



"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I will answer when I am reproved." Hab. 2:1

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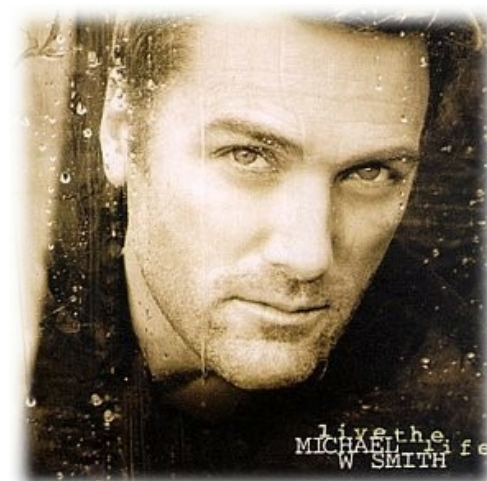
Feature Article - Bizarre Thinking

by Pastor Bob Kirkland ([FairHavens Baptist Church](#))

Much has been written and much should be written concerning the harm that C.C.M. music has done and is doing; however, when all is said and done we may never agree on what song is harmful and what isn't. For example, Stuart Townend's song "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" is a beautiful song **if sung right**.

The music issue may not be easy for some who do not understand music; however, there is no excuse whatsoever for anyone not understanding the issue of separation.

It Is A Separation Issue



"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5:11)

Michael W. Smith said,

"...you're always going to have those very very conservative people. They say you can't do this; you can't do that...you can't drink; you can't smoke;" He said, "It's a pretty bizarre way of thinking." (The Birmingham News, Feb. 1993, p.1B).

Any Christian Leader Who Uses Michael W. Smith's Music Or Any Other C.C.M. Music In His Church Or College Is Blatantly Ignoring God's Doctrine of Separation!

The Bible says we are to have “no fellowship” (to take part with) “...the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove them**.” Can we pay them copywrite fees to produce their music and reprove them at the same time?

It Is A Separation Issue

Smith claims to be a Christian. I see no evidence of that; however, if he is a Christian what should my association with him be?

The Word of God commands me to, “...*mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*” (Romans 16:17).

Smith says, to say a Christian can’t drink and smoke is “...a pretty bizarre way of thinking.” **Is that contrary to the doctrine you are teaching?** If it is, then what part of “mark” him and “avoid” him is too difficult to understand?

The Bible says, “*Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*” - (Second Thessalonians 3:6).

What part of “... withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly,” is too difficult to understand?

C H. Spurgeon said:

“Complicity with error will take from the best of men the power to enter any successful protest against it.”

We are commanded to stand against those who promote things contrary to the Word of God, not pay them copy-write money to help them in their anti-God teachings.

I stand with the very conservative Christians who teach it is wrong for a Christian to smoke and drink. Where do you stand? I repeat, any Christian leader who uses Michael W. Smith’s music or any other C.C.M. music in his church or College is blatantly ignoring God’s doctrine of separation! We are dealing with a separation issue.

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1 Peter 2:5

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”



Blessed Biographies -

An Agnostic's Challenge

by H. A. Ironside

For nearly a year after I left the Salvation Army and launched out in evangelistic work in fellowship with the Christians commonly known as "Brethren," I lived in the San Francisco Bay region. One Lord's Day afternoon as I was walking up Market Street, I saw a large group gathered at the corner of Market and Grant Avenue. When I heard the sound of music and singing, I realized in a moment that it was a meeting of my old Salvationist friends, and went over to enjoy it. They had a splendid brass band. There were perhaps sixty soldiers in all, who had formed a large circle round which some three or four hundred people were gathered. I pushed my way through to the front of the crowd, and was almost immediately recognized by the little lassie captain who came over and asked me if I

would not like to give a testimony. Of course I was pleased to do this, so when opportunity presented itself, at her suggestion I stepped into the ring and tried to give a gospel message based on my own personal experience of Christ's saving grace.

While I was speaking, I noticed that a well-dressed man of medium build and intelligent countenance who was standing on the curb took a card from his pocket and wrote something on it. Just as I was concluding my talk, he stepped forward, politely lifted his hat, and handed me the card. On one side I read his name. I realized at once who he was, for I had seen his name in the public press and on placards as one who had been giving addresses for some months all up and down the West Coast from Vancouver to San Diego. He was an official representative of what was then called the I. W. W. Movement — that is, the "Industrial Workers of the World," though opponents of its socialistic principles generally interpreted the mystic letters as standing for "I Won't Work." He held meetings among laboring men, seeking to incite them to class hatred and to organize with a view to overthrowing the capitalistic system.

Turning the card over, I read on the opposite side, as nearly as I can now remember, the following challenge: "Sir, I challenge you to debate with me the question 'Agnosticism versus Christianity' in the Academy of Science Hall next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. I will pay all expenses —."

I read the card aloud, and replied somewhat as follows: "I am very much interested in this challenge. Frankly, I am already announced for another meeting next Lord's Day afternoon at three o'clock, but I think it will be possible for me to get through with that in time to reach the Academy of Science by four, or if necessary I could arrange to have another speaker substitute for me at the meeting already advertised. Therefore I will be glad to agree to this debate on the following conditions: namely, that in order to prove that Mr. — has something worth fighting for and worth debating about, he will promise to bring with him to the Hall next Sunday two people, whose qualifications I will give in a moment, as proof that agnosticism is of real value in changing human lives and building true character. First, he must promise to bring with him one man who was for years what we commonly call a 'down-and-outer.' I am not particular as to the exact nature of the sins that had wrecked his life and made him an outcast from society — whether a drunkard, or a criminal of some kind, or a victim of any sensual appetite — but a man who for years was under the power of evil habits from which he could not deliver himself, but who on some occasion entered one of Mr. —'s meetings and heard his glorification of agnosticism and his denunciations of the Bible and Christianity, and whose heart and mind as he listened to such an address were so deeply stirred that he went away from that meeting saying, 'Henceforth, I too am an agnostic!' and as a result of imbibing that

particular philosophy he found that a new power had come into his life. The sins he once loved, now he hated, and righteousness and goodness were henceforth the ideals of his life. He is now an entirely new man, a credit to himself and an asset to society — all because he is an agnostic.

"Secondly, I would like Mr. — to promise to bring with him one woman — and I think he may have more difficulty in finding the woman than the man — who was once a poor, wrecked, characterless outcast, the slave of evil passions, and the victim of man's corrupt living." As I spoke I was within perhaps a stone's throw of San Francisco's infamous Barbary Coast, where so many young lives have been shipwrecked; and so I added, "Perhaps one who had lived for years in some evil resort on Pacific Street, or in some other nearby hell-hole, utterly lost, ruined and wretched because of her life of sin. But this woman also entered a hall where Mr. — was loudly proclaiming his agnosticism and ridiculing the message of the Holy Scriptures. As she listened, hope was born in her heart, and she said, 'This is just what I need to deliver me from the slavery of sin!' She followed the teaching until she became an intelligent agnostic or infidel. As a result, her whole being revolted against the degradation of the life she had been living. She fled from the den of iniquity where she had been held captive so long; and today, rehabilitated, she has won her way back to an honored position in society and is living a clean, virtuous, happy life — all because she is an agnostic.

"Now, Mr. —," I exclaimed, "if you will promise to bring these two people with you as examples of what agnosticism will do, I will promise to meet you at the Hall at the hour appointed next Sunday, and I will bring with me at the very least one hundred men and women who for years lived in just such sinful degradation as I have tried to depict, but who have been gloriously saved through believing the message of the gospel which you ridicule. I will have these men and women with me on the platform as witnesses to the miraculous saving power of Jesus Christ, and as present-day proof of the truth of the Bible."

Turning to the little Salvation Army captain, I said, "Captain, have you any who could go with me to such a meeting?" She exclaimed with enthusiasm, "We can give you forty at least, just from this one corps, and we will give you a brass band to lead the procession!"

"Fine!" I answered. "Now, Mr. —, I will have no difficulty in picking up sixty others from various Missions, Gospel Halls, and evangelical churches of the city, and if you promise faithfully to bring two such exhibits as I have described, I will come marching in at the head of such a procession, with the band playing 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' and I will be ready for the debate."

I think Mr. — had quite a sense of humor, for he smiled rather sardonically, waved his hand in a deprecating kind of way as much as to say, "Nothing doing!" and edging through the crowd he left the scene, while that great crowd clapped the Salvation Army and the street-preacher to the echo, for they well knew that in all the annals of unbelief no one ever heard of a philosophy of negation, such as agnosticism, making bad men and women good, and they also knew that this is what Christianity has been doing all down through the centuries.

Our gospel proves itself by what it accomplishes, as redeemed people from every walk of life, delivered from every type of sin, prove the regenerating and keeping power of the Christ of whom the Bible speaks.

(Copied by Stephen Ross for WholesomeWords.org from Random Reminiscences From Fifty Years of Ministry by H. A. Ironside. New York: Loizeaux Bros., 1939.)

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Deacon True Sez –

"It ain't only the folks we fellowship with, but the ones we shun that show people what we are really like."

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Bibliophilia for Dummies -

Some interesting facts about books –
submitted by *Cait Drews*

- The smallest book ever printed was the 1985 reprint of the children's book, *Old King Cole*, by Gleniffer Press. They printed 85 copies. The book measures 1/25th of a square inch and you need a needle to turn the pages.
- The biggest book Britain ever printed is the 1,112-volume British Parliamentary Papers. The full set weighs over three tons. It would take approximately 6 years to finish, even if you spent 10 hours a day reading it. Its production involved £15,000 worth of gold ingots and the skins of 34,000 goats.
- In 1996, a book called *What Men Know About Women*, appeared on the shelves. It consisted of 200 blank pages.
- Richard Templeton Jr. wrote a book called *The Quick Brown Fox*, which contains 33 sentences. They all have the 26 letters of the alphabet in them.
- Jerzy Andrzejewski's *The Gates of Paradise* has no periods until the very last page of the book.
- An ingenious publisher put out a book called *How To Be Taller*. It had nothing but blank pages, but the blurb had a single piece of useful advice: "Stand on this book."
- In 1802, Timothy Dexter wrote a book called *A Pickle for the Knowing Ones* that had no punctuation at all. In 1838, though, he added a page to the book with various grammatical appendages like colons, full-stops, semi-colons, commons, exclamation points, etc. He suggested that these were for readers to scatter through the book wherever they wished.
- The Scottish novelist, Alasdair Gray, once had his publishers put an erratum slip in the first edition of a novel of his which read: "This erratum slip has been inserted by mistake." He was fond of a joke.

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1 Peter 4:12

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Blinded Minds -

(One of the most popular trends among young young evangelicals is the wearing of tattoos. **I often wonder if they read or believe Leviticus 19:28**, "*Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.*" or Romans 12: 1,2, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*" The ownership of the body of the believer by the Lord Jesus Christ and the believer's responsibility to separate himself unto Christ and from the world are forgotten truths in this hour of great compromises. What we wear (or don't wear!) and what we do with our hair, our jewelry, and the advertising we paint on our bodies all speak loudly to all who see us - Ed)

Prayers and ink: Flint Township Church Opens Tattoo Parlor Inside Its Doors

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FLINT TWP., Michigan -- A church that wears its non-traditional outlook on its sleeve is making its mark on the arms, legs and backs of parishioners and others who ask for it.

The Bridge, an upstart church built on the belief that mainstream religion has become ineffective and irrelevant to most people, has opened a Genesee County-licensed tattoo parlor — Serenity Tattoo — inside its doors.



(Left: Tattoo artist Ryan Brown of Flint works on Eddie Pickett of Lennon at The Bridge tattoo shop in Flint Township on Thursday. Brown manages the tattoo shop that The Bridge recently opened inside the church.)

Just down the hall from the Rev. Steve Bentley's office and around the corner from the galvanized watering trough used for baptisms, tattoo artists Ryan Brown and Drew Blaisdell are plying their trade by appointment or from noon until 8 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

"I was running my own studio. I was just working. There wasn't much purpose in it," said Brown, 32, a recovering alcoholic who said the atmosphere inside the church building has helped to keep him focused and on the right path. "I was struggling with whether I could keep my studio" and stay sober, he said. "I prayed a lot and decided the best thing was to close it and come to the church. I figured I could have a lot more positive impact" here.

Bentley said he's doing everything he can, tattoo parlor included, to open The Bridge to people who have never felt comfortable at a traditional house of worship.

The church owns 30,000 square feet inside Carman Plaza shopping center, located just northeast of Corunna Road and I-75.

"The tattoo is a really prominent art form in our culture today," said Bentley, who has two tattoos himself, one of which was done in church. "I don't think it should be owned by a culture of drug abuse and pornography."

Bentley said he has heard whispers of criticism from outside the church about the mixing of tattooing with a place of worship, but the pastor said he considers it a "morally neutral" practice — no different than pierced ears.

"We are about doing church in a different way and being relevant to people," he said. "You can get a tattoo in a clean environment. You can do it while still sticking to your moral code."

Bentley opened The Bridge in 2008 at its current location and it has survived and grown since even though large pieces of the real estate remain undeveloped. It offers a "celebrate recovery" service from 6-9 p.m. Saturdays as well as 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services on Sundays.

Blaisdell, 46, of Clayton Township, found The Bridge was the kind of fellowship he needed after he reunited with Brown after having not seen him for 10 years.

"I was at an AA meeting in Flushing. I was at the end of my rope," Blaisdell said, when he heard Brown was also in recovery and had begun tattooing inside The Bridge.

A few months later, Blaisdell was working with Brown and was baptized in the church where he now works. "It was almost like a miracle," Blaisdell said of his situation. "I was an atheist ... who just didn't care about anything. The appealing thing to me is, I'm dealing with so many people who are recovery based. It's kind of brought us all together." That's the kind of match Bentley is building his ministry on.

Born in Flint and raised in Linden, the pastor was a high school dropout who went on to put himself through college by working as an auto mechanic. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in theology from Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois and ordained in 1999. He earned a master's degree in 2006 from American Intercontinental University.

Bentley said he isn't concerned that other churches wouldn't consider supporting many of the activities he has by allowing the use of the church building, including tattooing, cage fighting, wrestling and auto repair. The church is also used for meetings of Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous.

"We don't want a million-dollar building that's only used a few times a week," he said. "That's such a waste of what God has given us. We really try to serve the community."

Brown said the tattoo business is traditionally associated with a "negative environment," including drug use, and he sees the chance to provide the same service in "a safe, positive environment." He and Blaisdell said they won't fill requests for tattoos that glorify drugs, gangs or the Devil. They can be reached at 810-620-5609.

"I used to be a non-believer," Brown said. "I hit bottom and I grabbed onto the church."

BBC's Iconic "Songs of Praise" May Go Multi-Faith, Says Sikh Executive

Christian Institute

Wed, 21 Sep 2011

The BBC's iconic **Christian** programme Songs of Praise may "**explore**" **other faiths** in the future, according to a **Sikh** executive at the Corporation.

Tommy Nagra, an executive producer of Religion and Ethics at the BBC, said: "I think there's **no reason why we couldn't explore other faiths**", according to The Daily Telegraph.

Mr Nagra acknowledged that Songs of Praise is “**a Christian show**” and added that items featuring other faiths “**would always be done through the Christian prism**”.[?]

He made the controversial suggestion in an interview to **mark Songs of Praise’s 50th anniversary**.

Responding to the comments a BBC spokesman countered: “*Christianity is the cornerstone of our religion and ethics programming. Songs of Praise is and will remain our flagship Christian worship strand*”.

Mr Nagra was appointed to his position at the BBC in 2008. **In 2009 Muslim Aaqil Ahmed was appointed as head of religious broadcasting at the Corporation**. Mr Ahmed has been criticised for having a **pro-Islamic bias**.

(from *The Apostasy Alert* - Editor Mike Claydon)

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Signs of the Times -



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Galatians 1:6-9

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

- "Christianity today is man-centered, not God-centered. God is made to wait patiently, even respectfully, on the whims of men. The image of God currently popular is that of a distracted Father, struggling in heartbroken desperation to get people to accept a Saviour of whom they feel no need and in whom they have very little interest. To persuade these self-sufficient souls to respond to His generous offers God will do almost anything, even using salesmanship methods and talking down to them in the chummiest way imaginable. This view of things is, of course, a kind of religious romanticism which, while it often uses flattering and sometimes embarrassing terms in praise of God, manages nevertheless to make man the star of the show." *A. W. Tozer*
- "I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves one above the other and that the taller we grew in Christian character the more easily we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower." *F. B. Meyer*
- There used to be on the Tennessee River a little steamboat with a large whistle and a small boiler. Whenever a steamboat came to a bend, the captain blew the boat's whistle so that other boats would be aware of traffic on the river. The whistle was so large that it took all the steam in the boiler to blow it, so the little boat had no steam left to drive the paddle wheel and would have to lie dead in the water while they built up a head of steam again. Lots of the Lord's folks are just like that little steamboat. They do a lot more blowing than they do going. *Evangelist Sam Jones*

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Climate Science Falsely So Called -

Climate Change Rethink?

Times Online as far back as 29 May 2010, reported that rebel scientists had forced the Royal Society to review its statements on climate change. It states:

"The Royal Society has appointed a panel to rewrite the Institution's official position on global warming ... The society has been accused by 43 of its Fellows of refusing to accept dissenting views on climate change and exaggerating the degree of certainty that man-made emissions are the main cause."

What does the Royal Society think now, after an extremely cold winter in 2009 and an early start to the winter of 2010 which has paralyzed England and Europe?

It is amusing to read statements by climate change "experts". A conference in February 2005 was told:

"The melting of Greenland and Arctic ice and additional fresh water from rainfall is threatening to shut down the (Gulf Stream) current completely".

The big freeze in the northern hemisphere has been attributed to failure of the warm Gulf Stream which maintains a **temperate climate** in England, Europe, and to a lesser extent Greenland. But freezing is not warming, so how can Global Warming cause freezing?

On channel 7 Sunrise program 3 January 2010, the subject was discussed, and the spokesman for Global Warming argued that because Prime Minister Julia Gillard believed it along with Mr Obama and the leaders of China, therefore we should accept that man is responsible for global warming (freezing)! So what special information do these three socialist political leaders have that we do not have? It sounded more like an attempt to secure financial support from the Federal Government than honest scientific appraisal.

One "expert" sounded the Global warming alarm with the statement that 250 cu.km of ice was being added to oceans each year from glaciers in Antarctica, and that this would raise the level of the oceans.

There are 350 million sq. km of ocean and 250 cu.km would raise the level by 0.7 mm/year or 1.5 inches in 50 years **if it continued every year**. If the entire 50,000 cu.km of glacial ice in Antarctica melted, which is impossible, it would raise the oceans by 142mm (less than 6 inches). But the average **summer temperature** at the coast of Antarctica does not get up to zero degrees C and all the glaciers cannot melt.

Beware of false prophets!

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My Father's Fingerprints -

The loop-and-hook fastener called Velcro has come a long way since it first appeared. Velcro goes into space as a light, easy-to-use fastener. Here on Earth, it's replacing everything from laces in children's shoes to buttons and zippers on coats.

However, humans were not the inventors of the hook-and-loop fastener. Plants were the first to use this principle. Scientists learned about the principle when they were checking out stories of how bean leaves were used to trap bedbugs during World War II. They discovered that the hooked hairs on the underside of bean leaves did indeed trap bedbugs by their feet. The bedbugs stayed stuck to the leaves until they starved to death.



In nature, the hooked hairs trap leafhoppers, leaving them unable to munch on the leaves of bean plants. Further research has shown that some varieties of wheat trap the cereal leaf beetle, preventing damage to their leaves.

Most amazing of all is the timing of this defense. Plants that use this method to protect themselves don't start growing the hairs until a few days before the annual attack by their insect enemies!

Humans might think their inventions are clever. However, because God is smarter than we are, it is very likely that somewhere, somehow, He has already created nearly every practical invention. This is yet another argument for creation! - from [CreationMoments](#)

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Therapy for the Funny Bone -

- A note in a San Francisco newspaper: "To all you hunters who kill animals for food, shame on you; you ought to go to the store and buy the meat that was made there, where no animals were harmed."
- QUESTION: What did the snail say when he climbed on the turtles back?
ANSWER: SLOW DOWN!!!!!!!!!!
- QUESTION: How do Oceans talk?
ANSWER: They don't. They just wave.
- I just had a call from a charity organisation asking me to donate some of my clothes to the starving people of the world. I told them to get lost. Anybody who can wear my clothes isn't starving. - Anon.
- Jackie lamented to her mother, "Mom, there just aren't any boys in our church for me to talk to!" Her mum asked, "What kind of boys are you interested in?"
"Oh Mom, I don't care about looks or money."
"Well, what about Timmy? He's a nice boy."
"Timmy? You mean that fat kid that's always broke?"

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Laws, real or Imagined?

- Alabama:** It's illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
- Alaska:** Whispering in someone's ear while he's moose hunting is prohibited.
- Arizona:** Cutting down a cactus may earn you a twenty-five-year prison term.
- Arkansas:** It's illegal to mispronounce the name of the state of Arkansas.
- California:** You may not eat an orange in your bathtub.
- Colorado:** It's unlawful to lend your vacuum cleaner to your next-door neighbour (Denver).
- Connecticut:** A pickle cannot actually be a pickle unless it bounces.
- Delaware:** It's illegal to get married on a dare.
- Washington, D.C.:** It's against the law to post a public notice calling someone a coward for refusing to accept a challenge to duel.
- Florida:** If you tie an elephant to a parking meter, you must pay the same parking fee as you would for a vehicle.
- Georgia:** It's illegal to change the clothes on a storefront mannequin unless you draw the shades first.
- Hawaii:** All residents may be fined for not owning a boat.
- Idaho:** A man must not give his sweetheart a box of candy weighing fewer than fifty pounds.
- Illinois:** It's illegal to take a French poodle to the opera (Chicago).
- Indiana:** The value of pi is 4, and not 3.1415.
- Iowa:** One-armed piano players must perform for free.
- Kansas:** It's illegal to throw knives at men wearing striped suits (Natoma).
- Kentucky:** Every citizen is required to take a shower once a year.
- Louisiana:** Biting someone with your natural teeth constitutes simple assault, but biting someone with your false teeth classifies as aggravated assault.
- Maine:** If you keep your Christmas decorations on display after January 14, you'll be fined.

Maryland: It's against the law to wash or scrub a sink, no matter how dirty it is (Baltimore).

Massachusetts: No gorilla is allowed in the backseat of any car.

Michigan: A woman may not cut her own hair without her husband's permission.

Minnesota: It's illegal to paint a sparrow with the intent of selling it as a parakeet (Harper Woods).

Mississippi: Walking a dog without dressing it in diapers is forbidden (Temperance).

Missouri: Children may buy shotguns in Kansas City, but not toy cap guns.

Montana: It's a felony for a wife to open her husband's mail.

Nebraska: Bar owners may not sell beer unless they brew a kettle of soup simultaneously.

Nevada: It's illegal for men with mustaches to kiss women.

New Hampshire: It's forbidden to sell the clothes you're wearing to pay off a gambling debt.

New Jersey: It's against the law for a man to knit during the fishing season.

New Mexico: Females may not appear unshaven in public.

New York: While riding in an elevator, you must talk to no one, fold your hands, and look toward the door.

North Carolina: It's against the law to sing off-key.

North Dakota: It's illegal to lie down and fall asleep with your shoes on.

Ohio: You must honk the horn whenever you pass another car, according to the state's driver's education manual.

Oklahoma: It's forbidden to take a bite out of another person's hamburger.

Oregon: State law requires dishes to be drip-dried.

Pennsylvania: It's illegal to sleep on top of a refrigerator outdoors.

Rhode Island: You may not bite off another person's leg.

South Carolina: If a man promises to marry an unmarried woman, he is required by law to keep his promise.

South Dakota: It is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.

Tennessee: Selling hollow logs is strictly forbidden.

Texas: You may not shoot a buffalo from the second story of a hotel.

Utah: It is illegal not to drink milk.

Vermont: Women must obtain written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth.

Virginia: Tickling a woman is unlawful.

Washington: It's illegal to pretend that one's parents are wealthy.

West Virginia: If you make fun of someone who does not accept a challenge, you risk a six-month prison sentence.

Wisconsin: Unless a customer specifically requests it, margarine may not be substituted for butter in a restaurant.

Wyoming: Unless you have an official permit, you may not take a picture of a rabbit from January to April.

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Titus 2:11-14

"...the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Quotes From Praise and Worship Musicians -

(Whenever I speak to Christians about the evils of CCM music, I get the strangest looks. Most people go deaf or pretend to be ostriches, and put their heads in the sand. So I have decided to let CCM musicians speak for themselves. Beginning with this issue we will include in Heads Up what they have to say about the vile, blasphemous, profane, secular Rock groups who are their heroes. Sooner or later, God's people have to realise that CCM is simply recycled secular rock music. - Ed.)



In an Interview with Altermotive –

"How would you describe your style of music and what are your influences?"

"I think our style of music is really guitar driven, on Afterglow you can hear a very distinct "Wall of guitar sounds" that is accompanied by edgy heart felt vocals. Some of our personal influences growing up are; Sting and the Police, U2, MuteMath, Jimmy Eat World, Michael Jackson, Led Zeppelin, Jars of Clay, Foo Fighters, and Peter Gabriel."

"You're stuck on an island, it's hot, you only have enough battery life left to listen to one song on your mp3 player. What track is it?"

"Black Bird by the Beatles"

Quotes from Altermotive. <http://www.louderthanthemusic.com/document.php?id=2518>

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Links in the Media Chain -

- Amazing 3D paintings - <http://wimp.com/amazingpaintings/>
- A pet raccoon - <http://wimp.com/orphanraccoon/>
- The loss of churches' rights over their property because of gay marriages - <http://www.onenewsnow.com/Legal/Default.aspx?id=1507496>
- Unusual courses you can take at American Universities - <http://thelynxnewspaper.com/2010/12/10-crazy-college-classes/>

(Edited by David C. Bennett) The University of Baltimore is offering "Zombies 101". The teacher for this class is "Professor Arnold Blumberg" who is "also the author of a book of zombie movies called Zombiemaniamia..." The class includes the student watching "16 movies about the undead zombies and read a bunch of comics to go along with the curriculum."

At the University of Virginia one may enroll in "GaGa for Gaga: Sex, Gender, and Identity. This class identifies and analyzes how this well-liked musician has social pushed boundaries in her work, which many people are not willing to. The class dissects Lady Gaga's philosophy of not placing limits on yourself. This is clearly shown by her creative shows as well as her extravagant wardrobe."

Then at Centre College, Danville, KY the students are offered "The Art of Walking. Students spend their mornings listening to the philosophical lecture on Immanuel Kant's "Critique of Judgment". In the afternoons, students spend their time strolling or hiking in the nearby Civil War battlefields. This class is not as easy as it seems to be but the adventurous, wild and curious nature walks make the class much more enjoyable."

To finish the foolishness Lutheran liberal arts Wittenburg University, Springfield, OH, offers "The Power of Comics" focusing "on the most popular comic book heroes." Who says there isn't hope for America?

- Senate Approves Bill that Legalizes Sodomy and Bestiality in U.S. Military

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/senate-approves-bill-legalizes-sodomy-and-bestiality-us-military>

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Poems That Preach -

Is This The Year?

by John Ecob

*2012 - Is this the year?
The year of the upward call
The year the Church will see her Lord
When tears will cease to fall?*

*Is this the year, the crowning year
When all around the throne,
The year when saints of every age
Join praise to Him alone?*

*Is this the year, the final year
Life's journey now complete
The year we rise, in glad surprise
And sit at Jesus' feet?*

*Is this the year when saints will meet
With those who've gone before?
The lonely days will all be past
No parting there for evermore.*

*Is this the year with terror filled
The year the world will see
The "man of sin" rise on the scene
With beastly claims of deity?*

*Is this the year when chosen men
From every tribe of Israel's race
Are sealed by God to tell the world:
Prepare to stand before God's face.?*

*Is this the year - the Father's choice
When He will send His Son
To snatch away His lovely Bride
Which He by grace has won?*

*Come quickly, Lord, we cannot wait
Thy lovely face to see
Is this the year? How soon t'will be?
Together, all, at home with thee.*

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Fresh Quills -

Think On These Things - by Simeon Western

The Word of God reveals that "the carnal (fleshly) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). This verse is in the context of Paul's instruction to Christians regarding the need to walk in the Spirit. Yes Christian, it is possible for your mind to be at enmity (in a state of opposition) with God. As Christians, God does NOT give us the right to independence in the mind. After all, we are bought with a price and are to glorify Him in our bodies and in our spirits "which are Gods." (I. Cor. 6:10).



The information explosion of the 21st century presents a very real challenge to the Christian's mind. We are literally bombarded from day to day through the media with the spewing forth of man's wicked imaginations. The sad reality is that many Christians no longer shun these things as displeasing to God. Most young people live for entertainment. In fact, young people today do very little thinking for themselves. They just absorb whatever the media has to offer.

I did some research recently on the Internet and was alarmed at what I found concerning the consumption of electronic media by the average young person today. By the time the average American reaches the age of 18 they will have seen 200,000 acts of violence on T.V. including 40,000 murders.* One report found that about 64% of T.V. content contained sexually related material with an average of 4.4 scenes per hour.*

These are only 2 aspects of modern TV. Time would fail us to speak of the swearing, blasphemy, filthy jokes, worldly philosophies, ungodly music and immodesty.

Psalm 11:5 *"The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth."*

What about the huge amount of wasted time? Surely we will give an account at the judgment seat of Christ. Another statistic states, "Children spend about four and one-half hours daily in front of the TV, about two and one-half hours listening to music, an hour and a half on the computer, about an hour and a quarter playing video games, and just 38 minutes reading." *

Now I know some of you are going to say, —"But those statistics are based on unsaved people." Well, that may be true, but having grown up in the Independent Baptist movement, I think I can safely say that a lot of our young people are not too far behind the world in this. Even if you halve the statistics (After all we are Independent Baptists), it still reveals a desperate state of affairs. How does 100,000 acts of violence sound instead of 200,000?

In my research I also found that the average professing Christian only prays for about 3-7 minutes a day (this includes mealtime prayers) and spends about 52 minutes in the entire week reading the Bible. In fact, only 10% of the professing church has ever read the entire Bible.

The sad reality today is that most young people know more about Hollywood's characters than the heroes of the faith. They know more about the latest fashions than biblical modesty and spend more time on Facebook than they do in God's Book, the Bible. Young people's minds are saturated with sin, depravity and perversion of the grossest kind.

These statistics primarily cover the T.V. Time would fail us to look at the Internet, video games and the list goes on. No wonder we are not seeing revival in this generation. If young people spent as much time praying, reading, memorising and meditating on God's Word as they do exercising their minds on all the evil the Devil advertises, what revival we would see.

We desperately need some young men and women who will bow in humble obedience to God's mind on this matter and begin filling their minds with the treasures of wisdom and knowledge found in the Word of God.

The Word of God contains many principles regarding what we are to think upon. There are many verses in the Bible that deal with this subject, but Philippians 4:8 contains 8 key principles by which to govern our thoughts. I challenge you dear brothers and sisters to do an honest examination of what you are allowing into your mind in light of the Word of God.

- **Is it true?** The word "true" means, —In accordance with facts; faithful; exact; correct (Strongs).
- **Is it Honest?** "Honest" means venerable, honorable. It denotes what inspires reverence and awe (Strongs).
- **Is it Just?** "Just" means equitable (in character or act); by implication, innocent, holy (Strongs).
- **Is it Pure?** "Pure" means clean, innocent, modest, perfect. It is also translated in the Bible as chaste. It means pure from every fault, immaculate, clear (Strongs).
- **Is it Lovely?** "Lovely" means friendly toward, acceptable (Strongs). It means beautiful, delightful (Webster).
- **Is it of Good Report?** "Good report" means well spoken, reputable, sounding well (Strongs).
- **Is there any Virtue?** "Virtue" means excellence, moral goodness (Strongs).
- **Is there any Praise?** "Praise" means approbation, commendation, praise (Strongs).

May God help us to have a whole hearted return to purity of mind in our generation. Remember, "...think on these things..."

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Eddy-Torial -

I enjoy reading science magazines (with my "evolution filter" set on max.) There are many, many wonderful scientific truths that perfectly agree with Holy Scripture.



It must be awfully embarrassing for 21st century boffins to be continually populating their lounge rooms with elephants whose existence they must deny in order to protect their faith in evolutionary science. Of late, the lounge room is getting so crowded with elephants that evolutionists have no where to look. I would love for a cartoonist to draw a lounge room with wall to wall and ceiling to floor elephants, all of them labelled with the many proofs of Creation, and a little voice from underneath squeaking out the words of a blind evolutionist saying, "Elephants? What elephants?"

Bible believing Christians need to be ever learning the lesser truths of science BECAUSE we already know the greater truth of the gospel. Studying the latest scientific discoveries just gives us more ammunition to shoot holes through Darwin's theory, debunk Dawkin's idea that earth may have been seeded with life from another galazy, and demolish Hawking's sophisticated tom-foolery.

I have to confess that I dearly love to lead one lounge-room-dwelling elephant after another out into broad daylight and let them do their stuff. Many an evolutionist's beautiful theory has had its brains bashed out by the ugly facts. Elephants win no beauty contests, but they sure know how to squash "science that is falsely so called." - I Tim. 6:20

Recently, one of our ladies at church had her father visit from England. He is a lovely old gentleman, and for six weeks, attended every church service with his daughter and grandchildren. All our people love him and many of them spoke to him about his need of Christ. One of his objections to being saved is that he cannot believe that God made everything. Several of our folks have spoken to him about the implications of rejecting the inerrant Words of the infallible God, but to no avail, yet.

Now that he is back in England I send him an occasional elephant for his lounge room.

One of the strange things atheistic scientists do is to borrow our Bible words. Take their word "tachyon" for instance. They tell us that a tachyon is a theoretical particle that travels faster than the speed of light. Einstein was sure there was no such, and there may not be. What we don't know and they won't tell us is that they borrowed a perfectly good Bible word and put it to work as a subatomic particle.

Here, consider the following verse, "I marvel that ye are so **soon** removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:" (Gal. 1:6) Note that the word that is highlighted is translated from "tachyon" and means "**more swiftly, i.e. (in manner) more rapidly, or (in time) more speedily:--out (run), quickly, shortly, sooner.**" So The Holy Spirit moved Paul to express his amazement over their sudden, swift, rapid, speedy departure from the true gospel unto a false gospel.

- In II Thess. 2:2, the saints had been **soon** shaken (suddenly, swiftly) by false epistles from false apostles.
- In II Pet. 2:1 we are told that **sudden** destruction will fall on apostates who deny the Lord that bought them.
- In John 13: 27 Jesus urged Judas to do his treasonous work of betrayal **swiftly**.

- In Luke 18:8 our Lord promises that he will avenge His children **speedily**.
- In Romans 16:20 the saints are told that God will bruise Satan under their feet **shortly**.
- Rev. 2:5, & 16 & 3:11 and also in 22:7, 12, and 20 the Lord Jesus promises to come **quickly**.

Does this have any significance for the Christian? It does. It points out the fact that not only do men move swiftly at times, but God has promised that he will suddenly intervene in the affairs of men, and no man shall stay His hand.

For almost two centuries science has been addicted to uniformitarianism. "Lyell is known as the principal advocate of uniformitarianism, the doctrine first propounded by James Hutton a dozen years before Lyell's birth. Lyell's *Principles of Geology*, first issued starting in 1830 and revised a dozen times, changed geology; it was an important influence on Darwin as was Lyell himself, a good friend to Darwin throughout Darwin's adult life. Lyell's other work, *The Antiquity of Man*, issued in 1863, explored the implications of Darwinian evolution for humans." (from Answers.com)

When the H.M.S Beagle sailed, Charles Darwin was on board reading Lyell's book on geology, and it set him to looking for proof that long ages were needed for man to have evolved. Lyell, Darwin, Huxley and all their disciples rejected catastrophism and embraced uniformitarianism (everything goes on as it always has so any change must happen very slowly.)

The very opposite is true. God suddenly spoke the cosmos into existence, and light and life sprang forth at his Word. When He sent the flood to destroy man from the earth, the fountains of the deep swiftly erupted and propelled their contents high into the atmosphere. When God would destroy Sodom, the haven of sexual perversion, He did it in a few moments. And when He raptures His saints He will do it in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. The Greeks knew the concept of an indivisible unit of time or matter. They called it an "atomos" and that is the word chosen by the Holy Spirit for the "moment" needed for the Lord to claim His own. It will be in the twinkling of an eye. There's another good word to look up, but I will leave that one to the Sherlock Holmeses among us.

Reuters News Agency published the following article a week ago (excerpted):



Global Economy Could Endure Disaster For a Week

(Left: Smoke rises from houses damaged by an earthquake and tsunami in Sendai, northeastern Japan, March 12, 2011. Credit: Reuters/Jo Yong-Hak)

The global economy could withstand widespread disruption from a natural disaster or attack by militants for only a week as governments and businesses are not sufficiently prepared to deal with unexpected events, a report by a respected think-tank

said. Events such as the 2010 volcanic ash cloud, which grounded flights in Europe, Japan's earthquake and tsunami and Thailand's floods last year, have showed that key sectors and businesses can be severely affected if disruption to production or transport goes on for more than a week.

"One week seems to be the maximum tolerance of the 'just-in-time' global economy," said the report by Chatham House, the London-based policy institute for international affairs.

The current fragile state of the world's economy leaves it particularly vulnerable to unforeseen shocks. Up to 30 percent of developed countries' gross domestic product could be directly threatened by crises, especially in the manufacturing and tourism sectors, according to the think-tank."

You know, that doesn't sound very uniformitarian, does it? It sounds much more like catastrophism! The sudden collapse of the world economy!

We shall see what the Lord will do.

I only know that the Lord can move swiftly in delivering His children and in judging the wicked.

It pays to be ready!

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