

possible because man was created with the same kind of reason which is expressed in the world in which man lives. For example, if a man was going to translate a book written in a foreign language, he must know the language of the author who wrote the book. If he did not know the author's language he would not be able to translate the book into his native language. It is the same with the kind of reason man was created with and the kind of reason expressed in creation by the Creator.

Biblical psychology will seek to understand man, not in terms of human relations, but in terms of the image of God. The psychologies built on evolution reduce man from a creature made in the image of God to an animal evolved by chance, out of chaos and nothingness. Many believers argue against modern psychology on the basis that it attributes man's behaviors to a plethora of drives and instincts over which he has no control. Christians rightly contend man is not at the mercy of drives and instincts, but is responsible and accountable. It is certainly true that modern psychology does not allow for responsibility, but it is not because of out-of-control drives and overwhelming impulses. The psychologies leave no room for responsibility because it lifts man out of a creation context. Man, made in the image of God, is immersed in an evolutionary scenario where every aspect of his personality has come from chance, chaos, and nothingness. Man cannot be responsible to nothingness. He can only be responsible if he is a creature of God. Man as a creation by God is the only option to man as a creation from nothingness.

—DMT

NEWS UPDATES

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Graham posted on his ministry's website a statement announcing the meeting which took place at the evangelist's home in Montreat, N.C., and which stated in part, "It was an honor to meet and host Gov. Romney in my home today, ... What impresses me even more than Gov. Romney's successful career are his values and strong moral convictions. ... It was a privilege to pray with Gov. Romney — for his family and our country."

Ken Barun, chief of staff for the Graham organization told CNN in a statement that, "Our primary focus at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has always been promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We removed the information from the website because we do not wish to participate in a theological debate about something that has become politicized during this campaign."

In Charismatic circles, self-proclaimed modern-day prophet Rick Joyner told viewers of the Rev. Jim Bakker's Sept. 24 broadcast that a prophecy "supposedly

attributed to Joseph Smith" stated that at a time when "the U.S. Constitution would hang by a thread" that "the Lord was going to raise up a Mormon president to save our Constitution." Joyner went on to say, "And who knows, maybe this was one of those true prophecies."

Right Wing Watch, a website describing itself as a "project of People For the American Way dedicated to monitoring and exposing the activities of the right-wing movement," targeted Joyner's comments and provided a link to its YouTube posting of his remarks as well as a link to Bakker's own website featuring the entire broadcast. The RWW website also noted that Joyner agreed "with Bakker that the differences between Mormonism and Christianity are merely minor ones."

In November, Republican nominee Romney lost his bid for the presidency to President Barack Obama. Despite his loss, the LDS church still was victorious by gaining ground in its ongoing effort to further shed its cult image.

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POWER STRUGGLE AT TBN REVEALED

The family rifts amidst the leadership of the Trinity Broadcasting Network have snowballed to the point that the local newspaper is describing it as "nuclear family warfare." Brittany Koper, granddaughter of the network's founders Paul and Jan Crouch, along with her husband, Michael, have charged family members with gross financial mismanagement and power struggles for control of the multibillion-dollar broadcasting empire. The Kopers have furnished the courts with numerous internal documents and reports to substantiate their allegations.

More recently, a 70-page declaration was filed in Orange County [California] Superior Court containing a photograph of Jan Crouch holding a letter from Paul Crouch Sr. in which it is alleged that he appointed his son Matthew to take control of the broadcasting ministry after his death. Matthew Crouch is uncle to Koper and younger brother of Koper's father, Paul Crouch Jr. Matthew is a prime target fixed in the crosshairs of the Kopers' charges.

According to a declaration by Michael Koper, the photo was taken in September 2011 when Paul Crouch Sr. "was in the hospital suffering from congestive heart failure," the *Orange County Register* reported. "Apparently, Matthew Crouch and Jan Crouch were celebrating what they believed was Paul Crouch Sr.'s impending death and Matthew Crouch's promotion to president of TBN that would subsequently occur," the newspaper further reported Koper as saying.

The elder Crouch did not die and still heads up the network. However, Michael Koper maintains that, "Paul Crouch Sr. suffers from severe memory loss probably due to his years of abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs."

TBN is contending that the Kopers' actions are a "blackmail attempt" and "an inflammatory smear campaign to divert attention from their own financial sins against Trinity," the *Register* reported. But the network may be facing an uphill battle in warranting its indictments. The newspaper stated that "a judge recently threatened to brand Trinity a 'vexatious litigant' for the prodigiousness of its legal maneuverings against the Kopers."

Carra Crouch, sister of Brittany, has a battle of her own against the network, charging that as a young teen she was drugged and raped by a network employee and that her family members and ministry officials concealed the incident rather than report it to authorities. In an email to Michael Koper from Trinity's lawyers it was argued, "Corporations cannot be liable for negligent supervision or reporting of an alleged rape of a minor. Failure to report is not a legal basis of a cause of action. Sexual Battery cannot be alleged against an entity." Arguing these factors, the network is hoping the sexual battery lawsuit "will be dismissed in due course."

Although it is also being heard in the Orange County Superior Court, Carra Crouch's lawsuit is separate from her sister and brother-in-law's litigation.

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL GETS NEW OWNER, NEW NAME

The next mutation for the renowned Crystal Cathedral, the Southern California megachurch founded and built by the Rev. Robert H. Schuller, will be a change of its name to Christ Cathedral. In February 2012, the financially-strapped, bankrupted church was forced to sell its campus — with its iconic glass cathedral — to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange for \$57.5 million.

The Diocese said they are planning to begin the cathedral's conversion into "a Catholic place of worship" in July 2013. The process is expected to take at least a year. A month prior to the start of the renovation, the Crystal Cathedral ministry, including its popular *Hour of Power* television broadcast, will vacate its longtime campus and move to St. Callistus Catholic Church. The Catholic Church gave the Crystal Cathedral six months free rent there under the sale agreement.

The renaming of the structure is a formal process within Catholicism. The proposed name must be submitted to the Congregation of Bishops in Rome. The bishop for the Orange Diocese received approval for the name change on April 26, 2012, and it was publicly announced seven weeks later during an ordination ritual on June 9.

Schuller is an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America, the oldest Protestant denomination in the United States.

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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.