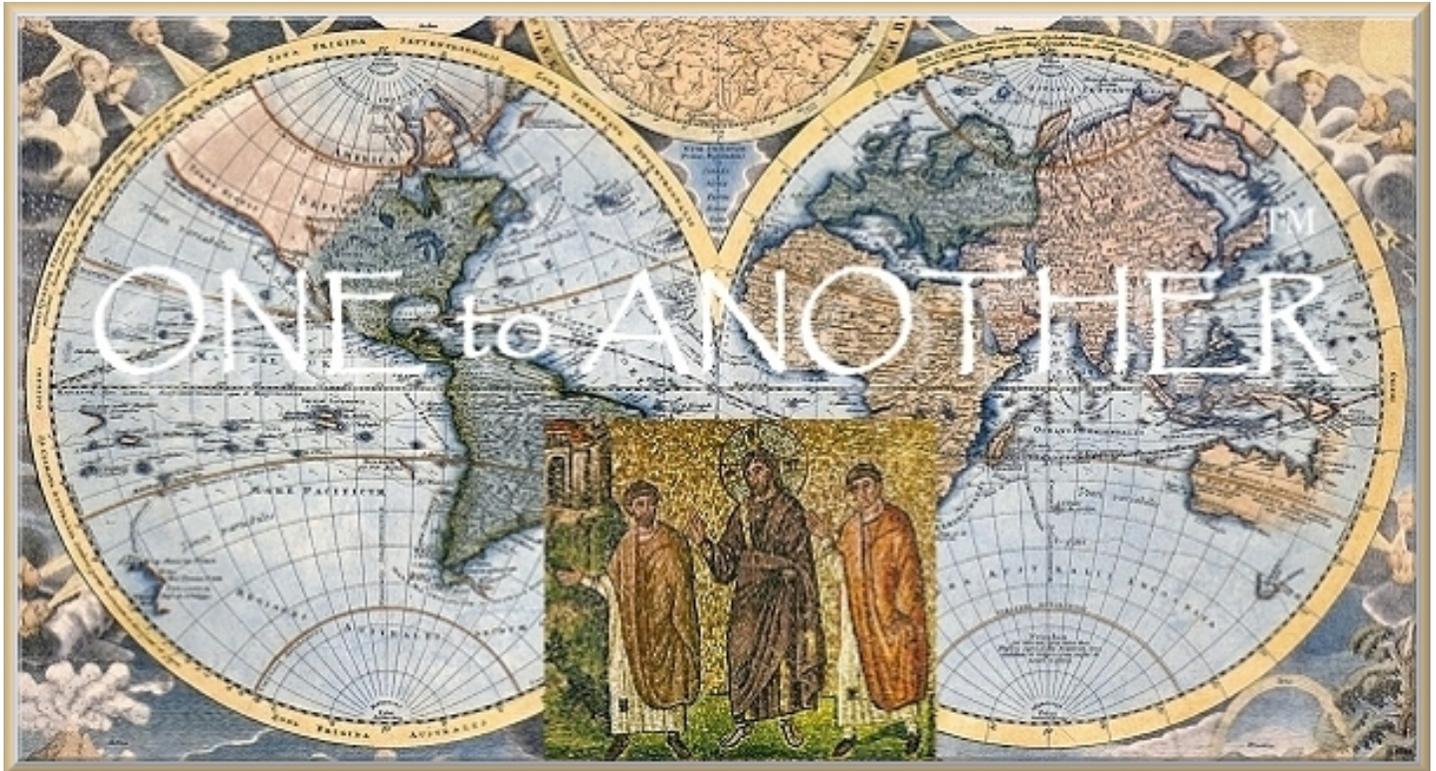


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Luke 24:32 KJV



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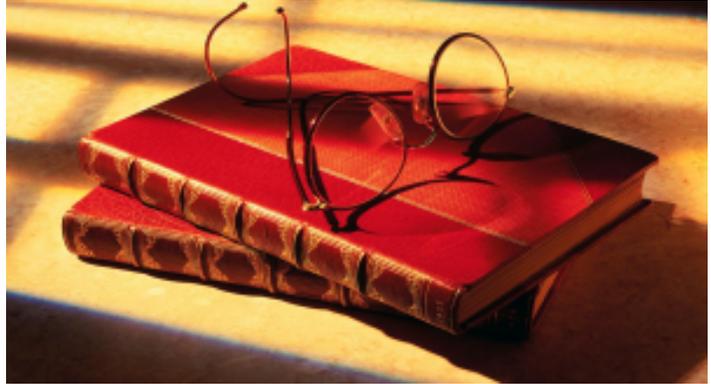
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Books Worth Reviewing

by Dr. Cheryl A. Durham*



FOOL'S TALK:

Recovering the Art of Christian Persuasion

Os Guinness' writing never disappoints. That being said this book is no exception. His witty and thorough discussion of the art of persuasion provides not just information but also the dynamics of 'how' to persuade in an updated and relevant way.

Guinness opines that 'Our urgent need today is to reunite evangelism and apologetics, and make sure that our best arguments are directed toward winning people and not just winning arguments.' Guinness does this in such a way that it keeps the skeptic, who often doesn't hear the Christian's argument, off balance with approaches the skeptic is not used to hearing.

Unlike most apologetic books, Guinness actually addresses the 'how' of dynamic conversation with those who do not hold Christian views even in a global, technological age. He shows how Christian ideas can compete with current worldviews and ideologies with a better way.

In the Introduction, Guinness states that, "we have lost the art of Christian persuasion and we must recover it" positing that the global age of communication has changed the dynamic of discourse far away from the old modern/postmodern philosophies. This age, he says, because of social media's preponderance of the 'selfie' moves us past Descartes' Ergo Cogito Sum, to "I post therefore I am" (no Latin available).

The author questions the flexibility of the methods used in this 'grand age of Apologetics', because he fears they are not as flexible as they need be. Guinness, in the next twelve chapters teaches the readers the techniques and thinking that needs to be in place before Apologetics can begin. The chapters are engaging and humorous filled with wisdom and deep thought about the nature of people and their rejection of Christian ideas. He shows with each type of encounter a

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'better way' to engage.

Finally the author concludes with the two-sided approach of apologetics, negative and positive and shows that only in tandem can these approaches work. I would recommend this book to anyone who would attempt to share Christ with others. It is an eye opening and delightful journey in the world of witness.

This 2015 title, Fool's Talk: Recovering the Art of Christian Persuasion, was published by Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove IL. It can be found in digital format or hardcover. The ISBN # is 978-0830836994. It can be purchased online through [Master's Bookstore](#).

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Biblical Theology

How the Holy Spirit Works

Part I

by Raymond L. Parker, Ph.D.*



I can remember when the small country church I attended as a lad first put in a public address system. The church was on a well traveled road and at times on Sunday morning someone's conversation on the CB radio would transmit into the service. On one Sunday the preacher was praying, "O Lord, we beseech you to meet our various needs." Suddenly he was interrupted by a loud booming voice over the PA, "I'll be right on down!" Well in many ways as we study the Holy Spirit, God is saying just that, "I'll be right on down!" -- for the Holy Spirit is God's presence in the world today.

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In this article we begin to consider the work of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Jesus summarized the Old Testament work of the Spirit when He told His disciples that the Holy Spirit was *with* them but that he would be *in* them (John 14:17).

In the Old Testament dispensation the Holy Spirit came upon individuals for specific tasks, completed those tasks, and then withdrew His abiding presence.

For example, the Spirit came upon the craftsmen who prepared the garments for Israel's High Priest (Exodus 28:3). These garments were to set Aaron apart from all the others of the priesthood.

The Spirit came upon certain leaders of Israel such as Moses, Joshua, the Judges, David, etc. to provide them with supernatural ability to lead God's people (Numbers 11:25-26, 27:18; Judges 3:10; I Samuel 16:13).

The Old Testament prophets were also endowed with power by the Holy Spirit for their prophetic work (Isaiah 34:16). What an important ministry that was, for 1/4th of the Old Testament is prophecy.

Thus in the Old Testament the Spirit would come upon individuals for a specific task. The Old Testament saints knew nothing of the indwelling presence of the Spirit. He was *with* them.

To be continued...

Excerpt from [The School of the Spirit: A Sermonic Study of the Holy Spirit](#), by R.L. Parker.

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a discouraging Word,
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*Do we have to sing that
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Biblical Counseling

In the Image of God

by David M. Tyler, Ph.D.*



In one brief phrase "image of God", man is related to God. Evolution is denied and man's uniqueness is upheld. He is more than flesh and blood. His behaviors and attitudes issue from his heart and are therefore, spiritual and God-related.

Contrary to humanistic - evolutionary psychology human beings are far more similar to God than to animals. Man is made in God's image; animals are not (Genesis 1). Man was given rule over the animals (Genesis 1:26). Animals are not "suitable" and do not correspond to man (Genesis 2:18 - 20).

Communication by man and God through revelation and prayer is nonexistent between God and animals. Man, unlike the animals, has the power of moral knowledge. The moral "ought." He distinguishes good from evil. He recognizes his obligations toward God to obey what is right and just and flee from what is unjust and evil. He was made with moral freedom and capable of moral affection. God is love and without this capability man would not be a true image bearer of God.

Man, in the image of God, is a rational being. He can understand the world God has made. Science is only possible because man was created with the same kind of reasoning expressed in the world in which man lives. For example, if a man was going to translate a book written in a foreign language he must know the language of the author who wrote the book. If he did not know the author's language he would not be able to translate the book into his native language. It is the same with the kind of reasoning man was created with and the kind of reasoning expressed in creation by the Creator.

Biblical Counseling will seek to understand man, not in terms of human relations, but in terms of the image of God. The psychologies built on evolution reduce man from a creature made in the image of God to an animal evolved by chance, out of chaos and nothingness.

Many believers argue against modern psychology on the ground that it attributes man's behaviors on a plethora of drives and instincts over which he has no control. Christians rightly contend man is not at the mercy of drives and

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instincts but is responsible and accountable. It is certainly true modern psychology does not allow for responsibility, but it is not because of out of control drives and overwhelming impulses.

The psychologies leave no room for responsibility because it lifts man out of a creation context. Man, made in the image of God, is immersed in an evolutionary scenario where every aspect of his personality has come from chance, chaos and nothingness.

Man cannot be responsible to nothingness. He can only be responsible if he is a creature of God. Man before God is the only option to man before nothingness.

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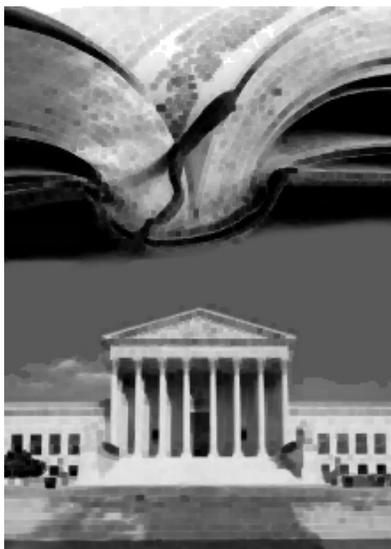
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Fresh from the Desert

by James B. Solberg, D.D.*



The U.S. Supreme Court's Redefinition of Marriage: A Potential Accreditation Catch 22



catch-22 - noun - a dilemma or difficult circumstance from which there is no escape

Genesis 6:9 - 11:32 Noach

Genesis 6:9, 22

*9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.
22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.*

Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah lived in evil times. In fact, when God viewed the world, He saw

because of mutually conflicting or dependent conditions.

It has long been a potential catch 22 for Christian institutions of higher learning to try to make it without accreditation. Christian institutions are by design not-for-profit. Resources are limited and operating budgets tight. This pushes some to lower their standards and feed on the greener grass of inferior academic standards. On the other hand, some are pushed into an expensive and potentially crippling quest for accreditation so that income from U.S. Title IV and related funds can be appropriated.

The catch 22 is that without accreditation the battle to constantly prove academic legitimacy is never ending, and many who would benefit the most are either frightened away by naysayers or held back by personal uncertainty. Yet, the cost of seeking accreditation can bankrupt a small traditional or nontraditional institution, and those which do make it, are too often under the proverbial Sword of Damocles.

Now, a new and potentially disastrous catch 22 may be looming on the horizon for the accredited Christian institutions. The U.S. Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage is raising the threat of a loss of the critical public dollars that flow to accredited institutions - dollars upon which nearly all accredited schools depend for their continued existence - especially accredited Christian institutions.

Recently articles published in national media have been making the case with disturbing candor and cold logic. Yes, the jury is still out on the final results, but jury watchers of the past fifty years are well aware of the steady erosion of Christian rights in the public arena.

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Their leadership is working hard to be out in front of this critical issue. We pray for their leadership, and ask our students and graduates to do the same - because ABHE too is facing a potential catch 22.

So, where does Master's stand on this subject?

that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Yet, Noah was different, God found him to be just.

Some of us live in bad places, or come from dysfunctional families. In fact, I have a friend who in love likes to say that we all come from a dysfunctional family, just some more than others. A number of years ago, the comedian Flip Wilson made famous the line "the devil made me do it." And yet, God never gives us that out. Noah was righteous in his time, despite his surroundings, and God is again calling for righteous men and women. In fact, He never has stopped. He forgives when we fail, but He never blurs the line. He calls for us to live justly.

So what does that mean, how can we tell if we are living justly? Well, in verse 22 God tells us what made Noah just. Noah did according to all that God commanded him. In Christianity, we often make a big deal that we no longer live under the law. I think that many have done a great dis-service by teaching this as ungoverned freedom. Yes, I believe that in some sense we are freed from the ceremonial law defined in the Older Testament, but that is not a freedom to lawlessness, but rather a freedom to a higher law, the law of love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Paul speaks of this in Romans 13:10 *"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law"* and James speaks of it in James 1:25: *"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."* Some Christians may be surprised to learn that this concept is also expressed in the Older Testament. In 1 Samuel 15:22 we read: *"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams."*

Prayer: *Lord, if we were to be put on trial for being just and righteous, enable us to live to give full evidence for a conviction. Amen*

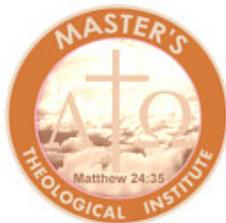
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The Dead Sea

Excerpt from the ISRAEL Tour Journal



Site Summary:

Sitting 1,300 feet below Sea level, the shore of the Dead Sea is the lowest place on the surface of the planet earth. In places, the sea is as deep as 1,000 feet. With over 33% salinity, the Dead Sea has one of the highest levels of dissolved minerals in the world, making both a hostile environment where no fish or animals can survive, and one of the richest sources of mineral wealth on the earth.

Israel produces potash, elemental bromine, caustic soda, magnesium metal, and sodium chloride from its minerals. Although undrinkable, the water has health benefits for many skin diseases, as does the salt air which heavily screens the harmful effects of the sun.

Medical plans in Europe and other parts of the world pay for skin disease sufferers to have treatments at the Dead Sea spas. The salts provide a teal blue color to the water, surprising many with the beauty of a place called the Dead Sea.

Ancient Sodom and Gomorrah were in this area, and various theories exist as to their location. A pillar in the area carries the name of "Lot's wife" as a reminder of the Biblical narrative.

Key Scripture - Numbers 34:1-3

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Command the sons of Israel and say to them, "When you enter the land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders. Your southern sector shall extend from the

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wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall extend from the end of the Salt Sea eastward.

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Thoughtfully and Prayerfully:

As the raven flies, the Dead Sea is only about 14 miles from Jerusalem, and yet at more than 1,300 ft (423 m) below sea level, it is the lowest point on the earth above water. On a clear day, it is possible to see the Dead Sea from Jerusalem, which is more than 3,600 ft (1,080 m) higher. The topography and geology of this place is like nowhere else on earth.

The God of heaven is responsible for what we see here, both because of creation, and because of the immense forces that reshaped the planet in of the Flood of Noah. The Judean Wilderness, which is impressive for its rugged beauty, includes the Dead Sea. It was while in this wilderness that David wrote the 63rd Psalm which begins with him saying, "O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water" Psalm 63:1).

Prayer: "God of creation, may I too so thirst after You. Though I may live in a land of plenty, I would not that it should cause my soul to be satisfied with trifles. The most abundant place on earth is dry and weary without You."



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Biblical Creation Apologetics

by James J. Johnson, J.D., Th.D.*

Evolution Can't Provide Providential Care



Years ago I scattered sunflower seeds in my backyard, hoping to attract songbirds. Juncos and sparrows scurried to "the table."

But, to my disgust, a "bully" blue-jay invaded this happy picnic, attacking the littler birds, scaring them into hiding in nearby bushes (until he finished gorging himself). What a disappointing interruption!

Dark-eyed juncos & sparrows



The second day I was ready. When the bully attacked,

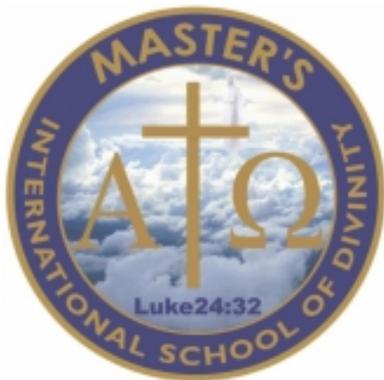


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songbirds fled, but I doused him with a geyser-like water-blast from my son's "Super Soaker" - he fled! The third day was a re-run of the same. But it was the fourth day I will never forget. The seed picnic started as before, then Bully Blue-jay flew in to attack. This time the sparrows and juncos looked toward me (on the patio, brandishing Super Soaker) - and they continued to eat, trustingly, confident that I would water-blast their attacker! So I quickly did, praying for accuracy. (How could I let them down?)

How quickly those little songbirds recognized the human version of "providential" care. They acted with logical confidence, trusting that protective care. Yet God's providential care of us is so much better, than those pressurized watery "doses" of protective care that those birds trusted.

Try to explain all that by "evolution"!

Bully deterrent: *Super Soaker!*



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O.T. Hebrew Word Study

by Rev. Rebecca J. Brimmer*



Halaka - The Way on Which One Goes

I believe it is important for us to understand this word, which permeates Hebraic thought and the practice of Judaism. The Bible was written by Jewish writers (with the possible exception of Luke), who thought Hebraically. They lived in a Hebraic culture and would have been very familiar with the idea of halaka.

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Dr. Marvin Wilson in his book, *Our Father Abraham*, describes halaka in part:

"During the period of Rabbinic Judaism, the Hebrew term halaka (literally walking, proceeding, going) took on special significance. It designated the religious laws and regulations to follow so one might keep straight on the road of life. It provided a map from the start to the end of one's journey. When one errs from God's path into crooked and perverse ways, one violates God's Torah (Gen.-Deut.) and must 'return.' The Hebrew word for repentance is teshuva, suggesting the idea 'turn around,' 'go back.' The way back is the way of Torah; it gives direction and guidance needed to remain on the way."

Halaka is the term used for Jewish Law. It refers to the final authoritative decision on any specific question. It rests, first and foremost, upon the biblical statutes and commandments in the written and oral Torah, it is practical not theoretical. Halaka is legal not philosophical.

Judaism is a way of life. Halaka (walk) is the way the commandments are translated into everyday living. Although faith is the basis out of which halaka develops, its major emphasis is on deed. It is deed, not just faith.

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N.T. Greek Word Study

by Gary Crossland, M.Th., Th.D.*

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Ekklesia - In the New Testament "Ekklesia" is usually translated "church," and it is commonly understood to mean "those who are called out". But very few people know what the word meant in the pagan Greek world. The fact of the matter is that "ekklesia" and "synagogue" meant virtually the same thing. Of the 114 times ekklesia occurs in the New Testament, Thayer's lexicon lists only Acts 19:39 as having the pagan Greek meaning: "...an assembly of people convened at the public place of council for the purpose of deliberating." In other words, in pagan Greek literature

ekklesia was equivalent to the Hebrew word "synagogue" (gathering place). I guess one could say that the Greeks were "called out" from their homes to a common meeting place.

But it is obvious that the word Ekklesia in the New Testament actually has two meanings, one physical and one spiritual. This has prompted translators throughout the centuries to look for another word (other than "ekklesia) in order to distinguish it from its Hebrew counterpart "synagogue" (gathering place). Hence the word "church" was born.

"Ekklesia" not only refers to a local assembly of people (church with a little "c," but a mystical and global assembly as well (Church with a big "C"). Additionally, it is obvious that when Jesus spoke of the Church, He was referring to something much larger and eternal than a local public meeting. He envisioned an invisible, worldwide and timeless gathering of believers who could never be physically assembled in any one place on this earth, but where the notion of assembling crosses into the next life.

It is worth noting that the word "synagogue" (assembly) is never used in the Bible to refer to anything except a local assembly of Jews. And yet its Greek counterpart, "ekklesia" (assembly), is used to refer to an eternal convention of the elect.

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Creation Speaks

by Gary K. Fair, M.Min., D.P.Th.*



CAMOUFLAGE

"But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You" (Psalm 5:11 NIV).

As defined by National Geographic, *"Camouflage, also called cryptic coloration, is a defense or tactic that organisms use to disguise their appearance, usually to blend in with their surroundings. Organisms use camouflage to mask their location, identity, and movement. This allows prey to avoid predators, and for predators to sneak up on prey".*

Science attempts to convince us that protection evolved over millions of years. However, we know it was designed by God through His purposeful creation of animals and plant life. Behind every detail of His creation lies a purpose. Whether it is man, animals, plants, or the moon, sun, and stars. Each has its own purpose, designated by its creator, God.

It is no accident or case of happenstance that a leopard can lie in a grassy field, protecting himself, concealed from his enemies. He can also go undetected in order to carry out a surprise attack on the animal which will become his lunch.

This is how God protects His animal creation. As followers of Jesus Christ we have protection as well. We could wear camouflage clothing, but that would hardly disguise us unless we lived in the forest. We have the full armor as Paul teaches in Ephesians 6:11 - *"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."* Also, we have the protections the Psalmist describes as he reflects on his need for God's protection.

Psalm 40:11 - *"Do not withhold Your mercy from me, O LORD; may Your love and Your truth always protect me."*

Psalm 91:14 - *"Because he loves Me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name."*

While man today uses camouflage to hide from his prey or his enemy in battle, God knew and understood our need for protection, and created His brand of camouflage centuries ago.

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Graduate of the Month

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In my day to day interactions with people, I have the opportunity to share the Word of God and counsel the needy. I consider it a wonderful blessing that my schooling through MISD has had such a tremendous impact upon my knowledge and confidence level.

Had I not studied at MISD under godly instructors and teachers, I do not believe I would have had the tools needed to start my personal ministry called Mothers Bread. It is focused on helping mothers with children up to 18 with financial counseling and needed assistance.

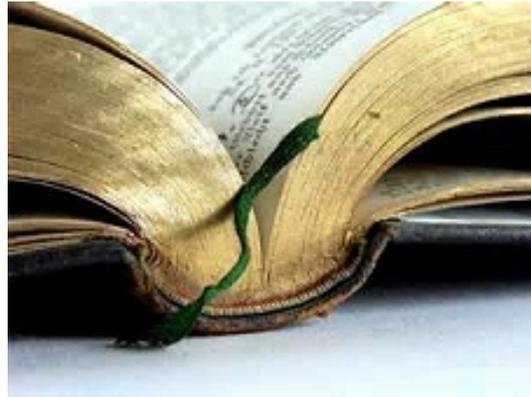
Through Biblical counseling courses, MISD has helped me learn how to speak to these mothers Biblically about God and his goodness, and to pray with and encourage these amazing mothers.

Editor's Note: Dr. Kalip earned the Doctor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling, and is a recipient of the Divinity School's prestigious Outstanding Scholarship Award.

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Biblical Inerrancy & Authority

THE ENDURING VALUE OF the Chicago Statement on BIBLICAL INERRANCY by Dennis D. Frey, Th.D.*



For the past several decades, men and women whom I have had the honor of teaching courses on Biblical inspiration, translation and hermeneutics, know well my personal appreciation and full support of *The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy*.

Even though its genesis organization, The International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI) no longer exists (1977-1987), the work it produced continues to bear rich fruit. No student of Biblical literature, preaching, or hermeneutics can claim to be adequately educated without a working knowledge of the profitable scholarship produced through the efforts of the ICBI.

Personally, I wonder if it is not time to reexamine the roots and reasons behind the birth of the ICBI. I say this because no topic so defines and divides Christian scholarship as do the issues of Biblical inspiration, inerrancy, and consequently Biblical authority. Whereas until recently, what defined and/or divided Christians came along denominational and sectarian lines; these are no longer the most defining issues.

While such issues still matter, what matters more is one's stand on Biblical inerrancy. As I continue to teach teachers, preachers, laypersons and leaders across a wide range of theological perspectives, I am finding that what binds or divides has less and less to do with ecclesiastical issues, and more to do with whether or not one holds to a verbal plenary inspiration view of the Bible.

To put it less academically, Baptists have much more in

common with Pentecostals when they both hold to Biblical inerrancy than either do with their theological sister denominations or groups who either deny full inerrancy or fudge on socially sensitive topics.

I regret that I was not privileged to sign the original Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy. I was late in coming to the ministry only graduating from Bible College the year of the founding of ICBI. However, it was my great honor to have been acquainted with two of its distinguished signers (both of whom are now with the Lord), Dr. Henry M. Morris, and Dr. Stephen F. Olford.

An equally great honor for me is that I have shared a close personal friendship with one of its younger signers at the time - Dr. Howard A. Eyrich. Howard and I have closely shared nearly three decades of Christian higher education, and Biblical counseling teaching and training. His wife Pam, and my wife Sharon have been models of support, and have given us the freedom to pour our lives into what we all believe to be the truth of God inerrantly revealed in the Bible.

So, for those who are not familiar with the ICBI and the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, I offer the following information, and encourage a full and complete study of the history and documents produced through the efforts of the ICBI.

FROM THE CHICAGO STATEMENT

A SHORT STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.

5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Mosher and Turpin Libraries of the Dallas Theological Seminary for the custodial stewardship of the ICBI historical documents.

These documents are available free of charge online at the following address:

<http://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI.shtml>

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Issues of Life and Death

Pure Evil in All its Glory

by Bradley Mattes*



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There are times when after the procedure is done that the heart is actually still beating [after extraction]. - Dr. Ben Van Handel, Executive Director Novogenix Laboratories

The recent videos revealing the horrors of Planned Parenthood selling baby body parts has pulled back the curtain on some of the most hideous examples of not only a lack of value for human life, but a passionate desire to squeeze every dollar they can from the dead baby's body.

Holly O'Donnell's first-hand account of what happened when she worked for procurement company StemExpress continues what I can only describe as pure evil.

The day finally came that Holly was dreading; the abortionist delivered a baby boy entirely intact. A technician called Holly over to her work area and said, "I want you to see something kinda' cool." Then Holly watched as she tapped the baby's chest with an instrument and the heart began to beat.

The tech then said, "This is a really good fetus and it looks like we can procure a lot from it. We're gonna' procure brain," which is a highly sought after commodity in the baby body trafficking industry. Holly's heart sank because she knew this meant cutting the baby's head open. As if to confirm her worst nightmare, the tech said, "You go through the face."

Holly recalled the horrific ordeal. "She gave me the scissor and told me I had to cut down the middle of the face. I can't even describe what that feels like." After the gore of that "procedure," Holly's mind began to wander through the forest of "what ifs." This could be a future president, she thought. Regret and grief overwhelmed her as the veil of lies was finally removed from her eyes. "That was the moment I knew I couldn't work with the company anymore."

How much are we willing to sacrifice in the name of medical advances? Whose life is expendable? Is it possible to do good by doing evil? Pure evil?

In 1974, Dr. Peter Adam and a team of researchers published a paper with the unwieldy title *Oxidation of Glucose and D-B-OH-Butyrate by the Early Human Fetal Brain*. The goal was to see if the unborn child could produce substitute chemicals, at least temporarily, after being separated from the mother.

Twelve perfectly developing babies were cut from their mothers' bodies by hysterotomy (similar to a caesarean). They then hooked up catheters through the tiny carotid arteries or aorta and set up a system to maintain circulation. He and his team then cut off the heads of 12 babies and kept their brains alive during the experiment.

When challenged, Dr. Adam hit squarely at the heart of the question: "Once society's declared the fetus dead, and abrogated its rights, I don't see any ethical problem. . . . Whose rights are we going to protect once we've decided the fetus won't live?"

The Planned Parenthood videos are forcing this exact question upon us. It lurks just behind the mask of "women's health," "reproductive justice" and "choice." It's right there demanding an answer behind abortion activists' lofty talk of medical advances for diseases like Alzheimer's.

Historians will someday record our reaction to this ghastly revelation of what's happening behind closed doors of Planned Parenthood's abortion mills. I don't want there to be the slightest question of which side of history I stood on, and I'm certain you don't either.

More importantly, on that final judgement day we will all stand before God. Will we hear "Well done good and faithful servant"? The Creator of life wants us to do all we can to protect his precious lambs, so in addition to prayer, you can

help save lives.

We have made it easy for you to respond to this pure evil. The videos and things you can do are in [one easy-to-reach location](#). Share this link with everyone you know and urge them to get involved-really get involved by acting to help end the pure evil of Planned Parenthood.

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