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DEDICATION

*This book is dedicated to all thoughtful people everywhere who want to better understand why and how the **Great Experiment**, called **The United States Of America** began and has become the most successful and powerful nation that has ever existed.*

*Many years after the Puritans purposely left England and settled here to freely worship the God of the Bible, our Founders made free speech, freedom of religion and free enterprise the bedrock of our unique Constitution, all based on **Christian principles**.*

But there are those in America who deny this foundation and reject these principles and seek to overthrow our Constitutional rights and freedoms.

This book presents:

- 1) why America's governmental foundation is the best ever devised by man by comparing and contrasting eight major Worldviews,*
- 2) three strategies being used to undermine it and*
- 3) what to do to return America to our former glory through trusting and depending again on the covenant-keeping God of our Founders.*

*America, let us re-discover and recapture our
Christian roots and heritage.*

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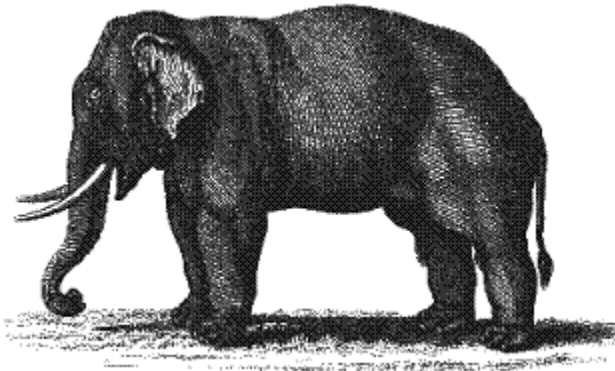
INTRODUCTION

The Blind Men and the Elephant

by John Godfrey Saxe (1816 - 1887)

It was six men of Hindustan, to learning much inclined,
who went to see the elephant (though all of them were blind),
that each by observation, might satisfy his mind.

The first approached the elephant, and, happening to fall,
against his broad and sturdy side, at once began to bawl:
“God bless me! but the elephant, is nothing but a wall!”



The second feeling of the tusk, cried:
“Ho! what have we here, so very round and smooth and sharp?
To me tis mighty clear, this wonder of an elephant, is very like a
spear!”

The third approached the animal, and, happening to take,
the squirming trunk within his hands,
“I see,” quoth he, “the elephant is very like a snake!”

The fourth reached out his eager hand, and felt about the knee:
“What most this wondrous beast is like, is mighty plain,” quoth
he;
“Tis clear enough the elephant is very like a tree.”

The fifth, who chanced to touch the ear,
Said; “E'en the blindest man can tell what this resembles most;
Deny the fact who can?
This marvel of an elephant, is very like a fan!”

The sixth no sooner had begun, about the beast to grope,
Than, seizing on the swinging tail, that fell within his scope,
“I see,” quoth he, “the elephant is very like a rope!”

And so these men of Hindustan, disputed loud and long,
Each in his own opinion, exceeding stiff and strong,
Though each was partly in the right, and all were in the wrong!

So, oft in theologic wars, the disputants, I ween,
Tread on in utter ignorance, of what each other mean,
And prate about the elephant, not one of them has seen!

The writer of this clever poem saw the underlying reason for “theologic wars”: “Though each was partly in the right, and all were in the wrong!” Being blind, the six men were unable to see the total truth - the Big Picture - of what the whole elephant actually looked like so they were doomed to disagree because of their erroneous conclusions based on partial evidence. Their limitation kept them from seeing what was obvious to anyone with the gift of sight. We have a modern version of these “theologic wars” which has been dubbed “the culture war.” It is a battle between differing belief systems or Worldviews. They can't all be equally correct views of reality because they are contradictory to each other. So, can we objectively determine which one is the real deal? I am convinced that it is not only possible to do but it is necessary if there is any hope to healing our fractured America.

America's True Roots

Fortunately for us, America was originally colonized by people with the same basic belief system, a Christian Worldview, within

which there were various denominational differences over relatively peripheral issues. Their commonly held Christian Worldview fostered a public agreement of virtuous behavior standards based on the Ten Commandments. This, in turn, provided a culture of relative domestic order and peace among the colonists which was in stark contrast to the many centuries of almost continuous bloodshed that Europe experienced. The only exception, until now, was the bitter Civil War fought over state's rights and slavery - both contesting the fundamental right of human freedom. Ironically, the institution of slavery was first legislatively defeated in England's parliament, thanks to the Christian convictions of William Wilberforce and his supporters. Their Christian worldview, based on the Genesis account, told them that all human beings were of **one race** because they descended from Adam and Eve. They peacefully challenged and eventually reversed Britain's culture of immorality and slavery and, thus, effectively ended the inhumane slave trade in the world-wide British Empire. Similarly, it was Christian abolitionists who fought and won the bitter Civil War that freed the slaves in America.

Because public law and morals were based on Christian principles that protected personal rights, there was not the plethora of conflicting and contradictory worldviews which cause so much social division, turmoil and even animosity in America today – and between warring nations historically. Ironically, we have such diversity precisely because the Christian colonists increasingly understood that freedom of religious expression was a God-given right that allowed each person to respond to, or reject, the God of the Bible according to one's own conscience. Our Founders' Christian Worldview caused them to form a Constitutional Republic based on Biblical principles - rather than a theocracy, a democracy or a civil dictatorship. America is living proof that, when correctly applied, true Christianity has been and is the world's major liberating and civilizing influence.

Worldview War

We are now engaged in a “culture war” because some people who hold hostile worldviews are seeking to replace America's Christian foundation from within and from without. As with disease, some worldviews are more virulent, tenacious and destructive than others. Some, biased against America's Christian heritage, hold to a worldview that seeks to convert or eliminate by force, all “infidels”

who do not accept their strict moral code. Others who are more liberal minded, applaud a diversity of thought including amorality and multiculturalism. They blindly believe that all worldviews and cultures are equally valid and worthwhile. Somehow, they miss the fact that Islamo-fascists want their head on a platter.

Simple logic and history definitively demonstrate that worldviews with contradictory premises and goals can't all be true at the same time in the same way. Clearly, the biggest fault line today exists between theistic worldviews that insist there is a realm beyond the natural and the secularistic worldview which vehemently denies that. Which, if either, view is accurate? How can we know for sure? What is the best worldview on which to base a government? These are not simply pie-in-the-sky questions. Our Founders seriously pondered and debated these issues because they knew from history that core ideas dictate behavior and forge mankind's future and, consequently, matter greatly.

Which Worldview Works?

Objectively, the Christian worldview of men like William Penn, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln produced the far better fruit of religious, civil and material freedom for mankind than did the materialistic worldview of atheists like Hitler, Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot which produced religious, political and economic slavery. The latter are collectively responsible for the deaths of over 100 million people in peacetime, not to mention wartime. Yes, ideas have consequences!

But astoundingly, not all Americans agree that these dictators were evil men who committed evil atrocities. Because of an irrational belief in contradictory worldviews, some would justify these crimes against humanity as merely pruning the tree of evolution of "inferiors." To them, it is a pragmatic means to a valued end. Others deny that the holocaust ever happened. Still others believe that anarchy and terrorism are justifiable means to a political end, despite any cost in human suffering and death. Again, worldviews greatly matter because they generate ideas which produce policies which produce actions which produce consequences, good or bad, for individuals and for societies.

Theism versus Secularism

Contained in a theistic worldview is the immutable law of reaping whatever is sown, unless a higher law or power intervenes. In an evolutionary-based, accidental, fatalistic, materialistic, non-theistic view of ultimate reality, man is pitted against man in a survival-of-the-fittest power struggle to subjectively decide, at any given point in time, who shall do what, how, when and why. This is the inevitable result of the unprovable *belief* that nothing and no one exists beyond what our senses tell us.

Secularists believe that man himself decides if truth and goodness exist and, if so, what it is. Meaning and purpose and values change with the decades depending on who rules with tongue or sword. And, still worse, each is left to discover, after death, if he guessed right. How tragic it would be if he guessed wrong. According to the Christian worldview, eternal regret and suffering await those who reject the loving outreach of a benevolent God. Is a risky, blind guess your only option?

What is Your Choice?

So that is the heart of the conflict between these two worldviews. Secularists deny even the possibility that there is a Supernatural Ultimate Originator, Designer and Authority - the God of the Bible - who by definition legitimately declares what is true, lasting, and real. Their insistence on accepting only physical evidence for what is true or real forces them into an untenable position as they attempt to prove the non-existence of an immaterial God. Put simply, one can't prove the existence of immateriality by the material. Josh McDowell, borrowing the principle from C.S. Lewis, put the question to a testy high-schooler: "Even if you would be smart enough to know half of all there is to know, is it possible that God exists in the other half?" Of course it is. But to be absolutely certain, one would have to be God!

Materialists cling to the tangible world and define that as their total reality, unwilling to allow for even the possibility of unseen parts of a greater whole, the total truth. Theists believe that only an Intelligent Designer who created the elephant (and everything else) can accurately define its essence and declare its purpose. Man's sight,

limited by time and space, cannot factually determine if there is a larger overview of ultimate reality beyond his own senses, let alone what its purpose might be.

That is why the discussion and understanding of our origins is the key to understanding the present and the future and the meaning and purpose of all reality - which includes you! For if a Supreme Being exists, the consequences of ignoring or denying that existence, according to Christianity at least, are catastrophic. Is it wise to risk that, since you can't scientifically prove otherwise? Also, is it wise to spread unprovable assumptions that could potentially ruin other people's futures as well, possibly for eternity? Can you come to know definitively what is the total truth? That is what this book is dedicated to helping you discover! It is a journey worth taking and could give you never-ending benefits. Welcome aboard!



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A WORD ABOUT OVERVIEWS

Two contemporary expressions capture the point behind the elephant parable cited in the Introduction. They are “Overview” and the “Big Picture.”

The western mind is routinely trained to focus on and dissect, analyze and categorize the parts of every whole. Consequently, according to some estimates, our knowledge base doubles every four years. This is a mixed blessing. It is now virtually impossible for one individual to master any broad field of academic knowledge, as was once the case, much less to have an integrated view of all disciplines. This, incidentally, should deepen our appreciation of God's Omniscience, Total Truth Himself.

We specialize in areas of medicine, engineering, social work, math, etc. in order to thoroughly comprehend and properly perform. This dynamic is reflected in the way schools now typically relay content during the elementary grades and sometimes beyond. For example, rarely if ever does an elementary science textbook give an overview of the entire animal and/or plant kingdoms. Various disjointed parts of the whole are given out over those years until, hopefully, ninth grade biology class presents the overview of both kingdoms.

Unfortunately, without an organizing center, little information is retained by students, except the brightest, who tend to automatically accumulate and synthesize information into an Overview. It is usually the same sad story with history or geography or even the Bible. Thus, during the crucial formative years meant for an efficient learning process of absorbing, retaining and correlating content, fragmentation is modeled rather than integrated Big Picture thinking. This is inevitable when God is not the center - the beginning and the end. He even holds everything in between, together.

Personally, I learned to start to appreciate, look for, and expand into Big Picture thinking only after 24 years of “quality” private

education as both a student and a teacher. That almost painful mental revolution came as part of the training I received to become a certified Montessori teacher. Only there was I taught to start with seeing the “whole elephant” then analyze while keeping the whole in mind then integrate again. The whole is always greater than the parts so to think only in parts is to miss the “greater.” In time, I learned to assemble parts into wholes and assembled those into a book called Pathways in 1992 at the request of homeschoolers interested in giving their kids a great head start.

The situation in traditional education has gotten worse in recent years with learning models that reduce rather than expand the student's span of concentration and attention, and also by the trend to substitute foundational content with “learning experiences,” endless curriculum experimentation, relativism, “new math,” etc.. TV has contributed to this fracturing shows like Sesame Street that show quick, exciting snippets of content that lack Big Picture thinking.

Framgedted Christianity

All this is to say that, on the whole, we as American Christians are now typically unable to comprehend and therefore adequately defend our belief system against other worldviews with Big Picture thinking. We might be well versed in some of the parts but usually do not have a full appreciation of total truth - Divine Logic. We don't understand the “why” behind the assumptions and commands of our belief system, let alone those of other worldviews. It puts us in an undesirable and unnecessary defensive posture toward others who are often better grounded in their worldview than we are. How can we then respond instantly in season and out of season? How can we be effective ministers of reconciliation as God's ambassadors? How can we be salt and light if we have little grasp of the saltiness, the knowledge and conviction, of our true faith **in Christ**, Jesus?

God's Alternative

What I am pointing to is nothing less than seeing the same way God sees - the end from the beginning - as a Big Picture, the Total Truth. Impossible? Then why does Paul insist that we, as new creation saints, “have the mind of Christ” if learning to see that way is not at least available to us? And why does Paul also say that the mysteries that have been kept hidden are now disclosed to the saints?

In truth, the living and active Word of God has enough revelation about who God is, who we are, how and what He has done in the finished work of the Cross and what He plans to do, to present His “mind” to those who seek Him.

The Holy Spirit, Our Enabler

I gratefully concede that the gift of faith that enables us to grasp these mysteries comes by the grace of God ministered to us by our guide and teacher, the Holy Spirit, God Himself. Jesus sent Him to personalize the Truth of the Word to us and He is the monumental advantage we have over every worldview that is contrary to the Gospel. Only He can reliably help us to rightly discern false spirits teaching false doctrines.

In Big Picture terms, both the so-called Culture War and the War on Terror are just two of the many battles in the spiritual war between the Kingdoms of Light and Darkness. When Adam rebelled against God, he relinquished God's delegated legal authority over the earth to Satan. Jesus came to rescue mankind from Satan's dominion and restore man to fellowship with God through faith in His finished work of redemption. Satan seeks to regain power over individuals through the deception of seemingly countless counterfeits against God's established Way, Jesus Christ. This book examines and compares the main representatives of these counterfeits and explain why only Christianity is the correct worldview, the Total Truth.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, it is imperative that we operate from a systematic Overview of the genuine Gospel, both for our own sake and to facilitate others' rebirth into freedom. It is the plumb line to which all other worldviews are to be compared. And fittingly enough, the Total Truth begins with God's revelation of our origins in Genesis. With a teachable, child-like faith (God's gift to all who ask), we must begin there, too. What better place to discover our own origin and purpose and future - the Big Picture!

PART ONE:

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

Chapter One

Beginnings

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” and everything else according to the first chapter of Genesis.” “All things came to be through him and without Him (Jesus Christ) nothing was made that was made” writes John the Apostle in John 1:3 . No ambiguity here. This God, revealed in the Bible, is obviously all powerful and marvelously creative to be able to produce such a wondrous universe just by speaking it into existence.

Genesis reveals more profound insights about this Deity: “He saw all that He had made and it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). His handiwork reflected His nature - His good, and in fact perfect, nature. He could not do or create evil. This scripture also implies God's comment on Man's initial nature: he was good, also, and was “...made in our (God's) image and likeness” (Genesis 1:27). So the Bible begins by describing creation as God's harmonious masterpiece, reflecting His glorious, benevolent nature. He is not a mere “Force” or an “It” or a “Scrooge,” but a kind and personal, yet almighty, God.

Paradise Lost

If this is an accurate picture of the true Creator-God and of our origins, then what happened to the utopian world of our first parents? If this God could not create the many forms of evil such as natural calamities, disease, disharmony, lack, insecurity and even death, then who or what originated it? If the God of the Bible is really sovereign and holy and loving and personal, then how could He allow, if not cause, such ruin and heartache that abounds in the world today? Again, the Total Truth - Big Picture thinking defined as His revelation from the Bible, provides the insight. God knows the end from the beginning of ALL things.

This Awesome God

This God constantly reveals Himself as a covenant-making God, who lives eternally in a three-Person covenant. They share a

single-minded, single-hearted Oneness of unselfish intimacy, unfathomable to our darkened mind. Graciously, He chose to express His magnanimous nature through His creation. Yet, by granting the gift of a free will to every angel and every human being, He revealed another side of Himself - longsuffering.

The Divine Risk

Now, for the first time ever, it became possible for a created being to reject God's love and to oppose his Creator God's holy will and thus contradict His essence of goodness, perfection and inter-personal harmony. This infinite risk to divine order and peace provided the opportunity for God to express Himself as submissive, vulnerable and even sacrificial within His tri-person being and to all creation. And the unspeakable calamity, which God in His infinite wisdom allowed for, happened!

Evil is Born

First, Lucifer, a light-exuding angel, rebelled against his Creator's rightful authority and Lordship. Instantly, God's light in him ceased and he became Darkness. When one third of the angelic host followed his treachery, the spiritual Kingdom of Evil, known as "hell," began.

For the first time ever, righteousness, peace, joy and love were spurned; evil, turmoil, grief and hate became embodied and expressed. For the first time ever, chaos challenged order, anarchy challenged law, bondage challenged liberty and death challenged life. And in the Garden, wickedness tempted innocence - and won. Man's perfect nature became corrupt to the core. Now, as a willing pawn under the fatherhood of the Devil, man was capable of any atrocity that Satan's godless selfishness could inspire. Robbery, rape, murder, deceit, perversion, anarchy and war became acceptable, even normal, among humans. And it grieved the Spirit of this all-loving Father God.

Creation Groans, Mercy Intervenes

Creation's harmonious order was destroyed in the worldwide flood of Noah's day. It was the natural result of the unbridled spiritual chaos that reigned over the earth. A longsuffering God watched His creatures revel in the lusts of Darkness. He chose to

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offer deliverance from annihilation to Noah - and to mankind by extension, even though His mercy eventually cost Him His very own Son. What sacrifice, what unselfish love. Isn't this God worth knowing?

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Chapter Two

Terror Rules

What an absolute mess. One third of God's mighty angels established the Kingdom of Hell; Satan seduced noble Man into eternal slavery; earth's perfect order was destroyed by the flood. Compatibility between God and man was destroyed. Rebellion became the norm, moral and physical chaos reigned. Satan, who was now “the god of this world,” (2 Corinthians 4:4) as well as “the spirit at work in the disobedient” (Ephesians 2:2), was elated. This deceiver knew that God always honors His own word. So he used God's gift of delegated authority, stolen from Adam through deception, to enslave mankind, legally preventing God from fully enjoying His own creation.

God's Strategy

But this disaster was not destined to last forever. This Omniscient God was not surprised by such a turn of events because He knows the end from the beginning. He declared on the very day that Adam rebelled in the Garden that He would crush His Adversary's head who had deceived Adam. He had a long-range plan in mind to reverse the effects of Adam's rebellion and offer redemption to mankind. In the mean time, ever-increasing evil on earth deserved punishment and even annihilation. But God spared Noah and his family from the Flood through a grace-based covenant to keep the drama afloat. Later on, Abraham also accepted a grace-based covenant which included a new set of promises. God mercifully did not impute sin to those under these two covenants because they were not based on law-keeping but on receiving His promises by grace through faith.

God made Himself known to Abraham, led him to a new land and He promised to make this old, childless man a “father of many nations.” Abraham chose to believe this promise which enabled God to regain a legal foot hold on the earth (lost to the

devil by Adam) to prepare the way, through Abraham's descendent, Jesus Christ, to justly *offer* total forgiveness, reconciliation and salvation to mankind, according to 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. But another step was needed in this redemption process to reveal man's need for a savior. The root cause of all sin needed to be exposed. Though it proved to be a painful experience for Jews under the covenant God made with Moses, it would serve a vital purpose in God's overall salvation plan.

Moses reluctantly accepted God's commission to mercifully lead Abraham's descendents out of bondage in Egypt. God demonstrated His kindness, power, protection, patience and faithfulness to them – despite their constant rebellion, whining and stubborn unbelief. Why? Because He was faithful to Abraham's faith-based covenant which also included them. However, when they reached Mt. Sinai, God invited them to also have a direct relationship with Him like He had had with Abraham. But, in fear, they refused. So instead, He offered a covenant of blessings and cursings - **based on their obedience to what became the Torah - eventually comprising a code of 613 Laws.**

Called the Mosaic Covenant, this “works-based” agreement was, in principle, the direct opposite of the covenant of “grace through faith” that God had made with Abraham – which the Jews could have remained under. But, in all likelihood, they forgot about it during their 400+ years of Egyptian slavery. And, worse yet, they foolishly agreed to this Law-based covenant before they knew its terms. Apparently, they were pridefully confident in their own ability to merit God's favor by their good behavior - despite their dismal track record in the desert. Bad idea.

The Core Problem

So why did an all-wise God present to them a covenant full of both blessings and cursings, according to their good or bad behavior respectively, when He full well knew they could not keep it? Without knowing that God's true nature is unselfish, Agape love (which Jesus demonstrated while on earth) one could erroneously conclude that He is a cruel taskmaster, eager to judge

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and punish people when they step out of line. This is where Big Picture revelation is needed to see what God was purposely doing to benefit the human race as a whole.

God used this "Divine Experiment" to mercifully reveal the ugly truth of the "human condition," inherited from Adam. Man's sinfulness is not merely habits of bad behavior; **fundamentally, bad behavior comes from an incurable nature problem.** In fact, the Bible reveals that man is spiritually "of Darkness" and, therefore, at enmity with God who is "Light." This is serious stuff. All of Adam's descendents are automatically "**in Adam**" and, therefore, are a part of the Adversary's Kingdom and depraved at the core level. This fallen, spiritual condition - being **in Adam** - made life in heaven with God impossible. Only by 1) somehow escaping from Satan's enslavement and 2) somehow having all sins forgiven and 3) somehow gaining a **new nature** would restoration back to approximate Adam's original state of grace and blessing be possible. Israel's **inability to keep a performance-based covenant of works** perfectly proved to all mankind that, if there was a way to get to heaven, only God Himself could provide it as a gift. The Good News is that He could, He wanted to - and He DID.

God's Protagonist - The Challenge

Jesus, the Christ, fully God and fully Man, was God's eternally planned Solution to resolve mankind's monumental dilemma. Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David, the legal son and heir of Abraham, born of a virgin, was God-come-to-earth in the flesh, the prophesied Messiah, but operating as a man under the Law. However, Jesus, God's great Answer to so great a problem, conquered all Darkness, not by His own power and might but by obedience to His heavenly Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. And the problem was far larger than it appeared. Again, man's nature, acquired when Adam rebelled in the Garden was *of* Darkness (Ephesians 5:8). Man's evil core **in Adam**, now allied with Satan, made oneness with God impossible for us by our efforts to do good. But fortunately with God, all things are possible.

Victory through Defeat

A new spirit and a new heart, promised in Ezekiel 36:26, would make intimate fellowship with this holy and perfect God possible again. But on what legal basis that would satisfy the Justice of God could such a miraculous transaction happen? One bible verse says it all: "He (Jesus) became sin who knew no sin that we might be made the Righteousness of God **in Christ**." (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Yes, Jesus agreed to the unthinkable! In order to legally eradicate all sin and kill death forever, the spotless Lamb became sin, with all its hideous and insidious consequences. This ultimate act of sacrificial submission as the "last Adam" was an infinitely worse punishment than the physical horrors of scourging and crucifixion. Jesus Christ, the Man, relinquished His rightful, covenant-relationship with heavenly His Father for our sake when He was rejected for becoming our sin as our substitutional Lamb. In despairing anguish, He cried out "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34). The torturous answer: Light can't fellowship with Darkness.

Sin and Death Crucified

Yet, the cross was the wisdom of God, His "divine trap," which lured Satan into his ultimate demise. By orchestrating the crucifixion of mankind's Scapegoat, Satan unknowingly crucified sin itself. God's ingenious trick ended Satan's diabolical death grip on every sinner who, by grace through faith **in Christ's** atoning death, is crucified with Him. By being reborn of the Holy Spirit, the old Adamic nature is instantly replaced by a new heart and a new spirit-self. *The believer is now alive **in Christ** instead of being dead to God **in Adam**.* Jesus, God's sacrificial Lamb, became mankind's promised Way out of bondage - when there seemed to be no escape.

But is any human being worth the extravagant ransom of the blood of God's own perfect Son? God thought so. Together, they were gaining an eternal family. Jesus paid the debt for all of mankind's sin in general - and for yours in particular - so that you could choose to accept His offer of eternal oneness with God Himself. That is the proof of how good God really is. Again, He

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arranged for the permanent justification of any already-condemned "sinner" to receive a *brand new* Nature **in Christ** – by the New Covenant of grace through faith in Jesus Christ's Finished Work on the cross. This gift of Jesus' divine exchange, as presented in Romans 10:9-13, is given to anyone who asks to be saved from being **in Adam** and, thereby, saved from eternal damnation.

The unselfish, sacrificial love of God's fatherly heart required infinitely more of Himself than of helpless mankind. For only God Himself could overcome the curse of man's Slave master and fully pay the just debt of all Sin. Only the God of heaven could defeat the god of this world.

Yet, only another Adam - the last Adam - could defeat Satan's legal dominion over mankind and reconcile mankind with God. Only Christ Jesus, the submissive Son of Man, could undo all the effects of Adam's prideful rebellion and win for mankind the offer of eternal life in Himself as partakers of His divine nature. Everyone is invited into His eternal family but you must accept His personal invitation by believing it is offered to you and say "Yes." See Romans 10:9-13.

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CHAPTER THREE

The Finished Work

Have you ever wondered why St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians “For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified?” By then, Paul had experienced the wondrous “visions and revelations from the Lord” which he describes in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4. Therefore, he could confidently explain to them the fullness of the mystery of the finished work of the cross and what Jesus had accomplished for mankind. For example, Paul declared that: Jesus was the mediating High Priest who legally removed the sin-infested chasm between God and man; He was the Lamb of God whose perfect blood conquered the Death Angel once and for all; He was the divine scapegoat who paid the just cost of all sin and shame, disease and sickness. Yes, the cross was the altar from which Jesus, the victorious Christ, offered us freedom from the curse of darkness dominating our corrupt nature and from the crush of its guilt and shame.

New Beginnings

But His crucifixion did far more than deal decisively with our negative past caused by our sin nature. When Jesus said, “It is finished,” He pointed to much more than just a great escape from Satan’s bondage. His blood sacrifice inaugurated a new and infinitely better covenant than Abraham or Moses enjoyed. “And to all who received Him, and who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God.” (John 1:12). Imagine that; a child of Satan could now become a child of the Most High God of the Universe. The finished work of Jesus’ cross became the only bona fide way to see and enter the Kingdom of our Creator God.

Jesus Vindicated

So what happened in that dark tomb to make all this possible? The Father, to whom this dead Son entrusted everything, “raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His

right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but in the one to come.”(Ephesians 1:20-21) Jesus’ triumphant resurrection proved He was the garden promise, the Savior of mankind, the last Adam. Well, that’s great for Jesus. He proved He was God beyond any reasonable doubt. But what about the past, present and future multitudes who, by faith, died with Him in the tomb? (2 Corinthians 5:14 .”.. one (Jesus) died for all, and therefore all died.”). Did He leave them behind?

What About Us?

God’s holy word declares the following four astounding benefits for those who have been crucified and buried with Jesus by faith in His Finished Work:

First: “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me.” (Galatians 2:20a). The formerly dead rebel instantly becomes God’s living sanctuary.

Second: “If anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation; the former things have passed away; Behold, all things are made new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is nothing less than a total spiritual makeover. By God’s design, an ugly caterpillar is transformed into an exquisite butterfly, shedding its cocoon. By God’s doing, a sinner who dies with Christ by faith becomes instantly transformed into a new creation, discarding the corrupt old nature **in Adam**. Jesus Himself underscored the need for such a spirit transformation in Luke 5:37-38 by showing the folly of pouring new wine into old, dried up leather wineskins. His listeners knew that an old wineskin would necessarily burst with the expansion of the fermenting process. Again, Light cannot mix with Darkness. Likewise, when reborn, a believer becomes a new creation spirit-being so that he can be a habitation of the Holy Spirit without bursting.

Third: The new believer **in Christ**, reborn from above by God and for God, is recreated “to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:25). Jesus’ blood sacrifice for mankind was so perfect that it re-established right standing with God, enabling fellowship once again. But, unlike

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the first Adam, the last Adam is God's eternal Son. Being in Him also grants every believer the privileged standing and relationship of a beloved child of Father God and who can now say, "Abba; Daddy."

Fourth: Perhaps most amazingly, not only is the believer's nature transformed but, because he is one with Christ in covenant, he is also transferred with Christ into heaven. "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms **in Christ Jesus.**" (Ephesians 2:6). Obviously, this is initially only true for the spirit-self which is made righteous, and therefore, fully compatible with Christ. This spiritual down payment of salvation will one day be made complete when the believer's whole being is fully sanctified and transformed into Jesus like this finish!

A Miraculous Promise Fulfilled

All these benefits are the glorious fulfillment of Ezekiel 36:26 which foretold that fallen humans would receive a new heart and a new spirit. By identifying with Christ by faith, believers miraculously receive a new creation identity as God's own children and become partakers of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:40). They are gifts of God's pure grace - God's riches at Christ's expense. Father God enjoys blessing anyone who agrees with Him and accepts His new covenant promises by faith, just like Abraham did.

God's Riches for You and Me

Jesus' last earthly prayer asked Father God to make all believers one with Him just as He is one with His Father (John 17:21). That was their mutual purpose before the world's foundation. Jesus removed all legal hindrances to mankind's return to God by becoming sin as our perfect substitute on the cross.

God was now able to offer a new and everlasting covenant of love to every believer **in Christ** which consummated an incomprehensible reconciliation and a divine exchange between receptive members of a race of rebels and a holy God. The stench of humanity's rebellion was swallowed by the aroma of Christ. Consequently, "All things are yours whether ... the world or life

or death or things present or things to come .-. all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.” (1 Corinthians 3:21b-23).

Jesus' death gave all believers God's life; His rejection won us God's fellowship; His stripes earned us God's healing; His shame purchased our freedom; His commissioning sent us His Holy Spirit. And all this is but a glimpse of so great a salvation and an inheritance already operating on our behalf. Amazing grace, amazing love!

Now It's Your Choice

When God's dear Son restored God's favor toward mankind, it became free to any person who gratefully accepts His stupendous news of deliverance and forgiveness and unlimited blessing as true. As Jesus revealed to Paul

That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Romans 10:9-10).

This suffering Servant could not have made it harder for Himself; this triumphant King could not have made it easier for you! His finished work cannot be earned but is received by simply trusting in Him and what He has done for you. How radically different from trying to meet the fruitless demands and requirements of all other worldviews, whether concocted by the mind of man or by Satan himself.

A Future and Hope

Thanks to the glorious benefits of the new covenant, each believer **in Christ** now has a new identity, a new purpose, a new future and a certain reward. Before comparing Christianity with other worldviews, we will explore God's promises for the future that await those who accept Jesus Christ's free offer. Be assured: the best is yet to come. That is the Total Truth.

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CHAPTER FOUR

A NEW BATTLE

For the believer **in Christ**, the war with God is now over. By God's transforming power, he has switched Kingdoms and, hopefully, has given wholehearted allegiance to Christ's Lordship over his whole being (1 Peter 3:15a). The transforming work of the cross is both immediate and gradual. The new inner man is the beneficiary of all the monumental spiritual changes necessary to be compatible with heaven.

Now, the believer's battle with his own flesh, the world system and God's Adversary, the Devil, begins in earnest. On this level, victory is usually not instantaneous but progressive. The mind of the outer man is transformed by the washing of the water of Jesus' grace-based Covenant to increasingly understand and cooperate with the Holy Spirit to effectively do God's appointed works in His time and in His way (Ephesians 2:10).

A New Commission

Now, the enemy is neither God nor people. The believer is commissioned to be God's ambassador and reconciler to those who are not yet **in Christ**. He has been positioned **in Christ** in heavenly places to operate in His authority and power to bring heaven to earth as His ambassador on earth.

But when this earthly combat mission is over, what is promised to those who love and serve this awesome God? It is worth pondering this hope we have in Him to appropriately respond to God with ever increasing gratitude and committed love. In fact, Paul tells every believer to "Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3:2).

The Garden Hints at Heaven

Admittedly, it is impossible for the unaided natural mind to grasp the things of the spiritual realm. But understanding some of the glories of creation before Adam's fall can provide both a greater appreciation of God and insights into our future hope **in Christ**.

As stated in Chapter One, the Bible begins by describing creation as God's harmonious masterpiece, reflecting His glorious benevolent nature. All creation (including Adam) was necessarily good because it was created and owned by God. Consequently, all relationships between God, Adam, Eve and all the animals were completely harmonious, never adversarial, because the Adversary had not yet corrupted mankind's representative. Man and animals were all vegetarian so there was, as yet, no such thing to fear as "the survival of the fittest" or violence (Genesis 1:29-30). In fact, fear and anger were unknown.

There was no bad - let alone catastrophic - weather. The jungle growth, discovered under the ice caps at the poles, testify to world-wide, balmy weather suitable for unclothed humans (www.drdino.com). There was no thunder and lightning or even rain. Instead, streams and rivers watered the earth (Genesis 2:6 and 10). God lovingly anticipated and totally met every physical, emotional and spiritual need. Everything was completely safe, fully satisfying and utterly enjoyable in this absolutely perfect wonderland. It was good! Utopia! A taste of heaven!

God's Work a Joy

God delegated to Adam the privilege of authority and power over His magnificent creation. As chief steward, he named the animals and tended the garden (Genesis 1:26 and 2:20). Rather than work being drudgery, it was delightfully fulfilling because God, knowing and loving His creation perfectly, designed, called and equipped him to do it. And, since there as yet was no sin or resulting curse, there was no pain or suffering, no sickness or disease, no aging or death (1 Corinthians 15:21).

One Small Catch

Among all these glorious positives there was only one prohibition - just ONE - to test Adam's trust and committed love for God. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil offered nothing Adam and Eve needed for perfect happiness. In fact, they knew only perfect happiness precisely because they had no experience with what that tree offered - knowing the evil of rejecting God, who was their very reason for existence. Their innocence, maintained by faith in God's care, provision and direction, was their protection.

Same For Us

And it is that same gift of faith in God's loving promise and provision for our full salvation that qualifies us to receive all the amazing blessings of a New Earth and far more yet to come. "For no eye has seen nor ear has heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Your New Treasure

Yet Paul goes on: "But God has revealed it to us by His Spirit.".. "so that we may understand what God has freely given us." (1 Corinthians 2:10 and 12b). Could it be that the inexpressible things that Paul saw and heard during his visit to heaven, he revealed in his writings? (2 Corinthians 12:3-4) Could it be the very mysteries he disclosed in Ephesians, for example, are far superior to all the blessings of the Garden listed above? Could it be that the greatest possible treasure that heaven can offer already belongs to you as a believer? Could it be that heaven is, above all else, the reality of you being **in Christ** and of Him being in you? After all, isn't being one with the Giver, who is Love Himself, much more important than enjoying all of His wonderful gifts? Wisdom says "Yes."

As Paul writes in Colossians 2:17, "The reality, however, is found **in Christ**." Abiding in Him by faith and by faith in Him, makes Him increasingly real and central to you. Jesus is now your "wisdom from God - that is, our (your) righteousness, holiness and redemption." (1 Corinthians 1:30). What else is needed? Whatever you focus on, you become. Whatever you magnify you get more of. Regularly ask and allow the Holy Spirit to complete

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in you all that Jesus accomplished for you by His cross, death, burial, resurrection and ascension - His finished work - the Total Truth!

You may find the following prayer helpful. It is based on Paul's words in Ephesians 1:17-20.

Father of Glory, please give me Your Spirit of wisdom and knowledge so that I can know You well.

Please let the eyes of my heart become enlightened so that I can come to know the great hope of Your call

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And all the riches of Your inheritance and the greatness of Your power in me who believes.

This is the power that raised Christ from the dead and enabled Him to reign with You forever.

Glory and honor and wisdom and knowledge and power and riches are Yours forevermore.

(And ours, too, **in Christ**. Hallelujah!)

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CHAPTER FIVE

SO, JUST WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY?

The natural man, not yet reborn, can't grasp the things of the Spirit because they are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV). Unfortunately, whether from habit or ignorance of the truth, even reborn saints tend to focus on the natural realm – which still seems more real than the spiritual realm – despite Jesus' revelation given to us through Paul in Colossians 3:1-2:

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”
(Also see Hebrews 3:1.)

This certainly does not sound very practical to the typical western mind. But God's Big Picture thinking reveals some hidden aspects of man's nature in general and, more specifically, every believer's new nature after his redemption into Christ. And who could better explain man's true nature than the One who created and even re-created it, God. After all, a description of anything revealed by an Omniscient Being should trump speculations by any finite human. Yet sadly, that logic did not prevail for centuries, usually because many influential people in Christendom did not regard the Bible in general - and Jesus' Gospel to Paul in particular - as God's inerrant, infallible truth. Consequently, the church universal has misunderstood many key things about God, man, Satan and past, present and future realities even though they are presented in the New Covenant for all to see. But one can only see through God's gift of faith which fully trusts that His word is always true.

Paul's Gospel

The natural mind is especially challenged by the “surpassingly great revelations” that God gave to Paul (2 Corinthians 12:7). To the doubters in Galatia, Paul wrote.”.. the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I ... received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 1:11-12). And he was so sure that his message was from God that he emphatically declared in Galatians 1:8: “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!” Additionally, Peter and the other apostles living in Jerusalem endorsed “Paul’s gospel,” acknowledging that ”.. the wisdom that God gave him ... is hard to understand which ignorant and unstable people distort as they do other Scriptures to their own destruction.” (Peter 3:15-16). Classifying Paul’s writings as Scripture is praise indeed.

Paul had to adamantly defend this gospel against the harassment from the Judaizers who even influenced Peter and Barnabas to turn from the truth (Galatians 2:11-16). But perhaps none of the misinterpretations of Paul’s writings have been more harmful to the church than the confusion over man’s true nature. God describes humans as three-part beings in Hebrews 4:12 and, again through Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5:23 as well as in other verses. Put simply, each person is a spirit being (made in the image and likeness of God, who is a spirit Being.-.Genesis 1:26 and 2 Corinthians 3:17) who has a soul and lives in a body. However, in many Christian circles today, scripture’s three-part model is routinely reduced to a two-part model: soul and body. How could God’s direct revelation of such a vital concept as man’s true nature be questioned and even discarded by so much of Christendom?

Identity Theft

Historically, the answer to this mystery goes back to the Middle Ages where a battle over the nature of man raged among theologians. On one side were those who favored the long-held, tri-part revelation described in Paul’s writings and endorsed by an early church luminary, St. Augustine. On the other side, were those who agreed with a highly regarded monk and Doctor of the catholic church, who was unduly influenced by Aristotle’s two-part model, Thomas Aquinas. The issue came to a head at the

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Council of Vienne held in 1312 -1313 where the two-part model won out. The Council's edict set the church on a course that has caused much confusion right up to today about man's nature and, correspondingly, about the spiritual dynamics of his relationship with God through Christ as revealed through Paul. (I go into this crucial topic in great detail in my book *Is There An Elephant In YOUR Church?*, available at Amazon.

In his Big Picture experience with Jesus Christ in heaven (2 Corinthians 12:3-4), Paul came to understand that, in the dimension of the spirit realm, he and believers everywhere are already seated in heavenly places, **in Christ**, in God (Ephesians 2:6). This revelation, apprehended by faith, is the very key for appropriating the "full rights of sons" and receiving the fullness of Christ from Father-God "...who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing **in Christ** (Galatians 4:5 and Ephesians 1:3). But, shockingly, many dismiss that revelation as just "positional truth," implying that being "**in Christ**" has no relevancy to the "real world" in which we live day to day. They conclude this precisely because they, too, disregard God's declaration that humans are tri-part beings. They trump this marvelous revelation from God with the traditions of men, relying on input from their five senses (sensate faith) rather than on the reality of God's word (biblical faith.) Yet, Abraham was justified by his biblical faith in God's promise that contradicted circumstances; the Israelites walked in the former (unbelief) and died in the desert even while Moses walked in the latter and was called God's friend.

New Identity

Granted, until death, a reborn person's body is not yet redeemed (Romans 8:23) or yet with Christ in heavenly places, even though it is presently the temple of the Holy Spirit. Also granted is the fact that the soul is often wayward in thoughts, feelings and choices because it is not yet fully sanctified. It still struggles under the influence of old strongholds, mind sets, habits, bodily appetites, temptations, etc. - collectively "the flesh." That is why David commanded his soul to "Bless the Lord," even when it didn't "feel" like it. All this "programming" is left over from being spiritually in the first Adam who was

under Satan's dominion. God's provision for the soul is the grace of repentance - a constant renewal of one's mind to conform to God's thoughts and perspective about everything, accomplished by agreeing with, accepting and applying His word of truth - even when it contradicts sense knowledge! Biblical Faith is being certain that God's Word is true - even when we do not see it in the seen realm - just because our infallible God says it is true. (See Hebrews 11:1)

To benefit from the "**in Christ**" revelation which God gave to Paul, the believer must accept by biblical faith that, as a new creation spirit-being, he is a regenerated, justified, righteous, holy and sanctified saint - just by receiving Jesus meritorious work of the cross done on his behalf. It is simply a matter of taking God's word for it, even when natural experience denies it. Jesus, as man, lived out of His sinless spirit-self in constant communion with His Father. He did this in spite of being born into the unredeemed human race still "**in Adam**." Now Christians, as new creation spirit-beings **in Christ** "belong to a chosen race, to a royal priesthood, to a holy nation..." in the realm of the spirit (1 Peter 2:9) and are "partakers of divine nature." (2 Peter 1:4). That is why Paul can exhort believers to live "according to the Spirit" not according to the flesh (Romans 8:4). This is a joint cooperative effort between the Holy Spirit and a Christian's recreated spirit-self, just like it was for the man Jesus, who operated as a man, dependent of Father-God while on earth.

Consequence of Error

Many Christians today live in an endless "sin-confess-sin" cycle due to depending on the sense knowledge of the soul as a base of operations rather than live "in accordance with the Spirit" by the spirit (Romans 8:5-6). This pattern can easily leave them feeling besieged, battle worn and even in despair. They operate from a "sinner" complex, agreeing with Satan that they are inherently an evil, "old man" still **in Adam** rather than a new creation saint **in Christ**. And their daily sensate experiences of their outer man - soul/body - consistently confirm this. But this is not the doctrine of redemption that God revealed through Paul. Rebirth through Christ by God brings the believer out of death into life and so, by biblical faith, he can "count yourself dead to

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sin but alive to God **in Christ** Jesus.” (Romans 6:11). Applying this pivotal revelation makes it possible to rely on and submit to an unseen God and to resist an unseen devil by God's spiritual power. That is God's way to live “in accordance with the Spirit,” in union with one's spirit and, thus, stop a cycle of repeated sinning.

Great News

A regenerated believer is a new creation spirit-being “put into Christ,” no matter what his soul or body does. This is true because he did nothing to earn his position “**in Christ**” (just believed) so his actions, per se, can't gain or “lose” this spirit-to-Spirit relationship with God. However, Paul was quick to add that the freedom of this privileged relationship does not give the believer a license to sin (Galatians 5:13). Some people thought that, because Paul taught that a believer is not under the Mosaic Law but under grace and that where sin abounds grace abounds even more. But he knew that true Christianity is not based on rules but on a direct relationship with God Himself. The more the believer accepts by faith and understands Paul's revelation of the despicableness of his former self, now gone (Galatians 2:20), and the wonders of his new creation, spirit-self **in Christ**, he will agree with Paul that all else is rubbish when compared with knowing, loving and abiding in Jesus Christ. His behavior will increasingly reflect his belief and commitment. This true worldview has wonderful consequences.

That is the Good News of the totally free Gospel of Grace, which cannot be accomplished or maintained by man's works. It is appropriated by faith in God from first to last (Romans 1:17). That is the primary difference between true Christianity and all other worldviews. Salvation is offered to mankind on the basis of Jesus Christ's finished work of His mighty sacrifice on Calvary. It is appropriated by living according to the Spirit and, thereby, putting the misdeeds of the body to death (Romans 8:13). The power to do this comes from the Holy Spirit who is one with the believer's spirit-being **in Christ**, not from the soul which is still being renewed (Galatians 5:16).

Too Good To Be True

A legalist, enslaved to the treadmill of law-keeping to earn his salvation, likes to compare his progress with others and keep score. Naturally, he instinctively objects to such a “free lunch” offer. Paul confronts this fleshy response by saying, “All who rely on observing the law are under a curse.” (Galatians 3:10). Why? Because:

1) “The Righteous will live by faith.” (Galatians 3:11b). In contrast, depending on law-keeping is not based on faith **in Christ**'s effort on the cross but on faith in one's self-effort which leads to death.

2) human commands and teachings “lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.” (Colossians 2:23b). Despite what all the self-improvement books say, the soul is powerless to convert itself or to overcome the devil. Unaided human will-power is doomed to failure as God clearly demonstrated through the Israelites in the Old Testament.

God's Way in Christ

Instead, God's key to true freedom and victory over sin is agreeing with God's new creation spiritual make-over **in Christ**. That surpassing revelation equips the believer to trump the power of sin's attraction with the revelation of being and living in the power and marvelous blessings of the New Covenant through Christ, according to God's original intent for mankind. Living in the Spirit is as superior to living under law-keeping as is circling the globe in a plane to attempting it on a bicycle! If the believer continues to live by the law, he will continue to experience Romans, Chapter Seven; as he learns to live according to his spirit-self in the Spirit, he will progressively experience Romans eight. Thanks to Jesus, who is Total Truth, each believer can once again choose life - daily - instead of death.

Your flesh will be prone to independence, dead works and selfishness until your body dies. Therefore, ask your Sanctifier, the Holy Spirit, to reveal if and how you are frustrating His work in you. He will mercifully reveal to you the truth of who Father

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God, Jesus Christ and, the new you **in Christ**, really are (Ephesians 1:17-22). Progressively, His wisdom will fill you with gratitude and love for God which will motivate and empower you to live for Him instead of for yourself. Over time, You will experience the power and freedom of His amazing grace which has released you from the law of sin and death so that you can now serve in the new way of the Holy Spirit - one with your spirit - and not in the old way of the written law (Romans 7:6 and 8:2). That is why Jesus sent Him. "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free." (Galatians 5:1). NOTE: I published a much more complete overview and explanation of this grace-based Gospel, revealed primarily to Paul, on Kindle entitled "*Is There An Elephant In YOUR Church?*"

PART TWO

**CHRISTIANITY VS.
RIVAL WORLDVIEWS**

CHAPTER SIX

DISCOVERING YOUR WORLDVIEW

The last chapter in Section 1, “So, Just Who Are You Anyway?,” boldly stated that Christianity is the only worldview that ultimately depends on the grace of the God of the Bible, rather than on man’s self-effort, to “fix the human condition.” It is time to investigate that and other differences by comparing and contrasting Christianity with the seven major worldviews. What follows is a comprehensive and systematic treatment of those views.

CHART 1 below presents some vital issues and questions that thinking people have sought to answer for millennia. The answers to these points typically frame the essence of your worldview (belief/faith system) even if much conscious thought is never given to them. And consciously known or not, your worldview drives your preferences, choices, behavior and, therefore, determines your future, for better or worse. At least, that is what sayings such as “As a man thinks so is he” and “You reap what you sow.” would suggest. But even these sayings presuppose a specific worldview.

Humanity has long asked, “Is there any knowable 'true truth' to base one’s life upon?” How could there be any more important search and discovery than that? Together, let us embark on a quest to define and then logically decide which, if any, of the many worldviews answers this most crucial human question by using Big Picture thinking.

The following Chart lists some preliminary questions to help guide your the search for a logical and constructive worldview:

CHART 1

A. MY PAST

- 1) Origin: Where did everything come from?
- 2) Condition: Was/is it good, neutral or bad?
- 3) Origin: Where did I come from?
- 4) Condition: Was/am I good, neutral or bad?

B. MY PRESENT

- 1) Identity: Who Am I?
- 2) Purpose: Why am I here?
- 3) Am I ultimately accountable to anyone?
- 4) Condition: Why is there calamity, evil, suffering and death?
- 5) Will this bad condition ever be fixed? If so, how, by whom and when?

C. MY FUTURE

- 1) Destination: Where is everything going?
- 2) Condition: will it be good, neutral, bad?
- 3) Destination: Where am I going?
- 4) Condition: will it be good, neutral or bad?
- 5) Do my choices now, determine my ultimate future ...
YES ... or ... NO?

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D. GIVEN MY ANSWERS (my worldview, belief/faith system), what should I do and how should I live and behave now?

Before considering anyone else's answers to these fundamental, rock bottom questions, please take some time to explore your inmost thoughts and assumptions that these questions bring to light. Write out your answers. Then, as the presentation of the Eight Dominant Worldviews unfolds, you can compare your findings with others and see which worldview forms the basis for your life. You may or may not like the results! But the upside is that you can change it before it is too late! Happy exploration!

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CHAPTER SEVEN

WORLDVIEWS IN CONFLICT

Please note: If you have not already done so, please answer the questions in **CHART 1** of the previous chapter, “Discovering Your Worldview.” Will everyone answer them as you did? Of course not. In fact, others may respond in the exact opposite way from you. That is proof positive that not every worldview can be true. For example, some people believe that God exists; some do not. Those two beliefs cannot both be true in the same way at the same time.

As this series progresses, you will see that all of the reasonable answers that could be given to the Chart 1 questions are represented in one of the eight major worldviews prevalent today, briefly described below in overview fashion.

CHART 2

EIGHT DOMINANT WORLDVIEWS

1. Christian Theism

The belief in an infinite, personal creator and sustainer of the universe revealed as a Triune God: the Father, His Son (Jesus Christ who is mankind's Redeemer), and the Holy Spirit. God made mankind to know Him personally; love Him completely; serve Him wholeheartedly; and, through a trusting faith in Jesus Christ, to live a fulfilling life, now and forever, in Him. See Section 1: Biblical Christianity, for more detail.

Note: Cults such as Christian Science, Mormonism, The Way International and Jehovah Witnesses that reject essential points of Christianity are counterfeits by

definition. Moody Publishers offers helpful charts and pamphlets, such as *Spirit of Truth and Error: The Cults* and *Spirit of Truth and Error: World Religions*, which succinctly expose the fallacies of common cults and religions.

2. Deism

The belief that an uninvolved creator fashioned the universe as a closed system and left it to run according to established laws, which should be obeyed so that the “machine” runs smoothly.

3. Polytheism

The belief in many gods, who have human qualities and failings, as in pagan primitive religions and Greek mythology. They are often feared and, therefore, have to be appeased with animal or human sacrifices.

4. Eastern Pantheistic Monism

The belief that “All that is” is god. Only by working off karma (guilt from wrong-doing) by many reincarnations as animals and humans and by constant effort and practice, can Nirvana or “Oneness with the impersonal All” someday be achieved. Hinduism and Buddhism are examples of this worldview.

5. New Age

The belief in a varying blend of numbers 2, 3 and 4 with popular twists to attract people in the western culture.

6. Occult

The belief that Satan is to be honored, feared and obeyed as a god and lord. He is worshiped through degrading and sacrilegious rituals. He offers hidden knowledge and power in exchange for allegiance.

7. Naturalism/Materialism

The belief that no transcendent being, realm or after-life exists, therefore existence ceases at death. Since there is no divine reference point and all is in flux, man's shifting reasoning is the measure of all things, the sole basis for constructing ever-changing moral and societal standards. Common forms include Marxism, Secular Humanism and Atheistic Existentialism.

8. Nihilism

The belief that nothing whatever of value exists. All is absurd, meaningless, worthless and, therefore, hopeless. The most rational thing to do is to commit suicide.

Later chapters in this section will analyze and compare CHART 2 worldviews in greater depth. They will help you to clarify and understand the differences and to more accurately pinpoint your worldview.

* This chart is based in part on an excellent book, *The Universe Next Door* by James W. Sire.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

CHRISTIANITY VS. SECULARISTIC MATERIALISM

The constant bombardment of anti-Christian messages by the news media, academia, and the music and entertainment industries entices people to mix elements of different worldviews into new, often incompatible, combinations - buffet style. Unfortunately, such experimentation can cause serious mental and emotional “indigestion” in the mind just as food poisoning can cause it in the body. Both can even be fatal, spiritually or physically respectively.

Section 2 of this book will contrast and compare seven dominant worldviews with the Christian worldview. They are listed in a previous chapter, *Worldviews in Conflict*. The first three, Christian Theism, Deism and Polytheism, have a belief in one or more supernatural beings with the qualities of a person or persons. The last five Worldviews depict the supernatural as either non-existent, unknowable, an impersonal force or as Satan himself. While the influence of any of these rivals cannot be underestimated, Materialism (the focus of this chapter) and New Age currently have the strongest impact on our nation.

Materialism is the belief that matter and material processes are the sole constituents of reality. Its assumptions form the basis of an anti-God worldview that has many tentacles.* Materialism is the first worldview to be contrasted with Christianity because of its cancerous impact on American life and traditional values. Indeed, it is an invasive and aggressive contradiction to America's Christian heritage. Its proponents seek nothing less than to replace our foundational belief in the Supreme God of the Bible with belief in Man as supreme - the de facto belief of Secular Humanism. One says “In God we trust;” the other says “In Man we trust.” It is the introduction of the latter worldview

that has ignited the current “culture war” which threatens America's existence as a free, God-fearing society.

***Atheism:** disbelief in or denial of God's existence (Merriam-Webster); a lack of belief in a Deity or Deities: the opposite of Theism. It asserts the nonexistence of gods (Wikipedia).

Agnosticism or Non-theism: makes no claim about whether gods do or do not exist (Wikipedia).

***Humanism:** a doctrine, attitude, or way of life centered on human interests or values; especially a philosophy that usually rejects supernaturalism and stresses an individual's dignity and worth and capacity for self-realization through reason (Merriam-Webster).

***Naturalism:** does not necessarily claim that phenomena or hypotheses commonly labeled as supernatural do not exist or are wrong, but insists that all phenomena and hypotheses can be studied by the same methods. Anything considered supernatural is either nonexistent, unknowable or not inherently different from natural phenomena or hypotheses (Wikipedia).

Secular: temporal rather than spiritual (Merriam-Webster).

***Secularism:** (1) asserts the freedom of religion, and freedom from religion, within a state that is neutral on matters of belief, and gives no state privileges or subsidies to religions; (2) refers to a belief that human activities and decisions should be based on evidence and fact, and not superstitious beliefs, however devoutly held, and that policy should be free from religious domination. For example, a society deciding whether to promote condom use might consider the issues of disease prevention, family planning, and women's rights. A secularist would argue that such issues are relevant to public policy-making, whereas Biblical interpretation or church doctrine should not be considered and are irrelevant (Wikipedia).

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Secular Humanism: combines Secularistic and Humanistic beliefs to assert the primacy of man and exclude the metaphysical (supernatural) realm. It is a worldview with the following elements and principles: (Wikipedia)

(1) Need to test beliefs - a conviction that dogmas, ideologies and traditions, whether religious, political or social, must be weighed and tested by each individual and not simply accepted on faith.

(2) Reason, evidence, scientific method.-a commitment to the use of critical reason, factual evidence and scientific methods of inquiry, rather than faith and mysticism, in seeking solutions to human problems and answers to important human questions.

(3) Fulfillment, growth, creativity.-a primary concern with fulfillment, growth, and creativity for both the individual and humankind in general.

(4) Search for truth.-a constant search for objective truth, with the understanding that new knowledge and experience constantly alter our imperfect perception of it.

(5) This life.-a concern for this life and a commitment to making it meaningful through better understanding of ourselves, our history, our intellectual and artistic achievements and the outlooks of those who differ from us.

(6) Ethics.-a search for viable individual, social and political principles of ethical conduct, judging them on their ability to enhance human well-being and individual responsibility.

(7) Building a better world.-a conviction that with reason, an open exchange of ideas, good will, and tolerance, progress can be made in building a better world for ourselves and our children.

CHART 3 below provides a simplified overview in prose form that highlights the sharp contrast between the Christian Worldview and the Materialistic Worldview. (Please note: Chart numbers throughout Section 2 are sequential, beginning with the first chapter, Discovering Your Worldview.)

CHART 1, “Discovering Your Worldview,” found on page 32, posed questions designed to help you recognize your belief system. **CHART 3** below demonstrates the differences between the Christian Worldview and the Materialistic Worldview.

Compare your answers on page 32 with those in this new chart to see where your beliefs line up. The same process will be used to compare the New Age Worldview in a later chapter.

CHART 3	
CHRISTIANITY	MATERIALISM
FAITH IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE	FAITH IN THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION
<p>The God of the Bible created everything and He called it good. God made man to know, love and belong to Him, to serve Him in obedient faith and to live for His glory and pleasure forever. All that God created is accountable to Him, including Mankind.</p>	<p>Man and all creation evolved from the accidental and random process of natural selection or punctuated equilibrium or something yet to be determined. As an animal, man must be free to follow his instincts and desires to become self-actualized. Since man is inherently good, he is his own moral Authority, accountable to no one.</p>
<p>Adam rejected God's legitimate authority as his Creator and came under Satan's dominion, causing the darkness of alienation from God, personal suffering, sin and death that now befalls everyone. Since all humans came from Adam, they are born also as fallen rebels by nature. Additionally, all creation has been "destroyed" by sin as compared to the original "good" condition of the Garden.</p>	<p>Mankind is evolving to eventual perfection. Suffering and death are part of the evolutionary process of the survival of the fittest. Mankind (not individuals) will triumph! Each person must be free to determine his own meaning and pursue his own happiness as he defines it. Anything preventing this is a social evil that must be remedied by the state. Since all beliefs and behaviors are equally valid, acceptance of all differences is only reasonable and fair.</p>

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<p>God's plan is to redeem mankind through rebirth by faith in Jesus' sacrificial death and His atonement for all mankind's sins. This grants true believers divine life that enables them to fulfill God's purpose here and gives hope for endless fulfillment in Christ. Hell awaits all who reject God's merciful offer and, thus, remain slaves of the Devil forever.</p>	<p>All notions of God, religion and after-life are restrictive and divisive and, therefore, must be removed by law for the sake of society's mental health. Since there are no absolutes, the end justifies the means. Whatever is good for each person, according to his definition of good, is morally okay for him. Getting one's needs met is the primary goal in life.</p>
<p>God offers you a way out. Put your trust and future in God's hands so that Heaven will be your home! By God's grace, believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord. Abide in Him for His glory and your good through the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 10:9-13).</p>	<p>On the whole, the natural world is gradually improving because evolution is a fact. As for you, death is the end of your existence. So, everyone should just "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow, we die." You have no ultimate purpose or future.</p>

Obviously the contrast between these two worldviews is so enormous that both cannot be true. In order to highlight key differences, the next chapter will present a point by point analysis of these two worldviews by using the questions first posed in CHART 1 on page 32 - Discovering Your Worldview.. While you can choose either view for yourself, try solving the puzzle of which choice is safest and why.

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CHAPTER NINE

COMPARING OPPOSITES: CHRISTIANITY AND MATERIALISM

CHART 1 on page 32, “Discovering Your Worldview,” posed questions designed to help you recognize your belief system. It is repeated below for your convenience and is followed by **CHART 4** that demonstrates the differences between the Christian Worldview and the Materialistic Worldview. Compare your answers on page 32 with those in the new chart to see where your beliefs line up. The numbers in the margins of **CHART 4** correspond to the points in **CHART 1** so that you can see where they are answered.

CHART 1

A. MY PAST

- 1) Origin: Where did everything come from?
- 2) Condition: Was/is it good, neutral or bad?
- 3) Origin: Where did I come from?
- 4) Condition: Was/am I good, neutral or bad?

B. MY PRESENT

- 1) Identity: Who Am I?
- 2) Purpose: Why am I here?
- 3) Am I ultimately accountable to anyone?
- 4) Condition: Why is there calamity, evil, suffering and death?

5) Will this bad condition ever be fixed? If so, how, by whom and when?

C. MY FUTURE

1) Destination: Where is everything going?

2) Condition: will it be good, neutral, bad?

3) Destination: Where am I going?

4) Condition: will it be good, neutral or bad?

5) Do my choices now determine my ultimate future ... YES ... or ... NO?

D. GIVEN MY ANSWERS, (my worldview, belief/faith system), what should I do and how should I live and behave now?

Again: CHART 4 answers are correlated to the letter and number system of **CHART 1** above “Discovering Your Worldview.”)

CHART 4 A COMPARISON CHART	
CHRISTIANITY	MATERIALISM
FAITH IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE	FAITH IN THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION

A. 1	The God of the Bible created everything	A.1,2,3	Man and all creation evolved from the accidental and random process of natural selection or punctuated equilibrium or something yet to be discovered.
A. 2	and He called it	B. 1	As an animal, man must

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	good.		be free to follow
A. 3	God made man	B. 2	his instincts and desires to become self-actualized.
B. 2	to know, love and belong to Him, to serve Him in obedient faith and to live for His glory and pleasure forever.	A. 4	Since man is inherently good,
B. 3	All that God created is accountable to Him, including mankind.	B. 3	he is his own moral authority, accountable to no one.
B. 4	Adam rejected God's legitimate authority as his creator and came under Satan's domin-ion, causing the darkness of alienation from God, personal suffering, sin and death that now befalls everyone.	C. 1	Mankind is evolving to eventual perfection.
A. 4	Since all humans came from Adam,	B. 4	Suffering and death are part of the evolutionary process of the survival of the fittest.
B. 1	they are born also as fallen rebels by nature.	C. 1	Mankind (not individuals) will triumph!
B. 4	All creation is groaning, waiting for the revelation of God's sons and daughters.	B. 2	Each person must be free to determine his own meaning and pursue his own happiness as he defines it. Anything

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			preventing this is
C. 1	God's plan is to redeem mankind through rebirth by faith in Jesus' sacrificial death and	B. 5	a social evil that must be remedied by the state. Since all beliefs and behaviors are equally valid, acceptance of all differences is only reasonable and fair.
B. 5	His atonement for all mankind's sins. This grants	B. 4	All notions of God, religion and afterlife are restrictive and divisive and, therefore, must be removed by law for the sake of society's mental health.
C. 2,4	true believers divine life that enables them to do God's purpose here and gives hope for endless fulfillment in Christ.	B. 3	Therefore, since there are no absolutes, the end justifies the means. Whatever is good for each person, according to his definition of good, is morally okay for him.
C. 2	Hell awaits all who reject God's merciful offer and thus, remain slaves of the Devil forever.	B. 2	Getting one's needs met is the primary goal in life.
C. 5	Yes	C. 1,4	On the whole, the natural world is gradually improving because evolution is a fact. As for you, death is the end of your existence.
C. 3	God offers you a way out. Put your trust and future in God's hands so that	B. 2.	So, everyone should just "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow, we die."

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	Heaven will be your home!		
D.	By God's grace, believe in and confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and abide in Him for His glory and your good through the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 10:9.)	C.2,3,5	No. You have no ultimate purpose or future.

Have you determined yet which worldview is a safer choice? Here is a hint: the next chapter will unpack some of the implications of the differences and what they mean for the future of each believer.

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CHAPTER TEN

MATERIALISM IS IRRATIONAL

It is hard to conceive of two more contradictory positions with such drastic differences in ultimate consequences. It is important to remember that everyone, without exception, walks by faith in a set of assumptions - a worldview. But, a favorite canard of Materialists is to insist that their position is right because they base all of their conclusions on repeatable, provable scientific observations and incontrovertible facts rather than on assumptions.

In contrast, they say, it is only the religious who believe in the existence of the scientifically unprovable, non-material realm of the supernatural and who stand merely on faith-based assumptions and superstitions rather than on fact. They insist that the only rational thing to do is to discard all beliefs in anything supernatural. Now, while this conclusion sounds so logical that it has enabled Secularists to hijack our public school system, it is, in fact, illogical and even irrational. This accusation requires an explanation.

Logic Reveals Absurdity

To be absolutely, scientifically certain that mushrooms grow nowhere else but on planet Earth, one would first have to know everything about the entire physical universe. However, no scientist knows all there is to know about the earth, let alone about the entire physical universe. Therefore, if a scientist would insist that there are no mushrooms elsewhere in the universe, his statement would be blatantly illogical and irrational because he has violated the law of the universal negative. (The late Dr. D. James Kennedy provided further definition of this term.) Similarly, the only way an atheist can be absolutely certain of his belief that no Creator-God exists is if he has infinite knowledge about all existence everywhere. But then, of course, if he did have

such knowledge, he would be contradicting himself (a fitting oxymoron for an atheist) because he would *be* God, the omniscient One. Thankfully, the Bible says that God does exist and that He rewards those who believe He exists and then diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). While the atheist has the prerogative to reject this comforting thought, he can't legitimately use logic to prove his anti-God belief. It is based on his set of assumptions – i.e., his faith.

The above scenario exposes the assumption that science is the only measure of what is real. That assumption is the foundation on which atheists build their house of cards. But as already demonstrated, that very assumption is a faith statement that cannot be proven scientifically. By being limited to the experiential realm of the five senses in his scope of investigation (by definition), a scientist cannot prove that nothing exists beyond his five senses. This is one reason why the Bible has less than flattering words when it refers to an atheist: "A fool says in his heart 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1). The God of the Bible is eminently logical and rational, provided that you are open to understand His Big Picture thinking – the Total Truth - through receiving and exercising the gift of faith that He does exist. For the six blind men in the introduction of this book to get the whole truth about the elephant, they first must be humble enough to accept that their conclusions may be wrong.

Materialism Believes Man is God

As already shown, an atheistic scientist, operating as a scientist, can only believe by faith that no Creator God exists. By definition, the supernatural realm in general and theology in particular are beyond his professional scope as a scientist and, therefore, expertise. And, given this obvious limitation, he has no moral authority in the capacity of a scientist to even speculate, let alone make definitive pronouncements, that evolution must be true because there is no God. Simply put, science can't prove or disprove metaphysics and it is irrational to use it to attempt it.

So, Materialism/Naturalism/Atheism/Secularism/Marxism (all virtually of the same anti-God mold) is a worldview based on faith, not science. It is a naturalistic religion that rejects God's

existence and exalts man as God.¹

Macro-Evolution Supports Materialism

But if this worldview is obviously illogical and irrational because it denies God's existence, how and why does it have such a foothold in America which was originally founded on Biblical rather than on secular principles? The acceptance of this logically untenable worldview is the result of many scientists incessantly insisting that the doctrine of Macro-Evolution is a proven fact. Atheists enthusiastically embraced Darwin's suggestion that man evolved from a rock (the logical starting point after the earth cooled down after its assumed Big Bang beginning) because it denied the need for a God to create the Universe. At last, science apparently justified their worldview. Materialism could firmly and confidently rest on the fulcrum of the doctrine of Macro-Evolution – or so they thought.

(**Note:** Micro-Evolution – changes within the same species - occurs regularly in nature. No legitimate fossil evidence has ever been found to definitely prove Macro-Evolution. Much more on this topic is in Chapter Twelve.)

Materialism's Bible

From that perspective, it is easy to see why Darwin's 1859 book, *The Origin of Species*, became the bible of atheism. It *supposedly* legitimized Materialism scientifically and, therefore, irrefutably. The ground Materialism had lost to the logic of the universal negative was *seemingly* regained through its savior's break-through discovery, the doctrine of Macro-Evolution by Natural Selection. In fact, the faith in Macro-Evolution as an established fact has become so strong in the world of professional scientists that its evangelizers have converted the majority of America's schools into seminaries promoting Secular Humanism.

The first two tenants of the Secular Humanism, published in the *Humanist Manifesto III* in 2000, state:

- 1) "Religious humanists regard the universe as self-existing and not created."
- 2) "Humanism believes that Man is a part of nature and has

emerged as a result of a continuous process.”

Lest there be any doubt, Secular Humanists believe that Macro-Evolution is the “continuous process” that caused all that exists. Again, they cannot possibly know that for certain because they do not know all there is to know about all existence. They are not omniscient, not even as a group.

For the atheistic Secular Humanist, the supposed undeniable scientific basis of Macro-Evolution trumps the Bible's explanation of man's origins and, therefore, discredits not only God's existence but all else the Bible reveals and declares. If you doubt the evangelistic fervor that propels the faith of Secularism Humanists, consider this quote:

I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, **for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level .-. preschool, day care or state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new .-. the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all it adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism....** It will undoubtedly be a long, arduous painful struggle replete with much sorrow and many tears, but humanism will emerge triumphant. It must if the family of mankind is to survive.¹(emphasis added)

Morality be Damned

But must Humanists conduct this struggle honestly? Of course not. Since atheists assume there is no God, there is ultimately no one but themselves to answer to. Therefore, they are free to use any means possible, including what Christianity would

label slander, deceit, misrepresentation, falsification, etc., to advance their “faith” because their relativistic morality insists that the “end justifies the means.” Since they “know” from the doctrine of Macro-Evolution that their humanist religion is the “true faith,” and that their cause to “save mankind from Christianity” is “just,” anything goes. Christianity’s emphasis on objective truth, ethics or moral absolutes is ridiculed as obsolete. This revolutionary new faith in evolving Man is heralded as superior to all other worldviews and must be advanced at any cost for the sake of mankind achieving unbounded freedom. No wonder, then, that secularists hold on to their belief in the doctrine of Macro-Evolution so tenaciously and that the debate has flared into a vicious culture war.

Cataclysmic Results

Be assured, this war between two worldviews is not just an academic exercise. Ideas have consequences. Opponents to this “new faith” are quick to point out that because this worldview is unhinged from a Creator, all moral absolutes and virtues such as honesty, integrity, unselfish love, human worth and dignity are being replaced with ever changing “values.” Consequently, belief in Materialism and all its nefarious derivatives inevitably degenerates into societal anarchy in a misguided quest for freedom from all restraint - as history attests. Look no further than the devastating effects of Nazism, Fascism and Communism. All of this untold human suffering and death and needless economic chaos is the direct result of a fanatical faith in the doctrine of Evolution.

Fact or Fiction?

So the key question becomes: Is this pivotal doctrine based on provable objective science or on faith and speculation? Is Evolution a scientific fact or science fiction? Clearly, the issue of man’s origins and, therefore, his purpose and future, is a crucial question for everyone. If everything evolved from nothing, Christianity (and all other God-based worldviews) is a lie and should be discarded. Man is just a meaningless, purposeless accident who ceases at death. But if Macro-Evolution is a lie, then it should be exposed by every scientist and every school teacher in America. And with that irrational smokescreen removed, Christianity would again be the logical choice on which to rest

one's hope and future. Here are some pertinent comments from people on opposite sides of this controversy.

A Dose Of Reality

Professor D.M.S. Watson, one of the leading biologists and science writers of his day, demonstrated the atheistic bias behind much evolutionary thinking when he wrote:

Macro-Evolution [is] a theory universally accepted not because it can be proven by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.²

So it's not *really* a question of biased religious creationists versus objective scientific evolutionists. Rather, it is the biases of the Christian religion versus the biases of the religion of Secular Humanism which result in different interpretations of the same scientific data. The anti-creationist science writer Boyce Rensberger admits in the following:

At this point, it is necessary to reveal a little inside information about how scientists work, something the textbooks don't usually tell you. The fact is that scientists are not really as objective and dispassionate in their work as they would like you to think. Most scientists first get their ideas about how the world works not through rigorously logical processes but through **hunches and wild guesses**. As individuals, they often come to believe something to be true long before they assemble the hard evidence that will convince somebody else that it is. **Motivated by faith in his own ideas and a desire for acceptance by his peers**, a scientist will labor for years knowing in his heart that his theory is correct but devising experiment after experiment whose results he hopes will support his position.³ (emphasis added)

So, bottom line, it is not really a question of who is biased, **but which bias is actually based on the truth.**

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Now it's time to focus on investigating the competing claims of Macro-Evolution vs. Biblical and Scientific Creationism in the next chapter. While space limitations will prohibit exhausting this vast topic, some principles, guidelines, quotes and links will help you investigate the key issues in this fascinating debate. Are you any closer to deciding which worldview is safer? More help is on the way!

CHAPTER ELEVEN

MACRO-EVOLUTION VS. BIBLICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM

There are many excellent books and publications that expose the hypocrisy behind evolutionary thinking. Quoted below is Chapter 2 of *Evolution of a Creationist, A Laymen's Guide to the conflict between The Bible and Evolutionary Theory*, by Dr. Jobe Martin, Biblical Discipleship Publishers, Rockwall, Texas. It has been made available online by the exceptional teachers and missionaries of Harvestime Books in Altamont, Tennessee. I am grateful for their ministry and encourage readers to visit their website, harrypottermagic.org, for an amazing array of resources on timely Biblical topics.

THE EVOLUTION OF A CREATIONIST

Chapter 2

...And Then Came Assumptions

Many college science professors never tell their students that the evolutionary model of “one cell to man” is based on assumptions. What is an assumption? It is something taken for granted and supposed to be true.⁴ As a six-day creationist, I believe God created the universe and everything in it fully mature (with the appearance of age). I cannot prove this with scientific experiments so this belief is called an assumption. I suppose it to be true. Evolutionists likewise have assumptions. They take many necessary steps for granted in the molecules-to-man model. In other words, evolutionists assume that non-living chemicals gave rise to that first living cell which, in turn, evolved into ever and ever more complex forms of life. There are no scientific experiments to prove the molecules-to-man scenario.

Writing as an evolutionist, G. A. Kerkut lists the major assumptions of evolution. These are the basic theories an evolutionist “takes for granted” or “supposes” to be true. All of the “molecules-to-man science” is built upon these assumptions, but you rarely, if ever, see them listed in a high school or college textbook.

There are seven basic assumptions that are often not mentioned during discussions of evolution. Many evolutionists ignore the first six assumptions and only consider the seventh. The assumptions are as follows:

1. The first assumption is that non-living things gave rise to living material, i.e., spontaneous generation occurred.
2. The second assumption is that spontaneous generation occurred only once.
3. The third assumption is that viruses, bacteria, plants and animals are all related.
4. The fourth assumption is that protozoa (single-celled life forms) gave rise to metazoa (multiple-celled life forms).
5. The fifth assumption is that various invertebrate phyla are interrelated.
6. The sixth assumption is that the invertebrates gave rise to the vertebrates.
7. The seventh assumption is that within the vertebrates the fish gave rise to amphibia, the amphibia to reptiles and the reptiles to birds and mammals.⁵

Molecules to Man is Assumed

What Dr. Kerkut has listed as “assumptions” is the whole of evolutionary teaching. In other words, there is no factual (experimentally testable and reproducible) science which supports evolution. The process of moving from non-living things to the

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first living, reproducing cell to man and giant Redwood trees is all an assumption.

Dr. Kerkut clearly states the evolutionary assumption that all life is related to that first cell. However, through the use of phase-electron microscopes scientists have discovered that there are consistent differences in cellular substance in various kinds of animals. When studied microscopically, the living things of the evolutionary tree do not appear to be related to each other at all. I Corinthians 15:39 records: "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another flesh of fishes, and another of birds." This was written 1900 years before scientists "discovered" the differences in the basic cellular components of the various kinds of living creatures. God created life and inspired His apostles and prophets to record details of His creation, which scientists are just beginning to discover. God says there are different types of flesh in the bodies of His earthly creatures. But there are also different types of heavenly bodies .-. the stars are different from each other and not the same as the moon (I Corinthians 15:41). Astronomers estimate there may be one trillion-trillion stars. The best English dictionaries have less than 800,000 words. Yet, the God of the Bible has a name and a number for each star, ".He calleth them all by names..." (Isaiah 40:26). God is infinite in His power and wisdom.

From the biggest star to the smallest atom, the magnitude and complexity of the universe is unexplainable, except in terms of a creative designer who is infinitely above any "chance processes" or human technology.

Many scientists assume life came from non-living chemicals⁶ and that this only happened once. They say that everything we see alive, whether plant or animal, came from that first, primordial, single cell. Most evolutionists do not believe that one kind of life began in the Amazon and another in Africa and another in Arizona. They believe non-life gave birth to life in one cell that became the ancestor of the entire plant and animal kingdoms.

Why do scientists such as Dr. Kerkut assume this startling event happened only once? Because the chances of life evolving

from non-life are so astronomically high as to be impossible without an intelligent designer. Dr. Henry Morris and Dr. Gary Parker of the Institute for Creation Research have recorded the probability of the chance origin of life in their revised book, *What is Creation Science?* (pp. 269-276). If all the universe was crammed with electron particles, the maximum number of particles would be ten to the power of 130. If each particle could do one hundred billion-billion events (steps in ever onward and upward evolution) every second for 3,000 billion years (100 times older than anyone says the universe is), then in the span of history of the universe 10 to the one-hundred seventieth power events could possibly happen. But to get a series of even 1,500 events to happen in order [and without God's help] (events that might be moving from non-living chemicals to a living cell), there is only one chance in ten to the power of 450! This means that the probability of evolution even getting started is zero. There aren't enough electrons in the universe to, by chance, generate a single living cell of a single evolutionary scientist. And yet, these scientists who do not believe in God are here. How did they get here? Without belief in God, the only option these people have is the evolution of non-living chemicals over eons of time into a living cell and ultimately into man.

For nearly 150 years some of the most brilliant scientists in the world have attempted to convert non-living chemicals into some form of reproducible life. No one has done it.

A Cell is Not Simple

A single reproducible cell is far from simple. Dr. Leon Long, of the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin, writes as an evolutionist:

Among the first organisms were the lowly bacteria and blue-green algae. They are about as simple as a self-sufficient cell can be, which is none too simple, considering that a bacterium can synthesize some 3,000 to 6,000 compounds at a rate of about 1 million reactions per second! Cells of bacteria and blue-green algae contain just a single molecule of DNA, and they lack well-defined internal structures, such as a nucleus, chromosomes, and internal membranes.⁷

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Is it any wonder scientists claim that life from non-living chemicals only happened once? According to Dr. Long, the simplest forms of life can perform one million reactions per second! Something that complex obviously needs a designer, a Creator.

Scientists do not talk very much about the evolution of the cell membrane. The membrane that provides the outside wall (or skin) of the cell is highly complex. This membrane permits specific concentrations of certain chemicals and solutions into and out of the cell. If the concentrations of some of these chemicals vary by even 1/100%, the cell will die. At a microscopic spot in the universe, how did those chemicals all get together in the correct configurations and concentrations and at the same instant? In addition, how did the cell membrane form around them at just the right moment permitting only specific concentrations of chemicals in and out of the cell ("knowing," of course, what those chemicals must and must not be)? And how could all of this somehow know how to reproduce itself and not die in the process?

The God of the Bible said He created, created, created! His creation defies the speculations of the evolutionist. Creation necessitates a designer. It demands fully functional life from the beginning. Biology acknowledges this with its most well-proven law, the law of Biogenesis: Life generates life. If something is alive, it is alive because something else alive produced it. The Bible tells us the living God is the Creator of life, and that statement agrees with what we see in biology. Life always comes from life.

And yet, evolutionary chemists construct laboratory experiments that attempt to display the means by which life began without God. Many of these experimenters believe that the atmosphere of primitive Earth was quite different than it is today. The atmosphere of the planet Jupiter is thought to resemble that of early Earth. Water vapor, hydrogen, ammonia and methane were the supposed ingredients. In 1953, a chemist, Dr. Stanley Miller, placed these four ingredients into a glass jar which he heated and into which he sent sparks of electricity. He noticed a

pink fluid coming off into his trap. This fluid contained some amino acids. Amino acids are the building blocks of proteins. Proteins are very much a part of living tissue, but they are not life. The Miller-type experiments do not display chemicals marching ever onward and upward until reproducing life is generated, yet evolution in this manner is assumed to have happened. As a matter of fact, there is no evidence in the rocks of Earth or the present oceans that water vapor, hydrogen, ammonia and methane ever existed in the concentrations necessary for Miller's experiments to accurately occur in nature.

The claim that chemical evolution is impossible, as presented in *The Mystery of Life's Origin*, has yet to be refuted. Random chemical reactions do not produce life! Dr. Stanley Miller and his followers did not produce anything with raw chemicals that even approaches life. Dennis Petersen in his informative book, *Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation*, quotes Dr. Henry Morris who says it this way:

Unknown chemicals in the primordial past...through...
Unknown processes which no longer exist...produced...
Unknown life forms which are not to be found...but could
through...
Unknown reproduction methods spawn new life...in an...
Unknown atmospheric composition..in an...
Unknown oceanic soup complex...at an...
Unknown time and place.

Prove any of these unknowns of evolution with experimentally testable science and the Nobel Science prize will be yours!

A Personal Designer Creates Life

Let us not forget. The evolutionist says there was no God, no higher power, no designer, no person behind the beginning of life. It was the impersonal (no person), plus time, plus chance (or, **no one plus nothing equals everything!**) So, even if the Stanley Miller experiments did prove chemical evolution is possible, which they did not do, you still have a personal designer (Miller) making his creation. Does a personal designer-scientist, doing

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experiments in a carefully controlled laboratory, prove that the creation of life occurred without any creator designer (no God) in a totally random-chance primordial ooze? Of course not. Our God is worthy to receive the honor and the glory and the praise because He created all things (Revelation 4:11). We can trust God and His Word, the Bible. Nothing is too difficult for Him (Jeremiah 32:17).....He is the God of the impossible (Luke 1:37).

Has Anyone Seen an Electron?

One of the greatest scientists of the space age, Dr. Werner von Braun stated:

One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all...The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all it harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based...

To be forced to believe only one conclusion .-. that everything in the universe happened by chance .-. would violate the very objectivity of science itself...What random process could produce the brains of man or the system of the human eye? They (evolutionists) challenge science to prove the existence of God. But must we really light a candle to see the sun? ...they say they cannot visualize a designer. Well, can a physicist visualize an electron?...What strange rationale makes some physicists accept the inconceivable electron as real while refusing to accept the reality of a Designer on the ground that they cannot conceive Him?....⁸

Ask any scientist if he believes in electrons. He will answer, "Certainly." Ask that same scientist if he or she has ever personally seen an electron, and they will probably say, "No." Scientists believe in electrons by faith as they observe the results of electron activity, riding on a light wave - using a quantum stroboscope. Is this not similar to faith in God? We do not see God directly with our natural eyes (unless He chooses to reveal

Himself in physical form), but we do “see” Him through His handiwork, the creation. Romans, Chapter One, explains that as we study the intricacies of the Macro (huge) and Micro (tiny) universes, we should think about who designed them, who makes them work, and who holds them together.

Foolish Speculations

When scientists examine the largest stars and the smallest atoms and do not honor God as their Creator and give thanks to Him, they are reduced to foolish speculations (Romans 1:18-23). Could the evolution of man from a single cell be a foolish speculation? Dr. Harrison Matthews, the writer of the introduction to *Darwin's Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, states:

The fact of evolution is the backbone of biology, and biology is thus in the peculiar position of being a science founded on an unproved theory - is it then a science or a faith? Belief in the theory of evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation -. both are concepts which believers know to be true, but neither, up to the present, has been capable of proof.⁹

Dr. Matthews, an evolutionist, says evolution has no scientific proof. It is a speculation of faith. Yet, Dr. Ernst Mayr, professor emeritus of Harvard University, writes:

Since Darwin, every knowing person agrees man descended from the apes. Today, there is no such thing as the theory of evolution. It is the fact of evolution.¹⁰

Omni Magazine promotes evolution. Dr. Mayr presents godless evolution as fact, even though the Creator says in Romans 1 that all men know better:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (suppress) the truth in unrighteousness; because that which

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may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them (Romans 1:18-19).

Romans 1:22 adds: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

Dr. T.N. Tahmisian of the Atomic Energy Commission agrees:

Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact.¹¹

Isaac Asimov and Carl Sagan have presented evolution as no longer a theory, but a proven fact. They have done this without a single iota of fact. Evolutionist, D.M.S. Watson said it best:

Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists not because it has been observed to occur or is supported by logically coherent arguments, but because...no alternative explanation is credible. Whilst the fact of evolution is accepted by every biologist, the mode in which it has occurred and the mechanism by which it has been brought about are still disputable. ...the theory of evolution itself is a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logical coherent evidence to be true but because the only alternative is special creation, which is clearly incredible.

The clearly incredible Creator says in Psalm 19:1:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

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CHAPTER TWELVE

EVER INCREASING EVIDENCE AGAINST EVOLUTION

Evolutionists consistently say that no reputable scientist would support anything but Evolution, their pet. This is a typical smokescreen because an ever increasing number of highly placed scientists, including some famous evolutionists, are challenging the assumptions of the Doctrine of Evolution based on scientific evidence and statistical probability.

Since Discovery Institute first published its *Statement of Dissent from Darwin* in 2001, more than 600 scientists have courageously stepped forward and signed onto a growing list of scientists of all disciplines voicing their skepticism over the central tenets of Darwin's theory of evolution. The full statement reads: 'We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged.' Prominent scientists who have signed the list include evolutionary biologist and textbook author Dr. Stanley Salthe, quantum chemist Henry Schaefer at the University of Georgia, and Giuseppe Sermoniti the Editor of *Rivista di Biologia / Biology Forum*. The list also includes scientists from Princeton, Cornell, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Ohio State University, Purdue and University of Washington among others. To view the list along with other info about it go to: www.dissentfromdarwin.org.¹²

Chemist Henry Schaefer, named above, has been nominated multiple times for the Nobel Prize. Other notable signatories who are unafraid to state their dissent from the theory of evolution include Scott Minnich at the University of Idaho, biologist Paul

Chien at the University of San Francisco and emeritus biologist Dean Kenyon at San Francisco State University.

Peer Prejudice Rules

As noted on the Institute for Creation Research web site:

It is extremely difficult today for creationists to get Ph.D. degrees or to secure and retain faculty positions in the major universities. Similarly the major scientific societies and periodicals are controlled by committed evolutionists. Students in science programs are exposed only to evolution in their classes and textbooks and often their advancement after graduation depends in part on conformity to the system. Under such circumstances it is remarkable that thousands of scientists have become creationists anyhow. One organization alone, the Creation Research Society, has had well over 700 members who have postgraduate degrees. Even though the modern scientists whose names are most familiar to the public are evolutionists (Sagan, Gould, Leakey, etc.) there are nevertheless many creation scientists today who hold equally important and demanding positions in scientific research and development.¹³

A list of just 80 of the 700 Creation Research Scientists, by name and with credentials, includes many with medical doctor qualifications and more than 50 with Ph.Ds. in various fields.¹⁴ They are committed to pursuing the truth regardless of the intimidation they face in today's universities and laboratories. In principle, their politically correct atmosphere is no different than the one brought about by the intimidating thought police in the former atheistic Soviet Union. And it is no coincidence that these anti-American bastions of liberalism are largely controlled by those sympathetic to God-less socialism. Again, the Doctrine of Evolution is the fulcrum of the atheistic Worldview of Materialism. But do its high priests still believe in this Doctrine?

Even Their Elites Now Debunk Evolution

There are many reasons why dissent from the evolutionary view is steadily increasing. Despite investing a staggering amount

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of resources and talent for over 175 years to unearth a “missing link” between any “kinds” of animals, evolutionists have found not even one such scientifically verifiable transitional fossil, as the following three prominent evolutionists sheepishly admit:

Stephen J. Gould: The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persist as the trade secret of paleontology. The evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches; the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of fossilsWe fancy ourselves as the only true students of life's history, yet to preserve our favored account of evolution by natural selection we view our data as so bad that we never see the very process we profess to study.¹⁵

Dr. David Raup, curator of geology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, published an article in the January 1979 issue of the museum's journal entitled *Conflicts Between Darwinism and Paleontology* in which he stated that :

The 250,000 species of plants and animals recorded and deposited in museums throughout the world did not support the gradual unfolding hoped for by Darwin.”¹⁶

Dr. Colin Patterson, senior paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History:

I fully agree with your comments on the lack of direct illustration of evolutionary transitions in my book. If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them. . .I will lay it on the line, There is not one such fossil for which one might make a watertight argument.¹⁷

Statistical Probability says “Impossible”

The Doctrine of Evolution's track record is scientifically abysmal. Apologetics Press points out that evolutionists as well as creationists believe that the random formation of life is not statistically possible:

Over the years, investigators have elucidated quite successfully what are known today as the “laws of probability.” Building upon the work of such men as Blaise Pascal, the famous French mathematician and scientist, others forged the principles that are employed today on a daily basis in almost every scientific discipline. George Gamow was one such individual (1961). Emile Borel was another. Dr. Borel, one of the world's foremost experts on mathematical probability, formulated what scientists and mathematicians alike refer to as the basic “law of probability,” which we would like to discuss here....it is interesting to note from the scientific literature some of the probability estimates regarding the formation of life by purely mechanistic processes. For example, Dr. Morowitz (George Mason University Professor and Staff Scientist of the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study) himself estimated that the $1 \times 10^{340,000,000}$ [that is one chance out of 1 followed by 340 million zeroes] (1968, p. 99). The size of this figure is truly staggering, since there are supposed to be only approximately 1080 elementary particles (electrons and protons) in the whole Universe (Sagan, 1997, 22:967).

The late **Carl Sagan** estimated that the chance of life evolving on any given single planet, like the Earth, is one chance in $1 \times 10^{2,000,000,000}$ [that is one chance out of 1 followed by 2 billion zeroes] (1973, p. 46). This figure is so large that it would take 6,000 books of 300 pages each just to write the number! A number this large is so infinitely beyond one followed by 50 zeroes (Borel's upper limit for such an event to occur) that it is simply mind-boggling. There is, then according to Borel's law of probability, absolutely no chance that life could have 'evolved spontaneously' on the Earth.¹⁸

According to **Dr. Michael Denton**, a molecular biologist,

Neither of the two fundamental axioms of Darwin's macro evolutionary theory [that all of life evolves from a primeval cell and that life resulted merely from blind

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chance] have been validated by one single empirical discovery or scientific advance since 1859.¹⁹

Sir Fred Hoyle, a world famous astronomer, once wrote,

The chance that higher life forms might have emerged in this way is comparable with the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein.²⁰

It is a dismal day for this destructive doctrine when even the elite evolutionists agree it can't happen. Conversely, it is a happy one for anyone living under the consequences of its lies, provided they reject it and embrace the truth. But this is not easy to do when the levers of power and influence are largely controlled by Secularists whose main aim is to remove God and exalt man. In their stubbornness, they pave the way for not only their own ultimate destruction but all who swallow their poison. The next chapter will expose more of their deceptions and provide the antidote.

Additional resource on this topic: www.creationism.org, "12 Quotes from Leading Evolutionists."

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

EVIDENCE FOR SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM

The Fraud Called Evolution

It is becoming quite clear that the lack of evidence for the Doctrine of Evolution is starting to shake this house of cards at its foundation. The statements by leading evolutionists quoted in the previous chapter, *Ever Increasing Evidence Against Evolution*, indicate that the fault under this house is widening, forecasting an eventual collapse of this fragile fiction.

Hoaxes Instead Of Facts

But has the lack of any supporting fossil evidence and admission that the Doctrine of Evolution is statistically impossible stopped this charade? On the contrary. Finding the first scientifically verifiable missing link has become like a “search for the holy grail.” Those who have concocted the various hoaxes, still featured in many science textbooks, reaped much fame and fortune before their frauds were unmasked. Those hoaxes include:

The Nebraska Man — Evolutionists constructed a theory about an entire race of men based on one fossilized tooth. This tooth was paraded as evidence for evolution in the 1925 Scopes trial. Heralded as the “missing link” in human evolution, this hypothesized figure was labeled the “Nebraska Man.” Scientists later learned that the tooth came from a pig.

Java Man — In 1891, Dr. Eugene DuBois found the skull of a primate on the island of Java. One year later, he found a human-like thigh bone roughly 50 feet away from the skull's original location. With great imagination and no evidence linking the artifacts, “Java Man” was born.

The Piltdown Man — Championed by evolutionists as a “missing link,” this figure proved to be a portion of a human skull pieced together with an orangutan’s jaw. Upon closer inspection, scientists discovered that the teeth had been filed down to resemble a human’s teeth.

The Neanderthal Man — On January 26, a study conducted by Dr. Katerina Harvati, a paleoanthropologist at New York University, was published in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. In her report, Dr. Harvati debunks the myth that “Neanderthals” were ancestors of modern man. She wrote, “The difference between Neanderthals and modern humans was as great or greater than that found between [other] closely related primate species.”

Orce Man — In 1982, Spanish scientists found an ancient skull, which they claimed to be from a 17-year-old boy. Scientists touted this find as a “missing link.” Only days before a scheduled symposium, UPI News reported, “When French experts revealed the fact that ‘Orce Man’ was most likely a skull fragment from a four-month-old donkey, embarrassed Spanish authorities sent out 500 letters canceling invitations to the symposium.”

Haeckel’s Embryos — Ernst Haeckel, a German developmental biologist, proposed an evolutionary theory titled “ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny.” According to this view, as a fertilized egg develops to form a human embryo, it repeats each of man’s evolutionary stages throughout history. This has been completely disproved.

Peppered Moth — In England, scientists studied the population trends of both black and gray peppered moths. Errantly, these scientists claimed that the moths had genetically evolved for survival. When this was disproved, University of Chicago evolutionary biologist Jerry Coyne admitted that “the prize horse in [evolutionists’] stable” had been debunked. Coyne added, “My own reaction resembles the dismay attending the discovery, at the age of six, that it was my father and not Santa Claus who brought the presents on Christmas Eve.”²¹

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Answers in Genesis provides a more extensive list of evolutionary hoaxes.

Unfortunately, a public retraction of these frauds never receives the same fanfare as their introduction because the irrational bias remains: "Evolution must be true but, as yet, it is not clear just how it happened so we must keep searching until we know." It is this irrational bias and often a corresponding worldview that drives evolutionists and, in their minds, justifies keeping the relics of these frauds in college classrooms, and false accounts and pictures in science texts on all levels. So much for scientific objectivity!

Big Bang a Bust

One such hoax with nine lives is the claim that the universe began when an eternal dot, no bigger than the period at the end of this sentence, unexplainably exploded some 14 billion years ago. Unfortunately for them, evolutionists have had yet another major setback in their frantic search to justify their false doctrine. With astronomical evidence mounting, top scientists now concede that matter and, therefore, the universe had a beginning. That mighty, infinite dot never existed.²²

This complicates their case enormously because it requires that the supposed Big Bang (which caused all that exists) came from nothing - a scientific impossibility according to the First Law of Thermodynamics. Obviously, this is not science but a "fairy tale."²³ But even if this impossibility was somehow true, evolutionists still have many inconvenient facts of science to explain, all of which fit easily into the Scientific Creation model of origins. Some questions raised by these "hard facts" (which some evolutionists condescendingly call "anomalies") demand a scientific and plausible explanation:

1) Why do the rotation of planets and moons differ from each other? In an explosion, all parts rotate in the same direction according to the scientific Law of Angular Momentum. This law trumps the Big Bang.

2) Why is underground gas and oil still under great pressure? If the rocks that contain them are older than 10,000 years, the

escaping pressure would have lessened proportionately to nothing over millions of years.

3) Why do some moons in our solar system have volcanic activity? If they are millions of years old, they would have cooled long ago in the freezing depths of space. Saturn's moon, Enceladus, displays evidence of active ice volcanism: Cassini observed warm fractures where evaporating ice evidently escapes and forms a huge cloud of water vapor over the south pole.²⁴

The Institute for Creation Research provides a more extensive list of "time clocks" that indicate a young rather than an old earth, as evolution requires.

The Dirty Little Secret Behind The Lie of Evolution

Why are these and numerous other "time clocks" that defy the Doctrine of Evolution ignored? It is not scientifically honest to conveniently dismiss them as mere "anomalies." True science demands that they be included in any plausible and comprehensive model of origins if it is to enjoy any credibility. Anything less should not be imposed by law on our students or be paraded around as a "scientific fact." The bottom line is: the Doctrine of Evolution is a scientific fraud, a Strategy of Deception supporting a secularist worldview and agenda, as Aldous Huxley brazenly admitted.

Thomas Huxley, one of the most prominent English naturalists of the 19th century, earned the nickname "Darwin's bulldog" for actively promoting and vehemently defending Darwinism. Huxley's grandsons included Sir Julian Huxley, well known as the world's leading evolutionist and the first director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization and his brother, Aldous Huxley, famous for writing *Brave New World*. Predictably, all came from the same atheistic mold as revealed in the following quote from Mr. Huxley:

I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning; consequently assumed it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the

world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics; he is also concerned to prove **there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do.** For myself, as no doubt for most of my contemporaries, **the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation.** The liberation we desired was simultaneously liberation from a certain political and economic system and liberation from a certain system of morality. **We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom.**²⁵
(emphasis added)

Astounding! This nihilist shamelessly declares that he and most of his contemporaries, not to mention his infamous family, **championed the lie of Evolution that has been used to justify and fuel genocide, infanticide, abortion, racism, atheism, America's culture war and all manner of immorality** “because it interfered with our sexual freedom.” Simply put, he gladly prostituted science to justify, in his own eyes, his warped worldview. This hoax would be a laughable joke on mankind if it was not so tragic in its consequences - temporal and eternal.

You Can Choose Not To Be A Victim

How many millions of children, having been tricked into believing this lie, have denied their Creator-God, rejected His merciful offer of eternal life in His Son and, consequently, behave like senseless animals without meaning, purpose or lasting hope? No wonder that depression, obsession, despair and suicide are rampant among young and old today. Arguably, this Strategy of Deception has led to more death and destruction than any other lie concocted by Satan.

But yet, in ironic contrast, one of the most famous atheistic scientists today, **Stephen Hawking**, cautiously admitted:

Although Science may solve the problem of how the universe began, it can not answer the question: why does the universe bother to exist? Maybe only God can answer that.²⁶

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Not only has the God of the Bible answered that question but He has also explained why he “bothered” to create you. Given the above documentation, which Worldview is the only one worthy of a sane person's wholehearted belief and acceptance? Why live a life of meaningless pleasure-seeking here and hell hereafter when you can receive and abide now in the world's only Savior who generously offers you true, everlasting life and true freedom and is committed to your well-being, now and forever?

Find additional resource on this vital topic at:
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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

THE ROTTEN FRUIT OF EVOLUTION

Materialism's Manifesto

Darwin's landmark *The Origin of Species* was heralded by Atheists in 1859 as a justification of their faith position that God was not needed to make a self-creating universe. It is abundantly clear now that many pseudo scientists concocted and manipulated "evidence" to promote their materialistic worldview.-.the hoaxes of Piltdown Man, Java Man and Lucy to name a few.

Others have exploited the doctrine of Evolution to undermine belief in all deity-based religions, especially Christianity. Social Darwinism has been used worldwide to help secularize virtually every academic discipline and social institution in varying degrees. And just what social, political and cultural fruit has this fairy tale for adults produced since 1859? After all, some hold that fairy tales, while untrue, can serve a noble purpose.

Bad Root, Bad Fruit

Well, for starters, how noble is racism? America's founders declared that "all men are created equal" because of their Christian worldview that God personally created mankind in His image and likeness. Therefore, every human being, unborn to senile, is valued as immortal. We even honor the physical remains of the dead with funerals and dedicated cemetery plots. Consider how different was Hitler's disposal of thousands of weak and infirm Germans, six million Jews and five million non-Jews. What motivated dictators like Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot to slaughter over one hundred million human beings, including many of their own citizens, in peacetime?

The rationale for this irrational behavior came from Darwin's speculations in his book, *The Origin of Species by means of*

Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life. The reason the full title is no longer included in reprints is obvious: **it justifies racism!** Darwin's doctrine of Evolution buttressed the atheistic worldview that man is a purposeless accident of nature, subject to "the law of the survival of the fittest" and, therefore, disposable by the will of those most powerful.

Playing God

Hitler was a hero to those who embraced the belief in the superiority of the Aryan race even though he himself was not Aryan. This prejudice was rooted in the conviction that, in the evolutionary ladder of progression from ape to man, there were, necessarily, genetically inferior races on the lower rungs that should be exterminated to purify mankind's gene pool in order to assist evolution's inevitable advance to human perfection. Hitler made an actual list of these "inferiors" that included blacks and Jews at the bottom. In his madness, he went so far as to rewrite the Bible to accommodate his "scientific" worldview. As the Daily Record reports:

A bible featuring Adolf Hitler's version of the Ten Commandments has been discovered. The dictator ordered the book rewritten to remove all references to Jews. In the Nazi bible, found in a German church, the regime who stole, murdered and plundered their way across Europe scrapped the likes of Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal and Thou shalt not covet your neighbour's wife. And Hitler got his theorists to alter the Commandments - and add two more - in a bid to further the Aryan ideal for the book *Germans With God*.

New "Commandments" included "Honour your Fuhrer and your master, Avoid all hypocrisy, and Keep the blood pure and your honour holy." The book, printed in 1941 and sent to thousands of churches, was meant to be essential reading in every home in Nazi Germany alongside Hitler's autobiography, *Mein Kampf*.

Hitler hated the church's teachings, believing they had no place in his vision of Germanic supermen ruling lesser races

devoid of “outdated” concepts such as mercy and love. But he knew the power of the church in Germany and couldn't banish it overnight. Instead, his plan was to gradually “Nazify” the church, beginning with a theological centre he set up in 1939 to rewrite the Bible.²⁷

More Rotten Fruit of Evolution

As noted previously, belief in the doctrine of Evolution by evil men like Adolph Hitler has led to far worse consequences than the belief **in Christianity** by true Christians, despite what detractors say. But does evolution, a doctrine that “makes God unnecessary” as Charles Darwin suggested, ever have dire consequences on a local level in modern America? Absolutely! How else can one explain the tragic change in the hearts and minds of today's school children since the innocuous 1950's when SAT scores (not students) were high, and throwing spit balls, chewing gum and passing notes were the main school infractions? Contrast that with the rampant lawlessness of substance abuse, promiscuity and violence leading even to death that haunts many of today's youth and classrooms.

A major change in public schools occurred in 1959 when publishers began peppering textbooks with the doctrine of Evolution. The irrational justification by the secular “experts” of the day was that Sputnik (the first manned space ship) proved that the Soviet Union was scientifically superior to the United State precisely because it advocated the “truth” of godless evolution. Further, they insisted that their secular culture, which they inferred produced such remarkable scientific results, was “obviously” superior to our Christian-based one. But in time, this utopian fantasy was exposed as a colossal lie. The collapse of the Soviet Union 25 years later proved just how morally and financially bankrupt their godless worldview had made them.

Ruining America

Unfortunately for America, the Sputnik success gave secular evolutionists in America the opening they needed to champion their atheistic worldview. Secular-minded judges like Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black were positioned to rule in favor of ACLU law suits against school prayer, bible reading and the Ten Commandments - all a normal and expected part of public

education for 150 years. They replaced this godly training with amoral “situation ethics” (which deny the existence of moral absolutes) in order to intentionally secularize succeeding generations.

This values revolution in state schools has created a permissive culture of parents allowing their offspring do whatever “feels good.” If the godless doctrine of evolution is right then, logically, there is nothing absolutely wrong. So why not get all the gusto you can now if there is no existence beyond death and, therefore, no ultimate consequences to your choices or behavior? In fact, making merry.-.partying.-.is the only logical thing to do because “It’s all about Me!” No wonder so many of today's youth focus on a “play ethic” such as sports and video games rather than on an “obsolete work ethic” – such as chores and homework etc.. Yes, ideas do have consequences.

Follow The Evidence

There is much statistical and anecdotal evidence that documents evolution’s negative consequences effecting American culture. For example, David Barton’s Wallbuilders website systematically documents the shocking evidence for the causes of public school decline with the attending tragic results that plague today's students. Much of the decline is now taken for granted by many because our nation has become slowly desensitized to the calamity of the last 45 years. In fact, the majority of Americans today were formed by that very culture so how could they know or expect anything different? A fish never questions the water it swims in.

Answers in Genesis provides much scientific evidence that refutes evolution and also documents its negative effects. For example, one little-publicized story posted there, Tragic Truth, gives some inside details about the tragedy at Columbine high school. On that horrible day, police chaplain Gino Geraci was called to the scene. Once voted “most likely to go to hell” in his own high school days, he was a former evolutionist who had lived a lawless life-style before his conversion. Pastor Geraci noted that one of the Columbine student killers wore a T-shirt with the

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words “Natural Selection.” He discovered later on the killer's web site that he, too, was an avowed evolutionist. He revered Hitler and believed that if he shot or killed people, he would be simply scattering their molecules. In other words, in his mind, twisted by the doctrine of evolution, life is essentially meaningless and, therefore, worthless. That is a perfectly logical conclusion IF one believes in a secularistic worldview which says that humans are merely an “accident of nature” with no ultimate purpose.

Which Worldview is Safer For You?

Contrast the fruit of this Secularistic worldview with the Bible's revelation that God personally created Adam and Eve who are mankind's ancestors. Consequently, there is but one race, making everyone part of God's handiwork and intrinsically worthwhile to Him who is full of mercy and love. As is obvious, worldviews can have disastrous consequences when men reject the revelation of God's creation and purpose for mankind and invent their own. “A fool says in his heart ‘There is no God.’” Every evil known to man started with Adam's rebellion which became the seedbed for all contrary worldviews and destructive consequences listed in Romans, Chapter 1. It is irrational to reject so great a salvation offered to us by so great a loving God who reflected and proved His love in the person of Jesus Christ. Can there be any question which worldview is safer for mankind?

Now, what about you? Who do you think you are - a meaningless blob or a person created in God's image? Do you know how much God loves you and how wonderful His plan for you really is? As Gino Geraci discovered, only by knowing God personally through Jesus Christ, and all of the other wonderful truths He reveals in His holy Bible, will you find the peace, love, freedom and purpose you long for. Ask Him for what no philosophy or invention of man can provide.-Himself. He is waiting for your invitation.

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

BIBLE CODES EVIDENCE GOD

The previous chapter, "The Rotten Fruit of Evolution," recounted Hitler's diabolical hatred for Jews that drove him to genocide and to attempt to rewrite the Bible which, in part, describes Jewish history. Both Jews and Christians believe the Old Testament is divinely inspired.

Ironically, while the doctrine of Evolution was injected into the world of science to disprove God, various branches of scientific investigation such as archaeology, microbiology and astronomy, give increasing evidence that the Bible is accurate and that the God it reveals exists.

A relatively new area of objective research that promises to scientifically validate the Bible's authenticity and its divine authorship involves the systematic study of so-called hidden Bible Codes. Until computer analysis made such research possible, the codes were virtually impossible to detect because of their complexity. William A. Dembski of Intelligent Design fame, wrote the following review of Jeffrey Satinover's book, *Cracking the Bible Code*. It describes the science involved in code examination.

Books in Review, *Cracking the Bible Code* by Jeffrey Satinover, Morrow, 346 pp.

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Cracking the Bible Code, reviewed by William A. Dembski

The "Bible Code" is the name for computer-generated sequences of letters taken from the Hebrew Bible.

Researchers string all the letters together, deleting spaces between words. Then, instead of running through the text letter by adjacent letter (as we do in ordinary reading), they run through the text by skipping a fixed number of letters. The resulting sequences, known as equidistant letter sequences (or ELSs), are then inspected for patterns that cannot reasonably be attributed to chance. The Bible Code comprises such equidistant letter sequences.

The Bible Code is controversial because some have presented it as a preprogrammed time capsule set to go off once humans invent computers. The human authors of the Bible, writing well before the advent of computers, would have been incapable of consciously introducing into the Bible the patterns that Bible Code researchers are finding by means of computers. Hence these patterns, if not attributable to chance, must stem from a non-human intelligence. Moreover, if the patterns contain information about subsequent events in world history, this nonhuman intelligence would also have to possess preternatural foreknowledge. And since the Bible claims to be inspired by precisely such a Being, the most obvious solution to the identity of this nonhuman intelligence is the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, to wit, YHWH. Here, in broad strokes, is the logic underlying the Bible Code.

Jeffrey Satinover's *Cracking the Bible Code* is the place to begin for anyone interested in the subject. It is engagingly written, well-informed, and generally sober. In particular, it avoids the statistical fallacies too commonly associated with coverage of the Bible Code.

The best known example of the Bible Code, and one Satinover treats in detail, is the Great Sages experiment. Several Israeli mathematicians took thirty or so prominent rabbis from the Encyclopedia of Great Men of Israel, and looked among the equidistant letter sequences of Genesis for a juxtaposition of rabbi names with their dates of birth or death. They found some. On calculating the improbability of so close a match between names and corresponding dates, the mathematicians concluded that the match couldn't have

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happened by chance (the probability was less than 1 in 60,000). The journal *Statistical Science* tacitly agreed. After an arduous review, its editors finally decided to publish the results of this experiment. Suddenly the Bible Code had a measure of academic respectability.

Nevertheless, one paper in a prestigious journal is hardly enough to settle so controversial a topic. The Bible Code raises a number of sticking points. For instance, even if a nonhuman intelligence can convincingly be shown to have introduced information into the Bible, the identity of that intelligence remains controversial. That's not to say that the Orthodox Jewish preference for identifying this intelligence with YHWH wouldn't be the most plausible one.

Another sticking point concerns how to use the Bible Code, should it prove genuine. The modest approach uses the Bible Code simply to authenticate the Bible, showing that there is a nonhuman intelligence behind the text. For example, Satinover describes how Bible Code researchers looked among the equidistant letter sequences of Leviticus 1:1-13 and found an overwhelming number of references to the high priest Aaron. What led the Bible Code researchers to look for Aaron's name were the persistent references throughout this passage to the Aaronic priesthood, yet no references to Aaron himself. In this passage of thirteen verses one would expect on average to find eight references to Aaron among the equidistant letter sequences. There are actually twenty-five. The probability of this happening by chance is less than 1 in 2,000,000.

..... Throughout *Cracking the Bible Code* one finds references to "p-values," some of which are quite small. "P-value," short for "probability value," refers to the probability that a given pattern might be present in the equidistant letter sequences by chance. The smaller this probability, the more compelling the inference that a nonhuman intelligence influenced the writing of the Bible. There is, however, a catch.

A small p-value by itself isn't enough to preclude chance. In addition, the pattern for which one calculates a p-value must be independently given. The Bible Code researcher can't just willy-nilly search through equidistant letter sequences until something interesting or unusual turns up. Statisticians call this cherry picking or data snooping, and it vitiates any statistical analysis. Patterns must be given independently of the search, and only then can small p-values indicate the finger of God.

..... Although it's too early to decide whether the Bible Code is genuine, Satinover makes a good argument for taking it seriously. The credibility of the key players is significant. The main figures involved in this debate, whether critics or advocates of the Bible Code, are top rung, well-credentialed mathematicians. All the fundamental research on the Bible Code has been done openly, and without a hint of deception. It is notable that advocates of the Bible Code have jeopardized their careers, converted to Orthodox Judaism, refocused their research, and in some cases changed disciplines.

Statistical analyses, though yet to decide this debate, have at least been suggestive. Highly improbable, independently given patterns seem to occur in the Hebrew Bible with an obstinacy displayed in no other text. What's more, if this phenomenon had to occur reliably in some ancient text, there would be no better candidate than the Hebrew Bible, especially its first five books, known as the Torah.

The textual transmission of the Hebrew Bible, and especially of the Torah, is far more accurate than anything else in antiquity. Because the Bible Code is sensitive to copying errors, the Hebrew Bible satisfies a crucial necessary condition for possessing such a code. Indeed, if the Bible Code ultimately proves genuine, we can credit its discovery to generations of obsessive-compulsive scribes who meticulously transcribed the Hebrew Bible. We might then even regard their obsessive-compulsiveness as a divine grace.

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The philosopher Bertrand Russell was once asked why he didn't believe in God. He replied, "Not enough evidence." Satinover's fascination with the Bible Code is that it may provide evidence for God's existence that would have convinced even a Bertrand Russell. There has been a long dismal trend of science eroding faith in God. In the Bible Code, Satinover sees a unique wedding of science and theology, wherein each reinforces the other.

But perhaps that wedding is not unique. At the same time that research in the Bible Code has taken off, research in a seemingly unrelated field has taken off as well, namely, biological design. These two fields are in fact closely related. Indeed, the same highly improbable, independently given patterns that appear as the equidistant letter sequences in the Bible Code appear in biology as functionally integrated ("irreducibly complex") biological systems, of the sort Michael Behe discussed in *Darwin's Black Box*.

This convergence of the Bible Code and biological design should not seem surprising. There is a tradition within both Judaism and Christianity of speaking of two "books" where God reveals himself—the Book of Scripture, which is the Bible, and the Book of Nature, which is the world. I commend Jeffrey Satinover for his efforts to read both books.

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN

BIBLE PROPHECIES EVIDENCE CHRIST

While there are many so-called “holy books,” none can compare to the Christian Bible. There are many reasons why it is the best-selling book of all time. Even though it is a collection of poetry, history and prophecy from some forty different authors spanning some 4,000 years, it has a single message of salvation for all mankind by the grace-filled intervention of the only One, True, Almighty yet all-loving God. And how can one be sure it reveals the only true God, the Total Truth?

The fascinating bible code evidence cited in the previous chapter, *Bible Codes Evidence God*, strongly suggests the Bible's divine origin. Similarly, the prophetic and historical evidence of Jesus Christ's divinity is just as convincing to anyone objectively open to finding the truth.

The following article by R. Totten, *Worldview Test Site*, offers just fifteen of the more than 300 Old Testament prophecies that point to the person and purpose of Jesus Christ as the Messianic Savior of the world. As it suggests, the likelihood of predicting the time of his coming let alone the place and manner of his unique conception, birth and death happening by chance is virtually impossible. And no other “holy book” even attempts such divinely arranged documentation to prove its authenticity. Only One who knows the end from the beginning could inspire such a wondrous book - the Bible.

Portrait of Messiah by R. Totten

To give a statistical proof of the power of the Bible in the area of predictive prophecy, I will now list some messianic prophecies, along with their fulfillments. Also included is a conservative estimate of the mathematical chance that each

such prophecy could be fulfilled in the life of one individual by the random events of history.

1) Messiah to be a descendant of Abraham & Sarah - Genesis 12:2-3 ; 17:15-17 ; 18:18 Fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth - Matthew 1:1 ; Luke 3:33 ; Acts 3:25.

Logic: How many 90-year-old couples have ever born a child? (From 1500 B.C to 1900 A.D.) Thus... The Chance = 1 chance out of 1,000,000

2) Messiah to be a descendant of Isaac - Genesis 17:19 Fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth - Matthew 1:2 ; Luke 3:33

Logic: Abraham had two sons. (But the other son, Ishmael, was not by Sarah). Thus...

The Chance = 1 chance out of 2

3) Messiah to be a descendant of Judah - Genesis 49:10 Fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth - Matthew 1:3 ; Luke 3:33

Logic: Israel (Jacob) had 12 sons who became the 12 tribes. Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 12

4) Messiah to be a descendant of David - Isaiah 9:7 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 1:6 ; Luke 3:31

Logic: David was one of 8 sons. Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 8

Some people are concerned that Maternal bloodlines (Jesus was born of Mary) had absolutely no meaning or significance in Jewish laws of succession. In order to be heir to the throne of David, only the patrilineage mattered. If Jesus wasn't descended from David through his father then he wasn't the Messiah. But it must be noted, that Jesus was physically descended from David. He in fact IS humanly a descendant of David, and his bodily genetics came from Mary and ultimately from David. He was a real human. However, the reader will have to make up his own mind on these things.

Since the Messiah was prophesied to be born of a VIRGIN (and he was, in Isaiah 7:14 ...and Matthew understood this: Mat. 1:23), how much are we to make of the "legal" view of

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the Jews on lineage? Is it really such a choking point?

– What is more important?... the lack of a human father (causing a genealogical hiccup) ...or the fact that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and God was his Father (making him the sinless Lamb of God who could pay the death-penalty for our sins)?

– Furthermore, Matthew (in Chapter 1) mentions several women, who are actually more important in the lineage than their husbands. This seems to make a clear precedent for the coming of Mary in the line.

As Jesus said, some people strain a gnat out of their drink, but then swallow a camel.

– Some of us are so smart on a few technicalities, but miss the elephant in the room.

.-. But we can't out-smart God. He is not mocked. He will have the last word.

5) Birth-Place of Messiah, the "Eternal One," to be in Bethlehem, Israel - Micah 5:2 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 2:1 ; Luke 2:4-7

Logic: How many towns have Jews lived in around the world since 1500 B.C.? Thus...

The Chance = 1 out of 1000

6) The Time of Messiah's ministry specified - Daniel 9:25 Fulfilled in Jesus - (see discussion above)

Logic: How many generations of Jews have there been? Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 100

7) Messiah to be born of a virgin - Isaiah 7:14 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 1:18 ; Luke 1:26-35

Logic: Though basically a miracle, there may be some small chance. (up to 1900 A.D.) Thus... The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

8) Messiah flees to Egypt to live for a while, and returns to

Israel - Hosea 11:1 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 2:14-15

Logic: What percentage of Jews have ever lived in Egypt?

Thus... The Chance = 1 out of 1000

9) Messiah to be a prophet like Moses, with miracles, authority over the Scriptures - Deut. 18:15 Fulfilled in Jesus - John 6:14 ; John 1:45 ; Acts 3:19-26

Logic: How many Jews have major prophetic status, still recognized worldwide long after death? Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

10) Messiah to enter Jerusalem triumphantly, as a King, ...riding on a donkey - Zechariah 9:9 Fulfilled in Jesus - John 12:12-14 ; Matthew 21:1-11

Logic: How many Jews have ever done precisely this? Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

11) Messiah, though innocent, is rejected and dies for our sins - Isaiah 53:3-5,9,12 Fulfilled in Jesus - John 1:11,29 ; John 8:46 ; Hebrews 4:15 ; John 15:23-25 ; Matthew 8:16-17

Logic: How many people (besides Jesus) are sinless? ...and died for the sins of others? Thus... The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

12) Messiah to be crucified, bones disjointed, mocked, lots cast for clothing - Psalm 22:6-8,16-18 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 27:32f ; John 19:16f

Logic: How many have been crucified, also including just these circumstances? Thus...

The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

13) Messiah's side to be pierced at the behest of the people of Jerusalem - Zechariah 12:10 Fulfilled in Jesus - John 19:34

Logic: The number of crucified victims at Jerusalem with a stab in the side? Thus... The Chance = 1 out of 1000

14) Messiah's body does not decay, but is resurrected in three days - Psalm 16:10 ; Isaiah 53:11 Fulfilled in Jesus - Matthew 28 ; Mark 16 ; Luke 24 ; John 20 ; Acts 1 ; 1 Corinthians 15

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Logic: How many people have come back to life after being dead for three days? Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

15) Messiah to ascend into heaven, and rightly called "Lord"
- Psalm 68:18 Fulfilled in Jesus - Luke 24:50-51 ; Acts 1:9-11

Logic: Very few men have ascended into heaven without mechanical means. Thus...The Chance = 1 out of 1,000,000

Analysis of Probability

Statistical probabilities are calculated such that, the combined chance of the first two events (above) happening to one person in his lifetime, is the product of those two chances, which is: 1 chance out of 2, times 1 chance out of 1,000,000 ...which multiplies out to 1 chance out of 2,000,000. Similarly, the combined chance of the first three events happening to one person is the product of the first three chances, which multiplies out to 1 chance out of 24,000,000.

These multiplications continue in this manner, until you get a total product for all fifteen messianic prophecies. Thus, the combined chance of all fifteen events happening to one person, is the product of all fifteen chances, which comes out to: 1 chance out of 1060 ... (10 to the 60th power). This large number is a one with 60 zeroes behind it, and is approximately the number of atoms in a million stars. A leading authority on probability, Emile Borel, writes in his book *Probabilities and Life*, ('62), that when you reach one chance out of 1050, it is a statistically impossible event to occur randomly. To overcome the odds of one chance in 1050, would be like marking one electron in a mass the size of Earth, and then finding it blindfolded with one random selection. But the chance of the fifteen messianic prophecies happening to Jesus at random, was one chance out of 1060, so, we would have to mark one atom in a million stars, and then find it blindfolded with one random selection.

Therefore, obviously, it is virtually impossible that those fifteen prophecies happened in the life of Jesus merely by chance, ... and remember, the people who did those things to Jesus did not realize they were fulfilling the predictions. In this, we have

virtually a formal mathematical proof that God supernaturally gave the prophecies in the Bible, and therefore, that the Bible is divinely authoritative, and that God is also in charge of the events of history.

What's more, when we consider that there are about 300 fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ, and that there are many dozens of other fulfilled prophecies concerning additional people, places and events, we begin to see the power of this evidence, which demonstrates that the Bible is from God.

Now, of course, with regard to some prophecies it can quite justifiably be maintained that the person fulfilling the prophecy did it on purpose .-.this idea is certainly true in some instances, and the Bible even says (for instance) that Jesus did a few things to intentionally fulfill scripture. For the purposes of our mathematical calculations of chance fulfillments we could choose not to count such fulfillments, however, the main prophecies in view here are those which are beyond the control of the person involved. For example, Jesus could not control the place of his birth, or the manner of his execution, etc. Also, the re-establishment of the nation of Israel is most probably beyond the control of the people who participated in it.

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE DEATH OF ATHEISM

So far, Section 2 of this book has focused on a detailed comparison between Christianity and its philosophical opposite, Secularistic Materialism. Various chapters have endeavored to show that Atheism is irrational and its fulcrum, the doctrine of Evolution, is scientifically and statistically impossible. All this would be merely academic if the results were not so catastrophic. But is there a reputable and definitive analysis that can explain the underbelly of Atheism, help to get a handle on why it has failed its believers and project its future in a world of competing belief systems? Indeed there is.

Alister McGrath, professor of Historical Theology at Oxford University, Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, and President of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics at Wycliffe Hall is well able to objectively compare and evaluate the merits of Atheism with those of Christianity. He teaches doctrine and apologetics at Wycliffe Hall. As a former atheist and scientist, his background, credentials and experience have equipped him to be one of Christianity's foremost scholars. A distinguished author of numerous books including *In the Beginning*, *The Reenchantment of Nature* and *The Journey*; he is also a consulting editor of Christianity Today and the general editor of The NIV Thematic Study Bible. In his comprehensive overview titled *The Twilight of Atheism*,²⁸ McGrath traces Atheism's rise and fall. He reviews the usual adherents.-.Marx, Freud and Darwin.-.and also surveys famous thinkers in literature like George Eliot and Algernon Swinburne; in science like Jacques Monod and Richard Dawkins; and in philosophy like Ludwig Feuerbach and Michel Foucault.

McGrath understands Atheism's flaws first-hand and he convincingly documents its philosophical inconsistency and

moral failures. These, he contends, have become especially evident wherever atheists have gained political power. For example, Hitler's atheistic/evolutionary beliefs justified treating humans like worthless animals because, in his anti-Christian mind, they were. The same can be said for other atheistic tyrants of the twentieth century who murdered more than 135 million humans in peace time alone. They rejected the fact that the person and message of Jesus Christ, when received and faithfully applied, has done more to civilize and free mankind from virtually every slavery known to man than any other religion or belief system.

But professor McGrath is also quick to admit that the true message and life of Jesus was not always properly lived. It was human failure that opened the door for counterfeits like Atheism and enabled them to gain a foothold. It is tragic that the gift God gave for mankind's good can so easily be prostituted by those it was meant to liberate. McGrath warns, "Believers need to realize that, strange as it may seem, it is they who will have the greatest impact on atheism's future."²⁹ Being complicit with evil only gives rise to this and other evil systems.

According to McGrath, Atheism is apparently succumbing to the very fate of irrelevance and dissolution that atheists once predicted would overtake traditional religion. He traces the history of Atheism from its emergence in eighteenth-century Europe as a revolutionary worldview that offered liberation from the rigidity of traditional religion and the oppression of tyrannical monarchs, to its golden age in the first half of the twentieth century. He also relates part of Atheism's initial success to some Protestant creeds that falsely divorced the sacred from the secular (described so well by Christian philosopher and theologian Francis Schaeffer) and undermined true biblical faith.

At the same time, influential atheists, duped by the false hopes of Evolution, convinced their followers that social and personal progress would necessarily increase once humanity surrendered its repressive beliefs in a God made obsolete by Evolution. This ruse achieved temporary but remarkable "success" in areas such as politics, psychotherapy and science.

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But in the very triumph of Atheism, McGrath sees the very causes of its inevitable collapse. For once in power, Atheism did not fulfill its promise of the utopia of the Enlightenment but rather the barbarism of the Holocaust.

Bryce Christensen of the American Library Association concludes in his review of *The Twilight of Atheism*, "Politically discredited and imaginatively exhausted, atheism has been forced into an astonishing retreat before advancing Pentecostal preachers and Christian fabulists."³⁰ At bottom, Oxford professor Alister McGrath effectively challenges the widely held assumption that the world is becoming more secular and demonstrates why Atheism cannot provide the moral power and intellectual guidance essential for coping with the complexities of modern life. It is by definition, spiritually bankrupt because it refuses to recognize even the possibility of a supernatural realm. And there is yet another reason for its being cast on the ash heap of history.-.the resurgence of worldviews that include the non-material. Fittingly enough, the next chapter will analyze the validity of the New Age movement.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

CHRISTIANITY VS. NEW AGE

One of the newest rivals impacting Christianity in America is the New Age worldview which arose in the 1960s. Generally speaking, it is a make over of ancient Hinduism fashioned to appeal to those disillusioned with Materialism or moral-based religions. Rather than debunking Divinity, New Agers believe everyone is Divine and, therefore, inherently good. Everything came from and is evolving back to a cosmic Oneness. Ultimately, there is no right or wrong. Everything for everybody will turn out okay in the end. The dawning of the new Age of Aquarius is evolutionarily certain!

New Age beliefs are very appealing to those battered by the meaninglessness and hopelessness of stark Materialism. For a New Age believer, it is more agreeable to think of oneself as both good and worthwhile rather than as a sinner doomed to hell or to be guaranteed a positive future beyond death rather than to just cease to exist. "For some, karma is a more reasonable concept than eternal damnation for the wicked. ... a belief that virtue is rewarded and sin creates suffering might lead to a belief in Karma."³¹ And, like all non-Christian religions, this worldview allows/requires one to eventually earn an inevitable, wonderful conclusion - even if it takes many, often miserable, reincarnated lifetimes to reach.

Earl's Dilemma

"In the popular American television series My Name is Earl, Earl Hickey (played by Jason Lee) becomes the victim of karma but eventually realizes that he must make up for all the bad things he's done in order to stop being punished."³² Hollywood's greatly simplified version of "karma" has Earl feverishly working to end all of the plaguing results of his bad choices by doing good deeds. Predictably, no mention is made of an existence after death

although New Age believers hope in and strive for eventual bliss. Of course, this hoped for “wonderful conclusion” is only reachable if Hinduism and/or Buddhism and/or New Age beliefs are, in fact, ultimately true. Remember: The whole purpose of analyzing these conflicting Worldviews is to help you decide.

Unfortunately, the conflicting meanings and interpretations of key concepts within the similar belief systems (Hinduism, Buddhism and New Age) make precise understanding difficult if not impossible. This uncertainty does not seem to bother believers because of their assumption that sooner or later, all will be well. Nonetheless, an attempt at clarity, which apparently does not interest Hollywood, is important for deeper analysis and understanding.

What is Karma?

At the risk of over-simplifying or misrepresenting “Karma” the next three paragraphs from Wikipedia will hopefully add some light on a pivotal term in this Worldview.

Karma is a sum of all that an individual has done, is currently doing and will do. Individuals go through certain processes and accompanying experiences throughout their lives which they have chosen, and those would be based on the results of their own creations: “karma.” Karma is not about retribution, vengeance, punishment or reward. Karma simply deals with what is. The effects of all deeds actively create past, present and future experiences, thus making one responsible for one's own life, and the pain and joy it brings to others. In religions that incorporate Reincarnation, karma extends through one's present life and all past and future lives as well.

According to Karma, performance of positive action results with the reaction of a good conditioning in one's experience, whereas a negative action results in a reaction of a bad response. This may be an immediate result following the act, or a delayed result occurring either in the present life or the next. Thus, meritorious acts may create rebirth into a higher station, such as a superior

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human being or a godlike being, while evil acts result in rebirth as a human living in less desirable circumstances, or as a lower animal.” ...

The process view of release (moksha) from ego-consciousness (Ahamkar) through individual responsibility for the totality of action with its inherent karma can be contrasted with the Soteriological [theology that deals with salvation] view of mainstream denominations of Christianity: grace given by faith in the suffering, death and resurrection of a singular savior.

The contrast between Christianity and New Age Worldviews is expanded in the chart below.

Some Scary Implications

There are some chilling concepts in the above explanation of “Karma.” For example, adherents believe they may become “lower animals” based on their actions. The practical consequence of this unprovable assumption is that animals are actually treated better than many human beings in countries like India. While cows are honored as sacred, dying beggars are ignored and left to suffer painful deaths. Giving aid and comfort is regarded by believers as harmful; others must not interfere in the suffering person's state because it is linked to his Karma. (Just why cows are revered when, presumably, they were once humans but are now in an animal state because they did not perform enough good actions to remain human, is not explained.) Fortunately for the rejected beggars, Christians like Mother Theresa believe that all humans have intrinsic dignity because they were created by a benevolent God, not accidentally formed by an indifferent cosmic Oneness.

Another unsettling example is “The process view of release (moksha) from ego-consciousness (Ahamkar)...” This is an esoteric way of saying that, no matter how many times a person might reincarnate from human to grasshopper to human to pig to cow etc., his desired final end is to become an ego-less “it.” Being a human being with an individual human (or animal) personality and identity is viewed as a condition that prevents the “at-one-

ment” with the non-personal, cosmic “it-ness.” According to this Worldview, you will no longer be *you* but will become part of One Big Cosmic IT! So, if this Worldview is true, you have to become a “nothing” before you can become a “something.” Notice: you must devolve to an inferior “non-entity” rather than evolve to a superior “Something.” Eventually, all separateness merges into Oneness and One is All. Obviously, this is decidedly different from both the Christian and Materialistic Worldview. They can’t all be true!

CHART 5 COMPARISON CHART	
CHRISTIANITY	NEW AGE WESTERNIZED HINDUISM
FAITH IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE	FAITH IN INEVITABLE “IT-NESS”
The God of the Bible created everything and He called it good. God made man to know, love and belong to Him, to serve Him in obedient faith and to live for His glory and pleasure forever. All that God created is accountable to Him, including Mankind.	All things come from a non-personal Universal Spiritual Essence, the Absolute. The material realm is an unimportant hindrance since everything is inevitably evolving back to cosmic Oneness-”at-one-ment.” All religions lead to One since all is One.
Adam rejected God's legitimate authority as his Creator and came under Satan's dominion, causing the darkness of alienation from God, personal suffering, sin and death that now befalls everyone. Since all humans came from Adam, they are born also as fallen rebels by nature. Also, all creation has been “destroyed” by sin compared to the original	Man is of the divine and, therefore, inherently good. There is no right or wrong because everything is ultimately a part of Divine Oneness. Evil and suffering are temporary problems, the direct result of our false sense of individuality - apart from One.

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<p>“good” condition of the Garden.</p>	
<p>God's plan is to redeem mankind through rebirth by faith in Jesus' sacrificial death and His payment for all mankind's sins. This grants true believers divine life that enables them to fulfill God's purpose here and gives hope for endless fulfillment in Christ. Hell awaits all who reject God's merciful offer, thus, remain slaves of the Devil forever.</p>	<p>Each person is accountable to himself to achieve and access the “supra-consciousness” with its unlimited power and creativity. All religions lead to One since all is One. If bad things have happened to a person, it is because of what he has done in this life or a previous one. It must be worked off by doing more good than bad.-Karma.</p>
<p>God offers you a way out. Put your trust and future in God's hands so that Heaven will be your home! By God's grace, believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord. Abide in Him for His glory and your good through the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 10:9-13).</p>	<p>Every person must achieve the highest state of being by escaping from his individuality and realizing that he is part of the Divine - One with the non-personal Universal Spiritual Essence, the Absolute - achieved through Yoga or other forms of meditation and self-removal.</p>

Knowing what you know so far, if you had the power to cause one Worldview to be the *real one*, which would you choose? Why?

CHAPTER NINETEEN

COMPARING OPPOSITES: CHRISTIANITY AND NEW AGE

CHART 1 from, page 32, “Discovering Your Worldview,” posed questions designed to help you recognize your belief system. It is repeated below for your convenience and is followed by a new chart that demonstrates the differences between the Christian Worldview and the New Age Worldview. Compare your answers to **CHART 1** questions with those in the new chart to see where your beliefs line up.

CHART 1

A. MY PAST

- 1) Origin: Where did everything come from?
- 2) Condition: Was/is it good, neutral or bad?
- 3) Origin: Where did I come from?
- 4) Condition: Was/am I good, neutral or bad?

B. MY PRESENT

- 1) Identity: Who Am I?
- 2) Purpose: Why am I here?
- 3) Am I ultimately accountable to anyone?
- 4) Condition: Why is there calamity, evil, suffering and death?

5) Will this bad condition ever be fixed? If so, how, by whom and when?

C. MY FUTURE

1) Destination: Where is everything going?

2) Condition: will it be good, neutral, bad?

3) Destination: Where am I going?

4) Condition: will it be good, neutral or bad?

5) Do my choices now determine my ultimate future ...
YES ... or ... NO?

D. GIVEN MY ANSWERS (my worldview, belief/faith system), what should I do and how should I live and behave now?

CHART 6 answers are correlated to the letter and number of **CHART 1** above.

CHART 6 COMPARISON CHART	
CHRISTIANITY	NEW AGE WESTERNIZED HINDUISM
FAITH IN THE GOD OF THE BIBLE	FAITH IN INEVITABLE “IT-NESS”

A. 1	The God of the Bible created everything.	A. 1, 3, B. 1	All things come from a non-personal Universal Spiritual Essence, the Absolute.
A. 2	and He called it good.	A. 2	The material realm is an unimportant hindrance since everything is inevitably evolving back to cosmic Oneness-”at-one-ment.” All religions

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			lead to One since all is One.
A. 3	God made man	A. 4	Man is of the Divine and, therefore,
B 2	to personally know, love and belong to Him, to reign with Him in obedient faith and to live for and in His glory and pleasure forever as part of His redeemed family.	C. 5, B. 4	inherently good. There is no right or wrong because everything is ultimately a part of Divine Oneness. Evil and suffering are a temporary problem, the direct result of our false sense of individuality apart from One.
B. 3	All that God created is accountable to Him, including mankind.	B. 3	Each person is accountable to himself
B. 4	Adam rejected God's legitimate authority as his Creator and came under Satan's dominion, causing the darkness of alienation from God, personal suffering, sin and death that now befalls everyone.	B. 2, 5	to achieve and access the "supra-consciousness" with its unlimited power and creativity.
A. 4, B. 1, 4	Since all humans came from Adam, they are born also as fallen rebels by nature. Also, all creation has been "destroyed" by sin compared to the original "good" condition of the Garden.	B. 4	If bad things have happened to a person, it is because of what he has done in this life or a previous one.
C. 1, B. 5	God's plan is to redeem mankind through rebirth by grace through faith in Jesus' sacrificial death which paid for all of mankind's sins and reconciled mankind to God – from His viewpoint. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19	B. 5	It must be worked off by doing more good than bad.-.Karma.

C. 2,4	Being reborn of God grants all believers eternal life as partakers of His divine nature that enables them to fulfill God's purpose here and guarantees endless fulfillment in Christ.	B. 2, 5, C. 2	Every person must achieve the highest state of being
C. 2	Hell awaits all who reject God's merciful offer of rebirth and thus, remain slaves of the Devil forever.	B. 1, C. 1, 3	by escaping from his individuality and realizing he is part of the Divine - One with the non-personal Universal Spiritual Essence, the Absolute,
C. 3	God offers you a way out. Put your trust and future in God's hands so that Heaven will be your home! By God's grace, believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Lord. Abide in Him for His glory and your good through the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 10:9-13.)	B. 5	achieved through Yoga or other forms of meditation and self-removal.

It is obvious that the three worldviews covered in this series, Christianity, Materialism and New Age, can't all be true because they contradict each other on crucial issues. Fortunately in America, we are free to believe what we want without fear of brainwashing or persecution or consequences - or are we? It certainly is a question worth investigation, especially when the answers might put one's eternal future in peril. The next chapter reveals some alarming facts.

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PART THREE

**WORLDVIEW CHOICES REAP
CONSEQUENCES**

CHAPTER TWENTY

PHILOSOPHY MASQUERADING AS SCIENCE

The author of the article below rightly asks, “Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be able to say that in this country (America) we don’t teach a particular theory as fact, but instead rely on honest investigation of true science, always ready to reinterpret data based on new, confirmed discoveries?” Yes, it would. But is that what is routinely happening in the world of science and science education? Decidedly not. How could it be when a heresy such as the Doctrine of Evolution is hailed as the “cornerstone principle” of biology. The doctrine would be laughable if it were not for the fact that it is causing so much social harm and preventing the flowering of truth and academic freedom in our public education system from kindergarten through university levels. Additionally, virtually every modern book and TV show about animals includes the supposed facts of the Doctrine of evolution – indoctrinating clueless viewers.

The following article, included in its entirety with their permission, is but a sampling of the wealth of documentation found on the *Creation Moments* web site.

Creation Moments Responds to the Washington Post
Evolution: A Bankrupt Philosophy

Degradation of science in the classroom leads to rote belief in philosophy with no scientific foundation.

In an Oct. 1, 2006 Washington Post article titled, *War against evolution* could deeply harm future of U.S. science, Paul A. Hanle, president of the Biotechnology Institute, relates how he was asked: “How can you teach biotechnology in this country when you don't even accept evolution?”

The raised hand was that of a visiting student from France. The context was a discussion encouraging the teaching of biotechnology in high schools.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to say that in this country (America) we don't teach a particular theory as fact, but instead rely on honest investigation of true science, always ready to reinterpret data based on new confirmed discoveries?

Instead, when the author of the Washington Post article was challenged about the fact that people in our society have the freedom to reject evolution, he missed his opportunity. Rather than uphold the lofty heights of balanced scientific investigation that put a man on the moon, he feels embarrassed for his poor, ill-educated society.

A higher society is one in which each individual is allowed to challenge points of view, especially with accepted test methods. Scientific claims that challenge evolution dogma enable our society to function. Without an open door to free thinking in this area, we become dominated by the "academic elite" like Dr. Eric R. Pianka of the Texas Academy of Science whose strong belief in evolution philosophy led him to call for the extermination of 90% of our population to help bring positive outcomes to society and environmental issues!

Whether one believes in evolution or not does not preclude understanding biology or any scientific discipline. And contrary to the belief of evolutionists like Paul Hanle, the "cornerstone principle of biology" is not evolution. Like any other science, biology has historically been based on the scientific method of observation, experimentation, and modeling of the observable world around us.

"Hanle's assertion that there is 'no serious scientific debate' over the supposed 'cornerstone principle' of evolution in biology is just plain dishonest," says Dr. Don

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Clark, a biotechnology scientist and a firm supporter of the recent, intelligently designed origin of life on our planet.

“To blame the decline in math skills and science education on questioning evolution is preposterous,” Dr. Clark added. “This decline of skills in our students is due to the lack of discipline in our society resulting directly from the evolutionary teaching that we evolved from primordial organic soup.”

Scientists like Dr. Clark have a point. A quick glance at social statistics points to a direct correlation of the introduction of evolution into the public schools and lower SAT scores. When Christian underpinnings were removed from U.S. classrooms in 1963, the evolution content in biology text books increased by 1000% - from an average of less than 3,000 words per book in the early 1960s to over 30,000 words just after 1963.

It is interesting to note that many other negative statistics began to skyrocket during that same year. From teen pregnancy to drug abuse to suicide, the virtually identical graphs rise from sea-level “straight lines” to Mt. Everest “peaks.” In fact, it's these negative statistics on the graphs that have evolutionists continually on the defensive. How could the planned social utopia evolve into such disarray?

Noticeably missing from Paul Hanle's article was an explanation of how the ability of students to understand evolution has anything at all to do with scientific ability. Just as any philosophy can be studied and learned, yet not adopted as truth by the student, so evolution can be studied and learned by anyone. It is worth noting and highly ironic that students raised in a Christian or home school environment consistently score higher on SAT and advance placement tests than their peers brought up in the public school system. For example, a 1997 study found that homeschool students on average out-performed their counterparts in the public schools by 30 to 37 percentile points in all subjects. The problem is not a belief system—or is it?

Most of the founding fathers of modern science saw intelligent design and God as the foundation for science. Their belief in God as Creator did not inhibit them from laying down scientific principles by which true science is practiced today. In fact, scientists like Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, Nicolaus Copernicus, Gregor Mendell, Johannes Kepler, and Christian Huygens helped bring about the technological revolution of our age.

What hope is there in trying to understand a chaotic world? None. It only leads to a decay in innovation and technological breakthroughs, because there is no true scientific foundation on which to build.

A war of belief systems is going on. It is a war between those who believe in the uniqueness of man, created by God, and those who believe man is just another evolved animal species. There is no other way to describe it. And while many people have bought into a philosophy at odds with a Creator God, they do so NOT out of scientific investigation, but out of the coercion and constant barrage of misinformation from secular humanism in the form of evolution.

The writer of the Washington Post article admits that random mutation forming a human eye is "difficult to understand." Of course it's difficult to understand when approached from evolutionary presuppositions! That's because the eye did not form through random mutations. No scientific study supports it. In fact, there has never been a mutation recorded that brought about new genetic information. Camera lenses were designed and created. This is fact. But for evolutionary scientists, the fact of God's existence simply must be ignored.

With evolution, there is no "open inquiry." There is no room for alternative explanations. Those who hold to evolution do not want to even consider the thousands of scientific evidences that stand in opposition to evolutionary theory.

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According to the Washington Post article, the questioning of evolution theory is a “raw deal” for students. We feel that the very opposite is true. If evolution is true, you do not know where you came from, so why should you care about the future? Evolutionary philosophy creates the desire to live only for today, and not care about tomorrow, or your fellow man. Besides, evolution is simply a theory – and an unproven one at that.

In the U.S. we once had an educational system which encouraged individual thought. Today, we have a system where hoaxes and disproved evidences for evolution are still used as examples in text books.

If we want to enhance the science programs in our schools and get our kids interested in science once again, we must return to the days of open discussion and dialogue. Only then will our society reap the benefits of free thought and innovation.

Students who have the freedom to believe in divine creation will not be handicapped when going to college. And their career will only be hampered if the scientific community blackballs them. This type of prejudice is the dangerous proposition being made by Paul Hanle in his article.

We at Creation Moments agree with Paul Hanle that tomorrow's biologists must be equipped with sound, scientifically based knowledge. It is why we fight so hard and persevere so long against irrational, unsupported theory and conjecture.

Thankfully, America is waking up to the fact that we've been duped. Most of us can “pass the test questions about evolution theory.” But we don't buy it anymore. Many of us were ridiculed in our classes for holding to a God-created universe. And we have finally become aware that there is more on the agenda than impartial scientific inquiry.

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Scientific investigation that supports creation and intelligent design will not disappear. The weight of evidence is too great. From the polonium rings in granite to the irreducible complexity of single-celled organisms to the complete lack of transitional forms anywhere in the fossil record (except for the hoaxes, of course), the proof against evolution far outweighs any that support it. It is truly a bankrupt philosophy.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

HIDDEN WORLDVIEWS

So far, this book has focused on comparing and contrasting three out of eight major Worldviews because they are the three most prominent in America today. As stated previously, it is axiomatic that every functioning human being operates out of a Worldview, consciously or not. It is essential to realize that every government, organization, business and institution also reflects the Worldview of its founders which is then continued, reinterpreted or replaced by individuals running it at any given time. As with brand names and sports teams, what a group stood for before does not necessarily mean it stands for now. It mostly depends on the current leadership's Worldview.

It follows, then, that both private and public schools are based on a spoken or unspoken Worldview that is advanced or being replaced by people in power. It is a monumental and prevailing lie that public schools can be, and therefore should be, Worldview-neutral. There is no such thing as “separation of Worldview and state.” All significant human activity springs from a set of assumptions, a Worldview. Beliefs drive agendas; agendas drive policies; policies drive decisions; decisions drive actions; and actions have consequences that shape and mold impressionable children. Since it is impossible for any school to be bias-free, it is imperative for Americans in general, and parents in particular, to know which bias is driving the leaders of our churches, government and schools. Nothing less than the present and future spiritual and material welfare of all Americans is at stake.

As a follow up to the previous chapter on the condition of public education in America, this chapter presents a reasoned argument why one particular Worldview should be the basis of today's public schools, as it once was. But first, another less

prominent but nonetheless influential Worldview begs mention because it is impacting Americans of all ages at an alarming rate.

Satanism - a Worldview

As previously stated in the Eight Major Worldviews chart, the Occult is defined as “The belief that Satan is to be honored, feared and obeyed as a god and lord.” Simply put, the Occult is the direct manifestation of the Kingdom of Darkness in the person of Satan and his demons, all of whom are described in the Bible as “fallen angels.” They are worshiped through degrading and sacrilegious rituals primarily aimed at blaspheming the person and redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Few people make the connection but the highest “Holy Day” of this underworld religion is Halloween. Darkness and even death are celebrated by unsuspecting participants who are “just having some fun.” Americans spend more money on celebrating this holiday of horrors than on any other except Christmas. No doubt, Satan and his hordes are pleased.

Satan's Hook

Satan offers hidden knowledge and power to anyone foolish enough to pledge personal allegiance to him and his destructive ways. Jesus revealed that “The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy....” (John 10:10). This is in direct opposition to His mission: to save mankind from Satan's enslavement and give His abundant life of true love, freedom and peace to those who believe in Him. To those duped by Satan's lies, the enticements and seductions through his perversions of what is good become a steel trap for their spirit, soul and body.

It can be easily observed that Satan ensnares his subjects who are seeking pleasure or control or security with controlling addictions, gross anti-social behavior, dysfunctional relationships and often early death. A pattern of depression, suppression and obsession is the trademark of his cruel handiwork. When allied with him (the anti-Christ) there is no choice left but eternal hellfire, a regretful conclusion to what could have been a life of endless bliss - what every heart desires and is born to have.

Popular Deceptions

Satan invents and spreads deceptions like Atheism, based on the Doctrine of Evolution, in public schools to prevent or undermine a belief in and acceptance of the only God-sent Savior of the human race, Jesus Christ, who defeated him on Calvary. After all, if one becomes brainwashed into believing that all Creation came from nothing - by an accident! - rather than from God's handiwork, God becomes irrelevant. What better means of revenge against God than for the Deceiver to use people and their institutions and systems to spread and inculcate a host of false Worldviews to combat God's truth and freedom for mankind? And often at taxpayer's expense to boot!

Which Worldview Works?

So, based on pure, pragmatic logic, which one of the four Worldviews most prominent in American culture today should all school authorities teach impressionable students, if they truly have their best interest at heart? Based on all of the facts that these four competing and contradictory Worldviews declare to be true, one point of comparison is of primary importance: according to each doctrine, what existence awaits each person after death?

Atheism irrationally insists that there is no supernatural realm and, therefore, no existence after death. Consequently, there is no choice to be made. So if this Worldview is true, everyone's end is pre-determined: non-existence.

The **New Age** Worldview states that sooner or later everyone will become part of the non-personal, universal, eternal "It." Again, if this Worldview is true, everyone's end is predetermined: in this case, "it-ness."

Satanism declares that Satan is the ultimate power and that there is no other choice but existence under his rule. He is "god" and there is no other. So, if this Worldview is true, Satan's dominion over everyone is inevitable.

Choice Offered

In stark contrast, true **Christianity** paints a clear, unequivocal picture of two - and only two - diametrically opposed

Kingdoms and, further, that every person is necessarily in one or the other. There is no neutral ground upon which to stand independently while deciding. According to Jesus "He who is not with me is against me..." (Luke 11:23). Scariest still is His revelation that everyone starts off under Satan's authority and power.

But, thankfully, individuals can respond to God's gracious offer to be rescued through the mercy of Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice on mankind's behalf. Because of what Jesus accomplished for everyone, each person can now choose to be personally reconciled to a loving Father and partake of His divine life as His beloved child - provided he knows how to do so. The bottom line: the quality of each person's existence after death directly depends upon his personal choice between two opposing Kingdoms before death. By default, hell; by informed choice enabled by accepting and exercising God's free grace of saving faith, heaven.

And, obviously, if the Christian Worldview is true, Satan would do all he could to prevent the Good News from reaching mankind. Therein lies the war of the ages - behind the scenes, two Kingdoms are fighting over each person's allegiance and future. So, again, according to the Christian Worldview, each person's fate is not pre-determined but squarely lies on 1) his awareness that there are two opposing options and then 2) his choice to accept or reject God's loving offer, based on agreeing, believing and receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord because it is the only true Worldview, the Total Truth.

America's First Worldview

For over 300 years, our homes and schools made the choice between two contrasting futures uncompromisingly clear. Indeed, the Bible was the primary textbook in the early decades of formal education throughout America, including all colleges. The common view that a battle was raging between two Kingdoms over mankind influenced virtually every facet of American life. Contrary to the propaganda espoused by today's Secularists, virtually all of our Founding Fathers embraced the Christian Worldview. They openly declared, using Covenant terms, their

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dependence on God's wisdom and protection and forged the "Divine Experiment," known as America, on Christian principles.

Test the Fruit

Whenever and wherever Christians have lived the love and life of Jesus Christ, there has been the most positive and productive influence for good that the world has ever known. Compare this fruit with countries founded on Atheism (communist Russia and China), on New Age-style thinking (India) and on Satanism (Haiti) and the differences are unquestionably superior to honest observers. And, as long as the public school system in America supported the Christian Worldview in word and deed, students were routinely doing homework, not drugs; drinking milk shakes, not booze; chewing gum, not tobacco; shooting spitballs, not bullets. Boys were taught to honor girls, not violate them. Students were taught to respect human life, not abort it.

The 1960's confused love with lust, freedom with license, and joy with fun and amusement. True love, freedom and joy are possible only when they spring from a God-changed heart rather than a religious or political system of man's invention. If history proves anything, it is that no man can fix any man's fundamentally corrupt heart, including his own.

Given all this, a very relevant question **MUST** regularly be asked: Which of these competing Worldviews deserves to be promoted in all schools for each student's current and ultimate welfare? If you say anything but the Christian Worldview you have not been paying attention to the facts of history. Even if one of the other three were true, nothing could be done to affect one's existence after death. And their collective fruit this side of death has been provably rotten!

Student Rights!

Only Christianity offers each person the hope of a glorious alternative to eternal misery - provided one is willing to believe in Jesus Christ and to accept His gracious offer of full salvation. Doesn't every student have a need and a right to be schooled in that Good News, just in case it is true? After all, it is the only one

that depends on one's personal choice. And wouldn't all of America (not to mention the whole world) be far better off in the short and long run if all knew and believed in the person and power of Jesus Christ?

And even, in the end, if Christianity proved to be the wrong Worldview, what better behavior code to benefit mankind is there than the one which Jesus Christ taught and lived? What sane person could object to His Beatitudes and sacrificial love? Overall, history demonstrates that, when properly applied, it has produced a far higher quality of life for all participants than any other Worldview, hands down. Either way, mankind wins.

So why are Secularists feverishly working to replace America's Christian heritage and why are they doomed to failure even if they succeed? Those are worthy questions that this series will continue to address. But an even more pressing question for you is, "What Worldview should YOU believe?"

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CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

THREE SECULAR REASONS FOR PROMOTING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

Reason #1: Secularism Leads to Tyranny

Portions of this chapter are based on the book *Three Secular Reasons-Why America Should be Under God* by William J. Federer.

A previous chapter, “Hidden Worldviews,” argued from logic why teaching the Christian Worldview in public schools is best both for students and for America. Of course, Secular Humanists (and especially the ACLU) would argue against that position, demanding “separation of church and state.” Their hidden agenda is to replace America's Christian Worldview with the Materialist Worldview. Their strategy of deception is to rewrite history by brainwashing unsuspecting Americans into believing that our Founders forged a secular document, our Constitution, to establish a secular state since there are no specific references to a Christian Worldview set forth there.

Accordingly, they are determined to secularize every level of civil government with the mantra, “In a pluralistic society, the government should be neutral.” They accuse Christians of pushing their religion and morality on everyone else, which, they claim, is unfair and intolerant. They insist that our founders were Deists (not Christians) who framed a secular-based government to build a values-neutral nation. This opinion, of course, ignores the volumes of the Founders' original writings and actions in public office. In 1892, the Supreme Court, in a well-documented and researched case, unequivocally declared that “America is a Christian nation.”³³

For the sake of objectively considering the Supreme Court's position, consider this question: “Would there be any significant

differences to American values, freedoms and life-style if Secularists succeeded in bewitching America into a secular-based state?" To reveal the counter-productive results of the Secularist agenda, all one needs to do is pose the following three simple questions to Mr. Secularist when he condemns true Christianity as the enemy of freedom and America.³⁴

The "Right" Source

Question #1: Do you like having rights the government can't take away?

The only sane answer for Americans in general and Secularists in particular is, "Yes, of course." After all, most Secularists define freedom as the right to do anything one wants to do (rather than what one ought to do). Well then, Mr. Secularist, if you want to keep those rights, they have to come to you from a power higher than the government. In writing our Declaration of Independence, the Founders recognized this essential belief, that "All men are created equal with certain unalienable (intrinsic) rights and among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

According to them, the purpose of government was not to create or abolish rights but to protect and defend the rights that God gave to all men. If one's personal rights come from God then no man or state has the legitimate authority to usurp those rights. That is why our Founders could lawfully denounce the English king's abuse of his God-given authority and place themselves (and later, America) directly under God's protection and, therefore, authority, as stated in our Declaration of Independence. And they were so passionate about their Christian Worldview that, when King George of England repeatedly violated their God-given rights, they risked everything to defend them.

If all rights came from the king instead of from God, the colonists had no legal or moral right to rebel so we should all return to British rule. Fortunately for all of us, it was by practicing Protestant Christianity, firmly based on the biblical principle of true freedom, that our Founders torpedoed the Divine Right of Kings in favor of freedom and justice for all. Similarly today, if Hitler-like tyrannical madness threatens to end our God-based

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rights, the federal government has the Constitutional duty to do whatever is necessary to defend them.

If our Founders were Secularists, why would they attribute rights from God rather than from man as ACLU lawyers do today? And if this view is unique to our Founders and now outdated, why would John F. Kennedy have declared, "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God," during his Inaugural Address in 1961? Conversely, wherever God is not acknowledged, people and their rights exist only at the generosity of the state and those in power who manipulate those rights to stay in power.

Secularism Leads to Tyranny

Without God, the state becomes man's master instead of his servant. Government becomes god and determines what rights it arbitrarily extends to whom - if, how and when. And whatever the government grants it can just as easily take away. Former President Gerald Ford put it this way: "A government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take from you everything you have."³⁵ That is why government mandated socialism is so ephemeral and risky. Many people today involuntarily live under socialism or have voluntarily relinquished their freedoms to a socialistic government that promises security in this life. Proof lies no farther away than Cuba with Canada and Mexico not far behind.

It is man's prideful heart that makes him think he has the right to arbitrarily control others rather than serve them as God directs. History repeatedly demonstrates that "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Conclusion: Mr. Secularist, if you want your government to protect and defend rights for you and your progeny, uphold "One nation under God" so that liberty and justice can endure for all. Embrace secularism and tyranny will inevitably follow. It is not a good prospect for children or adults.-.here or anywhere.

Question #2: Do you like being equal to everybody else? If so, Mr. Secularist, be grateful to the God of our Founders whose revelation enabled them to boldly declare "that all men are

created equal.” Before the Darwinian deception began in 1859, our Founding Fathers accepted God's claim that He created all things and placed mankind as the pinnacle of His creation. Properly believed and applied, Christianity alone has championed the equality of mankind.- male and female. Virtually all the so-called great civilizations ranked human worth according to appearance, strength, talent, performance, status, gender, productivity or some other extrinsic value.

However, only man's Creator can accurately evaluate man's worth. Only the Giver of Life has the wisdom and authority to declare the intrinsic value of human life. The worth of anything is most often determined by what someone is willing to pay for it. Christianity insists that God paid the price of His own Son's Divine Blood for all the members of mankind who ever existed or will exist.-including you, Mr. Secularist. You already enjoy a taste of the worth and freedom His sacrifice purchased for mankind as embodied in America's unique, landmark document, the Declaration of Independence, from which our Constitution flows.

Did Buddha or Confucius give their believers intrinsic worth and freedom? Those enslaved in China's and India's caste system cry “No.” Their gods rule them by fear not love. Did Allah give equality and freedom to all Muslims? All females, (not to mention infidels, who are under the boot of Islam, cry “No.” Did the Pharaohs, kings and dictators of history set their captives free? The blood of countless millions cry “No.” They enslaved them and even killed their own people. Were the tribes of Africa or North and South America as noble as the romanticists portray? With unmentionable brutality, they enslaved and even ate their enemies - far from promoting equality and freedom to all men. Mankind's history is laced with atrocities starting with what Cain did to Abel.

Reason #2: Secularism Leads to Inequality

History also attests that not until Jesus came to earth did the members of the human race begin to experience the heart change necessary to see others as God does - intrinsically equal in His holy sight. Only the Christian Worldview offers the promise of

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equality for all people everywhere. As Harry S. Truman reiterated in his 1949 Inaugural address: “We believe that all men are created equal because they are made in the image of God.” If there is no God then who decides who is equal? Secularists like Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot have already answered that vital question: based on Evolution's cruel dictum of “the survival of the fittest,” they, and other power-hungry scoundrels like them, get to, by force.

Charles Darwin, whose speculations justified this madness, once stated that there are inferior species of the human race in Africa and aboriginal Australia. This racist lie is the reason there are now up to 10,000 aboriginal skulls in the British Museum.³⁶

The title of Darwin's first book (changed after early publications) was *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*. In turn, Margaret Sanger of Planned Parenthood fame used the terms “misfits” and “defectives” to describe those she saw as inferior. She often derogatorily equated human life to a garden: “Such human weeds clog up the path, drain up the energies and the resources of this little earth. We must clear the way for a better world; we must cultivate our garden.”³⁷ Adolph Hitler built his views of ethics on Darwinian principles which led to his vision of a “master race.” Through his Operation T4, he systematically eliminated over 70,000 “useless eaters,” handicapped and mentally ill children and adults.³⁸

Sub-question: Who gets to decide who should be eliminated and why? Hitler arbitrarily decided that in addition to the “useless eaters,” Blacks and Jews were at the bottom of the “worth ladder” and could be justifiably exterminated. If there is no God, and Hitler is an elected ruler over a sovereign nation, Darwin would agree that such atrocities are justified according to his diabolical Doctrine of Evolution. Likewise, Stalin decided that the Ukrainians were inferior so he eliminated 25 million of them! Worldviews have consequences.

Question #3: Do you want to live in a country with many laws or few laws? The purpose of good laws is to maintain order

and peace. The sheriff's duty in the Wild West was to bring law and order to a town. If there is to be order in society with few external laws the populace must follow an internal law.- a moral code. This is the "ought" of responsibility that must co-exist with freedom if people are to remain free. If that Biblical principal is rejected and replaced by a "do your own thing" ethic, anarchy results when individuals decide that they want another's job, property, spouse or life, etc. After a taste of that, most people will tolerate, if not demand, martial law and even a dictator to restore some semblance of order so that they can hopefully function again.

Far superior are people who willingly and internally submit to the rule of a loving God as did our Bible-informed Founding Fathers. But, knowing the waywardness of the unconverted heart, our Founders were well aware that this holy experiment, a Constitutional Republic, even with its checks and balances, was not for everyone. "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.," declared John Adams in 1798, many years after America began.³⁹ We bear the high social and material cost of jails for those who demonstrate a lack of internal moral control. External controls are forced upon them for the good of society as a whole. They become inmates generally because they do not keep the unspoken "ought" that true freedom requires of free people if they are to remain truly free.

Reason #3: Secularism Leads to Moral and Social Chaos

Now, thanks to Secularists who have forced us to remove the "ought" of the Ten Commandments from the school room walls, we must have police in the school hallways. Now, thanks to Secularists who have forced legalized abortion on our nation, over 60 million innocent Americans have been slaughtered. Now, thanks to Secularists who have trumpeted "free love" and persuaded many women to redefine equality to mean "identical," we have a 50+% divorce rate, and an epidemic of single parent homes and unwed mothers. Now, thanks to the Secularist mantra that "you are free to do your own thing," countless numbers of adults and children have reaped the whirlwind of economic bondage and social heartbreak. Now, thanks to Secularists who

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are redefining tolerance to mean forcing everyone to conform to what they define as politically correct according to their whim of the moment, all manner of immoral language and behavior is being declared legal, polluting our airways and corrupting our youth.

In their anger against God, it is possible that, one day, Secularists will outlaw Christianity in America, the very Worldview responsible for their freedom and for the tolerance to believe and to openly practice and promote what they believe. If that should happen, God forbid, the last in the boat will have kicked out the spiritual descendents of the builders of the boat who had let them in to begin with - and it will sink under the waves of anarchy and then tyranny. Is that what is best for America?

Our freedom is not free. It costs the continual vigilance against those who would replace the most successful Worldview ever extended to man with a counterfeit devised by man. If, Mr. Secularist, you actually do yearn for the ideal of true freedom for mankind rather than for a perverted lust for power and self-indulgence, then forsake your fantasies and come to the only God capable of giving you what you most need and desire. Do what wise men and women have been doing for 2000+ years: Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then everything else you really need will be supplied. No other Worldview rightly applied has produced better results.

In conclusion, Mr. Secularist, you can foolishly continue to work to remove all reference to God in American culture as Voltaire did in France. In doing so, you run the risk of entrusting your own and your children's future to the selfish dictates of like-minded atheists who orchestrated the bloody insanity of the French Revolution - in the name of freedom. Or you could recognize the practical wisdom of our Christian forefathers who based human rights on the will of God, not the whim of man. Ironically, you are enjoying the fruit of their Worldview choice that allows you to believe in yours, even though historically, yours has been repeatedly a colossal failure. Conversely, many Orthodox Jews in America, whose ancestors have been

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slaughtered by numerous, God-hating dictators, recognize it is precisely because of America's Christian roots that they enjoy the only safe truly haven for them in the world.** Is it logical to continue to cut off your nose to spite your face?

** I would include Israel too but for the fact of their precarious position – surrounded by enemies who want them exterminated.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

SECULARIST STRATEGIES UNVEILED

Secularists have used a three prong approach to attack and destroy our Christian heritage so that they can replace it with their own Materialistic Worldview. Their relentless war has most Americans confused and on the defensive. To win this war of worldviews, it is time to:

- 1) unveil their anti-God strategies
- 2) provide the truth to counter their lies and
- 3) switch from a defensive to an offensive strategy.

First, Secularists have used the false Doctrine of Evolution to seemingly justify their worldview scientifically in order to gain credibility and legitimacy. A previous chapter, “Materialism is Irrational,” exposed their strategy to proselytize public school students into their faith system, Anti-God Materialism. Secularist judges in the court system advance their cause by protecting evolution through censorship in the schools and removing God from the public square with unconstitutional rulings.

Second, Secularists have attacked our Christian heritage by intentionally rewriting history to defame the character and intent of our Founders (not to mention Jesus Christ) by either ignoring or falsely interpreting their writings and actions. This is part of a well orchestrated scheme to replace our national Christian heritage with Materialistic Liberalism to pave the way for a godless One-world Government.⁴⁰

The **third** approach is related to the second but now has a life of its own - spreading the myth of “the Separation of Church and State” as redefined by Secularists. They promote this myth to

remove all references and acknowledgement of God from public life. Their ultimate goal is to remove them from the world.

All three of these prongs are based on lies and distortions of the truth. It is imperative that those who love the same God and Country as most of our Founding Fathers did, be able to refute these lies and speak out boldly to defend what is true and good. Otherwise, we will gradually surrender our freedoms to the politically correct thought police.

The remainder of this chapter will present more scientific evidence against the lie of evolution. Later chapters will expose the lies behind the other two prongs and propose a pro-offensive personal and national strategy to maintain our Christian Worldview.

Is Science Always Trustworthy?

Two people with opposing worldviews can look at the same facts and come to opposite conclusions because they start with opposing assumptions. For example, an evolutionist looks at the Grand Canyon and wonders how many millions of years of erosion it took for the Colorado River to bore it out. A scientific creationist looks at the same canyon and sees evidence of a recent and quick formation of the marvel like what happened after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens volcano. The former is open only to an old earth model that excludes God; the latter is open to a model that includes a young earth with God as Creator.

A scientist's findings can be truly objective only when he honestly suspends all personal bias and lets the evidence form his scientific conclusions, even if they violate his personal worldview. Unfortunately, such objectivity is rare in today's politically charged world of science. In fact, one of the world's leading evolutionists, Stephen Jay Gould of Harvard, stated that science is more about using creative thought and opinion than accumulating objective information when he wrote:

“Facts do not 'speak for themselves'; they are read in the light of theory. Creative thought, in science as much as in the arts, is the motor of changing opinion. Science is a

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quintessentially human activity, not a mechanized, robot-like accumulation of objective information, leading by laws of logic to inescapable interpretation.”⁴¹

What a remarkable admission. By saying that facts are read in the light of theory, Gould confesses that conclusions are not based solely on scientific facts - and are therefore indisputable - but on the assumptions of a theory. And it is all too common to have one's theory colored by one's personal worldview. Consequently, in such a climate, even the testable and verifiable Law of Gravity could be potentially suspect. If this is true, how is it possible that the untestable and unverifiable Doctrine of Evolution has any scientific standing and is heralded by most scientists as a fact? It is because it is used to advance the Materialistic Worldview and the misguided “freedoms” based on moral relativism.

Evolution Is Not Based of Fact

T.N. Tahmisian of the Atomic Energy Commission commented forcefully on interpreting the facts to support the unproven Doctrine of Evolution:

Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact.⁴²

But that does not seem to bother evolutionist D.M.S. Watson, who admits the true motive and rationality behind promoting what cannot be proved. In 1929, he revealed:

Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists not because it has been observed to occur or is supported by logically coherent arguments, but because...no alternative explanation is credible. ...the theory of evolution itself is a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logical coherent evidence to be true but because the only alternative is special creation, which is clearly incredible.⁴³

Unfortunately for science and the cause of truth, this irrational bias against Scientific Creationism is even more

entrenched today - despite mounting evidence that completely discredits Darwinism's claims. Because this monster has its ugly tentacles in so much of modern belief and thought, only knowing the truth can set and keep one free from its destructive influence.

When Science Meets the Supernatural

By definition, true science demands that scientists follow the evidence of their findings even if it violates their personal worldview. If a thorough scientific investigation of the Shroud of Turin revealed that all indicators point to it being the burial cloth of Jesus Christ, then it would be unscientific to deny that conclusion, or at least refuse to consider the possibility that it is, just because one is an atheist.

Similarly, if a thorough scientific investigation of the bible codes imbedded in the Old Testament (see previous chapter) indicates that human intelligence could not have done the imbedding, then it is unscientific to deny the supernatural origin, or at least to entertain the possibility, just because one is an atheist. Letting your a priori assumptions dictate your conclusions is not true science; it is denial or manipulation of the facts and it produces deception. Just because scientists can't investigate the last star in the farthest galaxy, they do not have - and should not be given - the authority to declare it does not exist. And, even more so, precisely because the arena of science is limited to the material world, no scientist has the authority to conclude for everyone else that there is no God. He is entitled to his beliefs that form his opinion about the supernatural realm but he is not entitled to his own set of "facts" just because he is a "brilliant scientist." And incidentally, Einstein believed that God created the universe.

Therefore, if a thorough scientific investigation on the molecular level of a living cell reveals the interwoven complexity of a trillion machines that would be mathematically impossible for evolution to produce in any amount of time, it is patently unscientific and irrational for a scientist to reject outright even the possibility of a supernatural design just because it conflicts with his worldview. Yet that is the essence of the war of words between Dr. Michael Behe and those denying even the possibility

of Intelligent design. And it is that anti-science deception that is being defended by secularist judges (see the next paragraph) to keep this scientifically viable possibility for origins out of public school classrooms. Instead, an equally untestable model that does not have one iota of fact is protected by censorship. That is the Strategy of Deception that is keeping the Secularist's boat afloat in this culture. For the sake of science and the cause of truth, it is time to sink it.

Most Americans Agree: Intelligent Design Should be Taught in Our Schools

In December 2005, an activist judge sided with the ACLU lawyer in the *Kitzmiller v. Dover* case. In his decision, Judge John E. Jones ruled that the Dover, Pennsylvania school district violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment by requiring a statement to be read to students notifying them about intelligent design. According to staff members of the Discovery Institute, his wide ranging and sometimes angry comments denounced intelligent design and praised Darwinian evolution. Dr. John West, Associate Director of the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute, wrote of the opinion,

A legal ruling can't change the fact that there is digital code in DNA, it can't remove the molecular machines from the cell, nor change the fine tuning of the laws of physics. The empirical evidence for design, the facts of biology and nature, can't be changed by legal decree. Judge Jones found that the Dover board violated the Establishment Clause because it acted from religious motives. That should have been the end to the case. Instead, Judge Jones got on his soapbox to offer his own views of science, religion, and evolution.⁴⁴

In the wake of other recent federal court decisions dealing with Bible-based "Creationist" lessons, many people now incorrectly assume that all intelligent design lessons have been deemed unconstitutional. In the case of *Edwards v. Aguillard* (1987), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, "Teaching a variety of scientific theories about the origins of humankind to school children might be validly done with the clear secular intent of

enhancing the effectiveness of science instruction.” Thus, theories of intelligent design were not banished from the classroom. In 2001, as the No Child Left Behind Act was still in the legislative process, Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) offered an amendment to the bill that would expressly allow public schools to discuss theories of intelligent design. The U.S. Senate approved the amendment by a vote of 91-8. It reads, “Where topics are taught that may generate controversy (such as biological evolution), the curriculum should help students to understand the full range of scientific views that exist, why such topics may generate controversy, and how scientific discoveries can profoundly affect society.” In January 2002, President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into the current law governing United States public schools.

Unfortunately, as long as the bias of requiring a “clear secular intent” goes unchallenged on the grounds that that very requirement establishes a Secular Worldview, little progress in the courts will be made. This culture war must be fought on the level battleground of conflicting Worldviews rather than on the misnamed, slippery slope of “church and state.” Whoever controls education, the courts, the arts and entertainment and the media controls the country. Secularists, who have largely captured these five power levers, are not content with equal representation; they want to suppress and eventually eliminate all other Worldviews. They plead “neutrality” and tolerance only when it benefits their godless cause.

Fortunately for America, despite the constant barrage from media, activist judges, liberals and public education promoting the Doctrine of Evolution, a majority of adult Americans still have not been duped by this ruse. A national Zogby poll released in March, 2006, found these results:

When Darwin’s theory of evolution is taught in school, students should also be able to learn about scientific evidence that points to an intelligent design of life.” Fully 77% of over 1,000 respondents agreed with this statement. Alternately, only 19% felt that Darwin’s theories of evolution should be present form; 38% said man developed with God guiding;

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while only 13% believed God had no part in the process. In addition, when asked about how they believed God created man, over half said they believed God created man exactly how the Bible describes it, while 31% said that man evolved with God's help.⁴⁵

Yet the Strategy of Deception continues on in the classrooms and textbooks in public schools and universities under the protective guise of political correctness. The Secularists are forced to deceive the public any way they can because the Doctrine of Evolution is the fulcrum on which Materialism rests. And to insure their deception is propagated in the universities, they use a variation of "natural selection" by appointing only evolutionist proponents to teaching posts. This is the academic version of "the survival of the fittest" to protect and advance their discredited worldview. No others need apply. And when an evolutionist honestly considers the factual evidence of scientific creationism or intelligent design and switches sides, "his services are no longer needed." So much for academic freedom and tolerance.

But why is this takeover and persecution tolerated when the evidence against Darwinism is so great that even top evolutionists are rejecting it? It is because the Secularist's Strategy of Deception has used Evolution to sow doubt about God's existence, the beliefs of our Founding Fathers and, consequently, about the Christian worldview America was founded upon. The chapters in the next section will compare their assertions with verifiable, historical evidence.

PART FOUR

AMERICA WAS FOUNDED ON A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

OUR CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION: DEIST OR CHRISTIAN?

As stated in a previous chapter, "Hidden Worldviews," it is essential to realize that every government, organization, business and institution reflects the Worldview of its founders. So, on which of the Eight Major Worldviews did our Founding Fathers base the establishment of America? Before the chaos of the 1960's, it was an evident and undisputed fact that America was founded by Christians on Christian principles and, therefore, that America is a Christian nation. However, due to the concerted efforts of a very small secular minority, who have grabbed many of the levers of power and influence in America, our history has been distorted and our Founders' character and beliefs defamed.

Deists or Christians

Secularists have hatched several lies about the Worldview of America's Founders. Consider this Viewpoint editorial quote (which attempts to place Thomas Paine among our Founders) from The Charlotte Observer:

Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Paine and most of our other patriarchs were at best deists, believing in the unmoved mover of Aristotle, but not the God of the Old and New Testaments.⁴⁶

Such fabrications are easily dispelled by the facts. The Vine and Fig Tree website writer points out:

It would be difficult to name a single one of the Founding Fathers who approved of Paine's Age of Reason, his famous tract attacking religion in general and evangelical Christianity in particular. Even less-than-evangelicals like

Benjamin Franklin and the “Unitarians” all denounced Paine's book.⁴⁷

When asked his opinion of Paine's manuscript, Franklin replied:

I have read your manuscript with some attention. By the argument it contains against a particular Providence, though you allow a general Providence, you strike at the foundations of all religion. For without the belief of a Providence that takes cognizance of, guards, and guides, and may favor particular persons, there is no motive to worship a Deity, to fear his displeasure, or to pray for his protection. I will not enter into any discussion of your principles, though you seem to desire it. At present I shall only give you my opinion that ... the consequence of printing this piece will be a great deal of odium drawn upon yourself, mischief to you, and no benefit to others. ... I would advise you, therefore, not to attempt unchaining the tiger, but to burn this piece before it is seen by any other person ... If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it?⁴⁸

The next outlandish quote from The Los Angeles Times quote was picked up on the wire services and appeared in newspapers across the nation:

The early Presidents and patriots were generally deists or Unitarians, believing in some form of impersonal Providence but rejecting the divinity of Jesus and the relevance of the bible.⁴⁹

Similarly, In a June 19, 2004 article entitled “Judeo-Christian Heritage?” posted on his Erasmatazz website, author Chris Crawford states:

Contrary to some of the modern mythology, the Founding Fathers were not particularly religious. Indeed, I would guess that they were less religiously inclined than most modern politicians. The American republic was more than anything else a child of the Enlightenment, which was

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more than just a philosophy: it was an entire way of thinking. If you want to get a feeling for it, read Voltaire or Rousseau; these two were the leading lights of the Enlightenment....

What nonsense! The guesswork and fabrications in these quotes represent the modern mythology of America's Founders and their beliefs. As for the Enlightenment, read atheists like Voltaire and Rousseau if you want to get a feel for the anarchist blood bath that was the French Revolution. That debacle was the ugly child of the Enlightenment which sought to throw off all social and religious restraints in a misguided effort to redefine freedom as the power to do whatever one pleases.

The Real Benjamin Franklin

While our Founders were opposed to the abuses of civil and ecclesiastic authority and power in Europe, they were equally against atheism and, therefore, secularism in America. Benjamin Franklin made that clear to the French when he wrote:

Hence bad Examples to Youth are more rare in America, which must be a comfortable Consideration to Parents. To this may be truly added, that serious Religion, under its various Denominations, is not only tolerated, but respected and practiced. Atheism is unknown there; Infidelity {defined in Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary as a disbelief in the Scriptures and **in Christianity**} rare and secret; so that persons may live to a great Age in that Country, without having their Piety shocked by meeting with either an Atheist or an Infidel.⁵⁰

It is important to note that Franklin, a poster boy for today's "free-thinking" Secularists, is applauding "serious religion, under its various denominations" by which he specifically meant Christian denominations and, therefore Christianity, since the vast majority of Americans at that time were Christians. In fact, as late as 1776, 150 years after the Pilgrims landed, the makeup of America was: 98 percent Protestant Christians; 1.8 percent Catholic Christians; .2 of 1 percent Jews.⁵¹

That was not by accident. While the early settlers were almost exclusively Christians of different denominations, devotion to God ebbed and flowed in the colonies over time. But:

Between 1730 and 1745 there swept over the American colonies from Maine to Georgia a religious revival known as the Great Awakening. The revival movement, unlike the earlier doctrine of the Puritans, promised the grace of God to all who could experience a desire for it.⁵²

According to an eyewitness account by Benjamin Franklin commenting on the famous revivalist, George Whitefield:

The multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons were enormous, and it was matter of speculation to me, who was one of the number, to observe the extraordinary influence of his oratory on his hearers, and how much they admired and respected him,... It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk thro' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street.⁵³

Moreover, Franklin was so taken by the “serious religion” of George Whitefield’s message and ability and the potential he saw for social good that he wrote the following letter to him:

To Geo. Whitefield New York, July 2, 1756
Dear Sir:

I sometimes wish that you and I were jointly employed by the crown to settle a colony on the Ohio. I imagine that we could do it effectually, and without putting the nation to much expense; but I fear that we shall never be called upon for such a service. What a glorious thing it would be to settle in that fine country a large, strong body of religious and industrious people!

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Might it not greatly facilitate the introduction of pure religion among the heathen, and if we could, by such a colony, show them a better sample of Christians than they commonly see among Indian traders? ... In such an enterprise, I could spend the remainder of life with pleasure; and I firmly believe that God would bless us with success, if we undertook it with a sincere regard to His honour, the service of our gracious king, and (which is the same thing), the public good.⁵⁴

Franklin Calls for Prayer

Does that sound like a man who was indifferent to God or regarded him as an impersonal force? While Franklin apparently never became born again in Jesus Christ, he obviously believed that God did intervene in our affairs as indicated by his appeal that broke the deadlock at the Constitutional Convention:

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better, than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest.

I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth **prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations** be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that **one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service.**⁵⁵ (emphasis added)

By this account, Franklin believed that God directly, if not miraculously, intervened in the “natural” functioning of the universe. Deists today do not pray to God; Benjamin Franklin did. It is obvious that the term meant something quite different in his day than it does in ours, since he rejected the “God as indifferent clockmaker” model. And his actions speak louder than his words:

Benjamin Franklin's 1749 plan of education for public schools in Pennsylvania insisted that schools teach the religion ... and the excellency of the Christian religion above all others, ancient or modern.” Franklin proposed a Biblical inscription for the Seal of the United States; he chose a New Testament verse for the motto of the Philadelphia Hospital; he was one of the chief proponents of a paid chaplain in Congress; and when Franklin helped found the college which bore his name in 1787, it was dedicated as 'a nursery of religion and learning built on Christ, the Corner-Stone'.⁵⁶

Christianity In Contrast To Deism

The Founders were not “generally” or “mostly” deists. Russell Kirk writes in *The Roots of American Order* :

The men called Deists differed among themselves on many points. ... Deism was an outgrowth of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century scientific speculation. The Deists professed belief in a single Supreme Being, but rejected a large part of Christian doctrine.

For the Christian, the object of life was to know God and enjoy Him forever; for the Deist, the object of life was private happiness. For the Deists, the Supreme Being indeed was the creator of the universe, but He did not interfere with the functioning of His creation. The Deists denied that Old and New Testaments were divinely inspired; they doubted the reality of miracles; they held that Jesus of Nazareth was not the Redeemer, but a grand moral teacher merely. Thoroughly rationalistic, the Deists discarded all elements of mystery in religion, trying to

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reduce Christian teaching to a few simple truths. They, and the Unitarians who arose about the same time, declared that man was good by nature, not corrupt; they hoped to liberate mankind from superstition and fear.⁵⁷

It is clear that Deists were not popular among the predominately Christian population and were not allowed to hold public office because they did not believe in the God on which the oath of office was to be taken. Patrick Henry's sentiments were the norm for that time:

[T]he rising greatness of our country ... is greatly tarnished by the general prevalence of deism which, with me, is by another name for vice and depravity I hear it is said by the deists that I am one of their number; and indeed that some good people think I am no Christian. This thought gives me much more pain than the appellation of Tory [being called a traitor], because I think religion of infinitely higher importance than politics.... [B]eing a Christian...is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast.⁵⁸

America Founded by Christians

Secularists like to use Patrick Henry's quote to prove that our Founders "were generally deists." But Dr. M. E. Bradford of the University of Dallas, who wrote a series of biographical sketches on the fifty-five delegates to the Constitutional Convention, documented their religious affiliations: 28 Episcopalians, 8 Presbyterians, 7 Congregationalists, 2 Lutherans, 2 Dutch Reformed, 2 Methodists, 2 Roman Catholics, 3 deists and 1 unknown. At most, 5.5 percent of America's Founders were deists, 3 of 55, though many of them may have embraced deist convictions at some point in their lives.⁵⁹

It is obvious that Secularists are distorting the facts about America's wonderful Christian heritage. The next chapter will consider their absurd claims made about Thomas Jefferson and others so that the truth can win out over falsehood.

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Additional recommended resources: articles by William J. Federer, Christian Worldview Network, David Barton's book, *Original Intent*, and *Bible Bulletin Board*.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BELIEFS

As stated in the previous chapter, “Our Foundation: Deist or Christian?,” Secularists have revised history to say that our Founders were generally Secularists, or at best, Deists and certainly not religious since their allegiance was to the Enlightenment. If that could be said of anyone other than Benjamin Franklin, it would be said of Thomas Jefferson, who is probably the most prominent poster boy of today's Secularists. But what do Jefferson's own writings indicate? The inscriptions in the statue chamber of the Jefferson Memorial record his words:

And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure **when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?** That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever”⁶⁰
(emphasis added)

Obviously, Jefferson realized that man's liberties come from God and that removing that conviction from people's minds - the very thing Secularists are bent on doing today - could lead to experiencing God's wrath. His concept of a God who might punish mankind is certainly not consistent with Deism as now defined and used by Secularists. According to Jefferson, the Jewish “system was Deism; that is, the belief in one only God.”⁶¹ Overall, he seemed to fit with Russell Kirk's summation of a Deist cited in the previous chapter. However, for whatever reason, possibly not to be ostracized politically, Jefferson characterized himself differently.

Just Who was Thomas Jefferson?

Unquestionably, Thomas Jefferson was a complex man and a deep thinker. His beliefs were impacted by many personal tragedies that would have challenged anyone's Worldview. He was very opinionated in his pronouncements that Jesus was not God and on the invalidity of the Bible in general. Yet he admired Jesus as a supreme moralist. He defined himself at different times as a Christian and a Materialist, with each term bearing his distinctive meaning. In a letter to Benjamin Rush he declares and qualifies that:

To the corruptions of Christianity I am indeed opposed, but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus himself. **I am a Christian, in the only sense in which he wished anyone to be: sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others**, ascribing to him every human excellence, and believing he never claimed any other.⁶²
(emphasis added)

His opinion of Jesus as a Moralist was extremely high:

His moral doctrines, relating to kindred and friends were more pure and perfect than those of the most correct of the philosophers, and greatly more so than those of the Jews; and they went far beyond both in inculcating universal philanthropy, not only to kindred and friends, to neighbors and countrymen, but to all mankind, gathering all into one family under the bonds of love, charity, peace, common wants and common aids. A development of this head will evince the peculiar superiority of the system of Jesus over all others.”⁶³

Inspired by his own peculiar concepts, Jefferson distilled Jesus' ideals and purposes out of the Bible, which he believed had contaminated Jesus' teachings through false accounts of miracles. He compiled his own book of morality and declared himself to be a Materialist.

But while this syllabus is meant to place the character of Jesus in its true light, as no impostor Himself,

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but a great Reformer of the Hebrew code of religion, it is not to be understood that I am with Him in all His doctrines. **I am a Materialist; he takes the side of Spiritualism**; he preaches the efficacy of repentance towards forgiveness of sin; I require counterpoise of good works to redeem it, etc., etc.⁶⁴ (emphasis added)

So, even though Jefferson rejected the miracles and deity of Jesus and, therefore, was not a true Biblical Christian, he revered the same Judeo-Christian principles (or Worldview) of the vast majority of the other Founding Fathers. It is on the basis of that legacy that America can be considered a Christian Nation as opposed to an Islamic, Communist, Atheist, Deist, Hindu or New Age nation.

The practical reasons for this perspective were spelled out by our second president, John Adams. Although he, like Thomas Jefferson, also doubted Jesus Christ's divinity, he did believe in **Christian** principles. Following are just a few samples from the numerous historical writings and speeches of President Adams:

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.⁶⁵ An Address to the Military, 1798.

The general principles upon which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity...I will avow that I believed and now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and the attributes of God.⁶⁶ Letter to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813.

I have examined all religions, as well as my narrow sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all

the libraries I have seen.⁶⁷ *Letter to Thomas Jefferson, December 25, 1813.*

Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company: I mean Hell.⁶⁸ *Letter to Thomas Jefferson, April 19, 1817.*

Despite the incessant drum beat of the Secularists to the contrary, even the non-Christian founders agreed that religion played an indispensable part in the moral and civil health of America and the religion of choice was, and should rightly be, Christianity. In fact, it was the love of God for mankind expressed and demonstrated by Jesus Christ and his command for Christians to love and value other people as God's creatures that made tolerance for other people's ethnicity, gender, status and contrary Worldviews possible. That is not the case today where other Worldviews are dominant.

A Few Dissenters

Though Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were far more sympathetic to basing America on the general principles of Christianity than today's Secularists would admit, a few of our Founders do fit the Secularists description. David Barton chronicled their views in his book, *"The Practical Benefits of Christianity:*

... the current widespread revisionist teaching is that our Founders were a collective group of secularists who didn't believe in God - that they were atheists, agnostics, and deists. In reality, this characterization is true for only a few (e.g., Charles Lee, Thomas Paine, Ethan Allen, Henry Dearborn, William Eaton, Joel Barlow, etc.) of the more than two-hundred men we call Founding Fathers; the writings of the vast majority of Founders prove they believed otherwise.⁶⁹

And like today, there was an unhappy minority of dissenters who tried to impose their will on the majority.

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... nearly three-quarters of a century after the Founding Fathers, petitions arrived in Congress seeking an end to all public religious expressions, including the removal of chaplains from the House, Senate, Army, Navy, etc. The House and Senate Judiciary Committees investigated to determine if Christian principles could or should be eradicated from American public life. In 1853-1854, the final reports were delivered, and the House Judiciary Committee emphatically announced:

In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity. . . . That was the religion of the Founders of the Republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants.⁷⁰

The Senate Judiciary Committee similarly affirmed:

We are Christians, not because the law demands it. . . but from choice and education. . . . But they [the Founders] had no fear or jealousy of religion itself, nor did they wish to see us an irreligious people. . . they did not intend to spread over all the public authorities and the whole public action of the nation the dead and revolting spectacle of atheistic apathy.⁷¹

It is obvious that the Secularists' claim that our Founders forged a secular nation is blatantly false. The documents and correspondence of their star witnesses, Franklin and Jefferson, paint a very different vision; when their actual writings are analyzed objectively, the secularist allegations are disproved. There is ample evidence from these few high profile Founders, who were not committed Christians, that America was rooted **in Christian** principles. They believed in and upheld our religious origins. There is even greater evidence from the large majority of the other Founders, who were professing Christians, that they intended to base this new nation squarely on a Christian Worldview. But it was not to be a theocracy as in England where the King was also the head of the church. Instead, this new Republic was to be founded on the general principles of Christianity - principles upon which these believers **in Christ** and

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the population in general, based their daily lives. Some of their many comments documenting their intent will be presented in the next chapter.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

OUR FOUNDERS' PERSPECTIVE

The vast majority of our Founding Fathers had a Christian Worldview. They were chosen as delegates and representatives of the people specifically because of their commonly held beliefs. This historical fact becomes obvious to anyone who objectively studies their voluminous words and deeds. The following sample quotes reveal their intent to base the new American Experiment on the general principles of Christianity as revealed in the Bible.

Christian Presidents

The Commander and Chief of the Revolutionary Army, the Father of our Nation and America's first president (1789-1797), George Washington, prayed the following prayer at Valley Forge during the Revolution's darkest hour:

Almighty and eternal Lord God, the great Creator of heaven and earth, and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; look down from heaven in pity and compassion upon me Thy servant, who humbly prorate myself before Thee.⁷²

Obviously, he viewed and served Jesus Christ as his Lord. On July 9, 1776, General Washington exhorted his army to do the same:

The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man, will endeavor so to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country.⁷³

The following excerpt from his memorable Farewell Address at the end of his presidency emphasizes his view of the central role of religion and morality to America's political success:

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports And let us indulge with caution the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion . . . Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail to the exclusion of religious principle.⁷⁴

These quotes alone contradict the blatant lies of today's Secularists regarding George Washington's personal beliefs and his actions that helped make this unique Experiment successful. John Marshall, who served with George Washington at Valley Forge, wrote of him, "Without making ostentatious professions of religion, he was a sincere believer in the Christian faith, and a truly devout man."⁷⁵

And the humble Washington obviously agreed with one of the great slogans of the American Revolution. On April 18, 1775, the eve of the Revolutionary War, a British major ordered John Adams, John Hancock, and those with them to disperse in "the name of George the Sovereign King of England." Adams response: "We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus!" became the motto of the war.⁷⁶ Within weeks, the Continental Congress raised an army and chose George Washington as Commander in Chief. His military skills and accomplishments, as well as his calm and unswerving sense of duty, won the respect and admiration of his countrymen. In 1782, a movement began to make Washington the monarch of the United States, to crown him the king. The General was firm in his written rejection, as follows:

With a mixture of surprise and astonishment, I have read with attention the sentiments you have submitted to my perusal. Be assured, sir, no occurrence in the course of the war has given me more painful sensations than your information of there being such ideas existing in the army as you have expressed, and [which] I must view with abhorrence and reprehend with severity. Let me conjure you, then, if you have any regard for your country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect

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for me, to banish these thoughts from your mind, and never communicate, as from yourself or anyone else, a sentiment of the like nature.⁷⁷

In direct contradiction to the lies and propaganda of today's Secularists, a resolution was passed by Congress and read by the president of the United States on the two-hundredth anniversary of Washington's birth:

Washington has come to personify the American Republic. He presided over the convention that framed our Constitution. The weight of his great name was the deciding factor in securing its adoption by the States. These results could never have been secured had it not been recognized that he would be the first President. When we realize what it meant to take thirteen distracted colonies, impoverished, envious, and hostile, and weld them into an orderly federation under the authority of a central government, we can form some estimate of the influence of this great man. . . .

We have seen many soldiers who have left behind them little but the memory of their conflicts; but . . . **the power to establish among a great people a form of self-government which the test of experience has shown will endure was bestowed upon Washington, and Washington alone. . . . His was the directing spirit without which there would have been no independence, no Union, no Constitution, and no Republic. His ways were the ways of truth. He built for eternity.** His influence grows. His stature increases with the increasing years. In wisdom of action, in purity of character, he stands alone. We cannot yet estimate him. We can only indicate our reverence for him and thank the Divine Providence which sent him to serve and inspire his fellow men.⁷⁸ (emphasis added)

James Madison, America's fourth president (1809-1817) and Father of the Constitution, authored 29 of the 85 Federalist papers and was one of the framers of the Bill of Rights. In a speech to the

General Assembly of the State of Virginia in 1778, he stated unequivocally:

We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We've staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.⁷⁹

That is why future presidents Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) and John F Kennedy (1961-1963) could confidently declare, respectively:

After a week on perplexing problems . . . it does so rest my soul to come into the house of The Lord and to sing and mean it, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty' . . . my great joy and glory that, in occupying an exalted position in the nation, I am enabled, to preach the practical moralities of The Bible to my fellow-countrymen and to hold up Christ as the hope and Savior of the world.⁸⁰

The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.⁸¹

America's sixth president (1825-1829), John Quincy Adams, mirrored the comments of his father, John Adams, quoted in the previous chapter, proving also that America's Christian underpinning was understood and honored by later generations:

It is no slight testimonial, both to the merit and worth of Christianity, that in all ages since its promulgation the great mass of those who have risen to eminence by their profound wisdom and integrity have recognized and revered Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of the living God.⁸²

From the day of the Declaration...they (the American people) were bound by the laws of God, which they all, and by the laws of The Gospel, which they nearly all, acknowledge as the rules of their conduct."⁸³ (July 4, 1821)

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Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the World, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day. Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the Progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies announced directly from Heaven at the birth of the Saviour and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets 600 years before.⁸⁴ (July 4, 1837, Newburyport, Massachusetts)

Christian Justices

John Jay, who served in the Continental Congress and as a diplomat, was appointed as the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court (1789-1795) by President Washington. He was later elected Governor of New York and spent his retirement years promoting the American Bible Society. In a June 29, 1826 letter to the Committee of the Corporation of the City of New York, he wrote:

I express my earnest hope that the peace, happiness, and prosperity enjoyed by our beloved country may induce those who direct our national councils to recommend a general and public return of praise and thanksgiving to Him from whose goodness these blessings transcend. The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil and religious liberties is always to remember with reverence and gratitude the source from which they flow.⁸⁵

John Marshall who fought in the Revolution under Washington also endured the terrible winter at Valley Forge. He became the fourth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1801-1835). No one had a greater impact on U.S. Constitutional Law than did he. Sworn in on February 4, 1801, he served on the

bench 34 years and helped write over 1,000 decisions. Chief Justice John Marshall wrote to Jasper Adams, May 9, 1833:

The American population is entirely Christian, and with us, Christianity and Religion are Identified. It would be strange, indeed, if with such a people, our institutions did not presuppose Christianity, and did not often refer to it, and exhibit relations with it. Legislation on the subject is admitted to require great delicacy, because freedom of conscience and respect for our religion both claim our most serious regard.⁸⁶

Joseph Story served as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1811-1845, and founded the Harvard Law School.

Chief Justice John Marshall welcomed the young scholar, and their working relationship was one of the most productive in the history of the Court. ... From his teaching came a dozen volumes of legal commentary on public and private law. Through his multiple roles as judge, teacher, and publicist, Story was the most commanding legal figure of his age.⁸⁷

The following quotes from this renowned Associate Justice leave no doubt of the vital importance Christianity played in both the private and civil life of America.

I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society. One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. . . There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as laying its foundations.⁸⁸

Christianity becomes not merely an auxiliary, but a guide, to the law of nature; establishing its conclusions, removing its doubts, and evaluating its precepts.⁸⁹

My own private judgment has long been (and every day's experience more and more confirms me in it)

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that government cannot long exist without an alliance with Religion to some extent, and that Christianity is indispensable to the true interests and solid foundation of all governments. . . . I know not, indeed, how any deep sense of moral obligation or accountableness can be expected to prevail in the community without a firm foundation of the great Christian truths.⁹⁰

Other Christian Patriots

The prolific writings of our Founding Fathers bring to light their Christian Worldview. Historians and biographers who have studied the lives of those great men have produced additional volumes that shed light on their clear intentions and their Christian beliefs. One of today's experts on the Founder's lives and our Christian heritage is David Barton. He condenses a few of their innumerable accomplishments:

In addition to their many overt declarations (like those above), their works also confirm their strong Christian faith. For example, among the signers of the Declaration, the Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon was responsible for two American translations of the Bible including America's first family Bible; Charles Thomson was responsible for Thomson's Bible, the first translation of the Greek Septuagint into English; Benjamin Rush not only produced the first stereotyped (mass-produced) Bible in America but he also founded America's first Bible Society and the Sunday School movement in America; Francis Hopkinson, a church music director, produced the first purely American hymn book, setting the Book of Psalms to music; and many others were also responsible for similar Christian works.

This same type of Christian involvement was apparent among the thirty-nine signers of the Constitution. For example, John Langdon and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney founded the American Bible Society; Rufus King was a founder of the New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society; James McHenry founded the Maryland Bible Society; and Alexander Hamilton formed

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the Christian Constitutional Society to elect people to office who would support the Christian religion and the Constitution of the United States.⁹¹

What caused these men, who intentionally depended on God's grace and intervention to forge the Holy Experiment called America, to form a Christian Worldview? The Biblical parenting, training and schooling their parents supplied is the unavoidable answer. The next chapter will focus on the facts and fruit of their world-class education.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

AMERICAN EDUCATION WAS CHRISTIAN BASED

America's Public Schools: Christian Based

For the sake of emphasis and in direct contradiction to anti-American Secularists, a quote from a previous chapter is repeated here:

We are Christians, not because the law demands it... but from choice and education... But they [the Founders] had no fear or jealousy of religion itself, nor did they wish to see us an irreligious people... they did not intend to spread over all the public authorities and the whole public action of the nation the dead and revolting spectacle of atheistic apathy.⁹²

Early Americans saw a God-centered education as a requisite to gain and maintain religious and civil freedom. By enabling their children to read God's holy Word, the colonists expected them to come to know, love and believe in Jesus Christ personally. They knew that only He could provide an inspired answer to who they were and why they existed and where they were going - a comprehensive and understandable Worldview. America's founding charter, the Declaration of Independence could not have been penned, let alone approved, by Secularists. Overall, the colonists were purposeful and productive people on assignment as ambassadors for their Creator who sent them to recruit others into His kingdom. From Columbus to George Washington and beyond, some explorers and most colonists revered the Gospel message and were committed to spreading it. They believed that a Bible-based education was an indispensable key to life here and hereafter.

America's Colleges: Christian Based

America's first college was founded in 1636 when Rev. John Harvard established Harvard College to train ministers and

missionaries. In America's first century, Christian denominations founded more than a hundred colleges to teach what Dr. Francis Schaeffer referred to as "a Christian consensus."⁹³ Consider these quotes:

In 1746, the Philadelphia Presbyterian Synod secured a charter for the College of New Jersey, which in 1756 became Princeton College. Most of its first six presidents, Jonathan Edwards among them, had been prominent preachers in the revival movement.

In 1766, members of the Dutch Reformed Church founded Queen's College, which sixty years later became Rutgers at New Brunswick, New Jersey. In 1764, Baptists founded Brown University in Rhode Island, and in 1769 a Congregational preacher by the name of Eleazar Wheelock founded Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Even the nonsectarian University of Pennsylvania, founded in 1756 with the help of Benjamin Franklin, welcomed preachers to edify the students.⁹⁴

The Massachusetts Law of 1647, also known as the Old Deluder Satan Act, was passed that required every town of at least 50 families to hire a schoolmaster who would teach the town's children to read and write. All the towns of at least 100 families should have a Latin grammar school master who will prepare students to attend Harvard College.⁹⁵

The Bible is the foundation upon which our nation was built. A hundred and nineteen of the first schools, including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, and Yale, were established on the Word of God and dedicated to the Lordship of Christ and for the training of disciples of the Lord. As late as 1850 Christians ran virtually every newspaper in this country.⁹⁶

America's Educators: Christians

Noah Webster was dissatisfied with English textbooks of the day. He was prompted to write *A Grammatical Institute of the English Language*, which consisted of three volumes: a spelling

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book, a grammar book and a reader. They were so popular throughout the United States that the spelling volume (later renamed the *American Spelling Book* and often called the *Blue-Backed Speller*) has never been out of print! This is part of his story:

While teaching in overcrowded, ill-equipped one-room schoolhouses, Webster became burdened for American students. Noah Webster observed the fact that the American colonists spoke numerous languages, and even those who spoke English often spelled and pronounced words differently. If the nation was to survive, he believed, its people had to have a common language and set of moral values. Furthermore, he thought that the schools should teach from American, not British, textbooks.

Although he was concerned that children learn to read and write, Webster was also burdened for them to learn ethics, morality, and Christianity, without which, even the most scholarly person cannot be considered successful. An advertisement for his school stated, "The strictest attention will be paid to the studies, the manners and the morals of youth..." His concern for the students' moral development was always strong, but it became even stronger following his religious conversion during the 'Second Great Awakening' when he was about fifty years old.

The virtues of men are of more consequence to society than their abilities, and for this reason, the heart should be cultivated with more assiduity than the head.
Noah Webster

To accomplish his twin goals of developing the students' minds and enriching their souls, Webster wrote spelling books and dictionaries. ... Webster's religious worldview also was apparent in his dictionary. According to the Foundation for American Christian Education: "Unmistakably, it reveals the degree to which **the Bible was America's textbook** and how it related to all fields." (emphasis added)

Biographer David Micklethwait, by no means a defender of Webster's religious views, admits, "Christianity is to be found in the dictionary in meanings and definitions, in quotations from the Bible and in Webster's own sentences illustrating the use of words."⁹⁷

Dr. Benjamin Rush, a prominent Philadelphia medical doctor, was one of our Founding Fathers. He was a member of the Continental Congress and signed the *Declaration of Independence*. In 1775, he suggested that Thomas Paine write a tract, under the title *Common Sense*, in favor of American independence. It became very influential in turning public opinion toward that independence. The following three quotes indicate his love for the Bible and its place in American education. They reflect the convictions of most Americans of his day:

The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments."⁹⁸

We profess to be republicans, and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government, that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible. For this Divine Book, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those sober and frugal virtues, which constitute the soul of republicanism."⁹⁹

By renouncing the Bible, philosophers swing from their moorings upon all moral subjects... It is the only correct map of the human heart that ever has been published... **All systems of religion, morals, and government not founded upon it [the Bible] must perish**, and how consoling the thought, it will not only survive the wreck of these systems but the world itself. 'The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.' [Matthew 1:18]¹⁰⁰ (emphasis added)

America's Textbooks: Christian Based

The New England Primer was a textbook used by students in New England and in other English settlements in North America. It was first printed in Boston in 1690 by Benjamin Harris who had published a similar volume in London. It was used by students into the 19th century. Over five million copies of the book were sold.

In the 1700's schools in the colonies were strongly influenced by religion. It was the intent of the colonists that all children should learn to read and in 1642 Puritan Massachusetts passed a law stating this. They believed that an inability to read was Satan's attempt to keep people from the Scriptures.

The New England Primer followed a tradition of combining the study of the alphabet with Bible reading. It introduced each alphabet letter in a religious phrase and then illustrated the phrase with a woodcut. The primer also contained a catechism of religious questions and answers. Emphasis was placed on fear of sin, God's punishment and the fact that all people would have to face death.¹⁰¹

The fabled *McGuffey* reading instruction books were used by four-fifths of all American school children for three-quarters of a century. No other books have had so much influence over so many children over such a long period.

McGuffey's Readers formed a series of textbooks that molded American literary taste and morality, particularly in the Middle West, from 1836 until the early twentieth century. The total sales reached 122 million copies by 1920. Only the Bible and Webster's Spelling Book have enjoyed equal acceptance in the United States. William Holmes McGuffey prepared the Eclectic Series of school readers at the request of a Cincinnati publisher interested in books adapted to the western schools. The books followed the conventional pattern of readers, teaching the principles of religion, morality, and patriotism through literary samples and pictures. They included considerable lore about nature, games and sports,

manners, and attitudes toward God, relatives, teachers, companions, unfortunates, and animals. The lessons simplified complex problems so that, in the end, right always conquered and sin or wrong was always punished.

... the McGuffey's Readers' popularity extended far beyond their intended frontier audience, and they eventually had a considerable impact on curricula throughout the country.¹⁰²

The fact that our public life, and particularly our public education, inculcated the principles of Christianity is also confirmed through the holdings of the Department of Education in Washington D. C. Its old textbook library houses a collection of every text used in American education from 1775 to 1900. Even a short perusal of its tens of thousands of holdings demonstrates how difficult it is to find any textbook from any curricular field of study which did not have Christian teachings infused throughout.

These common Christian values were inculcated throughout society in a number of manners. One was by public education. For example, ...(a) law (was) signed by President George Washington on August 7, 1789, declaring that schools were to teach the 'religion, morality, and knowledge' which was 'necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind.' And Founding Fathers like Constitution signers George Washington, William Samuel Johnson, Gouverneur Morris, Declaration signers Samuel Adams, Benjamin Rush, and many others, affirmed that Christian principles were to be inculcated throughout American education. In fact, in a unanimous decision in 1844, the U. S. Supreme Court held that a public school must instruct in the general principles of Christianity."¹⁰³
(emphasis added)

An objective source, author and French historian Alex de Tocqueville, wrote in *Democracy in America* in 1835,

There is no country in the world where the Christian **religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America.**¹⁰⁴(emphasis added)

The Secularist Agenda Exposed

Despite all this (and far more available evidence), anti-American Secularists stubbornly refuse to be convinced. They believe they have a better solution to man's misery than true Christianity rightly applied. Consistent with the Anti-Christ spirit warned about in Scripture, they resolutely declare their animosity and battle plan to rule the world.

The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and new - the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism, resplendent in its promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of 'love thy neighbor' will finally be achieved. - John J. Dunphy, *A New Religion For A New Age.*¹⁰⁵ (emphasis added)

Which Worldview has produced the best fruit: Jesus saving man or man saving man? Look no further than Hitler and Stalin for your answer. Our Founders knew the truth and used it to plant the seeds of the greatest and freest nation the world has ever seen. What more proof does a rational person need?

Secularist doubters want to destroy America by separating us from the very source to whom our Founders attributed their defense and success, the God of the Bible. Even though enough documentation of our government's Christian basis has been given above, the next chapter will focus on the bogus use of the volatile phrase, "The Separation of Church and State."

CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

OUR FOUNDING DOCUMENTS

The Bible - America's Founding Document

The cover of the December 27, 1982 issue of Newsweek magazine boldly stated *The Bible in America* with the subtitle: *How one book unites us, divides us, and still defines us*. That issue featured an article by Kenneth L. Woodward and David Gates entitled *How the Bible Made America* which included these revealing quotes:

Now historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our founding document: Only one other nation has ever looked to the Bible to find a warrant for its very existence: Israel, ...

In 1776 Benjamin Franklin proposed to the Continental Congress that the great seal of the United States bear the image of Moses leading the Israelites across the Red Sea. Jefferson ...wanted the new nation represented by an Israel led through the wilderness by the Biblical pillar of cloud and fire.¹⁰⁶

America's History Investigated

This book has already documented that a large majority of America's Founders and early settlers held a Christian Worldview that was intentionally cultivated by a Bible-based education. Even though Secularists insist that our Founders gave us "a godless Constitution," it is easy to document that the colonists arrived with and based their new nation upon their Christian Worldview. There are two extensive investigations into America's true roots that yield more significant proof of our Christian heritage.

Findings of the Courts

A ten year investigation of over 500 founding documents was conducted by the United States Supreme Court and concluded in a famous ruling in Holy Trinity Church v. United States, dated February 29, 1892. In preparing its opinion, the court found it necessary to survey key historical documents back to the time of Christopher Columbus to get a sense of the Worldview which guided the formation of the American colonies. After a lengthy description of the many documents, the court summed up their findings regarding America's religious and political foundation in the following quote from two consecutive paragraphs near the end of the verdict:

... the case assumes that we are a Christian people, and the morality of the country is deeply ingrafted upon Christianity 'it is also said, and truly, that the Christian religion is a part of the common law of Pennsylvania.'

If pass beyond these matters to a view of American life, as expressed by its laws, its business, its customs, and its society, we find everywhere a clear recognition of the same truth. Among other matters note the following: The form of oath universally prevailing, concluding with an appeal to the Almighty; the custom of opening sessions of all deliberative bodies and most conventions with prayer; the prefatory words of all wills, "In the name of God, amen;" the laws respecting the observance of the Sabbath, with the general cessation of all secular business, and the closing of courts, legislatures, and other similar public assemblies on that day; the churches and church organizations which abound in every city, town, and hamlet; the multitude of charitable organizations existing everywhere under Christian auspices; the gigantic missionary associations, with general support, and aiming to establish Christian missions in every quarter of the globe. **These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation. ...**¹⁰⁷ (emphasis added)

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The verdict mentioned the then forty-four state constitutions that referenced the Christian Worldview and mirrored conclusions reached previously by the Maryland Supreme Court in 1799 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1824:

By our form of government the Christian religion is the established religion; and all sects and denominations of Christians are placed upon equal footing, and they are equally entitled to protection in their religious liberty.¹⁰⁸

No free government now exists in the world, unless where Christianity is acknowledged, and is the religion of the country.¹⁰⁹

Findings of a Major University Study

The second notable investigation was conducted by Dr. Donald S. Lutz¹¹⁰, a professor of political philosophy at the University of Houston, and his research associate, Dr. Charles Hyneman. They conducted a groundbreaking 10-year study of the ideas that shaped our republic and published their findings in *The American Political Science Review* in 1984. Lutz and Hyneman examined nearly 15,000 writings of the 55 writers of the Constitution, including newspaper articles, pamphlets, books and monographs. Their article, *The Relative Influence of European Writers on Late Eighteenth-Century American Political Thought*, revealed that the Bible, especially the book of Deuteronomy, contributed to 34 percent of all direct quotes made by the Founders. When indirect Bible citations were included, the percentage increased even more.¹¹¹

Regarding the Houston study:

The three most quoted individuals were French philosopher Montesquieu (8.3 percent), English jurist William Blackstone (7.9 percent) and English philosopher John Locke (2.9 percent). But Biblical citations dwarfed them all. Ninety-four percent of the founding fathers quotes were based on the Bible.-.34 percent directly from its pages and 60 percent from men who had used the Bible to arrive at their conclusions.¹¹² (emphasis added)

According to Lutz, **the U.S. Constitution is a political document that is the product of a constitution-making tradition that can be traced to colonial charters and which is modeled on the biblical covenant—a solemn agreement between God and man.** The colonists 'didn't come over with John Locke in hand,' said Lutz. 'They came over with the Bible in hand.' While many of their technologies were ill-suited to the New World, the idea of constitution-making insured their success. 'It was the perfect technology,' said Lutz. 'It was the technology that mattered and allowed them to survive all up and down the coast.'¹¹³ (emphasis added)

More statements in America's founding documents came from the Bible than any other single source. However, English and French natural-law scholars and philosophers, William Blackstone, John Locke and Charles Secondat de Montesquieu also played a vital role. Renew America analyst Stephen Voigt puts their significance and Christian influence in context:

Blackstone, Locke, and Montesquieu were not simply important to the foundation of our law and our nation; they were critically important. These natural law scholars and their writings, which were grounded in faith, influenced James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, and nearly all of the leaders of the Revolution and the framers of our Constitution.

Blackstone, Locke, and Montesquieu were not alone in influencing the founding fathers, but their influence and the influence of other natural law scholars including Algernon Sidney, Baron Samuel de Puffendorf, and Sir Edward Coke is undeniable. ...

The complete list of citations in Lutz's study includes over 180 names, with most garnering only a fraction of a single percentage point of the total number of citations. Plainly, the fact that over one third of all citations were to the Bible is not a statistic you will find in many textbooks! As for the influence of Blackstone,

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Montesquieu, and Locke, imagine the remainder of the percentages trickling down over 180 other names and you will begin to understand the magnitude of their influence on American political thought in the founding era.¹¹⁴

Undeniable Conclusion

It is the clear trumpet of objective and scholarly investigations such as the two cited above that easily drown out the din of Secularist noise. No other country in history has placed its foundation so squarely on the bedrock of the whole Bible. As the truth of America's Christian heritage becomes clear, so too will the Secularist mantra of "separation of church and state" be seen for the subversive lie that it is. The next chapter will confront that lie head-on with more "inconvenient" truth.

Note: Many if not most of our current history books are contaminated by books written in the 1920s that contradicted - and attempted to rewrite - American history to fit the authors' anti-American bias.

So, if the truth about America's founding and the heroes who God used to begin this Great Experiment is new to you, there is an exhaustive history book of 1060 pages, published in 1864 that provides a true overview of our first 100 years. In 1853, Benjamin F. Morris began compiling *The Christian Life and Character of the Civil Institutes of the United States*. It is one of the many hundreds of books that David Barton of *Wallbuilders* uses to document our true roots.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-NINE

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE?

In the current Culture War, Secularists like the ACLU attempt to use our federal court system to make laws that will deny the basic right of religious expression of Americans. This tactic, when successful, violates the U.S. Constitution which specifically forbids federal judges from making laws. Rather, our Constitution delegates Congress, and only Congress, as the federal lawmaker. Furthermore, the First Amendment specifically forbids Congress from making any law establishing any specific federal (national) religion or *prohibiting* public religious expression. How is it then, that Secularists and activist judges can routinely disregard these specific mandates of our hallowed Constitution?

The following article by David Barton of Wallbuilders is a good summary of the re-definition process that the Secularists have used to literally reverse the Founder's original meaning of the phrase "Separation of Church and State."

The Separation Of Church And State

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In 1947, in the case *Everson v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court declared, "The First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and

impregnable. We could not approve the slightest breach." The "separation of church and state" phrase which they invoked, and which has today become so familiar, was taken from an exchange of letters between President Thomas Jefferson and the Baptist Association of Danbury, Connecticut, shortly after Jefferson became President.

The election of Jefferson – America's first Anti-Federalist President – elated many Baptists since that denomination, by-and-large, was also strongly Anti-Federalist. This political disposition of the Baptists was understandable, for from the early settlement of Rhode Island in the 1630s to the time of the federal Constitution in the 1780s, the Baptists had often found themselves suffering from the centralization of power.

Consequently, now having a President who not only had championed the rights of Baptists in Virginia but who also had advocated clear limits on the centralization of government powers, the Danbury Baptists wrote Jefferson a letter of praise on October 7, 1801, telling him:

Among the many millions in America and Europe who rejoice in your election to office, we embrace the first opportunity . . . to express our great satisfaction in your appointment to the Chief Magistracy in the United States. . . . [W]e have reason to believe that America's God has raised you up to fill the Chair of State out of that goodwill which He bears to the millions which you preside over. May God strengthen you for the arduous task which providence and the voice of the people have called you. . . . And may the Lord preserve you safe from every evil and bring you at last to his Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Glorious Mediator. ^[1]

However, in that same letter of congratulations, the Baptists also expressed to Jefferson their grave concern over the entire concept of the First Amendment, including of its guarantee for "the free exercise of religion":

Our sentiments are uniformly on the side of religious liberty: that

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religion is at all times and places a matter between God and individuals, that no man ought to suffer in name, person, or effects on account of his religious opinions, [and] that the legitimate power of civil government extends no further than to punish the man who works ill to his neighbor. But sir, our constitution of government is not specific. . . . [T]herefore what religious privileges we enjoy (as a minor part of the State) we enjoy as favors granted, and not as inalienable rights. ^[2]

In short, the inclusion of protection for the "free exercise of religion" in the constitution suggested to the Danbury Baptists that the right of religious expression was government-given (thus alienable) rather than God-given (hence inalienable), and that therefore the government might someday attempt to regulate religious expression. This was a possibility to which they strenuously objected-unless, as they had explained, someone's religious practice caused him to "work ill to his neighbor."

Jefferson understood their concern; it was also his own. In fact, he made numerous declarations about the constitutional inability of the federal government to regulate, restrict, or interfere with religious expression. For example:

[N]o power over the freedom of religion . . . [is] delegated to the United States by the Constitution. *Kentucky Resolution, 1798* ^[3]

In matters of religion, I have considered that its free exercise is placed by the Constitution independent of the powers of the general [federal] government. *Second Inaugural Address, 1805* ^[4]

[O]ur excellent Constitution . . . has not placed our religious rights under the power of any public functionary. *Letter to the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1808* ^[5]

I consider the government of the United States as interdicted [prohibited] by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions . . . or exercises. *Letter to Samuel Millar, 1808* ^[6]

Jefferson believed that the government was to be powerless to

interfere with religious expressions for a very simple reason: he had long witnessed the unhealthy tendency of government to encroach upon the free exercise of religion. As he explained to Noah Webster:

It had become an universal and almost uncontroverted position in the several States that the purposes of society do not require a surrender of all our rights to our ordinary governors . . . and which experience has nevertheless proved they [the government] will be constantly encroaching on if submitted to them; that there are also certain fences which experience has proved peculiarly efficacious [effective] against wrong and rarely obstructive of right, which yet the governing powers have ever shown a disposition to weaken and remove. Of the first kind, for instance, is freedom of religion. ^[7]

Thomas Jefferson had no intention of allowing the government to limit, restrict, regulate, or interfere with public religious practices. He believed, along with the other Founders, that the First Amendment had been enacted *only* to prevent the federal establishment of a national denomination – a fact he made clear in a letter to fellow-signer of the Declaration of Independence Benjamin Rush:

“[T]he clause of the Constitution which, while it secured the freedom of the press, covered also the freedom of religion, had given to the clergy a very favorite hope of obtaining an establishment of a particular form of Christianity through the United States; and as every sect believes its own form the true one, every one perhaps hoped for his own, but especially the Episcopalians and Congregationalists. The returning good sense of our country threatens abortion to their hopes and they believe that any portion of power confided to me will be exerted in opposition to their schemes. And they believe rightly.”^[8]

Jefferson had committed himself as President to pursuing the purpose of the First Amendment: preventing the "establishment of a particular form of Christianity" by the Episcopalians,

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Congregationalists, or any other denomination.

Since this was Jefferson's view concerning religious expression, in his short and polite reply to the Danbury Baptists on January 1, 1802, he assured them that they need not fear; that the free exercise of religion would *never* be interfered with by the federal government. As he explained:

“Gentlemen, – The affectionate sentiments of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me on behalf of the Danbury Baptist Association give me the highest satisfaction. . . . Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of government reach actions only and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should "make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," thus building a wall of separation between Church and State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties. I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man, and tender you for yourselves and your religious association assurances of my high respect and esteem.”^[9]

Jefferson's reference to "natural rights" invoked an important legal phrase which was part of the rhetoric of that day and which reaffirmed his belief that religious liberties were inalienable rights. While the phrase "natural rights" communicated much to people then, to most citizens today those words mean little.

By definition, "natural rights" included "that which the Books of the Law and the Gospel do contain." ^[10] That is, "natural rights" incorporated what God Himself had guaranteed to man in the Scriptures. Thus, when Jefferson assured the Baptists that by following their "natural rights" they would violate *no* social duty,

he was affirming to them that the free exercise of religion was their inalienable God-given right and therefore was protected from federal regulation or interference.

So clearly did Jefferson understand the Source of America's inalienable rights that he even doubted whether America could survive if we ever lost that knowledge? He queried:

And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure if we have lost the only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? ^[11]

Jefferson believed that God, not government, was the Author and Source of our rights and that the government, therefore, was to be prevented from interference with those rights. Very simply, the "fence" of the Webster letter and the "wall" of the Danbury letter were *not* to limit religious activities in public; rather they were to limit the power of the government to prohibit or interfere with those expressions.

Earlier courts long understood Jefferson's intent. In fact, when Jefferson's letter was invoked by the Supreme Court (only twice prior to the 1947 *Everson* case – the *Reynolds v. United States* case in 1878), unlike today's Courts which publish only his eight-word separation phrase, that earlier Court published Jefferson's entire letter and then concluded:

Coming as this does from an acknowledged leader of the advocates of the measure, it [Jefferson's letter] may be accepted almost as an authoritative declaration of the scope and effect of the Amendment thus secured. *Congress* was deprived of all *legislative power* over mere [religious] opinion, but was left free to *reach actions which were in violation of social duties or subversive of good order*. (emphasis added)^[12]

That Court then succinctly summarized Jefferson's intent for "separation of church and state":

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[T]he rightful purposes of civil government are for its officers to interfere when principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order. In th[is] . . . is found the true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the State.^[13]

With this even the Baptists had agreed; for while wanting to see the government prohibited from interfering with or limiting religious activities, they also had declared it a legitimate function of government "to punish the man who works ill to his neighbor."

That Court, therefore, and others (for example, *Commonwealth v. Nesbit* and *Lindenmuller v. The People*), identified actions into which – if perpetrated in the name of religion – the government *did* have legitimate reason to intrude. Those activities included human sacrifice, polygamy, bigamy, concubinage, incest, infanticide, parricide, advocacy and promotion of immorality, etc.

Such acts, even if perpetrated in the name of religion, would be stopped by the government since, as the Court had explained, they were "subversive of good order" and were "overt acts against peace." However, the government was never to interfere with traditional religious practices outlined in "the Books of the Law and the Gospel" – whether public prayer, the use of the Scriptures, public acknowledgements of God, etc.

Therefore, if Jefferson's letter is to be used today, let its context be clearly given – as in previous years. Furthermore, earlier Courts had *always* viewed Jefferson's Danbury letter for just what it was: a *personal, private* letter to a specific group. There is probably no other instance in America's history where words spoken by a single individual in a private letter – words clearly divorced from their context – have become the sole authorization for a national policy. Finally, Jefferson's Danbury letter should never be invoked as a stand-alone document. A proper analysis of Jefferson's views must include his numerous other statements on the First Amendment.

For example, in addition to his other statements previously noted,

Jefferson also declared that the "power to prescribe any religious exercise. . . . *must rest with the States*" (emphasis added). Nevertheless, the federal courts ignore this succinct declaration and choose rather to misuse his separation phrase to strike down scores of State laws which encourage or facilitate public religious expressions. Such rulings against State laws are a direct violation of the words and intent of the very one from whom the courts claim to derive their policy.

One further note should be made about the now infamous "separation" dogma. The *Congressional Records* from June 7 to September 25, 1789, record the months of discussions and debates of the ninety Founding Fathers who framed the First Amendment. Significantly, not only was Thomas Jefferson **not** one of those ninety who framed the First Amendment, but also, during those debates not one of those ninety Framers ever mentioned the phrase "separation of church and state." It seems logical that if this had been the intent for the First Amendment – as is so frequently asserted-then at least one of those ninety who framed the Amendment would have mentioned that phrase; none did.

In summary, the "separation" phrase so frequently invoked today was rarely mentioned by any of the Founders; and even Jefferson's explanation of his phrase is diametrically opposed to the manner in which courts apply it today. "Separation of church and state" currently means almost exactly the opposite of what it originally meant.

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CHAPTER THIRTY

WHAT DID THE FIRST AMENDMENT ESTABLISH?

Rights Come From God

In their anti-God zeal to secularize America, Secularists routinely insist that it was Enlightenment thinking, not Biblical thinking, that propelled our “deistic” Founders. Previous chapters have already proved that assertion to be a lie. But the implication that an absolute dichotomy exists between the two perspectives is also misleading. In fact, the Founding Fathers and Enlightened thinkers agreed that God gave rights to man which government was obligated to protect.

They also agreed that monarchical governments run by so-called “divine rulers” are not legitimate when they usurp rather than protect these God-given rights. This explains the vital importance of the Establishment Clause. The Founding Fathers formulated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to prevent the federal government from endorsing or establishing an official national religion because religion had been abused by kings to oppress the God-given rights of man, especially the right of religious liberty.

The Establishment Clause (which should be called the non-establishment clause) specifically handcuffs the federal government - not state governments or individuals - when it declares: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ... “ And if such clear language is not clear enough, one only need look objectively at the many civic actions of the Founding Fathers to understand their intent for the Clause. It was to protect every citizen's right to freely practice the “religion” or Worldview of his choice while it supported and furthered in even

overt ways the very Christian principles that guaranteed that freedom of conscience.

Our Founder's intent is under incessant attack by Secularists who wish to prevent all public expression of religion - especially Christian. Their focus is not freedom of religion but freedom from religion. However, as noted in a previous chapter, it is impossible for a government NOT to be based on some Worldview and the set of assumptions our Founders chose was decidedly Christian, not Atheistic. So Secularists are trying to replace our Christian heritage with the irrational view of godless Atheism.

Jefferson's Actions Speak

It is instructive to note that when Secularists need an "expert's" words to promote their "separation" propaganda, they usually pick Thomas Jefferson, even though he was in France when the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were written. Yet, when they deny that God exists or is irrelevant, they ignore their champion Jefferson's own words that "all men are created equal. ... and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights...." They quote only what is convenient to their Worldview, the very thing that they accuse Christians of doing.

If, in fact, Jefferson was anti-religious and insisted on an absolute wall of separation between church and state, then how can one explain his following words and deeds?

In 1774, while serving in the Virginia Assembly, he (Jefferson) personally introduced a resolution calling for a Day of Fasting and Prayer.¹¹⁵

And while Thomas Jefferson was serving as our third president, though he certainly did not hold to all the traditional doctrines of Christianity, he nonetheless helped place the Bible and Isaac Watt's Book of Psalms and Hymns in the District of Columbia's public schools. Further, regarding religion, he declared:

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Deemed in other countries incompatible with good government and yet proved by our experience to be its best support.¹¹⁶

Additionally, while president, Jefferson approved of and actually attended religious services in the Capitol and Treasury Building (a weekly use that lasted until 1866). He personally arranged for the Marine Band, subsidized by government funds, to play at these services. And further, he asked the Senate to ratify a treaty with the Kaskaskia Indians and provide federal funds:

And whereas the greater part of the said tribe have been baptized and received into the Catholic Church, to which they are much attached, **the United States will give annually, for seven years, one hundred dollars toward the support of a priest of that religion**, who will engage to perform for said tribe the duties of his office, and also to instruct as many of their children as possible, in the rudiments of literature, and **the United States will further give the sum of three hundred dollars, to assist the said tribe in the [erecting] of a church.**¹¹⁷ (emphasis added)

If that didn't qualify as "establishing a religion" (by Congress, no less) what would? Yet in Jefferson's mind it obviously did not. So either Thomas Jefferson was a schizophrenic hypocrite or what he said to the Danbury Baptists has been twisted to say the exact opposite of his meaning. The relevant portion of his now infamous letter follows, beginning with the second paragraph:

...Believing with you that **religion is a matter which lies solely between Man & his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship**, that the **legitimate powers of government reach actions only**, & not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should **'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,'** thus building a wall of

separation between Church & State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the **rights of conscience**, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments **which tend to restore to man all his natural rights**, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties. I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection & blessing of the common father and creator of man," ¹¹⁸
(emphasis added)

Given Jefferson's letter and corresponding deeds, it is obvious to any objective observer that he did in public what he wrote about in private. He acted on his conviction that the Christian religion was an important support to society and civil government and that the Bible should be used to educate future citizens. His actions as an elected official demonstrated that he approved of public prayer and worship even when facilitated and funded by the federal government.

Jefferson's Faulty Wall

Thomas Jefferson, the Secularist's icon, was not prohibiting but actually promoting "the free exercise" of the Christian religion in federal buildings and paying clergy with federal funds! Does that sound like an impenetrable wall between church and state? Unfortunately, his metaphor has been intentionally distorted to mean just that; yet he demonstrated by his actions that religion must impact the federal government but not vice versa. That is why, for example, church-owned property is tax-exempt. The separation metaphor caused no trouble for 160 years. It became important only when modern day Secularists hijacked and perverted its meaning, as cogently explained by Associate Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist:

In 1984, Associate Justice William Hubbs Rehnquist in the case of Wallace vs. Jaffree stated: "The 'wall of separation between church and State' is a metaphor based on bad history, a metaphor which has proved useless as a guide to judging. It should be frankly and explicitly abandoned."¹¹⁹

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The metaphor is useless because our Founders intentionally based their “New Experiment” squarely on the principles of a Christian Worldview, not a Secular or New Age or Buddhist view. Many chapters in this book thoroughly document that historical fact. The “wall” metaphor implies an inherent and necessary separation when, in fact, the relationship our Founders envisioned was fundamentally different. True, the church is not to be identical to the state, as sometimes was the case in Europe and is with Islamic states today. Rather, the relationship is to be more like a boat on a lake where Christianity supplies the ideological framework of moral values and norms that supports the government of a citizenry who, ideally, think and behave biblically. As cited in previous chapters, many Founders said this.

Even more to the point, Jefferson's phrase should not be used as the basis for interpreting the First Amendment because he had no direct hand in writing it or the Constitution. Jefferson was an ambassador in France when these founding documents were hammered out. In his article, Separation of Church and State?, David Barton writes:

In 1802, Dr. Joseph Priestley sent Jefferson a copy of an article he had written crediting Jefferson with much of the thought and work of the Constitution. Jefferson knew this was erroneous; on June 19, 1802, he wrote Dr. Priestley, instructing him to correct that error:

'One passage in the paper you enclosed me must be corrected. It is the following, 'And all say it was yourself more than any other individual, that planned and established it,' i.e., the Constitution. I was in Europe when the Constitution was planned, and never saw it till after it was established.'

... Further, Jefferson is not an exclusive authority on the First Amendment. As a strong Anti-Federalist, he did want the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the Constitution) but, as he explained, he gave only vague directions concerning it:

'On receiving it [the Constitution while in France] I wrote strongly to Mr. Madison, urging the want of provision for the freedom of religion, freedom of the press, trial by jury, habeas corpus, the substitution of militia for a standing army, and an express reservation to the States of all rights not specifically granted to the Union. . . . This is all the hand I had in what related to the Constitution.'¹²⁰

While Jefferson's passion on the subject probably influenced Madison, it was Madison's efforts that gave us the Bill of Rights.

Madison's support of the bill of rights was of critical significance. One of the new representatives from Virginia to the First Federal Congress, as established by the new Constitution, he worked tirelessly to persuade the House to enact amendments. Defusing the anti-Federalists' objections to the Constitution, Madison was able to shepherd through 17 amendments in the early months of the Congress, a list that was later trimmed to 12 in the Senate. In October 2, 1789, President Washington sent to each of the states a copy of the 12 amendments adopted by the Congress in September. By December 15, 1791, three-fourths of the states had ratified the 10 amendments now so familiar to Americans as the 'Bill of Rights.'¹²¹

Jefferson Disqualified Yet Lionized

So, in actual fact, Jefferson disqualified himself as an authority on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; yet he is cited by Secularists as the primary authority on both documents, summed up by his misinterpreted phrase that is not even found within them. Outrageously, this "proof" is often used by judicial and social activists as the basis for public policy decisions and is the primary way that Secularists use our court system to establish their religion of Atheism. Examples of distortions about Jefferson's participation can be found in Supreme Court opinions, as cited by David Barton:

This Court has previously recognized that the provisions of the First Amendment, in the drafting and

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adoption of which . . . Jefferson played such [a] leading role ..." (Everson v. Board of Education, 1947)

Thomas Jefferson ... a moving force behind the creation of the Bill of Rights ..." (Legal brief submitted by "Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, 1992) ¹²²

This heavy reliance on Jefferson is a recent phenomenon beginning with non-constructionist judges appointed by President F. D. Roosevelt. Ironically, Jefferson himself was strongly suspicious of a court system staffed with fallible humans not elected directly by the people, knowing it could be used to undermine our God-given freedoms. How prophetic his suspicions have turned out to be! The next chapter will focus on specific court decisions that have systematically undermined our Constitutional freedoms.

For additional reference, read Michael Medved's October 3, 2007 column at Townhall.com, *The Founders Intended a Christian, Not Secular, Society* and Vine and Fig Tree's website article, *Were the Founding Fathers "Deists," "Freethinkers," and "Infidels?."*

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CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE

A KEY COURT CASE IN THE SECULARIZATION OF AMERICA

Amendments to The Constitution of the United States of America

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Ratified December 15, 1791.

Amendment 14; Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Ratified July 9, 1868.

Everson Revisited

The bulk of this chapter focuses on the 1947 Supreme Court case, *Everson v. Board of Education of the Township of Ewing*. The landmark case involved a New Jersey statute that enabled parents who sent their children to parochial schools to receive reimbursement for their transportation expenses.

Justice Hugo Black delivered the opinion of the Court which greased the government's slide toward secularization through his

blatant judicial activism, and popularized the current misinterpretation of the “separation of church and state.” His secular based interpretation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution formed the basis for the opinion. Ironically, his opinion was not consistent with his actual ruling and was “corrected” in a later case. Excerpts from the opinion are quoted here; the full document can be found at the Cornell University Law School website.

Prior to the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment, **the First Amendment did not apply as a restraint against the states.** Most of them (the states) did soon provide similar constitutional protections for religious liberty. But some states persisted for about half a century in imposing restraints upon the free exercise of religion and in discriminating against particular religious groups. (emphasis added)

Justice Black failed to note that it was the Christian beliefs, held by the vast majority of American Colonists, that enabled them to form a cohesive Federal government based on freedom. The tolerance among Christian sects, which was gradually extended to others, set America apart from other countries. Many hotspots exist today because their leaders reject that example, usually traceable to intolerance within their Worldview assumptions. Secularists think they can reform society by imposing the force of law. Christians believe that true reform can only happen when individual hearts and attitudes are changed for the good through faith in Jesus Christ. In the Everson case, Justice Black argued that using laws to, in effect, outlaw all Christian influence, would improve America; in fact such policies only serve to rip out the rock foundation upon which America was built, causing inevitable moral erosion.

Ironically, Justice Black tacitly admitted in his above lament the existence of a Christian foundation under our state governments that was maintained by the protection of the First Amendment - the very foundation he challenged.

The meaning and scope of the First Amendment, preventing establishment of religion or prohibiting the free

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exercise thereof, in the light of its history and the evils it was designed forever to suppress, have been several times elaborated by the decisions of this Court **prior to the application of the First Amendment to the states by the Fourteenth. The broad meaning given the Amendment by these earlier cases has been accepted by this Court in its decisions concerning an individual's religious freedom rendered since the Fourteenth Amendment was interpreted to make the prohibitions of the First applicable to state action abridging religious freedom. There is every reason to give the same application and broad interpretation to the 'establishment of religion' clause. The interrelation of these complementary clauses** was well summarized in a statement of the Court of Appeals of South Carolina, quoted with approval by this Court, in *Watson v. Jones*, 13 Wall. 679, 730: 'The structure of our government has, for the preservation of civil liberty, rescued the temporal institutions from religious interference. On the other hand, it has secured religious liberty from the invasions of the civil authority.' (emphasis added) (Cornell University Law School website.)

Notice Justice Black conveniently omits the qualifier "Congress" in the first sentence. Our Founders intentionally handcuffed Congress from making such laws precisely so that the people of each state would have jurisdiction and freedom to decide whether or not to "establish a religion." As his argument unfolded, it became clear that he thought an "evil," namely religion, needed to be suppressed if not replaced - and he supplied the means to do it.

His agreement with the last two sentences of the above quote revealed his underlying bias that the First Amendment "... has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve of the slightest breach."

But previously, he lamented that the states had imposed religious restraints. So how and when did the "structure of our government" rescue "the temporal institutions from religious

interference?" It was the Founders, influenced by Christian principles, who fashioned the structure of our government on those Christian principles. Justice Black seemed shamelessly bent on replacing the paradigm of a government based on the Christian belief system - which he misnames "religious interference" - with a government based on no belief system - which is inherently impossible to do. That is like saying it is possible to have a second story building without a first story.

As noted in previous chapters, all governments are founded on some set of assumptions - collectively, a belief system. So, to call a government's foundational assumptions "interference" is irrational. But Black did this for a calculated reason. His hidden agenda was to replace what he called "religious interference," specifically Christian principles, with another belief system, namely Secularism. The notion that Secularism is somehow "value neutral" and therefore does not "interfere" with government operations, is absurd. It is a belief system of competing, and often hostile, assumptions that deny the validity of the assumptions upon which America was built such as America's dependence on God's providence for survival. That is why attempts to remove our nation's Christian foundation or attacking the name of Jesus Christ were once treated as treasonous by early American courts. Justice Black's court opinion officially formulated the criteria Secularists use even today to unilaterally destroy America's Christian foundation and heritage. This was the first official volley in the so-called Culture War.

Seven Black Commandments

Following his interpretation of what constitutes religious interference, Justice Black went on to explain, "The 'establishment of religion' clause of the First Amendment means at least this." He then issued seven decrees, found on the Cornell University Law School website (numbered here for sake of clarity):

- 1. "Neither a state nor the Federal Government can set up a church."**

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How did Justice Black arrive at that new meaning which imposed prohibitions diametrically contrary to the First Amendment? His radical departure from the previous norm was justified by his activist interpretation and extension of the Fourteenth Amendment.

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There is 'every reason to give the same application and broad interpretation' only if an activist court majority ignores 160 years of Constitutional and judicial precedent and arrogantly decides that they can invent a reason that fits their secularist Worldview. A section of the Fourteenth Amendment states,

... No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.
...

Secularists are quick to declare that there is no longer such a thing as "states rights." That saves them the trouble of working to pass laws that support their agenda in every state. All they have to do is get a Federal judge to make a law through a court case and it then applies everywhere. They have used that means to substitute the rights to religious liberty of the majority with the rights of as few as a single American. That travesty of justice and perversion of the First Amendment happened when one woman, atheist and socialist sympathizer Madalyn Murray O'Hair, sued to have Bible reading removed from all public schools and won her case by an 8-1 Supreme Court ruling. With that decision, just eight men effectively violated the freedom of children to hear the truth of

the very book upon which our public schools were originally based. No doubt, their outrageous thinking was based on the next decree:

- 2. Neither [state nor federal government] can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another.**

While this is consistent with Black's first decree, it is totally opposite the policies and practices of our Founders, including Thomas Jefferson, as documented in previous chapters and underscored in his Second Presidential Inaugural Address:

In matters of religion I have considered that its free exercise is placed by the Constitution independent of the powers of the General Government. I have therefore undertaken on no occasion to prescribe the religious exercises suited to it, but have left them, as the Constitution found them, under the direction and discipline of the church or state authorities acknowledged by the several religious societies.¹²³

Similarly, in 1833, Joseph Story, an Associate Supreme Court of the United States from 1811 until his death in 1845, summarized the purpose of the First amendment,

Probably at the time of the adoption of the constitution, and of the (First) amendment to it, now under consideration, the general, if not the universal, sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the state, so far as it is not incompatible with the private rights of conscience, and the freedom of religious worship. An attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference, would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation.¹²⁴

Story's further comments clarify that the Christian Worldview was preferred over other Worldviews including Secularism, which he called "infidelity." The First Amendment, he argued,

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... was not to countenance, much less to advance Mohammedanism [Islam], or Judaism, or **infidelity**, by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects and to prevent any national ecclesiastical establishment which would give to an hierarchy the exclusive patronage of the national government.¹²⁵ (emphasis added)

In other words, Christianity was to be protected as the foundational religion of America with no single Christian sect given a priority position over another. Justice Black's second decree could not have been more wrong or more destructive to America's heritage and well-being.

3. Neither can force nor influence a person to go to or to remain away from church against his will or force him to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion.

This decree also contradicts the previous Federal and state government policy of influencing its citizens by supporting and even requiring Bible-based schools by law. Even as late as 1946, the Dallas Public School system published a survey of the New Testament that would rival what is taught in many seminaries today.

4 No person can be punished for entertaining or professing religious beliefs or disbeliefs, for church attendance or non-attendance.

Current attempts to force tolerance and acceptance of **any** belief system today are making possible the appalling scenario that Christianity itself will no longer be tolerated in America. That is tantamount to throwing overboard the people who own the boat.

5 No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or Institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever from (sic) they may adopt to teach or practice religion.

Indeed, states carried on that very practice of taxation for decades after the First Amendment was passed proving again our

Founders never intended the Federal government to meddle in this area. The hand of Big Government is progressively strangling the throats of state and local governments, a betrayal of power which would have horrified the likes of both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

6 Neither a state nor the Federal Government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa.

Again, Thomas Jefferson did this openly as president for 8 years when he personally attended weekly church services in the Capitol building.

7 In the words of Jefferson, the clause against establishment of religion by law was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between Church and State.'

Justice Black's failure to correctly cite the origin and true purpose of Jefferson's phrase was a deceitful omission. Using it to then bolster an unrelated argument amounted to propaganda and led to what we have today - the intimidation of Christians and the silencing of religious expression.

The Secularist Avalanche

Our Founder's words and deeds clearly contradict Justice Black's interpretation and application of Jefferson's "separation of church and state" remark. It is clear that the court purposely seized the opportunity of the enactment of the Fourteenth Amendment to amend the First Amendment without benefit of the constitutionally required process. That violation of the proper process has continued through the years by activist judges, in league with anti-Christian ideologues, who are bent on secularizing, and thereby destroying, America as we know it. Our rich heritage and practices are being systematically ripped away through despicable court rulings which seek to justify the opposite of what our Founders intended.

Everson was the beginning of a powerful separationist drive by the Court, during which many programs and

practices given government sanction were found to have religious purposes or effects and thus invalidated.¹²⁶
(emphasis added)

The *unprecedented interpretation* of our hallowed First Amendment in the Everson case was the initial snowball that triggered an avalanche of court cases that *threaten to destroy our Founder's intent* for the First Amendment by establishing the religion of Secular Humanism as the foundation of our government.

The next chapter will describe the proper Constitutional use of judicial power meant to interpret rather than make laws. Once civil servants use any branch of our government to overstep Constitutionally established boundaries, it spells the beginning of the end of our Constitutional Republic. This is especially so when the judiciary replaces Constitutional Law with its own whims.

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CHAPTER THIRTY-TWO

RULE OF LAW, NOT RULE OF JUDICIARY

The previous chapter focused on Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black's seven infamous decrees which reversed 160 years of jurisprudence and the establishment of our Federal Government on the foundation of Christian principles. He did this in direct and premeditated opposition to the declaration of the 1892 Supreme Court which meticulously documented and emphatically stated that "America is a Christian nation."

He was, in effect, making a new law saying that the First Amendment "...has erected a wall between church and state. That wall must be kept high and impregnable. We could not approve of the slightest breach." In doing so, he was usurping the constitutionally established powers of the legislature. He himself was leaping over the wall which the Constitution did establish, namely the separation of powers within the three branches of our government. This power grab has become so much the norm in today's activist courts that the proper use of judicial power has been all but forgotten.

But fortunately, there are still justices who believe in adhering to their proper roles. One such man is Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

In September 26, 2006, Senator Orrin Hatch marked the 20th anniversary of Justice Scalia's Supreme Court appointment with a powerful speech to the U. S. Senate. He contrasted the responsible use of judicial power intended by the Constitution with the blatant misuse of power by the Black court. These next **thirty excerpts** from the Senator's speech describe the impact that Justice Scalia has had on our nation; emphasis has been added. They illustrate what should be in the model court room, rather than what is in the activist court room.

.”... In the time I have this morning, I would like to offer a few general remarks about Justice Scalia’s judicial philosophy, his judicial personality, and his judicial impact.

... President Reagan chose Justice Scalia because his smarts and talents are connected to a deeply considered and deliberately framed judicial philosophy rooted in the principles of America’s founding. Indeed, as Pepperdine law professor Douglas Kmiec has said, Justice Scalia “is the justice who works the hardest to construct a coherent theory of constitutional interpretation that does not change from case to case.” When the Judiciary Committee hearing on Justice Scalia's nomination opened on August 5, 1986, I quoted from the Chicago Tribune's evaluation that the nominee before us was “determined to read the law as it has been enacted by the people’s representatives rather than to impose his own preference upon it.”

Consider for a moment the vital importance of this simple principle. Since the people and their elected representatives alone have the authority to enact law, the way they have enacted it is the only sense in which the law is the law. The way they have enacted it, then, is the only legitimate way for judges to read it. This fundamental principle is at the heart of Justice Scalia’s judicial philosophy.

This principle springs directly from the separation of powers, which America’s founders said was perhaps the most important principle for limiting government and preserving liberty. Alexander Hamilton wrote in The Federalist No.78 that there is no liberty if the judiciary’s power to interpret the law is not separated from the legislature’s power to make the law.

In his dissenting opinion in Morrison v. Olson, Justice Scalia highlighted the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780 which, to this day, contains what Justice Scalia called the proud boast of democracy, that this is a government of laws and not of men. The Massachusetts charter, however, also states what is required for this boast to be realized. It requires the

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separation of powers, including that the judiciary shall never exercise the power to make law.

Today, only 42 percent of Americans know the number of branches in the federal government and fewer than 60 percent can name even a single one. But America's founders insisted that identifying them, defining them, and separating them is essential for liberty itself.

In *Marbury v. Madison*, the great Chief Justice John Marshall wrote that it is the duty of the judicial branch to say what the law is. Not what the law says, but what the law is. The law is more than simply ink blots formed into words on a page. Saying what the law is requires saying what the law means, for that meaning is the essence of the law itself.

But here is the crux of the matter ... The meaning of the words in our laws comes from those who made them, not from those who interpret them. Those who chose the words in our laws gave them life by giving them meaning, and the judicial task of saying what the law is requires discovering the meaning they provided. The separation of powers, therefore, excludes from the judiciary the power to change the words or meaning of the law and secures to it the power to interpret and apply that law to decide cases.

... America's founders intended that the judiciary be independent and strong, but also confined within the boundaries of a written Constitution and laws. No one believes that principle more deeply, and insists on implementing it more consistently, than Justice Scalia.

President Reagan often used the general label judicial restraint for this notion of judges restrained by law they did not make and cannot change. ... Justice Scalia used the more specific label originalism for his judicial philosophy. When judges interpret the law, he said, they must "give that text the meaning that it bore when it was adopted by the people."

... Justice Scalia was merely echoing America's founders. James Madison said that the only sense in which the Constitution is legitimate is if it retains the meaning given it by those who alone have the authority to make it law.

The Constitution cannot govern government if government defines the Constitution. That includes the judiciary, which is as much part of the government as the legislative or executive branch. To once again cite Chief Justice Marshall from *Marbury v. Madison*, America's founders intended the Constitution to govern courts as well as legislatures. It cannot do so if, as Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes famously claimed, the Constitution is whatever the judges say it is.

If the Constitution is little more than an empty linguistic glass that judges may fill or a checkbook full of blank checks that judges may write, it is not much of anything at all. I am not sure what such a collection of words without meaning might be called, ... but it is not a Constitution.

Thankfully, Justice Scalia rejects such an anemic and shape-shifting view of the Constitution, insisting that even judges must be the servants rather than the masters of the law. Justice Scalia insists that judges stick to judging so the Constitution can indeed be the Constitution. Analyzing Justice Scalia's jurisprudential approach in the *Arkansas Law Review*, one scholar described what he called the justice's meticulous, almost obsessive, attention to language.

But let us remember that the epicenter of the remarkable system of government America's founders crafted is indeed a written Constitution. They, too, were obsessed with language.

President George Washington warned in his 1796 farewell address against changing the Constitution through what he called usurpation rather than the formal amendment process. George Mason actually opposed ratification of the Constitution, in part because giving the Supreme Court too much power to construe the laws would let them substitute their own pleasure for the law of the land. President Thomas Jefferson said that "our peculiar security is in the possession

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of a written Constitution. Let us not make it a blank paper by construction..”..

No one should assume that while originalism is relatively straight-forward to describe, it is neither perfect or easy. But it is consistent with, I would say compelled by, the principles underlying our form of government. And it is certainly better than the alternative, which puts judges rather than the people in charge of the law's meaning and the nation's values.

... Justice Scalia's judicial philosophy is about the process of interpreting and applying the law, to whatever ends the law requires. That process can produce results in individual cases that political conservatives or liberals will support or oppose. But when the law, and not the judge, decides the outcome of cases, those who do not like the outcome can work to change the law. When, however, the judge and not the law decides the outcome of cases, the people are nearly always left with no voice at all.

Justice Scalia's critics attack his judicial philosophy for the same reason he embraces it. Originalism limits a judge's ability to make law. The famed Senator and Supreme Court orator Daniel Webster once said that “there are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.”

Justice Scalia has often said that judges are no better suited to govern than anyone else, and certainly have no authority to do so. Unelected judges, no matter how well-intentioned, do not have the power to be our masters.

... As Hamilton put it, the great and terrible cost of judges rather than the people making law would be liberty itself. Thomas Jefferson warned that by playing with the meaning of the Constitution's words, the judiciary would turn the charter into a mere thing of wax that they would twist and shape into any form they chose.

In the last 70 years or so, the judiciary has been doing a lot of twisting and shaping. One of Justice Scalia's predecessors on the Supreme Court, Justice George Sutherland, ... wrote this in 1937: "The judicial function is that of interpretation; it does not include the power of amendment under the guise of interpretation. To miss the point of difference between the two is to...convert what was intended as inescapable and enduring mandates into mere moral reflections."

In 1953, Justice Robert Jackson lamented what had become a widely held belief that the Supreme Court decides cases by personal impressions rather than impersonal rules of law.

Many people, conservatives as well as liberals, do not seem to mind this trend so long as it is their moral reflections and their personal impressions that are twisting and shaping the Constitution. Many people, conservatives as well as liberals, applaud or criticize the Supreme Court when it amends the Constitution, depending on whether they like the Court's amendments.

Yet I ask my fellow citizens, both conservatives and liberals: would you rather have your liberty secured by moral reflections and personal impressions or enduring mandates and impersonal rules of law? If you cede to judges the power to make law when you support the law they make, what will you say when judges – and they will – make law you oppose?

Liberty requires separating judges from lawmaking. Liberty requires that judges take the law as they find it, with the meaning it already has, apply it to decide concrete cases and controversies, and leave the rest to the people. (emphasis added)

Professor John Jeffries of the University of Virginia Law School writes that Justice Scalia "...is more dedicated to a vision of constitutional law as something distinct and apart from constitutional politics."

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That is precisely the kind of judge America needs on the bench.

...because of Justice Scalia's influence, we start more often with text rather than its history when looking at written law.

America's founders, it seems to me, assumed that judges would always start with the text and be kept in check because the meaning of that text already exists. This is why America's founders could call the judiciary the weakest and least dangerous branch. Putting statutory text ahead of statutory history would be a judicial no-brainer to them. If Professor Dorf is correct, we should first lament that the courts had gotten so far off course and then cheer Justice Scalia for helping point the way back.

... Justice Antonin Scalia ... considers aggressively and defends passionately the principles responsible for the ordered liberty that makes America the envy of the world. He refuses to let politics supplant principle and with a confident humility, or perhaps a humble confidence, submits himself to the rule of law and the collective judgment of his fellow citizens.

In the process, by the force of the principles in which he believes and the personality with which God has blessed him, Justice Antonin Scalia has made our liberty more secure, our citizenry and leaders more responsible, and given us all plenty to ponder"¹²⁷ (emphasis added)

Fortunately for America, there are some other wise judges like Justice Scalia who recognize the Secularist's strategy to subvert our court system in order to demolish our Constitutional freedoms. They are rejecting the temptation to usurp legislative power to make new laws and instead, are ruling according to the stated intent of the majority of our Founding Fathers and the court and historical precedent. The next chapter will give an example of just such a courageous, patriotic judge who ruled against the ACLU in a key case on December 20, 2005.

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CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE

SANITY TRUMPS JUSTICE BLACK'S INFAMOUS SEVEN DECREES

An earthquake is rumbling across America. Courageous people like the late Dr. D. James Kennedy, and Bill Donahue and Bill O'Reilly have been creating tremors for years as they document the revisionist lies the ACLU uses to deny America's Christian heritage and to suppress all public religious expression. Fortunately, a majority of Americans, believing that we are one nation under God, are finally pushing back rather than choosing to remain apathetic doormats.

One tremor that has been conspicuously under-reported by the secular media came from the 6th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals on December 20, 2005. Judge Suhrheinrich ruled against the ACLU in a bombshell case involving the hanging of a display in a county courthouse. The group sued over a display entitled "Foundations of American Law and Government" which included the Ten Commandments along with other historical documents.

In *ACLU of Kentucky v. Mercer County, Kentucky*, the court stated, "Were we to focus on the perceptions of individuals, every religious display would be 'necessarily precluded so long as some passersby would perceive a governmental endorsement thereof.' Thus we find unavailing the ACLU's own assertions that it finds the display offensive... 'People may take offense to all manner of religious as well as nonreligious messages, but offense alone does not in every case show a violation.'... Our concern is that of the reasonable person. And the ACLU, an organization whose mission is 'to ensure that...the government is kept out of the religion business' does not embody the reasonable person."

Citing numerous legal precedents, the court further explained:

The ACLU's argument contains three fundamental flaws. **First**, the ACLU makes repeated reference to 'the separation of church and state'. This extra-constitutional construct has grown tiresome. The First Amendment does not demand a wall of separation between church and state. Our Nation's history is replete with governmental acknowledgment and in some cases, accommodation of religion. There is an unbroken history of official acknowledgment by all three branches of government of the role of religion in American life from at least 1789. After all, 'we are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being'. Thus, state recognition of religion that falls short of endorsement is constitutionally acceptable.

Second,... 'Simply having religious content or promoting a message consistent with a religious doctrine does not run afoul of the Establishment Clause'....

Third, the ACLU erroneously (though maybe intentionally) equates recognition with endorsement. To endorse is necessarily to recognize, but the converse does not follow.

We will not presume endorsement from the mere display of the Ten Commandments. If the reasonable observer perceived all government references to the Deity as endorsements, then many of our Nation's cherished traditions would be unconstitutional, including the Declaration of Independence and the national motto. Fortunately, the reasonable person is not a hyper-sensitive plaintiff. Instead he appreciates the role religion has played in our governmental institutions, and finds it historically appropriate and traditionally acceptable for a state to include religious references, even in the form of sacred texts, in honoring American legal traditions.

ACLU, Stop Your Stupid War

As with President Reagan's challenge to Soviet President Gorbachev, it is about time that the tremors of truth begin to tear down the fabricated wall of religious oppression, this time in America. Thomas Jefferson, the author of the misinterpreted "separation" phrase penned in a private letter to concerned Baptists, approved and attended church services in the U.S. Capitol and Treasury buildings while he was President. Would he not be pleased that free religious expression in private and public circles is on the rise-thanks to People Power?

Secularists incessantly try to impose their godless "freedom from religion" agenda like they have successfully done in Europe. But now, it is high time for the valiant majority who are still thankful for, wish to preserve, and publicly express, America's rich religious heritage founded on Christian principles to stand up against these "thought police." "In God We Trust," not man. If you are offended by some "religious expression," this wise court says be a "reasonable person ... not a hyper-sensitive plaintiff" and get over it.

In other words, Mr. Secularist, do the same thing you expect Christians to do (chill out) when you desecrate the crucifix in urine just because you call it a "free expression of an art form" - and have the gall use our tax-payer dollars to foot the bill. Why should anti-God artists be allowed to promote their secular worldview in publicly owned museums when you say pro-God people can't have crosses in publically owned cemeteries that anti-God people may see as they drive by? Come on, Mr. Secularist, be reasonable and tear down this absurd wall that you have fabricated from a fiction. Stop the war that you started!

To read the full Court of Appeals decision:
<http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/05a0477p-06.pdf>

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

Saving a Besieged America with the Total Truth

Winning the Culture War

Much proof has been offered in this book that true Christianity is a superior Worldview to all others and that America was founded on Christian principles. Unfortunately, not all Americans agree with these beliefs. Some are even determined to undermine and secularize America. Secularists have benefitted greatly from the climate of tolerance and freedom engendered by true Christianity and are now using that freedom to restrict, if not prohibit, tolerance for Christianity. In fact, open discrimination and persecution is on the rise. Hungry for power at the expense of principle, they are blind to what their intolerance will eventually accomplish - a backlash of intolerance for their own beliefs, if and when they lose their political power. Of course, they don't intend to lose that power.

Also as noted previously, Secularists have grabbed the levers of power in public school education on all levels and have perverted the judicial system to promote their evolution-based, anti-God agenda. Not discussed above, but documented in many best-selling books, is the liberal dominance of the media, including Hollywood. These key positions in our free society wield considerable influence in the current battle between competing Worldviews. Secularists created this cultural war - even though they blame Christians for it - to seduce the minds of Americans into the delusions of anti-God socialism where man meets all of man's needs. This impossible dream of a utopian world apart from God is their worldview - their religion.

Out With the Obsolete Model

Indeed, Secularists have helped to radically change our political and cultural landscape over the last sixty years by promoting an influx and acceptance of contradictory Worldviews.

But regrettably, the typical way of characterizing these very different political/religious perspectives is still a simplistic, single line spectrum as follows:

Far Left .-. - Left .-. - Moderate .-. - Right .-. - Far Right

Given the increasing complexity of so many diverse and obviously contradictory belief systems in our society, this elemental view is now inexact and even misleading and, in effect, obsolete. The mainstream media uses this antiquated model to cram such opposites as Christian evangelicals and the Taliban into the same corner. The model ignores the fundamental differences between secular and religious based systems not to mention between religions themselves. It also does not account for America's historical Christian foundation and corresponding development as its true starting point.

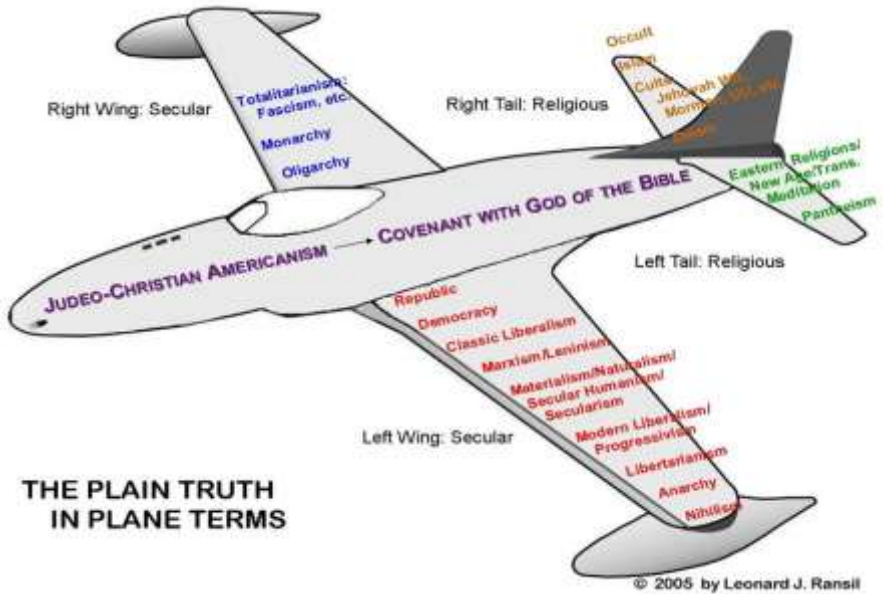
When we lose sight of our past, we are at the mercy of anyone who redefines our present and seeks to control our future. Secularists routinely rewrite America's history to blot out our true roots. To undo their deception, we need a revised model that captures the dynamics of our Christian heritage which will serve to redeem the present and shape our future. History testifies that without a God-centered vision, the Total Truth, whole cultures perish.

Unlike previous republics, our Founders made God, not man, the main focal point. Our Founders simultaneously declared independence from England and dependence on the God of the Bible, Who alone, they acknowledged publicly, gave man the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." If we allow Secularists to replace our Christian heritage with man-centered Humanism, we will inevitably surrender our God-given rights to the whims of evil dictators like Hitler and Stalin. History has already confirmed the destructive and diabolical results that have cost well over 100 million human lives in peacetime alone.

In With the New Model

The following model is offered as a graphic attempt to affirm both the fact of America's Christian roots and the current belief in God by the majority of Americans (the fuselage) while at the same time to acknowledge a plethora of conflicting religious and secular ideologies (the wings) in today's world. While the wings aid a plane, they would be a great handicap to a rocket which is a truer picture of early America with its 98% Christian population.

Please note that the secular ideologies listed on the main wings of the plane are organized from the most authoritarian (at the top of the page) to the most populist. The same progression is used for the religious belief systems on the tail wings. For your convenience, a Glossary of Definitions follows this chapter. Even to the casual reader, the definitions make it clear just how contradictory these belief systems are to each other.



THE PLAIN TRUTH IN PLANE TERMS

This illustration is titled The Plain Truth in Plane Terms for obvious reasons. The jet plane conveniently provides a three axis model to account for the three main belief groupings: 1) Biblical Christianity, 2) Secularist belief systems and 3) Religious belief systems. Christianity deserves its central place in the diagram for at least two reasons. First, it is the historic and basic Worldview of America. Second, properly understood, Christianity is not technically a "religion" - defined as a system of works to reach God - but is, instead, God's way to reconnect personally with man. Many of our nation's political leaders, such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, acknowledged that truth, which has made and kept America great. It is that reality that Secularists deny. If they have their way, they will destroy the most free and prosperous country the world has ever known. May this diagram help chart a course of clearer thinking and determined action by all who love America, as originally envisioned, in order to reclaim what is rightfully ours: ".". One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

A Holy War

This armed jet plane reminds us to fight the good fight *of and for* our faith in the internal Culture War that besets us on three main fronts: 1) the battle with the lie of evolution that is being used to justify Atheism and condemn Christianity, 2) the battle to replace America's true Christian heritage with the lies against the character, beliefs and purposes of our predominantly Christian Forefathers and 3) the battle to secularize America by judicial activists who lie about the true meaning of the "separation clause" and pervert it to stamp out Christianity. In addition, of course, is the external war against America from world-wide terrorism, generated by Muslim extremists - another battle over Worldviews.

May we all rally around our faithful God, who *is* the Total Truth, and our country for the sake of our families and the future of the world. Hopefully the truth in this book and sources cited therein is more than enough ammunition to inspire and equip you and others to win the most important of all battles, the battle for the souls and minds of mankind for God. "Seek first the Kingdom

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of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you." No other Worldview can be that for you - for now or forever.

CONCLUSION:

Getting on Board

Are you willing to get on board the Jet Plane rather than stay grounded by the status quo? A revolution can mean "one complete turn to the original position or vision." The Revolutionary War was our Founder's successful attempt to return to and live out the original purpose of Christ's first coming: "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free." He came to set mankind free from all levels of bondage that prevent mankind from hearing, believing and accepting Him as the Total Truth and the only Way to God who alone gives Life forever. The English king was suppressing the freedom to believe and live according to one's own conscience under God; so it is with today's Secularists who want to eliminate our God-given right to religious liberty in public and private life.

They revel in Nietzsche's ludicrous declaration that "God is dead." For too long, modern Christians - clergy and laity - remained passive to the growing menace now called the Culture War. They wrongly believed that Jesus shunned the realm of politics, now a main battleground, and so should all of His followers. Consequently, secularist politicians are now usurping and redefining the moral realm to establish their godless Worldview in the name of "tolerance."

Where would we be today if our Christian forefathers had remained silent in the face of religious and political tyranny? This "Holy Experiment" would never have been born and God's use of America to spread great spiritual and material blessings across the world would not have happened. But, fortunately for us, they risked "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to honor God's revelation that He is Lord over every realm, including politics. And fortunately for us today, many Christians have again joined in the battle for the hearts and minds of fellow Americans. Thanks to their valiant efforts, there are now many different

“special forces” equipped to fight the Culture War on its many fronts.

Below are some practical ways, in addition to prayer for God's will to be done in America, to join in to help bring about His will here on earth to occupy until He returns in triumph. Will He find you doing what He has called you to do?

1 Educate yourself and others. Start by renewing your mind with the above chapters that serve as a basic outline to the competing beliefs and issues in this war and use this truth in love to bring others into an abiding relationship with the King of kings and Lord of all lords. **Let him show you in what part of the battle He wants you to serve Him.**

2. Link with conservative news outlets and with Christian “special forces” in this war of beliefs. To name a few: American Family Association, Concerned Women for America, Coral Ridge Ministries, Eagle Forum, Family Research Council, Focus on the Family, Human Events, Institute for Creation Research, Lee Strobel.com, Summit Ministries, Townhall.com, Wallbuilders, Washington Times Weekly, World Net Daily, World Magazine.

3. Become an informed voter: “Without a vision the people perish.” God has provided a government “of, by and for the people” whose continued freedom depends on choosing responsible and wise leaders who understand, appreciate and promote the vision our Forefathers founded. Learn about the positions of candidates and elected officials; review voting records; review voters guides distributed by conservative organizations; and read and listen to what others, who also understand the vision, are saying.

4. Be open to the possibility that God is calling you to run for an elected office.

5. Support Christian candidates and officials whom God has called to serve by volunteering to help in their campaigns and through financial donations and words of encouragement.

To Repeat

May all who desire to understand and apply the Big Picture, the Total Truth, rally around our faithful God and country for the sake of our families and the future of this world. Hopefully the truth in this book and the sources cited therein are more than enough ammunition to inspire and equip you and others to win the most important of all battles, the battle for the souls and minds of mankind for God. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you." No other Worldview can be that for you - for now and forever.

Without a doubt, the elephant in the room is Christianity! Jesus proved beyond any reasonable doubt that He is the Way to God, the Total Truth that sets mankind free by receiving and abiding in Him who is Life Himself. Most of our Founding Fathers believed this and were willing to commit their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the God of the Bible. In His Providence, He inspired and protected them to birth and defend what has become the most powerful and prosperous country that has ever existed on earth. If we are to continue to enjoy God's providential protection and blessing as a nation, nothing less is required of us. May God's best plan for America outwit and outlast the plans of men.

And may America Bless God once again!

GLOSSARY

PLAIN TRUTH IN PLANE TERMS - DEFINITIONS

Anarchy: a society without a government or laws. (Fortunately it does not last long but some have used it as a means of political takeover.)

Cult: 1) Christian context: any group (such as Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and Unitarians) popularly considered to be within the Christian religion, but which deviates from Biblical, orthodox, historical Christianity by denying such essentials as: the Fall of man/original sin; Christ's deity, physical resurrection, and/or personal return to earth; or Salvation by faith **in Christ** alone. This distinction is based on doctrine. 2) General context: any group which has a pyramid type authoritarian leadership structure with all teaching and guidance coming from the person or persons at the top; may claim to be the only way to God; Nirvana; Paradise; Ultimate Reality; Full Potential, Way to Happiness etc, and will use thought reform or mind control techniques to gain control and keep their members. This distinction is based not on doctrine but on behavior and covers cults within all major world religions such as Buddhism and Hinduism, along those which have no obvious religious base.

Deism: a belief that God exists and that he created the world but now stands completely removed from it.

Democracy: a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly; government by the people-majority rule. When an issue is to be decided, the entire population votes on it. Rule by the will of the majority. (**Note:** America was founded as a Constitutional Republic, **not** as a democracy – despite all the rhetoric to the contrary.)

Eastern Religions: most have Hindu origins, existed B.C.; have undergone many transformations; whether God exists is not important since man himself is divine; believe in reincarnation;

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all suffering is deserved; followers consider themselves “enlightened” above others; “mind over matter.”

Fascism: a regime that exalts the nation or race above the individual; an autocratic government (dictatorship) with the power to suppress opposition by force.

Islam: Muslim religious doctrine based on the belief that Allah is the sole deity, Mohammed is his prophet and the Quran is his written word. Jesus is recognized as a prophet but not God who came in the flesh.

Liberalism: 1) Classic: a political philosophy based on belief in progress, the essential goodness of man, individual freedom and protection of political and civil liberties. 2) Modern (Progressivism): a political philosophy that advocates political change and social improvement by government action; not bound by authoritarianism, tradition or orthodoxy - such as a Constitution.

Libertarianism: a political philosophy that upholds unrestricted liberty of thought and action. The people have complete freedom with minimal interference by the government.

Marxism/Leninism: a political philosophy advocating the overthrow of the elite privileged class (Bourgeoisie) by the oppressed working class (Proletariat) to create a classless society ruled by socialist labor principles; “matter over mind.” (Marx treated religion with contempt - Lenin treated it with hatred.)

Materialism: a philosophy based on the belief that scientific laws are adequate to account for all phenomena; it denies any supernatural significance.

Monarchy: a nation ruled by a single person who reigns as king, queen or emperor; power is usually inherited for life.

Naturalism: a system of thought holding that all phenomena can be explained in terms of natural causes and laws (philosophy); the doctrine that all religious truths are derived

from nature and natural causes and not from revelation (theology); conduct or thought prompted by natural desires or instincts.

Nihilism: a philosophy that denies the existence of any basis for knowledge or moral truth; traditional values are unfounded; results in the notion that existence is senseless and useless.

Occult: religious expression containing but not limited to the worship of self as the supreme will, the conjuring and manipulation of supernatural influences, agencies, or phenomena or some secret knowledge of them for one's own purposes and gain.

Oligarchy: government by the few. A small group exercises control often for corrupt and/or selfish purposes.

Pantheism: the worship of all gods of all creeds, cults and people in equal fashion.

Republic: a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and to elect officers and representatives responsible to them. The elected representatives govern with the consent of the people. Rule by law.

Secular Humanism: a philosophy of life centered on human interests and values; stresses an individual's dignity and worth through reason; indifferent to, rejects or excludes religion or religious considerations.

Secularism: religious skepticism or indifference; the view that religious considerations should be excluded from civil affairs or public education. Secularism was the word adopted by George Jacob Holyoake in the early 1850s to describe a system of morals and social action shaped exclusively by this-worldly considerations, irrespective of religious beliefs. The word was derived from the secular education movement for the complete separation of religious teaching from other forms of education.

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Totalitarianism: a government in which the citizen is totally subject to the state's authority. All aspects of life are under strict control and opposition is forcefully suppressed.

Total Truth: The All-knowing God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His Son, Christ Jesus, who is the Way and the Truth and the Life and the Holy Spirit who Jesus sent to teach and lead every Christian into all Truth. They are the Total Truth!

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