god of Islam, who hates them with a passion, is building to an awesome climax.

It is every Muslim’s *religious* duty to exterminate the Jews. Muslims dream of destroying Israel. They name holidays and streets after murderers of innocent Israeli citizens and hold celebrations honoring terrorists. Islam’s leaders have called for a spiritual revival as the key to Israel’s destruction—and Islamic fundamentalism, which brazenly employs terrorism worldwide, is now sweeping the world.

Islamic scholars agree that it is the sacred duty of every Muslim in every age to wage *jihad* (holy war) to force the entire world to submit to Islam. There are more than 100 verses in the Qur’an about fighting and killing in that quest. A Libyan cabinet minister explained, “Violence is the Muslim’s most positive form of prayer.”

In spite of his rape of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein [was] beloved by millions of Arabs because his scud missiles heavily damaged Israeli civilian targets, and he repeatedly call[ed] for Israel’s destruction. When Kaddafi scream[ed], “The battle with Israel will be such that... Israel will cease to exist!” he [spoke] for every Muslim. Islam’s founding prophet, Muhammad, declared, “The last hour will not come before the Muslims fight the Jews and the Muslims kill them.”

Islam’s desire to exterminate Israel is taught from childhood. A Syrian Minister of Education wrote, “The hatred which we indoctrinate into the minds of our children from birth is sacred.” A ninth-grade Egyptian textbook declares, “Israel shall not live if the Arabs stand fast in their hatred.” And a fifth-grade textbook states, “The Arabs do not cease to act for the extermination of Israel.” It is suicidal for Israel to trade strategic land for “peace” with such enemies—but the world forces her.

Muhammad showed Muslims how to make “peace.” In AD 628 he made a peace treaty with his own Kuraish tribe. Two years later, he suddenly attacked Mecca and slaughtered every male.

Arafat publicly declared, “In the name of Allah...I am not considering it [the Israeli-PLO peace accord] more than the agreement signed between our prophet Muhammad and the Kuraish tribe.... Peace for us means the destruction of Israel....” No place for the King of the Jews! This is Islam—take a close look!

Muslim nations arm themselves with missiles capable of delivering chemical, biological, and nuclear warheads. Syria has manufactured thousands of chemical warheads, has huge stores of biological weapons, and has tripled its military and air power since the 1973 Yom Kippur War. The whole world knows these weapons have one purpose: to destroy Israel. But Israel also has nuclear weapons (now deployed in new, efficient submarines) and would use them if needed. Who will bring peace?

Christ warned of such incredible destruction that if He did not intervene to stop it, no flesh would be left alive on earth (Mt 24:21-22). That remarkable prophecy anticipated today’s modern weapons. No wonder the God of the Bible, who twelve times calls Himself “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,” promises repeatedly to defend Israel and Jerusalem in the last days! Having brought Israel to birth in 1948, God will complete His purpose. He declares, “Shall a nation be born...? Shall I bring to the birth,...saith the LORD...and shut the womb?” (Is 66:8-9).

In its mad rebellion against God, the world rejects the “King of the Jews” and His promised rule of international peace from David’s throne in Jerusalem and makes its own plans. The ideal of a humanistic world government has been pursued since Babel. In 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) was established. The next year its journal, *Foreign Affairs*, stated that there would be “no peace or prosperity for mankind...until some kind of international system is created....” In 1934, H. G. Wells declared, “There must be a common faith and law for mankind....The main battle is an educational battle.” Children are being educated to reject God and embrace Antichrist. In 1973, in the *Saturday Review of Education*, Gloria Steinem, feminist leader, stated that by the year 2000 “we will, I hope, raise our children to believe in Human Potential, not God.”

In May 1947, Winston Churchill declared, “Unless some effective world supergovernment...can be set up and begin to reign, the prospects for peace and human progress are dark and doubtful....” In 1948, in *UNESCO: Its Purpose and Its Philosophy*, Sir Julian Huxley, its first director-general, explained that “The general philosophy of UNESCO should be a scientific world humanism, global in extent and evolutionary in background...to help the emergence of a single world culture....” UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said that the “concept of national sovereignty” is being redefined and would have to be set aside. In 2000, in a step toward a world religion, “the UN will extend its peacekeeping role into spiritual territory” and call for “its first summit for world religious leaders.”

No matter the form of government, rulers are selfish and oppressive. That has been repeatedly demonstrated worldwide. Africa threw off white colonial rule, but instead of freedom, there was new bondage to black despots. Instead of peace and prosperity, there is growing chaos, poverty, unrest, and tribal and ethnic wars, with blacks killing blacks, repeated coups, and revolutions that gain nothing.

Communism was once the big hope. The communist revolution in Russia was financed to a large extent by some of the wealthiest and most powerful men in America. Praising its enforced atheism, John Dewey wrote in *The New Republic* in 1928 that communism would “counteract and transform...the influence of home and Church” and ultimately fulfill the goals set forth in The Humanist Manifesto.

It sounded so good: equality for all. But those who enforced this “equality” were tyrants, looking out for their own selfish interests, who oppressed and stole from the people under them. Corruption flourished in the Soviet Union and China and still does in every communist nation.

The same has always been true of Islam. Muhammad imposed Islam with the sword. As soon as he died, much of Arabia tried to

abandon Islam, but was forced back into submission in the Wars of Apostasy, in which tens of thousands were killed. Nor did that bring peace. Muhammad’s closest companions and relatives fought savage wars for leadership, slaughtering one another for Allah and their dead prophet. Thousands of Muhammad’s followers were butchered by one rival faction or another.

Islam hasn’t changed. Between 1948 and 1973, there were 80 revolutions in the Arab world, 30 of them successful, including the murder of 22 heads of state. Sunnites, the largest Islamic sect, and Shi’ites, the next largest, still fight one another. In the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq, 1,000 tons of poison gas were used, and there were more deaths than in World War I. Islam can’t even bring peace among Muslims. Yet British Prime Minister Tony Blair said that Islam is synonymous with “peace, tolerance and a force for good.” Incredibly, the [former] Crystal Cathedral housed a joint “Christian and Muslim Institute for peace.”

Peace? Islamic countries are dictatorships that were led by ruthless murderers and international terrorists such as Iraq’s Saddam Hussein, Libya’s Kaddafi, and Hafez Assad of Syria. In the name of Allah, these men and others have imprisoned, tortured, and killed tens of thousands of their own citizens and train and finance worldwide terrorism. In PLO territories taken from Israel, as in every Muslim country, there is no freedom of conscience, speech, religion, election, or the media.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, and she has the problems that democracy breeds. The Holy Land is plagued with drugs, pornography, prostitution, youth rebellion, rape, robbery, and murder. Selfishness pits Israeli against Israeli. More than 200,000 Israeli women are victims of domestic violence each year. The savagery in Israeli schools rivals that of the United States. Violent crime among Israeli youth more than doubled from 1993 to 1998. There is hostility between religious and secular Israelis and increasing disillusionment with Judaism, especially among youth.

Were Jeremiah alive today, he would warn Israel once again of coming judgment. Israel must repent to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But what if she were to do so? The rabbis have no forgiveness to offer. They’ve had neither temple nor sacrifices for sin for 1,900 years—exactly as foretold (Hos 3:4; Lk 21:20-24)!

Why would God prophesy and allow this condition? Only if Jesus is the Messiah who, as the Lamb of God, died for the sins of Jew and Gentile. *If His sacrifice on the cross fulfilled all the Old Testament sacrifices, they are no longer needed.* That is the only explanation for God having left Israel without temple and sacrifice all these years.

The Hebrew scriptures contain more than 300 prophecies telling when and where the King of the Jews would be born, all about Him, including His rejection, crucifixion, and resurrection. All were fulfilled to the letter in Jesus Christ. If He is not the Messiah, there is no Messiah. On the very day the angel Gabriel foretold to Daniel (Dn 9:25), Jesus rode into Jerusalem, was hailed as the Messiah as Zechariah had prophesied (Zec 9:9), then was crucified for our sins and resurrected as Israel’s prophets had foretold. On the cross above His head, Pilate placed this accusation: “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS” (Mt 27:37).

According to undisputable history and Israel’s own prophets, it is over 1,900 years too late to expect the *first coming* of the Messiah. Israel’s only hope is His *second coming*. Tragically, it will take Armageddon for Israel to recognize her Messiah. When Yahweh personally appears to rescue Israel from destruction, every Jew alive will see that He is the man who was pierced to the death for their sins and resurrected, the very Messiah promised by their prophets, whom they have rejected. Then all Israel that is still alive will believe. And the King of the Jews at last “shall reign for ever and ever”! Right now He offers forgiveness, peace, eternal life, and a benevolent reign on the throne of every heart that will open to Him.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: Knowing that the Word of God prophesies that the age will end with apostasy both in the world and in the professing church, does this truth leave us with no hope of a revival in the American church that would alter the social and moral state of the nation? Can there be a true spiritual awakening in America where the power of evil is turned back and a return to righteousness occurs?

RESPONSE: We don't read of anything like that in the Bible for any time in history, much less in the last days. Jesus made it very clear that few are saved: "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Mt 7:14). There have been spiritual awakenings at times that have apparently influenced segments of the population, but none have lasted.

Reconstructionists misinterpret Christ's command, "Go ye therefore, and teach [disciple] all nations" (Mt 28:19), to mean that entire *nations* are to be disciplined. In fact, discipleship is for individuals. We are to call *individual* disciples out of the nations as Christ has called us out. That Christians are not of this world but have been called out of the world is stated by Christ; indeed, the world will hate those who belong to Him (Jn 15:18-20; 17:14,16). That hardly sounds like a vast number of people will be saved so that society itself is changed.

Christ, Paul, and Peter all warned of apostasy in the last days, that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," that false prophets would proliferate, that even those who call themselves Christians would not endure sound doctrine, that not only the five foolish but also the five wise virgins would be asleep at the time of the Rapture, etc. This does not mean that we should not continue to oppose heresy, to preach the gospel and seek to win as many as we can for the Lord. But rather than indicating a revival that would reform society, the Bible indicates the opposite.

QUESTION: Please expound upon how you all study the Bible—like step by step. I've never been taught how to study the Bible. I know I should pray while I read, but I want to know how you all come to the conclusion that a verse means something without someone else telling you that's what it means. Do I need another book to look up meanings of words?

RESPONSE: First of all, the Lord Jesus gave the promise of a "comforter," that is, the Holy Spirit. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13; see also John 14:26).

With this promise, we recognize that the Holy Spirit must be the primary teacher. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men [and women] liberally, and upbraideth [reproaches] not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

As you point out, we do need to begin with prayer. And, it may be profitable to have a dictionary, some basic commentary, or other study tools. We must, however, recognize that the writer of a commentary doesn't have the authority of the Holy Spirit, and too often he may only give his best guess. He may even be very wrong on some passages due to bias or preconceived ideas.

A Bible with marginal notes can also be helpful, particularly when pointing out parallel texts in the Scriptures, such as Old Testament verses cited in the New Testament.

Further, we must understand that our learning will at times seem very slow, but we need to realize that the Lord is thorough and establishes foundations on which other things may be added. In 2 Peter 3:16, Peter (speaking of Paul's epistles) says that in them, "...are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest (i.e., twist), as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

That brings us to the important consideration of "context." A verse is not understood by pulling it from the context. Rather, the meaning of a verse is determined by context. That is, we must read the verses prior to it and those following. If a verse in a chapter catches your attention, don't stop there. Finish the chapter. You may that find the context (or theme) of a chapter may begin in the previous chapter and continue into the following chapter. These are some basic principles in studying the Word of God.

QUESTION: You once made a comment in the Q&A section that "the lighting of candles in conjunction with religious observance is a pagan and occult practice." I beg to differ with you. God commanded the use of candles in worship of him in the Torah (Ex 25:37) and more than 50 other places in the Old Testament. The Menorah (candles) were commanded by God to be used in worship. This custom was practiced by the Jews to obey God. This is alluded to in the New Testament. Jesus is a/the [sic] light (candle). Revelation chapters 1-3 talk about candles and worship. Candles in worship are not prohibited or condemned in Scripture; in fact they are encouraged and commended. I think you need to reconsider your statement.

RESPONSE: On the contrary, neither the word "candle" nor "candles" is ever used in the Bible in relation to worship. The words "candlestick" and "candlesticks" (prior to Revelation) refer to objects used exclusively in the tabernacle and/or temple. There was, in fact, no "custom practiced by the Jews" involving candles or candlesticks. These items were unique. Their use was solely in conjunction with the priestly duties inside the tabernacle or temple, and there were no copies of them in use outside the tabernacle or temple for the Jews to involve in any of their customs.

Any religious use today of candles or candlesticks would signify a return "to the weak and beggarly elements" of the old covenant" (Gal 4:9) with its animal sacrifices. That would be a blatant denial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Candles and candlesticks were "a figure for the time then present...in meats and drinks...and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until...Christ being come an high priest of good things to come...by his own blood...entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb 9:1-12).

In Revelation, seven candlesticks are seen in heaven in Christ's presence. These are not used in worship but represent "the seven churches" to which Christ writes (1:20). There is one further mention of a candlestick: Christ warns the church at Ephesus to repent or He will "remove thy candlestick," i.e., no longer acknowledge it as a true church.

Candles are, however, used in witchcraft, and in Roman Catholicism as a symbol of prayer to the alleged saints. It would be unbiblical and could open the door to further error for true Christians to start to use candles as part of prayer or worship.

Mysticism, the Coming World Religion, and Dr. Strange

IN THE OCTOBER and November 2016 issues of *The Berean Call* newsletter, a thesis was presented based upon Scripture and an observation of what has been taking place in the world and Christendom. It is simply this: the coming worldwide religion of the Antichrist is rooted in and will establish itself as *mysticism*. Definitions of mysticism include: belief that one may attain a direct knowledge of and a final union with God or some Supreme Deity (personal or impersonal) through subjective experiences, altered states of consciousness, meditation, feelings, and occult manifestations. It is the turning from objective reality (reason, true science, facts) to metaphysical assumptions and speculations. Mysticism is believed to be the pathway to the spiritual realm that ultimately controls the physical universe. This article is a review of the latest global promotion of mysticism in the movie *Dr. Strange*.

Before I became a biblical Christian—one who was graciously saved by putting my faith in the sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the full payment for all my sins—I was a Hollywood screenwriter. One of the things I learned in my time at 20th Century-Fox studios and with independent productions was that as a screenwriter my primary objective was *entertainment*. The formula was hardly complex: the more entertaining the movie, the bigger the box office success. There are many other things that may go into a movie: for example, a message, a teaching, or a political, religious, or philosophical slant. But to the degree that any of those things detract from the entertainment value, they can put financial success in harm's way. That is a major reason why the majority of theatrical movies fail at the box office.

On the other hand, the movie medium is the most effective vehicle for promoting specific beliefs in the world today, and that potential is not lost on the screenwriter. For example, there are three movies that have had enormous success by featuring a religious teaching and yet lost no enthusiasts because the films were highly entertaining. *Star Wars* introduced the Force as a spiritual energy field that connects all living things. Director George Lucas wanted to “awaken a certain kind of spirituality in young audiences, suggesting a belief in God without endorsing any specific religion” (*The Mythology of Star Wars* [2000 documentary]). The ongoing theme of controlling the power of the Force produced occult manifestations throughout the *Star Wars* episodes such as telepathy and using the mind to manipulate matter. From the late 1970s on, children have been inculcated with “May the Force be with you,” and Yoda’s instruction to Luke Skywalker for manipulating the Force: “Luke, trust your feelings.” Entertaining? Yes. Spiritually seductive? Yes. Antithetical to Scripture? Totally.

In 2009, *Avatar* (a Hindu term for an incarnated spirit or god) at one point surpassed *Star Wars* at the box office, becoming the highest grossing film in history. As *Star Wars* is to Eastern mystical occultism, the movie *Avatar* is to the largest non-centralized and non-structured religion in the world: shamanism. Shamanism is practiced throughout the globe, from Siberia to the Solomon Islands, from Africa to the Far East. Yet the fact that it functions identically among people groups who have never been in contact with one another confirms that the shaman’s guidance comes from a nonhuman (i.e., spiritual) source. *Avatar* portrays a litany of anti-biblical beliefs, albeit in a highly entertaining way: through

reincarnation, the worship of nature and nature spirits, Gaia as supreme deity, Hinduism, goddess worship, panentheism, the connection of humans and nature, the purity of those closest to nature, and spirit/soul travel. Writer/director James Cameron loaded his film with Hindu nuances (e.g., the blue skin of the Na’vi, akin to the gods Krishna and Rama) and declared that he “tried to make a film that would touch people’s spirituality across the broad spectrum” (*The Times of India*, retrieved March 20, 2010).

Both *Star Wars* and *Avatar* teach various aspects of mysticism indirectly through their focus on the Force and shamanism respectively, but *Dr. Strange* (the latest of the Marvel super heroes to come to the big screen) is a narrative that specifically and clearly explains mysticism as the story unfolds. A surgeon at the top of his profession loses the use of his hands due to a horrific car crash. Nothing scientifically attempted is able to restore his surgical skills. Dr. Strange, therefore, having lost all but a fleck of hope, journeys to Katmandu. His huge ego, wrapped in a materialist mindset, sets the stage for Mysticism Apologetics 101. There he is led to the “Ancient One,” a sorceress who dismantles his zealous disbelief in nonphysical reality.

Dr. Strange: “I do not believe in fairy tales about chakras or energy.... There is no such thing as spirit. We are made of matter and nothing more.” Brushing his ignorance aside, the sorceress pushes him into *experiences* and makes pronouncements that have no correlation outside of a mystical worldview. Dr. Strange (and the audience) are taught that “At the root of existence, mind and matter meet. Both shape reality.” Yet we learn quickly that the mystical realm is far more powerful than physical matter, and we follow the path of Dr. Strange, the former hardcore materialist, as he develops into the “Supreme Sorcerer,” supposedly drawing only upon the “good side” of mystical power.

Like the other Marvel movies, *Dr. Strange* is highly amusing, well written and directed, includes humor, dazzling special effects, and very likeable characters. That’s the good news for the ticket purchaser: you get your entertainment-money’s worth. That good news however is bad news for biblical Christians, those who are aware that the chief mystical ingredients of the Antichrist’s worldwide religion are spreading like wildfire, and who are grieved over the multitude of souls who are deceived in the process. Those ingredients include sorcery (Acts 8:9-11; Revelation 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15), lying signs and wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10; Revelation 16:13-14), and a supreme sorcerer-to-come who is empowered by Satan himself (Revelation 13:11-14). Jesus warned that these things would take place just prior to His return (Matthew 24).

Among those who profess to be Christians, confusion is further induced by a myriad of attempts to spin anti-biblical movies as Christian, including the *Harry Potter* series, which offers pure, unadulterated instructions in witchcraft. *Christianity Today*, a professing Christian journal that has been fostering the apostasy in copious ways for years, provides an obvious example of *sanctifying mysticism* in its review of *Dr. Strange* (<https://goo.gl/e9Ytyx>). Understanding, therefore, that what is taking place is actually a fulfillment of prophecy that will continue its course until Jesus returns, what is a biblical believer to do? We need to *know* what the Bible declares about the days ahead, and we must *pray* that the Lord will give us the opportunity to point out these things to people who don’t know what the Scriptures teach, including the lost, professing “Christians,” and sincere but uninformed believers.

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LETTERS

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Dear Berean Staff,

As always, I am ever grateful to be receiving the *Berean Call* newsletter. It was God who heard my prayer, "Lord I want to know you." I meant that with all of my heart. I just wanted to know Him! And have nothing to do with any false way. By His grace, He led me to one of Dave's books, and it offered a free monthly newsletter. I didn't want to be deceived any more. Each one of your newsletters has been invaluable to me [that we] can know God NOT by religion but by His Word. TS (IL)

Dearest Family at The Berean Call,

I was so sorry to hear of the Russians closing down on Christianity again [in your Daily Update.] I weep for my brothers and sisters who suffer so much and will suffer even more. Jesus will surely come sooner than anyone expects...I keep looking up.

I am listening to old audiotapes of Dave Hunt's teaching from some 20 years back. What a great blessing, and so on target for today. I pray for all of you at The Berean Call. JD (Canada)

Dear Brethren at the Berean Call

I thank God for this ministry to continue blessing those with ears to hear the truth. God bless you, brethren, and thank you for the newsletter, which tells me the truth about this world and the many cults and other teachings. May my gift offering help you in any areas that need help. I am giving glory to God for this ministry to help the world understand the truth of the Word of God. I pray that He may bless you abundantly and guard you and keep you. FL (prisoner PA)

Dear TBC,

In part three of Tom's series on New Age Mysticism, he did a good job warning believers about the dangers of martial arts. The church tries to put a Christian label on all the ungodly and worldly things they love to be involved with. In the eyes of today's believers, being involved with the things of this world is no big deal—it's harmless.

The world is falling apart, the lost are dying and going to hell, the return of the Lord is near, and what are God's people doing? Taking "Christian" karate lessons that may poison their minds with wrong ideas. Tom hit the nail on the head when he wrote, "many people today appear to have lost the ability to really think, holding contradictory beliefs," and leaving the Word

of God rarely studied or referenced among Christians anymore. If we continue to waste our time on such nonsense and don't get busy studying God's Word, and laboring for Him, we're going to end up standing naked, ashamed, and empty handed at the Bema Judgment, watching our black belt go up in smoke with the wood, hay, and stubble. BR (IL)

Dear TA and Staff,

I am very thankful for your newsletters. I read them as soon as they arrive and they usually confirm what the Holy Spirit had been showing me.

We sure are in a war for the souls of many who are yet undecided. Our ministry of warning is to a "sleepy body," one that has been discouraged by our enemy.

Some don't "get it" as to how close we are to the time of the Lord's return for his bride. There are many like Peter who say that the world has continued since the fathers fell asleep and mock the promise of the Lord's coming.

It seems like there are many wolves in sheep's clothing coming into the church to overthrow the faith of babes in Christ and those not rooted or grounded in Christ and His word. MT (NY).

QUOTABLE

Once I prayed—
(I knew not what I said)
"Show me myself, O Lord!"
Alas, I did not dread
The hideous sight
(Which now I shudder to behold),
Because I knew not self aright.

And I was led
In answer to my prayer,
As step by step, to see
My wretched heart laid bare;
Then I prayed,
"Stay, Lord, I cannot bear the sight!"
And pitying His hand was stayed.

Now I pray
(I know the prayer is right),
"Show me Thyself, O Lord,
Be to my soul the Bright
And Morning Star,
To shine upon the grave of self,
And lead my heart from earth afar!"

—HELEN McDOWELL

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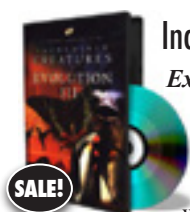
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