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Update June 13, 2015

Ravi Zacharias reports that while 40 million Christians were martyrs during the 20th Century, the rate of Christian martyrdom has more than doubled in the 21st Century. There is now a Christian martyr averaging one every five minutes somewhere in the world! Ravi's website is www.rzim.org. I highly recommend him!

Update June 6, 2015

Pastors: Don't think that the your First Amendment rights will protect you when some of the laws that are being contemplated now start getting enforced in our country. Franklin Graham has already sounded the alarm that Bible-believers may have to engage in Civil Disobedience in order to be true followers of Jesus Christ. Loss of your tax-exempt status may be the least of what the Church in America could be facing in the near future.

Update June 3, 2015

WWe hear so much in the news media that some of our youths are being radicalized by ISSA. It just is not true. The truth is that these Muslim youth are just taking their religion seriously enough to actually read the Koran. ISSA is simply following its clear instructions and doing exactly what it teaches. Read it yourself and you will see what I mean. I especially recommend you get the "Noble Qur'an," available at Amazon and many other bookstores.

What we really need are professed Christians who will actually read the Bible and start living the way it teaches. That would really change the world!

Update May 25, 2016

I do want to clear up any confusion several things that I have put on my website may have caused. It was reported in the Tulsa World on February 14th that Rabbi Yehuda Weg Chabad of the Orthodox Jewish Community in Tulsa, has stated that most Orthodox Jews agree that the date of the creation goes

back 5,775 years. That is what tradition has handed down in Judaism throughout the centuries and coincides with the years as cited in the Bible.

Evangelical Christian theologians are divided between the "new earth" and "old earth" camps, but both camps base their faith firmly on the Bible. They just vary on how they interpret certain passages.

Personally, I am fascinated by what science is discovering as it continues to advance technologically. As the Bible says, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter." Proverbs 25:2

It really matters very little to me whether God used a long process to produce the universe as we have it today, or if He simply "spoke the Word" and it came forth instantaneously with all the appearances of age included as they exist today. After all, time is measured only by man, and God created time itself!

I have seen so many instantaneous answers to prayer that an instantaneous creation is not at all hard for me to accept. Where is the answer? With God! I think that scientists can keep on trying out their theories from now "til doomsday" and never come up with answers for all the things that God has concealed!

Update May 13, 2015

Congratulations are due to the Hubble Telescope crew and the entire space program on Hubble's 25th anniversary. What does this mean to the Bible-believer? We can rejoice over a number of faith-confirming elements due to their hard work:

(1) We now know how long ago Genesis 1:1 took place! We can know when God spoke, causing what scientists call the "Big Bang." It has shown that the creation dates back some 13.7 billion years. Scientists now estimate the number of stars at 2×10^{22} or 20,000,000,000,000,000,000, more than all the grains of sand in the entire world. We are even more amazed at how God knows their precise number and every star by name! Psalms 147:4

(2) We are thrilled that science has debunked the belief that the universe is eternal and static. This belief was almost universal among non-Christians, and was even held by scientists until these latest discoveries.

(3) We are excited to see science lining up with the Bible on its explanations and predictions concerning the earth and the entire universe. What it still terms the inexplicable forces of “dark matter” and “dark energy” are very obvious to the Bible-believer. We understand that the very existence, progress and fate of all creation is directly determined by God Himself! 2 Peter 3:3-12

Praise God! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so! Psalm 107:2

Update 5/9/2015

The 7.8 earthquake in Nepal is the latest world-class tragedy to happen with possibly 10,000 dead. Unfortunately, it is a Buddhist country, where killing Christians and burning them alive is not all that uncommon. We pray for those who lost loved ones as well as the many aid workers helping them search for survivors and the dead. One day, Nepal, too, will come to know Jesus, as will all the nations of the world! He is the Savior of the world, and does not wish that any be lost, but that all come to the knowledge of the Truth.

Update, 5/2/2015

I just heard the tremendous testimony of Mosab Hassan Yousef, son of a founder of the Muslim Brotherhood and also of Hamas. He was reared in the violent atmosphere of the West Bank, spied against Israel for Hamas, and was later confronted with the difference between the life of Christ and the life of Mohammad. He ended up changing sides, actually spying for Israel, and then became a follower of Jesus Christ. He points out that the principle difference between Jesus Christ and Mohammad is that Christianity teaches about a God of love and life, while Allah is a god of hatred and death. Mohammad's life is an example of this. Yousef concludes that Allah doesn't like non-Muslims and he doesn't like Muslims. Read his terrific story in the exciting book, "Son of Hamas."

Update, 4/5/2015

Tonight, Willie Jessop, former spokesman for the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints under its prophet Warren Jeffs, admitted to Oprah Winfrey on her TV program that his own investigations had uncovered far more pornographic and child molesting activity by Jeffs than he had ever imagined. He used to be Jeff's official spokesman, has three wives himself, but has now been ex-communicated. He disclosed that Jeffs has 80 wives--twice as many as the 40 wives that the Utah Mormon Church recently admitted that its founder, Joseph Smith, Jr., had.

Islam's prophet Mohammad limited himself to just over a dozen wives, and his followers to only four. He did marry a six-year-old, but refrained from intimacy with her until she reached nine years of age! By promising his followers who would die while battling for Islam a sure place in heaven plus 72 wives, we can understand what "religious" men without God think heaven is all about! It looks like false prophets are popping up all over the place! Ho-hum....

Update, 4/3/2015

Jesus Christ said, as recorded in Matthew 7:15-20:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." KJV

Can anyone deny that the Muslim movements which are growing rapidly by destroying innocent lives throughout the Middle-East and Africa are not "evil fruit?" They are the result of the teachings of a False Prophet! Islam is nothing more than a Christian heresy, according to those who have studied it from a Christian viewpoint. I must agree. Look at its fruit around the world!

Update, 3/20/2015

The Presbyterian Church (USA) recently joined the growing list of Protestant denominations which allow the officiating in homosexual marriages in states which allow it. They are following the trend of Christian leaders of abandoning the clear teachings of the Bible on the subject. The Biblical teaching of marriage between one man and one wife is clearly taught in many places as is its condemnation of homosexuality. Meditate on these passages:

Speaking of marriage in the Old Testament:

Did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Malachi 2:15

In the New Testament:

Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:4-5

Speaking of homosexuality in the Old Testament:

Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Leviticus 18:22

In the New Testament:

God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly. Romans 1:26-27

The Bible also has something to say about spiritual leaders who substitute "political correctness" and follow the desires of the masses for their divine calling: They have...

...profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and have married the daughter of a strange god. The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar. Malachi 2:11-12

Furthermore,

I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Jeremiah 23: 21-22

May God have mercy on America!

Update 3/5/2015

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu just spoke to a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, and his message was a prophetic warning to the United States and the world: Read the book of Joel in the Bible, and you will see what I mean. The Church has grown lax and weak and now judgment is coming! But God will show Himself strong on behalf of Israel and all who know God. This is a time for united prayer and fasting by God's people!

Update 2/28/2015

I just talked to both my sons on Skype and long-distance telephone and was thrilled as they shared how God is using them in different countries throughout the world in signs, wonders and miracles. Tonight, my eldest son, Aaron, will be preaching in the large Jotabeche church in Santiago, Chile. My younger son, Matthew, will be preaching this week-end in Belgium. He was in Turkey last week. Pray that these "two fire-brands for Jesus" will continue being mightily used to demonstrate the Power of the Gospel as described in Mark 16:15-17 and the Book of Acts! (See also 1 Corinthians 2:1 through 5)

Update 2/27/2015

I recommend that you read *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Islam*. I read it right after 9/11, and there it explains the desire of all Muslims to regain the Caliphate, where Muslims will again have total control of their own land and live as they did under the rule of the first four Caliphs. (Caliph means "Successor to Muhammad.")

I was amazed recently to hear a historian in National Public Radio (NPR) speak on the period of the Caliphate, and was surprised to hear on that normally "Politically Correct" radio station that ISIS is gaining territory by using exactly the same tactics as were used during Islam's first century of existence: with butchery, torture and kidnapping! Of course, that is exactly right, and something our standard news outlets have been trying to hide from the American public until now. Even far-leftist MSNBC-TV is openly sounding the alarm!

It is not reassuring to hear from the White House that "Global Warming" is the greatest threat to modern civilization. Meantime, the 700 Club pointed out that the greatest enemy of Christianity is actually Pornography! Due to the great lack of emphasis on holiness in many of our churches, seven out of eight of today's new missionaries are women! Where are the "Christian" men? Enjoying pornography and letting the rest of the world go by!

What did Jesus say about this? He said, "Will I find faith when I come?" (Luke 18:8)

Update 2/22/2015

Correction!!!

In my 1/17/2015 congratulation to the French for demonstrating their zeal for Freedom of Speech after murders of Paris journalists by Islamist extremists, I have learned that my initial reaction was quite wrong about what is actually going on there.

It turns out that there are far more restrictions on speech in France than I could ever imagine. It is felt there that the most "Islamophobic" people of all are the "modern" Muslims who fear trying to restrain their increasingly radicalized youth.

A key component of the legality problem revolves around what is termed "hate speech." For example, 80-year-old actress Brigitte Bardot is now being sued by the French government for the fifth time for "insulting Islam." And she is the darling of the French Left!

There is even speculation that France may come to Civil War in its reaction against a perceived Muslim takeover. Let us hope that the achievements of Charles Martel ago not disintegrate before our very eyes.

Update 2/18/2015

The Harbinger and Bible Prophecy

I just read The Harbinger, The Ancient Mystery That Holds the Secret of America's Future, by Jonathan Cahn. Many of my friends have read it and wanted to know what I thought about it. I found it intriguing, to say the least. I find it interesting that someone would go to such great lengths to warn America and the world that it must repent or be doomed. I think that is, after all, the Gospel message. I hope its readers will heed its warning and turn their lives fully over to Christ. Is it actually a message from God? While I am not sure that it is actually as real as it claims to be, I think it should be treated as if that part of its message were valid.

Why do I hesitate to endorse this book fully as being of divine origin? Because, though it points to Jesus Christ as the Savior of the World and actually puts forth what are apparently biblical lines of prophecy, I was fooled once before by a book which seems to do just that that, but actually is deceiving millions of gullible followers! That is the Book of Mormon!.

The Book of Mormon also points to Jesus Christ as the Savior of the World, but while doing so goes beyond what Cahn does in his book, to actually deny the complete reliability of the Bible and heralds its founding prophet, Joseph Smith, Jr., as the guiding light for the world. I therefore refuse to put my trust in any mere man as my guiding light! Excuse me for my hesitation, but I place my trust only in the Bible and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The rest of us spiritual leaders are mere stewards of the mysteries of God. I believe that Bible prophecy will be fully understood only as it is unfolded before our eyes. Only then will we know that we have the "correct" interpretation of what it says. Going any further than that can become divisive, in my opinion.

If things happen just as they are predicted by Cahn, that will be the confirmation needed to prove it to be true prophecy. (See Deuteronomy 18:21-22 on how to know if prophecy is not of God!) Even if a prophecy comes to pass, that does not prove it is of God. (See Deuteronomy 13:1-5) The danger of that kind of prophecy is that it may lead us away from Christ. In that case, it would still be classified as false prophecy, because God is not its source!

Update 2/10/2015

Russia continues to incur in the Ukraine, making the Christians special targets of their aggression. At last count, 27 Protestant pastors have been kidnapped and 40 churches taken over by the Russians, many of them to be used as bases for their military operations inside Ukraine. At the same time, people there are seeking God as never before, and many are having miracles of deliverance and a new rich spiritual depth to their lives. Pray for Ukraine!

Update 2/8/2015

I just posted another article I wrote some time ago entitled "The Book of Mormon and the American Indian." It is located right under "My Personal Testimony," whose link is found down the right side of this page. You will be amazed at this strange Mormon plan for bringing about the Second Coming of Christ!

Update 2/6/2015

Even as reports are coming in of the increasingly sadistic atrocities of ISIS, a question comes to mind: Can such a person be saved? Can someone who has buried children alive, tortured and raped and mutilated other human beings ever be forgiven by God? Our knowledge of the scriptures forces us to say "yes."

The question then becomes: Where are the pastors and counselors who will be able to deal with such outcasts of society and help him/her to make peace with God? The Church congregations are naturally afraid to have such a person in their midst. Yet, they automatically become part of the Church as they come to know the One who gave His life for them on the Cross of Calvary. These are challenging questions, yet things that the Church has had to face in the past. May God raise up such godly persons who will be able to deal fearlessly and firmly with such damaged souls and accompany them on their spiritual walk.

Update 2/2/2015

The Mormon church recently admitted that "none of the characters on the papyrus fragments mentioned Abraham's name or any of the events recorded in the book of Abraham. Mormon and non-Mormon Egyptologists agree that the characters on the fragments do not match the translation given in the book of Abraham." (Gospel Topic essay, "Translation and Historicity of the Book of Abraham"--See page 4 of Mormonism Researched at www.mrm.org.)

Update 1/28/2015

Thousands of "Pro-Lifers" turned out last week in cities throughout the U.S. to protest the "Roe vs. Wade" decision of the Supreme Court on abortion. What does the Bible have to say about the "baby-killers" and those who abuse little children? It's found in Matthew 18:5-6:

"Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Update 1/17/2015

André Carson, the latest Muslim to be elected to the U.S. Congress, when asked his position on the current Muslim extremist attacks in Europe, declared on CNN today that "A Muslim in the true sense of the word (should) act like a civilized human being." He is a Democrat from Indiana and has just been appointed to the House Intelligence Committee, which oversees CIA activities..

Update 1/14/2015

Al-Qaida and ISIS both made a big mistake when they attacked Freedom of Speech in France. Europeans long ago abandoned their fixation on Christianity, but they traded it in for a fanaticism for Freedom! And they will defend it forever! As a result, the French have now replaced the United States as Freedom's champions for the moment. "Political Correctness" never did catch their fancy, as it has so many of the gullible U.S. leaders of today.

People will no longer become Muslim out of fear of the sword as they did in the ancient world. As for the true followers of Jesus Christ, this opens new horizons for soul-winning. Pray with me that the day will soon come when the women throughout the Muslim world will light bon fires into which they will throw in their burkas and head-scarves to protest their bondage, and their men will join them, turning their mosques into churches to worship Jesus Christ as the Son of the most high God!

Update 1/12/2015

With the latest attacks in Paris by Radical Muslims, it appears that the world is finally taking the Islamic threat seriously. All the foolish "politically correct" nonsense about Islam is being exposed for what it is--denial of the obvious. How can they get it right? My suggestion to the media media moguls is--READ THE KORAN! IT'S ALL RIGHT THERE!

For the clearest version in modern English with commentary explaining the meaning within the text in parenthesis, I recommend The Noble Qur'an, published in 1996 by the Dar-Us-Salam Publications, Riyadh-Saudi Arabia. It gives a full explanation of the meanings and interpretations of the Qur'an based on the writings of Tafsir of Ibn Jarir At-Tabari, Al-Qurtubi and Ibn Kathir and Imam Bukhari. It was translated into English by Dr. Muhammad Taqu-ud-Din Al-Hilali and Dr. Muhammad Muhsin Khan of the Islamic University, Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah. Order it through Amazon.com.

Update 1/10/2015

ISIS has now joined Satanists to earn the infamous reputation of “baby killers.” This does not seem to hinder their recruiting efforts of young Muslims from around the world who want to get an automatic pass to Paradise. They think that there, seventy virgins (both male and female) will be their submissive servants forever.

Most Satanists accept that they will spend eternity in Hell for their hostility against God and consequent atrocities. I guess that puts them one step above ISIS. Other than that, there is very little difference between the Satanists (who act in secret and know they are sinning) and the radical Islamics (who act openly and think they are doing righteous deeds of "Jihad" as taught in the Koran).