

## The Why and The What

### Forever Family Part II: The Splintered Family, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

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#### Introduction: Families are splintered by Satan from Genesis 3 to today.

Pluralism;

All cultures are equally valid. No exclusivity is allowed. No superiority is possible.

Synchronism;

I can grab one sound bite from one viewpoint and sync them with Christianity.

Greek philosophers; Socrates.

Socrates believed that philosophy should achieve practical results for the greater well-being of society. He attempted to establish an ethical system based on human reason rather than theological doctrine. Socrates pointed out that human choice was motivated by the desire for happiness. Sep 9, 2019

Sigmund Freud

Biblical Commentary on Psychoanalytic Theory

Freud's deterministic view of humanity is contrary to the Bible's teaching.

Scripture proclaims Jesus as the Savior and our relationship with Him as transformational. Freud did seem to have an idea of the depravity of man, however. His concept of the id, which is ruled by pleasure, is not unlike the Bible's description of the sin nature (Philippians 3:18-19; Galatians 5:16-24; Romans 1:24). The ego, the part of us Freud claimed interacts with reality, is perhaps that part of man that is able to recognize God's general revelation and knows that he was made for eternity (Ecclesiastes 3:11; Romans 1:20). The superego, or the conscience, is where the battle is waged between our old, sinful nature and our new, godly nature. Freud thought the superego was created by social influence. Christians believe that morality comes from God. The goal of the psychoanalyst of making the unconscious, conscious sounds similar to revealing the "thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). However, while Freud claimed that self-awareness and ego strength are enough to make us healthy, we know that true health only comes from Christ and His Word.

Psychoanalytic theory treats God as an illusion, an obviously unbiblical perspective. Some of its concepts seem helpful in describing the depravity of man and explaining humanity's inward turmoil, but the theory's solution is incorrect. We cannot obtain psychological health merely by reliving the past. Freedom does not come through self-awareness, but through Christ (John 8:32). Also, Freud's concept of psychological health is rather egocentric and minimizes the importance of loving others. Loving others is, of course,

basic to the spiritual health of a Christian (John 13:34). To be truly healthy, we need Jesus to heal past wounds and make functional changes. The power of the Holy Spirit residing within is what brings health, not projection onto a therapist.

Self-focus;

Acceptance addiction.

Convenience above all else

Self-oriented neediness.

Charles Darwin:

Karl Marx, Joseph Stalin...good ole boys never meaning no harm.

Dr. Phil, Dr. Spock, or hypocrite Oprah or Katy Perry...or Bruce Jenner.

Queenisms...all lead to confusionism...and a splintered family.

Splintered priorities, an ever-changing chaotic calendar,

Because Satan does not have to make you bad, he just has to make you busy.

Relativism;

Moral. Truth is impossible to know absolutely, so anyone can make their own. Gender fluidity, marriage definition, role confusion. Having children is not 'vandalism to the environment.'



*Pam Tebow, mom of NFL star Tim Tebow, shares her faith testimony at the Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption Services luncheon, Thursday, September 20, 2012. Photo By David McDaniel/The Oklahoman*

## Pam's Story

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— Author unknown

I read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a

parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: \*If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll make him a preacher.\*

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines.....

### **Moses will call the people to hear: Critical listening skills are imperative today! Romans 10:14-21**

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. <sup>18</sup> But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world." <sup>19</sup> But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." <sup>20</sup> But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." <sup>21</sup> But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

Moses preaches 3 sermons in this book to declare how differently God's people should be than the world they live.

It is time for God's people to hear the words of a preacher again and live different.

Jesus quotes this OT book more than any other. If He quoted it, we should live it. He who has an ear, let him hear! 7 times in Revelation alone:

Revelation 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Some here today will not hear. (Salvation) Deuteronomy 5:1

Some here today will not learn and do. (Sanctification)

**It is never too late to lead a splintered family into God's unity.**

Noah was 600 years old when God called him into the Ark with him.

Abraham and Sarah were well past child bearing years when they got a visit from the Lord.

Naomi lost her husband and 2 sons...and then she went home with Ruth.

Moses was 80 when God called from a burning bush.

Zechariah and Elizabeth were barren and aged when an angel appeared.

Anna the prophetess was plus 80 the first time she held the baby Jesus, then Jesus held her.

It was 4 days too late for Lazarus...then suddenly the stone moved.

It was too late for Saul...he was a murderer...then 'I saw the light...I saw the light...no more darkness....

Let's stand and pray for the Lord to unite families today!

**I. United by an uncommon miracle. v. 1-5.** The miracle of redemption from Egypt.

**a. Deuteronomy is a bridge between 2 lands; a land of bondage and a land of promise.**

i. A bridge to unified life. God is unifying his people to live very differently than the world they are about to go into.

1. That world was polytheistic.

2. That world was sensual.

3. That world was demonic.

4. That world was deadly.

**b. United by the uniqueness of one: Echad. Genesis 2:18-24**

i. Plural made into a singular.

ii. Individual obedience leads to national survival.

**II. Transformed by an ongoing miracle. v. 6-9.** The miracle of redemption took 3 days. It only took 3 days to take Israel out of Egypt, but it took nearly 40 years to get Egypt out of Israel. God's great love for them filled their hearts and transformed their lives. The word love appears 22 times, the word obey appears 10.

**a. Our greatest good is to love our great God: Heart words are not hard words. Luke 6:43-45.**

i. It was never about ritual, it is always about relationship.

ii. "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

**b. Those who control education control the future; consistency over time.**

- i. Simple genius of continual exposure.
  - 1. 8760 hours in a year.
    - a. One hour a week is .59% of all the hours.
    - b. But if a parent teaches all the time...consider how much the child will learn.
- ii. It does not take a village it takes a responsible parent.
  - 1. Parents are especially held responsible for the education of their children.

**Conclusion: Satan wants to splinter families, God wants to unite families.**

God confronts the pandemic of human nature. Jeremiah 17:9

S.I.N. positive! Every soul needs a blood transfusion!

The USA:13 trillion dollars have been spent because a disease known as corona (china) virus has spread into the world.

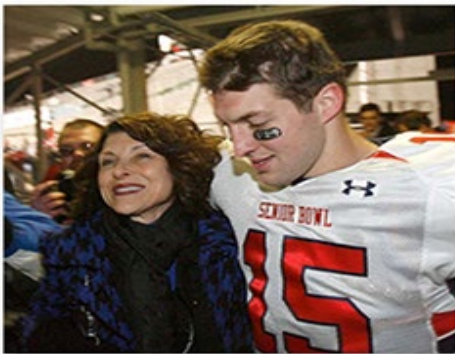
Education will not solve this pandemic.

Reformation will not solve this pandemic.

Inspiration by role models will not solve this pandemic.

Only salvation can solve this pandemic.

Human nature is the greatest pandemic and requires the greatest cure and ongoing treatment.



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The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called "The Mile-High Messiah."

# Jonathan Cahn sees astonishing biblical 'template' in Capitol riot

**'Is there a mystery that lies behind the events that have shaken America?'**



By [Art Moore](#)

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**Protesters confront police at the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2020. (Video screenshot)**

"Is there a mystery that lies behind the events that have shaken America, from the storming of Capitol Hill to right now, that lies behind the forces that are transforming our nation before our eyes?" asks Messianic rabbi Jonathan Cahn in a new video posted on YouTube.

"What does it all mean, and where is it all going?"

Cahn is [known for his bestselling books, including "The Harbinger,"](#) that have found remarkable parallels between biblical stories and current events that he believes are a "divine warning" to the nation. He led [a massive gathering on the National Mall last September calling for a "return" to God.](#) Later, he urged Americans to pray and fast on Election Day, warning the nation was "standing at a crossroad and a precipice."



**Jonathan Cahn in May 3, 2021, video.**

**TRENDING:** [Iran state TV reports Biden-era 'swap' with billions more than Obama's \\$400 million cash payment, U.S. denies](#)

In his "prophetic message" released Monday, he begins by making it clear he is neither endorsing the Capitol riot nor attributing blame. His aim is to show the remarkable "prophetic template" behind the event, related to the Temple of Baal in the Bible, and what it signifies for the new administration and America's future.

He sees a continuation of the mystery in his book "The Paradigm: The Ancient Blueprint That Holds the Mystery of Our Times."

Cahn explains he's not saying that the Scriptures predict the leaders of our day but that there is a pattern, or template, that has repeated itself in history.

"God can use those templates to speak and give revelation," he said.

The template is of a nation that once knew God but is rapidly falling away from him "and heading ultimately for judgment."

He lays out the many remarkable similarities between recent presidents – Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Donald Trump – and particular ancient kings, arguing they are prototypes.

All of those parallels, and much more, are recounted in Cahn's book, "The Paradigm." But what is new are the events that transpired this year in "the temple of the American republic," the U.S. Capitol.

He notes that in its halls is a quote from the time of its construction, "We have built no national temples but the Capitol."

"What happens inside a nation's temple when it turns against God?" Cahn asks in the video.



On Jan. 4, he recalls, [the opening prayer in Congress was offered to a "pagan god," Brahma](#), the four-faced god of Hinduism.

That week, he notes, the Democratic Party began presenting arguably the most radical agenda in American history.

"An agenda, that as with the Temple of Baal, contained sexual immorality being enshrined, the oppression of God's people, the encroaching of religious liberty in the form of the Equality Act and other legislation, and the killing of the unborn as it had never been championed before," he says.

On Jan. 6, the Democratic Party sealed its power in Congress, when the two Senate races in Georgia were called. And later that day, the election of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden was certified.

That's when the next mystery of the paradigm, occurred, he says.

Cahn, who sees Trump as a prototype of King Jehu, cites I Kings 10, in which Jehu calls for a solemn assembly, calling people from all over the nation to gather in the capital city.

On Jan. 6, he says, the template manifests in two gatherings.

"One is that gathering called for by the president," Cahn says. "The other is going to take place inside America's temple, in the gathering convened, by law, of leaders."

In January, [Cahn delivered a video message for President Biden](#), recalling the first inaugural address 232 years ago when President George Washington gave the nation "a prophetic warning."

"The propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right that heaven itself has ordained," Washington told the nation.



Cahn said in his January video that there's a message for the current president and the nation he leads.

"If America follows the ways of God, the blessings of God will remain," Cahn said. "If it doesn't, they will be removed."

*See the January video:*

Chapter 6 Chuck Smith

So in chapter six:

NOW these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that you might do them in the land whither you go to possess it: That you may fear the LORD thy God, and to keep all of his statutes and commandments, which I command you. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of your fathers has promised thee, in the land that flows with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel ([Deu 6:1-4](#)):

This is called the great Shema, the great commandment.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD ([Deu 6:4](#)):

Or "Jehovah our God is one Jehovah".

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might ([Deu 6:5](#)).

Now when the lawyer came to Jesus and said, "Which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus quoted this, the Shema.

The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might ([Deu 6:4-5](#)).

It is interesting that Jesus quoted from the book of Deuteronomy more than, I think, any other book in the Old Testament. He was very familiar with this book of Deuteronomy. He used His passages when Satan was tempting Him and he quoted often from the book of Deuteronomy.

Now this Shema it is almost for the Jew his Magna Carta. I mean it's just whenever they would get together they would start to chant this. In their worship and feast services they would chant this, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one LORD:"([Deu 6:4](#)). And I mean they really just chant it over and over and over again.

But it is interesting, in the Hebrew, there is a word for "one" which means a compound unity and another word for "one" which is an absolute unity. Now, we might say that we are one body gathered together here in Christ but we would use the word for a compound unit because there's a lot of bodies here, but we comprise a oneness in Jesus. So, there is one body in Christ that is made up of many parts, the compound unity. That Hebrew word for one, the compound unity, is "achad". Now there is another Hebrew word for one which means an absolute one, indivisible one. That word is "echad".

Now as we look at this Shema, the very heart of the whole Jewish faith and religious system, "The Lord our God is one LORD". If the word one Lord, the word "one" there is "echad", you can have absolutely no argument for the trinity at all. An absolute indivisible one and no place for the trinity. If the word "achad" is used for "one", you have then a compound unity. Very interesting because you know that the word "achad" is used. "The Lord our God is one LORD" the compound unity. The Father, Son, Holy Spirit, one Lord, one God, yet the compound unity, the three persons of the one God. It's right there in their very Shema, their chant, the foundation of their whole religious system is this verse, this scripture. And yet within it there is the idea of the compound unity of God, "The Lord our God is one LORD".

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, soul, and might. Now, these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart [first of all]: [secondly] you shall teach them diligently to your children, now you're to talk about them when you're sitting in your houses, and when you're walking along the path, and when you're lying down, and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they might be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and upon your gates. And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land that he sware unto your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you the great and goodly cities, which you did not build the houses, but you're full of good things, which you did not fill, and wells that you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did not plant; when you have eaten and are full: Beware lest you forget the LORD, that brought you out of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, [or reverence Him] and serve him, and shall swear by his name ([Deu 6:5-13](#)).

Now, God wanted them to have His Word and the thought of God just permeating their very life and their lifestyles. I like it. I think that we need to have more talking about God. Now when you lie down at night, now usually they of course just had one room the whole family would lie down in one room,

just talk about God. When the lights are out and it's dark just start talking about God and the law of God and the commandments of the Lord. When you wake up in the morning, start talking about the Lord. When you're walking with your children along the path, talk to them about God. When you're sitting down at the table, let your conversation be about God. Let it be just so much a part, let it be not just a part, let it be the totality of your life; just the Word of God and the things of God.

Bind them on your wrist, put them in the frontlets and so they had little leather pouches and they'd the commandments in these pouches and they tie them on their foreheads; these little boxes with the law of God tied there between their eyes. They'd wrap them on their wrist, they'd have the little mezuzah on the door and in the mezuzah a little copy of the law on the doorposts; they would just tack it up there. And they do today in the orthodox homes. They'd go in and out of the house. They'd kiss their fingers and touch the little mezuzah the law of God. It's signifying the love for the law of God.

I think that's great. I love it. Write them on your dashboards. You know, just surround yourself with the Word of God, the commandments and the statutes of the Lord. Let it become just that vital part of your life you're living. You know, it's an interesting thing in Malachi it says, "and they that love the Lord spake often of him. And God kept a book of remembrances"([Malachi 3:16](#)).

You know the neat thing about it whenever you get together with your friends you start talking about the Lord, the Lord always eavesdrops. He loves to hear what you're saying about Him. "And God keeps a book of remembrances and they shall be accounted as his precious jewels in those days. "They that love the Lord spake often of Him." Oh, that we would just talk about Jesus. When we lie down at night, when we get up in the morning, when we're walking in the path, when we're going places and we just surround ourselves with the awareness and conscienceness of Him.

## **MOSES REMINDS ISRAEL OF THE COMMANDMENT AND THE WARNING DAVID GUZIK**

A. The Commandment: The essence of God's law.

1. ([Deu 6:1-3](#)) Remember the commandment before entering Canaan.

Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with

you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you; "a land flowing with milk and honey."

a. **Now this is the commandment:** The Hebrew is emphatic here. Moses called attention to **The Commandment**. In the following verses, God reduced the law to one ruling principle - one commandment which encompassed all the commandments.

b. **That your days may be prolonged ... that it may be well with you:** Israel's fate rested on their obedience to this one great commandment. If they obeyed their commandment, their life would be long and filled with blessing. If they did not obey they could expect to be cursed by God.

## 2. (Deu 6:4-5) The great commandment: **Love the LORD your God.**

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

a. **Hear, O Israel:** In Hebrew, these verses are known as the *Shema* ("hear" in Hebrew). It is the classic Hebrew confession of faith, describing who God is and what our duty is towards Him.

b. **The LORD our God, the LORD is one!** This is the essential truth about God. He is a person and not a vague pantheistic force. Being **one**, He cannot be represented by contradictory images. Since **the LORD our God is one**, He is not Baal, or Ashtoreth - He is the LORD God, and they are not.

i. In the mind of many Jewish people, this verse alone disqualified the New Testament teaching that Jesus is God, and the New Testament teaching of the Trinity - that there is one God, existing in three Persons. At some times and places, as Jewish synagogues said the *Shema* together, and when the word **one** (*echad*) was said, they loudly and strongly repeated that one word for several minutes, as if it were a rebuke to Christians who believed in the Trinity.

ii. Christians must come to a renewed understanding of the unity of God. They must appreciate the fact that **the LORD is one**, not three, as [1 Corinthians 8:6](#) says: *yet for us there is one God*. We worship *one* God, existing in *three* persons, not three separate gods.

iii. Yet, the statement **the LORD is one** certainly does not contradict the truth of the Trinity. In fact, it establishes that truth. The Hebrew word for **one** is *echad*, which speaks most literally of a compound unity, instead of using the Hebrew word *yacheed*, which speaks of an absolute unity or singularity ([Genesis 22:2](#) and [Psalm 25:16](#)).

iv. The very first use of *echad* in the Bible is in [Genesis 1:5](#): *So the evening and the morning were the firstday*. Even here, we see a unity (one day) with the idea of plurality (made up of evening and

morning). [Genesis 2:24](#) uses *echad* in saying *the two shall become one flesh*. Again, the idea of a unity (one flesh), making a plurality (the two). In [Exodus 26:6](#) and [11](#), the fifty gold clasps are used to hold the curtains together so the tent would be *one* (*echad*) - a unity (one) made up of a plurality (the many parts of the tabernacle). In [Ezekiel 37:17](#) the LORD tells Ezekiel to join together two sticks (prophetically representing Ephraim and Judah) into *one* (*echad*), speaking again of a unity (one stick) made up of a plurality (the two sticks). There is no way that *echad* has the exclusive idea of an absolute singularity; the idea of One God in Three Persons fits just fine with the term *echad*.

c. **The LORD our God:** In addition, even the name of **God** in this line suggests the plurality of God. The Hebrew word is *Elohim* and grammatically, it is a plural word used as if it were singular - the verbs and pronouns used with it are generally in the plural.

i. Rabbi Simeon ben Joachi, commenting on the word *Elohim*: "Come and see the mystery of the word Elohim; there are *three degrees*, and each degree by itself *alone*, and yet notwithstanding they are all *one*, and *joined together* in *one*, and are not divided from each other." Clarke adds: "He must be strangely prejudiced indeed who cannot see that the doctrine of a Trinity, and of a Trinity in unity, is expressed in the above words."

ii. Leupold quoting Luther on *Elohim*: "But we have clear testimony that Moses aimed to indicate the Trinity or the three persons in the one divine nature."

d. **Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might:** Knowing who God is enables us to act towards Him rightly. We give Him His due.

i. God wants a complete love from us. This love is appropriate because He loved us completely: *We love Him because He first loved us* ([1 John 4:19](#)).

ii. What God most wants from us is our **love**. We often think God demands a hundred other things from us - our money, our time, our effort, our will, our submission, and so forth - but what God really wants is our love. When we really love the LORD with all of our heart, soul, and mind, then everything else is freely given to the LORD. If we give the LORD all the rest - money, time, effort, will, and so forth - without giving Him our love, it is all wasted - and perhaps, all is lost.

iii. Jesus called this *the great commandment* ([Matthew 22:37-38](#)); and He said the second commandment, *you shall love your neighbor as yourself*, was *like* this first, great commandment. When we love the LORD our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we will find it easy to love our neighbor as ourselves.

3. ([Deu 6:6-9](#)) The continual reminder of the Law.

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

a. **These words which I command you today shall be in your heart:** This great command must first be in our **heart**. Then it must be communicated to our **children**, the topic of our conversation, and should always be in front of us - as near as our hand or our forehead, as ever before us as our door posts and gates.

b. **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand:** By the time of Jesus the Jewish people based the practice of wearing phylacteries on this passage. Phylacteries are small boxes holding parchment with scriptures on them, held to the forehead or hand with leather straps.

i. Jesus condemned abuse of the wearing of phylacteries among the Pharisees; they would make their phylactery boxes large and ostentatious as a display of greater spirituality ([Matthew 23:5](#)).

ii. In the end times, there will be a Satanic imitation of this practice, when the number of the Antichrist will be applied to either the hand or forehead of all who will take it ([Revelation 13:16](#)).

c. **You shall write them on the doorposts of your houses:** This command leads to the Jewish practice of the *mezuzah*. This is a small container holding a passage of Scripture that is nailed to a doorpost

## DEUTERONOMY J. VERNON MCGEE

“The Book of Experience and Obedience”

**WRITER:** Moses

Moses talked with God face to face. Moses knew God.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. ([Psalm 103:7](#))

The children of Israel saw the acts of God but did not know Him. Moses knew His ways.

Deuteronomy is the result of this intimate knowledge plus the experience of 40 years in the wilderness.

[Deuteronomy 34:5-12](#) was probably written by Joshua and belongs to the Book of Joshua. When the Book of Joshua was written, it was placed on the scroll of the Pentateuch, making a Hexateuch.

**TITLE:** Deuteronomy means “second law.” This is not to infer that it is a repetition of the Law as given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. It is the Law interpreted in the light of 38 years of experience in the wilderness. New situations and problems arose that were not covered by the Law specifically. There needed to be an application of the Law to life situations. (A notable example of this [Numbers 27] is the case of the inheritance of the daughters of Zelophehad, who had left no sons.)

Deuteronomy, therefore, is more than a mere recapitulation of the Law of Sinai; it is another illustration of the law of recurrence (see Deu 29:1). Specific laws that needed emphasis are repeated and enlarged upon (e.g., the Ten Commandments in chapter 5). Deuteronomy is a commentary on the Mosaic Law.

There are 4 Hebrew titles of Deuteronomy:

1. *Debarim* — “The Words” or “These be the Words”
2. The *Kith*, or the Fifth of the Law
3. The Book of Reproofs
4. The Iteration of the Law

**KEY:** Love and obey

Love of God — Deu 4:37; 7:7, 8; 23:5

Obey God — Deu 4:40; 11:26-28; 30:8-20

Love for God — Deu 6:4, 5; 30:6, 16, 20

This book teaches man to love and obey God. The word “love” occurs 22 times; “obey” occurs 10 times. The motive for obedience is love. The Lord Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). The true motive for obedience is stated in Deuteronomy 6:4, 5. God’s love for man is the motive for His government and the giving of laws. Man’s love of God is the motive for his obedience. This is not the gospel, but the principle of it is here. This is the pathway of blessing. It is likewise the answer to those who do not find love in the Old Testament. There is love in the Old Testament, and there is law in the New Testament. Moses pleads with them to obey.

Why obey? Pleading of Moses:

1. Israel belonged to God (Deu 14:1)
2. God loved them (Deu 4:37)
3. God wanted to preserve and prosper them (Deu 4:1)
4. Their show of gratitude (Deu 4:7, 8)

**COMMENT:** A new generation had arrived on the east bank of the Jordan River (Deu 1:5) one month before entering the Promised Land (Deu 1:3). Those of the generation which had left Egypt were



dead and their bones were bleaching beneath the desert skies because of their unbelief and disobedience.

They had broken God's law — sins of commission;

They had failed to believe God — sins of omission.

The Law was "weak through the flesh" ([Romans 8:3](#)).

Moses gives to this new generation his final instructions from the Lord before he relinquishes leadership of the nation through death. He reviews the desert experiences, reemphasizes certain features of the Law, reveals their future course in light of the Palestinian Covenant, teaches them a new song, blesses the twelve tribes, and then prepares to die. A requiem to Moses concludes the book.

This new generation was unfamiliar with the experiences of Mt. Sinai, and they needed to have the Law called to their attention and interpreted in the light of their experience and future dwelling in the Promised Land.

The Book of Deuteronomy has been the center of attack by the critic. First the authorship of the book was challenged. The original criticism was that Moses could not have written it because there was no writing in existence in Moses' day. That has subsequently been soundly refuted. Next the critic stated that the purpose of the book was to glorify the priesthood at Jerusalem, but neither the priesthood nor Jerusalem is mentioned in Deuteronomy.

The probable reason for the satanic attack upon the Book of Deuteronomy is that the Lord Jesus Christ quoted exclusively from this book in beating back Satan's temptation. Little wonder Satan hates this book.

1st temptation — [Matthew 4:4](#); [Luke 4:4](#) compare [Deuteronomy 8:3](#)

2nd temptation — [Matthew 4:7](#); [Luke 4:12](#) compare [Deuteronomy 6:16](#)

3rd temptation — [Matthew 4:10](#); [Luke 4:8](#) compare [Deuteronomy 6:13](#) and [10:20](#)

The Old Testament prophets quoted from Deuteronomy frequently. There are also over 80 references to it in the New Testament.

Deuteronomy exalts the Word of God:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

([Deuteronomy 6:7](#))

## **STRIKING FEATURES:**

1. Greatest doctrinal statement in the Old Testament:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#))

## 2. First mention of the Great Tribulation:

But if from there thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice (for the LORD thy God is a merciful God), he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. ([Deuteronomy 4:29-31](#))

## 3. Promise of a coming Prophet:

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken, according to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. ([Deuteronomy 18:15-18](#))

## 4. Test for determining true and false prophets:

But the prophet, who shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him. ([Deuteronomy 18:20-22](#))

(Every prophet had to speak into a local and immediate situation.)

## 5. Prewritten history of Israel in the land before they enter the land: [Deuteronomy 28 — 30](#)

## 6. Palestinian Covenant: [Deuteronomy 29:1-30:10](#)

## 7. The Song of Moses — Prophetic: [Deuteronomy 32](#)

### a. Call to hear, vv. 1-4

### b. The nation returns evil for the grace of God, vv. 5, 6

c. Jehovah's goodness, vv. 7-14

d. Apostasy of the nation, vv. 15-18

e. Judgment of God upon them, vv. 19-25

f. Longing of God for His people, vv. 26-42

g. Nations of the world blessed with Israel, vv. 43, 44

8. Lonely and strange death of Moses: Deuteronomy 34:5-8

(One translation has it, "...died by the kiss of God" — God kissed Moses and put him to sleep. What a lovely thought!)

## Chuck Missler, Deuteronomy

Again the *divine origin* of the Law is stressed. The people heard the Ten Commandments and then were dismissed to their tents. What Moses was about to tell them—all God's commands, decrees, and laws, beginning with Chapter 6—was also from the Lord just as were the Ten Commandments. Their obedience to all that Moses was about to teach them was critical, for their prosperity in the land would depend on it (cf. 6:3, 24).

## Deuteronomy 6

### The Great Commands and Warnings

Having reminded his audience of the basic foundation, the Ten Commandments, which they heard at Horeb, Moses turned to details of the Law which they did not hear because they were afraid of the voice of God (cf. 5:25-27). Accordingly Ch. 6-11, which may be called "the great commands and warnings," deal with the personal nature of the covenant relationship. Here the details relating to the total commitment of individuals to the Lord are discussed.

1] Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2] That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

The legislation in Ch. 6-11 may be viewed as an expression of one great command, namely, to "love the Lord your God with all your heart . . . soul, demonstrated that they loved God. Jesus laid down a similar principle for Christians (cf. John 14:21)

3] Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

The Law was given so that the people could express their reverence for and obedience to the Lord in a concrete manner. (The need to obey Him is stressed repeatedly in Deut.) By fearing and obeying Him they would find prosperity and a long life in their new land (cf. 4:10; 5:33) which flowed with milk and honey.

4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD

5] And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

These verses are called the *Shema*, from the Hebrew word translated "Hear." The statement in this verse is the basic confession of faith in Judaism. The verse means that the Lord (Yahweh) is totally unique. He

alone is God. The Israelites could therefore have a sense of security that was totally impossible for their polytheistic neighbors. [This confession of monotheism does not preclude the Biblical doctrine of the Trinity.

“God” is plural ( *’elohim* ), implying the Trinity, and one ( *’echôad* ) may suggest a unity of the Persons in the Godhead (cf. Gen 2:24, where the same word for “one” is used of Adam and Eve).]

God’s demand of this exclusive and intensive devotion to himself Jesus identified as “the first and great commandment” (Mt 22:37, 38; Mk 12:29, 30; cf. Lk 10:25-28).

6] And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Moses was not here making ceremonial requirements, but elaborating with concrete figures the demand for a constant focus of concern on the good pleasure of Israel’s Lord. God’s people were responsible to meditate on these commandments, to keep them in their hearts. This enabled them to understand the Law and to apply it correctly.

Then *the parents* were in a position to impress them on their children’s hearts also. The moral and biblical education of the children was accomplished best not in a formal teaching period each day but when the parents, out of concern for their own lives as well as their children’s, made God and His Word the natural topic of a conversation which might occur anywhere and anytime during the day.

8] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9] And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

The commands to tie them and write them were taken literally by some later Jewish readers. However, the commands are probably emphasizing symbolically the need for the continual teaching of the Law (cf. Ex 13:9, 16). A literal practice of the injunctions of Deut 6:8, 9 came into vogue among later Jews in the form of the phylacteries worn on the person (cf. Mt 23:5) and the *mezuzah* affixed on the doorpost, an encased parchment scroll attached to the doorposts of Jewish homes; contains parchment inscribed with Deut 6:4-9 (or 11:13-21).

10] And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land

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# Refusing to Live by Lies

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#### article highlights

- We are taught to trust authority figures, but authorities can lie to us.
- Lies told by government, media, and scientists are increasingly common.
- God created two sexes, but “experts” claim there are more than two.
- Governments have a God-ordained role, but we are to trust and follow the authority and truth of the Bible above their authority when they’re at odds.
- Christians must refuse to live by lies.

Perhaps my parents were naïve. They raised me to respect my teachers, the government, and other authorities, and to believe these entities acted in my best interests and certainly wouldn’t lie to me. I was warned about the duplicity of politicians and used-car salesmen, but they were mostly grouped in classes by themselves.

Now I know I was misled by these authorities on some very important things. For instance, in biology class I was taught as scientific fact a totally fanciful—and atheistically religious—story that “survival of the fittest” caused the evolution of life on Earth. Disseminating that lie was an abuse of youthful trust in authority.

The lying has gotten far worse. Back then, I never felt institutional coercion to join a perverse government-led movement that affirms as truth many things I and most other people can clearly see are false. For example, until recently it was basic common sense to recognize that male and female are the two biological sexes. Today, anyone daring to speak common sense is publicly pummeled with disparaging names (or worse) by members of a rapidly growing deviant movement. They use a hostile crowd to systematically isolate people from each other by making everyone afraid to be associated with the pummeled person lest it also happen to them—a method to strong-arm conformity in thinking and control the behavior of an entire group.

As many Christians ponder whether to acknowledge more than the two sexes Christ created, they need to consider more than the “science” that floods schools and the media. The real issue is whether Christians, pastors, and seminary presidents will reject clear biblical teaching just to avoid the nasty social outrage against their ministries or themselves if they dare speak a truth the world finds offensive—that male and female are the only two human sexes.

Christians have faced the decision of whether to cast aside clear biblical teaching and embrace the world’s so-called science for a far longer period when it comes to Darwinian selection and evolution. Lies spread by government-sponsored institutions can be so absurd that they require years of forced, repetitive

indoctrination for people to believe them. One government lie sits atop them all: that over a time frame far too slow for anyone to observe—and without the mind and power of God—life spontaneously started and nature exercised a type of selective agency to mold that “proto-life” into the diversity of creatures on Earth. We may not know how many people silently question this lie because dissenting views are quashed through government-tolerated academic oppression.

For illustration we’ll consider the above-mentioned lie that humans can be classified into a sex other than male and female. Perhaps it will serve as a contemporary wake-up call for Christians to refuse to live by the world’s lies.

## **Biological Sex and the Institutional Lie**

In George Orwell’s classic novel *1984*, the Ministry of Truth produced lying propaganda and the Ministry of Love dispensed torture. In Orwell’s farsighted story, reality was totally inverted through the government’s highly coordinated actions to manipulate its citizens’ thinking. What’s remarkable in the book is that almost all citizens eventually became willing promoters of government lies themselves.

An NBC News report demonstrates the combined power of government, academia, and the media to bring about a *1984*-like adoption of total nonsense. In this case, even highly educated leaders of independent corporations participate. NBC stated that “[the brand] Always announced it will remove the Venus symbol from its menstruation products packaging” in response to protests by “transgender and nonbinary people” who were born female but now believe they’re male.<sup>1</sup>

Procter & Gamble, Always’ parent company, has come to regret placing the female symbol on their packages. In response to the outrage of these “men,” Always now recognizes that the packages were offensive “by not acknowledging that they [men], too, can experience menstruation,” and they dismiss the criticisms of people upset over the symbol’s removal as being “rooted in the misconception that [male] transgender and nonbinary people cannot experience menstruation—a claim medical experts have debunked.”<sup>1</sup>

How do you get people to assent to completely bizarre flights of fancy? By repeating them incessantly. Several months after their story on Always, NBC added a personal account and reported, “When transgender model and activist Kenny Ethan Jones experienced his first period, he faced both physical and psychological pain.”<sup>2</sup> Kenny Jones was born female but is now considered by



many (including “medical experts”) to be male. Perhaps to make it easier for readers to jettison their common sense, NBC adds Jones’ personal testimony:

“Having a period already causes me a lot of [gender] dysphoria, but this dysphoria becomes heightened when I have to shop for a product that is labeled as ‘women’s health’ and in most cases, is pretty and pink,” Jones explained.<sup>2</sup>

How powerful are the combined forces of government, academia, and the media targeted against individual citizens? Pretty powerful, it seems. After presenting stories like that of Kenny Jones, it’s as if those in power sit back and watch to see if ordinary people will compliantly speak about “his first period” without a tinge of humiliation over the mental confusion or muddled judgment needed to state something so nonsensical. A power that conditions a mass of people to embrace such ridiculous notions should grab the attention of Christians.

We are witnessing authorities use the stamp of scientific authority as a propaganda tool to dishonestly assert that something everyone knows is true—that men *cannot* have monthly cycles—has been debunked. Most people likely resent being coerced into accepting something that has never been observed and is utterly foolish.

What many Americans don’t recognize is that the train long ago left the station and took our country along the line to nonsensical beliefs. That happened when they swallowed the lie that over a long period of time one kind of creature can morph into another—something else that has never been observed. What’s worse is that these lies about both evolving creatures and interchangeable sexes are not just ludicrous, they’re intellectually and morally perverse.

## **Government Perverting Its God-Ordained Role**

God denounces the government-sanctioned corruption of truth: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” ([Isaiah 5:20](#)). Moral perversion goes hand in hand with governments acting in perverted ways.

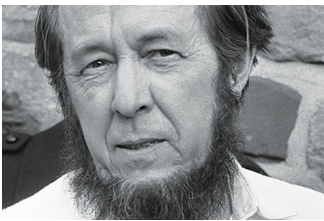
Two passages in the New Testament detail the God-ordained role of government. Those in authority today should rule by these mandates: “For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil....For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil” ([Romans](#)



[13:3-4](#)); and government leaders “are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good” ([1 Peter 2:14](#)).

The Bible’s teaching is plain. Government is responsible to promote good and punish evil, but today’s rulers often oppress—if not outright persecute—people doing good and exult in the evil behavior they promote, which they mischaracterize as good. The destruction of the moral fiber of its citizens through lying and coercive tactics is a perversion of government’s mandate and authority.

## Lessons Learned from the Soviet Union



*Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 1974*

Image credit: Bert Verhoeff

Citizens of the United States now face increased institutional deception. People in other lands have endured habitual governmental lying, and their experiences may prove useful to Christians who refuse to live by the world’s lies.

Last year someone forwarded the link to a very helpful essay titled “Live Not by Lies” written in 1974 by the late Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Solzhenitsyn’s essay isn’t long, and I’d recommend that everyone read it since the actions he encourages other Soviets to adopt are valuable for Americans today. He sets the stage of the sad state of isolation and fear oppressing the Soviet people.

There was a time when we dared not rustle a whisper....[We] heartily complain to each other of all they [the government] are muddling up, of all they are dragging us into!...They put whomever they want on trial, and brand the healthy as mentally ill....Already a universal spiritual demise is upon us...while we continue to smile sheepishly....We have so hopelessly ceded our humanity that for the modest handouts of today we are ready to surrender up all principles, our soul, all the labors of our ancestors, all the prospects of our descendants—anything to avoid disrupting our meager existence.....[We] fear only to take a civic stance! We hope only not to stray from the herd, not to set out on our own.<sup>3</sup>

Solzhenitsyn then explains why government-sanctioned violence alone can never enslave an entire population. Real enslaving power is wielded through institutional lying.

But it [breaking the oppressive cycle] will never come...if we all, every day, continue to acknowledge, glorify, and strengthen it, if we do not, at the least, recoil from its most vulnerable point. From lies....Violence ages swiftly....To prop itself up, to appear decent, it will without fail call forth its ally—Lies. For violence has nothing to cover itself with but lies, and lies can only persist through violence. And it is not every day and not on every shoulder that violence brings down its heavy hand: It demands of us only a submission to lies, a daily participation in deceit—and this suffices as our fealty.<sup>3</sup>

Thus, the road to freedom is to refuse to live by lies. “And therein we find, neglected by us, the simplest, the most accessible key to our liberation: a personal nonparticipation in lies!...For when people renounce lies, lies simply cease to exist. Like parasites, they can only survive when attached to a person.” The first of eight vital behaviors Solzhenitsyn says are necessary to shake off enslavement begins with each citizen declaring they “will not write, sign, nor publish in any way, a single line distorting, so far as he can see, the truth.”<sup>3</sup>

Creationists have historically demonstrated the courage to resist institutional lying. Maybe that’s why the world uses the name “creationist” as a title of derision. Nevertheless, we must remember “let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” ([1 Corinthians 10:12](#)). If we don’t want to unknowingly advance any of the world’s lies, shouldn’t we examine ourselves to see whether our own minds have been “evolutionized” to some degree?

## **Recognizing How Lies Are Built into Terminology**

Evolutionists invent terms all the time that simultaneously express evolutionary concepts and are used as more evidence for evolution. For instance, the literature is full of terms like convergent evolution, vestigial organs, pseudogenes, and highly conserved sequences. These terms have a built-in presupposition of evolution that makes them inherently misleading. Thus, just by speaking the jargon, a person is assisting the deceitful evolutionary indoctrination of society. The same type of built-in lying occurs when we talk about people as being transgender—as if that’s a real state of being—just because the world imagines more than two human sexes.

Evolutionary theory is full of imaginary, misleading scenarios. The most egregious is when nature is personified, presented as exercising agency, and then invoked as a substitute god to explain the origin and diversity of life. Selectionists project onto the environment abilities to “select,” “favor,” “act,” “send information,” and similar verbs indicating the work of an intelligent agent. The terminology they use therefore embeds a potent lie—that nature has some type of innate volition. The constant personification of nature as exercising creative agency transfers credit from the Lord Jesus as Creator to the creation itself...the principal lie described in [Romans 1:25](#).

The denial of two biological sexes as illustrated by the Kenny Jones nonsense shows how serious the scope of these institutional lies and the coercion to conform is. The challenge facing Christians is whether we will cast aside clear biblical teaching and embrace the world’s so-called science. We belong to the Lord Jesus, who promised, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” ([John 8:31-32](#)). Christians need to be a sanctuary of truth; we must refuse to live by the world’s lies.

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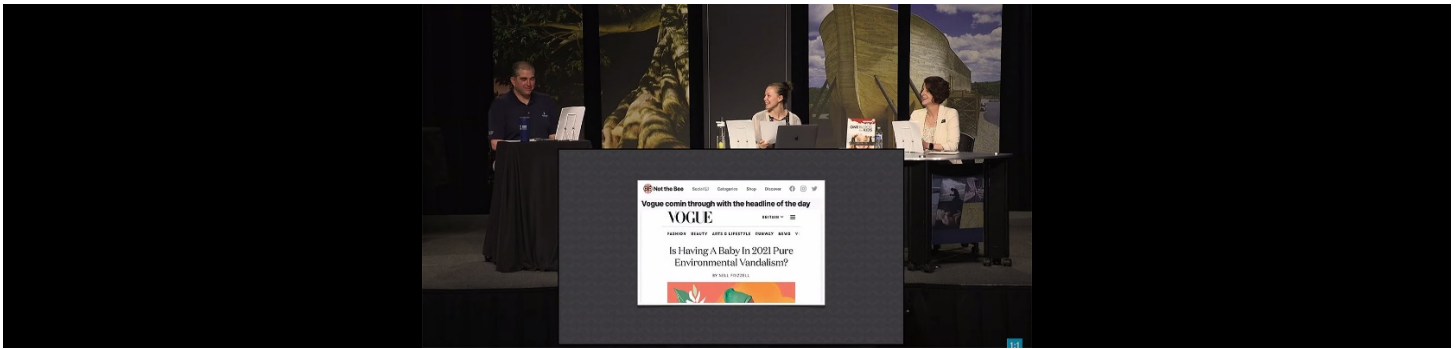
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## Is Having a Baby “Pure Environmental Vandalism”?

*Vogue* magazine suggests new parents are guilty of “environmental vandalism” for having children and doesn't acknowledge that climate alarmism is rejected by some left-leaning pols.

by [Ken Ham](#) on May 3, 2021  
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If you never learn to drive, don't buy a dog, and never buy a new pair of jeans, can you have a baby? Well, the author of a recent [Vogue article](#) says . . . “maybe.” The article was titled “Is Having a Baby in 2021 Pure Environmental Vandalism?” In it, the author—a self-described “scientifically-engaged person”—shares how she “worried feverishly” about the strain of a baby on the planet and if her child would want to live in a world where “we have perhaps just another 60 harvests left before our overworked soil gives out and we are running out of fresh water.” In the end, she says she had a baby, and would like another, but she will raise her child with an awareness of “ecological equality.” Of course, if her mother had ever thought the same way, this ridiculous article wouldn't even exist!

But is her hysteria and handwringing justified? Well, the day before her piece was published, the *New York Post* [published an excerpt](#) from an upcoming book written by the former undersecretary of science for the US Department of Energy during the Obama administration, Steven E. Koonin. He soberly shared how he's “watched with dismay as the public discussions of climate and energy became increasingly distant from the science.”

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Due to bias, agendas, and the way “science” filters to the public (particularly through the media), “phrases like ‘climate emergency,’ ‘climate crisis’ and ‘climate disaster’ are now routinely bandied about to support sweeping policy proposals to ‘fight climate change’ with government interventions and subsidies.” But is this all justified?

Koonin says *no*. He writes,

Yes, it's true that the globe is warming, and that humans are exerting a warming influence upon it. But beyond that — to paraphrase the classic movie “The Princess Bride” — “I do not think ‘The Science’ says what you think it says.”

For example, both research literature and government reports state clearly that heat waves in the US are now *no more common* than they were in 1900, and that the warmest temperatures in the US have not risen in the past fifty years. When I tell people this, most are incredulous. Some gasp. And some get downright hostile.

These are almost certainly not the only climate facts you haven't heard. Here are three more that might surprise you, drawn from recent published research or assessments of climate science published by the US government and the UN:

- Humans have had no detectable impact on hurricanes over the past century.
- Greenland's ice sheet isn't shrinking any more rapidly today than it was 80 years ago.
- The global area burned by wildfires has declined more than 25 percent since 2003 and 2020 was one of the lowest years on record.

He's right—most people are not aware of such information. He himself was unaware until about seven years ago when he was asked to lead a workshop that would “‘stress test’ the state of climate science.” He realized “climate science was far less mature than [he] had supposed” and, instead, the evidence shows:

*Humans exert a growing, but physically small, warming influence on the climate. The results from many different climate models disagree with, or even contradict, each other and many kinds of observations. In short, the science is insufficient to make useful predictions about how the climate will change over the coming decades, much less what effect our actions will have on it.*

That's certainly not something most people are aware of! And yet it makes sense when you [consider climate change through the lens of Scripture](#). Earth's climate hasn't been stable since the last ice age (conventionally dated 10,000–12,000 years ago, but creationists would place its maximum age to a few hundred years after the flood—and as a result of the flood). Our planet was rocked by a global flood just 4,350 years ago, then followed by an ice age. The ice sheets don't contain records of the climate from past eons—they were formed during the post-flood ice age and are very young.

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Most of the younger generations have not looked at the past records for themselves. They haven't understood there have been times in various regions of massive droughts, floods, hurricanes, etc. The issue is so much more complex than most people realize.

Climate hysteria isn't justified. As Christians, we should care for God's creation, study it wisely through the lens of God's Word, and rest in his promise that seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, cold and heat, day and night will continue until Christ comes again ([Genesis 8:22](#)).

## Get More Answers on Answers News

This item was discussed today on *Answers News* with cohosts Avery Foley, Roger Patterson, and Dr. Jennifer Rivera. *Answers News* is our twice-weekly news program filmed live before a studio audience here at the [Creation Museum](#) and broadcast on [my Facebook page](#) and the [Answers in Genesis Facebook page](#). We also covered the following topics:

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Ken This item was written with the assistance of AiG's research team.

# Parent's Hope Against Destruction

Effective child training and discipleship is more than rote memorization and can be a help lead children off the wide path of destruction.

by [Esther Wilkinson](#) on April 1, 2013; last featured May 2, 2021

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*Share:* Wide is the path that leads to destruction, and children are racing down that path. Solomon warns parents to intervene while there is hope. Simply memorizing principles won't cut it. What more is needed? [Proverbs 19:18](#) warns parents, "Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction." Parents are responsible for their children's training, and they're grateful for any hint of hope. But why the warning about destruction? Parents don't purposefully do things that could lead to their children's death, do they?

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In twenty-five years as an educator, I've seen a lot of confusion about what constitutes effective child training. Our educational culture seems to equate rote memory with real learning. But recalling data is not the same as understanding—recall alone will not solve real-world problems.

Unfortunately, many Christian parents and teachers make this mistake. If we train our kids with only a surface understanding of the Bible, they may be able to regurgitate things they have learned and even conform outwardly, but they won't have a truly Christian worldview. They will be the hearers of the Word described in [James 1:21](#). What will those children do when they leave home and secular ideas like Darwinian [evolution](#) present serious challenges to their faith?

While only [God](#) can transform our kids' hearts, parents play a key role in preventing superficial Christianity that cannot stand against the attacks of the devil.

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The foundation of our child training has to be the living Word—Christ, who is revealed in the written Word. Clearly we cannot stop at shallow recall of various [Bible](#) principles. Our goal is to teach children how to think with a biblical worldview and defend the [Christian](#) faith against the world's attacks. We achieve this by teaching them to test everything they hear by God's Word and equipping them with biblical answers they can share in gentleness and with respect.



This kind of training is going to take more than memorization. We will need to discuss opposing views and help them understand that the Bible is truth. As parents, we will need to make friends with those who don't think biblically so we can model how to share Christ our hope with compassion and respect, praying for God to open their eyes and hearts.

These discussions may cause family meals or devotions to take more time as you listen to your children's questions and give biblical answers. The objective is to build their thinking on God's Word and equip them to defend their faith. For the rest of their lives you want your children to evaluate the messages of the culture—media, talk radio, political speeches, entertainment—according to God's Word.

Train your children while there is hope. Only God can open their eyes, but if we train our kids now in a thorough understanding of His Word, it will follow them the rest of their lives—even if they try to run from it. Then, as long as they live, there is still hope.

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The walls inscribed with scriptures.

The bible encased below the pulpit, directly below the location of the pulpit.

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## Darkness Had No Victory Over the Light

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Please note for Further Reading Download Dr. Dan Crawford's book: [Night of Tragedy: A Dawning of Light](#)

On the evening of September 15, 1999, just before 7:00 pm, a crazed gunman entered Wedgwood Baptist Church and opened fire, killing seven and wounding seven. Among those were several youth who were attending a youth activity, a "Saw You at the Pole" prayer rally. From the time he entered the building, the gunman fired over 100 rounds from two different handguns, and exploded a homemade pipe bomb in the Worship

Center where the youth activity was being held. The gunman then sat down in the back of the Worship Center and ended his own life.

In the years since this tragedy took place, there have been tears, sadness, questions, lots of prayer, and of course, healing. In the days and weeks after the event the victims, their families, and the church saw an outpouring of love and support, not just from our community, but from across the world. We received cards, flowers, quilts, Bibles, posters, and emails, among other items, from people who wanted us to know they were praying for us and they supported us. We can never express completely how much this love and support meant and still means to us. It brought great comfort to us all.

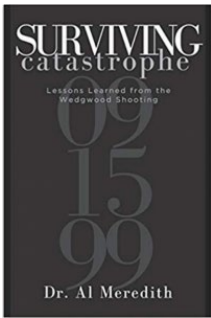
In 2 Corinthians Chapter 1, the Bible talks about God as our Comforter. In verses 3-4 it says, " Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." We know that God was our comfort after the tragedy at Wedgwood. And as we continue to walk in His comfort and healing (because it is an ongoing process), His strength, His love, and His comfort, allow us to reach out to others who are experiencing trouble in their life, and be a source of comfort to them. And while we will never forget the tragedy of this day, we want to use the comfort God gave and still gives us, to comfort those He sends our way.

Our prayer is that you will allow God to comfort you, and that you will reach out to him and allow Him to be your hope, your peace, and your salvation.



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# Shocking video: Christian pastor frogmarched for preaching Bible

**Police forcefully arrest 71-year-old: 'I was doing what my job description says'**



By [Joe Kovacs](#)

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**Pastor John Sherwood being arrested in west London, England for preaching what police say was an 'offensive' message from the Bible on April 23, 2021. (Video screenshot)**

Disturbing video has emerged of a Christian pastor forcefully arrested and frogmarched by police officers merely for preaching a basic message from the Bible in public.

The incident took place April 23 in west London, England, as John Sherwood, a 71-year-old grandfather, was standing on a step stool in the Uxbridge section of town, voicing a message from Genesis about God having created a man and woman in Genesis, and that being the basis of the family unit.

Britain's Daily Mail [reported](#): "Police said they had received complaints the man had been making 'allegedly homophobic comments' and arrested him under the Public Order Act, which can be used under the vague proviso that someone is using 'abusive or insulting words' that cause 'harm' to someone else. He was later released without charge."

Sherwood was held overnight by police, and though no immediate charged was pressed, a file was passed to the Crown Prosecution Service for review.

A member of the public had flagged down officers and claimed Sherwood was making homophobic comments, according to the Metropolitan Police.

Sherwood, a veteran minister of 35 years who now preaches at an independent evangelical church in north London, told the Mail: "I wasn't making any homophobic comments, I was just defining marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. I was only saying what the Bible says – I wasn't wanting to hurt anyone or cause offense.

"I was doing what my job description says, which is to preach the gospel in open air as well as in a church building.

Will the Bible at some point be outlawed as 'hate speech'?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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"When the police approached me, I explained that I was exercising my religious liberty and my conscience. I was forcibly pulled down from the steps and suffered some injury to my wrist and to my elbow. I do believe I was treated shamefully. It should never have happened."



**Pastor John Sherwood (Video screenshot)**

The married father of two says officers grilled him about homosexuality, going so far as to ask what he would do if his own children were gay.

"The question was irrelevant to the allegation against me," he explained. "I said I would seek to bring them to Christ, but of course I would love them no matter what, because they're my children."

Women can be heard shouting to the officers "You're on camera!" and "This is a Christian country" during the arrest.

A woman's voice is also heard saying, "For a man preaching about Christianity, look at how he's ripping him."

Sherwood's supporters posted a statement online noting: "Whilst he was preaching, he expounded the final verses of Genesis 1, declaring that God's purpose in creating mankind was to set human beings in families, headed by a father and a mother, not by two fathers, or by two mothers.

"The distinction within mankind of just two genders, male and female, made in the image of God, constitutes the essence of God's created order."

[Christian Concern](#) chief executive Andrea Williams said police needed greater understanding of the law on freedom of religion and speech, telling the Mail: "There is an idea that if people are offended you should arrest someone, but in this country we also have freedom of speech."

Police say their directorate of professional standards reviewed the footage of Sherwood's arrest and found no misconduct by officers on scene.

Peter Simpson, a pastor at Penn Free Methodist Church in Buckinghamshire, was preaching with Sherwood before the arrest, and told the Mail: "Everything he said was Bible based. He was not saying anything abusive; he is a Christian minister. There did not seem to be any recognition from the police that Christian ministers and such views exist. "If there was a [gay] Pride parade in Uxbridge, the police would support it even if Christians were offended. You don't have to be an evangelical Christian to be shocked by this. Anyone who cares about liberty should be concerned about what happened in Uxbridge.

"This is about defending our Christian civilization, or what is left of it. The belief in Genesis 1:27 is fundamental to Christian belief.

"This arrest of a faithful minister for doing nothing other than declaring what the Bible teaches about one of the important moral issues of our time reveals a dangerous assault upon freedom of speech and, not least, upon the freedom of Christian pastors to declare in public all that the Bible teaches. The state has no right to designate that some parts of God's word are no-go areas.

'Whatever one's personal views on homosexuality might be, it is surely pertinent to ask what kind of nation have we become that the minister of a Christian church is arrested for upholding in the public square the very truths which Her Majesty the Queen promised to uphold in her Coronation Oath in 1953, with a Bible in her hand?"