

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

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

Kingdom Dominion Theology

Dave Hunt and T. A. McMahon

THERE ARE MANY factors that make up the growing *apostasy* and seduction of the church. One of the most alarming, least understood, and fastest spreading errors is the teaching that this present earth, instead of heaven, is the ultimate home for the church. Accordingly, her goal is to take over the world and establish the kingdom of God. Only then, it is said, can Christ return—not, however, to take us to His Father’s house, as He promised His disciples in John 14, but to reign over the Kingdom that we have established for Him. As we mentioned in the last chapter of *The Seduction of Christianity*, if the real Jesus Christ is going to catch His bride up from earth to meet Him *in the air* (1 Thessalonians 4:17), then those who are working to build a kingdom for a “Christ” whom they will meet with their feet planted on earth have been under heavy delusion indeed. In fact, they have been working for the Antichrist!

One hears a great deal about Christ returning only when the church is a *unified, vibrant, forceful, spotless, wrinkle-free* bride, etc. There is no scripture to support such teaching. Nor is it logical that Christians who happen to be alive when Christ returns will have to attain to perfection in order to join (at that heavenly marriage to the Lamb) millions of Christians from past ages who attained to no such perfection at all.

The only righteousness that any of us have is that of Christ himself. Our works qualify us for *rewards* but not for *heaven*. “Absent from the body . . . present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8) is as true of carnal Christians when they die as it is for the most victorious. Christians from all ages “must *all* appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:10), and when our works have been tried with fire (1 Corinthians 3:13-15), and in shame we have confessed our sins and failures (1 John 1:9) and He has wiped “all tears from [our] eyes” (Revelation 21:4), then, and not until then, will His bride (the true church) appear without spot or wrinkle, united before her Father’s throne in heaven and ready to join in that great feast above!

We ought to seek to live holy and faithful lives to His glory. His coming, however, is not dependent upon that small fraction of the church who are alive at the time reaching some form of perfection that millions, and perhaps billions, of Christians already in His presence through death have never attained.

That teaching can be traced back several centuries, but its recent explosion dates from the Latter Rain, or Manifest Sons of God, movement that began in 1948 in Canada in apparent revival. It was declared to be heresy by the Assemblies of God in 1950. Its relationship to the Word/Faith, positive-confession, prosperity and healing movements (Hagin, Copeland, Capps, Price, et al.) is clearly established. Obviously, if we can get whatever we confess, then we ought to confess healing and immortality and peace and prosperity and salvation for the world. This is, in fact, where the name “Manifest Sons” comes from: the last-days overcomers must manifest total victory over all foes, *including death*, while in these bodies and without a resurrection.

Hardcore Manifest Sons teachers make such statements as, “You can study books about going to heaven in a so-called

‘rapture,’ if that turns you on. We want to study the Bible to learn to live and to love and to bring heaven to earth.” Others are more cautious—and even devious—in their statements. One of the early leaders, the late Earl Paulk, for example, claimed to believe in the Rapture in spite of the fact that he wrote entire books denouncing it. Just as Mormons use words such as “salvation,” “eternal life,” “God,” etc. (but have their own meaning for those words), so those in this movement use terminology that has accepted meanings for other Christians in order to confuse. It is a mistake to assume that by “Rapture” they mean being caught up to meet Christ in the air with the resurrected saints and taken to heaven. Most of those in this movement use the term “Rapture” to signify reaching a new oneness with Christ that enables them to fully manifest His power and glory.

Prophetic scriptures are either denied, interpreted as having already been fulfilled (e.g., much of Revelation happened at AD 70, according to the Preterists and Amillennialists), or they are spiritualized. Some of the terminology they use: “The church is Israel,” with true Israel no longer having any place in prophecy as a nation; “Armageddon” is the ongoing battle between the forces of light and darkness; “the Antichrist” is a spirit, not a person; we are already in the Great Tribulation *and* the Millennium, etc. Instead of exegeting the Scriptures, there are *new revelations*. Such “spiritual insights” come by hearing directly from God (and are erroneously termed “rhema”). We’re told that the new revelations abrogate what is written in His Word. Furthermore, Christ’s return is being held up by the reluctance of the body of Christ to accept new revelation. Those who institute such teachings are presented as a new class of prophets who cannot be judged but must be obeyed. That is what the New Apostolic Reformation is all about!

Closely related in belief are several other groups. Christian Reconstructionism is a development within Calvinism that is associated with amillennial eschatology, i.e., we are now in the Millennium and adhere to replacement theology (the church has replaced Israel), and John Calvin’s attempt to bring God’s Kingdom to earth in his absolute rule over Geneva. The same was attempted in the US by the Calvinist-influenced Coalition on Revival in the 1990s. That was primarily a Christian political movement that involved the Religious Right and the Moral Majority. Jim Wallis of *Sojourners*, who was President Obama’s spiritual advisor, is a chief advocate of Christian socialism, and his influence continues to grow, especially among those who are zealous for the worldwide establishment of social justice under Christian rule. The claimed focus of the Christian Left, aka Progressive Christianity, is upon cleaning up the earth ecologically, politically, economically, sociologically—leading to Christian dominionism. They imagine that the main function of the church is to restore the Edenic state—hardly helpful, since Eden is where sin began!

Many groups are beginning to work together who disagree on some points but join with Gaia (Mother Earth)-worshipping New Agers in their desire to clean up our *terra firma* and establish the Kingdom. We can expect such cooperative efforts to grow, even involving Christian leaders who are not aware of what they are actually promoting. The Coalition on Revival (COR), for example, included such influential evangelicals as Joseph Aldrich,

Pat Robertson, Bill Bright, Jerry Falwell, Armin Gesswein, Josh McDowell and J. I. Packer, who were probably clueless regarding the actual intention of the leaders of COR.

As stated at the beginning of this article, one's unwitting participation in literally building the Kingdom of God *before* the Second Coming of the King himself, Jesus Christ, is in fact contributing to the establishment of the religion and kingdom of the Antichrist. That will be Satan's next-to-last stand as he gains possession of "the man of sin, the son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians) and empowers him to rule the world (albeit briefly), as he, the chief of the devils, seeks universal worship, his ultimate goal for himself.

What has been presented above is only a partial review of the last fifty years of Satan's efforts to build his demonic kingdom. An earlier insight is given in a book we reprinted titled *Christianity and Antichristianity in Their Final Conflict* by Samuel J. Andrews. Although it was originally written 120 years ago, its content reveals much of the Adversary's contemporary deceptions! Andrews simply looked to what the Bible declares will take place pertaining to false doctrine, false prophecies, false Christs, and ungodly beliefs and practices, and he compared those things with what was taking place in his day. Interestingly, the book reads as though it were written today!

I (T. A.) have a heart for young Christians. My great joy (3 John 1:4) is when I can see them "walk[ing] in truth." My heartache comes about when I see them demonstrating much zeal to serve the Lord, but it is fostered by biblical ignorance and false teaching. A few years ago I visited Bethel Church in Redding, California. The pastor is Bill Johnson. The church has a school (The School of Supernatural Ministry) accommodating 3,000 students from all around the world. Prior to the service I interviewed a few of the third-year students. I then attended the church service there, and following that I was joined at a restaurant by one of the students I had interviewed earlier. He asked me what I thought of the service, which was preached by Johnson's assistant.

I told him I was puzzled by a couple of the major points the preacher had made: 1) that worldwide revival is just ahead, and 2) that God is raising up Christians to transform and rule on the earth before Jesus can return and take control. The young man, an Australian, was surprised that I was perplexed by those points. He obviously was not, since they were key teachings of his education at The School of Supernatural Ministry.

As we talked, I asked him what his understanding was regarding biblical eschatology. He wasn't familiar with the term, so I told him it had to do with the events that would take place just prior to and after the Second Coming of Jesus. I then asked him where the events, as noted by the Bethel preacher, fit in with the chronology the Bible plainly declares, such as the Apostasy, the Rapture, the Great Tribulation, and much of the Book of Revelation. He had no answer. *Biblical* eschatology is neither taught at Bethel church nor in its school because it doesn't square with Bill Johnson's Kingdom Dominion agenda.

Previous *TBC* newsletters of late, as well as two of my messages at The Berean Call 2019 Conference (<https://bit.ly/2xmrWZ7> and <https://bit.ly/2QzLbW7>), addressed the gathering of 40-50 thousand young Christians at the Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, in 2019. The 12-hour event was titled The Send. The stated objective was to motivate the thousands of young people in attendance to take the gospel to their neighborhoods, high schools, universities, communities, countries, and then to the nations abroad. However—few, if any—of the attendees were aware of The Send's ultimate objective: Kingdom Dominionism.

The leaders of The Send gathering were all advocates of the Kingdom-Dominion points made by the Bethel Church preacher. The young speakers represented Bethel, YWAM, The New Apostolic Reformation (NAR), and other like-minded and very influential principals. The elder leaders who were addressing the very

enthusiastic, even bewitched, crowd were Benny Hinn, Bill Johnson, Loren Cunningham, Lou Engel, Rodney Howard-Browne, and Francis Chan. All are a part of, or at least allies of, the unbiblical Word/Faith, Positive Confession, and Healing-and-Prosperity Movements.

Jesus characterized the time of His return by telling His disciples, "Take heed that no man deceive you" (Matthew 24:4). In Luke 18:8, He said, "...when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" This prophesied apostasy and increasing deception will be further extended because, "...the time will come when they [professing and many true Christians] will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The Apostle Paul warned the elders of the church at Ephesus that those who would subvert their fellowship would come from within their ranks: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 20:28-31).

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth that we are not to be ignorant of Satan's devices lest he "should get an advantage of us" (2 Corinthians 2:11). One of his "devices" is to introduce "perverse things [that] draw away disciples after" those promoting his heresies. Some establish themselves as a trendy development such as the Emerging Church Movement (ECM), which gained numerous adherents, especially among young adults. The ECM featured the rituals, liturgy, and sacramentals of the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and High Episcopal Churches. A few critics declared it to be a short-lived fad and that we were "not to worry." What they failed to recognize is that many of Satan's movements are often akin to a large wave that is impressive as it crests, but then it crashes, spreading its debris (i.e., heresies) all across the beach, where aspects of its false doctrines remain, only to be picked up by others. But it doesn't stop there. Waves come in sets. They withdraw and come again. It may take awhile, and they may be reshaped as they form, yet they very likely will return, just as we've seen the resurfacing of the Kingdom Dominion and the Word/Faith/Healing and Prosperity heresies.

What then would the Lord have us to do as we face the growing apostasy? We should certainly grow in discernment through the daily habit of studying His Word, undergirding that study by praying without ceasing, and fellowship with like-minded believers. Additionally, Jesus wants us to be *watchmen*. Dozens of verses exhort us to *watch*. Some of those have to do with the expectation of our "blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Others urge us to be watchful regarding the evil that is here or is soon coming upon us. But it isn't only for us personally; it's for all those who have been ensnared or are ripe for Satan's deceptions. Just as the prophet Ezekiel (chapters 3 and 33) was given the responsibility to be a watchman over Israel, we too are accountable to the Lord to inform our brothers and sisters in Christ regarding the evils of the apostasy.

We are not only charged to do so, the Word of God tells us *how* to go about it. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Timothy 2:24-26).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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QUESTION: A theologian on the radio said that in 1 Corinthians 6:19, when Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit being *in* us, he is using a figure of speech and that the Holy Spirit is not *spatially* present within the believer...that the indwelling is best described as a relationship...as one would say, “My beloved ones will always be in my heart.” I have always believed that the Holy Spirit, after the new birth, literally abides within the believer *in the same way* that my soul and/or spirit lives “spatially” within my body. The use of the word “spatial” is awkward, at best, when attempting to describe the “location” of a spirit being. But is it not correct to say that a human spirit dwells spatially *in* a body? I understand that God the Holy Spirit is omnipresent and not limited by time and space, but does He not *literally* dwell within each believer?

RESPONSE: We don’t understand how the human soul and spirit live within the body, but they do. Paul describes death as the departure of the soul and spirit from the body to be with Christ in heaven: “...absent from the body...present with the LORD” (2 Cor 5:8). Paul desired to “depart, and to be with Christ...” (Phil 1:23). He contrasted that with abiding “in the flesh” (v. 24), again showing that the soul and spirit literally dwell within the body while it is alive and leave it upon death. We can’t pinpoint a “location” of the soul and spirit within the body, but the fact that the souls and spirits of the redeemed who have died are literally with Christ in heaven is further indicated by the statement that they come with Christ to be reunited with their bodies at the resurrection and the Rapture (1 Thes 4:14). We have biblical and logical reason to believe that the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit within the believer, which brings life to spirit, soul, and body, is no less *in each person’s body* than is the human soul and spirit.

Our bodies are called “the temple of God” (1 Cor 3:16-17); the “body is the temple of the Holy Ghost” (6:19). Paul is specific regarding the body: “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ [bodily] from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you” (Rom 8:11). That there is something more than a mere relationship, such as “My beloved ones will always be in my heart,” is quite evident. The believer does indeed have such a relationship, but it is voluntary and by faith, as when Paul prays for the Ephesians, “that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith” (Eph 3:17). That also would be true of the analogy Christ makes of the believer’s relationship to Him as that of a branch in a vine (Jn 15:1-10) drawing its life and sustenance for victorious living from Christ. This is a faith relationship, and the cutting off of the branches that don’t bear fruit and throwing them into the fire (v. 6) is due to the failure to live by faith a fruitful life; it does not mean that salvation has been lost.

It is clear that there is an indwelling of Christ and the Holy Spirit; however, that is neither established nor maintained by faith. Never are we told that to be saved we must believe that Christ and the Holy Spirit come to live within us. That we are born of the Holy Spirit (Jn 1:13, 3:3-8; 1 Jn 3:9, etc.), baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13), sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13), and indwelt by the Holy Spirit is not ours by faith. It is a work God does in all who believe the gospel and who are born again. Indeed, we are told that this indwelling (“the Spirit of God dwell *in* you...if Christ be *in* you”—Rom 8:9-11) is proof of our salvation and the assurance that we will be raised from the dead. Again, “Jesus Christ is *in* you, except ye be reprobates” (2 Cor 13:5).

Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit “dwelleth with you, and shall be *in* you” (Jn 14:17). Surely this difference between being *with* and *in* that occurred at Pentecost is more than a deepening *fellowship*. It cannot relate to the omnipresence of the Holy Spirit, which is always true. Jesus promised that those who believed in Him would have flowing out from within themselves “rivers of living water” (Jn 7:38). John explains, “But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified” (v. 39). This promised indwelling of the Holy Spirit was so different from the relationship that the Holy Spirit had to the great prophets of the Old Testament that, by comparison, the Holy Spirit had not yet even been given! This indwelling is referred to as “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” God has created a permanent indwelling of the Spirit of Christ and of the Holy Spirit within believers’ bodies—and by faith He lives in our hearts.

QUESTION: A popular Bible teacher has taught that Jesus is not our Creator, that He was only God temporarily, that He is called the Son of God because God the Father sired Him through Mary, and that He is now an exalted man—and only a man—in heaven. Because this teacher is so highly regarded, his teachings have been widely accepted.

Response: It is tragic that so many Christians follow men rather than God in His Word. To any student of the Bible, such ideas would immediately be seen as the most obvious heresy. But because of their high regard for the teacher, those influenced by him surrender their own understanding of clear biblical teaching in deference to the leader whom they admire. That is how cults are formed.

The Bible clearly says that Mary, while still a virgin, “was found with child of the Holy Ghost” (Mt 1:18), not “of the Father.” The Holy Spirit is not called the Father of Jesus, yet it was through His agency that a child was formed in Mary’s womb. Obviously the terms “Father” and “Son of God” contain no connotation of the Father “siring” Jesus. God is said to have a Son in the Old Testament before Jesus was born in Bethlehem: “Kiss the Son, lest he be angry....” (Ps 2:12); “[W]ho hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name...?” (Pv 30:4).

That God involves a plurality of persons is taught throughout the Old Testament as well as in the New. The Hebrew word *elohim*, which is used for “God” about 2,500 times in the Old Testament, is a plural form indicating a number more than two.

God says, “I change not” (Mal 3:6). Thus God the Son, who took a human body in becoming man through the virgin birth, must always continue to be God. That Jesus was God, living as a man in this world, is clear. In the Old Testament, the God of Israel repeatedly declares that He is the “only Savior” (Ps 106:21; Is 43:11, 45:22, 49:26, etc.); whereas the New Testament makes it equally clear that Jesus Christ is the only Savior, and He is frequently called “God our Savior” (1 Tm 1:1, Ti 1:4, 2:13, etc.). God the Father says to Christ after His incarnation (“when he bringeth the firstborn into the world”), “Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever...” (Heb 1:8). And one of the characteristics of God is changelessness: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Heb 13:8).

That Christ is our Creator must be true because He is God. The Bible states it clearly: “All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made” (Jn 1:3). If man was created (which he was), then he was created by Christ. And inasmuch as Christ made everything that was made, He himself must be a *non-created* being, and by this argument also, He is God.

LETTERS

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Dear Tom,

You don't know me, but I feel like I know you pretty well through all the video, audio, and print material that has made me familiar with you. The Bible Survival series was a particular blessing to me, because I worked through them with my four sons when they were age range 10-14 (not long ago)....

I imagine you are having a huge impact on many other people like me and my sons, but you may not hear from many of us.... I want to encourage you to keep doing what you do, because it is an invaluable service and blessing. Why? Because it is the unvarnished truth of the Bible. That may have been more common at one time, but it's not the case today, as you know. Keep doing what you do, please.

All things you do so well, and [you] say things that, when I hear them, they land instantly recognizable as true. Please thank the entire TBC staff... LB (email)

Tom,

Excellent article [December 2019] on suicide. My only question is, why was there no mention of SSRIs [Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors] (mostly antidepressants)? The suicide rate increase has coincided with the use of these drugs. Any doctor can prescribe them, and maybe your readers should be warned about them. Their package insert even warns of increased suicide/homicide risk. The suicide rate is 2.5 times higher when taking these drugs. MD (email)

Dear Brother Tom McMahon

When *Berean Call* is in my mailbox, it is always a treat. Thank you for bringing solid Bible-based articles and exposing the apostasy. Thank you also for printing all news stories of things going on here and there. I wish The Berean Call could be bigger. May 2020 perhaps be the year of the ascension of millions of saved believers. But our Lord, in His mercy and compassion on the lost, is why He may tarry. TM (NJ)

Dear T. A. & Staff,

I loved the article, "What God Wants of You," in the January newsletter. It's a shame that so many are under the delusion that they can "earn" their way via promises or gifts to the Lord's kingdom. If anyone could be righteous enough, then Jesus died in vain. All must reach the end of themselves to realize they cannot do it.

Something to be careful of is a "stubborn heart." We have been praying for this to get out of the way so they can truly hit the bottom. Thanks for your ministry. MT (NY)

Dear Berean Call,

Thank you for your magazine each month. I always look forward to receiving it. Your insights on today's problems and the end times are amazing. Thank you for standing tall and defending the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. RD (prisoner, GA)

Dear Brother McMahon,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a true blessing to me to read from other believers who are likeminded in obedience to the Word of God. I am thankful for ministries who continue to expose the false teachers and wolves in sheep's clothing. As we get closer to the Lord's return, there seem to be more and more with a tainted gospel and those who wish to interpret the Word of God in a perverse way. Hatred is on the rise, promoted by our national media, and sinful behavior is promoted everywhere. Prophecy is being fulfilled (Matthew 24:10-12 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5). Thank you for being Watchmen. (Anon.)

Dear Mr. McMahon and everyone at TBC,

I can't tell you how much I have appreciated the ministry of The Berean Call for nearly two decades. I first came upon the book *A Woman Rides the Beast* sometime in 2001 as a former Catholic and a brand new Christian. I learned so much more from it than I ever had growing up Catholic. I attended my first prophecy conference in Winnipeg in the Fall of 2002 and was surprised to find one of the speakers was the author of that book! Dave Hunt has been a giant of the faith in my estimation. Mr. McMahon, I also appreciate so much that you have carried on the wonderful work of TBC. May you be blessed with even more opportunities for the advancement of the Gospel, for the glory of the LORD! AT (Canada)

QUOTABLE

I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

—PSALM 118:17

A fair assurance this! It was no doubt based upon a promise, inwardly whispered in the Psalmist's heart, which he seized upon and enjoyed. Is my case like that of David? Am I depressed because the enemy exults over me? Are there multitudes against me, and few on my side? Does unbelief bid me lie down and die in despair—a defeated, dishonored man? Do my enemies begin to dig my grave?

What then, Shall I yield to the whisper of fear, and give up the battle, and with it give up all hope? Far from it! There is life in me yet: "I shall not die." Vigor will return and remove my weakness: "I will live." The Lord lives, and I shall live also. My mouth shall again be opened: "I shall declare the works of Jehovah." Yes, and I shall speak of the present trouble as another instance of the wonder-working faithfulness and love of the Lord my God. Those who would gladly measure me for my coffin had better wait a bit; for "the Lord hath chastened me sore, but he hath not given me over unto death." Glory be to His name forever! I am immortal till my work is done. Till the Lord wills it no vault can close upon me.

—CHARLES SPURGEON

TBC NOTES

Panic Is Not Biblical (For the Believer)

Whatever condition we find ourselves in, or the anticipation of what may lie ahead, here is where we are to stand:

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones." —Proverbs 3:5-8

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NEWSWATCH

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

TEEN GIRLS SUE TO WIN BACK THEIR SPORT

ONE NEWS NOW.COM, 2/14/20, "TEEN GIRLS SUE TO WIN BACK THEIR SPORT" [EXCERPTS]: Three female athletes have stepped forward at a Connecticut high school in an attempt stop the biological males who are competing against them—and dashing past them—on the high school running track.

"This is a big issue a lot of coaches have—that we've got to do something," a high school coach told the local newspaper. "But how come you're not saying anything?"

The most likely reason is fear of backlash for "transphobic" actions against male runners such as Terry Miller, who was blowing past girls and setting new state records but is viewed by LGBT activists as a hero.

A second male runner, Andraya Yearwood, was featured in a glowing documentary about transgenders and was welcomed at GLAAD headquarters in New York City.

(<http://bit.ly/38qcTKR>)

EVOLUTIONISTS HAVE A BACK PROBLEM

CREATIONMOMENTS.COM, 3/23/20, "Evolutionists Have a Back Problem" [EXCERPTS]: Back pain is one of humanity's most common complaints. And the most common explanation one hears for back pain is that our backs hurt because we stand and walk erect.

Even high school textbooks repeat this myth. Students are taught that our backs bother us because we haven't fully adjusted to our evolution into human beings. Supposedly, when we were still getting around ape-like on all fours, our backs didn't hurt. Then we stood up. The new stresses on the spine caused it to curve forward, leading to backaches. Our backbones still have not evolved to support the stress of upright pressure. Many backache treatments are based on this assumption. So they use exercises that try to reverse the natural curvature of the back. Whether these exercises solve the long-term problem is debatable.

The Bible tells us that we did not evolve. We were created by an intelligent Creator who certainly knew how to make a backbone for human beings. Upright posture isn't our problem. Even dogs suffer back problems. That's why some therapists have been reporting good long-term results using a therapy that doesn't assume that our backs hurt because of evolution.

Rather, they assume that the human spine is supposed to have a forward curve. They recommend exercises that correct the forward curvature of the spine.

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L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD—SACRED MURALS

RELIGIONNEWS.COM, 2/5/20, "IN THIS LA NEIGHBORHOOD, RESIDENTS UNITE TO BLESS ONE OF ITS MOST SACRED MURALS" [EXCERPTS]: Aztec dancers knelt, swirled and stomped on the street. Others pounded drums and sounded shell trumpets. A woman held an incense burner above her, pointed it toward the sky and shook it in all directions around her.

Titled "Mexico-Tenochtitlan: The Wall That Talks," the mural fuses Aztec, Mayan and Native American images in unity with one another. Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent deity of Mesoamerican culture, winds his way through cultural icons like the Virgin Mary, the patron saint of Mexico; the Aztec calendar; and [activist] Cesar Chavez.

As a doctoral candidate in psychology, [resident Brenda] Perez researches how sacred indigenous symbols and community art can help heal trauma and resist discrimination. She recalled a Virgin Mary image on a liquor store wall that was painted over. "When murals with her image are whitewashed, it's a sacrilegious act," she said. "That's something that everyone must respect because it's a culture."

Artist John Zender Estrada said some of his art has been removed. One mural, "Resist Violence With Peace," featured an Aztec warrior surrounded by eagles and was painted over a few years ago. He completed it in 1993, in the wake of the LA riots. Zender Estrada said he assumed his mural was protected under a city ordinance that considered artwork created before October 2013 as "vintage original art murals."

(<http://bit.ly/2wDVdy5>)

[TBC: "Resist Violence with peace?" For Aztecs, "their duty was to feed the gods with human blood, thereby keeping the sun alive. They believed that the gods could be satisfied through the sacrifice of animals, objects, and, in particular, people." The Gospel is above culture. It is able to deliver us from the bondage of such things as Aztec sacrifices or devotion to a Mary unknown to Scripture. Culture comes with its baggage (traditions) while "...grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).]

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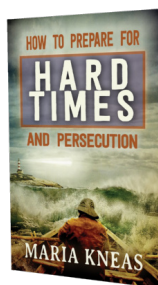


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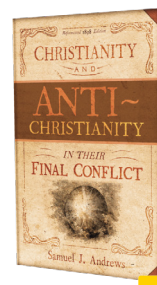


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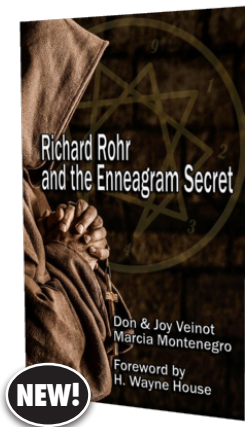
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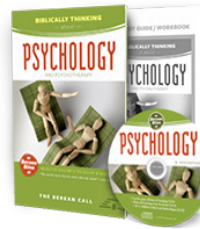
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