

## Pope Still Worshipping Roman Catholic Goddess

Those who buy into the idea that Catholicism has changed and no longer qualifies as an unbiblical cult should consider some of the pagan rituals that continue to be practiced. Just before Christmas, Catholics around the world celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Each year, the Pope addresses the gathered crowd and then visits a shrine of the Virgin goddess to pray before the idol. Vatican news reported excerpts from his address:

“Even she (Mary) was saved by Christ, but in an extraordinary way because God wanted that the mother of His Son not be touched by



Pope Francis strikes a worship pose to an idol of the Virgin Mary goddess at Fatima.

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## America Must Become “Good” Again

“It’s the absolute secularization of the nation, the purge of the Almighty from our public life, the crowning politicians king of the universe, that is destroying us.” This refreshing bit of clarity comes from commentator Star Parker writing in the [dailysignal.com](#).

She goes on to reference the quote attributed to French historian Alexis de Tocqueville: “America is great because she is good.” For those who don’t know the story, de Tocqueville supposedly came over from France in the early 19th century, to find out for himself why America was doing so well in the world. He searched through the economy, politics, and general society but only after visiting the churches did he reach that conclusion.

Then he supposedly stated that, “If America ever stops being good, she will stop being great.” Historians claim that there is no direct evidence that de

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the misery of sin from the moment of her conception.” ... “And so, for the entire course of her earthly life, Mary was free from any stain of sin,” he claimed. “She was the [one] ‘full of grace’ as the angel called her.”

For those who study the preserved scriptures (in English, the KJV), there is so much wrong with this picture. Was the Apostle Paul wrong when he declared that: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”? The only exception was Christ, Himself, so that He could take on our sin. For what purpose was Mary exempt? Possibly to enhance her standing as a virgin goddess.

Bible scholars point out that Mary’s offering of doves or pigeons in the temple at Jesus’ presentation to the Lord (Luke 2:22) was a sin offering. Would this have been necessary if she was sinless?

The source of the quote “full of grace” illustrates how the Catholic Bible is slanted to support the pagan teachings of the popes. In Luke 1:28, the Douay-Rheims Catholic Bible states: “And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, **full of grace**, the

Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.” The preserved King James Bible quotes the angel saying to Mary: “Hail, thou that art **highly favoured**, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.”

The shift here from “favor” to “grace” seems innocent enough since both have similar meanings. However, Catholicism uses this seemingly slight difference to lift the lowly virgin to goddess status. Pope Francis’ term, “full of grace” in his speech, appears in the worship chant, “Hail, Mary, full of grace...”.

The clear meaning in the preserved Bible is that God has picked this particular Jewish virgin to birth the Messiah. To extrapolate this simple statement into goddess worship is typical of Rome’s mixture of paganism with perverse interpretations of scripture.

But this twisting has become the launching pad for a steady elevation of Mary as a goddess over the centuries. Although the beginnings of Mary worship dates early in the history of false Christianity, major steps were more recent.

In 1854 Pope Pius IX announced: “We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the blessed virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception,

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## Thousands Discovering Way Out of Government Schools

Many families have discovered the benefits of homeschooling during the pandemic lockdowns. They have also learned of the many resources available to help them. They now see that they have a way out of the public schools. Since July of last year over 18,000 families have filed notices of intent to homeschool in North Carolina compared to about 8,000 during the same period a year earlier. In Wisconsin, 26,000 notices were filed in the last half of 2020.

But teachers unions and other government stakeholders are beginning to raise some objections.

School officials in Michigan claim that

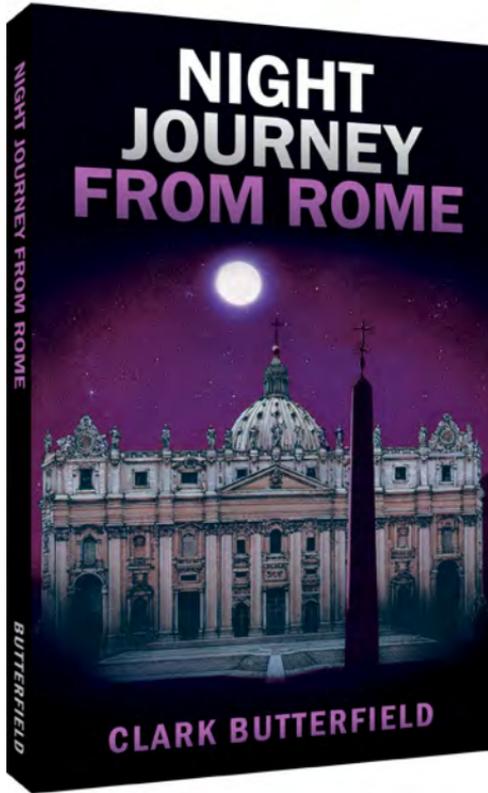
allowing students to homeschool prevents them from tracking students who are in no school at all. They are using this as a pretext to change state law. Such a law, of course, does not bode well for the privacy and freedom of homeschool families.

Several bills in other states have also been introduced to increase the scrutiny of families that have chosen to homeschool. One bill would require districts to visit families quarterly to check on the children’s “health and safety.”

This is another example of overreaching government not allowing a “crisis go to waste.”

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Tocqueville said this, nevertheless, the concept is valid. Although Jesus said that there is none good but God, He is speaking of men, not the relative flavor of a society.

Godless people today are canceling as much as they can of America's history, painting it with a broad brush of evil treatment of slaves and Native Americans. But America was made prosperous and a model of self-government to the world because of the basic decency of its common people. They honored Biblical principles, raised good citizen children, helped their neighbors, and built dozens of churches in each of our small cities. That basic goodness was, and is, the foundation of America's greatness.

Another wise man put it this way: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.

Of course, there is no end to doleful diagnoses. But Parker headlined her article with the proper solution: "America cannot be great until we make America good again."

However, that cannot be done by legislation or wishful thinking. In chapter 17:9, the prophet Jeremiah told Israel in his day that the heart of the problem was a heart problem: "The heart is deceitful

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by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

Again, in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that Mary avoided death: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate mother of God, the ever virgin Mary,

above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" And that is still true today.

So what is the answer?

That came from the One who knows us best —our Creator: "Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

**Only the Spirit of God can change the human heart.**

But that good news must be gotten out, if it is going to do us any good. The Apostle Paul asks in Romans 10:14: "...And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Many Chick tract users testify to the power of God's Word printed in a faithful little paper preacher. Today, we are finding that more people have a rising interest in the Chick tract, *Love Story*. This gentle listing of so many of the ways that our Creator cares for us, apparently has a special appeal today.

There is no doubt that this hurting world desperately needs to be assured that God cares for them. But is it fair not to tell them about it?

By high-volume printing we are able to get the price down to less than \$0.11 apiece in case lots of 1000 tracts of the same title. Everyone today needs a *Love Story*, the message that "God so loved the world" in every Chick gospel tract.

having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."

And an additional step in her elevation is in the works, that of co-redeemer and mediatrix, presumably helping Jesus to forgive sins.

Few Christian leaders dare expose this counterfeit "church," but years ago God called Chick Publications to carry that message. The Chick website, [chick.com](http://chick.com), provides a wide range of tracts and books to help you guide others out of this monstrous deception.



## Everyone Needs A Chance

We all know that people who don't know the Lord are headed for disaster... but they don't know it!

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Each person that accepts a tract from you now has a chance. Some may wait until they face their last breath to respond, but since they read that tract they know what to do!

**[Let's give them that chance!](#)**

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Fortunately there are organizations such as the Home School Legal Defense Association that stand ready to counter these encroachments. HSLDA Senior Counsel Scott Woodruff said: “Most state legislatures get it. When they sit down and think through the issues, they consistently vote against adding new regulations on homeschool families.”

Besides homeschooling, Christian schools are increasingly becoming a target of homosexual organizations. It remains to be seen whether government leaders will resist their demands. One such organization has an 85-item list called the Blueprint for Positive Change. One item is recommending that the US Department of Education must deny accreditation to any Christian college or University that insists on holding the biblical view of sexuality.

“That means...Christian colleges, housing, admissions, hiring of faculty, and student life [would] have to recognize same-sex marriage,” warns Southern Baptist Theological Seminary President Al Mohler. “You’d have to recognize homosexuality as a legitimate lifestyle for students. You’d have to hire without regard to a Christian understanding of sexuality.”

Another prong of their attack is coming through the U.S. Congress. A bill has been approved by the House called the Equality Act. If it passes it will amend the basic civil rights laws to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

## Evolutionists Getting Beat on Their Own Turf

Some very smart people are continuing to put die-hard evolutionists in a corner. These scientists are increasingly convinced that the biology of animals and humans is too complex to have been created by chance, no matter how many millions of years are involved.

For some time now, these biology professionals have described what they

Tony Perkins of FRC Action lists the consequences:

- Women and girls would no longer have privacy in publicly accessible bathrooms, locker rooms, showers, and even battered women’s shelters;
- Churches and houses of worship could be prohibited from requiring that their leaders and employees abide by their doctrines about marriage and sexuality;
- Religious employers could be forced to offer their employees insurance coverage for procedures related to “gender transition;”
- Medical professionals could be ordered to perform abortions or procedures related to “gender transition” against their moral or medical opinions; and
- The Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion, would be in jeopardy.

Fewer and fewer people today are aware of or willing to follow God’s plan for human flourishing. This is primarily because we have not had the boldness to widely present His plan. We do not know at this point if we can turn the tide. But Christians at other times have recognized that we are commissioned only to preach the gospel. We are not responsible for the results —only obedience.

Gospel tracts have always been an effective tool because the word of God that they contain is powerful enough to change hearts. And a true revival can only come through changed hearts.

call irreducible complexity. For example the human eye is too intricate for it to form piece-meal over time. Besides that, for it to fulfill it’s purpose, it had to have all its pieces and features functioning at the same time.

Such pieces and features would have been useless until the whole was

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# Homosexual Attack on Children Blunted in Florida

Common sense and the First Amendment won a significant victory in Florida recently. The city of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County had passed ordinances forbidding paid counselors to counsel children and teens who wished to overcome same sex attraction or gender dysphoria. All a counselor could do was affirm the feelings of the child as normal and counsel to consider transitioning by puberty blockers and mutilating surgery.

The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals declared that this was a violation of the free speech right. This ruling is important because it sets a precedent for other cases. Twenty other states have caved to the homosexual steamroller and put laws in place tying the hands of counsellors who wish to help children overcome this delusion. This opens the door for other cases to succeed in overturning these restrictions.

So far, these restrictions have not affected Christian pastors and youth leaders

from providing such counsel if it is free, but often, this issue is passed off to the “professionals.” And these laws forbid paid counselors from guiding the children into accepting their God-given sex. Given the strategy of the homosexual lobby, if they could make these laws stick, it would be only a matter of time until the same restrictions would be placed on church counselors.

This victory proves that stern resistance to these attacks can succeed. Liberty Counsel, one of many religious liberty legal aid organizations, successfully fought this case. If we are going to stop these attacks on the next generation, it will need to come at the local level. Church leaders must alert congregations to the danger so that they can resist ungodly laws.

But more important, churches must do their primary job of showing how the power of the gospel will change lives so that they will not be subject to Satan’s lies. Gospel tracts have a part in that effort.



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**Email**

“I was half-way saved by those (tracts). I was totally a lost person, and God used those tracts and so I told the Lord I would work for him. This is what I do for the Lord, I give those tracts out. I was a Roman Catholic and now I’m a born-again Christian. I’m a Protestant now, but it was because of those tracts that God saved me.”

**P. Wy, Phone**

## Boy and Girl Scouts No Longer Reliable

One by one the cultural helpers for parents trying to raise good kids are being called into question.

Boys who are transgenering into girls are being accepted into the Girl Scouts and girls are being accepted into the Boy Scouts. There have been 82,000 claims lodged against the Boy Scouts for sexual abuse. That number is so shocking that we have to believe that some of these are false, perhaps trying to get in on the payout. But not too long ago Boy Scouts of America caved to the pressure to allow openly homosexual scout leaders. And the Girl Scouts were already there with lesbian leadership.

For several decades we have taken God's laws out of the public square leaving a vacuum for those that teach and practice the strong delusions that are spoken against by God's word. It is becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish truth from error.

In the short interchange between Jesus and Pontius Pilate, recorded in John 18, Jesus said to Pilate confidently that He was not only a King, He also had the truth. Pilate retorted with the question that could be taken right out of our present world: "What is Truth?"

Today, there's a great battle between truth and falsehood in the modern "information age." Satan is taking advantage of the invention of information technology to create more methods of deception than parents can counter. The cancel culture is primarily dedicated to eliminating truth and replacing it with falsehoods. And the main victims are our children.

When Jesus said that the devil was a liar and the father of lies, He warned us what to be on guard against. But how do you know a counterfeit bill unless you are very familiar with the real one?

In the same regard, we have to become very familiar with the source of truth to recognize a lie when we see it.

From the very beginning God made sure that we had a written record of what

He considered truth. And Jesus promised in Matthew 24 that heaven and earth would pass away but His word, which is truth, would not pass away.

Unfortunately, Satan has worked one of the most monstrous plots of his whole career. That is the deception hidden in the modern Bibles. Author David Daniels has proven that there is only one Bible in English that is a true translation of the Greek that was handed down to us from the apostles.

But Satan has orchestrated a strategy against the word of God that has given us Bibles that contradict each other and omit important doctrinal teachings. And to cap it off, he has managed to even change the Greek that the Bibles are based upon, to manuscripts with questionable history and content.

What chance do parents have raising children with a solid grasp of truth if their very Bibles are not reliable?

Because Satan's counterfeit church is deeply involved in Satan's plot, Daniels recommends that his book, [\*Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible?\*](#), be read first to get an introduction to the subject. Then if you are wondering about your Bible, his book, [\*Look What's Missing\*](#), will give you detailed information of the changes and omissions in dozens of modern versions.

For anyone not yet convinced, he has written over a dozen other books that track Satan's plan in great detail. These books can all be reviewed at the Chick website, [chick.com](http://chick.com), or by calling 909-987-0771 for a free catalog.





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## NIV—John 7

Jesus said:

“You go to the festival.

**I am not going up**

to this festival... (John 7:8)

“However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also...” (John 7:10)

## KJV—John 7

Jesus said:

“Go ye up unto this feast:

**I go not up yet**

unto this feast...” (John 7:8)

“But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast...” (John 7:10)

If the NIV says Jesus lied to His brothers,

**What else is in there?**

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# Missions Fund Report

## Dominican Republic

Tom Franklin, out of BBFI, is one of two missionaries you are supporting with Chick tracts in this country. He writes, “We have the materials (Chick tracts) working now in two churches, although visitation programs are not where they were - we had one young man receive Christ last Sunday and the church was using the Chick tracts. God is good!! The new church has the back cover you designed and is planning to use the materials to push attendance enough so a second service can be established.” He promises to tell us more about this soon.

## Ethiopia

Zwedu Tefera, of Compassion International, reports that things have begun to reopen in this African nation. We shipped another 10,000 tracts for his work among the children in schools and orphanages, where “every child is given the gospel and connected to a church.”

Working also in this country is Ray Hoover, from BBFI Missions. Ray writes, “one week ago Teddy went to a village controlled by witchcraft and now there are some new believers there and by God’s grace we hope to have a new church there soon. These children are reading the Chick booklets you sent in Oromifa. Only God knows how many will read these tracts because they are in their heart language.” You provide Ray with two boxes of Chick tracts each month.

## Costa Rica

Unity Outreach conducted another of their annual outreaches in this beautiful country with Chick tracts that you provided. Barbie Baumgartner reports, “400+ people in Limon, Costa Rica, got tracts plus candy in a baggie. Many people accepted the Lord, and we were blessed to feed all the people.”

## Netherlands

Missionary Erik Kreh just received about 8,000 tracts. He wrote: “thank you for sending the tracts for the work here in the Netherlands. We use them every week when we do our street ministry and other evangelism in various cities in North Holland. It is amazing to see how receptive people are to the tracts. We enjoy watching people read them after we get them in their hands. They really do get read!”

## Philippines

Joshua Yun, a missionary from South Korea sent to the Philippines, receives regular shipments of Chick tracts. He shares a little of his burden: “Actually, *we are more active on street preaching, door to door evangelism, and tract distribution than ever.* Many of our brethren realized that the end is near and



the best thing they can do this time is witnessing Jesus Christ. Every Thursday and Friday, Bible school students and I are going on door to door evangelism or street preaching. We’ve been visiting almost every street and town near our Bible school. Every Sunday, our church is on the street preaching or door to door evangelism. We target bigger places on Sunday since most of our members will join us in this activity.

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Ethiopia	Japan		Zimbabwe

More tracts are now being shipped for additional projects,  
with more requests coming in from missionaries!

## Will you help?

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There are two more teams that are doing the street preaching and soulwinning every week. Moreover, we have two mission places established: in Paracale, Bicol and in Antipolo, Rizal. One of the greatest helps for this is Chick tracts. Kids love these tracts and follow us to receive more. We only give them more if they promise to distribute to others with us. And kids will follow us and distribute Chick Tracts with us, and they are very active distributors. They distribute to their friends, and then their friends follow us as well. They even go to their parents and neighbors whom we felt hard to approach.

Filipinos generally don't reject or throw away tracts, especially Chick tracts... many times reading them over again... There are about thirty Bible school students studying in my Bible School. Many are candidates for future missionaries. I believe that we might be needing more tracts as these mission places grow.

We are currently contacting the jails and police department to get a chance to witness to inmates and police officers. We once had active jail ministries, but due to the pandemic, the doors were closed last year. However, we've got a new connection that might enable us to witness there. Please pray for the open



doors in jails and police stations. I strongly believe that this is one of the best places to invest Gospel tracts for the kingdom of God.”

**NOTE:** The recent requests from the Philippines have been overwhelming! One missionary alone, Mike Carey, has organized street preaching and tract outreaches in over 40 local

churches. As people are coming out of a severe lockdown, they are also coming out of their bondage to sin! And other missionaries are doing the same thing. The door is wide open. But no door stays open forever. Time is of the essence. Hundreds of thousands of Chick tracts are on the way!

## **Guyana**

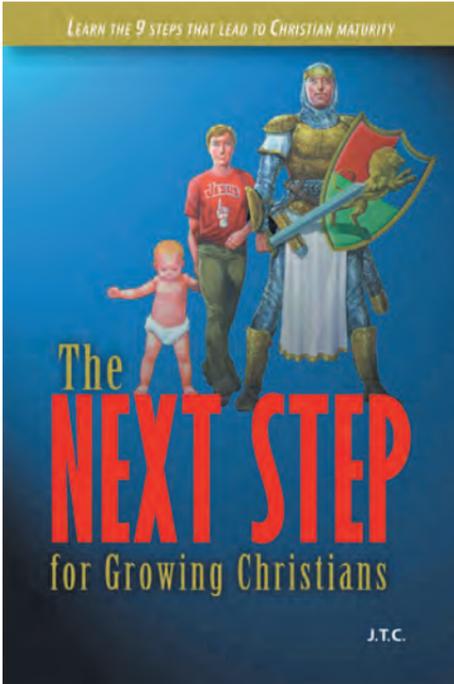
*Zakir Ibrahim:*

On the east side of the Demerara River in Diamond, Guyana is a missions success story. Missionary Noel Shrivnauth led a muslim man, Zakir Ibrahim to the Lord. After years of discipling, and experience as assistant pastor to Shrivnauth, this former muslim now pastors a missionary church here. His team currently spreads 6,000 to 7,000 tracts a month in this tropical region. When he requested Chick tracts, the Mission Fund immediately checked with Missionary Shrivnauth and on

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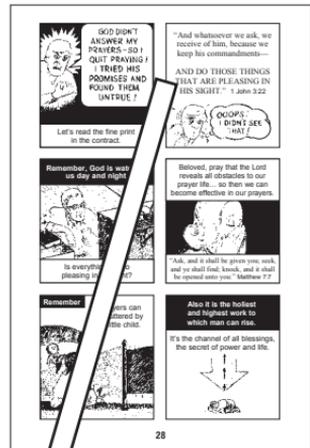


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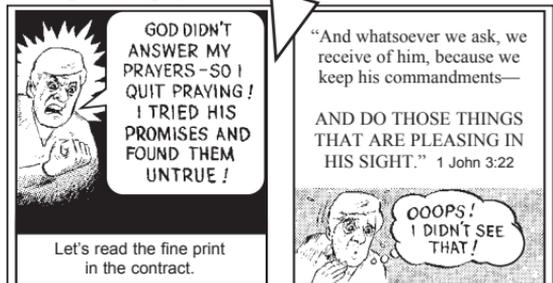
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Great for:

- New believers
- Sunday School classes
- Youth groups
- Long-time Christians who want to GROW!



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his hearty recommendation, began supplying Ibrahim with the Chick tracts you supply. He is running low, and we will be sending another shipment this spring.

*Dean Runyon:*

Also serving in Guyana, but in the jungle town of Port Kaituma, is veteran missionary Dean Runyon. Pray for him, as he is currently in the U.S.A. recovering from back surgery. For a look at his beautiful tract passing team (and green Guyana) enjoy his video on Chick tract passing, posted on the Missions page of the Chick website. Everyone reads them!

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developed. And useless things do not survive well in the real world.

Now, as our scientific tools become better, the whole construction of our bodies appear more and more “irreducibly complex.” The function of the billions of neurons and synapses in our 3-pound brain still baffles scientific investigation.

Baffling, also, is the “fine-tuning” of the universe. In thousands of ways, if the building blocks of matter or the arrangement of those blocks were only slightly different, not only would life be impossible, the entire cosmos would collapse or disintegrate. For example, a slight change in the force of gravity and the sun and earth would no longer be at the exact distance to support life. We would either fry or freeze.

We have discovered that the DNA molecule contains a complex blueprint for even the tiniest details of our bodies. Another term being used is “specified complexity.” Not only are we complex, but there appears to exist a specification to the complexity. Before a contractor builds a house he “specifies” a list of materials needed according to the architect’s (designer’s) blueprint.

Even Richard Dawkins, known as our generation’s arch-atheist, defined biology as “the study of complicated things that give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose.”

The Apostle Paul observed: “For the invisible things of him [God] from

the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”

Even where we are not able to see God, Himself, His eternal power and Godhead are “clearly seen” by what He made. The rest of the chapter of Romans 1 describes how man refused to acknowledge the Creator and goes off trusting something else as his idol.

Cannot trusting in the theory of evolution be a form of idolatry?

Chick Publications has long recognized that evolution is the foundation lie for many other evils in the world. Marx believed it. Hitler believed it. Humanists believe it. Socialists believe it. The Pope believes it. Environmentalists believe it.

It is the only fallback available to anyone who refuses to recognize a Creator.

The Crusader Comic, [Primal Man](#), is a powerful antidote to evolution that will inoculate your kids against the lies that they’re getting in the public school. It provides a powerful discussion starter with your children. To deepen the discussion and answer many of the questions that will arise, you will need a copy of the [Evolution Handbook](#), also available from the Chick website. It is one of the most comprehensive, 1000-page coverages of almost every question that could come up in a discussion.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

### Revival!

What does it mean?

Is it people gathering in churches to hear the gospel? That's a great start, but no. Is it people methodically teaching through the Bible? Again, a good practice, but no. What about soul-winning? Is that Revival? Excellent, but no.

So what *is* revival?

It's bringing back someone or something:

- From death to life, like a drowned person revived
- From inactivity to activity, like reviving a person's spirits
- From inattention to attention to things of the Lord, as in a revival of religion

Revival is bringing back something that was once *alive, awake, alert!* Revival isn't saving people dead in their sins. They were never alive. In short, *revival is for the CHURCH*—a cleansing and blessing for the saved.

*Revival starts with US.* If we are not revived, we cannot help fellow believers. If we point fingers, saying, "Why doesn't the **church** revive?" we need to ask ourselves, "Am **I** revived?"

The Lord spoke through His apostle: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..." (1 Peter 4:17). And through another apostle: "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (1 Corinthians 11:31).

Let's take time to **judge ourselves** and ask God to bring to life what was dead in us. Let's open our Bibles, read, pray and ask God to give us a spiritual house cleaning. Get ready, because God will dust away a lot of cobwebs!

Then let's spread some Gospel tracts and ask God for opportunities to speak about Christ. And encourage other Christians, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

If we experience personal revival, we can be an example and an encouragement to others to do the same. And if we do, Jesus may send us that revival, regardless of what is going on in the world!

Let's take this challenge to heart, starting today.

God bless you all!

In Christ Jesus, and for His service,

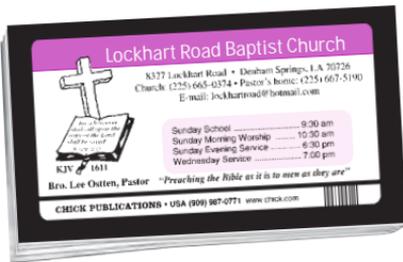




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