



EVANGELICALS AND ISRAEL.

June 2010

Dave Hunt, TBC (4/9/10): I got an interesting e-mail. It's about another conference [held March 12-17, 2010]. Now, I don't know very much about these things, but it seems to me that the thing that makes this particular conference kind of shocking is that this one [was] at Bethlehem Bible College in Bethlehem - the birth place of Jesus Christ (Matthew 2:6). Bethlehem means "House of Bread", and it is here in this very place that the "Bread of Life," the Word (the Logos), was born to one day bring peace to the world. But ironically, it appears to me, the little brown blogger of very little brain, that those who claim to know Jesus Christ and believe in His Word are meeting in His place of birth to deny His very Word, and talk about their own ideas for peace. They say that the aim of this conference is to: "...equip the global church to understand Scripture as it relates to the Palestinian context, and to discuss the theological importance of Peace and Justice in an Evangelical context. Our hope is to provide a forum for evangelicals who take the Bible seriously to prayerfully seek a well-informed awareness of issues of peace, justice and reconciliation which are contextually sensitive as well profound to scriptural scholarship." [The] keynote speakers may seem like a particularly surprising combo, but really this is no surprise. They are listed as Lynne Hybels and Tony Campolo, Lynne Hybels, of course, is the wife of Bill Hybels of Willow Creek church and Willow Creek Association (which most seeker friendly churches today are members of). Besides partnering with the Tutus and the Warrens in social justice and world peace endeavors, Mr. Hybels has had the anti-Semitic Jimmy Carter in to speak, as well as Tony Blair and Bono (Mr. COEXIST), etc. You may recall that Mr. Hybels is also a signatory of this "Common Word Between You and Us", complete with its own website and heavy hitting endorsements from the misguided likes of Rick Warren, Bill Hybels, Leith Anderson, and Jim Wallis of the religious left, [which] has proven to be more of a sophisticated anti-Israel propaganda tool than legitimate Inter-Faith dialogue. Mrs. Hybels has also signed something called: "Christians Support Bold Action for Holy Land Peace Campaign"...a letter signed by 50 leaders included Tony Campolo, Joel Hunter (president of the NAE); Bill and Lynne Hybels; Richard Mouw, President of Fuller; and David Neff, editor-in-chief CT (Christianity Today). This, my friends, represents a thrust deep into the heart of evangelicalism, so long a community that by and large supported Israel. That support is no longer guaranteed, and the presence of Hunter and Hybels cements the fact." As far as Mr. Campolo goes, well, besides his contemplative, mystical, Ancient Roman Catholic spirituality, centering prayer side, he seems to think that Israel is "stealing" their own land...

Ed. We have commented many times on the compromise and even apostasy of the Evangelical movement and have written two booklets describing their unscriptural course. (New Evangelicalism: The Deadliest Ism of All" and "The New Evangelical Experiment" - \$3.00 each plus \$1.50 postage). The whole endeavor was based on a repudiation of Biblical separation and an effort to be acceptable to the world and its philosophies.

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WHEN WE MUST PART COMPANY! A.W.Tozer said: “I must confess as a pastor and minister that I have had to say ‘Goodbye’ to people in some instances when they have said, ‘We cannot worship here. You are too strict. Your standards are too strict for this day and age. Your message is too strict...’ We cannot afford to let down our Christian standards just to hold the interest of people who want to go to hell and still belong to a church.” It is amazing to me how many *Fundamental Baptists*, who, after visiting our website and seeing what we stand for, attend our Church but do not return because we have Biblical standards of dress. God help “Christians” who are more interested in going to Church sloppily or sensually dressed, than they are in correct doctrine or godly living. Is it right to “dress down” rather than “dress up” to go to worship God? We also find that some *Fundamental Baptists* also have a problem with our stand on the King James Bible.

THE GREAT COMMISSION OBEYED. In Luke 8:26-39, we are told about a man possessed with many demons that Jesus healed. He was so grateful that he asked the Lord if he could go along with Jesus and preach the Gospel. However, Jesus said unto him: **“Return to thine own house and shew how great things God hath done unto thee.”** He was obedient for it says, **“And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.”** Yes, the Great Commission is to **“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,”** But it only seems right that a man would want to go home to his family and friends, those nearest to him. Are you saved? Have you been born again by believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin? Have you gone home to your loved ones and friends and given them the blessed good news that Christ died for their sins and wants to save them? Yes, go to others, to strangers, etc., but it seems to me that the child of God ought to have a great burden for those nearest to him! I know first hand, that this is not necessarily easy – that doesn’t matter – we need to go and give them an opportunity to be saved.

DON’T WORRY! God’s Word says, **“Take therefore, no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.”** Matt.6:34. Mr. R. DeHaan told of his first trip upon the great bridge over the Mackinac Straits. He said at a distance it looked as though it went straight up and could not possibly be negotiated by a car. However, as one got closer, it seemed to drop off into a long gentle incline. It was a matter of perspective. So it is with our days and our problems. As we look ahead they seem so foreboding, but when faced, they are often not near as difficult as we had imagined. Of course, we have the Lord’s help!

GOD’S WILL

It is God’s will that I should cast
My care on Him each day,
He also asks me not to cast
My confidence away.
But, oh, how stupidly I act
When taken unawares;
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And carry all my cares. –T. Baird

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WARREN JOINS TONY BLAIR'S INTERFAITH EFFORT.

Southern Baptist pastor Rick Warren is on the advisory council of Tony Blair's Faith Foundation, an organization that seeks interfaith dialogue and cooperation ("Blair Courts Controversial US Pastor," The Observer, March 14, 2010). Warren will help Blair launch "a faith offensive across the United States over the next year, after building up relationships with a network of influential religious leaders and faith organizations." Blair, who converted to the Roman Catholic Church in 2007, is a likable guy who is doubtless sincerely trying to do right, but he is following his own humanistic dream rather than the infallible Word of God. In a 1993 interview with Third Way Magazine, Blair described his Christian faith in terms of social consciousness as opposed to "some sort of special one-to-one relationship with a remote Being on high."... Blair's vision is a New Age one of building world peace through interfaith harmony..The Faith Foundation's web site currently features a quote from Buddhist Zen master Joan Halifax who praises Blair's objective and says, "At this time, it is an imperative that we nurture the best in each other, so that our children can meet a world that is sane and healthy." In this context, the greatest "evil" is religious dogmatism and intolerance, because it hinders "world peace." At the launch of the Faith Foundation in May 2008 at the headquarters of the mainstream media group Time Warner, Blair said that one of the organization's goals is to "counter extremism in all six leading religious." A dogmatic stand on the Bible as the sole authority and on Jesus Christ as the only Lord and Saviour is considered "extreme" and disruptive to human progress. –*FBIS* (3/26/10)

SMITHSONIAN'S LATEST EXPLANATION OF EVOLUTION.

Evolution News & Views, March 29, 2010: "The Smithsonian has a new human origins exhibit, "What does it mean to be human?" specially targeted at swaying student visitors who might doubt Darwinian evolution. The most amusing part of the exhibit proudly explains that evolution predicted we'd lack evidence for evolution; that's how we know it's true! That's right, this is how the nation's most prestigious natural history museum presents evolution: evolution predicts that evolution is supported both when we do and when we don't find confirming fossil evidence. Consider the following from the educator's guide: 'Misconception: Gaps in the fossil record disprove evolution. Response: Science actually predicts gaps in the fossil record. Many species leave no fossils at all, and the environmental conditions for forming good fossils are not common. The chance of any individual organism becoming fossilized

is incredibly small. Nevertheless, new fossils are constantly being discovered. These include many transitional fossils--e.g., intermediary fossils between birds and dinosaurs, and between humans and our primate ancestors. Our lack of knowledge about certain parts of the fossil record does not disprove evolution.' Did you get that? Ignoring the fact that transitional fossils are often missing even among taxa whose records are very complete, now Darwin's defenders argue that their theory "predicts gaps in the fossil record." How convenient! ... So whether you find fossils or you don't, that's evidence for evolution." –*Copied*. Ed. Imagine, the nations' greatest scientific exhibit says that lack of evidence proves the theory!

THE CATHOLIC-ISLAM CONNECTION.

[TBC (4/13/10): Here is further evidence that the "Mary" connection between Catholicism and Islam continues to grow.] Lebanese Christians and Muslims celebrate the Annunciation together in the name of Mary. Lebanese Christians and Muslims [celebrated] 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, [as] an official national holiday sanctioned by the Government of Lebanon. All public buildings, schools, banks and universities closed. The government has also encouraged private businesses to do the same. The Feast Day of the Annunciation commemorates the moment when the Archangel Gabriel revealed to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus, the Saviour. Former Polish President Lech Walesa, who has a deep devotion to Mary, was to be in Lebanon for the holiday. On 18 February, the government made 25 March a national Christian-Muslim Day, something that has never occurred before in the history of Christian-Muslim relations.

The decision was confirmed two days later during a meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and Prime Minister Hariri in the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican. Dar-al-Fatwa Secretary General Sheikh Mohammed Nokkari, one of the main promoters of the joint festivity, said he hopes that such a holiday would spread to other parts of the world, adding that it was fitting that it should begin in Lebanon, which the late Pope John Paul II had described as "a message of pluralism for the East and the West." For the Muslim clergyman, Mary is "the best woman ever, here (on earth) and in eternity" for "she's above all women", a symbol of unity between the two faiths. The Council of Maronite Bishops praised the government's decision, saying it "helps in bringing hearts together."

Ed. Certainly these are momentous days – Yes, these are the last days. Are you ready for the coming of Jesus?

NON-ESSENTIALS

This is from H. A. Ironside's commentary on Daniel: "I have heard Christians refer to certain precepts in the Scriptures as non-essentials. But we may rest assured there are no non-essentials in our Bibles. 'The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.' When people talk of non-essentials in regard to anything concerning which God has revealed His mind, it is well to ask, 'Essential or non-essential to what?' If it be a question of the soul's salvation, undoubtedly the one great essential is faith in His blessed Son, whose finished work alone avails to put away sin and procure peace with God. But if it be a question of what is essential to the enjoyment of communion with God--essential to obtaining the Lord's approval at the judgment-seat of Christ--then it is well to remember that in everything the believer is sanctified to the obedience of Christ." There is talk among many Fundamentalists about not being concerned about non-essentials in the Bible. It is being said in some Fundamental circles how Christians dress is a non-essential. What kind of music is used in church is inconsequential. It matters not who one fellowships with. Then, what Bible version one uses is a non-essential. Imagine, it is all right for God's people to use a corrupt bible if it is the one they prefer? Doesn't the Bible say, "**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God...**" Did God inspire some non-essentials? Jesus said, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**" All modern versions remove scores of verses, either in the text or the footnotes. I think it is time for God's people to get serious about God and His Word! Jesus said, "**If ye love me, keep my commandments.**" I take it He meant all of them!

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HE HAD NO ENEMIES

"Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice and be glad and leap for joy..." ~*Luke 6:22,23*. The funeral was over and a few folks were standing around talking. One of the individuals said concerning the deceased man, who had been a personal friend: "Everybody liked him; he had no enemies." That may be considered wonderful concerning a worldly man but not a Christian. Jesus also said, "**Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**" ~*Matthew 5:11,12*. The believer in Jesus Christ who is liked by everybody in the world must not be a serious Christian. Let us remember our Lord! Was He liked by everyone? Could it be said of Him, "He had no enemies in the world?" It would be difficult to find someone who has more enemies than Jesus, though all He ever did was good. The problem is the world is going in one direction and the child of God is going in the opposite direction. The truth is, a faithful Christian condemns the world by the way he lives. Jesus said, "**Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt hath lost its savour wherewith shall it be salted; it is henceforth good for nothing...**" ~*Matthew 5:13*. I certainly do not like to make enemies. However, I have made quite a few preaching the word of God these many years. But it is very comforting to know also that we have seen some folks believe the Gospel and be saved, and have made a number of friends in the process. Of course, most of all we want to please that Friend of all Friends – Jesus!