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Update 12/28/2014

I heartily recommend the book, "Islam and the Jews, the Unfinished Battle" by Mark A. Gabriel, Ph.D., for everyone who wishes to understand what is going on in the Middle East. Dr. Gabriel is a former lecturer of Islamic history at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt. He was converted to become a follower of Jesus Christ and has come to love the Jews as well as the followers of Islam. His book gives personal insight into Islam and what world leaders are facing and why they are constantly frustrated in trying to resolve peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Update 12/17/2014

Former NATO Commander General Wesley Clark reported today that the Ukraine has had over 1,000,000 refugees during the recent problems there. Over 4,000 Ukrainians have been killed and a similar number of Russian insurgents. The Ukraine has 49 million inhabitants, and fortunately many Christian believers who are doing a marvelous work of reaching out to the suffering. Please included the Ukraine as well as those suffering in Russia and bordering countries in your prayers.

Update 12/7/2014

To find information on just about any Bible topic from the ministry of David Jeremiah, contact him at Turning Point, PO Box 3838, San Diego California 92163, call 1-877-998-3111, or go to his website at DavidJeremiah.org/TV. I recommend him as having the clearest, simplest explanation of Bible truths of any mass-media minister I have come across, and I agree with everything he has taught so far.

Update 11/23/2014

My wife and I just returned from a wonderful trip to the Netherlands. It is hard to imagine a more peaceful or beautiful city than Amsterdam. Short visits to other cities there affirmed that this is not only a beautiful and peace-loving country, but one that still has large pockets of very devoted Christians. This goes against the stereotype of its being totally decadent, though it certainly has its problems as do all countries. And nearly everyone speaks English as well as Dutch!

Update 10/20/2014

IS MARRIAGE A FAILED INSTITUTION? NO! For several decades, it has been bandied about that only half of the marriages between a man and a woman have ended in divorce. That has now been determined to be a false statistic, based on the rush to divorces made when "no fault" divorce saw a sudden upsurge in divorces and that prediction was made. That surge slowed way down after a short time, and the latest statistics show that 71% of married couples remain married to their first spouse.

For marriages where both husband and wife attend church regularly, the percentage of divorces drops to between 5% to 10%. These low statistics also applied to couples who did not cohabit before marriage. They are analyzed in the book "The Good News About Marriage" by Shaunti Foldhahn.

Update 10/18/2014

Former psychic and Satanist Tim Thompson just published his fifth book! I don't recommend that Christians read it, since it reads like pulp fiction, but if you know a young man or woman who is being influenced by Satanism or things glorifying demonic activity, you should give them this book! It ends with several testimonies of people who have come to Jesus Christ from all kinds of perverted life-styles through the books he has written. It deals directly with witchcraft at its worst, and has the provocative title of Demons Summoned. You can get a copy by contacting him through his website at "exposingthedarkness.com."

Update 9/30/2014

On the 700 Club yesterday, Benny Hinn told how he was invited by the government of Indonesia to hold an evangelistic campaign there. He just got back, and said he was told that in the first meeting some 600,000 people turned out, and in the second meeting, over a million! These are the biggest meetings he has ever had! As always, miracles of healing and deliverance thrilled the crowd, proving that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!

Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world, but it has had large numbers of Christian converts over the past years. I think this is the best response that "moderate Muslims" can give to the likes of ISIS! Iran, also, is now considered a "Post-Muslim" country as the message of Jesus Christ as Savior of the World is doing miracles throughout that nation, turning multitudes to God and away from Allah!

The Bible promises that one day, Egypt, Israel and Assyria will be united in serving the one true God! (Isaiah 19:21-25 and Ezekiel 16:60-63) So the likes of ISIS, Hamas and Hezbollah are doomed! Either repent and turn to Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, or face the wrath of Almighty God!

Update 9/27/2014

Now it has started happening here in the United States! Alton Alexander Nolen, 30, was fired from Vaughan Foods, a food distribution center in Moore, Oklahoma on Thursday, September 25th. He proceeded to return to the office with a knife, beheaded the first lady he came to and started stabbing another lady who was also an employee. An officer of the company who happened to be an off-duty policeman proceeded to confront the offender and shot him, putting an end of the blood-shed. There were over 100 more employees in the workshop at the time.

Norman is about 100 miles from the Tulsa area where I live. It is located near the center of the United States. Nolen was released from prison not long ago, and obviously felt he could continue his criminal activities under the protection and blessing of Allah. President Obama continues to claim that Islam is a religion of peace, and this deceptive mantra is echoed by the Muslim community here in the United States and around the world. It reminds me of the old saying: "Said the spider to the fly, come into my crystal palace!"

I have concerns that the massive Islamic propaganda effort which has been recruiting converts in America's prisons for years now has created the potential of providing a great army of Jihadists here in the United States who don't need to cross any country's borders to get here. With instructions available on the internet about how to commit violent crime, we are going to see many more things like this happen in the future. This will be only be the latest chapter in the history of the internet when added to fallen man's sinful nature. (Think "Tower of Babel!")

Taking the Bible and prayer out of the public schools in the early 1960's was the start of the paganizing of American society. Before then, there was no such thing as mass murders of students and teachers by other students, workplace murders, etc. There was a general acknowledgement at that time that the Bible was the Word of God, even by unbelievers. Now we are reaping the results of such a foolish decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Norman killer was stopped when he was shot by an armed citizen. The next step to turning America over to the psychos is to take away the 2nd Amendment right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms as defined in the U.S. Constitution. Please pray for our judges and political leaders, that a true spiritual revival from above will touch their hearts and lives, and that America may return to its former paths of respect for God and the Ten Commandments! (Also, read Isaiah 58!)

Update 9/24/2014

Trinity Western University of Langley, British Columbia, Canada is the latest target for the thought-control police. It is a Christian university which has recently applied to the Canadian government to open a law school. Already it is under fire for insisting that any future law students not be practicing homosexuals, but, if gay, to carefully observe abstinence like the rest of their single students.

What is the biblical teaching in such a case? Ezekiel 2:4-7 reads in part: "Thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God..." God's instructions to the prophet are: "Be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions; be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks... Thou shalt speak my words unto them."

To our Canadian brothers we say, "Keep the faith!"

Update 9/14/2014

U.S. President Barak Obama was sadly mistaken when he announced to the world that no religion advocates the atrocities we are now seeing practiced by ISIS. Actually, ISIS is demonstrating before the world the purest form of unleashed Islam, as any objective reader of the Qur'an can see. Those who wish to challenge this statement need only read the authoritative "Noble Qur'an" which is published in the English language by Dar-Us-Salam Publications of Riyadh--Saudi Arabia. (1999)

A sample quote says: "Whoso fights in the Cause of Allah, and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward." Surat 4:74

Its explanatory commentary says: "To get ready (for Jihad) includes various kinds of preparations and weapons [tanks, missiles, artillery, aeroplanes (air force), ships (navy), etc, and the training of the soldiers in these weapons] are all included under (the meaning) of the word 'force (i.e. land-force, navy and air-force).' " p.895

Update 9/7/2014

The Attorneys General of 17 states have asked the Supreme Court to rule on the right of states to individually determine the correct definition of "marriage." Recent lower court decisions have been striking down state referendums banning gay marriage. They have been joined with a "Friend of the Court" brief filed by the Roman Catholic Church, Evangelical Churches, and the Mormon Church. They hope that the traditional definition of marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman may be decided by each state for itself rather than simply being forced on the whole country by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jesus Christ taught in Matthew 19:4-5 that marriage between a man and a woman has been practiced from "the beginning." Let us hope that the Supreme Court not try to officially nullify what the very Son of God said! After all, God is in charge of the future! Read Isaiah 45:9-12 and Jeremiah 25:31. God's wrath should be taken into account in this matter! His mercy is also available to the repentant: Jeremiah 26:2-3.

Update 9/4/2014

Attention Mormons!!!

Question: How many Gods are there?

A. Bible verses from Isaiah on only one God:

1. "Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Isaiah 43:10
2. "Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any." Isaiah 45:8
3. "I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me." Isaiah 45:5
4. "There is none beside me, I am the Lord, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:6
5. "I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." Isaiah 46:9

B. Book of Mormon teachings on only one God:

1. "God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people. And because he dwelleth in flesh he shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son--

"The Father because he was conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son--

"And they are one God." Mosiah 15:1-4

2. "Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God? And he (Amulek) answered, No. Now Zeezrom said unto him again: How knowest thou these things? And he said: An angel hath made them known unto me:" Alma 11:28-31

3. "Is the Son of God the very Eternal Father? Yea, he is the Very Eternal Father." Alma 11:39

4. "Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is one Eternal God." Alma 11:34

C. Mormonism's teaching on a plurality of Gods:

1. "As man now is, God once was: As God is, man may be." Lorenzo Snow, fifth president of the Mormon church.

2. "These boys...shall be able to go out into space where there is unorganized matter and call together the necessary elements...to organize matter into worlds on which their posterity may dwell, and over which they shall rule as gods." (Snow, "Devotion to a Divine Inspiration," pp. 658-659)

Update 8/29/2014

A court decision in Utah recently nullified some of the state's provision prohibiting the plurality of wives. Up to now, those polygamists wishing to follow that practice have often left Utah to go to states

permitting "adult consent." It remains to be seen how this decision will affect the Mormon church, since its doctrinal change disavowing polygamy was made only under the immense pressure by the U.S. government over a century ago.

Update 8/25/2014

Don Cave reports from the Ukraine:

CHRISTIAN HOPE CHURCH IN UKRAINE CONDUCTS SIGNIFICANT EVANGELICAL OUTREACH

Night after night we have watched as war between the Russian Separatists and Ukraine Government fight it out in the streets of the Eastern Ukraine. So what is the good side of all this. How about thousands of lives changed for eternity!

Our Church in Kiev, Christian Hope Church recently conducted a three-week mission trip within Ukraine where they ministered in three regions and 14 towns and villages. The main strategy for this trip was personal evangelism. In each location, evangelists went in the streets to witness about Jesus Christ, they prayed for people and led many to repentance in Christ. During the whole trip, about 2,000 people gave their life to Christ and 5,000 received individual prayer. More than 7,000 heard the Gospel!

We are always grateful for your prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia for that matter. It takes a prayer covering to be successful in this evangelistic crusade. There are plans to go again with a similar mission trip to another four regions, including the east of Ukraine where the fighting is going on.

Update 8/21/2014

Any Satanist will recognize the parallels between what that type of worship leads to and what is reported to be happening in northern Syria and Iraq. Death and enmity to Christianity or any other religion is glorified. The ISIS people are just more open about it! Sadly, ISSA and Satanism both now share the reputation of being "baby killers." Hopefully, US government authorities will wake up and realize that neither Satanism nor Islam is not "just another religion."

Update 8/18/2014

I must salute Thomas S. Monson, the present and 16th president of the Mormon Church. I learned at a conference of the survivors' offspring last month in Claremore, Oklahoma, that the Mormon Church has at last bowed in recognition of the tragedy the Mormon Church played in the Mountain Meadow Massacre of 120 innocent victims in southern Utah on September 11, 1857. I hope for more good results from this new stance of the Mormon Church.

Update 8/14/2014

To better understand what is motivating the Islamic fighters in Northern Syria and Iraq, request the free book; Islam, Religion of Peace or Religion of War? at http://www.cbn.com/noindex/PCC/IslamBook_FINAL2s.pdf. Just copy and paste this address and you can have it!

Update 8/4/2014

Please pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in countries where the gospel of Jesus Christ is not welcomed. Recently, even registered churches in China have been destroyed, or at least had their exterior crosses removed by local police, often with the pastors imprisoned. In Iran, 97% of the burgeoning Christian movement have never been to a church meeting, receiving all their Bible instruction via satellite TV. Even in some Latin American countries, kidnapping, torture and imprisonment for preaching the gospel is still taking place. You can learn more about such things at the Voice of the Martyrs website, www.vom.com or www.persecution.com.

Update 8/1/2014

I was privileged to attend a recent conference of the Mountain Meadows Monument organization in Claremore, Oklahoma. There, I was pleased to learn that the current Mormon leadership is finally bending to the weight of evidence on what actually happened in that terrible massacre in southern Utah in 1857. I am grateful for this, and thrilled that the descendants of the survivors have finally been able to state their case publicly and unequivocally without being contradicted by the Mormon hierarchy.

Update 7/29/2014

In the early 1800's, the new American Republic had trouble with the Barbary pirates of northern Africa, especially those of Tripoli. Thomas Jefferson sent troops to deal with them after being told by the pirate

chieftain that the Koran instructed Muslims to conquer, enslave or kill all non-Muslims. Jefferson served as U.S. President from 1801-1809. During those years, Jefferson's problems with the Muslim pirates made U.S. citizens very familiar with the Koran and its teachings.

Joseph Smith was born in 1805, and during his youth became very much aware of Islam. He was also extremely conscious of the concepts of tolerance and freedom of religion which the new country was championing and wrestling with. Smith's neighbors said he had read the Koran himself and was quite enthralled with it. He took advantage of both systems and incorporated them into his new concept of Christianity. That is why we see many of its teachings incorporated into his new religion, Mormonism, with its practicing of polygamy, eternal marriage and hostility to all the clergy of all other religions.

That concept of religious freedom is again being tested in modern times, but this time is accompanied by the relaxing of legal restraints, legalizing drugs which had previously been considered dangerous for the population at large, refusal to enforce immigration laws and redefining moral values, such as marriage only between one man and one woman.

Update 7/17/2014

According to a recent survey reported yesterday by FOX TV, the statistics for the population of homosexuals in the U.S. is 1.6% and of transsexuals is 0.7%, totaling a little over 2% of population. However, the massive propaganda flooding of our society by new laws, modern movies and TV programs has resulted in the average American thinking that about 20% of our population falls into one of those categories.

Update 7/14/2014

My wife and I just viewed the recent film, "America: Imagine the World Without Her." It was produced by Dinesh D'Souza, and emigrant from India. If you want to understand what has made America such a great nation, you must see this movie!

Update 7/8/2014

Bill McKeever, Director of Mormon Research Ministry, reported in his July-August newsletter:

In an April 26, 1914 Salt Lake Tribune article by Peggy Fletcher Stack, she wrote, "The stats are staggering. In the year and a half since the LDS Church lowered the minimum age for full-time missionary service, the Utah-based faith has seen its proselytizing force swell from 58,500 to more than 83,000. That's a 42 percent leap. The number of convert baptisms last year grew to 282,945, up from 272,330 in 2012. That's an increase of less than 4 percent."

Update 7/1/2014

Congratulations to the David Green family of Hobby Lobby, who won their case before the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday! They were protesting the abortive-types of contraception mandate required of for-profit corporations by the new health-care laws. It comes on the heels of an impressive article by Time Magazine (July 7-14 issue) outlining the ramifications of that decision for Bible-believing Christians in the U.S. It states: "If Hobby Lobby prevails in court, the Greens will be conservative-Christian heroes. If it loses, they will attain a kind of martyr status but without being vanquished."

This is the same Green family that rescued Oral Roberts University from having to shut its doors a few years ago. Of course, I prefer their being heroes and not martyrs! Therefore, I am doubly happy with this decision, which favors the free exercise of religion that the United States has always enjoyed under the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Update 6/24/2014

Urgent! To find a quick and inspiring description of who Jesus Christ is, go to youtube.com, select the video "That's My King" as preached by S.M. Lockridge and produced by Albert Martin. You'll be glad you did!

Update 6/20/2014

Walking through the mall the other day, I paused at a stall where I saw something that interested me and stopped to talk to the saleslady. She was in her early 20's, and I soon learned that she was Muslim, raised in a home with parents who were Muslim immigrants to the United States.

I soon learned that she was trying to read through the Qur'an, but had not gotten very far. I asked her how she reconciled her religion with the killing that is going on between Muslims in some parts of the world, and she said, "Their problem is just that they mix their religion with politics."

Amazed at her reply, I said, "But that is Islam!"

"Oh, no," she said. "Islam is a religion of peace!"

"What?" I said. "Don't you know that on one occasion, your prophet Mohammed ordered the execution of 800 Jews?"

She was aghast! She had never heard that. In fact, I found out that she knew very little about the life of Mohammed or the Qur'an..

I realized that she knew about as much about Islam as the average nominal Christian knows about the Bible and Christianity here in the United States! Pray for her with me, that she come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Update 6/19/2014

Called the "most famous scientist since Albert Einstein," atheist Professor Stephen Hawking has made a discovery that flies in the face of all previous scientific discoveries: Not every effect has a cause! The whole universe came about, not due to a Creator, but through "Spontaneous Generation!"

According to this discovery, the whole of creation came about as the effect of the absence of all things! He posits that the Law of Gravity caused it all!

My question to Dr. Hawking is: "What caused the Law of Gravity?" The logic of this modern kind of nonsense is referred to in the Bible as "science falsely so called." (1 Timothy 6:21).

The very fact that the most famous scientist in the world came up with this loony idea which is so attractive to ungodly people is that it eliminates the idea of accountability for our actions, and justifies living like animals!

This is all that one can expect from limited human intellect, which would disregard the biblical truth that "light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were

evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved." (John 3:18-19)

Yes, indeed, Jesus Christ is the Light of the World!

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

And the Bible declares Christ and the Creation, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:3)

As for the source of life and why the intellect alone is incapable of receiving it, the Bible continues to explain, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:4-5)

Update 6/18/2014

My wife and I recently went to see the film, "God is Not Dead." It is about an atheist College Professor who specialized in intimidating his students who believed in God. However, in this film, a dedicated Christian rebuffed his bullying and ended up winning the class over to standing up for their faith. Very good presentation and very sound reasoning in my opinion. I highly recommend it!

Update 6/12/2014

Congratulations to Campus Crusade for Christ!

Its "Jesus Film" has just completed 35 years of being shown around the world to over six billion (6,000,000,000) times in over 1,200 different languages--more than any other film in history!

It is based on the Gospel of Luke and has recently been redone with all the modern technology! Over two million viewers have given their lives to Christ after viewing it.

May it continue to be shown until Jesus comes!

Update 5/22/2014

As you saw on the Home Page, I was recently granted the "Professor Emeritus" award from Oral Roberts University for my many years of service there. I am proud to have been associated with this great university for nearly 50 years, and urge those interested in educating themselves or their youngsters in a "Spirit-Empowered" setting that they check out its website by simply entering www.oru.edu at the top of your monitor screen. Courses are available online as well as in residence there. So people from anywhere in the world may enroll! Scholarships are available, too!

Also, you may view the entire commencement exercises where I was given that award at that same website! Michele Bachmann, an ORU alumnus and a former U.S. presidential candidate, was the main speaker. If you want to see just my part of the video, it starts at one hour, eleven minutes and ten seconds into the video.

Update 4/17/2014

As for the current rage about homosexuality, it is obvious that the majority of our political leaders and judges have turned their backs on God as He is set forth in the Bible. That is too bad, for the Bible up to now has been the legal and moral base for this great country. They are now worshipping at the alter of secularist humanism which demands a materialistic view of society, the world and the universe.

Those with homosexual tendencies can get to heaven only in the same way as everyone else who is going to get there: by denying themselves and following Jesus. Jesus believed everything in the Hebrew Scriptures of his time and himself embodied its fulfillment. Therefore, he cannot be separated from its moral precepts. And that includes its clear teachings concerning homosexuality.

Update 4/10/2014

For those of you who want to know more about Islam, I heartily recommend the Aramaic Broadcasting Network at "www.abnsat.com." It broadcasts 24/7 in English and several Middle-Eastern languages featuring discussions between Muslims and Christians who have left Islam, exploring the topic in depth. Look under the "Programs" section to get started. God loves Muslims, and we do, too! We want to see them actually succeed in getting to Heaven! Recommend this contact to your Muslim friends!

Other internet site which have caused quite a stir in the Muslim world are: www.TheReligionofPeace.com/Quran/owt-Mohammads-sex-life.htm. and www,answeringmuslims.com. These sites quote directly from both the Qur'an and the Hadiths.

Update 3/4/2014

I would like to recommend that my readers check out the "Reasons to Believe" website. It is located at tnrtb@reasons.org. The following is a recent letter it included in its testimonial section:

Dear Dean,

Today I heard about one of RTB's heroes. Greg, one of our apologetics trainees, would not consider himself a hero, and he didn't even know for a couple of years how God had used him. Then came this email to Greg's inbox:

Hey Greg, I know you don't know me, but I felt compelled to share something with you. A couple years back I used to lurk in the off-topic forums and read the back-and-forth between you and the atheists there. There were long threads where you would argue the validity of the Gospels and fend off several atheists at a time. At the time I was an atheist and sided with them, but your clear presentation of the Gospel message and apologetics actually caused me to reexamine my beliefs and begin seeking out truths.

Needless to say, this changed my life for the better, and eventually my wife came to accept Jesus as well. The lives of my whole family have changed for the good. My children have benefitted greatly from having parents who know and love God.

I regularly share that it was the back-and-forth between you and the other posters that first got me rethinking my stance. It's part of my testimony. Well, anyways I just want to thank you on behalf of my family and me. Thanks!

This man's story reminds us of so many encouraging stories of God's work. Greg has helped save a life—a whole family's life and perhaps more—for eternity by taking the time to equip himself and to engage in dialogue with nonbelievers. To us, he is one of RTB's heroes. Your support makes you part of his story and countless more, as well.

Update 3/2/2014

Last night, my wife and I viewed the newly released film, *The Son of God*. It lasts about 2 1/2 hours and intertwines the message and events of the four gospels in a wonderful way, giving an authenticity to its message which will appeal to all sincere seekers after the true God. I urge you to take your friends and see it when it comes to your area!

Update 2/26/2014

Gold Discovered in California

AP—2/25/14 David Hall, co-founder of PCGS, in Santa Ana, CA, announced today that 1,427 gold coins were found recently in Northern California by an elderly couple in northern California. They were walking along a path on their property and found the coins in six rusty tin cans that were coming to the surface. The 1,427 coins, nearly all uncirculated, date from 1847-1894, and some are estimated to sell for over a million dollars. The couple desires anonymity, and will offer some of them on Amazon.com., pay off their bills, and donate to local charities.

Note by Dr. Helland: What a contrast this is from Joseph Smith, who claimed to have been led by the Angel Moroni to the Hill Cumorah in New York to some hidden golden plates. Only eleven people were allowed to see them--nearly all members of Joseph's own family--and, after Smith translated the Book of Mormon from them, the "angel" took them back to heaven again! Yet a religion was founded on this Book of Mormon and Joseph Smith claimed it to be "the most correct of any book on earth!" Their wealth is seen around the world in beautiful new chapels, temples and youthful missionaries knocking on doors. Their first message wherever they go is that all other churches are deceived and they are the only True Church on earth! (See History of the Church, vol. 1, 1:19)

The Bible says: "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty." 2 Peter 1:16

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Giver of Life, said:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (John 11:25, 26)

Update 2/11/2014

After the Target store scandal where over 100,000,000 credit and debit cards had their information stolen recently, Bible believers can see "the handwriting on the wall." The Bible foretells a world-wide economic system which eliminates cash and all forms of money in trade matters. Buying and selling will only be possible by means of a mark in each person's flesh, the hand or the forehead. Those who receive this "mark of the beast" will chose the Anti-Christ over Jesus Christ, to their eternal damnation. Read about it in Revelation, chapter 13, the last book in the Bible.

Update 2/9/2014

I just attended Homecoming Week at Oral Roberts University. It was wonderful meeting with people I have known there over the past years, learning what has been happening with them and sharing with them from my own life. I want to urge people everywhere to check out the tremendous educational opportunities available at ORU. Just go to www.oru.edu and take the tour!

Update 2/6/2014

Those really interested in Islam need to read The Noble Qur'an, (1999, Darussalam Publishers, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) translated into English by Dr. Muhammad Taqi-ud-Din Al-Hilali and Dr. Muhammad Muhsin Khan, both of Islamic University, Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah. It compares to the Amplified Bible in its elaborations of the literal and exact meanings of the Arabic Text in no uncertain terms.

An examples is: "O you who have been given the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Believe in what We have revealed (to Muhammad) confirming what is (already) with you, before we efface faces (by making them like the back of necks; without nose, mouth and eyes) and turn them hindwards, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And the Commandment of Allah is always executed." Surat 4:47 An-Nisa' / Part 5

Many other passages are equally enlightening, as these expert Islamic theologians make clear in their abundant commentaries.

Update 2/5/2014

Exciting news is reaching my desk! Pat Robertson of the 700 Club reported yesterday on the tremendous part the Church is playing in presenting the hope of the Gospel to the demonstrators and government forces who are facing off against each other in the Ukraine. It brings back memories of the strong Christian testimonies left by Richard Wurmbrand and Corrie Ten Boom from the oppressive Nazi and Communist regimes of the last century.

Of course, that makes us especially concerned about what is happening to our Syrian brothers and sisters at the hands of Muslim extremists. We thank God for the role of the Kurds in protecting them in that country as well as in neighboring Iraq. All of these situations and many others such as the persecution of Christians in Sudan, northern Nigeria and Iran merit our unceasing prayers as we near the end times.

Update 1/29/2014

About Faith and Revelation

While I was pastoring in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during the 1990's, I had a learning experience which I feel I should share with my readers. I had occasion to go to a hospital to visit someone, and while there, it occurred to me that I should question a doctor about his views on Divine Healing. So I went up to a doctor who I did not know and asked him the direct question, "Sir, do you believe that God heals today?"

He did not bat an eye before he replied, "No, God does not heal today."

Since I had been eye witness to so many, many healings, instant as well as gradual, through prayer for the sick, I thanked him and went my way, but inwardly was feeling frustrated that such an educated man should be so ignorant of such an important thing which he dealt with as a professional on a daily basis.

Later I referred to this incident while preaching a Sunday morning message in the small congregation I was pastoring. I said something like this:

“I don’t know how such an educated man should be so ignorant! Here is a man who is so narrowly focused on what he is doing that he entirely misses what is going on all around him!”

My wife scolded me roundly for making such a statement from the pulpit, but she was entirely right in doing so. She is a Registered Nurse and has worked many years in hospitals and clinics. She believes totally in Divine Healing and has witnessed first hand many healings in our meetings .

She said, “Dean, you can’t judge an unbeliever like that! No one can understand the things of God until they have their spiritual eyes opened, and it is revealed to them!”

She was so right! That is just what the Bible clearly teaches in so many places. Check that out in the following Bible passages:

“And Jesus said, ‘For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.’” John 9:39

“Eye hath not see, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ...

"Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ... That no flesh should glory in his presence." 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

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The Bible says in John 12:42-43: "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."

My Question is: Do your peers' opinions mean more to you than what God declares in His Word?

My Challenge is: Step out and declare yourself for Jesus Christ, God's Son, regardless of the consequences. You will be amazed at how God will confirm you spiritually, no matter the persecution that may result. Only remember to walk through it all with Jesus.

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How Bad Can It Get?

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The Bible says that in the last days, a jealous God will wreak vengeance on the wicked. Especially named on the list of the practices which cause this outpouring of God's wrath is devil worship. (Deuteronomy 32:16-17, Revelation 9:20)

The law enforcement agencies are especially aware of its wide-spread practice at present, though their sinister findings are largely hidden from public view. The only ministry I know of that is directly reaching out to this crowd, exposing their sin and confronting them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ is former-Satanist, Tim Thompson. He does not mince words nor harshly condemn these miserable people, but gently woos them to salvation through Jesus Christ.

You may check out his website, "Exposing the Darkness," and order his books. Yes, there is still time for these poor hell-bound souls to repent and be saved! And don't forget to pray for Tim. He is facing his own battles!