

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
Cradle Roll 2: Piper Quinnelly
6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kayla Quinnelly
Cradle Roll 2: Serek Quinnelly
Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of May 26, 2013

Sunday School ----- 17
Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
Sunday Evening Service ----- 22
Wed. Eve. Service, 05/29/13 ----- 12
King James Bible Conference, Friday, 05/31/13 ----- 28
King James Bible Conference, Saturday, 06/01/13 ----- 30

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of May 26, 2013

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 953.00
KJ Bible Conference ----- \$ 81.00
Total Received for Week of 05/26/13: \$ 1,034.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00



SEND A NOTE TO RYAN QUINNELLY IN AFGHANISTAN-

**SPC QUINNELLY RYAN
1220 EN CO, 864 EN BN
TF PACEMAKER
FOB SHARANA
APO AE 09311**

WE'RE ALSO GATHERING UP THINGS TO SEND HIM:

- * **Easy Breakfast Foods:**
> Fruit-flavored Pop Tarts > Granola Bars
- * **Snacks:**
> Cheezitz > Peanuts > Trail Mix
> Beef Jerky > Pistachio's > Etc.

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR MAY, 2013:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 329.66
Amount Received during May, 2013 ----- \$ 150.00
Amount STILL NEEDED by 06/05/13 = \$ 179.66

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**



Please Remember To Be Faithful To Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today - OK?** Thank you.

Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor
Mickie Shatwell ----- Pianist
Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian
Shayne Hooper, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers
Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,
Dwayne English, Shayne Hooper ----- Outreach
Flowers ----- Shirley White

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**“Muslim Friendly” Bible Translations: Round Two
The Wea-Wycliffe Report Leaves More Questions than Answers**

by Eric Barger

Back in 2011 we began to read headlines in the Christian media such as “*The battle for accurate Bible translation in Asia*” and “*Holding Translators Accountable*,” both from World Magazine and perhaps the one that really grabbed my attention from World Net Daily which was, “*New Bible yanks 'Father,' Jesus as 'Son of God' - Islam-sensitive project ignites controversy, online petition.*”

Upon researching and investigating, our entire on-air team on dedicated the entire March 10, 2012, “*Understanding the Times*” program to the issue. We also produced a nearly 40 minute-long Web Bonus Extra Podcast so as to give voice to many more details and also to interview more of the concerned parties. The program evoked such a response that we even replayed it on “*Understanding the Times*” on August 25, 2012 as well.

During our conversation on-air in March of 2012 we interviewed parties holding positions on both sides of this controversy. One of those was **Wycliffe Bible Translators Exec. VP, Russ Hersman.**

We spent an entire 30 minutes with Hersman, who defended Wycliffe's practice and participation in producing these so called “Muslim Friendly” renditions of the Bible. Wycliffe, and their translation partner **SIL**, or the Summer Institute of Linguistics, and others are responsible for producing around 40 versions of the Bible (in Arabic and Turkish) that eliminate phrases such as “*God the Father*” and “*God the Son*” from the Bible texts. The general reason given for doing this is that these phrases are hot-button negatives and turn-offs to Muslims because the Quran states that Allah has no sons and does not refer to him as “Father.” Muslims are also taught that Christians believe that God physically impregnated Mary to produce Jesus and that Mary is a member of the Trinity. Of course this is absolutely NOT what the Bible teaches, nor is it what orthodox Christians have ever believed.

During the interview Russ Hersman announced that Wycliffe and their translation partner, SIL, were going to subject the various questionable translations that they had been a part of to a “review of the Global Church.” In May 2012, Bob Creson, the president of Wycliffe, announced that the **World Evangelical Alliance** would be doing the review and examination of the translations and that Dr. Robert E. Cooley, president emeritus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and an Assemblies of God minister, would chair the panel reviewing Wycliffe/SIL practices and results.

So that brings us to where we are now. At the end of April, 2013, the WEA report was made public listing ten suggestions for Wycliffe.

One glaring problem with the World Evangelical Alliance report to Wycliffe is that they really never spoke to the fact that shouldn't have been done in the first place. If these once completely reputable translation organizations (Wycliffe, SIL, Frontiers, etc.) had remained 100% dedicated and completely faithful to God's Word, then these misleading translations would never have been conceived in the first place and I'd be discussing something else today.

I'm sure that donors thought they were supporting an organization that would never have removed such paramount phrases as “God the Father” and “God the Son” from any version of Scripture in any language, for any reason. To me, this displays a mindset

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of elevating man's wisdom over God's Word. Do we not trust the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts of people when God's word is delivered in tact? As Georges Housney told me on the May 18, 2013 edition of "Understanding the Times Radio" that we need to allow the infallible Scriptures to speak and not our opinions of how much of the Scripture is palatable for any culture worldwide.

And speaking of donors, consider this aspect. *According to Forbes Magazine, Wycliffe Bible Translators grossed \$167 million dollars in the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2011.* I feel certain that their donors never dreamed that behind the scenes this postmodern mindset had entrenched itself in the management and mindset.

Wycliffe/SIL isn't the only one infected with postmodern/Emergent thinking. *Mission Frontiers* has also taken the philosophy of "man's wisdom and good intentions over complete faithfulness to God's Word." In doing research for this weekend's radio broadcast, I found that clearly displayed on the Frontiers website. The reasoning for doing the very thing that my on-air guest, veteran translator Georges Housney, and I are alarmed about is that they believe they just simply know better.

At the core of this is not rank and file Bible translators. Many of them would give their lives for the precious Word of God. The majority of them are caught in the crossfire.

This is just one of the ugly results of postmodern thinking at work in the management of translation organizations and is more proof that we are surely living in what the Apostle Paul called "perilous times."

Examining the Examiners

Frankly, I didn't expect the World Evangelical Alliance report to truly be a rebuke to Wycliffe, SIL, Frontiers and others who appear to be led by the idea that old ways are wrong and an update of Christianity is needed.

One of the glaring tell-tale signs that such an examination by the WEA would prove of little real good was my discovery that the president of the World Evangelical Alliance, *Geoff Tunnicliffe*, is a signer to the Yale Divinity School paper known as "Loving God and Neighbor Together: A Christian Response to a Common Word Between us and You," the premise of which is that Allah is Jehovah and the Isa or Jesus of the Quran is actually Jesus Christ. These are two of the misgivings that have led some to accept "Chrislam," an unbiblical philosophy I've been warning about for several years.

Making matters worse is the man who the WEA put in charge of the actual Wycliffe translation review. Though the Assemblies of God denomination have made a strong stand against the Muslim-friendly translations, one of their well-known professors was the chairman of the committee that produced the WEA ten suggestion report for Wycliffe. Dr. Robert E. Cooley, Professor Emeritus at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. And he is ALSO a signer on the Yale "Common Word" document! I detailed all of these issues; the Bible Translation problems, The Yale Document, The

promotion of the Insider Movement in the translation community and more In my Take A Stand! Journal booklet "Islam and the Church".

The Insider Movement infects Translation Organizations

This whole idea of the Islam's Allah being Jehovah God and Isa being Jesus is also the core of another idea that has gained steam in postmodern circles known as *The Insider Movement*. It basically states that a person can embrace the Muslim God and the Muslim Jesus and then clandestinely operate as an undercover Christian while still embracing Islam and its practices including the so-called "First Pillar" recited regularly in every Mosque: "There Is No God But Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger."

If you wonder how widespread the Insider Movement model is in the Bible Translation community just hear these facts -

☐ As late as last spring, Wycliffe was requiring their workers going to the Muslim World to read a book by Carl Medearis titled Muslims, Christians and Jesus which is a sort of textbook for postmoderns interested in using the Insider Movement model. I actually have an email from Wycliffe's West-Eurasia director in which he mandates the reading of Medearis' book for new Wycliffe workers going to Muslim countries.

☐ The U.S. Director, of the Bible translation organization *Mission Frontiers* is Bob Blincoe. Blincoe has endorsed Medearis' book. In fact, in 2012 Frontiers, gave away 20,000 copies of Muslims, Christians and Jesus.

☐ When one understands how the Insider Movement operates then you can get a clearer idea of how translation managers enamored with these ideas could be persuaded to disseminate versions of the Bible that change and erase phrases like "God the Son" and "God the Father."

☐ In my Take A Stand! Journal booklet "Islam and the Church", I wrote extensively on the Bible Translation controversy and the Insider Movement. In it I stated, "*Carl Medearis is unabashedly pro-Muslim, pro-Insider Movement, pro-Palestinian, and, as can be deduced from reading his own blog posts, is a staunch advocate of "Replacement Theology" and Dominionism - all of which also align with the deception of Christam. In short, Medearis is a purveyor of all things postmodern. If all of that were not already disturbing enough, perhaps most alarming is that Medearis is an advocate of several ideas associated with the "Insider Movement."*

☐ The revelation that Wycliffe was forcing new recruits to read Medearis' book - without any instruction or intimation that it was to somehow be taken as an educational tool to alert them against the Insider Movement - was the final straw for **David Irvine** which caused he and his wife, Deana, to leave Wycliffe just before going to their assignment somewhere in the Muslim world.

Knowing that Muslims, Christians, and Jesus has been recommended reading for all SIL/Wycliffe workers, required reading for new members, and glowingly endorsed by Frontiers explains the push for translations that soften the hard edge of the

Bible's truths that are being produced by these once-trustworthy organizations. It's the postmodern way to be non-confrontational, politically correct, accepting of divergent ideas (whether fatal or not), and resistant to absolutes and to cover doing so with the veneer of "love." In fact, Medearis doesn't even believe that a Christian should evangelize the lost!

What Would Paul Do?

In Acts 17, the Apostle Paul visited Athens; a city infested with idols and cultic religions. Did Paul attempt to change or water down the Gospel message in order to make it somehow more attractive or palatable to those hearing or opposing him? Are hard core Muslims any more virulent or threatening than were the 1st Century Pharisees or Romans who loathed Christianity?

The fact is that nothing has changed about our Gospel. Nor has the opposition to it. Have we forgotten that Jesus warned us that we'd be hated, despised and perhaps killed for the sake of the Gospel?

It is the same now as it was in the First Century - a quick reading of Acts chapter 9 sounds eerily similar to our plight and every postmodern thinker who believes we need to veil or tone down the Gospel needs to read it.

Immediately after his conversion Saul, now Paul, went into the synagogues in Damascus and began proclaiming that Jesus is the Son of God. Verse 22 says that Paul confounded the Jews at Damascus, proving the identity of Christ. He didn't present them something close or veer away from things that might offend them. He obviously didn't understand being "seeker-sensitive." Instead he just presented the whole truth.

The Jews were offended by him (just like we've been told that the Muslim world is offended by the phrases "God the Son" and "God the Father") and they began conspiring to kill him.

Still, he didn't back down and finally the disciples had to lower Paul down over the city walls in a basket under the cover of night so he could escape. Nothing dissuaded Paul concerning the bold, forthright message of the Gospel because he KNEW it was the only hope for those who would hear it. He proclaimed it like a dead man...dead to the world but completely alive in Christ.

I suggest that this must be our approach and our motive today and each day as long as God gives us breath.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

☛ POPE SAYS ATHEISTS REDEEMED BY CHRIST -

During papal mass on May 22, Pope Francis said everyone is redeemed by Christ's blood. "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! 'Father, the atheists?' Even the atheists. Everyone! And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the Blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a

beautiful path towards peace" ("Pope at Mass," Vatican Radio, May 22, 2013).

Some Catholic publications have been trying to spin this to say that the pope only meant that Christ made it possible for all men to be saved, but the Roman Catholic Church has been preaching variations on universalism since the Second Vatican Council.

"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience—those too may achieve eternal salvation" ("Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," chap. 2, 16, p. 338, Vatican II Documents). Mother Teresa, who is on a fast track to "sainthood," was an unabashed universalist. When Mother Teresa died, her longtime friend and biographer Naveen Chawla said that he once asked her bluntly, "Do you convert?" She replied, "Of course I convert. I convert you to be a better Hindu or a better Muslim or a better Protestant. Once you've found God, it's up to you to decide how to worship him" ("Mother Teresa Touched other Faiths," Associated Press, Sept. 7, 1997).

☛ **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP BUILDING THE ONE-WORLD CHURCH** - The greatest danger in dabbling with contemporary praise music is the fact that it is a bridge to the end-time one-world "church." David Cloud has documented this extensively in **The Directory of Contemporary Worship Music**, which is available as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org. The following is excerpted from this directory:

The Canadian born Matt Maher (b. 1974), who lives in Tempe, Arizona, is a popular contemporary worship musician, and like John Michael Talbot, Maher is a Roman Catholic ecumenical bridge builder. Maher's wife is Methodist, but they are raising their son "in the Catholic Church," while also taking him to Methodist services "so he can experience both traditions" (Religion News Service, May 17, 2013).

This is the perfect recipe for the building of the end-time, one-world "church." Maher ministers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Tempe, which is devoted to Mary as the Queen of Heaven.

The sign at the front of the church says, "Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us." Maher calls himself a "musical missionary," a missionary for Rome, that is. Christianity Today says "Maher is bringing his music--and a dream of unity into the Protestant church" ("Common Bonds," Christianity Today, Oct. 27, 2009).

He says, "*I've had co-writing sessions with Protestants where we had that common denominator, and I've seen in a very radical way the real possibility of unity.*"

He says, "*I look at it like the Catholic church is my immediate family, and all my friends from different denominations are extended family.*"