

“King of America.” The ceremony took place in the Senate Dirksen Office Building with a dozen members of Congress taking part in the event. Other political leaders, including former President George H.W. Bush and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, have given speeches at Moon-sponsored events.

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CAMPING TRIES AGAIN

The doomsday prophets pointing to the end of the world on Dec. 21, 2012, have nothing on Harold Camping. The founder of Family Radio Network is claiming that Jesus Christ is set to return, and God’s Judgment Day to begin, on May 21, 2011.

Camping has long been a fountainhead of false prophecies and unorthodox teaching. In 1992, he published a 550-page book in which he wrote, “When September 6, 1994, arrives, no one else can become saved. The end has come” (1994?, pg. 533). More recently, Camping announced that “the church was dead,” and that his Family Radio ministry was the agent to send the true Gospel into the world. His followers have withdrawn themselves from the leadership and authority of local churches and meet in homes to listen to his messages.

Camping’s programs are broadcast on 55 radio stations in America, as well as being heard on shortwave overseas. His messages are translated into 48 languages.

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BOOKS IN REVIEW

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program in which a journalist was interviewing a scientist about the coming ‘end of the world’ in 2012. ... It immediately became clear to me that I needed to understand what all the hoopla is about — why December 21, 2012 has been targeted as earth’s expiration date, and what people are expecting to happen. This book is the fruit of that search” (pg. 9).

Later, he says, “As the title suggests, my focus is to examine the 2012 phenomenon from a biblical perspective, primarily from the vantage point of end-time Bible prophecy. ... While many other 2012 books mention the Bible or Bible codes, they don’t look at 2012 through the lens of Scripture; rather, they look at Scripture through the lens of 2012” (pg. 24).

This book admirably succeeds in Hitchcock’s intentions. Despite his academic background, it is both interesting and easy to read and understand, as well as being fairly brief and inexpensive. In the first part of the book, the author clearly explains the significance of 2012 in the minds of those who believe it portends earth’s doomsday. In the second part of the book, he unfolds biblical prophecy regarding the end-times from a pretribulational perspective. Consistent with his Christian calling, Hitchcock’s volume reflects a reassuring pastoral tone and perspective. If you or someone you know wants a clear, sane Christian book regarding a supposed 2012 apocalypse, this is definitely the one.

—JGS

PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.