

“[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,

[to see] whether those things were so.”
—Acts 17:11

Psychology and the Doctrines of Devils

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Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

—1 TIMOTHY 4:1

IN MY TWO previous *TBC* articles this year (Mar and Apr '06), I addressed the destructive influence psychological counseling is having on the evangelical church. Simply put, the church has turned from God's Word to man's bankrupt theories in attempting to resolve mental, emotional, and behavioral problems. The greater part of the church no longer believes what the Scriptures proclaim: that God, in His Word, has given us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3). The results, sadly, are what one might expect: there is often little statistical difference between those who profess to be Christians and those who do not, regarding the number of divorces, the reliance upon psychological counseling theories and methods, living together outside of marriage, illegitimate childbirth, pornography, sexual and physical abuse, and so forth.

Although such consequences are shocking, they shouldn't be surprising to anyone who believes the Bible. Twice in the Book of Proverbs we are told, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). Death throughout Scripture implies separation, whether of the soul and spirit from the body in

physical death or, in another sense, the separation of light from darkness and truth from error—and ultimately, from God eternally. Just as the body without life corrupts, so do one's life choices result in corruption when they are separated from God's truth.

Psychology, with its psychotherapeutic counseling, has been embraced by evangelicals more than almost any other unbiblical endeavor that has entered the church in the last half-century. “Christian psychologists” are generally more popular and influential than preachers and teachers of the Word. What evangelical in America doesn't know of psychologist Dr. James Dobson? The psychologically oriented American Association of Christian Counselors boasts 50,000 members. The evangelical church is one of the leading referral services for secular counselors (whether they claim to be Christians or not!). Like their secular counterparts, the second-most popular career choice for students at Christian colleges is psychology. What makes this information truly shocking is the fact that the roots, concepts, and many of the psychological counseling practices come from “seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

First Timothy 4:1 is a prophetic verse. It foretells that “in the latter times,” that is, the time near the return of our Lord, “some will depart from the faith.” This is supported by other verses such as Luke 18:8: Jesus asked, “...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” The implied answer is no. Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, declares under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that a “falling away” from the faith will characterize the Last Days. But haven't many professing Christians departed from the faith since the time of the Apostles? Yes. The rest of the verse, however,

indicates a condition that is unique to our present day. Those who profess to be Christians will give “heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

Doctrines of devils are designed to undermine what is taught in the Scriptures. They reflect the strategy that Satan instituted in the Garden of Eden when he seduced Eve into disobeying God. The chief of the seducing spirits began his direct communication with Eve by raising doubts in her mind as to what God had commanded: “Yea, hath God said...?” (Genesis 3:1). The serpent’s dialogue with her led her to believe that God had lied to her: “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die” (v 4). Although God instructed Adam and Eve that the punishment for disobeying Him by eating the fruit of a certain tree in the Garden would be death (Genesis 2:17), Satan twisted that around, making God not only a liar but also the one who was withholding what they needed for their self-improvement and for realizing a supposed higher potential.

Genesis 3:1-5 contains Satan’s basic strategy for the seduction and destruction of mankind. His deception began by *questioning* God’s Word, and offering tempting alternatives. Eve responded by believing Satan, *rejecting* God’s Word, and turning to her own self-interests. The enticements were so desirable to the flesh, including immortality, enlightenment, godhood, and knowledge (Genesis 3:5), that she eagerly embraced the lie. At that tragic moment in the history of mankind, self became a god, an autonomous rebel bent on doing its own thing. What Satan offered to Eve, he likewise has presented to all of her descendants, with similar success. His deadly allurements—*immortality, enlightenment, godhood, and knowledge*—comprise the foundational teachings of “doctrines of devils.”

Even in a cursory review of psychotherapeutic concepts, Satan’s primary lies are clearly revealed. Teachings (i.e., doctrines) such as the following are found in nearly all psychotherapeutic theories. *Immortality*: There is no death in the sense that it should be feared. Materialist psychotherapists teach a judgment-free mortality; spiritually oriented counselors claim that we either evolve to a higher consciousness or reincarnate to improve our next temporal state of being. *Enlightenment*: Knowing the self, who we are, why we do what we

do, and how we change, all open the critical gate to establishing our mental wellbeing. Some systems teach that our problems of living are determined by traumas related to our past (including past lives), our parental upbringing, our environment, or our having been oppressed by religious dogmas. *Godhood*: The solution to humanity’s problems is found within the self. Self is deified, whether directly or indirectly. For instance, psychology’s “self-actualization” is a process that leads to self-

deification, which ultimately replaces any need for salvation outside humanity. *Knowledge*: The deification process for humanity involves methods of plumbing the depths of the unconscious, which is alleged to be the infinite reservoir that holds all mysteries of life.

Sadly, these doctrines of devils now permeate “Christian psychology.” Few evangelicals realize that these demonic teachings were introduced to the “founding fathers of psychological counseling” *literally* by “seducing spirits.”

It was Sigmund Freud who declared that “religion is the universal obsessional neurosis of humanity.” Furthermore, there is evidence that Freud hated Christianity, which he erroneously regarded as anti-Semitic. How then would this atheistic rejecter of organized religion advance doctrines of devils? By founding the

NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUTIL THAN ANY BEAST OF THE FIELD WHICH THE LORD GOD HAD MADE.

AND HE SAID UNTO THE WOMAN, YEA, HATH GOD SAID, YE SHALL NOT EAT OF EVERY TREE OF THE GARDEN?

—GENESIS 3:1

“religion” of psychoanalysis. None of Freud’s theories, whether psychic determinism or psychosexual development or belief in the unconscious, have any scientific validity; moreover, they are religious beliefs that are antithetical to the doctrines of the Bible. Research psychiatrist Thomas Szasz had Freud primarily in mind when he declared, “...modern psychotherapy... is not merely a religion that pretends to be a science, it is actually a fake religion that seeks to destroy true religion.”¹

Given the fact that psychoanalysis and its associated concepts are so diametrically opposed to biblical Christianity, there’s no doubt that Freud’s “fake religion” is the product of “doctrines of devils.” Furthermore, a strong case could be made that Freud’s theories came both directly and indirectly from “seducing spirits” through the techniques he employed in analyzing his patients. He put them into altered states of consciousness through hypnosis and the highly suggestible technique of “free association.” Early on, when he was formulating some of his theories, Freud was a regular user of the mind-altering drug cocaine for his bouts with depression.² Calling it his *magical drug*, “he pressed it on his friends and colleagues, both for themselves and their patients.”³

Psychiatrist and historian Henri F. Ellenberger’s classic work, *The Discovery of the Unconscious*, reveals, “Historically, modern dynamic psychotherapy derives from primitive medicine, and an uninterrupted continuity... through the exorcists, magnetists, and hypnotists that led to the fruition of dynamic psychiatry in the systems of Janet, Freud, Adler, and Jung.”⁴ Psychotherapy is a modern form of shamanism, which explains why psychiatrist E. Fuller Torrey rightly observes, “The techniques used by Western psychiatrists are, with few exceptions, on exactly the same scientific plane as the techniques used by witchdoctors [medicine men and shamans].”⁵

Shamanism is all about contacting spirit entities to gain their help, wisdom, insights, and so forth. In an interview with a former Yanamamo shaman who resides in the Amazonian

rainforest of Venezuela, I was told rather bluntly that his spirit guides were liars and deceivers, from his first contact with them through ingesting hallucinogenic drugs until they left him when he turned to Christ. Their lies reinforced what he wanted to hear. It seems the same for Freud, whose concepts were a reflection not of science but rather removing his own guilt and satisfying his flesh. Freud’s theories were based mainly upon his own personal problems, most of which were sexual perversions.

In Freudian thought, the “*unconscious*” is a God-replacement realm without laws and judgment; *morality* is an oppressive neurosis-generating structure imposed by society and organized religion; *sexual freedom* (including adultery, homosexuality, incest, etc.) is paramount for normal mental health; *dreams* are symbolic messages from the unconscious and can be scientifically interpreted through psychoanalysis. These beliefs represent doctrines of devils. Although a materialist, Freud acknowledged the existence of spirit entities. He was influenced from that source, either indirectly, through his patients, or directly, through his own drug use, the ancient statuettes he used to help him write,⁶ and other techniques he used to explore the unconscious.

The life and works of psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung clearly reveal that his psychological theories came directly from the “seducing spirits” Paul warns about in 1 Timothy 4:1. Jung is far more popular today among professing Christians than Freud (the atheist) because of his perceived affinity for religion and spiritual things. However, though his father was a Protestant pastor (who seriously doubted his professed faith!), Jung was anti-biblical and resentful of organized Christianity from his youth. His early symbolic visions revealed Jesus as a Dark Lord and God defecating on a cathedral. His mother’s side of the family was heavily involved in spiritualism. His grandfather, pastor Samuel Preiswerk, conducted ongoing séances to commune with his deceased first wife, with his second wife and daughter (Jung’s mother) participating. The latter, who had bouts of insanity, reserved two beds

in the Jung home for visiting ghosts. Jung's doctoral thesis (published in 1902) was based upon séances conducted by his 13-year-old cousin, whom he placed in an altered state of consciousness through hypnosis in order to contact his and her dead ancestors.

In 1916, Jung's household experienced an assault by demonic beings who claimed to be dead Christian Crusaders from Jerusalem. They were seeking counsel on redemption and were greatly distressed that their Christianity had left them in a hopeless condition. They would not leave Jung's home until he began writing advice to them, which he received from one of his many spirit guides, his mentor Philemon, the "old man with horns of a bull."⁷

Richard Noll, a lecturer in the History of Science at Harvard University and a clinical psychologist (who declares that he "is not a Christian of any sort"), makes some stunning observations in his book on Jung titled *The Jung Cult*. He argues that Jung's "psychological theories of the collective unconscious and archetypes are essentially masks, a pseudoscientific cover to hide the practices of what was essentially a new religious movement in which Jung taught people to have trance visions and to contact the 'gods' directly."⁸

Jung's teachings are doctrines of demons, gleaned directly from seducing spirits: the *unconscious* and the *collective unconscious* represent an impersonal form of God; *archetypes* are viewed as psychological rationalizations for demons, the *anima* and *animus* are terms for the female and male entities within each person; *psychological "types"* are determined characteristics within our make up. Jung promoted all things occult, including astrology, alchemy, the I-Ching, mysticism, necromancy, visualization, dream interpretation, the active imagination, yoga, meditation, etc. Incredibly, his theories and recommended practices are endorsed in the teachings of some of the most influential people in evangelical Christianity. In many cases, ignorance is the principle reason, yet the demonic lies are nevertheless readily promoted and accepted among the sheep.

Rick Warren's 30 million copies of *The Purpose-Driven Life* include Jungian concepts, such as psychological "types." Saddleback Church's "Celebrate Recovery" program (see *TBC* Oct '05—<https://bit.ly/47eRioX>), which has been exported to 4,500 churches and Prison Fellowship Ministries, is based on AA's 12-Step principles. AA co-founder Bill Wilson received the 12 Steps during the time he was in contact with spirit entities. He later wrote a personal letter to Carl Jung thanking him for his influence:

...[AA] actually started long ago in your consulting room, and it was directly founded upon your own humility and deep perception.... You will also be interested to learn that in addition to the "*spiritual experience*," many AAs report a great variety of psychic phenomena, the cumulative weight of which is very considerable. Other members have—following their recovery in AA—been much helped by [Jungian analysts]. A few have been intrigued by the "I Ching" and your remarkable introduction to that work.

Warren is not the only witting or unwitting promoter among evangelicals of what Jung learned from demons. He is just the most successful and the best known. Others include Christian psychologists, inner healers, and pastors. Jung's occult methodologies, especially his demonically inspired techniques of visualization, guided imagery, meditation, and working with spiritual directors, are foundational to the Emerging Church interests of evangelical youth and the contemplative movement supported by Richard Foster, Eugene Peterson, and a multitude of others.

This astonishing development in the evangelical church is symptomatic of the abandonment of God's Word. The result will be the advancement of the apostate "Christian" church. The antidote is found in Isaiah 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

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QUOTABLE

It costs something to be a true Christian. Let that never be forgotten. To be a mere nominal Christian, and go to church, is cheap and easy work.

But to hear Christ's voice, follow Christ, believe in Christ, and confess Christ, requires *much* self-denial. It will cost us our sins, our self-righteousness, our ease, and our worldliness. *All* must be given up. We must fight an enemy who comes against us with thousands of followers. We must build a tower in troubled times. Our Lord Jesus Christ would have us thoroughly understand this. He bids us "count the cost."

—J. C. RYLE

[EXCERPT FROM *EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPELS: LUKE VOLUME 2*, P. 168]

Q&A

QUESTION: If only those in the church are

resurrected and taken to heaven at the Rapture, when do Old Testament saints get resurrected? If at the Rapture, then wouldn't they be in the church?

RESPONSE: Before Christ's resurrection, the souls and spirits of Old Testament believers went upon death to "Abraham's bosom" (Lk 16:22-23), where Christ's soul and spirit went upon His death as did the believing thief crucified with Him: "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43). When Christ ascended to heaven after His resurrection, He took these believers with Him.

It cannot only be those who died in faith in Christ since His resurrection, but Old Testament believers as well, who are described as the "saints" who come back with Christ at the Second Coming to the Mount of Olives (Zec 14:4-5; Jude 14), "those who sleep in Jesus" (1 Thes 4:14) and "the dead in Christ" (v. 16) resurrected at the Rapture. If Abraham, who "rejoiced to see [Christ's] day" (Jn 8:56) and David and Isaiah, who foretold the Crucifixion and Resurrection, are not raised from the dead at the Rapture, they never will be resurrected.

The only other mention of a resurrection of believers is of those who "were beheaded [by antichrist]...which had not worshiped the beast" (Rv 20:4), completing the "first resurrection" (Rv 20:5). Old Testament saints must therefore be resurrected at the Rapture, and are in the church.

All Jews and Gentiles who believe in Christ before the Second Coming are in the church. Those who (whether Jews or Gentiles) only believe when they see Christ return at Armageddon will continue alive into the Millennium as the earthly people.

QUESTION (FROM THREE MUSLIMS): In Christianity, it is taught that everyone is born a sinner. If that is true, then how can God accept us in heaven [since] that is a sinless place? According to what standard are we judged worthy or unworthy to enter paradise/heaven? What is good enough? God

requires sinless perfection, which we can never attain to by our works. Will He accept something less? How can He?

RESPONSE: Your question goes to the very heart of the difference between true biblical Christianity and Islam (and all other religions). The issue is God’s infinite justice in relation to man’s undeniable sin and outright rebellion against God. As the Bible says, “All have sinned [and] the wages of sin is death” (Rom 3:23; 6:23). Even if it were possible, living a perfect, sinless life in the future could never pay the penalty for sins of the past. Justice does not work that way.

Islam (like every other world religion, and much that calls itself Christianity) urges its followers to do good (the greatest “good” is to die in *jihad*) in the hope that their good deeds will outweigh their bad ones in the “last day” judgment. Of course, there is no court of law on earth that would release anyone from the penalty prescribed by the law because they had done “more good than evil.” Nor will God accept such a plea from anyone, including Muhammad. As for suicide bombers, they cannot pay for their sins by committing suicide, and especially not by killing innocent people in the process. It does not speak well for either Muhammad or Allah to make Paradise the reward for committing murder!

Jesus Christ, who is God, became a man through a virgin birth, lived a perfect sinless life (in contrast to Muhammad whom the Qur’an commands to confess his sins), and died for our sins on the cross, paying the penalty that God’s infinite justice demanded for the sins of all mankind, and resurrected from the dead. On this righteous basis, God offers a just pardon of all sins for those who believe that Christ paid that penalty and rose from the grave.

QUESTION: Why do Christians worship on Sunday? I see no biblical basis to omit one

commandment. I must settle this, because I want to obey the Lord.

RESPONSE: We addressed this in the May ’99 *TBC* (see—<https://bit.ly/3Xv5AOR>). Critics claim that Constantine (or the Roman Catholic Church) changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. Who cares? No one has the power to change the Sabbath. It was and always will be Saturday. But Christians do not *worship* on the Sabbath, the day in which God rested from His work of the first creation. We are not part of that old creation, but each Christian is “in Christ...a new creature: old things are passed away...all things are become new” (2 Cor 5:17). Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, the first day of a new week, the “first-born from the dead” (Col 1:18), the progenitor of a new race of born-again men and women. That is why we meet together to worship the Lord on Sunday, “the first day of the week” (Acts 20:7).

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NOTE: Our Q&A section is primarily pulled from the Dave Hunt archives. Although some references may be dated, we believe that there is timeless value within the messages.

LETTERS

Dear TBC,

The Chosen and their followers are addicted to their entertainment/worship and don’t see their outright 2nd Commandment/idolatry violation. The “gospel of Dallas” being only 5% actual Scripture and what Scripture they do reference purposefully neglects the actual teachings/rebukes, etc. of Jesus Christ. The folks that say it’s “bringing them closer to God” is pure nonsense. Even God can take bad and make it good and bring some of those lost to Him, but that doesn’t mean we’re supposed to be partaking in the apostasy.

I believe most aren’t cracking [open their] Bibles, and even if they are reading, they’re

misinterpreting and using the “gospel of Dallas” instead of the Gospel of Jesus. It should go without saying that the ecumenism is contrary to the actual gospels and Paul’s letters indicate we should reject false gospels. Posthumously, they made Peter their “first pope” and further conflated Paul ordaining elders/presbyters, not “bishops” like the RCC and Orthodox church traditions try to say. Paul clearly didn’t want a parallel system and held out hopes we would all come together with our different cultures while leaving pagan, false gospels, and other nonsense behind in order to come in unity to worship Jesus Christ. All of this trying to homogenize all the sects into one is just the “One World Religion” apostasy: A new Babel. MN (email)

Dear TBC,

First of all, I want to thank you for your ministry. In a sea of apostasy and confusion, and compromise with Babylon, you are a lighthouse of truth in a sea of growing darkness. Secondly, I find it more than a little ironic that ex-Roman Catholics are leading the charge against the false doctrines of Rome! Are there NO men from the “Church formerly known as Protestant” able to wield the Sword of the Spirit, and DIVIDE the false teachings of Catholicism from Biblical Christianity? Apparently not. Billy Graham, Chuck Colson, Evangelicals and Catholics Together opened the Gate, and brought the Trojan Horse into the camp! EW (email)

Dear TBC,

I only recently discovered Dave Hunt and The Berean Call. Sadly, in the 1980s I listened to the anti-Dave Hunt propaganda put out by the false prophetic crowd he was exposing, instead of checking the truth of what Dave was teaching for MYSELF, to verify its authenticity. Consequently, I went down a number of false charismatic, Word of Faith, and NAR rabbit trails for YEARS until coming back to the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ and His eternal Word, with nothing added to it. I’m thankful for Dave’s many teaching videos that are out

there, and TBC’s continuing mandate to stand for Biblical truth as it upholds the narrow way that leads to Life. EW (email)

Dear TBC,

Is it safe to say that the church has not equipped the saints with the fundamentals of the faith? Encouraging them to study to show themselves approved (2 Timothy 2:15). Has the faithful word been taught in order that we may be able to instruct and convince the gainsayer (Titus 1:9)? I’m afraid that the anemic state of the church can be traced back to those who have charge over our souls! Absolutes have been traded in for tolerance. Sad, and curious times! SG (email)

Dear TBC,

It is difficult to leave any cult. It is hard to admit that you have made a mistake and equally hard to leave the error behind. So many people who should know better because they were students of the Bible, who have been deceived by the cultic doctrines because our enemy knows what buttons to push to keep us in bondage. LDS, SDA, JW, and the like all focus our salvation on what we should do, not what Christ has done for us. I know this from first-hand experience. This has been going on since the Gospel was first preached. Every generation has to confront those who would compromise the Gospel, and staying close to Jesus and His Gospel are our only defenses. DO (email)

Dear TBC,

So according to Rick Warren, the Bible did not make it very clear to us what Jesus was really like. So it failed. For centuries we had to wait for *The Chosen* to introduce us to the real Jesus. What hogwash. Unfortunately, Rick, numbers don’t count when it comes to the Gospel. It’s the narrow gate that counts. So *The Chosen* is the newest answer to “salvation.” RO (email)

NOTE: Our purpose in this section is to simply show what kind of feedback we receive. We may respond to some of them in private whether or not we agree with their views.

NEWSWATCH

THE FLAT EARTH MYTH

CREATION.COM, 8/15/24, “THE FLAT EARTH MYTH” [EXCERPTS]: For the last 200 years or so, many anti-Christians have resorted to a scurrilous lie (acting consistently with their worldview): that the early and medieval Christian Church taught that the earth is flat.

Historian Jeffrey Burton Russell (1934–) thoroughly debunked the flat earth myth over 20 years ago in his definitive study *Inventing the Flat Earth*.

[Evolutionist] Stephen Jay Gould (1941–2002) favourably reviewed this masterpiece: “There never was a period of ‘flat earth darkness’ among scholars (regardless of how the public at large may have conceptualized our planet both then and now). Greek knowledge of sphericity never faded, and all major medieval scholars accepted the earth’s roundness as an established fact of cosmology.”

Russell showed that flat-earth belief was extremely rare in the Church. The flat earth’s two main proponents were obscure figures named Lactantius (c. 240–c. 320) and Cosmas Indicopleustes (6th century; the last name means “voyager to India”). However, they were hugely outweighed by tens of thousands of Christian theologians, poets, artists, scientists, and rulers who unambiguously affirmed that the earth was round.

One of the best-known proponents of a globe-shaped earth was the early English monk, theologian and historian, the Venerable Bede (673–735)... Less well known was that he was also a leading astronomer of his day.

Here is what Bede said about the shape of the earth—round “like a ball” not “like a shield”: “We call the earth a globe, not as if the shape of a sphere were expressed in the diversity of plains and mountains, but because, if all things

are included in the outline, the earth’s circumference will represent the figure of a perfect globe.... in its width it is like a circle, and not circular like a shield but rather like a ball, and it extends from its centre with perfect roundness on all sides.”

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ISRAEL RETRIEVES BODIES OF SIX HOSTAGES FROM GAZA

NATIONALREVIEW.COM, 8/20/24, “ISRAEL RETRIEVES BODIES OF SIX HOSTAGES FROM GAZA AMID RENEWED CEASE-FIRE TALKS” [EXCERPTS]: Israeli forces said Tuesday they had retrieved the bodies of six hostages from Gaza during an overnight military operation in the southern city of Khan Younis, as Israel participates in the latest round of cease-fire negotiations this week.

There are 109 hostages still being held by Hamas in Gaza, according to the current tally.

Thirty-six of the hostages are believed to be dead.

“Tonight our forces returned the bodies of six of our hostages who were held by the murderous terrorist organization Hamas,” Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday. “Our hearts ache for the terrible loss.”

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News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

GEN Z IS MORE RELIGIOUS THAN YOU THINK

INTELLECTUALTAKEOUT.ORG, 8/20/24, “GEN Z IS MORE RELIGIOUS THAN YOU THINK” [EXCERPTS]: Many Americans believe our world’s becoming more secular. While that’s true, many of today’s fastest-growing religious denominations aren’t progressive—they’re traditional. Here’s what the data show.

In the 1990s, 90 percent of Americans identified as Christians on Pew surveys. Today, that number has fallen to about 67 percent. Among

young adults, over 40 percent are religiously unaffiliated.

There's something, then, to the stereotype of secularization. Yet these trends don't mean that religion is losing its place in American culture. It's not the case, for instance, that Gen Z is leaving religion at higher rates than millennials or Gen X, all of which are disaffiliating at a rate of about 19 percent. Rather, members of Gen Z are simply less likely to have been raised in religious families. So while the overall number of nonreligious people is rising, it's not because young people are leaving churches

in greater numbers than before.

It's also not the case that all religious denominations are shrinking. For example, while Catholics and mainline Protestants have seen substantial decline, evangelical churches (such as the Southern Baptist Convention, the Presbyterian Church in America, and the Assemblies of God) have grown. Curiously, the churches that make more demands on believers have grown in appeal, even as more progressive traditions have lost adherents.

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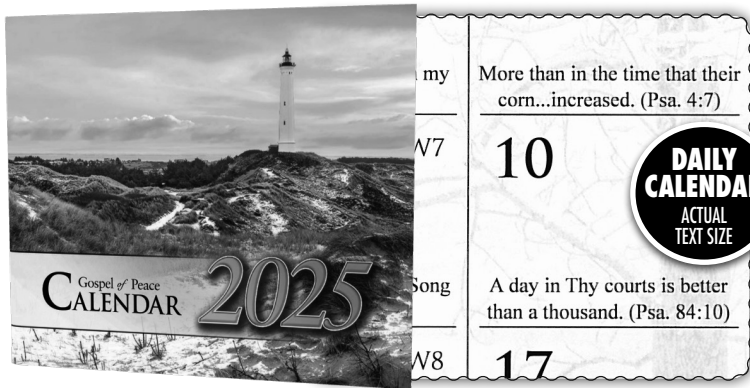
TBC NOTES

“Where to Turn for Help for Problems of Living”

The obvious answer is Jesus. Why “obvious”? He is our Creator (“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made”—John 1:3). Furthermore, He is *the way, the truth, and the life* (John 14:6). What wisdom could any man add to that? Ask your pastor, who very likely *claims to believe in the sufficiency of God’s Word* (“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue”—2 Peter 1:3). And then ask your pastor why he, who is called to be a shepherd of God’s flock, is turning them away from the truth of God’s Word to those who have replaced God’s truth with man’s wisdom?

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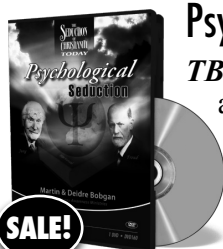
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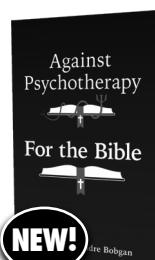
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