

The DEFENDER - February 2015

“... defending the faith once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)

A monthly publication of the
IN DEFENSE OF TRUTH radio broadcast.



From the Director's Desk: The Day of the Lord

As we Christians try to understand the things that are happening in the world today, we must not only look through the lens of scripture to see God's perspective, but also must point out that which is evil. When it comes to the world, Machiavelli once said even evil acts may be put to good use if they are handled properly. Our current leaders have interpreted that to say never let a crisis go to waste. Of course believers in the one true God know that **all** things work together for good to those who love the Lord, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). All things means both good and bad. We know that but my guess is that the bad guys don't. And so they continue on with their devious plans, playing right into the hand of God.

I certainly can't predict to you what any of that means as it pertains to the immediate future of America, but I can tell you that the day of reckoning is coming. The day of judgment when all the nations of earth will be stand before the Almighty and receive their just due. The Bible refers to it as the Day of the Lord. The prophet Amos said "the day of the Lord is darkness and not light (Amos 5:18)." Joel 1:15 says "that as a destruction from the Almighty it shall come." And in Zechariah 14:2-3 the prophet tells us "that in that day the Lord will gather **all** nations against Jerusalem and the Lord shall go forth against them." Any question how that battle will end?

I don't see America specifically mentioned or pictured anywhere in Scripture, but that hasn't stopped some ambitious Christians, as well as some misguided zealots, from formulating all kinds of scenarios, based not so much on scripture as on their own ideologies. Everything from Replacement Theology to offshoots of Armstrongism. Some think that America has inherited God's promises for Israel while others believe that America is one of the so-called lost tribes of Israel, vanquished and deported by the Assyrians. As in the case with most heresies, people get in their mind what **they** want to happen and then twist the scriptures every way but loose to meet their objective.

One thing we do know for certain is if America is around for the Tribulation it will be numbered among the nations of the last days that the Bible addresses in prophecy. **If** we're still around. Don't forget, Barack Hussein Obama still has two more years left in office. He can do a lot of damage between now and January 20, 2017. We are not a nation that is in a covenant relationship with God. That distinction belongs to Israel alone. But He has blessed America. So is there any significance to that? I believe there is if we orient our answer to the prophetic timeline of the Jewish people. Remember, in God's plan everything revolves around the nation of Israel. Therefore I believe that everything that made America great was done so that we could be in the position to come alongside the apple of God's eye.

But that may all be changing. We have become a secular nation and the one who is currently leading us is Muslim-friendly, which automatically puts him at odds with the Jewish people. At some point in time America will be deposed. God's Word says it will happen to **all** nations. Before that happens, be sure you understand and claim another one of His promises, which He made to Abraham in Genesis 12, concerning Israel. "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who don't."

Rev. David Lewis

Politically Incorrect Christianity Part IV – Man in God’s Image

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

The Bible’s teaching of a rational order of intelligence in the world that God created led early Christian scientists to ponder and struggle with problems that pagan societies simply dismissed as beyond human comprehension or ability. Modern pop-atheist polemicists, such as Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, et.al., have it exactly backwards. The Bible is the source of light that lifts mankind OUT of darkness. Indeed, it was the Judeo-Christian world-view that gave early Christian scientists the faith to search for God’s providential solutions for the seemingly unsolvable.

For the past several centuries, the purveyors of anti-religious animosity (especially against Christians and Jews) have misrepresented the pioneering of science in the West as being based on their secularistic world-view. In their misguided crusades against Judaism and Christianity, they are careful to never campaign against Islam in Moslem countries. Martyrdom to their “god” has no reward.

It is noteworthy that the majority of atheistic dogmatists are not scientists or truly accomplished philosophers. These include the Marquis de Sade (a writer and practicing profligate), Percy Shelly (poet), Friedrich Nietzsche (philologist), Algenon Swinburne (poet), Bertrand Russell (philosopher), Karl Marx (philosopher), Robert Ingersoll (lecturer), George Bernard Shaw (playwright), Lenin and Stalin (revolutionaries), H.L. Menchen (writer), and other unaccomplished non-scientists, such as film producers, pornographers, financial investors, and even a pair of comedians – Penn and Teller.

In contrast, the pioneering giants of real science, the actual founders of scientific disciplines, were adherents of the Judeo-Christian world-view based on the Old and New Testament repositories of God’s Word. These all believed their scientific studies and investigations were not only not in conflict with their biblically-based faith, but irreducibly dependent upon it. Consider the following array of Christian Scientists:

Nicolas Copernicus (1473-1543) was a pioneer in modern astronomy who often referred to God in his writings, “When a man is so occupied with things which he sees established in the finest order and directed by divine management, will not the unremitting contemplation of them stimulate him to the best, and to admiration for the Maker of everything, in whom are all happiness and every good?”

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was a pioneer physicist who squabbled with certain churchmen but remained loyal to his Christian beliefs and faith. He famously said, “The Bible shows the way to heaven, not the way the heavens go.”

Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) was an astronomer and physicist and committed Christian: “I had the intention of becoming a theologian ... but now I see how God is, by my endeavors, also

glorified in astronomy, for 'the heavens declare the glory of God.' I am a Christian ... I believe ... only and alone in the service of Jesus Christ In Him is all refuge, all solace."

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) was the unquestioned founder of modern physics and devout Christian: "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being. This Being governs all things, not as the soul of the world, but as Lord of all, and on account of His dominion, He is wont to be called Lord God or Universal Ruler."

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1627) was a philosopher and devout Christian: "It is true that a little philosophy inclineth man's mind to a theism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion; for while the mind of man looketh upon second causes scattered, it may sometimes rest in them and go no further, but when it beholdeth ... them confederate and linked together, it must needs fly to Providence and Deity."

Rene Descartes (1596-1650) was a mathematician, scientist and practicing Christian: "I am convinced that those who examine carefully my arguments about God's existence will find that, the more trouble they take to look for mistakes in them, the more demonstrative they will find them, and in ... geometrical demonstrations ... they are obscure only to those who do not know how to lead their minds away from their senses."

Robert Boyle (1627-1691) was the founder of modern chemistry and a devout Christian and fervent supporter of foreign missions: "Christ's passion, His death, His resurrection and ascension, and all those wonderful works which He did during His stay upon earth, was in order to confirm mankind in the belief of His being God as well as man."

Michael Faraday (1791-1867) the inventor of the electric generator and the transformer believed nature itself pointed to God as Creator: "A Christian finds His guide in the Word of God ... and commits the keeping of his soul into the hands of God ... and if troubled by cares and fears can go ... in prayer to the throne of grace...."

Matthew Maury (1806-1873) the father of modern oceanography, followed in the Psalms the expression, "paths of the sea" and found the warm and cold continental currents: "The Bible is true and science is true and therefore each, if truly real, but proves the truth of the other."

James Prescott Joule (1818-1889) was a Bible-believing Christian who authored the first law of Thermodynamics: "It is evident that an acquaintance with natural law means no less than an acquaintance with the mind of God."

James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879) was a physicist credited with pioneering statistical thermodynamics, field equations of electricity, magnetism and light and a fervent Christian: "Almighty God, who created man in thine own image and made him a living soul that he might seek after thee and have dominion ... teach us to study thy works ... subdue the earth ... strengthen then the reason for Thy service."

Warner Karl Heisenberg (1901-1976) was a Nobel prize winner (this before the prize became politicized) in physics for the creation of quantum mechanics and a devout Christian: "At this

point we also recognize the characteristic difference between genuine religions, in which the spiritual realm ... plays a decisive part ... and the narrower forms of thoughts ... which relate only to the experientiable Religion speaks not of norms, however, but of guiding ideals ... which govern our conduct. These spring ... from the Bible..." for "God is a Spirit."

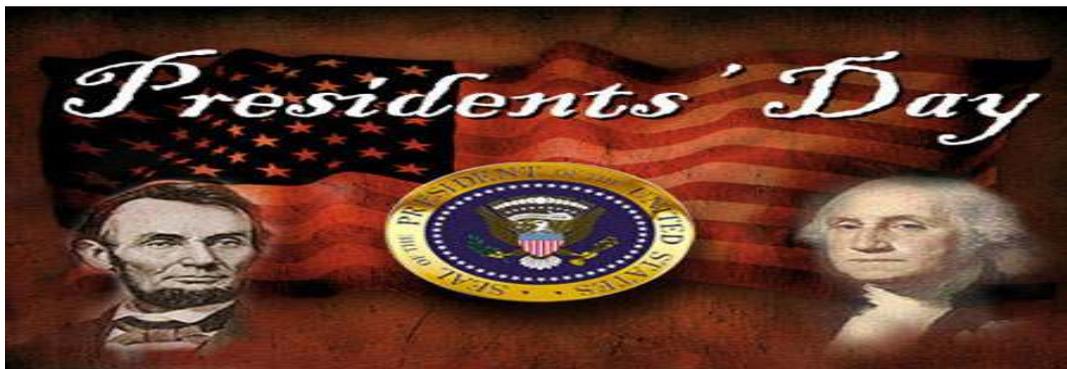
Albert Einstein (1879-1955), while neither a religious Jew nor a Christian (he enunciated the Theory of Relativity), nevertheless asked: "I want to know how God created this world.... I am not interested in ... phenomenon I want to know His thoughts – the rest are details."

For centuries, anti-Christian "intellectuals" from Voltaire onward alleged that scientists' theological visions were irrelevant, mere concessions to religious authorities. The Royal Society of London ordered that Newton's theological writings on biblical prophecy and Christ's return not be printed – more than a million words. Such treachery is practiced with the "Second Newton," Albert Einstein, who while not devout in religion and though atheists regularly claim him as their own, Einstein repeatedly and explicitly rejected atheism. When asked, he promptly answered, "I am not an atheist." This still does not stop pop-atheist Richard Dawkins from fraudulently claiming Einstein for atheism in his philosophically deficient book, "The God Delusion." To further quote Einstein: "We are as a little child in a huge library seeing a mysterious order in the books but does not comprehend the arrangement. He knows a law controls but only dimly understands." Einstein was not a pride-filled atheistic ideologue like today's panderers of faulty logic and comedic attempts at philosophy.

We have read and heard the foolishness and even maliciousness of today's secular and atheistic fundamentalists who occupy much of academia. Far too many philosophical amateurs from Nietzsche and Ingersoll to Hitchens and Harris declare religion and science incompatible. On the other side are the greatest intellects of science that have actually MADE DISCOVERIES and who insist that the Bible and their God-given gift of faith made science possible in the first place.

Keep looking up.

Principal Source: The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Bible, by Robert Hutchinson.
Publisher: Regnery, Washington, DC
www.regnery.com



Teach Us To Pray

By Nancy Long

*"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."*

(Matthew 6:9-13)

The prayer you see written above came directly out of the mouth of Jesus. Let me say that again, "The prayer you see written above came directly out of the mouth of **Jesus**." These seven short sentences, holding a wealth of spiritual knowledge, were spoken from the mouth of the Creator of all things. They came in response to the desire and request of one of His disciples, **"Lord, teach us to pray"** (Luke 11:1b). Jesus answered, and was clear, honest, and straight to the point. This prayer these poignant words, imparted by our Lord, should be considered a model a pattern for living for all of us to follow, as we commune, and strengthen our relationship, with God.

These few short words, sixty-six to be exact, don't teach us "what" to pray but "how". Although brief, the depth of these words is powerful and intense! Much of the time when we, who are Christians pray, we give God a long laundry list of wants, perceived needs if you will, of exactly what we would like the Creator/Designer of the universe, to do and possibly even, how and when to do it.

Jesus didn't pray like this to His Father, and He didn't, by example, show this to be the mode to His disciples either. Prayer is not to be used as a formula, concocted in the laboratory of one's mind, placing words in a special order, to get the desires of our hearts. Prayer is communing and fellowshiping with God. Prayer is aligning oneself in accord or agreement with God. Prayer is developing a deeper relationship with the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, Holy God. Prayer is getting to know God intimately know Him, for who He is not just for what He can do.

"Father" is an intimate term, a term of endearment close, personal, approachable, One in whom to trust. Our heavenly Father loves us, and we can be confident, and assured that He indeed is working all things together for the good of His children, as well as for His own glory (Rom. 8:28). Believe it!! That's a promise!! We need to delight ourselves in the Lord, take pleasure in being in His company, be content in the situation we find ourselves knowing, believing and trusting He has providentially placed us there (Psalm 37:4, and Phil. 4:11). He is **"our Father"** He loves us.

Father, yes those of us who have been drawn by God, and now trust in the perfect, precious blood of Jesus, have been brought back into an extremely close kinship or bond with God now being new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:7). Praise God, because of Jesus and His finished work on the cross, we can say, ***"Our Father which art in heaven."***

God, indeed, is our ***"Father"***, and our relationship ***is*** intimate but even though He is as close as father is to child, His name is hallowed. His name is sacred. His name is divine. His name is to be praised, held in esteem, and revered.

Spoken by Pastor David Jeremiah in, "Prayers, The Great Adventure", *"The writers of the Old Testament had a much different concept of their relationship to God than we do today. When the scribes who copied the Old Testament scriptures wrote the word for God, Yahweh, they would throw away their pen, never to use it again. They reasoned that once it had written the word, Yahweh, the pen was disqualified to write anything else."*

Perhaps the most important lesson we can ever learn about prayer is "praise". We need to begin, I believe, to practice praising God. Praise Him for who He is. Recognize Him for who He is. Submit to the Holy Spirit's leadings, allowing Him to direct our steps.

We are completely and utterly dependant on God. Jesus stated it clearly, ***"Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5b)*** zip, zero, zilch, not anything no thing!! Think about it. If Jesus had not put breath in our lungs this morning, where would we be?!

"I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14a). I will praise Thee that I can know for sure that I will be with You when I die, and live forever, and ever and ever. You made provision for Your elect people, through the shed blood of Jesus, to live eternally with You in a place called heaven. Hallowed is Thy name!!

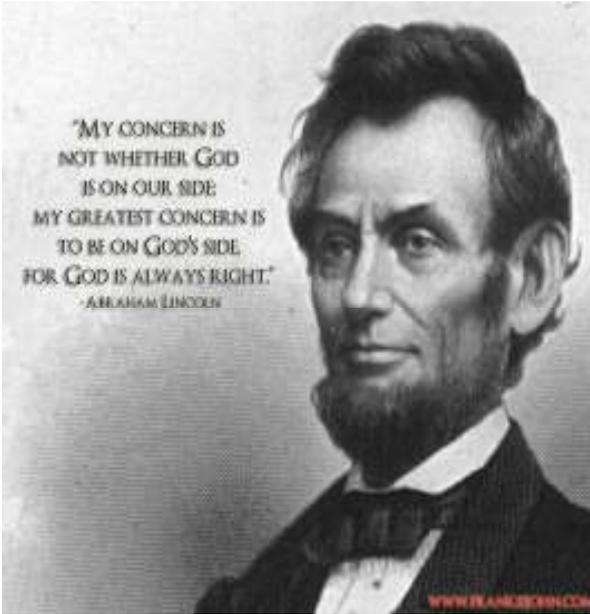
There have been thousands of books written on the topic of prayer, but no one can say it better than Jesus did, in the book of Matthew, after being asked, *"Lord, teach us to pray"* His words were, *"After this manner therefore pray ye* and the Lord's prayer followed.

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"
(Phil. 2:10-11).

"For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."



Presidents with February Birthdays

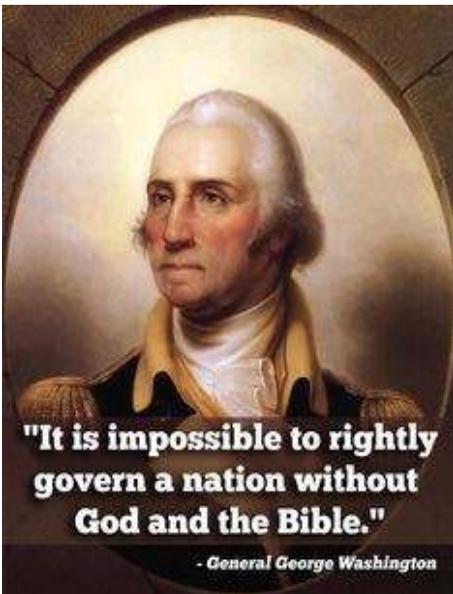


February 12th

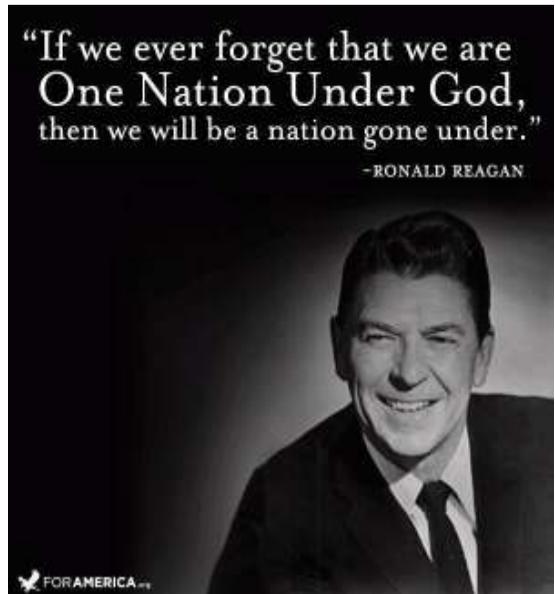


William Henry Harrison—February 9th

"I deem the present occasion sufficiently important and solemn to justify me in expressing to my fellow citizens a profound reverence for the Christian religion, and a thorough conviction that sound morals, religious liberty, and a just sense of religious responsibility are essentially connected with all true and lasting happiness."



February 22nd



February 6th

Our mission through the broadcast of In Defense of Truth and the publication of The Defender newsletter is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Our vision today is just as strong as it was back in 1963 when Dr. John Dekker began this outreach. We pray that you will continue to stand with us as we hold true to God's holy Word.

The Defender is available, free of charge, on audio CD.
Please contact us if you would like to receive a copy by mail.

FIND US ON THE WEB AT
www.indefenseoftruth.org
& www.facebook.com/cubhillchurch

FREE APP NOW AVAILABLE
for **Android Smartphone & iPhone** users.
Go to your App or Play Store, and type in
"**Cub Hill Church**" and download!

In Defense of Truth is heard in Baltimore on:

WRBS AM 1230 - Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

Listen Online: <http://www.InDefenseOfTruth.org/broadcast> for details.

We are now on internet radio: www.evangelismradio.com (various times).

Listen also to IDOT's "Moment of Truth"

airing Monday through Friday during morning drive time
on WCBM AM 680 in Baltimore.

DEFENDER CONTRIBUTORS

Rev. David R. Lewis, MDiv., Director, IDOT
Robert Luthardt, Sr., Elder, CHBPC
Nancy Long, Member, CHBPC

WRITE TO US!

Rev. David Lewis &
In Defense of Truth
2927 Cub Hill Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Upcoming Events!

If you are in or around the Baltimore area, we'd love to have you join us for these upcoming events!

Adult Sunday School	10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Tuesday Bible Study	1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 PM
Movie Night, Friday, Feb. 13th	7:00 PM