

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

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

Creation Witnessing

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I'M EXTREMELY BLESSED to have friends who are very knowledgeable about science and whose calling it is to use their knowledge to reach the lost and to help believers stay the biblical course in the spiritual battle between beliefs in creation and evolution. I'm blessed because science is hardly in my comfort zone, and my friends are always there for me with explanations that I can understand (no small feat), so I'm thankful for their longsuffering in helping me to that end. I want to use what the Bible says about creation in contrast to evolution just as they do, but I need an approach that is just as solid as theirs but obviously not as deep. I prefer to swim without the fear of drowning. For those who are reading this and have the creation vs. evolution debate well in hand, you still may want to share it with folks or family members who are like me.

There are two things regarding creation witnessing that are foremost on my mind. First, I want to be confident in my knowledge of what God's Word declares about creation, and second, I want to be confident in communicating the necessity of *supernaturalism* as the only basis for bringing about the universe and everything in it.

Beginning with what the Scriptures reveal about creation, here are some major points: 1) God created everything (Genesis 1:1). 2) He created everything out of nothing (Hebrews 11:3). 3) Everything was perfect at the time of creation (Genesis 1:31). 4) Jesus, who is both God and man, created all things (John 1:3), and in Him all things consist and are held together (Colossians 1:17). 5) Man's sin corrupted God's perfect creation (Romans 8:20-22). 6) Mankind's sin separated humanity from God yet not from the awareness of God as their Creator (Romans 1:19-20). Those points are among a host of others supported by many scriptures, and they reveal a Creator who is outside of His creation and infinite in His intelligence and power.

There are two principal beliefs as to how the universe was formed: naturalism and supernaturalism. Supernaturalism, as noted above, has a Creator/Designer who is not part of creation and who brought everything into existence. Naturalism, aka evolutionism, is the belief that everything that exists came about without anyone or anything initiating its formation or guiding its development, which took place slowly and naturally over eons.

One of the common false ideas among many people, including Bible-believing Christians, is that those who reject evolution are rejecting science. That makes addressing creation vs. evolution a very worthwhile endeavor. It's not a matter of defending a Christian's intelligence but rather challenging the myth that evolution is science. It's been said that it helps to cut down the trees behind which false beliefs are doing their deceitful work. What are some of those erroneous beliefs?

Is the study of evolution a scientific endeavor? No. A scientific endeavor involves observation, measurement, experiment,

and the formulation and testing of a concluding hypothesis. Evolution can't go there. What then is the study of evolution? It's a philosophy, a way of thinking about the universe and how it was formed. Although posing as a scientific study, it is in fact *scientism*, a speculative ideology (read "religion") that cannot be verified or falsified by true science.

Why then bother to bring the creation vs. evolution discussion into witnessing opportunities? Here's a very significant reason: it's a great way to start talking about God. A good friend of mine, who is one of my heroes when it comes to sharing the gospel, has taught me that "witnessing is not about presentation but rather 'conversation,'" and conversations usually provide openings to asking questions and getting responses. Questions keep the conversation rolling. Consider this typical example: "Do you believe in evolution?" "Of course I do." "I'm asking about the belief that you evolved from less complex kinds of animals over billions of years. Is that what you believe?" "Yeah." "What's the main thing that causes you to believe in it?" "Hey...it's a scientific fact!" "Seriously?" As you might expect, that conversation could get interesting. But what could give it "legs," meaning it might go in a worthwhile direction (i.e., toward the gospel), is to have plenty of other follow-up questions that are based upon reason, logic, common sense, a bit of science savvy, and certainly biblical truth.

One of the things I love about asking questions is that it usually avoids an immediate defensiveness on the part of those being questioned. Few like to have *answers* forced upon them, especially when they have no particular interest in or have limited knowledge of the subject. What's hoped for is that the conversation and the questions will lay the groundwork and motivation for a person seeking answers. Here are some questions regarding people's belief in evolution (naturalism) that may get them rethinking what they have supposed (Q= question, R= response, A= answer, C= comment).

Q: "I've been told that there's no God, and that everything came about by an incredibly long process of nature. Does that sound right to you?" R: "Yeah...that's probably correct." My response *could* be: "Can you think of anything that's really complex that came into existence on its own?" Or it *could* be, "So you believe living things evolved from nonliving things. Do you know or have you ever heard of any examples of that?"

Q: "What do you think of the belief that everything that exists came from nothing?" R: "That makes no sense. Things have always existed." My response: "Well, there's a law of physics that says the universe is running down, so it must have had a beginning. But before the beginning, what do you think there was?" His R and Q: "Nothing, I guess. But don't Christians believe God made everything out of nothing?" My R: "Yes." His Q: "How is that possible? Isn't God subject to the same physical law you referred to? So, he must have had a beginning." My R: "No. Not if He exists outside His creation and isn't subject to the laws He created. If that's the case, which the Bible claims, He has always existed."

Some contend that God made everything out of Himself and therefore everything is part of God, meaning everything is God.

That is the belief of Hinduism and Buddhism known as pantheism and panentheism and is popularized as an impersonal Force, e.g., *Star Wars*. Hinduism and Buddhism teach early forms of naturalism/evolutionism that propose the existence and development of everything without personal design and superintendence. If everything is God, then God also comprises all the evil that exists. That's the dark side of the Force, not the God of biblical Christianity, who is perfectly good and holy.

Q: "Do you think that humans evolved from something less than human?" R: "It's hard to believe, but that's what all the evidence points to." Q: "So it's from slime to invertebrates to bony fish to creeping/slithering land things to apes to 'Lucy' to you and me?" R: "That's what I've been taught. Although I think we've lost ground when it comes to our sense of morality." Q: "Can you think of *any* animal that's a clear transition or link between two different kinds of animals?" R: "I've been told there are, but I don't remember what they are." Q: "Did you know that there are literally millions of fossils of creatures that supposedly lived in prehistoric times and later, yet there are less than a handful of those that are promoted as 'transitional fossils,' all of which are questionable at best? Shouldn't there be millions of examples of intermediate or transitional fossils?"

Q: "What do you know of the Big Bang Theory...other than the television comedy show?" R: "Supposedly it's the way the universe began." Q: "Why do you say 'supposedly'?" R: "I'm an engineer and I have trouble believing that what I recognize as incredible design in nature and the way we go about building things...I can't see all of that having started with an immeasurable explosion. I like the TV show, but I don't buy the so-called scientific theory." Q: "Are you a Christian?" R: "Not really. I bailed out on organized religion." Q: "Why was that?" R: "I was a Catholic and got tired of being told what to believe and especially the customary reason given for it: 'Because the Church says so.'" Q: "Did you stop believing in God?" R: "Probably not. I just don't go there anymore." Q: As an engineer, would it be your best guess that God is the Designer of the universe?" R: "It would be more than a guess. My math is pretty good, and the astounding complexities I see in everything—from plants to animals to the human body—render the idea that they evolved naturally a bad guess. As far as probability goes, it's a farce. It could never happen by chance, in my view." Q: "Did you know that God said in the Bible, 'Come let us reason together'? I really enjoy talking with you because you seem like a very reasonable guy." R: "Where does it say in the Bible God wants to reason with us? I like that." A: "Isaiah 1:18. Let me show it to you so you can read it for yourself."

We never know where a conversation will take us when we go about trying to share the gospel. Sometimes we hit a brick wall and that's the end of it. So we move on, maintaining a pleasant attitude as we look for our next opportunity to point them to their Creator and Savior. Even in those times when we are abruptly rejected regarding what we share, seeds that may lead to conviction have been planted. Whether or not they take root and bear fruit is up to the person. The process of creation witnessing, with its conversations, questions, and answers, is to be carried out with complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Our part is simply to obey the Lord's leading and be thankful for the opportunities He provides.

The conversation, questions, and answers I've supplied are just samples of what the interaction could be like. Here are a few more: Q: "Do you think that all living things evolved?" R: "From what I understand about evolution, that's the process, and it includes everything." Q: "What about some things that can't work if they had to evolve?" R: "Give me an example." A & Q: "Your eyes. Their complexity is mind blowing. The number and speed of the functions they carry out are far beyond our most

advanced supercomputers (which, by the way, were designed). Yet the eye itself could not function unless every incredibly intricate part was in place. Forget the idea of a potential eye hanging in there for millions of years waiting for what it needs to work." R: "I hear what you're saying." C: "Speaking of hearing, it's the same situation regarding your ears. Consider their astounding complexity! If ears relied upon random mutation-driven developments progressing from simple to complex over long periods of time in order to function, we'd all be deaf. All the multitude of astoundingly complex components of eyes and ears must be in place at once or neither body part will work."

Q: "No doubt you've heard the question, 'What came first, the chicken or the egg?' Did you ever wonder who came first, man or woman?" R: "Never thought about it. I'm aware that Christians believe man was created first, but I don't know about that." Q: "Are you thinking they evolved?" R: "Yeah. Q: So which one evolved from the other?" R: "Does it make any difference?" My R: "Probably not...as long as the male or female can evolve the necessary opposite sexual body parts to enable impregnation and child birth." Q: "How can that happen?" R: "Evolutionists admit that they don't have a clue."

All the questions above were ones I made up with the hope that I might get a conversation going with someone I meet. I have some idea of the response I'll get, but I never really know. So I trust the Lord to give me an answer to the person's response, or a follow-up question. As the title of this article indicates, this witnessing approach majors on things related to creation and evolution. One of the goals, in addition to steering the talk in the direction of biblical truth, particularly regarding our Creator Jesus and the gospel, is to get people to *think* about some ideas they have that are actually bogus. What they believe about evolution is a denial of their Creator, and therefore it's a great subject to address, especially because of all the myths about evolution. Additionally, a science degree is rarely necessary because the myths have more to do with irrationality and a lack of common sense than knowing an atomic number on the periodic table.

As I hope you can see, this is not a "by-the-numbers" witnessing *method* devised by T. A. It's an *approach* that involves the Holy Spirit helping a believer to put together lots of questions on different subjects that will get a conversation going and then directing it *as He leads*. All of us are well practiced in conversation, so that shouldn't be a problem. Another question I like is a point blank: "Do you believe in God?" To a "yes" answer I might follow up with "Tell me what you believe and where you got those beliefs." Or "Do you think it's possible to have a personal relationship with God?" Or "What do you think about Jesus?" Or, if you know or are in the presence of someone who uses the Lord's name in vain (more out of habit than intending anything mean-spirited by it), here's a question you might consider asking: "You keep referring to Jesus. Sounds like you know Him, and I was wondering what you could tell me about Him!" That could be an interesting conversation.

Does that seem a little too bold for you? Remember, boldness is necessary according to the Scriptures. Why? Because the critical issue is where a person will spend eternity. The Apostle Paul declared this prayer for himself—as well as for us: "And for me, [praying] that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:19-20). My prayer is that our Creator God will give us all an increasing desire and heart to witness of the love He has for all His created beings.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: The “church” is, and always was, “man’s ways and means”; and that is so easy to see now, with all of the information that is at our fingertips. Originally, “Ecclesia” was not buildings and institutions. Words matter! Why did King James have to bind the translators of the KJV to the word “church” if it was the right word? Sadly the word “church” is now so elevated above truth, and so much is built upon it, that few are going to give up the empires and businesses that they have established, no matter what the truth is. What do you think?

RESPONSE: The value of a word and its usage is not determined by the abuse of men. In Ephesians 1:23 Paul clearly states that the church “...is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” In Matthew 16:18, the Lord promised to build His church and said that “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” In 2 Timothy 2:19, Paul noted, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

The church is not a building but the people that may meet in a building. Even in the conditions approaching the endtimes, we are to “...consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb 10:24-25).

The church is not a “business” or an “empire,” but too many have forsaken the assembling of ourselves together because of such abuses, though the implication of Hebrews is that if we are commanded to not forsake the assembling, this must be possible (no matter how small the group) until the Lord takes us in the Rapture or by death.

The Lord has some assignments for us, and we need to have the Holy Spirit’s guidance regarding where we are to gather. We may not recognize immediately why the Lord has us where we are. We continue to encourage those who write to us that they aren’t to be fearful of a church that isn’t perfect, since there are none.

If we do as the Bereans did, searching the Scriptures daily to see if what they were taught was so, the Lord can use such a situation mightily in spite of the human failings we may encounter. God has His people everywhere, in the midst of faulty settings, and He may lead us to a place we would not have chosen in order that we might “forsake not the assembling” and fulfill our role among the saints to encourage, help, serve, admonish, and together become Bereans.

By definition, the word translated “church” is from *ekklēsia* (a word derived from *ek*, meaning, “out of, from, and to” and *kalēō*, “to call”). More properly, “the Church” comprises a people who are called out *from* the world and *to* God (see *Strong’s Concordance*). That is what we need to keep in mind.

QUESTION: Are the techniques used on people in psychotherapy reliable? [From our archives, July 1986]

Response: I can’t begin to answer that thoroughly here. I’d suggest you read Martin and Deidre Bobgan’s book, *The Psychological Way/The Spiritual Way* and other books by Christians refuting the scientific claims of psychotherapy.

You just can’t escape the fact that psychology has a very, very powerful influence in modern society. We have turned our society over to these people. Here’s a quote from a book, *The Psychological Society*, by Martin Gross. He says, “the major agent of change in modern society is psychology. This cult sits at the very center of contemporary society as an international colossus whose professional minions number in the hundreds of thousands. Its ranks include psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, clinical psychologists, psychothera-

pists, social workers, family therapists, educational psychologists, sensitivity groups and encounter leaders, assorted lay therapists, Christian psychologists” and on and on and on it goes. Here’s what he says: “Its experimental animals are an obliging, even grateful, human race. They [psychotherapists] don’t know what they are doing.”

Just get a subscription to *Psychology Today*. Read it from 10 years ago or 5 years ago and see how the theories have changed. You’ve got 250 psychologies and 10,000 therapies. It’s a smorgasbord of personal preferences, and the research proves that none of them are scientific nor do they necessarily offer any help. Yet the church has become the largest referral agency to psychologists and psychiatrists. Christians have forfeited what used to be called the cure of souls to what is now called the cure of sick minds. It’s not biblical nor is it scientific!

Psychologists also have the highest occupational hazard rate of any profession—divorce, suicide, alcoholism, etc. The Bible is the manufacturer’s handbook that claims to have “everything that pertains to life and godliness.” Why turn to a bankrupt system? I’ve already shared with you that 7,000 of the world’s leading psychotherapists recently gathered in Phoenix to evaluate where psychotherapy has come in 100 years. R. D. Laing summed it up well. He said he couldn’t think of any fundamental insight into relationships between human beings that has resulted from a century of psychotherapy.

QUESTION: Our pastor preached on Sunday that God crucified Jesus. Does the Bible state this?

Response: The Lord Jesus was sent to earth by the will of the Father. In Revelation 13:8 we learn that Jesus is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Before the world was formed, God knew that the redemption of sinful man would require the death of the Son.

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter, speaking of Jesus, declared, “Delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain....”

Peter was pointing out that the Lord had known exactly what sinful man would do and that it fulfilled the predetermined counsel of God. Yet, it was by the “wicked hands” of man that Jesus was “crucified and slain.” Some anti-Semites have stated that it was the Jews who killed Jesus, but the Roman government (and consequently humanity) must share the guilt. Rome was the only judicial authority granted the power to exercise capital punishment. The representatives of Rome that day in Jerusalem set aside justice to satisfy an angry mob. They executed an innocent man, of whom Pilate, the Roman Governor of Galilee, declared, “I find no fault in this man” (Lk 23:4).

In the Garden, as He faced the Cross, Jesus declared, “Not my will but thine be done.” Long before the Cross, however, Jesus (remember—He had a choice) had already willed Himself to go. He set His face like a flint (Is 50:7), and “he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk 9:51). He didn’t drag His heels on the way to the cross. At any time He could have called for help: “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?” (Mt 26:52). He “willingly” went to suffer the death of the cross. Jesus had said to His disciples, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me....Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it” (Mt 16:24-25). Therefore, in Jesus’s willingness we see Him freely choose to go to the Cross. Yes, the Father sent Him, and the Father didn’t stop the execution to which the Son submitted Himself. Nevertheless, it was humanity who put our Lord to death.

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Berean Call Staff,

Thank you so much for continuing to provide the truth of God's Word to a world desperately in need—including those of us who were temporarily deceived. We are now trusting and thank you for the monthly newsletter and all the available material. I'm so pleased to be part of your ministry—a grateful participant. CW (NE)

Dear TBC,

For the first time ever, I'm disappointed in your Newsletter (Dec). First article [by Dave Hunt]...I find out God loves me but He doesn't "need" me. Sounds like something a Calvinist might say, as they equate humans with worms. Then I scroll to the Q/A and find out the President can pardon a criminal but he's zip/zero/nothing compared to Jesus who died on a cross for people.

The point? People who help others are nothing. Only Jesus is somebody. So, now I don't feel like reading the rest of the Newsletter for fear that it'll tell me I'm worthless so I should go commit suicide.

Okay, that may have been a little over the top but you really do sound like Calvinists now. Are you angry? Could you guys

please just preach the gospel and stop with the God-is-great-but-people-are-dung theology? And is anyone really so superior in loving God the "right way" they should tell the rest of us how to be religiously correct in all these matters? How about some good articles on Prophecy? Or how to stay strong (and be happy) while having to deal with all the wickedness in America now. You know, encouraging things, instead of tearing down things. J (email).

Dear Berean Call,

Greetings and salutations in the Name, Power, and Authority of our mighty Creator. I am deeply and much obliged to you all collectively. The recent TBC newsletter was well written and very inspiring, especially T. A. McMahon's "Have you left your first love?" article. I recommend TBC to my friends, family, and other prisoners as often as possible. There is intense persecution of Christians abroad and here in the U.S. In prison it is ugly for Christian prisoners. EG (prisoner, CA).

Dear Mr. McMahon,

I was without *The Berean Call* for a year and missed it so much. Praise God that the Berean Call is working very hard to keep us on the straight and narrow way. I also think that frequent articles from Dave Hunt's past writings would greatly be a benefit. You, Mr. McMahon, are also an invaluable asset to us, having been converted to Christ out of Roman Catholicism. Praise God for doing this! I fear the church has become worldly and fails in being a praying church. RB (Canada)

Dear TBC,

I just wanted to say *thank you* for including the full text of the radio program *Search the Scriptures 24/7*, since I love to read The Bible and learn more about God's Word. Thank you for all the various formats and languages in which you publicize and promote the gospel, and not settling for less than His absolute Truth. The full-text transcripts of your weekly broadcast is truly a gift that keeps on giving, just as The Bible is, and I pray you will continue publishing the readable formats as well as the audio and video. May our Abba Father God continue to bless you as diligent shepherds and harvesters of His Gospel. BM (email)

QUOTABLE

"Spiritual values" is a vague term that no one defines, yet everyone seems pleased with themselves for using it, as though common ground for uniting science and religion has been found and something meaningful has been communicated. In fact, neither is true. "Spiritual values" is another form of "the Emperor's new clothes." No one knows what the term means. Yet it has become an integral part of suggested solutions to the world's problems. To put it bluntly, "spiritual values" is the new *shibboleth* of the environmental and peace movements.

Even some evangelical leaders seem pleased with all the talk about "spiritual values." They react as though it indicates that those who use the term are somehow kindred spirits, when in fact they could be atheists and/or occultists totally opposed to Christianity—and generally are.

—DAVE HUNT

TBC NOTES

That's Not My Calling!

When I mentioned to my recent guest, Mark Cahill, on *Search the Scriptures 24/7* that many Christians are reluctant to witness to the lost, claiming it's not their "calling," his response was, "They need to pick up the phone!" Obviously, his point was that witnessing is not a calling. It's a command, and it's central to every believer's life in Christ. The "phone" is God's Word, where verses abound related to sharing the gospel.

So why are many if not most Christians reluctant to share the gospel with lost family members, friends, and strangers? Well, mostly it appears that it has to do with self. Self-image puts us in fear of looking foolish in front of others. Self-interest puts us in fear of upsetting personal relationships. Self-love has us loving ourselves more than the eternal destiny of others. Self-consciousness holds us firmly in bondage to what others think. "Self" presents the greatest road block regarding our obedience to God's instructions and pleasing Him. The biblical solution is given in Matthew 16:24: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

The other lame excuse (read "disobedience") is "I'm neither trained nor equipped to evangelize." Do you have any experience in holding a conversation? Then you are trained. Have you ever asked anyone questions? Then you are equipped. The approach involves growing in the knowledge of what the Bible teaches and letting the Holy Spirit direct your conversation, your questions, and your responses. He is always available. How about you?

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in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

CHRISTIANS STANDING IN THE WAY OF CHINA

CNNNews.com, 12/18/18, "CHRISTIANS 'STANDING IN THE WAY' OF CHINA'S XI JINPING'S TOTALITARIAN RULE" [EXCERPTS]: It was 40 years ago that China opened its doors to the world and launched a series of ambitious reforms that would create one of the world's largest economic engines.

"December 18, 1978, was an important day to be remembered in the history of the Chinese nation," Xi added, saying that it marked the "start of a great journey of reform...."

But unlike Deng Xiaoping, who helped launch the country's reforms and wanted to reduce the power and influence of the Communist Party over civil society, China's current leader believes in the absolute power of the Party and wants his government to exert control over every aspect of Chinese life.

Since coming to power in 2012, Xi has severely cracked down on human rights, religious freedom, and freedom of expression. Christians are experiencing some of the worst persecution in decades.

"Under President Xi, the government has further tightened control over Christianity in its broad efforts to 'Sinicize' religion or 'adopt Chinese characteristics'.... In other words, to ensure that religious groups support the government and the Communist Party."

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THREAT OF AMERICA'S NEW POLITICAL RELIGIONS

INTELLECTUALTAKEOUT.ORG, 12/12/18, "THE GREAT AWAKENING: THE THREAT OF AMERICA'S NEW POLITICAL RELIGIONS" [EXCERPTS]: The decline of religion in America is real—that is, depending on how you define "religion."

Weekly church attendance is in decline, as is self-identification with a formal religion, denomination, or belief system. Meanwhile, the rise of the "nones" seems increasingly steady in speed, replacing religious-cultural standards and norms of old with a modern menu of "personal spiritualities" based on any number of humanistic priorities—from humanitarianism to political activism to self-helpism to the garden-variety exultations of hedonism, materialism, and comfortability.

In a striking essay, Andrew Sullivan explores the phenomenon and its deleterious effects, reminding us that the decline in Western Christianity has not meant a

decline in "religiosity" after all.... "We're mistaken if we believe that the collapse of Christianity in America has led to a decline in religion," Sullivan writes. "It has merely led to religious impulses being expressed by political cults. Like almost all new cultish impulses, they see no boundary between politics and their religion."

As a result, Sullivan argues, the Great Awakening of America's past has been replaced by a "Great Awakening" of sorts. On the left, we see the growth of an identitarian shame culture, with "social justice" and "fairness" as its supposed ends. Those who violate its dogmas are deemed heretics, dealt with only by coercions into "public demonstrations of shame" or outright cultural banishment. Likewise, on the Right, we see a vigorous opposition that opts for the same sort of intellectual overreach, elevating a narrow nationalism and isolationism to religious heights, conflating Christian witness with political control, and purging those who disagree.

In each case, we see political orthodoxies asserting themselves much like they always have. This time, however, there's a religious vacuum to be filled, allowing them to masquerade as causes "bigger than ourselves." Unfortunately, and quite ironically, our selves are still firmly at the forefront.

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY DEVASTATED BY KILLING

MORNINGSTARNEW.ORG, 1/7/19, "CHRISTIAN FAMILY, CHURCH DEVASTATED BY KILLING OF CHURCH ELDER IN NIGERIA" [EXCERPTS]: Ladi Yakubu does not know how her family will eat after Muslim Fulani herdsmen destroyed crops on their farm in Kaduna state, Nigeria on Nov. 26 and shot and killed her husband.

The 49-year-old Yakubu, a member of the Dogo Awo village congregation of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) in north-central Nigeria, said she knew the gunmen were Fulani herdsmen [who] lived near the village for several years.

The armed herdsmen left the area, she said, but the next morning they returned and destroyed crops, water-pumping machines for irrigation, herbicide sprayers and even the food warmers the family had taken to the farm, she said.

Every morning during family devotionals, she said, her husband would instruct them never to repay evil with evil.

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