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CONFRONTING THE SUPERSTITIOUS CHURCH OF THE 21st CENTURY



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“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:16).

As we move into the twenty-first century, even the comments of comedian and award-winning filmmaker Woody Allen seem to make sense. Allen remarked: *“History repeats itself. It has to —nobody listens the first time around.”*

We have been fighting and will continue to fight battles which we thought were won or put to rest in the first three centuries of the Church’s history. What used to be commonplace in the world of the occult and in the world of hyper-liberalism is now common in the world of both Charismatic and Evangelical Christianity.

There has been an incredible paradigm shift in the world of Christianity. This shift has been so radical that the Church of Jesus Christ is beginning to resemble the culture of Athens found in Acts 17. Luke speaks out in verse 21 and describes the confusion in this way:

“For all the Athenians and foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing.” Luke then concludes in verse 22 by quoting the Apostle Paul as saying, **“in all things you are very religious.”** Indeed, the god of novelty was reigning in Athens.

The word “religious” in Acts 17:22 (translated in some versions as superstitious) is the Greek word *deisidaimon*.¹ It has to do with fear of the supernatural. It was a practice that was all-embracing and non-discerning with a reverence for all kinds of deities, religious notions, religious fads and religious claims. It lacked discretionary thought and would try anything with the word “religion” tacked to it. It was mindless reverence and mindless religion with a love for novelty.

The parallels to our own age are stark and frightening. Just pick up a copy of *Charisma* magazine and glance at its advertisements and its promotional items. It is Athens all over again — with a vengeance. How can the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth be leading in so many contradictory paths? The confusion (and the nonbiblical mysticism) is palpable. Many of these new quirks are touted as the end time revival and people jump on the new bandwagon until they tire of it or a more exciting wagon rolls in.

We must come to grips not only with the reality of superstition in the Church but have a plan to resist that superstition. Let’s look first at:

THE REALITY OF SUPERSTITION IN THE CHURCH

Dr. Peter Jones, professor of New Testament at Westminster Seminary in

Southern California, captures the large view as he surveys how our churches have moved toward experience-driven religion and eastern mysticism:

“Belief that the human is divine, and thus essentially good, helps explain the burgeoning quest for personal spiritual discovery, to the detriment of doctrine and truth. Mysticism has replaced true spirituality. Companies in the West, seeing commercial value in such optimism, are using these ideas to produce better sales personnel. Madison Avenue and the gurus could be an unstoppable, unholy alliance feeding the machine of political correctness. As an expression of divinity, each self is a source of truth.”²

If anyone doubts that this is an age of religious fadism, confusion and superstition, just visit a Christian bookstore. There you will find:

- Hannah Hurnard — New Age occultist and aura reader.
- Madame Guyon — a mystic heretic.
- Madeleine L’Engle — who says the God of the Old Testament is *“a male chauvinistic pig.”*
- Many of the latest psychobabble theories.
- Dream interpretation and prophetic words by so-called Vineyard prophets.
- Alternative medicine and Bible Codes.
- So-called revival stories with people acting like crass fools or animals as if this is biblical.
- Instructions on how to get rid of

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“exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict” (Titus 1:9)

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THE GOSPEL IN BRIEF

There is one, and only one, eternal, true, holy God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Matt 28:19). He created everything by His word. God has told us the truth about Himself in the word He has given us, the Bible, which He commands us to obey. God is compassionate and just to all. God is pure and Holy; sin is destroyed in His presence (Numbers 14:18). However, we have all sinned, falling short in the evil we do, and the good we fail to do. Yet our problem is not just what we do, but also who we are; we are selfish, corrupt, and estranged from God. Because God is just, He will punish sin impartially, yet God still bestows his love to all men. So our Savior, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (the God-man, John 1:1,14), was graciously sent to suffer and die on the cross for our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness by the sacrifice of His body and blood. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and was physically raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus will physically return to judge the world. God commands everyone to repent and to believe in Him. God's Spirit lives in each of us who believe in Him to guide us into truth, convict us of our sins, and to work in us to sanctify us to live a more holy life, pleasing our Lord. God's children will dwell forever with God, and those who reject Jesus will suffer eternal torment. There is no other way for anyone to come to God except through Jesus (Jn. 14:6). Please do not depend on anyone else, your own efforts, your religion, but simply put your faith in Christ our Master. So as Rom. 10:9 says, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart the God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." You are urged not to despise God's mercy but call out to the Lord and trust ONLY in Him.



Larry Wessels

I am particularly excited to share this newsletter with you because I have been a fan of our featured writer for over 24 years. G. Richard Fisher is a standout theology and research writer for one of the best Christian information publications around, namely, *The Quarterly Journal of Personal Freedom Outreach* ministry located in Saint Louis, Missouri. I have subscribed to this excellent publication without interruption since April 1982 and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to stay informed on global, national and local religious trends which affect the Christian Church.

This issue finds Pastor Fisher dealing with the cancerous phenomena within the so-called "Christian" church which seems to be more popular among many of the so-called "Christian" brethren in some circles than just good old Bible study and sound Bible doctrine. How boring it must be to some to just study the Bible and simply believe and go by what scriptures say! Heck no, by geeppers, these so-called "spiritual" and "anointed" "Christians" and their "prophet" leaders want more than what the Bible plainly teaches. These emotion-driven, mystics, steeped in the latest psychobabble and unsubstantiated miracle claims by their circus act leaders such as Benny Hinn, Peter Popoff, Robert Tilton, Paul and Jan Crouch, Ken and Gloria Copeland, Marilyn Hickey, Fred Price and a host of others too numerous to name "think" they are being dynamic Christians, when in fact they are in danger of Matthew 7:21-23.

The problem here is obvious except to those too blind to see. Superstition replaces the sure Word of God. Ignorance replaces the knowledge of the Holy One of Israel. Wild emotions replace a sober mind (Titus 2:6-8) intent on the clarity of God's Word. Illusions and incredible claims replace the trustworthiness and verity of the Gospel accounts. Men magnify themselves with their so-called miracles done in God's name thereby replacing the contrite and humble spirit in men that God is desiring. Woe to the preachers and teachers who cause such folly! Woe to them I say! God will judge each and everyone of us by what we have done. Let us forsake this foolishness and walk humbly before God (Proverbs 9:6) according to His Word.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN ANSWERS ?

Our ministry name is derived in part from Peter 3:15 which states, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (KJV). This is the goal of **Christian Answers** in an increasingly anti-Christian society here in America and throughout the world; giving answers and reasons why the Christian faith can be trusted and believed.

The Biblical commands to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12), to be "set for the defense of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17), to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), to "be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict" (Titus 1:9), to "put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not" (Rev. 2:2), to "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matt. 7:15), to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21), "with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 2:25), to follow the example of Paul and Apollos who "vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ." (Acts 18:28). These are but a few of the marching orders for the call to ministry, discernment and evangelism.

The inerrant Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17) whereby the gospel is preached, which is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1:16), is the weapon of our evangelism. As Hebrews 4:12 states, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." This is the evangelical missionary methodology of **Christian Answers**— to bring the Biblical perspective to a culture that is almost completely ignorant of it; to bring Christian truth, Christian answers to those who, as the prophet Isaiah said, have made "lies...and falsehood" their refuge (Isa. 28:15); to smash lies and falsehoods with the "hammer" of God's word (Jer. 23:29); see also Proverbs 30:5-6, Psalm 138:2b, Isaiah 40:8, John 5:39-47, 1 Cor. 14:37, and Acts 17:11.

Christian Answers utilizes all outreach that God allows us including television, radio, audio CDs, video DVDs, speaking engagements, and the printed page. The materials we have been able to produce have been used by churches, Bible teachers, Christian apologists, laymen and others as well as those seeking life in Christ.

We are not afraid to stand up for Jesus Christ in public forums or wherever the Lord leads. Of course this type of ministry is not for the faint of heart and very often leads to the same type of suffering and persecution that we find in the book of Acts. But as the old saying goes, "one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last," and as Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14), knowing this mortal life is short and God's eternity is only a moment away for all.

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ancestral demons and curses and do spiritual mapping.

• And on and on, *ad nauseam, ad infinitum.*

Truly it is like Athens and like the second-century age of heresy described by Philip Schaff when he said of that era, “*strange medleys of Christian and unchristian elements in chaotic ferment.*”³

Modern reformer Michael Horton has written to show that there are many religious trends in the world today alerting us to the reemerging heresy of Gnosticism. He lays it out clearly:

“*So far, we have seen an emerging shape to this elusive heresy of the ancient church, distinct from orthodoxy in the following preferences:*

- *the subjective over the objective*
- *the secret and private over the public*
- *mystical experience over critical understanding*
- *the feminine over the masculine*
- *spirit over matter*
- *eternity over time*
- *direct encounters with God over events mediated by matter and history*
- *spiritual techniques for gaining access to and control over the secrets of the universe*
- *salvation from the body, time, institutions, and escape into a realm of pure spirit.*”⁴

Faith-healer Benny Hinn can boast to his Hawaiian audience that he has received visions of the dead Kathryn Kuhlman and from these revelations has received direction for his ministry from her.⁵ Sadly, his admission of necromancy and spiritism does not raise even a whimper or cry of shock and outrage anywhere from inside his camp. Necromancy is now being advocated in the Church of Jesus Christ and it was the very thing that brought the demise of King Saul (1 Chronicles 10:13).

In a recent *Christianity Today* article, “The Future of Evangelical Theology,” Thomas Oden laments:

“*The Babylonian captivity to novelty is the temptation of all modern reflection. It is invading evangelical leadership at an alarming rate in ways disturbing to evangelicals in the mainline who have suffered from its bewitchments for two centuries.*”⁶

Dr. Virginia Mollenkott, professor of English at New Jersey’s William Patterson College and who is promoted in some evangelical churches, though an admitted lesbian, is now proposing the shocking and bewildering claim that *Jesus Christ was really a woman.* At a news conference for the National Council of Churches she cited a *Journal of American Scientific Affiliation* article which argued:

“*Jesus was born in parthenogenesis; that parthenogenetic births are always*



BENNY’S ANOINTING

Benny Hinn claims that God has powerfully anointed him and claims that his “anointing” gives him the power to knock people down or “slay them in the spirit” by touching or blowing on them.

female; that in some cases, therefore, he would be willing to refer to Jesus as ‘she’ — up until the last minute of sex reversal, in which case Jesus remains chromosomally female throughout life, but functions as a normal male and looks like a normal male.”⁷

Kathryn Riss, the wife of twentieth-century revival historian Richard M. Riss, claims to have gotten the following song directly from the Lord. In part its lyrics are:

“I just laugh like an idiot and bark like a dog,

If I don’t sober up, I’ll likely hop like a frog!

I’ll crow like a rooster at the break of day,
‘Cause the Holy Ghost is moving, and I can’t stay away!

I’ll roar like a lioness who’s on the prowl,
I’ll laugh and shake, maybe hoot like an owl!

Since God’s holy river started bubbling in me,

It spills outside, and now it’s setting me free!

So, I’ll crunch and I’ll dip and I’ll dance round and round,

The pew was fine, but it’s more fun on the ground!

So I’ll jump like a pogo stick, then fall to the floor,

‘Cause the Holy Ghost is moving, and I just want MORE!”⁸

Authors James R. Coggins and Paul G. Hiebert express their view as to why there is such a low level of discernment and doctrinal understanding in today’s Church:

“*There is a dangerous tendency in our age to seek infallible gurus, faultless leaders, and follow them blindly. Professional athletes who have been Christians for two years become our role models. Evangelists are asked to advise us on theology. Professional Christian singers become our Bible teachers.*”⁹

The Church at large is in deep trouble because its leaders and people no longer believe in the absolute sufficiency of the Scriptures for life and godliness, as both Peter and Paul proposed (2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2 Peter 1:2-4). And doubly sad is the fact that if these things are pointed out, the one crying out for discernment and reformation is bashed as a Pharisee and heretic hunter.

People are running everywhere looking for esoteric solutions to conditions caused by lack of attention to God’s Word. People like Mark Bubeck are combining smatterings of clinical psychology with bizarre and subjective practices and advising people to pray that God would search their sexual organ, blood, bones, muscles, glands, hair, skin and cells for demon activity.¹⁰

These are repulsive things to have to write about but such activities are being promoted by so-called bondage breakers and demon busters. Such things cannot be even remotely found anywhere in the Bible. They are figments of wild and convoluted imaginations. It is Athens all over again. Bubeck continues to be a lucrative and brisk seller for Moody Press and it offers no apologies. It is difficult to question a best-selling author.

The Church today is adrift on a sea of neo-gnosticism and subjectivism. It is spending its time in just hearing and telling new things. Sadly, the smorgasbord for Athens is many of the Christian magazines because of the large amounts

of income generated through advertising and sales. Truth has been sacrificed for Athens. Hocus-pocus is now groovy and the Bible is a drag. "Does it feel good?" and "Will it sell?" is all that is being asked. Again we would state that the massive move away from the sufficiency of Scripture is creating incredible problems that all the false solutions and fad panaceas will never repair or heal.

Added to this deplorable state was the Millennial madness centered around our move into the year 2000 a few years ago. Remember all the Y2K nonsense and related doomsday prognostications that Christian bookstores and ministries bought into. In Athens no one really cares. It is the thought and the novelty that count.

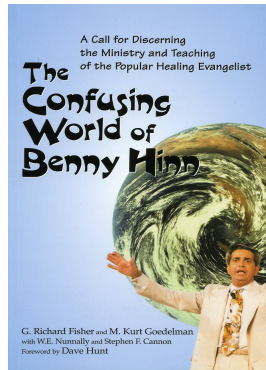
Radio talk show host and author Bob Larson offers "A Live Exorcism Captured on Video!" featuring "A 20-hour exorcism condensed into two incredible hours. Scenes of the supernatural in action!" And all this for only \$100.¹¹ This is the same Bob Larson who claimed on the Trinity Broadcasting Network to have raised a comatose body by simply waving a Bible over it. The devil "told" Larson he was going to "kill" the person and caused his body temperature to plummet. Larson asserted that the Word is a lamp and God showed him it was a "heat lamp."¹² And the people who flock to Athens instead of being outraged, send their money and beg for more.

Then there is the angel craze and angel stories.¹³ They are almost mandatory in the writing of any book in recent years. Even Joni Eareckson Tada has an angel story and says she saw one as "a brilliant golden shape that glowed whisked by the large bay window I was facing — it didn't move from left to right, but from bottom to top."¹⁴ Three-time heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield writes about the angel who used to appear in his kitchen when he was a child. He would actually have us believe it was a black, bald headed angel!¹⁵ Benny Hinn has been spinning angel stories for years but like most of Hinn's material, no one else ever sees these things and they are un

verifiable.¹⁶ They also go a long way in boosting one's superstar status.

The pursuit of angels should be off-limits for a Bible-believing Christian for a number of reasons. Paramount is a warning in Colossians 2:18 regarding intruding into the unseen realm of angels. The pursuit of angelic beings is a subtle diversion from the only Mediator who is superior by comparison and from the study of Scripture.

The historic creeds from the fourth century forbid even the naming of angels.¹⁷ Satan can pose as an angel of light we are told in 2 Corinthians 11:14 and that should make any Christian extremely cautious. The Scriptures are clear that all of our guidance is to be sought in the Word through the Spirit.



See page 7 for details on how to obtain this very revealing book on the bogus ministry of Benny Hinn.

So the reality of Athens and superstition is in our face. How do we go about resisting the superstition, the fads, the nonsense and mysticism that has overtaken the Church at large?

Let's move on to our second point:

RESISTING THE SUPERSTITION IN THE CHURCH

If we are going to successfully keep our balance and confront Athens, there must be the following posture:

1) A Total Commitment To The Doctrines Of Scripture.

The early Church is shown to have been committed to doctrine. In Acts 2:42 Luke reports that "they continued in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and prayers."

William Evans saw the need to know

doctrine as one of the greatest needs of the Church, writing that, "There is probably no greater need in the Christian Church today than that its membership should be made acquainted with the fundamental facts and doctrines of the Christian faith."¹⁸

John Calvin, long ago, addressed the dangers of denigrating doctrine:

"It is an illusory belief of the enthusiasts that those who keep reading Scripture or hearing the Word are children, as if no one were spiritual unless he scorned doctrine. In their pride, therefore, they despise the ministry of men and even Scripture itself, in order to attain the Spirit. They then proudly try to peddle all the delusions that Satan suggests to them as secret revelations of the Spirit."¹⁹

What we need is a revival of study and memorization of Scripture. That, followed by practical obedience to its commands, would eliminate the need to fabricate revival with ear-splitting music, bizarre manifestations, altered states of consciousness, and emotional frenzies. Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola is now issuing revival reports which include the practice of "sweeping." People run around frantically "sweeping" the demons out of the building and off the property.²⁰

Consider the commitment of the Apostle Paul to the importance of sound doctrine and hear him command our allegiance:

"That you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:3).

"Knowing that the law is not made for a righteous person but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners. ... and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine" (1 Timothy 1:9-10).

"Now the Spirit speaks expressly that in the latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1).

"If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words

of faith and of good *doctrine* which you have carefully followed”

(1 Timothy 4:6).

“Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to *doctrine*”

(1 Timothy 4:13).

“Take heed to yourself and to the *doctrine*. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you”

(1 Timothy 4:16).

“Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His *doctrine* may not be blasphemed” (1 Timothy 6:1).

“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the *doctrine* which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions” (1 Timothy 6:3-4).

“You have carefully followed my *doctrine*, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance” (2 Timothy 3:10).

In 2 Timothy we are told to:

Hold to sound doctrine (1:13).

Teach sound doctrine (2:2).

Abide in sound doctrine (3:14).

Preach sound doctrine (4:1-2).

From these verses we see that doctrine is not only vital but crucial and indispensable.

Doctrine denotes teaching and what is taught. The clear message of the Bible is that we are to give urgent and undivided attention to the Apostles’ teachings now made permanent because they are inscripturated within the pages of the Bible. The Greek words for doctrine, *didache* and *didaskalia*, as used by Paul, stress not only the act of his delivering God’s message to them but also the absolute authority of that teaching.²¹ Paul forcefully reminds the Corinthians: “If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 14:37).

Peter says of the Apostles’ doctrine:

“That you be mindful of the words

which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior” (2 Peter 3:2).

Baker’s Dictionary of Theology tells us on page 171 that, “*Doctrine is the teaching of Scripture on theological themes.*”

Abraham Friesen, professor of history at the University of California in Santa Barbara, gets to the heart of the problem of people trying to live by phenomenon rather than solid doctrine. He says the issue is:

“... the problem of the relationship of the written Word to the Holy Spirit. This is not a new problem. In the sixteenth century Martin Luther struggled against Thomas Muentzer, who sought to subordinate the Word to his mystical experience of the Spirit. In opposition, Luther repeatedly asserted the unity of the Word and Spirit. The Word was not merely a ‘testimony’ or ‘witness’ to the experience of the Spirit. Any experience, even one of the Spirit, could not be self-authenticating; it need always to be tested by the revealed Word of God. Not the experience but the Word was the final arbiter of God’s truth.”²²

We need to get back to reading, memorizing and living out the Scripture.

Not only do we need a total commitment to the doctrines of the Scripture but we need as well:

2) A Total Commitment To The Local Church.

Christians need to be in a balanced, healthy, Bible-teaching church. Christians as well need to plead with their pastors to preach doctrine and then pray consistently for them. Worship, fellowship and Bible teaching keep us in balance and protects us from the deceptions that not only fill our world but fill our churches. Every pastor should have in his library Jay Adams’ three volumes on *Studies in Preaching* or Andrew Blackwood’s *Doctrinal Preaching for Today*.

People use all kinds of *excuses* for not being in a good church. How silly it would be to apply the same shallow rationale to sports events: “I won’t go to that ballgame because there are too

many hypocrites there.” “I won’t go to that game because my parents made me go as a child.” “I won’t go to that stadium because all they want is money.” “I won’t go to that event because it lasts too long.” Frankly, we go to what interests us. If there is no heart for God or His house, it tells so much about us and our spiritual state. Hebrews 10:25 commands us to consistently attend church. How can we love and serve the brethren as commanded in so many of the Epistles if we are never around them?

3) Total Commitment To And Reliance On The Christ Of The Scriptures.

Hymn writer Joseph Scriven was a man who knew great personal loss and was thrown into tragedy and grief after the drowning of his fiancé. Later he met another and intended to marry when she died suddenly. Yet he was able to write:

“What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!”

Surely he knew Christ and found his stability in knowing what Christ had done and was doing for Him. What kept him going was not a chill up his spine but a sure knowledge of a Savior who cared for and carried him. Life’s challenges do not have to break us. They can bend us toward Christ.

When emotions run out and the feelings are gone we need to fall back on our Lord and on promises like Romans 8:38-39, knowing by faith that *nothing* can separate us from His love.

Erich Sauer pointedly reminds us:

“... the one who has been called to the kingdom has not only to decide at his conversion which master he will serve but has thereupon to make the same decision every day and in each practical detail of his life of sanctification.”²³

If we are going to resist and overcome Athens in our day, we must at all costs be sold out to the doctrines of the Bible, to the work of the Church and to a daily living fellowship with Jesus Christ.

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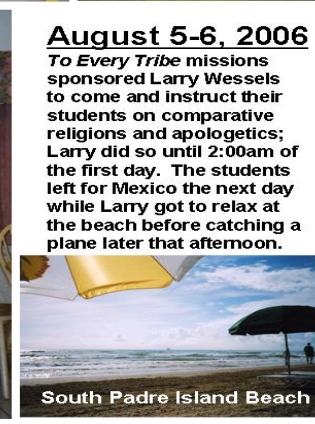
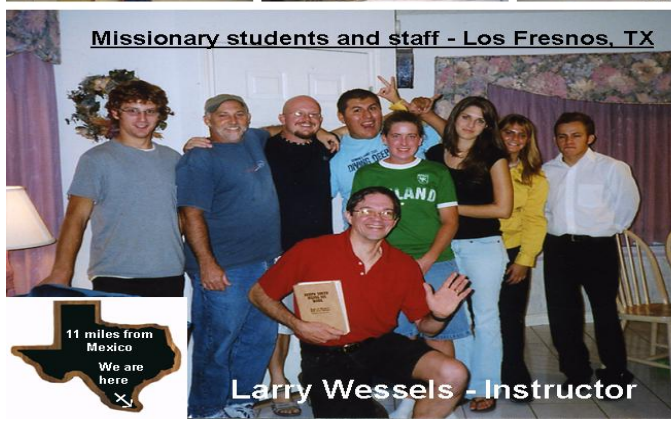
Although Christian Answers Director Larry Wessels and Director of Research Steve Morrison maintain very busy schedules they still find time to engage in public speaking engagements when opportunity knocks.

Larry has spoken in various churches on the dangers of false religions and cults, conducted weekly classes for the Probe Center on a university campus, held Bible studies for inmates at a local correctional facility, lectured on the occult for the Austin Baptist Association at their summer youth programs and more recently was invited to instruct missionary students at a missionary school on how to witness to people of other religions.

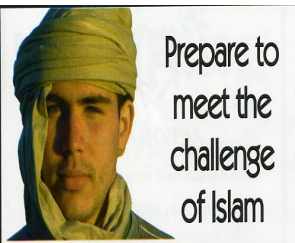
Steve, likewise, has been a featured speaker for several years at the Horizons International Summer Training Institute for Muslim Evangelism in Boulder, Colorado along with his other teaching activities in local churches.

Photos below demonstrate some of these speaking engagements. Those interested in sponsoring either Larry or Steve for an engagement are invited to call, e-mail or write for more information. Call (512) 218-8022, e-mail: cdebater@aol.com.

WHIRLWIND TRIP TO MISSIONARY SCHOOL



August 5-6, 2006
 To Every Tribe missions sponsored Larry Wessels to come and instruct their students on comparative religions and apologetics; Larry did so until 2:00am of the first day. The students left for Mexico the next day while Larry got to relax at the beach before catching a plane later that afternoon.



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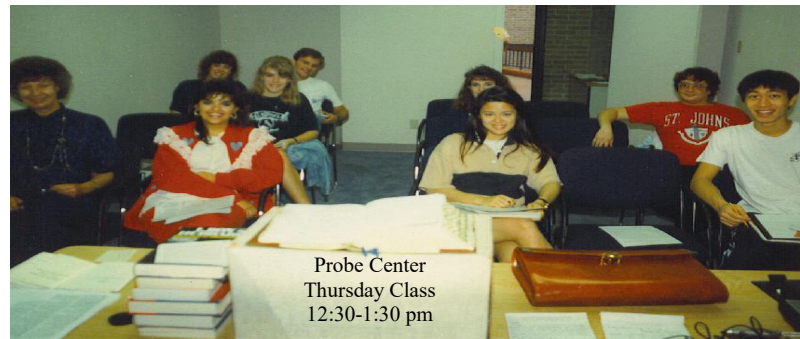
Georges Housney	Faysal Sharif	Daveed Gartenstein-Ross	Hormoz Shariat
Tal Stewart	Steve Morrison	Khaled Abdulrahman	Ahmed Mohammed

Others not pictured: Joy Housney, Sam Solomon, Jim Walker, Wes Tucker, Doug Johnson, Diane Frank, and others.

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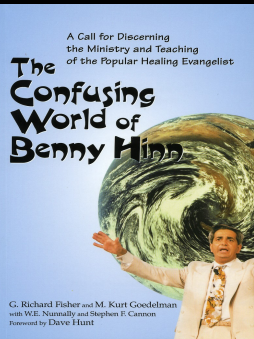
Larry Wessels teaches Biblical apologetics and comparative religion theology to University of Texas students at the Probe Center.



Larry Wessels instructs Austin Baptist Association youths at camp.

An example of one of the conferences on Muslim evangelism that Director of Research Steve Morrison has participated in.

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"exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict" (Titus1:9)

LETTERS FROM THE FRONTLINE



Christian Debater Guide

Dear Christian Answers,

Hello and how are all of you? Please send what free information about Islam and the difference between Islam, and Christianity. Keep up the good work of God and Jesus Christ!

E.A.
Baton Rouge, LA

Dear Larry,

I am one of those who did not receive the *Da Vinci Code* newsletter in May. I look forward to Christian Answers, it's a great little publication. May God bless and guide you in all you do. Enclosed is a donation to help & encourage a bit.

K.O.
Lynchburg, VA

Christian Answers,

I am currently in prison and got saved about a year ago. I was attending our services here and found one of your newsletters. I enjoyed the information and learned a lot. I was wondering if there is a mailing list I can get on. I would really appreciate it! Thank you for taking the time to read this. God Bless.

M.S.
Lancaster, CA

Dear Christian Answers,

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed your television program and how much you helped me understand myself. The one thing that you said that really blessed me was that we who are the real Christians take the Bible very seriously and that answered a lot of questions for me as far as people who don't understand me. I just appreciate your program and God bless you.

B.D.
Austin, TX

Dear Brothers,

Praise the Lord! I'm so glad you send information for free and I have taken advantage of that. I'm sending a donation this time. You've sent me literature just gobs of times. I need some information regarding whether we will

know one another if we make it into heaven. Will those that are there recognize one another? Also, I need information regarding whether God loves everyone, including the children of perdition. Please help me, I need some clarity on this! I appreciate all the help you have been giving me throughout all these years. God bless you and I am looking forward to receiving that information. Thanks.

T.C.
Texas City, TX

Christian Answers,

Thank you for your ministry in Christ. Hebrews 13:5.

J.B.
Bayonne, NJ

Dear Brethren,

Greetings in the Lord's name. We have been informed that you kindly send out books, booklets, tracts and magazines in English on request, and would therefore like to inquire if it is possible for us as a mission, to receive some of your literature. We have a library and have just acquired a translator thus enabling us to benefit from English literature in our ministry of discipleship in many areas in many forms: -one to one, house visits, house groups, studies in various churches, etc. We would be very grateful to receive any literature you have to offer, particularly referring to the Christian life, sects, theology, eschatology etc. Trusting we are not encroaching on your kindness but we have very little funds to acquire literature in Portuguese. Yours Sincerely, C.J.J.

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Dear Christian Answers,

Thanks for your ministry, Larry!

C.M.
Spicewood, TX

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From the Web



"ANOINTED GRAVES" ? HINN

What is necromancy? A form of divination in which a person calls upon the dead to receive communication that clarifies knowledge. Necromancy received an absolute ban in the Old Testament. Israel was not to consult "mediums" (Lev. 19:31) and necromancers themselves were to be put to death (Lev. 20:27). Those who consulted ghosts or spirits or who sought oracles from the dead (Deut. 18:11) were condemned by God. Benny Hinn claims to have had visions and revelations from the dead faith-healer Kathryn Kuhlman, thus putting himself in the realm of the God condemned necromancers.

To muslimhope.com,
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Capt. M.A.
Camp Adder, Iraq

