

The Truth About Love

☒ Do you realize that there is a connection between love and power? We know this is true because God's Word says that "love comes from God" and that "the hand of the Lord is powerful " (1 John 4:7; Josh. 4:24, NIV).

The Bible also tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16) and describes the ways God expresses His love to us. God says of Himself in Jeremiah 9:24, "I am the Lord who exercises kindness." Paul writes to the Corinthians of the "meekness and gentleness of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:1). And Isaiah 63:15 refers to the Father's "tenderness and compassion."

The Circus Comes to Town

☒ *The Greatest Show on Earth: The Evidence for Evolution* is the title of atheist Richard Dawkin's latest book which released in the United States on Sept. 22. Coincidentally, that is the same release day as bestselling author Ray Comfort's new book, *Nothing Created Everything: the scientific impossibility of atheistic evolution*. Comfort said, "I am amazed that the two publications came out on the same day. We sure didn't plan it that way, but I must say that professor Dawkins has appropriately named his book this time. Evolution is the supreme circus. There's nothing else like it on earth. Dawkins is the main act, and he is able to do his incredible high-wire act without the safety net of science. It really is amazing to watch from the sidelines of common sense and basic reason. All evolution has, is bumps on whale bones and bacterial mutations, and yet he dazzles the awestruck crowd. There is no evidence for species to species

transitional forms in the fossil record or in creation. That's what was missing in Darwin's day, and it's still missing today, something that doesn't seem to bother the professor in the slightest. He sure has nerves of steel."

Comfort said that his new book exposes the embarrassment of what is widely believed among evolutionists—the nothing created everything. "When they are confronted with that, they almost always backslide into agnosticism" the author and television co-host added. "This is because nothing cannot create anything. It is a scientific impossibility. To believe that is an embarrassment. Yet it's what the learned professor believes."

Dawkins said in his book *The Ancestor's Tale: A Pilgrimage to the Dawn of Evolution*, "The fact that life evolved out of nearly nothing, some 10 billion years after the universe evolved literally out of nothing—is a fact so staggering that I would be mad to attempt words to do it justice."

✘ Comfort said that he doesn't dislike the professor. "I not only offered him \$20,000 to debate me (which he turned down), but I used his special condemnation of me on the cover of *Nothing Created Everything*, and even dedicated the book to him." This November, Ray Comfort plans to give away 100,000 copies of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* (with a special Introduction) at 100 of the country's leading universities. This is to mark the 150th celebration of publication of the book. Details at .

The Fig Tree Is in Bloom

Over the years I have accompanied thousands of people to the Holy Land. I am always thrilled to see people on these tours

with their Bibles open, eagerly reading Old and New Testament passages that identify the very places they are seeing for themselves. I'll never forget an elderly gentleman in one group who kept peppering me with questions about biblical prophecy such as: "When Jesus returns, exactly where will He appear?" and "What else must happen before the Second Coming?"

His questions reflect an understanding about Israel that is so important for us as Christians to have. It is that everything God does on this planet, He does according to His dealings with Israel.

Is Jesus the Only Way?

Our pluralistic culture offers a variety of "ways" to heaven. Many of the so-called truths overlook the need for Jesus-or a savior of any kind. God's Word, however, reveals Jesus as the only way to salvation. He is:

- God's Son sent to earth by a loving Father (see John 3:16)
- God's plan to save that which was lost (see Matt. 18:11)
- God incarnate, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (see Luke 2)
- The second person of the Trinity, endorsed at baptism by the Father: "And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'" (Matt. 3:17, NKJV).
- God's perfect sacrificial lamb to redeem humankind: "'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!'" (Rev. 5:12). "'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!'" (John 1:29).

Why Does God Allow Suffering in the World?

The late Corrie ten Boom experienced extreme suffering in her days as a Nazi concentration camp prisoner during World War II. In her book *Corrie ten Boom's Prison Letters*, she wrote that she "often felt lonely and afraid." Suffering became a way of life.

To seek relief from fear, loneliness and suffering, ten Boom turned to the assurance of God's Word found in Psalm 91:4: "He shall cover thee with His feathers" (KJV). She prayed this verse every night. Then, closing her eyes, she would picture herself under the actual feathers of God's protection. Peaceful sleep would follow.

Israel Video

Watch video footage from Benny Hinn's trip to Jerusalem in April 2009.

[8ymKJ3kPwIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ymKJ3kPwIU)

Watch video footage from Perry Stone's trip to Jerusalem.

Going to Be Caught Up ... Or Not

Watch Perry Stone discuss the three different viewpoints a believer can have about the rapture. Also share your vantage point in the comments section below.

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Journeys With the Messiah


As for Others

A Step Away

Can't Take it With You

Compassion


Daily Bread



Embrace



Holy Abundance



Lighten the Load



Quandary



Ragamuffins



Rest for the Weary



RSVP



The Second Mile




The Winning Hand



Watch Your Step

You Feed Them


Who Owns the Land?

 Today's Palestinian-Israeli conflict can be reduced to one basic question: Who owns the land? To the Arabs, it was illegally seized from them after World War II by pro-Israel international governing bodies. To the Jewish people, however, the territory has always been rightfully theirs and was given to them by almighty God Himself.

The three great religions of the world—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—were all birthed in the Middle East and share one common denominator. They trace their lineage to Abraham.

Once, when I was in Jerusalem, I was introduced to a woman who was passionate about building financial support for Jewish settlements all over Israel—including the West Bank (biblically known as Judea and Samaria). She told me in no uncertain terms, “This is our land. God gave it to us, and we don't really care what politicians think or say. It will never change.”

The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry

 For years, Christian filmmakers claimed the potential of faith-based films was a well-kept secret in Hollywood. Well, the secret seems to be out, with an ever-widening array of faith-based film offerings from *The Passion of the Christ* to *Fireproof*. The latest comes this month with *The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry*, a story about a friendship between three boys and their 75-year neighbor, Jonathan Sperry, played by veteran actor and longtime Christian Gavin MacLeod. Check back to for more about the film, which opens in theaters nationwide Sept. 18.

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