

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

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

## Knowing What We Believe and Why

*Dave Hunt — First published August 1991*

WE'VE SEEN OVER and over that the New Testament defines and defends the true gospel and condemns all false gospels. We also can see why this is the case: the battle for souls is between God's truth and Satan's lie. Thus, each person's eternal destiny depends upon what he or she believes. One cannot believe both the Truth and the lie. Even though one believes in God (who is He?) and that Christ is our Savior (what does that mean?), if God's truth has been compromised or perverted, such a gospel doesn't save but eternally damns those who believe it.

Why is this so? Doesn't such condemnation seem harsh? Why is what one believes so vital? Isn't it enough to be sincere? Yet how can one be sincere and believe Satan's lie instead of God's truth? Surely God has given each of us the capacity to know the difference! Thus, those who reject the Truth condemn themselves.

Among the most solemn and terrible verses in the Bible, we must include 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12. There we are told that when the Antichrist controls the earth, to all who "received not the love of the truth" God will send "a strong delusion that they should believe the lie: that they all might be damned." Can anyone complain if God helps them to believe the very lie that they insisted upon embracing? The damned are caught in the net of their own rebellion and left for eternity with the lie they loved. How horrible! Yet how just! From such a fate Christ died to save us.

Our rebellion against the infinite God requires an infinite penalty that we as finite creatures could never pay. We would be separated from God eternally. He could not simply make a "bookkeeping entry" in heaven and forgive us, for that would violate His justice. God so loved mankind that He came down through the virgin birth and became a member of our race in order to be, on the Cross, the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Having paid the penalty in full demanded by His own justice, God can righteously forgive all who admit their guilt and accept the pardon He graciously offers.

When the Philippian jailer cried out, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?", Paul and Silas gave a simple answer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Surely that means more than simply believing that someone called Jesus Christ existed. Who was He? Lord means "God"; Jesus means "Savior from sin"; Christ means "Messiah," the one promised in the Scriptures. His very name indicates that He is God who became a man to die for our sins in fulfillment of what God's prophets foretold.

The Old Testament repeatedly presents God as the only Savior. He offers to save Israel from her enemies, and he also desires to save all men, both Jews and Gentiles, from the judgment sin brings. God declares, for example, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22). Thus, when Christ said that He had come "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), He was declaring that He was God the Savior—exactly the name that the New Testament repeatedly calls *both* Christ and God the Father.

Paul wrote, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." He went on to explain why they were not saved, though they had "a zeal of God": "For they...[seeking] to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:1-4). Despite their zeal for God, the Jews were lost because they would not come to God on His terms.

Suppose one claims to believe that Christ died for man's sins but that one must add to their beliefs good deeds, trust in Mary to intercede, suffer in purgatory, belong to a certain church or keep certain rules or sacraments in order to be saved, or that Christ must be sacrificed again in the Mass. Is that man saved? The Bible says no. To believe that anything else is necessary for salvation is to *deny that Christ paid the penalty in full, thus rejecting the gospel*. How can those who trust in a church for salvation be trusting only in Christ and His finished work? Or what about those who agree to accept some church's interpretation of God's Word? Can it be said that they

personally know God and are believing in Him?

Many who claim to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" have attached their own meanings to the seemingly biblical words they use. Thus are manufactured the many false gospels that usually include false concepts of "Christ." The Science of Mind cult, for example, teaches, "We do not deny the divinity of Jesus, but rather we affirm the divinity of all people...." They call Jesus a Savior, but add, "Any world teacher [Buddha, Muhammad, Freud, et al.] who helps mankind to be free from material, intellectual, or emotional bondage is a spiritual 'savior.'" Yet Robert Schuller put a picture of Della Reese, a leader in Science of Mind, on the cover of his *Possibilities* magazine and featured her as a Christian.

Mormonism teaches that "God" (who has another "God" over him and so on endlessly) was once a sinful man redeemed by a "Christ" on another planet. The "Christ" of our planet (Satan's half-brother in a pre-earth spirit world) was conceived when "the God of this world" came to earth in his physical body and had sex with Mary. Mormonism's "Christ" was not God who became man, but a spirit entity who came to earth to get a physical body so

LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED,  
ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: FOR I  
AM GOD, AND THERE IS NONE ELSE.

I HAVE SWORN BY MYSELF, THE  
WORD IS GONE OUT OF MY MOUTH  
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND SHALL NOT  
RETURN, THAT UNTO ME EVERY  
KNEE SHALL BOW, EVERY TONGUE  
SHALL SWEAR.

—Isaiah 45:22-23

he could become a “God,” a metamorphosis that is the ambition of every Mormon male (females become goddesses). To a Mormon, eternal life is not a free gift of God’s grace but must be earned and culminates in one’s becoming a “God,” who manufactures another world with another Adam and Eve, another Satan, another fall, another Jesus, and so on, *ad infinitum absurdum*.

Yet Robert Schuller has Jack Anderson, a leading Mormon, as a guest on his *Hour of Power* and passes him off as a Christian—and our four living ex-presidents [as of 1991] and President Bush, all professing Christians, along with Billy Graham and other leaders, praise Schuller for his *Hour of Power*. Earl Paulk likewise calls Mormons “Christians.” The Church Council of Greater Seattle apologized to American Indians for Christianity’s opposition to traditional Native American spiritual practices (i.e., their pagan religion). The “formal apology” was read to a group of Indians by Episcopal Bishop Robert Cochrane. Pope John Paul II has likewise endorsed the same paganism. Ecumenism is both appealing and appalling.

In Catholicism, everyone, no matter of what religion, is somehow “saved” through some mystical association with the Roman Catholic Church. Summarizing this doctrine in a popular Catholic newspaper, Fr. Benjamin Luther writes, “The Catholic Church has not and cannot change its teaching that it is itself necessary for salvation....” This priest then goes on to explain how Catholics can, nevertheless, deny that Rome teaches that outside of her there is no salvation. One need not be a member but can be saved through “some form of participation in the life of the Church. Pope Pius XII spoke of ‘hidden bonds’ joining nonmembers [with the Church]. So, the Orthodox, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, and even those following the great pagan religions, such as the Hindus and Buddhists, can share in the supernatural life—and the grace—found solely within the visible boundaries of the Roman Catholic Church. Thus, through the Church alone they [all] can gain salvation” (*Catholic Twin Circle*, Jan. 8, 1969, p. 15). Amazing! Although opposing God’s truth and persisting in their pagan practices, all religions can be united under the Vatican! What a perfect setup for the apostate world religion under Antichrist!

St. Olaf (a Lutheran college) in Northfield, MN, features courses in Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, and Hinduism. Anantanand Rambachan, a Hindu scholar who has taught at St. Olaf for five years, argues that “the biggest barrier to creating understanding among the great religions is the Christian claim that there is only one way to be saved.” In agreement, Lutheran pastor Clark Morphew declares that “Worldwide religious harmony [is] hampered by ‘one way’ dogma.” Christ’s claim that “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6) is brushed aside by professing Christians in the interest of “religious harmony.” Tolerance for Satan’s lie has become the one virtue! How prophetic were Gorbachev’s words: “Tolerance is the alpha and omega of the new world order.” Truth is not a factor!

With the growing apostasy and popularity of New Age ideas, of ecumenism and disdain of doctrine even among evangelicals, the distinctions between the Truth and the lie are being ignored as if what one believes makes no difference after all. Standing for truth is considered to be “negative,” and letting those who believe false gospels go to hell without telling them the truth is considered an act of “love.” After all, that’s what Mother Teresa, the ultimate exemplar of loving one’s neighbor, has been doing for decades. Rather than giving the gospel to recipients of her charity, she has encouraged Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, et al., to draw closer to their gods—and has been praised by evangelical leaders for launching those in her care from a clean bed into hell!

Souls are being lost eternally! It has never been more important than now to be ready and able “always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15). Why a *reason*? Because “faith” is not blind; it is not a “leap

into the dark” but is based upon solid evidence. Why must there be *evidence*? Isn’t it enough simply to “believe”? Believe *what*? One would be a perverse fool to believe anything and everything. Then *what* and *in whom* is one to believe? Obviously, there must be a *sound reason* for believing “x” and not believing “y.”

The gospel is the “good news.” We have *great news* to rejoice in, to be excited and happy about, and to share gladly with others. But we must know how to explain it so that the issues are made crystal clear. We owe it to those around us to present the gospel so clearly that they have every fact necessary for making the right choice. And that includes soundly refuting Satan’s lies. As Paul exhorted Titus, “In all your teaching show the strictest regard for truth, and [for]...the seriousness of the matters you are dealing with. Your speech should be [so] logical...that your opponent may feel ashamed...” (Titus 2:7-8, Phillips trans.).

One of the greatest needs in the church today is for training in sound apologetics not only to counter atheism (which is the real “faith” of very few) but false religions, which have ensnared so many more. Why do young people so often “lose their faith” or get caught up in cults when they go off to college or university? Those who “lose” it never had genuine faith—didn’t know *why* and *in whom* they believed—or it would have stood every test.

Parents often worry that their children will be persuaded by their peers to abandon their “faith” and to indulge in evil. Peer pressure in school, however, can only *destroy a faith that was itself the product of peer pressure* in church or family and lacked sound reason. It may have been pressure from parents, spouse, or friends to “believe” in order to gain their approval. Or pressure from pastor or preacher to “go forward” in order to be accepted into the group and enjoy the benefits of belonging. Or it could have been the call to “come to Jesus” for the wrong reasons: perhaps for healing and prosperity instead of cleansing from sin.

Many Christians who reject the false gospel and know the truth are yet afraid to have their faith challenged by non-Christians at work or at school. We dishonor God if we fear that our faith will not survive the battle that comes from witnessing boldly for Him. As a young man at UCLA I read everything I could find written against the Bible by atheists, agnostics, or skeptics. It strengthened my faith to see what pitiful arguments they had in comparison to God’s truth! We must put what we believe to the test, especially in daily life, living triumphantly for Him rather than for self.

It isn’t how intelligent we are that counts but whether what we believe is the truth. Our Lord promised, “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 [emphasis added]). It is a freedom from the fear that others may embarrass us if we proclaim the gospel, with the freedom that it offers from the power of sin to deceive and attract us. What we really believe not only determines our eternal destiny but our conduct here and now. Thus, God’s truth guards us from evil.

As an 18- to 20-year-old in the armed services during World War II, I saw those around me indulge in every sin imaginable, and they tried to persuade me to join them. Yet I was never tempted even in the slightest to conform. Is that to my credit? No, for according to what I believed about the eternal consequences of such behavior I would have been a fool to join in. What you and your children will do depends upon what each one *really believes*.

An entire generation is being lost because a false psychological gospel of self-esteem and a lack of sound doctrinal teaching that explains *why* God’s way is best is robbing them of the Truth that is worth living and dying for. Let us be “lovers of truth” and effective witnesses with our lips and lives for our wonderful Savior. Be enthusiastic and bold! What good news of freedom in Christ we have to proclaim to those who are enslaved by Satan’s lies!

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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**QUESTION [DIRECTED TO DAVE HUNT IN 1996]:** I heard that you denied you were Protestant. The word we use derives from *Pro-testari*, meaning to testify for or in behalf. To then deny that you are a Protestant is to inadvertently affirm that you are not a witness for Christ. How terrible! I affirm that the history of Protestantism is the history of the true Church.

**RESPONSE:** We seem to have a serious misunderstanding. So far as I know (and as the dictionaries and encyclopedias affirm), the words Protestant and Protestantism never existed until the sixteenth century when the Protestant movement was birthed at the Reformation. The harsh determination to stamp out Lutheranism expressed by Roman Catholic authorities at the Diet of Speyer in March 1529, prompted a number of independent German princes to assert the right to live according to the Bible and conscience. They expressed their firm resolve in the famous “Protest” of April 19, 1529, from which the term “Protestant” was coined.

The term refers specifically to those former Roman Catholics who protested against the evils and heresies of Rome and as a result were excommunicated or came out for the sake of conscience. Although the term was used thereafter of those who followed in the footsteps of the Reformers and who belonged to so-called Protestant churches, it was never used of Christians who had previously existed apart from Rome and whom the true church had comprised, who for centuries before the Reformation had been persecuted and slaughtered in numbers reaching the millions by the Roman Catholic Church. Those Christians never called themselves Protestants because they had never been part of the Roman Catholic Church. Nor have I ever been part of it, nor do I call myself by any other name than “Christian,” as the disciples were designated.

I am astonished that you would suggest that not to be a Protestant is to fail to be a witness for our Lord. Jesus told His disciples, “Ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8). Such witness had nothing to do with protesting against the Roman Catholic system, which didn’t even exist at the time. Therefore, I conclude that being a witness for Christ has nothing to do with protesting against Rome today—though it is only proper for any true Christian to stand firmly against apostasy and error of every kind.

**QUESTION:** I do not believe in evolution. Yet I find it difficult at times to present a precise argument refuting it. It seems that my discussions can go on and on and eventually deteriorate into futile arguments that get nowhere. Do you have a simple argument that gets right to the point quickly and is irrefutable?

**RESPONSE:** Let me suggest that you present the facts concerning DNA. This is the simplest and most powerful proof of the necessity of an intelligent Creator that I know. Were he alive today, Darwin would be shocked to see his theory shattered by what has been recently discovered about DNA.

We each begin as a single cell smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. Instructions for building the body are encoded in the DNA in an ingenious language that only certain protein molecules can decode and read. These words give that microscopic cell (and all those it will produce) the instructions for constructing trillions of living cells out of nonliving materials and arranging them in the precise relationship with one another to eventually function as a human body.

The ability of DNA to store information is so incredibly vast that were the contents of a mere pinhead’s-worth printed out in English, it would take a stack of books 500 times as high as the distance from earth to the moon to contain it. We don’t have computers that can come even close to that storing and processing power.

Obviously, the DNA itself did not originate (and can’t even read) the information it carries. Those words point irrefutably to an Intelligence that alone could design the body. This “instruction manual” could not grow out of a series of fortuitous evolutionary chance developments over billions of years. Such a theory is totally *unreasonable*. Yet it is forced upon school children around the world by bigots who are so insecure in what they believe that they will not allow an alternate view to be expressed.

**QUESTION:** I began a study on the “bride of Christ” and am very bothered as to why Christians use the term! Since the primary example of the church is “the body of Christ”...how can the Lord’s very own body be feminine when He is masculine? To be fair, how could a person not steeped in religious tradition ever get the idea that we are Christ’s bride?

**RESPONSE:** If the church is not the bride and thus the wife of Christ, then who is? To whom (if not the church) do such verses as the following refer? “For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready” (Revelation 19:7); “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come....” (Revelation 22:17); “Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (v. 20). If the bride here is not the bride of Christ, why would she be longing for His return; and whose bride is she, if not His? She is called the bride because she has not yet been married to Him.

John the Baptist said of Christ, “he that hath the bride is the bridegroom” (John 3:29). The bride clearly belongs to Christ and will be married to Him in heaven (Revelation 19:7-9). Who else is in heaven at this time to be married to Christ except the saints of all ages who have been caught up to heaven at the Rapture? That the bride is composed of such saints is clear, for she is “arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,” and the “fine linen is the righteousness of saints” (v. 8). Is it not the church that is expecting Christ and longing to be taken to His Father’s house in heaven (John 14:2-3)? That promise is for none other.

That the church is the body of Christ (Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:12; Colossians 1:18), as you admit, is all the more reason to believe that it is also His bride. Man and woman, when married, become “one flesh” (Ephesians 5:31). In the very next verse Paul writes, “This (being one flesh) is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” As the wife is with her husband, so the church is one flesh with Christ.

This entire passage (Ephesians 5:22-33) is about the relationship of husband and wife and is likened to Christ and His church. You say that Christ’s body “can’t be feminine when He is masculine.” You are separating Christ from His body. The “one flesh” that husband and wife become is neither male nor female but something new made up of both of them, a “mystery.” So the body of Christ, of which He is the head, comprises Christ and His bride. It can’t be separated from Him but is one with Him and is neither male nor female. Indeed, because of our union with Christ in one body, Paul writes that in the church “there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ” (Galatians 3:28).



# LETTERS

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## Dear Brethren,

As I see it, there is no greater need than the truth of God's Word and for this reason I want to share my increase with your much-needed and appreciated ministry. I don't have internet access and therefore cannot in any manner participate in online programming or live streaming, but I've been receiving *The Berean Call* for a number of years, and I am most grateful for your outreach to us who are looked upon as outcasts by society.

I've not been able to afford to purchase books in years, but in your kindness, your ministry has provided me with these learning materials, which I credit as a great help in giving aid to my understanding of God's Word. RW (IN, prisoner)

## Dear TBC,

We continue receiving your printed newsletter each month. I am still a little old fashioned in that. I guess it's like my Bible—it fits best in my hands with pages to turn and the only glow it has is that of the illumination that the Holy Spirit gives, which doesn't require batteries and cords. Please remain faithful in the simplicity of God's Word as you have spent so many years exhorting me. JS (ID)

## Dear Berean Call,

I just want to say that I really love your ministry! I'm glad we have ministries like yours that sound the trumpet alerting us to

how deception has crept into most of Christendom! Keep up the great and GODLY work. I enjoy listening to *Search the Scriptures* 24/7 and your other talks, like the talks regarding psychology and psychotherapy. What an eye-opener! DW (CA)

## Dear Brethren,

We want to thank you for your faithful service to us for the Lord. We have been greatly blessed by the wisdom and especially the true doctrine seen in your publications.

Though Mr. Hunt is no longer present with you, the Lord stands firmly by your side, especially in these difficult days. May your hearts and minds continue to be strengthened by Him as you seek to do His will for His glory. JL (NC)

## Dear Tom and All the Dear Berean Call Staff,

Truly, words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation for the excellent conference and our opportunity to watch it online. Thank you.

[My husband's] favorite segments of the conference were those by Trevor Baker. We have re-watched him every time there was a break in your schedule. One night we didn't get to bed until after midnight watching extra material from his website.

May you continue to be blessed of our Lord and used mightily of Him until the trumpet sounds. LH (Canada)

## TBC NOTES

### Our Four-Minute Tract

Have you ever thought about handing out a gospel tract? It's perhaps the simplest way to spread the good news, which all believers have been "commissioned" to do (Mark 16:15). Here's what our new TBC tract says:

ASK ANYONE if they believe they're going to heaven when they die, and the vast majority will answer, "Well, yes, I believe so." When asked why they believe this to be the case, the answer usually goes something like this: "Well, God is a loving God, and I'm a pretty good person."

God is indeed a loving God. All of His attributes are perfect. Yet He is also a God of perfect justice. Therefore, the "not so good" part of "pretty good," as well as the supposed good, also involve sins against God. Everyone is included in the category of sinner, because "all have sinned," according to Romans 3:23. The Bible tells us that the penalty for sin (any one sin) is separation from God forever, and God's justice demands that the penalty for sin must be paid. Consequently, because the penalty is eternal (infinite), man, in his finite state, is incapable for atoning for his own sin.

But there is good news for mankind. In fact, "Good News" is what the word "gospel" means.

God is perfect in love and mercy, and He has already paid the penalty for all humanity—for every single sin of every man and woman—past, present, and future! The Word of God declares: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved" (John 3:16-17).

This is what God the Father did through His Son Jesus Christ, whose death, burial, and resurrection satisfied divine justice, providing eternal reconciliation with God (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 5:8-11).

What is man's part? It is simply this: we are to believe in Him for who He is and for what He, and only He could, and did, accomplish by His experience upon the Cross for all humanity.

Salvation is a free gift that has already been paid for in full by Jesus our Savior. As a gift, it must be received by faith in Him. That is the only necessity. Any attempt to add to that clear biblical requirement (Titus 3:5) of faith alone in order to achieve salvation, such as good works, religious rituals, Old Testament Law keeping, etc., constitutes a rejection of Christ's finished and acceptable sacrifice.

Our prayer is that you will accept by faith the wonderfully profound and immeasurable gift provided by Jesus Christ, our Lord, our God, and our Savior. All you must do is to acknowledge that your sins have separated you from God and believe that only Jesus could—and did—pay the full penalty for your sins. Then thank Him for His precious gift of eternal life that you have received!

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [in Jesus], that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.* —ROMANS 15:13

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.* —ROMANS 8:1-2

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.* —2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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# NEWSWATCH

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

## DINOSAUR ALGAE ALIVE AND WELL TODAY

**ICR.ORG, 9/14/17, "DINOSAUR ALGAE ALIVE AND WELL TODAY" [EXCERPTS]:** Botanists recently discovered *Lychnothamnus barbatus*, a large form of green algae known from European and Asian freshwater lakes, in North America. Before this discovery, the only hints of this particular water plant in the Americas came from their fossils mixed with dinosaurs in Argentina. If this type of algae's fossils were deposited tens of millions of years ago, then how has it avoided evolutionary tinkering ever since? How could it remain unchanged for over "65 million years?"

Drexel University botanist Richard McCourt coauthored a technical report of the find published in the *American Journal of Botany*. He suggested to *DrexelNow* news that the algae could have migrated to the St. Lawrence Seaway in ships' ballast waters. But he missed a bigger issue by offering no suggestion on how the plant avoided evolution for more than 65 million years, the minimum supposed time since its Cretaceous System fossils formed.

(<https://goo.gl/sZhkiE>)

## THE INVISIBLE CHRISTIANS OF NORTH KOREA

**CHRISTIANHEADLINES.COM, 9/15/17, "THE INVISIBLE CHRISTIANS OF NORTH KOREA: SURVIVING BY GOD'S GRACE ALONE" [EXCERPTS]:** If you think North Korea's dictators are bad for the world, just imagine what it's like to be a Christian there.

According to the *Operation World* prayer guide, "From the first Protestant church planted in 1884, South Korea now has possibly 50,000 Protestant congregations," and 15 million Christians of all kinds. It's also a missionary powerhouse, currently sending more than 21,000 missionaries to about 175 countries. Amazing!

But the Christians of North Korea? They're virtually invisible—though of course not in the eyes of the Lord Jesus! According to the *Providence Journal*, "a Presbyterian medical doctor named Horace Allen...received royal permission to proselytize after saving the life of a royal family member.... Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries from the United States followed.... [In 1910] Korean Christians numbered over 200,000, two thirds of them Presbyterians and Methodists, in a country of approximately 13 million people."

If the city of Seoul was receptive to the gospel, and it was, Pyongyang was even more so. Following a series of revivals in and around the "Jerusalem of the East," by 1910 the region was the most heavily Christian in all of Korea.

Of course, most of us know what happened next. After World War II, the communist regime of Kim Il-sung attempted to stamp out all foreign religions, especially Christianity, which was branded a tool of "Western imperialism."

(<https://goo.gl/fDdbRy>)

## FACEBOOK: JEW HATERS AND ADVERTISERS

**PROPUBLICA.COM, 9/14/17, "FACEBOOK ENABLED ADVERTISERS TO REACH 'JEW HATERS'" [EXCERPTS]:** Want to market Nazi memorabilia, or recruit marchers for a far-right rally? Facebook's self-service ad-buying platform had the right audience for you.

Until...we asked Facebook about it, the world's largest social network enabled advertisers to direct their pitches to the news feeds of almost 2,300 people who expressed interest in the topics of "Jew hater," "How to burn jews," or, "History of 'why jews ruin the world.'"

To test if these ad categories were real, we paid \$30 to target those groups with three "promoted posts" ...Facebook approved all three ads within 15 minutes.

After we contacted Facebook, it removed the anti-Semitic categories—which were created by an algorithm rather than by people—and said it would explore ways to fix the problem.... Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg [had written] that "there is no place for hate in our community," and pledged to keep a closer eye on hateful posts and threats of violence on Facebook. "It's a disgrace that we still need to say that neo-Nazis and white supremacists are wrong—as if this is somehow not obvious," he wrote.

But Facebook apparently did not intensify its scrutiny of its ad-buying platform. In all likelihood, the ad categories that we spotted were automatically generated because people had listed those anti-Semitic themes on their Facebook profiles as an interest, an employer, or a "field of study." Facebook's algorithm automatically transforms people's declared interests into advertising categories.

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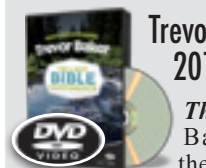
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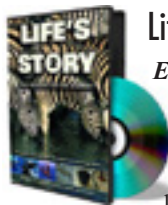
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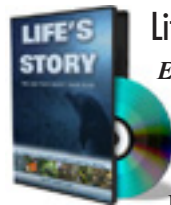


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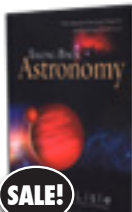
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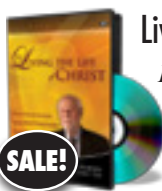
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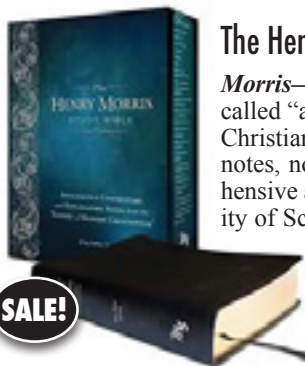
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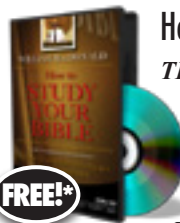
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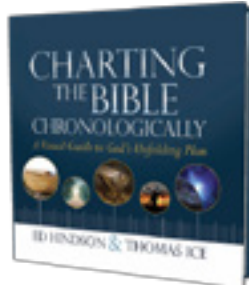
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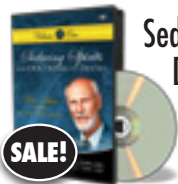
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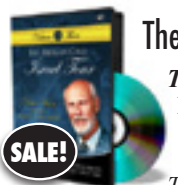
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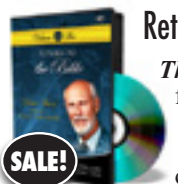
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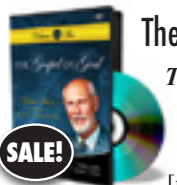
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