

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

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

"How's Your Walk with the Lord Going?"

T. A. McMahon

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

—JOHN 8:31-32

YEARS AGO, we at the Berean Call had a board member who also pastored a church not too far from Bend, Oregon, where TBC is located. His name was Bob Zachary, and he was a true shepherd of his flock. He was highly respected in his community, and it seemed as though everyone knew Pastor Zachary. Even here in Bend, when I would go places with him, we would often run into former members of his fellowship who were now living here. His amiable greeting was always charged at some point with these words, "How's your walk with the Lord going?" What a wonderful question that was, revealing his love and concern for his sheep, former and present, and opening the door for encouragement or conviction or correction. Bob was graciously "old school"—or perhaps I should say old "biblical" school—not influenced by the social correctness of the day or given to small talk. His conversations were concise gems of ministry, as he focused upon Jesus and His Word. He deferred to the Holy Spirit to have His way in the communication, knowing that he was simply a planter of spiritual seeds for thought or sometimes a waterer of seedlings, encouraging their growth (1 Corinthians 3:7), and that any fruitfulness that might come would be produced by God himself.

Churches in our day sorely need pastors like Bob Zachary, who is now home with the Lord, enjoying the rewards of his labor in Christ. In these times, where consumerism reigns in fellowships, where seeker-sensitive/seeker-friendly approaches, marketing surveys and strategies, and self-oriented psychotherapies are implemented for church growth, questions like "How's your walk with the Lord going?" are anathema. Why? Because they may bring about conviction of sin, which is a turn-off for the "consumer Christian," one who is led by things that primarily make him or her feel good. When that doesn't happen, the consumer goes elsewhere.

This is the paradigm of our times. It's a shift from objective truth to subjective *feelings* and is apparent in the world and in the church as both unwittingly contribute to the development of the "self is a god" religion of the Antichrist. Joel Osteen didn't produce the largest church in America by preaching sin and repentance. Quite the contrary! Consumer Christians must hear what

makes them happy—or, again, they're gone. The irony of the Church Growth Movement was that its stated intention to woo the lost or "unchurched" to church didn't increase their numbers by conversions. They simply enlarged their congregations by offering the most attractive programs! That increase, in fact, was drawn from smaller churches that couldn't afford "feel good" offerings, such as a video arcade for the youth, a food court, theatrical programs, sports programs (including "Christianized" yoga), etc. Winning souls to Christ through conviction of sin and repentance has no place in church-growth marketing schemes. Neither does a worldly approach solve a believer's problems that arise from living on this fallen planet.

Asking someone how his walk with the Lord is going has been, in my experience, the basis for a rapid exit in more than a few counseling sessions where I've ministered. Over the years, as I've had opportunities to help brothers-in-Christ and couples who profess to know the Lord, my initial approach has been to pass over the problems they want solved and focus on the status of their walk with Jesus. That didn't gratify those who were merely interested in a quick fix. They missed the fact that nearly all of our problems are actually symptoms created by an anemic or worse relationship with our Lord. The basis of that alienation can be summed up in our Savior's own words: "And why call me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Those seeking help for their marriages most often want the faults of their spouses addressed and corrected ASAP! Even if

that were to take place (I've yet to see it happen swiftly), it never gets to the root of their problems. And by "root," I'm *not* referring to their family history, childhood traumas, economic conditions, low self-esteem, lack of self-love, or the myriad of fabricated psychotherapeutic therapies. No. The root of my concern for them is *where they are in their obedience and love for Jesus*.

Jesus declared: "If a man love me he will keep my words..." (John 14:23). That's hardly complex, nor does it demand months and years of "inner" therapy. If they are on track with the Lord's exhortation, then I can guarantee that problems are going to get solved and things are going to get better for them. How quickly? That depends on the willingness of those involved to do things God's way. Relationships don't usually go south overnight and therefore may take time to be restored. The restoration, however, doesn't come through session after session with a counselor—Christian, biblical, or otherwise. It comes through reading what God's Word says...and doing it. The good news is that although we may drift away from Jesus, He is always there for us (Hebrews 13:5). Furthermore, the believer has the Holy Spirit resident within to enable him or her to repent and then do things God's way with His help.

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW.

AND THEY THAT ARE CHRIST'S HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH THE AFFECTIONS AND LUSTS.

—Galatians 22-24

As believers, we need to continually evaluate where we are in terms of doing things according to God's Word: Scripture exhorts us to "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except [unless] ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5). We are told that we as followers of Jesus are in the world but not of the world. Our program is not the world's program. Consequently that difference will create problems for us—problems that may come along *for the sake of Christ*. As difficult as that may be for us, such conditions are fully covered by God's grace. In other words, nothing that happens can displace God's loving kindnesses, tender mercies, compassion, blessings, and even the joy He has for us. James tells us that we are to "...count it all joy" when we undergo trials and tribulations in the testing of one's faith (James 1:2-3). Without the supernatural help of God's grace, that joy would be impossible.

On the other hand, grace does not exempt the believer from the repercussions of doing his own thing (i.e., walking his own walk rather than following Jesus). Even so, God's mercy is always available for His children. Sin does have consequences: "The wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23), meaning the resulting separation of a believer in his relationship (not his eternal security) with Jesus as well as reaping what he has sown. Even so, by God's mercy, the repentant believer is delivered from what he has done in disobedience to God's Word, at least to some degree. God's mercy notwithstanding, walking our own disobedient walk will bring nothing but grief to our lives and to our loved ones, directly and/or indirectly.

The prophet Jeremiah underscores what our own sins do to us: "Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?... Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee.... Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart" (Jeremiah 2:17; 19; 4:18).

The Word of God gives instructions that must be obeyed if our lives are to bear fruit. As we examine problematic areas in our lives, we need only check to see if what we are doing lines up with the Scriptures. Yes, some things that occur may be out of our control, but for most things, we can discover the answer regarding our problems in what we are *doing* or *not doing*. How are we ministering to our children? Why are they creating havoc in our family? Might it have something to do with our own walk, which they are observing? Are we reflecting the light and life of Christ? How are we treating our spouses? That's one condition that can hinder answers to prayer (see 1 Peter 3:7). Are we self-serving? Has the fruit of the Spirit gone AWOL, either partially or altogether? What of Love? Joy? Peace? Longsuffering? Kindness? Goodness? Faithfulness? Gentleness? Self-control? The simple truth is that doing things man's way leads to destruction (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). Doing things according to God's instructions, and with His help, leads to a fruitful temporal life and eternal rewards.

Referring to those who have received the gospel of salvation, Jesus said that the free gift was made free for us by His paying the full penalty for our sins: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). That must include every believer's life here on earth as well as our future life throughout eternity, or else biblical Christianity is nothing more than powerless moral and ethical platitudes, a self-help program of supposed good works. Scripture speaks continually of God's rewards in heaven for a believer's commitment and service to Him on earth. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:10-11): "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). Yet it also tells us of God's blessings here on earth for those who obey His instructions. John 10:10 makes it clear that Jesus came not only to give us eternal life but life that may be lived "more abundantly." Reactions to the lies of the so-called prosperity teachers have caused many Christians to either jump aboard their health-and-wealth gospel or disregard what the Scriptures actually teach about prosperity. When John writes in 3 John 1:2 about prosperity, his focus isn't upon financial blessing for a believer but rather for one's whole life in Christ—body, soul, and spirit. Wealth may indeed come, but only as it enriches the saint's overall life in Christ. Moreover, affluence, according to God's Word, is a more difficult condition in which to submit to the teachings of Christ. The rich young ruler of Matthew 19:16-24 and the seed of the Word being choked out by "the deceitfulness of riches" in Mark 4:19 indicate as much. It's not impossible, but it's not a path that many want to pursue in their desire for wealth. What we may be missing here is of what the *abundant life in Christ* may truly consist.

Do wealthy people have problems? Perhaps not related to finances, but there are many other problems that a more-than-adequate bank account can't fix. Everyone has problems. Yet they can all be solved in Christ through the abundance of what He has provided for every believer. Consider what was mentioned earlier—the fruit of the Spirit. As those qualities are truly manifested in a believer's walk with the Lord, think of the all the consequences of sin they will remedy: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:8-11). We need to be reminded of Jeremiah's words here: "Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you" (Jeremiah 5:25). God indeed has good things for believers that the world can neither prevent nor acquire. Beyond solving our personal problems, He wants us to be fruitful in this world, in our families, in our communities, in our workplaces. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

Good works, as I hope we all know, can't save anyone. No one is saved by them. We are saved *by Jesus*. Yet, as His workmanship, He saved us *unto* good works, enabling us to live a life that is fruitful, productive, a blessing to others, and most of all—pleasing to God. All of those things are contingent upon our relationship with Jesus, our walk with Him. So....

How's *your* walk with the Lord going? As we've indicated, that question is definitely not rhetorical. It demands self-examination. It demands a soul-searching answer, and your answer will reveal those things that you need to *maintain*, *obtain*, *restrain*, and, in some cases, from which you must *abstain*. Paul's prayer for those in the church at Colosse is a prayer that we should pray continually for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for all who claim to follow Jesus. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Colossians 1:9-11).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: How can the Berean Call stand behind Israel and the Jews who occupy it?...They don't believe the Bible, Old or New Testaments....They hate Jesus (God). The Talmud teaches that He's burning in hell....If they hate Jesus, they hate the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! They teach their people to spit at Christian cemeteries when they walk by! They do not believe Jesus is the Messiah (1 John 2:22-23)! If the Jews don't believe in Jesus, they don't believe in God, plain and simple! Christians are supposed to back them no matter what? You're out of your mind!

RESPONSE: Although examples can be found of those following the error of Talmudic teaching, clearly all Jews do not practice these things. To answer some of your questions, however, who has said "Christian's are supposed to back [Jews] no matter what"? Support for the right to exist of the state of Israel or any other nation or people does not mean that we condone or approve the wrong they may do.

Much of what you have said is another reminder that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). It's one thing to recognize what the Lord has said in regard to Israel and something else to understand that many in Israel (as everywhere) are sinful and lost. Many Jews consider themselves agnostics or atheists. Consider what the Lord himself has stated regarding mankind in general: "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way,...become unprofitable...none that doeth good....Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom 3:10-18).

What you have said about Israel is applicable to all of humanity. Yet the Lord speaks of the purpose that He yet has for them—that He will bring Israel back into the land *before* their prophesied end-time national repentance (Jer 5:10, 5:18, 30:11; 46:28; Ezk 11:13, 16-17, etc.). He will return to save them before that time as well (Zec 14). *They must return to the land*, and many are there now, though still in disobedience and rebellion to their Creator.

Nevertheless, the Lord distinctly said, "Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I *not* make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished" (Jer 30:11—emphasis added). And that's not the end of the promises of God. Scripture declares, "And I will sow her [Israel] unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God (Hos 2:23).

We cannot too often be reminded that the prophet Joel recorded that the Lord said, "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for *my heritage Israel* [emphasis added], whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land" (Joel 3:2; see also Zec 7,8, etc.). Finally, the Apostle Paul also noted that God was far from finished with the nation of Israel. "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot [Know] ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? How he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets

and digged down thine altars...But what saith answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal" (See Rom 11:1-25). Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul writes in Romans 11:5, "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." The authenticity of the entire Bible rests upon the continuation of the nation of Israel according to God's plan.

QUESTION: Besides Genesis 15:6 concerning Abraham, can you give me other verses that state that the Old Testament saints were declared righteous by their faith in God?

RESPONSE: We are told, "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image...can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year...make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because...the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sin. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb 10:1-4).

Clearly, if the sacrifices demanded by the Law cannot take away sins or provide salvation, then salvation must be by faith in something else. Paul continues, "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God...is evident:...The just shall live by faith" (Gal 3:11). We can't say that this passage refers only to the New Testament, because Paul is quoting Habakkuk 2:4, part of the Old Testament. Consequently, salvation by faith *apart from the Law* must be an Old Testament principle. Paul stated that the Law was "our schoolmaster [guardian/tutor] to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (Gal 3:24). Paul also makes the point that keeping the Law did not save either Old or New Testament Jews because "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom 3:20).

Even the Old Testament sacrificial system prefigured salvation by faith alone. Speaking of the priestly garments, Ezekiel wrote that "they shall have linen bonnets upon their heads...linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat" (Ezk 44:18).

Man was to "earn" his living by "the sweat of thy face..." (Gen 3:19). But nothing that involves "work" will "earn" you salvation. The Lord's commands concerning construction of an altar further reinforced this theme: "An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings... in all places where I record my name I will ...bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it" (Ex 20:24-25; See also Leviticus 14:32 for similar thoughts).

Paul demonstrates that the Old Testament way of salvation was the same as in New Testament times, pointing to Abraham, who was saved by faith: "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom 4:3). For scriptural proof, Paul references Genesis 15:6, pointing to Abraham, who could not have found salvation by keeping the Law, which was still more than 400 years in the future for him. He then singles out David, who was also saved by faith (Rom 4:6-8), quoting Psalm 32:1-2. Paul goes further in establishing that in the Old Testament, salvation was by faith only, writing in Romans 4:23-24, "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him...." Simply put, righteousness is "imputed" ("credited" or "given") to those with faith in God, e.g., Abraham, David, and now us who are saved by faith.

LETTERS

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Dear Friends,

I started reading the Bible with Genesis and then on to Exodus. It was interesting until I got to the part of all the instructions in the Law. I wasn't learning how God was working in people's lives. Then a fellow Christian brother in another cell told me about you guys and lent me the "HRM, part 2," and I felt some relief.

I read the part where it said "a follower of Christ when trying to live by the Law is in error," something like that. Basically, it's the whole second paragraph that made sense to me. That is God, I believe, talking to me. He saw that I had started reading and learning His word and that I was a little discouraged and saw me struggling with the Old Testament Laws and then brought me your guys' newsletter. Talk about perfect timing! RN (CA, prisoner)

Dear Berean Call,

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for your ministry. In these end times when many bastions of the Christian faith are falling and turning a deaf ear to sound doctrine, it is reassuring and comforting to read your newsletters and know you are firmly grounded and following Christ.

Prison seems to be no different than the outside world as far as those who are getting twisted up in a prideful, "me first" works-based theology. Many men here are attracted to the shiny trappings of learning Hebrew to be saved, or carrying their prayer rugs and

facing Mecca 5 time per day....I am saddened when I see these men get caught up in the cults who teach them the "I helped to save myself doctrine." DC (CO, prisoner)

Dear Berean Call,

Thank you so much for your faithful work in posting Dave Hunt's words of encouragement. You don't know the full extent of where this goes and how it helps so many people. One day you will.

I honestly can say that Mr. Hunt's heart is not unlike the heart of King David. I can see that. I was caught up in Calvinism for 47 years of my life. On Nov. 19, 2013, I got down on my knees and asked for [deliverance] from the ways of ungodly men. The Lord's help was immediate. His promises are true, and He does not fail. He opened my eyes that day and He continues to help me. Thank you again for posting the truth regarding God's love for ALL of those who have been born in the image of God Almighty. PR (message)

The Berean Team,

[Excerpts] Your articles in most recent months waver from critical to arrogant, such as the continual smear upon what you call Word/Faith, Prosperity, and Healing Preachers. Another scripture comes to mind: "Death and Life is in the power of the tongue and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it" (Proverbs 18:21).

If you were to quote a "Word/Faith preacher" with a scriptural correction, that, from what I understand, is the Berean way. But to generalize, lack[ing] any proof of what you are saying, is judgmental and arrogant. This has become more blatant as the months go by. Are you making a judgment that all those who follow this branch of the church are unable to discern, as compared to you? VR (CA)

TBC NOTES

Unfathomable, Immeasurable Love

The poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." We're told that her sonnet was written to her husband. Her words should be a wonderfully encouraging thing to read for those of us who are married. I remember Dave Hunt asking men in his audiences if they had recently told their wives that they loved them. That was something I heard often in the great amount of time I spent with Dave and Ruth. Dave declared his love for Ruth continually, especially in his last years. Ruth, by the way, refused to be treated for cancer so that she could take care of her ailing husband. She soon followed him after he went home to be with their Savior.

It's beyond tragic that in our day "How do I love thee?" has been superseded by "How do I love *me*?" Yet that shouldn't be surprising as a state of affairs prevalent in the world. If Jesus is rejected, then a person's only hope is *self*. After Dave would exhort men to tell their wives that they love them, he would ask men and women when they had last told Jesus that they loved Him. When things don't seem to be going so well and you find yourself disheartened, consider this suggestion. Ask yourself, "How do I love thee Jesus?" And then count the ways, beginning with the gift of eternal life that He has freely given you. The "count" will lose itself in His unfathomable, immeasurable love.

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QUOTABLE

If anyone desires to live a life of faith and trust in God he must:

1. Not merely say that he trusts in God, but must really do so. Often individuals profess to trust in God, but they embrace every opportunity where they may directly or indirectly tell someone about their need. I do not say it is wrong to make known our financial situation, but it hardly displays trust in God to expose our needs for the sake of getting other people to help us. God will take us at our word....We must be satisfied to stand with Him alone.
2. The individual who desires to live this way must be content, whether he is rich or poor. He must be willing to live in abundance or in poverty. He must be willing to leave this world without any possessions.
3. He must be willing to take the money in God's way, not merely in large sums but also in small amounts. Many times, I have had a single shilling given to me. To have refused such tokens of Christian love would have been ungracious.
4. He must be willing to live as the Lord's steward. If anyone does not give out of the blessings which the Lord gives to him, then the Lord, who influences the hearts of His children to give, would soon cause these channels to be dried up. My good income increased even more when I determined that, by God's help, His poor and His work would be helped by my money. From that time on, the Lord was pleased to entrust me with more.

—GEORGE MÜLLER

NEWSWATCH

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

TEAMING UP TO STOP CHILD SACRIFICE

CHRISTIANHEADLINES.COM, 3/23/17, "PASTOR TEAMS UP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STOP BRUTAL CHILD SACRIFICES" [EXCERPTS]: A pastor in Uganda has joined forces with law enforcement and politicians to put a stop to the brutal and barbaric practice of child sacrifice.

In Uganda, ancient superstition still holds sway over many people. Witch doctors say that the spirits are pleased with the blood of children, so even well-to-do businessmen are kidnapping and killing children in order to attain supposed good fortune. "Witch doctors believe that when you kidnap a child you get wealth, you get protection," said Pastor Peter Sewakiryanga who was hunting down a witch doctor accused of kidnapping and killing children.

Sewakiryanga says that the brutal crimes happen nearly every month. "The connection is that these witch doctors come and tell people who want to get rich that in order to get rich you need to sacrifice human blood," explained Mike Chibita, Uganda's top law enforcement official.

Pastor Sewakiryanga [said] "We want to see that the life of a child who has survived is supported, that they are socially able to stand and heal from the injuries, and that they can have a life after that."

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SUSPENDING PROFESSOR'S TIES TO ISLAM

FRONTPAGEMAG.COM, 4/4/17, "PROF. AT ROLLINS COLLEGE INVOLVED IN SUSPENDING CHRISTIAN STUDENT HAS TIES TO ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS" [EXCERPTS]: [A] Muslim Rollins College professor who was involved in the wrongful suspension of a Christian student shows that she has multiple ties with radical Islamic individuals and organizations, most notably...in her position as the spokesperson for the Islamic Society of Central Florida (ISCF). Professor Areej Zufari, falsely accused the student, sophomore Marshall Polston, of violating the terms of his suspension by setting foot on campus, resulting in a disciplinary hearing with the university conduct system. Polston has since been exonerated of all charges after providing surveillance footage of where he really was at the time

Polston was originally suspended after sending a strongly worded email refuting his professor's claims that Jesus's crucifixion never happened and that his followers never believed he was the son of God.

Rollins College refused to answer questions on whether they would investigate these claims and Zufari's potential ties to Islamic extremists.

Zufari served as the spokesperson and Director of Communications for the Islamic Society of Central Florida (ISCF) from 2001 to at least 2004, according to the author bio from her 2012 book "Beyond the Headlines" and press communications from the organization. ISCF's main mosque, Masjid al-Rahman, is owned by the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT), which was classified by federal prosecutors as both an un-indicted co-conspirator in the 2008 Holy Land Foundation terrorism financing case and as an entity that is or was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood.

According to the Hudson Institute, NAIT is the title owner of at least 25% of all Islamic facilities in the United States with some estimates reaching up to 79%. ISCF has not responded to multiple calls and emails asking if Zufari still holds a position with the organization.

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LEGAL CHALLENGE TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAW

ONENOWNEWS.COM, 4/4/17, "LEGAL CHALLENGE TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAW CONTINUES" [EXCERPTS]: A federal appeals court is going to decide whether the government can step on the religious rights of Mississippi residents on behalf of a small group of vocal Americans.

Last year, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant signed into law a religious freedom bill that simply bars the government from violating the religious beliefs of its residents, including business owners. That came after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized unnatural marriage.

Homosexual activists and their supporters filed suit against the Mississippi law. Federal judge Carlton Reeves ruled against it, sending the case to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Bryant says the lawsuit filed against the Mississippi law shows the true intent of activists. The 5th Circuit has heard arguments and will rule in several weeks.

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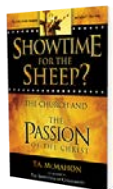
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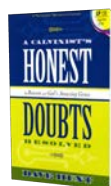


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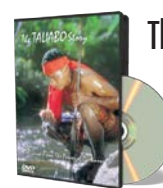


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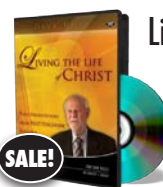
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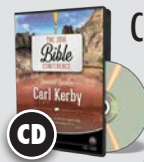


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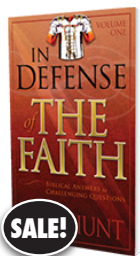
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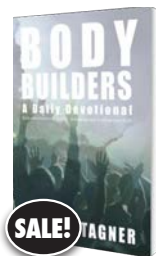


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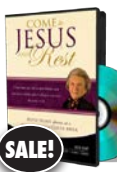


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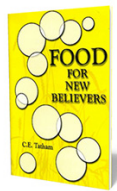


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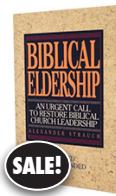


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