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Tony Blair and Rick Warren Recent Additions to Ecumenism

Second Thessalonians 2:3 says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

The "falling away" represents those that reject many of the doctrinal truths of the Word of God. That's where we are today. The Antichrist cannot be revealed and take his place as "god" until the way is paved by a rejection of the great truths of the Christian faith. The stage is being set for this right now. Ecumenism (a movement to a worldwide "Christian" church) is a dominant religious theme today. This will be the catalyst that forms the "great harlot," the world church. (Revelation 17:1, 2, 15)

Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of England, and neo-evangelical leader Rick Warren are two of the most recent to join the fray by supporting the Ecumenical Movement. In a speech at Westminster Cathedral in April of 2008, Blair voiced his interest in uniting the young people of

the Abrahamic faiths such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, as well as Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. He was interested in uniting with those "within any of the faiths who stand up for peaceful coexistence and reject the extremist and divisive notion that faiths are in fundamental struggle against each other."

An Agnostic's Remarkable Statement

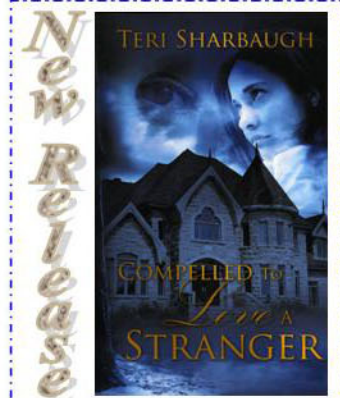
Robert Ingersoll (1833-1899) was a lawyer who was an outspoken agnostic, irreverent in his wit, and in complete opposition to Christianity. He was an enemy of Christ! But in his study of Christianity, he made an accurate assessment of what the Bible teaches. He said, "If this religion is true, then there is only one Savior, only one narrow path to life. Christianity cannot live in peace with any other religion." I wish every true born-again Christian in the world understood the significance of this statement. Jesus Christ is **the only Savior**. Christ is **the only path to life**, and **true Christianity cannot be at** (continued on page 2)

McDonald's & Homosexuals

Since my wife and I first received an e-mail from the American Family Association, we have been boycotting McDonald's Restaurants. Most certainly they have declared war against God and His Word that condemns homosexuality eleven times. Consider the following:

1. Richard Ellis, vice president of communications of McDonald's USA said, "I'm thrilled to join the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce team and ready to get to work. I share the NGLCC's passion for business growth and development within the LGBT community and I look forward to playing a role in moving these important initiatives forward." (2008 WorldNetDaily by Bob Urrich)
2. Following the link from the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce's website leads to a promotional for children's Happy Meals at the McDonald's website. (ibid)
3. "McDonald's pays 56 (continued on page 2)

It is Teri's Turn Now



Teri's book, *Compelled to Love a Stranger* is a tool that we have needed for a long time in our ministry to reach women with the gospel.

Most of the major publishers that print Christian romance novels do not have enough gospel in them. Some under Christian names have none at all. Teri's book meets this vacuum.

She is a much better writer than I am and it is with genuine excitement that I recommend her book to you.

About the Book

Just when Katie's life is blossoming, her younger brother's sinful choices put him in extreme danger. What can Katie do to protect him from certain and serious harm? (continued on page 4)



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peace with any other religion. We have to say we are right! We have to preach that Christ and Christ alone is the answer.

Born-again Christians would defend the right of other world religions to practice what they believe, but the absolute truth is that these religions are wrong and **all** the gods in their lives must go. Just as the Philistine god Dagon fell “upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord” (1 Samuel 5:4), we must be in humble submission to the God of the Bible and His plan of salvation. Jesus said, “...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6) If you truly love your neighbors and want them to go to heaven, “peaceful co-existence” is not acceptable because it will only send them to Hell!!!

Rick Warren Joins the Fray

Rick Warren has similarly supported ecumenism by being a part of a group that included Catholic priests, Muslim imams, Jewish rabbis, and evangelical pastors at Georgetown University that came together to discuss ways of stopping AIDS. He is also hosting at Saddleback Church an “interfaith” meeting of Christians, Jews, and Muslims “to discuss cooperation for the common good of all Americans.” (Jim Brown, OneNews Now.com, July 25, 2008)

This has the same flavor of many of the past ecumenical movements that set aside doctrinal differences for the sake of unity in “saving” the world from poverty, ignorance, and

AIDS. Diverting your attention to preach the social gospel is like playing blindfolded with an eighteen foot long king cobra. This philosophy has destroyed and poisoned **all** the mainline denominations and rendered them dead in the water except for a few pockets of resistance within their groups. The gospel should never be set aside to solve social problems. Paul said in Galatians 1:9 “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.” This great apostle is saying that those that preach another gospel should be committed to Hell. There are many deadly “gospels” preached today. The social gospel is one of them. It has tabled the true gospel in the mainline denominations.

“Danger, Danger, Danger”

Steve Irwin the Crocodile Hunter’s famous statement was, “Danger, danger, danger.” He was on the top of the list of my favorite zoologists. He had a remarkable knowledge of the created, innate genetic temperaments and potential danger of animals, yet he made a slight mistake that cost him his life. “Handling” and concentrating on the social gospel has even greater dangers because the mishaps create eternal consequences. **Every born-again pastor needs to exercise extreme caution at the leadership of Rick Warren on this point.** There is no hope without Christ. You cannot table the gospel message and solve one social problem. Jesus said, “For ye have the poor always with you...” (Matthew

26:11) Poverty, AIDS, and *all* the ills of mankind will not be solved until Christ comes back.

The very nature of the Christian life exudes compassion. Christ most certainly met the physical needs of people by feeding and healing them, but His foremost concern was that they would spend eternity with Him. Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10) It is my advice that if you are going to support a social program financially, make sure that the preaching of the gospel is a major part of the participants’ goals. Work with people of like-precious faith. God’s Word says, “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers...” (2 Corinthians 6:14) Never allow your faith in the precious Christian doctrines be compromised in order to participate. If you cannot tactfully present Christ in any humanitarian endeavor, you are barking up the wrong tree!

If you solve the problem of AIDS, feed all the poor in the world, conquer every disease, and then watch all those that physically benefited from your work die and go to Hell, what good is it? Winning one soul to Christ would be more important than obliterating all disease from the planet. The Bible says, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Matthew 16:26a) ■

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employees to attend meeting promoting the gay agenda.” (AFA Action Alert, September 3, 2008) “The purpose of the meeting was to develop a plan to promote the gay agenda within the company.” (ibid)

4. McDonald’s Corporation has given an undisclosed financial gift to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

5. McDonald’s was a sponsor of the 2007 San Francisco “Gay” Pride parade.

6. McDonald’s refused a request by American Family Association to remain neutral in the culture war instead of choosing to promote the gay agenda.

7. McDonald’s sponsored “an organized march into congressional offices demanding same-sex marriage laws be passed.” (AFA Action Alert)

God said of the great patriarch, Job, “Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” (Job 1:8)

The word *escheweth* not only means to shun evil, but as one commentator stated, to have “an active hostility against it.” It seems that there are few militant Baptist churches left. I have tried to convey to my family that God wants us to hate evil and still love evil people. He most certainly also doesn’t want us to support evil. I’m not going to support it with my money at McDonald’s nor am I going to be silent on the subject.

My son John attended Indiana

University Purdue University at Indianapolis for a while. In one of his classes, the conversation got around to the homosexual and lesbian agenda. They were in the politically correct mode as they went around the class until they came to John. He spoke up and said something to the effect that it was a “gross, unholy, disgusting sin.” The response to John’s statement showed that the supposed consensus of opinions had many dissenters. The professor immediately ended the discussion.

I believe the vast, vast, vast majority of people view homosexuality as a “gross, unholy, disgusting sin.” Even the world’s comedians constantly joke about it. The media and those perverted by this sin would like us to believe that we are the minority which is **far far far** from the truth. ■

Introduction

For those brothers that need an introduction to me and my ministry, I was saved out of Roman Catholicism while teaching in a catholic high school and coaching basketball at a local college.

I have been a fulltime evangelist for 39 years holding revival, evangelistic, prophesy, and creation meetings.

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The Carnage of Armageddon



Is Revelation 14:20 Literal?

The Scripture says of the carnage of these battles, “And the winepress was trampled outside the city and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horse’s bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.” (Revelations 14:20)

This scripture is avoided by even good prophecy teachers. They seem to believe that it is just emphasizing the carnage. Some take a position that the blood is simply sprinkled four feet high on the garments of Jesus.

Let us take a look at the following facts. Coupled with the second coming is the pouring out of the seventh bowl upon the air. This produces a giant storm which creates 75-pound hailstones. These huge hailstones will melt and saturate much of the ground.

At the same time, Jesus will destroy all the armies of the Antichrist and the world as He presses the battle all the way through the land of Palestine. All the enemy forces will receive the entire brunt of the wrath that Jesus Christ will spew out by the command of His mighty word. The flesh will fall off their skeletons, and since there is no cavity to hold the blood in the body, it is immediately spilled out on the ground. (Zechariah 14:12) This forms a stream like a creek that

extends through the entire land of Palestine. (Revelation 14:20)

Isaiah, speaking of this exact time and the great numbers from the armies that are attacking Christ and waging war from Petra in the south to Megiddo in the north, says, “Their land shall be soaked with blood...” (Isaiah 34:7b)

Let me illustrate the reality of Revelation 14:20. “And the winepress was trampled outside the city and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.” An average amount of blood in a 150 pound man is over five and one half quarts. Taking other things into consideration, I have placed this blood level at six quarts.

(I have used tanker car statistics taken from American Rail Car Industry.) For this illustration, I have chosen a railroad tank car in which the tank alone has a length of 54 feet and a height of approximately ten feet. That makes the tank two and one half times the height (the horse’s bridle) of the stream of blood that will flow through the entire land of Palestine. The tank car holds 30,000 gallons which is equal to the blood in 20,000 men. If we divide one billion men (a possible number of soldiers at Armageddon) by 20,000, we will get 50,000 tank portions of the railroad tank cars. Because of the height of the car, we now multiply two and one half times 50,000 tank portions of the car, and we get 125,000. We multiply this times 54

(feet) and get a stream of blood four feet high and 6,750,000 feet or 1,278.4 miles long. Palestine is 180 miles long (the approximate length of the stream of blood given in the Bible).

Therefore, if one billion men fight against Christ in the battles of Armageddon, this four foot high stream or creek will equal seven times the entire length of Palestine. If 500 million men fight against Christ at Armageddon, the four foot high stream will equal three and one half times the entire length of Palestine. Putting all this blood together in a creek the distance of 180 miles shows that, without a doubt, there will be more than enough blood in these armies to vindicate a literal interpretation of Revelation 14:20. ■

COMPELLED TO LOVE A STRANGER

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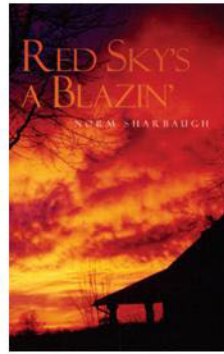
Lucas, an embittered widower, is willing to do almost anything to earn a coveted promotion. But the odds seem insurmountable. When the lives of these two strangers cross, we see how God's sustaining grace can conquer our nearly hopeless situations. By a twist of His marvelous providential fate, we are brought to the mountaintop to experience the joyous conclusion of *Compelled to Love a Stranger*.

Commenting on the book:

When I picked up the manuscript to help my wife with any corrections I could find, it wasn't very long before I put my pen down and read it to the end. It was the best Christian romance novel that I had ever read. Of course, it was the only one that I had ever read — but I couldn't put it down. I had to find out what would happen to the main characters. (It has gangsters in it and an unusual weaving of the gospel message through the story.) Though my wife did not realize it, the story begins with a flavor of my very home and the neighborhood I grew up in. I remember as a boy, my dad slamming the phone down and getting in the car to go to McKeesport to take on the local bookie who cheated him out of \$600.

When you read the book, it's like a roller coaster ride with a mountaintop ending. ■

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To reach souls for Christ and counter the philosophies of those advocates of church growth that eliminate such scriptural doctrines as sin, judgment, and Hell, *Red Sky's a Blazin'* is presented to you.

This book is a collection of awesome prophetic end times events recorded in God's Word that not even Hollywood with all its money and technology could come anywhere near dramatizing.

I have wanted to put my prophecy sermons in book form for many years. After my heart attack on September 21, 2007, while flat on my back, the Lord led me to write *Red Sky's a Blazin'*. It is at the publisher, Xulon Press, and should be out in a couple of months.

This work includes over 130 illustration from my 39 year preaching ministry. Many are from my personal experiences. For those that are busy in the ministry, this book will hopefully be an aid in preparing Bible lessons and sermons. ■

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Sundays this winter!**

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