

MARATHON RELAY RACE

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews 11 and 12 remind us that we have the great privilege of being part of God's family. We are His sons and daughters. We are part of God's team. And we are in a cosmic marathon relay race.

We win by being faithful to previous generations and carrying the torch they so valiantly carried, passing this flame of Faith and freedom to

the next generation, who must faithfully carry it to future generations.

God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – we need a multi-generational vision.

"And the things that you have heard from Me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

The apostle Paul disciplined Timothy in the Faith and solemnly charged him to entrust these doctrines to faithful men who would be able to teach others also. Here we see four generations being disciplined in the Faith.



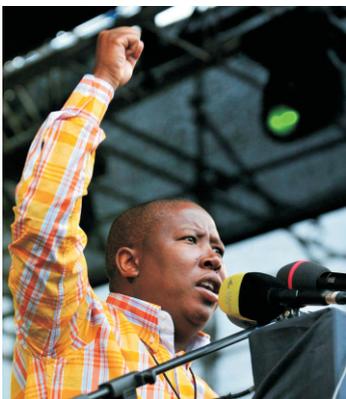
Inspiration

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." We need to derive inspiration from the lives and legacy of the heroes of the Faith, our spiritual ancestors, the prophets, the Apostles, the church fathers, the martyrs, the missionaries and Reformers. There on the battlements of Heaven, on the

grandstands, so to speak, those who have run the race with honours are cheering us on: Elijah, Daniel, Peter, Paul, Origen, Tertullian, Augustine, Patrick, Columba, Boniface, Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Tyndale, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, William Carey and David Livingstone, and so

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Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Speech



"The community is to have the same rules for you and for the alien living among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the alien shall be the same before the Lord. The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the alien living among you." Num 15:15-16

Respect for Life

Only Biblical Christianity offers a rational basis for opposing racism and for pursuing justice. Equality before the law is a Biblical principle:

The Biblical doctrine of Creation, whereby people are made in the image of God (Acts 17:26); and of

Redemption undermine racism, xenophobia and hate speech.

Regeneration gives a person a new life with new desires.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not

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many others. Their examples should inspire us, and encourage us, and urge us on to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Separation

"...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..." We need to separate from all those hindrances that slow us down, from the weights that hold us back, and from the entanglements that trip us up. Nothing can be tolerated that gets in the way of our discipleship and service for our Lord and Saviour.

Athletes do not load up backpacks full of rocks to lug around the track. No marathon runner would attempt to win the race while dragging balls and chains around their ankles and nooses around their necks! So, then also, we need to repent from all known sin. Restitution frees us from these obligations and liberates us from the snares of the devil. To run the race we need to be free of fear and from all those things that keep us from finishing the race. Doubt, discouragement, distraction,

deviation and defilement all spell defeat and death. Determine to separate from all that holds you back.

Dedication

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." You need to be dedicated to run the race, to finish the race, to win the prize of your high calling in Christ Jesus. Run with endurance. This is not a short distance sprint. It is a long distance marathon. And it is a marathon relay race involving multiple generations.

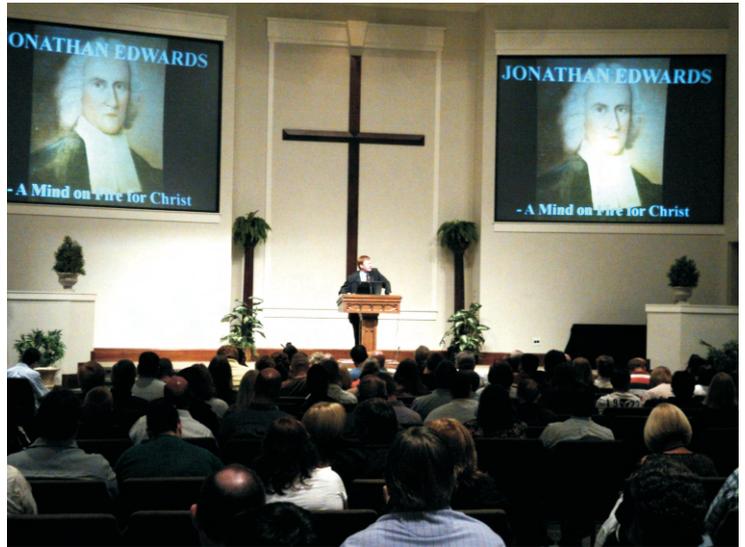
You have received the Faith from a great cloud of witnesses, and you have the duty to pass on this Faith to future generations. We Christians have a race set before us. It is marked out by the Word of God and by the examples of faithful servants, a great cloud of witnesses who have already completed their race with honours.

Endurance

"...run with endurance..." We need to persevere and run with endurance inspired by the examples of those who have gone before us. Hebrews chapter 11 reminds us of some of the great patriarchs that have gone before us.

Consider Their Sacrifice:

Abel gave his life. **Enoch** walked with God. **Noah** spent much of his life building the Ark and then stocking it and serving thousands of God's precious creatures for the year that they were confined in the Ark during the Flood. The Ark reminds us that in the ship of life we are all crew, none of us are passengers. We have work to do.



The Way of the Master Discernment Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Abraham left his home and country and even offered up his son Isaac. **Sarah** was barren her whole life and late in life gave birth to a child, Isaac. **Joseph** lost his freedom and his family. Betrayed by his brothers he was condemned to slavery and unjustly accused, he was incarcerated in prison.

Moses willingly forsook the comforts, riches and power of Egypt. **David** risked all for God's honour, walking into the valley of the shadow of death to confront the fearsome giant that the army of Israel dreaded. All of the prophets and apostles suffered persecution and most gave

their lives for the Faith once delivered unto the saints.

Obstacles Overcome:

Think of the overwhelming obstacles that missionaries such as **Patrick**, **Columba** and **Boniface** overcame in order to evangelise and disciple the savage tribes of Europe. Think of all that the Reformers, Professors **John Wycliffe**, **Jan Hus** and **Martin Luther**, had to confront as they sought to bring Reformation to a Europe steeped in papal superstition and Romish heresy.

English Bible translator **William Tyndale** had to flee to Europe and live as an



Evangelists William Farel, Pierre Viret and Foremont won Geneva to Christ.

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outlaw with a price on his head, continually on the run as he sought to translate the Bible into English and have these first printed copies of the New Testament in English smuggled back into England. The first consignment of thousands of English New Testaments was intercepted by the Bishop of London and burned. William Tyndale had to start a new print run, but God's outlaw finally succeeded in providing the first printed English New Testaments in defiance of the laws of the Roman Catholic church and the Holy Roman Empire.

Fiery evangelist and debater extraordinary **William Farel** won whole cities to Christ with his dynamic denunciations of papal superstitions and error and bold proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although poverty stricken and deprived of a high school education, **William Carey** persevered to launch the modern missionary movement. Funding himself by repairing shoes and teaching himself many languages, William Carey wrote the book that launched the modern missionary movement and devoted the last forty two years of his life to establishing mission stations and Christian schools in India. He translated the Bible, New Testament and Gospels into a staggering thirty-six different Asian languages, ended widow burning and launched a Reformation that brought dynamic change to India.

Despite being raised in abject

poverty, working fourteen hours a day, six days a week, in a cotton mill from age ten to twenty, **David Livingstone** overcame all obstacles to get to the mission field and then to explore vast sections of Southern and Central Africa, being the first messenger of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in many of the previously unexplored regions.

Inspired by David Livingstone's example, **Mary Slessor** became an effective missionary to Calabar, in what today is Nigeria. David Livingstone also inspired many other missionaries including **Dr. Kenneth Fraser** who converted and discipled the Morus in Equatoria, Sudan.

Why Are Some People So Faithful and Loyal?

Why are some people so faithful and loyal? One thinks of Joshua following Moses, Elisha following Elijah, the Apostle John, the disciple that Jesus loved, following Jesus all the way to the Cross and beyond. The church father Polycarp faithfully following his mentor the apostle John. Heinrich Bullinger faithfully consolidating the Reformation so dramatically launched by Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich. Theodore Beza building on the solid foundations laid by John Calvin. Susi and Chuma, faithful servants to David Livingstone to the very end carrying his body back to the coast, a journey which took over a year to see the body of the best friend Africa ever had returned to his people for

burial in Westminster Abbey. There are many good examples of those who are faithful and loyal.

Why Are So Many Disloyal?

The Gospels record many who forsook Christ: "When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth." Matthew 19:22 "From this time, many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him." John 6:66 "Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them." Mark 14:10 "Then all the disciples deserted Him and fled." Matthew 26:56

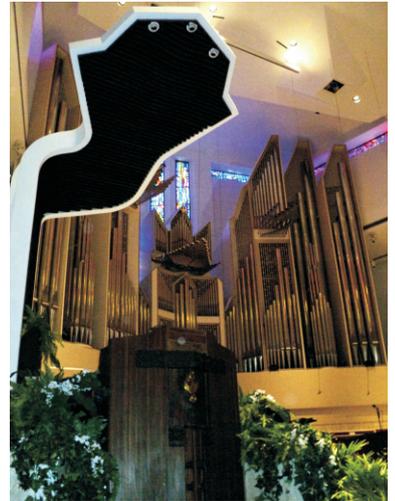
The apostle Paul wrote of those who had "wandered away" (1 Timothy 1:3), and of those who had rejected the Faith and violated their conscience, having made a shipwreck of their faith (1 Timothy 1:19-20).

Paul reported that: "everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygellus and Hermogenes." 2 Timothy 1:15; "Demas, because he loved the world, has deserted me and has gone..." 2 Timothy 4:10

The father of modern missions, William Carey, against all odds launched the modern Missionary Movement. Yet, he was the victim of character assassination and was rejected by the mission that he had founded.

Ministries Hijacked

Over the years I have had the privilege of being hosted on Dr. James Kennedy's radio program *Truths that Transform* and on



Dr. James Kennedy's pulpit.

the Coral Ridge Hour on TV. On numerous occasions I had the privilege of being invited to minister at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, including as a guest speaker during missions events and from the pulpit on Sunday services. During a recent ministry trip to the USA I was invited to record some programs for Coral Ridge Ministries. It was heartening to see how this publishing and television ministry has continued to remain faithful to the principles and vision of its founder Dr. James Kennedy.

However, when I walked around Coral Ridge

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Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Church I was horrified to see how much had changed. The big and bold words of the Great Commission and Cultural Mandate sign opposite Reception were missing. The display cabinet with examples of each of James Kennedy's sixty-five published books which had been next to Reception was gone. The huge world map with pictures of



Empty book shelves at Coral Ridge bookshop.

foreign missionaries supported was missing. The hundreds of tract stands and sermon stands were empty. Where once God-honouring posters, Scripture displays and mission boards had stood I saw blank walls. I saw a Ten



Drums behind Dr. Kennedy's pulpit.

Commandments display on the floor next to the trash can. Behind Dr. James Kennedy's pulpit were drums. In front of the two thousand eight hundred pipe organ, one of the largest organs in North America, was a keyboard! A once dynamic and packed book store was now gutted with very few of Dr. Kennedy's books still on the shelves. Walls of empty shelves stood where once they had been covered with cutting-edge Reformed books.

I felt as if I was visiting many of the Cathedrals in Europe, where deadening liberalism has hijacked the magnificent structures built up by dedicated Christians of centuries ago. However this was barely three and a half years after the passing of Dr. Kennedy!

On one of my visits to Dr. Kennedy he had commented that he doubted that many of these ministries around him would survive long after his passing. He also questioned the salvation of some of his staff and even of his elders and pastors.

The Cathedrals of Europe are more often than not in the hands of people who are not

faithful to the Faith of the builders. The main line denominations have, in all too many cases, betrayed their founders and have dropped the torch.

How many Lutheran congregations are faithful to the bold and life transforming message of Dr. Martin Luther?

How many Scotsmen are true to the faith of John Knox?

Most of the Methodists today are far from the doctrines, devotion and dedication of John Wesley.

Most Anglicans in North America and Great Britain are not faithful to The Thirty-Nine Articles.

Most Baptists are far from the doctrinal standards in the London Confession of Faith.

How many Presbyterians today are true to the Westminster Confession of Faith?

How many Dutch Reformed ministers are faithful to the Belgic Confession and the Synod of Dort?

The World Council of Churches have hijacked and led astray many denominations which once were faithful to the Scriptures. They have assigned church funds to support Marxist terrorists who were at that time killing missionaries in Rhodesia and



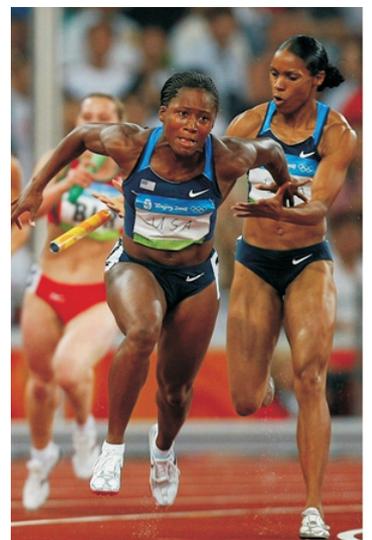
Empty sermon note stands at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

elsewhere.

How many Reformed and Presbyterian churches are true to Reformer John Calvin's motto: "Promptly and sincerely in the service of my God" and to his emblem: A Heart Aflame in the Hand of God?

Dropping the Baton

The US relay women's team was confidently predicted to win gold in the 2004 Athens Olympics. They had performed extremely well in the semi-finals. However in the main event, Lauren Williams, the third team mate, bolted from her starting position and ran as fast as she could out of the exchange lane before team mate Carla Marion Jones could pass the baton to her. The whole team was disqualified because of that failed baton pass!



The failed baton handover in the Athens Olympics 2004.

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Civilisation is at Stake

Because many in the present generation have failed to take up the baton/the torch of previous faithful generations Western civilisation is in danger of collapsing.

Will Durant observed: "From barbarism to civilisation requires a century (or more), from civilisation to barbarism needs but a few days".

Like it or not, we are either part of the problem or we are part of the solution. Being faithful to take up the torch of Faith and freedom and carry it through to the next generation is of utmost importance.

What are you living for?

What are you passing on to others?

Are you a giver? Or a taker?

Do you build something of eternal value? Or do you walk away from difficult situations?

Do you leave others better off? Or do you flee responsibilities?

Do you rescue the perishing? Or are you selfish?

Do you care for God's creation? Or are you thoughtless and careless?

Are you generous? Or are you needy and demanding?

Do you live? Or do you merely exist?

Do you produce? Or do you merely consume?

Do you ensure that your children will have greater

advantages and a better shot at winning?

Or do you just live for yourself, live for the moment?

The Rat Race

The trouble with the rat race is – even if you win – you are still a rat.



The Reformation Monument at Worms where Dr. Martin Luther made his courageous "Here I stand..." speech.

Apathy

"The sin of our times is the sin that believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing and remains alive only because there is nothing for which it will die." Dorothy Sayers

Aimless and Selfish

Meaningless, aimless, selfish, media-saturated people with no sense of duty, no sense of direction, no sense of obligation or integrity, are dominating and producing most of the news media, entertainment industry and

educational institutions. The far reaching effect of this hedonism and existentialism on many in the present generation is incalculable.

"The future of civilisation depends on our overcoming the meaninglessness and hopelessness that characterises the thoughts of many today." Albert Schweitzer

The Curse of Inactivity

As Edmund Burke so eloquently put it: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing."

There are three types of people in the world:

1. Those who make things happen.
2. Those who watch things happen.
3. Those who don't have a clue what's happened.

We Christians need to be those who make things happen.

In the Light of Eternity

"Where there is no vision, the people perished." We need to live a life of purpose, based on the solid rock of God's Word, The Bible, as our firm foundation. Inspired by the examples of excellence in church history we need to live in the light of eternity.

Fulfill the Cultural Mandate, make the Great Commission your supreme ambition. Be true to your duty to God, and to your parents, and to others. Love God and His creatures. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His Commandments."

Deuteronomy 7:9

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World Cup Soccer, Farm Murders & Prayer

by Dorothea Scarborough

Probably no other Football World Cup has been preceded by so many prayers as the South African FIFA games of June/July 2010. Almost as soon as the 68.000-seater Green Point Stadium in Cape Town had been completed, some 50.000 Christians met there for prayer, invoking God's protection and blessing. Shortly afterwards, the Zion Christian Church, numbering up to 6 million members, rallied its members at the annual Easter services at Morea, Polokwane, Limpopo. And from 16-18 April, near Greytown, Natal,

many a wonderful way. Much of the moral depravity which had been planned for the World Cup has not come to pass. Prostitution was not decriminalised as had been intended - and remains forbidden - though no longer prosecuted. Similarly, a 24-hour DSTV pornography channel, which had likewise been planned for the benefit of FIFA football tourists (by the internet server MWEB), was so strongly opposed by the Christian community that it was abandoned. A strip-tease 'naked' TV-news programme, which was to



it, the ANC claims that it is a 'cultural' song which cannot possibly do any harm. The fact is, however, that since 1994, 3367 farmers have been murdered. The shrinking number of White farmers (from 65.000 to 37.000) has led to food insecurity because 'land reform' has been a failure.

30.000 illegal shebeens will be closed down and youth programmes instituted to prevent drug abuse and crime.²⁾ For all these things we thank God.

One wonders what sort of person would promote immoral and distressing human behaviour, especially when it harms women and children. God demands that we be pure in heart and body, and St Paul says: "Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - which is your spiritual worship." (Romans 12:1) King Solomon warned against prostitution and called it "a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death." (Proverbs 7:27)

In this climate, on the eve of Easter Day (3.4.2010), the most colourful of all Afrikaner leaders, Eugene Terre'Blanche (69), was cruelly slain on his farm. He was the 3368th victim of the ongoing warfare against farmers. His fellow farmers and countrymen were angry and distressed. 12.000 to 15.000 mourners streamed to Ventersdorp to pay Eugene Terre'Blanche their last respects - while Julius Malema was singing "Kill the Boer, kill the Farmer" in neighbouring Zimbabwe as the guest of Robert Mugabe (whose own 'land reform' had, after 30 years' rule, brought about total economic collapse).



the potato farmer/evangelist Angus Buchan hosted between 200 000 and 300 000 *Mighty Men* on his farm for prayers and praise. Then followed, on Pentecost Sunday, the prayer meetings of the Global Day of Prayer, when millions of intercessors gathered around the world. South Africa celebrated the 10th anniversary of this Day of Prayer which had originated in the Newlands Stadium in Cape Town.

have been introduced by E-TV, was similarly foiled; and explicit billboards were removed. Rev. Errol Naidoo of the *Family Policy Institute* and Taryn Hodgson of *Africa Christian Action* did excellent work in alerting the Churches¹⁾, and many believers rose to the challenge, defending their Christian heritage. *The Women's World Day of Prayer* movement, too, have been praying earnestly, pleading for the safety of South Africa's children in the face of human trafficking at the time of the games. Thank God for the Christian Premier of the Western Cape, Mrs Helen Zille. She has announced that

Moral Victory

South Africa has never needed prayer more urgently than at present, and God has answered her petitions in

Songs of Hate?

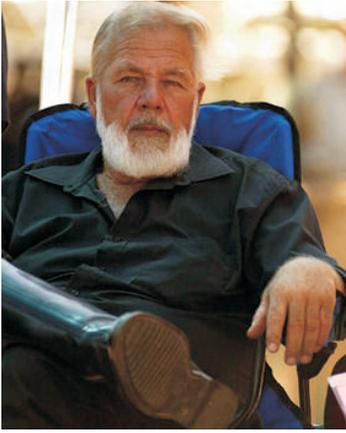
Not only the morals, but also the peace of South Africa, have been endangered, and we need to continue to pray much. After 16 years of 'democracy' and just prior to the greatest sporting event it has ever hosted, the ruling African National Congress (ANC) has started singing its old 'struggle songs' again. Last year President Jacob Zuma rallied his election supporters with the song "Bring me my machine gun," and this year his chief admirer, Julius Malema (29), head of the ANC Youth League, is leading the singing of: "Kill a Boer, kill a farmer!"³⁾ Though a court has forbidden



Stop Farm Murders!

Rev Kenneth Meshoe, leader of the *African Christian Democratic Party* (ACDP), reacted sharply and urgently called on the police to "stop farm murders before something worse happens in the country." He pleaded with "all Christians to

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pray for peace in the nation as we need God's intervention as never before." - "We appeal to the ANC to abide by the rulings of the High Court in Pretoria and the South Gauteng High Court making the singing of the song unlawful and unconstitutional." - An Afrikaner organisation, the Gelofovolk Koördineringskomitee (GKK), summed up what most South Africans are thinking. They deplore "die volksmoord wat al baie jare woed," and point the people to God, calling the Afrikaners to zealously "keep our people's vows. When our forefathers were anchored in faith in their Creator, He carried them through their darkest moments. We are dependent on Him alone for our existence. Let us call upon Him in this dark hour, for He says He will help us."- They quote Psalm 50:14-15 - "Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." (translated)

The Second Stage

Do the events above signify "nation building?" Or are they a sign of new things to come? Rev Shaun Willcock of Bible Based Ministries, who has made a thorough study of the interaction of religion and politics in South Africa, wrote in 2009 in the context of the

Mbeki-Zuma change of presidency: "The ANC has been relentlessly pursuing the second stage of its two-stage revolution in SA. The first stage was the one that brought it to power in 1994; and the moment that occurred, the second stage began, the purpose of which is to extend party control over all aspects of life in the country... The time has now arrived for the ANC to increase the momentum, in its judgment; to push forward the Marxist agenda in all spheres at a more rapid rate than before - a more openly revolutionary rate. Thus, the Mbeki era giving way to the Zuma era is merely the next stage in a very carefully laid-out plan. There are forces at work here that are far bigger than these two men. Far bigger."⁴⁾

St Paul warned us, saying: "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12).

How strange, that at the very moment when the Soccer World Championships are uniting all South Africans in excited goodwill as never before, an image of hatred is being created which calls for "killing", "nationalisation" and "strikes." The FIFA games are being used as a world stage on which to play out commercialised immorality, threatened farm and mine dispossession, and social chaos through strikes. Is it any wonder, that we see in this a sign that "eternal truths, religion, and morality" are being pushed aside and Christian civilisation is threatened? Does it not make a mockery of

the spirit of goodwill and kindness with which South Africans are awaiting their soccer friends from abroad? - The Communist leader Lenin said: "We must hate - hatred is the basis of Communism." And a well-known Commissar declared: "We hate Christians and Christianity. Even the best of them must be considered our worst enemies. Christian love is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with love of one's neighbour! What we want is hate... Only then will we conquer the universe!"⁵⁾



Christians struggle against the spirit of hatred daily, and try to overcome it with love. As we have seen above, by prayer and action the victory can be won. We stand amazed and thank God that the depravity planned for the world cup did not materialise, and that even President Zuma has called for the protection of children during the Games!

If we need hope, if we need to know what God can do, let us look back 150 years to the time when the great South African Revival took place under the ministry of Rev Andrew Murray. It was at Pentecost that he preached a sermon on Jonah 1:6: "What

meanest thou, o sleeper? Arise and call upon thy God." The Spirit of God was released, and the people were truly awakened. The Revival which ensued brought blessings which are felt to this present day.

Let us then commit ourselves anew to our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us arise and call upon our God. Let us pay our vows. Let us make disciples of all nations and teach them to obey everything that Christ has commanded (Matthew 28:18-20). Let us combat evil, do good, and love our fellow man. Then surely God will fulfill His promise which says: **"All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations."**

Psalm 22:27

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2. Statement by Helen Zille, Premier of the Western Cape, A Comprehensive Plan to beat Substance Abuse, 12.5.10.
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ACTION ITEMS



TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

Women need real protection and respect – practical action, not pious platitudes from politicians and meaningless public holidays! Why not use Women's Day this year (9 August 2010) as an opportunity to inform, inspire and involve people in promoting awareness and taking action against the exploitation of women through pornography, prostitution, trafficking and abortion?

You can download our Women's Day leaflet off www.christianaction.org.za

You could also encourage your congregation's Bible Study/Home Groups and pastor to focus their discussions and sermons nearest to Women's Day on informing and inspiring people to take action to protect women from abuse and exploitation. We have some helpful resources, books and DVDs which could empower your cell group to make a positive difference.

On 9 August, Women's Day, **Africa Christian Action** will be setting up literature tables in three different shopping malls in the Cape Town area – Khayelitsha Shopping Centre, Canal Walk and Somerset Mall. If you are in Cape Town, sign up to help out at one of our tables. We need lots of volunteers!

Why don't you consider doing a similar outreach in your area? Visit "Projects" on the www.christianaction.org.za website to get some tips on running your own Women's Day outreach.

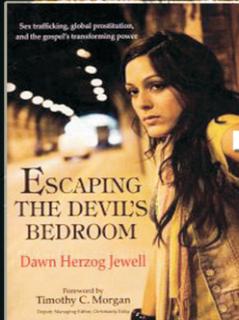
Contact Christian Action for quantities of leaflets e.g. "**The Christian Liberation of Women**", "**Abortion – the Facts**", "**Women are Precious and Should be Protected**" and "**Finding Freedom from Pornography**". We also have several different great Gospel tracts e.g. "**Christ is Risen Indeed! Evidences for the Resurrection**" and "**The Greatest Book in the World**". (We request a small donation for the postage costs.) Tracts can also be downloaded from the www.livingstonefellowship.co.za website. Distribute these from your table and use them as a springboard for discussions about these issues.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27



TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE ABUSE OF WOMEN THIS WOMEN'S DAY 9 August 2010



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Dawn Herzog Jewell
Foreword by Timothy C. Morgan



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ANTI-INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY BILL

The Christian Action Network supports the drafting and proposal of an Anti-Internet Pornography Bill by the Justice Alliance of South Africa to the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs as a possible solution to (partly) combating the scourge of pornography in South Africa.

This proposed Bill comes as a result of calls from the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs to ban pornography from the public sphere and to ensure the protection of children. Deputy Minister Gigaba has also requested the South African Law Reform Commission to look into this possibility of banning pornography on the internet, cell phones and on television.

Research done by the Film and Publications Board in 2006 found that 64% of teenagers surveyed had been exposed to pornographic images on the internet and 81% admitted they had seen such images on their friends' cell phones.

Not only does pornography infringe on the constitutional rights of children, it also discriminates against the rights of women to dignity, equality and protection from hate speech. Pornography often depicts women in degrading, humiliating ways

and as sex objects - existing only for men's sexual pleasure. Women are also often called derogatory names and subjected to violent acts.

Pornography is often used by paedophiles to 'groom' children into compliance for their abusive acts. Research conducted by the Teddy Bear Clinic in Johannesburg has also shown that children with predisposed vulnerabilities have sexually abused other children as a result of viewing pornography. Pornography has also been shown to cause devastating psychological damage to children.

In the Legal Opinion drafted by JASA, John Smyth summarised the legal argument for the Bill, **"Internet pornography is such a readily accessible evil for children, that the Constitutional Court, if the Bill were challenged, would be bound to hold that the section 28 obligation to protect at all costs the best interests of children would trump the rights to freedom of expression and privacy."**

John Smyth, director of the Justice Alliance of South Africa (JASA), presented the draft bill and the legal opinion on the constitutional issues related to the bill to the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Malusi Gigaba.

It was agreed that JASA will have another meeting with the Film and Publication Board (FPB) to explore the

matter of the draft Bill further. The draft Bill will provide input to the process already underway at the LRC towards the total ban of pornography on the internet.

JASA's Internet Pornography Bill and Legal Opinion can be read on the www.jasa.za.net website.

The Internet and Cell Phone Pornography Bill proposes that pornography be filtered out at the tier one service providers to avoid it entering the country. The Bill is aimed at the total ban of pornography on internet and mobile phones. United Arab Emirates and Yemen already have legislation in this regard.

Australia and New Zealand are currently seeking to do so.

It was noted that unlike in the physical world where a reasonable effort can be made for pornography to be kept away from children, in the online world, pornographic sites are often parked deliberately next door to educational sites, often with names almost identical. Thus many children are often accessing pornography accidentally.

Internet technology experts that CAN has consulted say that the costs of blocking pornography from the internet on a national level would be a



drop in the ocean compared to revenue generated by the SA internet industry. Fears that filtering costs for Internet Service Providers would be relayed to the consumer are unfounded as consumer internet costs are due to drop significantly by 2011/2012 with more international bandwidth available to ISPs via new submarine cables.



The Christian Action Network believes that, in the light of the fact that pornography violates God's Law, and the above legal arguments and practical considerations, all pornography should be totally banned.

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves.'"

Luke 17:1-3

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DANGEROUS NEW LEGAL PRECEDENT IN PROSTITUTION

Together with the Family Policy Institute (FPI), the Consultation of Christian Churches (CCC) and Stop Trafficking of People (STOP) we express our grave concern at the bizarre ruling of the Labour Appeal Court that effectively legitimizes a criminal enterprise by judicial decree and provides legal sanction to individuals involved in illegal activity with well-established links to organized crime.

The ruling is a blatant attempt to legislate from the bench on a policy issue that must be decided by the democratically elected representatives of the people. Unelected activist judges attempting to bypass the normal Parliamentary processes by determining public policy from the bench according to their ideological bent, must be strenuously resisted.

The Sexual Offences Act of 1957 and the Amended Act of 2007 make both the buying and selling of sex a criminal offence in South Africa. An individual willingly operating outside of the law cannot reasonably expect protection from the law whilst engaged in criminal activity. Judge Davis' ruling sets a dangerous precedent in that it opens the

door to drug dealers (or should that be "drug workers"?), human traffickers and other criminals to seek redress under the law while actively engaged in illegal activity.

Prostitution is a criminal activity with well-established links to other criminal activity such as human trafficking, drug dealing and money laundering. As a result, Kylie's case cannot be considered in isolation. If prostitutes can claim legal redress from the CCMA for unfair dismissal, so can every other person engaged in criminal activity.

Decriminalised prostitution legitimises the entire sex industry, including brothel keeping, pimps and criminal syndicates that exploit women & children. Research shows that decriminalisation does not break the long established links between prostitution and organised crime, and has failed to improve the lives of women trapped in prostitution in nations that have adopted the policy.

Significantly, it is not the legal status of prostitution that harms the women, but the prostitution itself. Decriminalisation is a gift to pimps, traffickers and crime syndicates that prey on women.



We implore the Department of Justice to urgently repeal this dangerous and far reaching ruling to restore the public's trust in the judiciary and the legitimacy of Parliament as the only democratically elected policy making body in South Africa.

What You Can Do

Biased reporting on prostitution is still prevalent. We need to express our concern to any journalists who write articles in favour of the legalization of prostitution or refer to prostitutes as "sex workers". The journalist's email address is usually included at the end of the article in most newspapers. Copy your letter to the editor. It also helps to call them (use the newspaper's switchboard number) and share your concerns with them. Offer to send them an article such as "What Happens When Prostitution Becomes Work?" by the Australian Coalition Against Trafficking in Women or news articles that depict the disastrous consequences the legalisation of prostitution has had on several countries. We can email you these.

The illusion that prostitution is "work", or a choice, is manipulative and deceptive. It allows the whoremongers and the pimps to obscure the abuse involved and to confer a form of right on the abuser (fornicator or adulterer).

The fact that money is exchanged cannot disguise the fact that what occurs in prostitution, the bodily and psychological violations involved are in fact sexual abuse and harassment and would be seen as such in any so-called ordinary workplace or social setting.

"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."

Ephesians 5:11

"Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh'."

1 Corinthians 6:15-16

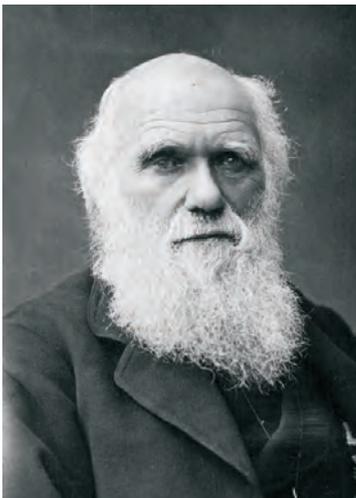
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counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation." 2 Cor 5:17-19

Breeding Racism

On the other hand, those who hold to Darwin's theory of evolution, have no objective basis with which to counter racism. In fact, Darwinian evolutionism has inspired a whole host of racist ideologies and movements, especially communism. The actual title of Darwin's famous evolutionary book is: "On The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life."



Charles Darwin.

Evolution Revolution

Karl Marx wanted to dedicate *Das Kapital* to Charles Darwin and wrote "Darwin's book is very important and serves me as a basis in the natural sciences for the historical class struggle." "Violence is the midwife..." as Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin so succinctly put it: "Evolution leads to revolution!"

Darwin & Marx Racists

Both Darwin and Marx expressed racist views. It is ironic that so many Russians and Africans have held

Marxist and evolutionary beliefs because Darwin taught that the "advanced races" should "exterminate" the primitive races in order to speed up evolutionary progress!

Karl Marx himself despised the Slavs and Blacks, writing that they were "frozen at pre-civilisation levels" and would never make any contribution to history! (Karl Marx – the Racist, 1978; Understanding The Times, David Noebel, 1991; Marx and Satan, Richard Wurmbrand).

"They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity..."

2 Peter 2:19

Discrimination

The Oxford English Dictionary defines racism as: "...discrimination against or antagonism towards other races."

Hypocritical Racists

Yet many who speak out vitriolically against racism, are themselves racist, displaying intense antagonism towards people of other races and advocating policies which discriminate on the basis of race.

Character or Colour?

These are many of the same people who would respect Martin Luther King, but who are not willing to live by his maxim: that people should be judged by the content of their character, not by the colour of their skin.

Manipulations

Frustrated people are easily manipulated by mesmerizing slogans sold by murderous hate mongers. One of the



Tutsi victims at a Rwandese roadblock.

easiest ideas to sell anyone is that he is better than someone else. The holocaust in Rwanda where mobs of Hutus slaughtered over 800,000 Tutsi Christians, is just one example of the destructive power of tribalism in Africa in recent years. More people were killed with machetes in six weeks in Rwanda, than have been killed by nuclear weapons in all of history.

Media Marketing Hate

In the month and weeks leading up to the holocaust in Rwanda the state radio RTLM denigrated all Tutsis as "foreigners": "Hamitic invaders", "cockroaches", "racist supremacists," who needed to be "returned to Ethiopia" by

having their bodies thrown into the Nyabarongo River. Wild rumours were recklessly spread by RTLM accusing the Tutsis of sinister plots. The MRND government bluntly asserted: "every Batutsi is dishonest" and "the Bahutu should stop having mercy on the Batutsi." The state media editorialised that the Bible instructs you to kill snakes and "all Tutsis are snakes!"

Newspeak in Rwanda

This fanatical extremism was not on the fringes of society, but was propagated by top leaders of the MRND government and by the Anglican and Roman Catholic hierarchies. Popular poet and songwriter, Simon Bikindi,

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Tools of genocide. More people died from machetes in 6 weeks in Rwanda than have died from nuclear weapons in all of History.

composed songs which provoked Hutus to hate their Tutsi neighbours. Extremists toured the country to incite racial hatred against the Tutsi. New terms were popularized: "clearing the bush" which originally had referred to clearing land for cultivation, came to mean killing Tutsi. "Interahamwe", which used to mean communal work parties now came to mean mobs who would hunt out and kill the Tutsi. Even the term "work" itself now came to mean the task of killing!

State Sponsored Hate

In my book, **Holocaust In Rwanda**, I quote some examples of this extremist ideology propagated by senior government officials. Here are the words of MRND Vice President Dr. Leon Mugesera: "The Tutsi are *inyenzis* (cockroaches)... what are we waiting for to decimate these families...? They have no right to live... eliminate these people...destroy them. No matter what you do, do not let them get away." After the holocaust, Leon Mugesera fled to Canada.

Inflammatory

In the run up to the genocide, Radio Television Libre Des Milles Collines (RTLM) broadcast inflammatory stories and twisted all news to have an anti-Tutsi angle: "They are cockroaches from cockroaches who speak for cockroaches"; "the Tutsis need to be killed"; "hunt out the Tutsi..."; "who will fill the half empty graves?"; "take your spears, clubs, guns, swords, stones, everything, sharpen them, hack them, those enemies, those cockroaches..."; "like a mad dog

you have to beat them up, and up and up..."

Mobilising Murder

By totally dominating the mass media, the Hutu extremists were able to mould minds and fill them with hatred and a lust for blood. The MRND ruling party planned and promoted the systematic annihilation of the Tutsi minority from as early as 1990. The pattern of the killings reveals that the massacres were meticulously organised in advance. Most of the victims were slaughtered inside church buildings, hospitals, and schools. I walked knee deep in corpses in the church at Ntarama. At the Kigali Hospital over 7,000 corpses had to be removed before the hospital could be reopened.

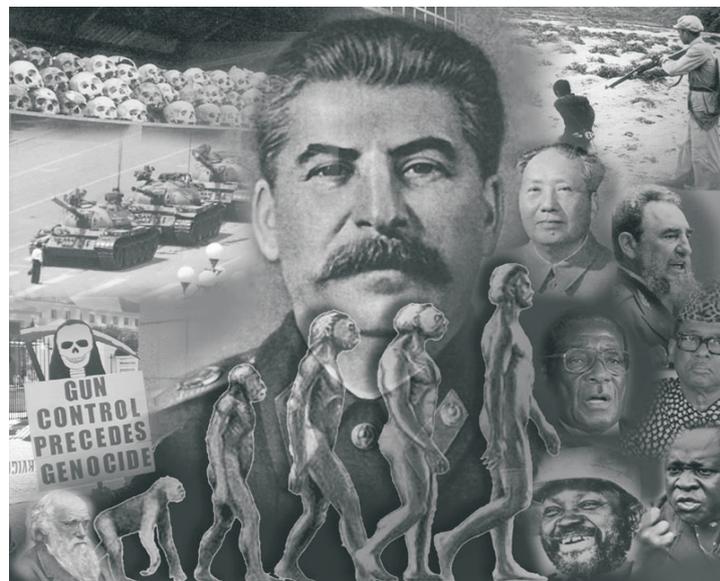
Hatred

Racism has been described as "the maximum of hatred for a minimum of reason."

H.G. Wells noted that racism "justifies and holds together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any other sort of error in the world."

Double Standards

It is disturbing how many African leaders, while ostensibly opposing racism, support one of the most vitriolic racists on the continent today: Robert Mugabe. Despite Zimbabwean dictator, Robert Mugabe, being guilty of some of the most vicious racism, with a disastrous policy of state sponsored terrorism, the stealing and looting of farms and businesses, the



Atheist regimes slaughtered over 160 million people in the 20th century.

murder of farmers and opposition members, terrorizing of Supreme Court justices, bombing of opposition newspaper offices, imprisoning of critics and reckless promotion of racial hatred against whites, the ANC government of South Africa have steadfastly refused to criticise Mugabe.

National Suicide

The crisis in Zimbabwe is severe. The worst inflation in the history of the world. People are dying of starvation in a man-made famine, orchestrated by the ZANU-PF government of Mugabe. Over 5,000 productive white commercial farms have been seized by government organised mobs. Vast herds of cattle and wildlife have been slaughtered. Crops and stores burned. Farmhouses looted. Many people beaten or murdered. One of the most productive agricultural economies in Africa has been systematically destroyed, because of fanatical racial hatred. Not only did these farms feed the entire nation, but they also exported food,

providing the highest percentage of foreign exchange earnings for the country. These commercial farms were also the highest employers of labour in the country and provided homes for up to 4 million farm workers and their dependants.



Beaten by Zimbabwe police.

Racial Scapegoats

When the president of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, needed a scapegoat for his failed socialism, he played the race card, declaring: "Farmers are enemies of the state!... We have degrees in violence!...those farmers who resist will die!"

Racist Dictatorship

Yet, despite blatant fraud in elections, and tens of thousands of human rights abuses documented, many ANC leaders in South Africa have evidenced an extraordinary infatuation with



and warmth towards the violent dictatorship of Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe. **"Whoever says to the guilty, you are innocent – peoples will curse him and nations denounce him."** Prov. 24:24



Beaten by Zimbabwe police.

Racism and Hypocrisy

It is evident that this blind support for Mugabe is inspired, in large part, by racial prejudice. Despite Mugabe engineering one of the most "spectacular economic collapses of history" with his national suicide of Zimbabwe, all too many political leaders support him – irrespective of the lawlessness and savagery afflicting the population of Zimbabwe. Despite half the population of Zimbabwe having voted with their feet by

fleeing the country, many in the African Union have evidenced both racism and hypocrisy in enthusiastically applauding Mugabe. This racism and hypocrisy was particularly evident at the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development. While Mugabe supporters were slaughtering endangered wildlife and destroying huge forests and game reserves in Zimbabwe, Mugabe was being applauded with standing ovations as a key note speaker!

"How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds have perished." Jeremiah 12:4

Oppression

Under Mugabe's racist regime tens of thousands of Matabele tribesmen were massacred. Even judges have been assaulted by mobs in their chambers in court, journalists and editors have been detained and tortured, pastors have been arrested for praying for peace and justice, and the only independent daily newspaper and radio station in Zimbabwe were blown up.



Zimbabwe police beat civilians in the streets in Harare

"Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets."

Psalms 55:11



Zimbabwean refugee burned alive during xenophobic attacks.

Supporting What They Claim to Oppose

How can anybody in the ANC ever again speak against the racial discrimination of "apartheid South Africa" when they have instituted their own racial discrimination through Affirmative Action and Black Economic Empowerment, job reservations and racial quotas in South Africa? And when they are so enthusiastically supportive of Robert Mugabe's vicious racism in Zimbabwe? And when they gladly support Julius Malema's crude racism and hate speech? And when they happily sing "Kill the Boer! Kill the farmer!" even while over 3,000 white commercial farmers have been murdered – in the most torturous and brutal ways? And when thousands of Zimbabwe refugees in South Africa have been attacked, their homes burned and many killed in xenophobic attacks?

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light

for darkness... who are wise in their own eyes... who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent...they have rejected the Law of the Lord Almighty..."

Isaiah 5:20-24

In the face of the racism, xenophobia and hate speech evidenced in Robert Mugabe's national suicide in Zimbabwe and the ANC Youth League president Julius Malema's "Kill the Boer!" slogan and songs, what is the Biblical response?

Recognising Reality

We need to recognise that crime and violence, corruption and malice are symptoms of our society's rebellion against the Laws of God.

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

Exposing Evil

The scourge of animism, tribalism, the Islamic slave trade, genocidal clan warfare and the legacy of Marxist hatred needs to be exposed.

"Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity?"

Psalms 94:16

Biblical Solutions

The Biblical solutions to racism, xenophobia and hate speech are found in the Doctrine of Creation, The Greatest Commandment, The Golden Rule, The Parable of the Good Samaritan and The Great Commission.

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Xenophobic attacks on Zimbabweans by communists in South Africa.



Missionary explorer Dr. David Livingstone confronted Muslim slave traders and set the captives free.

The Greatest

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught that the Greatest Command is to: **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength... Love your neighbour as yourself."**

Mark 12:30-31

The Golden Rule

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to observe the Golden Rule: **"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."**

Luke 6:31

The Good Samaritan

In the parable of the Good Samaritan the Lord Jesus spoke of a man from the despised and hated Samaritans caring for the traveller beaten and robbed on the side of the road. Then He taught His followers to go and do likewise (Luke 10:27-37).

Love Your Enemies

Jesus even taught His followers to: **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who despitefully use you..."**

Luke 6:27-28

The Great Commission

After rising from the dead, and before ascending into

Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ gave His followers the Great Commission: **"All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

Matthew 28:18-20

Love in Action

Because of these and other Scriptural commands, Christians like St Patrick, Boniface, William Wilberforce, John Newton, William Carey, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, Lord Shaftesbury, General Charles Gordon, and so many others, worked tirelessly to end the slave trade, stop child labour and set the captives free.

Amongst all the religions of the world, only Christianity brought an end to the slave trade.

"Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly."

Leviticus 19:15

Evolutionism and secular humanism have no rational basis to deal with the racism and malice which inevitably rise from their own adherents. Only Biblical Christianity offers a tried and tested

solution to the scourge of selfish hatred and the abuse of our neighbours.

"For He Himself is our peace who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."

Ephesians 2:14

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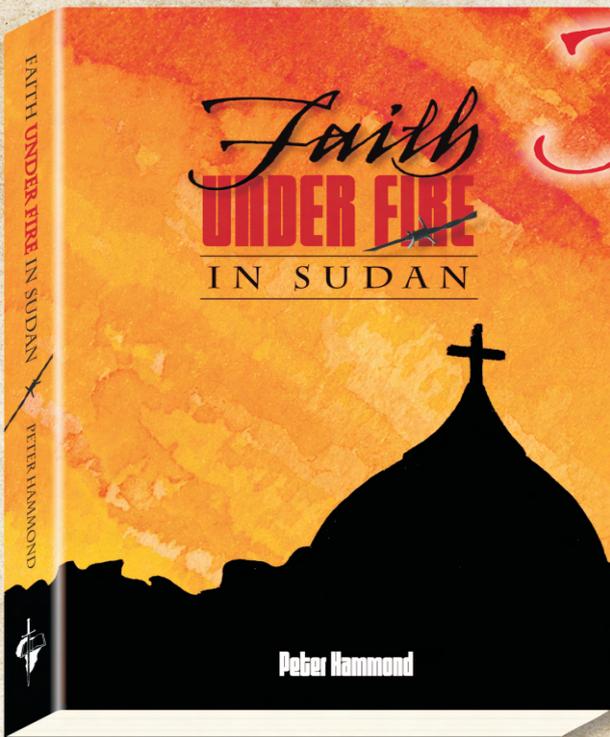
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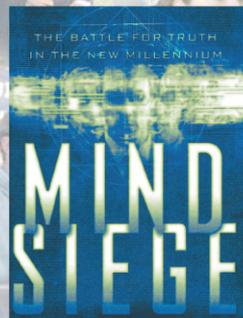
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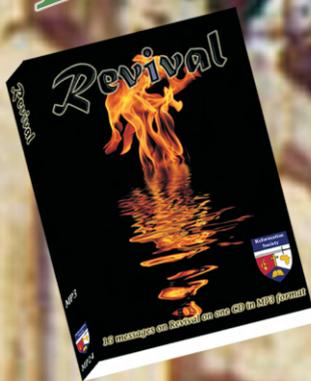
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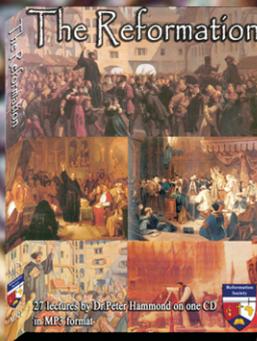
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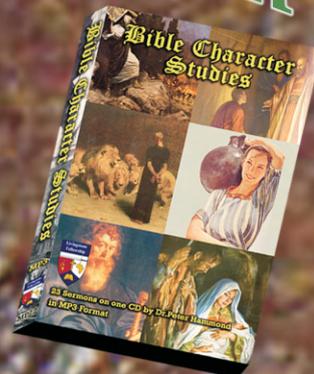
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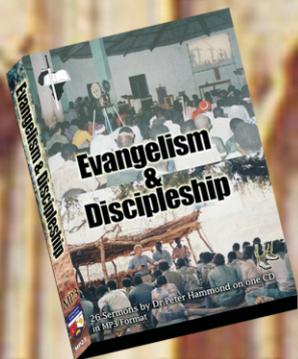
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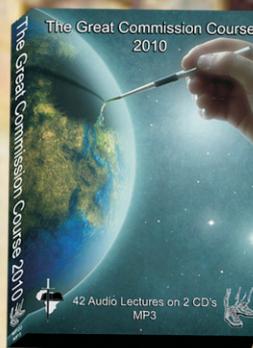
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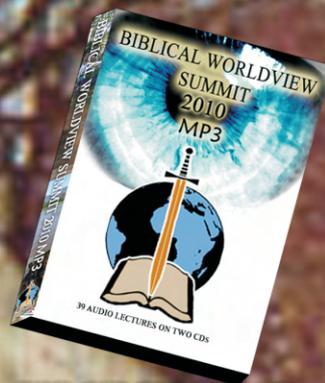
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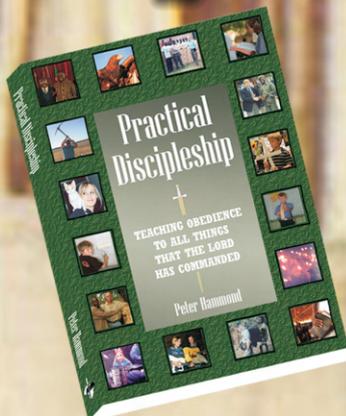
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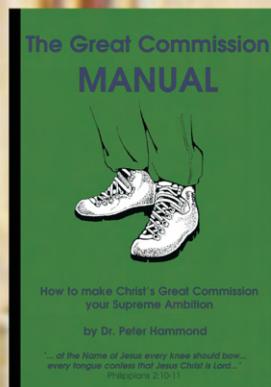
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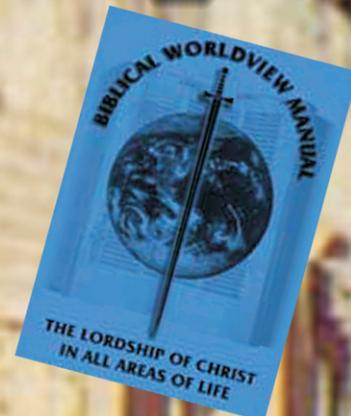
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