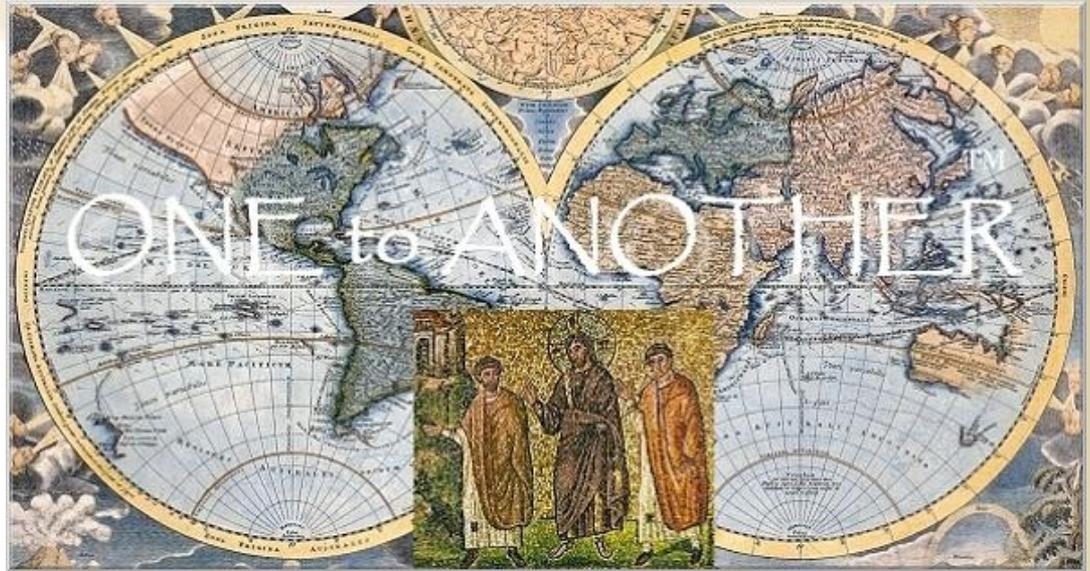




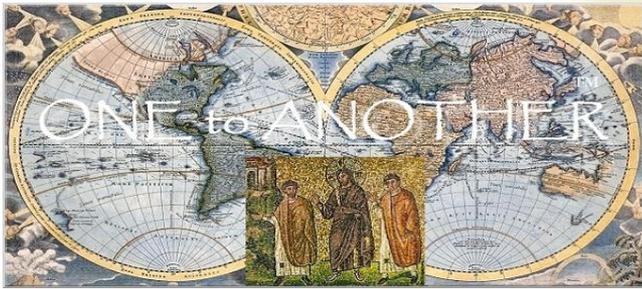
"And they said **one to another**, did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"  
Luke 24:32 KJV



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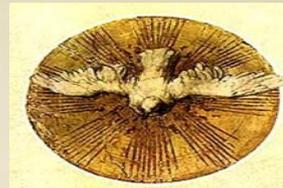
## NEW LOOK AND FORMAT

Now that ONE to ANOTHER is entering its second year of publication, its time to do a little editing of the design.

Responding to concerns about online readability, we are introducing this new format. The current edition will be in an online magazine view, and .pdf; while past editions will be archived in .pdf format. We hope you will approve.

Another concern addresses how much content is provided. So, we will be shortening the content, and rotating features more frequently.

So, there you have it. We hope you will enjoy reading, and also share ONE to ANOTHER with *another!*



## CAN YOU GIVE ME AN EXAMPLE?

Read Luke 4:1, 16-19; Acts 10:38; Philippians 2:5  
by Raymond L. Parker, Ph.D., V.P. for Academic Affairs

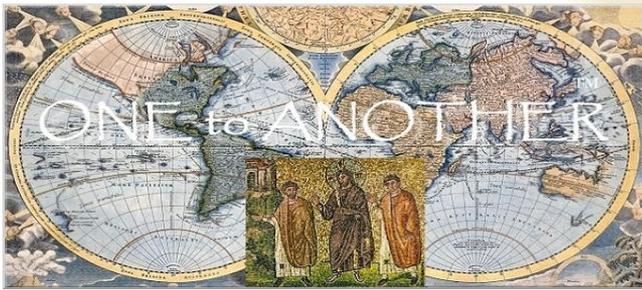
**There are times** as we receive instructions about some new item or feature that we might ask, “*Can you give me an example?*” We probably have done that in our educational life, as well as in our career path and probably even in our personal lives.

Examples have great value in helping us understand. This is similar to the well-known adage, “*A picture is worth a thousand words.*”

Previously we explored the question, “*What does a successful Christian life look like?*” In the book of Galatians the Apostle Paul challenges Christians to be *led by the Spirit* (Gal. 5:18), to *live in the Spirit* (vs. 25), and to *walk in the Spirit*. Paul stated that when a believer has this personal relationship with the Spirit, the Holy Spirit would produce *His Fruit* in that life (vss. 22-23).

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. This is what a successful Christian life looks like. The believer, depending upon the Holy Spirit, is sensitive to His initial promptings. The Holy Spirit then produces *His Fruit*. The believer’s responsibility is to be led by the Spirit, to live in the Spirit, and to walk by means of the Spirit.

Now we ask the question: “*Do we have an example of that kind of life?*” The answer is, “*Yes!*” Jesus Christ is the perfect example of one led by the Spirit, living in the Spirit, and walking in the Spirit. Thus, the fruit of the Spirit is evident in His life. We as believers are to follow Jesus’ example. We are to be Christ-like. *To be continued...*



**AαΩω**  
Alpha Omega

**Christianos** is found only three times in the New Testament, and a careful inspection of its occurrence will reveal that its origin and usage originated from those who did not believe in Jesus. In other words, it started out as a slang term ascribed to believers by non-believers.

In Acts 26:28, Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” Agrippa was obviously not a man of faith, but he used the term “Christian” much like we would use the word “Lutheran” (or one who follows Luther).

In Acts 11:26 it is revealed that in Roman Antioch, the disciples of Christ were first called “Christians”. Once again, who was doing the “calling”? *To be continued...*

By Dr. Gary Crossland. Dr. Crossland is [Professor of N.T. Greek](#) at MIUD, the author of the internationally acclaimed *The Merged Gospels*, and frequent teacher in Israel.



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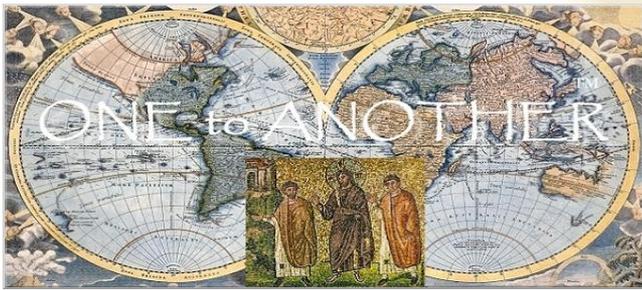
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## Books Worth Reviewing

by Dr. Cheryl A. Durham\*

**Review of: *Christian Zionism: Navigating the Jewish-Christian Border***

by [Faydra L. Shapiro](#), with Forward by [Brad H. Young](#)

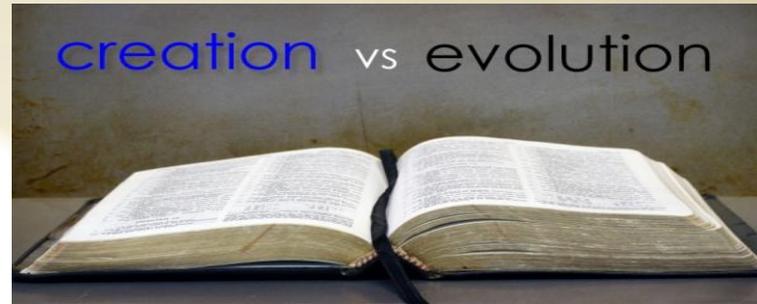
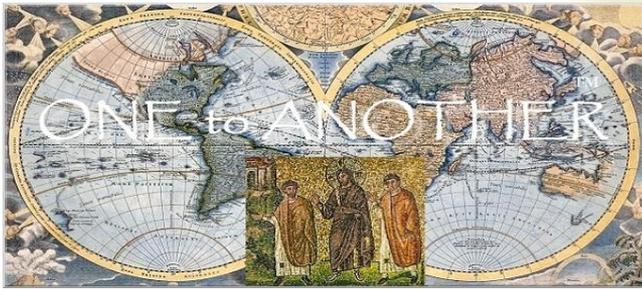
Paperback, 178 pages. Cascade Books. ISBN: 978-1625642929

Dr Faydra Shapiro, is an award winning author. She has a Ph.D in religious studies and is an Orthodox Jew. Her lifelong interest in Christianity played a part in her education and after immigrating to Israel with her family in 2008, Faydra was eager to bring her academic expertise, unique experience, warmth and charismatic teaching together to have an impact on the ground, for Israel. And thus the Galilee Center for Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations at Yezreel Valley College was born. Her insights into the challenges and possibilities within Jewish and Christian engagement are well researched and hopeful.

**Her new book, *Christian Zionism: Navigating the Jewish-Christian Border* illustrates that optimism.**

This book, as its title declares, explores Christian Zionism (Christians who support Israel), the borders between that separate them from contemporary views of Judaism that are Zionist as well. Zionism, as an idea has been controversial from the mid twentieth century and perhaps before, however, the idea of a Christian Zionist is often seen as an oxymoron, or worse than that, a political and religious dogfight between Christians and Jews. However, Dr. Shapiro's aim is to "offer a fuller understanding with an additional lens of some of the broader issues and implications of a Christian Zionism" (p.4). *To be continued...*

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## WHY CREATION & EVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE TO COLLIDE IN 2016

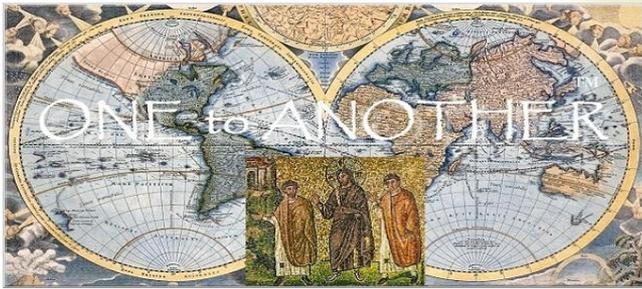
Part 2 of 5 by Dennis D. Frey, Th.D., President

Why do most Christians believe that God is the creator of all things? Because the Bible teaches this from Genesis to Revelation (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6, 9; 102:25; Jeremiah 10:12; John 1:3; Acts 14:15; 17:24; Hebrews 3:4; Revelation 4:11). Why do most skeptics reject this belief? Because they do not believe the Bible is anything more than a very old book of what people in a less sophisticated world believed about the meaning of life.

As pointed out in the previous article (see OTA January 2016), in secular academic circles rejecting the idea of evolution is tantamount to believing that the earth is a flat rock riding on the back of some gigantic mythical monster.

Most Christians are not aware of the deep-seated hostility that exists among most of the secular elite; a hostility that borders on hatred. In recent years there have been serious calls to revoke Ph.D. degrees from credentials scientists who openly admit to a belief in any form of intelligent design, and most especially the idea of full-blown creationism.

This hostility, no longer even thinly veiled among secular academics, has now crept into Christian academics. Witness the fact that the United Methodist Church has banned the Discovery Institute from sponsoring an information table at the UMC's up-coming May 2016 General Conference. It should be pointed out that the Discover Institute does not promote a literal six-day Genesis - it just supports the idea of an intelligent designer as a scientifically supportable concept of origins. *To be continued...*



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## **SIN IS THE MOST ABOMINABLE THING**

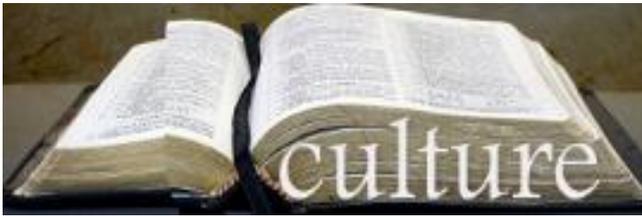
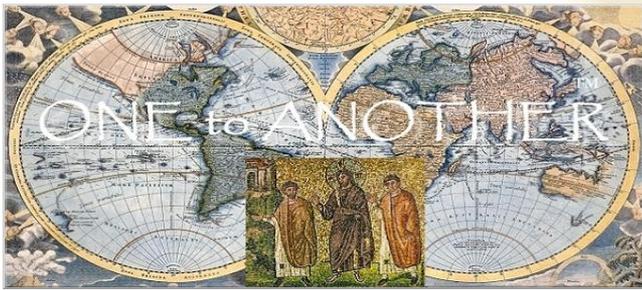
by David Tyler, Ph.D., Dean Department of Biblical Counseling

In the entire world there is nothing that more fully deserves to be abhorred and condemned than sin. Sin is the most abominable thing. It is the most shameful thing in the entire universe. Of all things that exist or have existed this thing called sin most of all deserves to be loathed and spurned. Sin is a monstrosity, an aberration, a malformation that plucked a host of angels from heaven, drove our first parents out of paradise, and brought unnumbered miseries upon the whole human race.

We are all aware of problems in the world. There is war, bloodshed, cruelties of all descriptions. Turmoil is everywhere. There are rivalries, sects and parties. Nations and peoples are working against one another. You cannot read the morning paper or watch the evening news without being reminded of the trials, wretchedness and unhappiness in the world. The worldwide problems are on a grand scale what all men individually experience in their personal lives.

Our personal lives are full of difficulties and we are often overwhelmed by them. There are misunderstandings, jealousies and discord. There is always some problem, disappointment and illness. Life is full of perplexities. People struggle within themselves for some way out of their predicament. There is no such thing as complete and perfect happiness.

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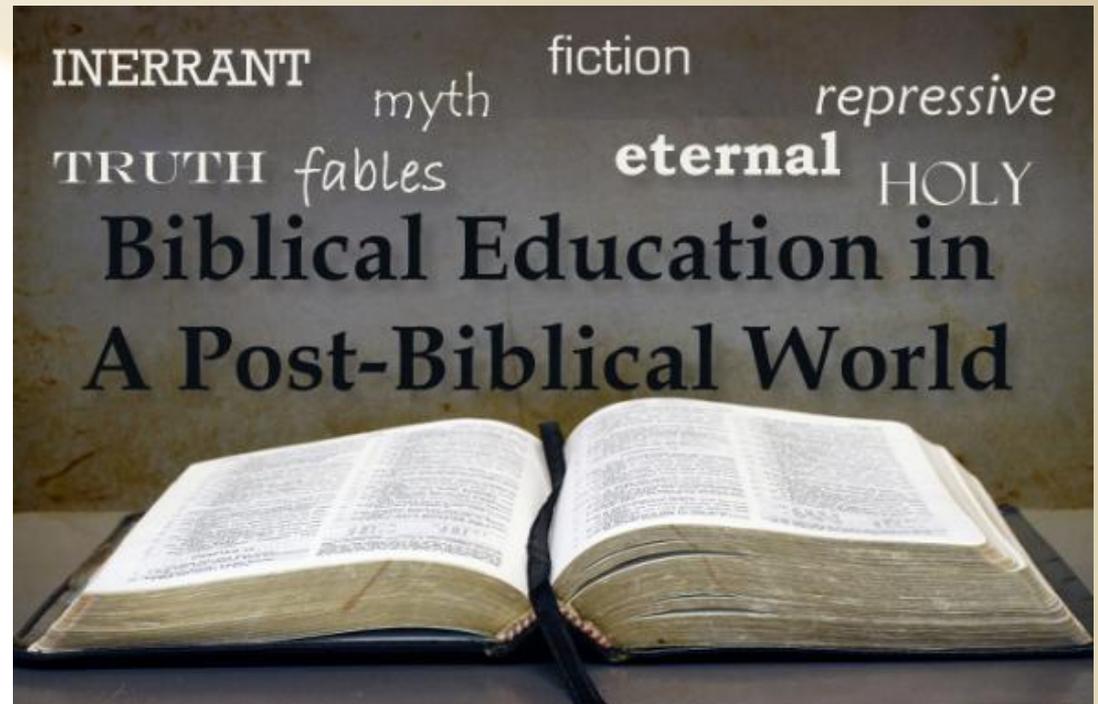


For example, in the United States, [The American Bible Society and The Barna Group's](#) most recent survey revealed the following statistics concerning the question of what percentage of the residents of America's 100 most populous cities *read the Bible at least once a week, while strongly asserting the Biblical principles are accurate.*

Here is how the top ten ranked:

- Chattanooga, Tennessee— 52 percent
- Birmingham/Anniston/Tuscaloosa, Alabama— 51 percent
- Roanoke/Lynchburg, Virginia— 48 percent
- Shreveport, Louisiana— 47 percent
- Tri-Cities, Tennessee— 47 percent
- Charlotte, North Carolina— 46 percent
- Little Rock/Pine Bluff, Arkansas— 45 percent
- Knoxville, Tennessee— 45 percent
- Greenville/Spartanburg/Anderson, South Carolina/Ashville, North Carolina— 44 percent
- Lexington, Kentucky— 44 percent

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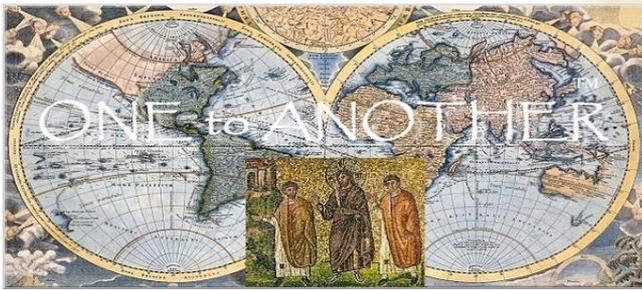


## **Biblical Truth Remains the Same Forever But the Field of Engagement is Shifting**

Researchers and society watchers have labeled the current world culture as *post-Christian*. Statistics support the research. The question is *why?* The answer is that the culture is trending post-Christian because for more than forty years it has been trending *post-Biblical*.

The unrelenting pressure of humanistic secularism has had a corrosive effect upon both public and personal perceptions of the value and veracity of the Bible. Trustworthy researchers such as Barna, Gallup, and Nielson have revealed disquieting, and shocking statistics concerning current perceptions of the Bible, and its value in everyday life.

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## SHARE A HAPPY THOUGHT TODAY!



Sunday  
Evening Tea  
with  
Thelma Wells

Someone told me about a minister who wanted to impart wisdom to his congregation. To illustrate his point, he dropped four worms into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol. The second worm was put into a jar of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a jar of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a jar of good, clean soil.

At the conclusion of his sermon, the minister showed the results: the worm in alcohol was dead, the worm in cigarette smoke was dead, and the worm in chocolate syrup was dead. But the worm he had placed in good, clean soil was still alive.

So, the minister asked, "What can we learn from this lesson?" A little old woman in the back raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke, and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

What's the point of this story? Just to make someone's day by sharing it with them. It's funny and it's happy. Folk need that from time-to-time – so share this with someone!

Dr. Thelma Wells is a MIUD graduate, and an internationally respected leader. Her speaking and writings have helped to lift the lives of millions. [More...](#)



**Ki Tisa** - "1 The Lord also spoke to Moses: 2 "Look, I have appointed by name Bezalel son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have filled him with God's Spirit, with wisdom, understanding, and ability in every craft 4 to design artistic works in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 to cut gemstones for mounting, and to carve wood for work in every craft" Exodus 31:1-5

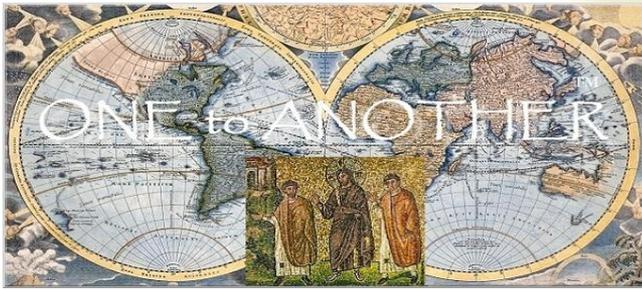
This passage contains a key truth for us today. First, the more obvious: All gifts and talents come from the Lord and are given to us for a purpose. There is no need to feel shame for a talent we lack, as God Himself choose which to give us. And, there is no need to hide a talent or cover it with false modesty, when the One who deserves the credit is not me, but God.

Also, special skills are given to each person for the roles that God has designed us for. We are not given gifts to waste, but to use in His service. This principle comes with a built-in "humility-gauge." The greater the gift or talent we may have, the greater God's expectation for us to use it for His purposes. In a fallen, sinful world there is not one of us who always uses every talent to its fullest potential for God's service and purposes.

And, there is not one of us who does not have some gift or talent, provided by the Lord, to use in His service and for His purpose. The true measure of success is not what we produce, but how faithfully we use what we are given.

**PRAYER:** Lord God of Israel, let us turn our focus on faithfully we are using our gifts for your service and purpose. Amen

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## MOLES DIGGING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD - REALLY?

By James J.S. Johnson



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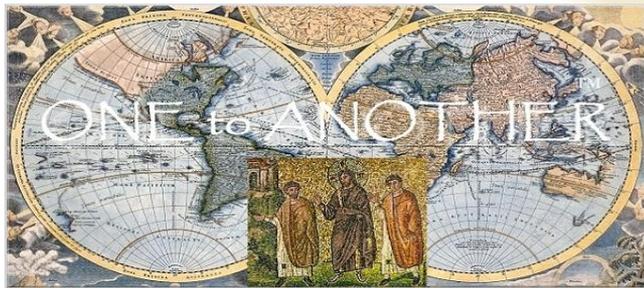
The English word "mole" (in KJV) is a translation of the Hebrew noun *chapharpêrâh*, derived from the verb *châphar*, meaning "to dig" – and digging is what moles are best known for doing. (For illustrations of the Hebrew verb *châphar*, "to dig", see Genesis 21:30 & Ecclesiastes 10:8.)

How do moles dig? "The mole excavates its burrow by backward strokes and lateral thrusts of the front feet. Loose earth is moved and pushed to the surface by thrusts of the front feet. In excavating shallow runs, the mole merely pushes up the earth to form a ridge, again by lateral thrusts of the front feet while the mole is turned partly on its side." [Quoting David J. Schmidly, *THE MAMMALS OF TEXAS* (Univ. of Texas Press, 2004), page 60.]

Who taught the mole to do such underground digging, and to do it so successfully that moles live all over much of America? Who equipped the mole with the anatomy it needs to do this subterranean work? Those who intelligently design and/or carefully operate oil-drilling equipment can appreciate the digging powers of moles, because digging underground is an art!

Innovative petroleum engineers deserve to be appreciated for their underground earth-burrowing technology. If you think serious underground digging is "simple" try drilling for oil, --- or try to mine out minerals from under the earth! But oil-drilling equipment cannot reproduce itself into generation-after-generation families of their kind – yet moles reproduce successfully, all around America, and we don't notice or appreciate it. God, however, deserves praise for equipping the humble mole for its down-to-earth (or rather, down-under-the-earth) station in life. Moles are created to dig and dig they do – to God's glory!

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## Lovingkindness *chacadh*

When used of God **checedh** denotes, in general, "the Divine Love condescending to His creatures, more especially to sinners, in unmerited kindness" (Delitzsch). It is frequently associated with forgiveness, and is practically equivalent to "mercy" or "mercifulness" (Exodus 20:6).

This quality in Yahweh was one by which He sought to bind His people to Himself. It is greatly magnified in the Old Testament, highly extolled and gloried in, in many of the Psalms (Ps 136 has the constant refrain, "For his lovingkindness endureth forever").

Being such an essential and distinctive quality of God, the prophets taught that it should also characterize His people. It is part of the Divine requirement in Micah 6:8, "to love kindness" (compare Zechariah 7:9, "Show kindness and compassion every man to his brother").

The word "lovingkindness" does not occur in the New Testament, but as its equivalents we have such terms as "mercy" "goodness," "kindness," "brotherly love"

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, by W. L. Walker, 1915.



## We Dare Not Squander Our God-Given Opportunity

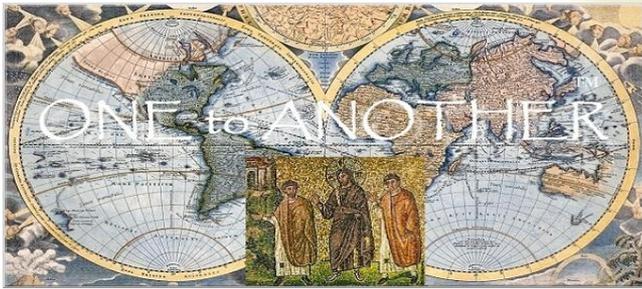
by Bradley Mattes, M.A.\*

Forty-three years. If that were a wedding anniversary, we'd splurge on a fancy dinner. If it were a birthday, we'd joke about being over the hill. But it's the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, so instead of celebrating, we mourn. And we march. And this year, in primaries and in November, we vote. This year we have a real chance to end legalized abortion.

More than a hundred thousand people march on Washington, DC, each January to bear witness to the millions of babies killed since 1973. January 22<sup>nd</sup> was the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the decisions that legalized abortion in all 50 states up to the moment of birth. Seven Supreme Court justices ignored that whole "inalienable right to life" thing and magically pulled a right to abortion out of the Due Process hat. Since then more than 58 million children have been killed. Each January 22, more than a hundred thousand pro-lifers march on Washington and elsewhere to bear witness. I have been one of them for many years.

Sunday, January 17, was National Sanctity of Human Life Day, proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. Not all presidents since then have continued the annual proclamation. You can probably guess which ones have not. But we remember. Every year. Because we worship the Author of Life who alone has the right to take it. *To be continued...*

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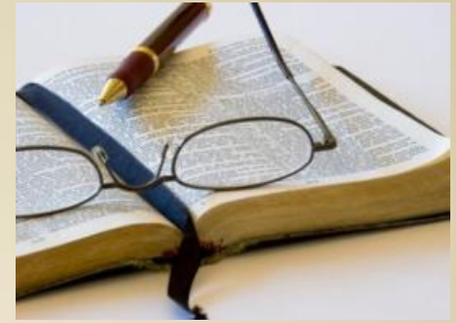
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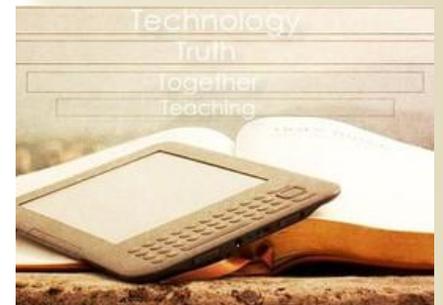
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