

Dem Strategist Says Christians More Dangerous Than Terrorists

On a chilly Saturday evening, the tent of Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, echoed with passionate arguments as Pastors Greg Locke and Dean Odle engaged in a heated debate over a question that has come back to prominence in recent years—is the earth flat or a sphere? While many anticipated a civil but passionate debate grounded in biblical and scientific evidence, what unfolded was a dramatic clash of ideas that ended with an abrupt halt, police intervention and a shattered sense of unity.

Both Pastor Locke and Pastor Odle, deeply rooted in their convictions, believed their positions were biblically sound. Locke argued for a spherical earth, drawing on scientific evidence and interpreting biblical passages that he believed supported his viewpoint. On the other side, Pastor Odle presented a flat earth perspective, also claiming biblical backing and scientific evidence as well as subject matter experts who were in the audience.

The debate, lasting more than four intense hours, saw emotions running high as each pastor fervently defended his position. Unfortunately, these emotions eventually boiled over, the event collapsing in an abrupt end and subsequent chaos with unconfirmed reports of drug use in the parking lot and property damage to vehicles.

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In the aftermath of this regrettable incident, it is crucial

to reflect on the teachings of the Bible regarding unity, humility and controlling one's emotions.

Each pastor has responded to the event and its ongoing fallout, with Pastor Odle discussing the power of apologies when emotions get the better of you at his church. Meanwhile, Pastor Locke and Global Vision Bible Church released a statement on the events through social media, addressing the whole episode the following morning as "a needed sifting of [the] church."

The Bible calls believers to be united in purpose, emphasizing the importance of love and understanding in the face of disagreements. In Ephesians 4:3, we are reminded, "be eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

It is evident that during the debate, both pastors allowed their emotions to take control, a battle every person deals with on a daily basis. Proverbs 15:1 advises, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." In the pursuit of truth, it is crucial to remember the virtues of humility and respectful dialogue, guided by a desire for genuine understanding rather than a desire to win an argument.

As Christians, we are also called to forgive and seek reconciliation. Colossians 3:13 urges us, "Bear with one another and forgive one another. If anyone has a quarrel against anyone, even as Christ forgave you, so you must do." Healing and restoration are achievable when we extend grace to one another, acknowledging our imperfections and embracing the teachings of Christ.

The incident at Global Vision Bible Church serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining unity in the body of Christ, even in the face of passionate disagreements. As Christians, we must strive to embody the love and forgiveness taught by Jesus, allowing these principles to guide our words and actions, fostering a spirit of unity within the church and

the broader Christian community.

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Prophetic Understanding Perry Stone's Urgent Message

Warning: Evangelist

A horrific attack unfolded on Sunday morning at the Mindanao State University gymnasium in Marawi City, Philippines, during a Catholic Mass, resulting in the death of four individuals and leaving over 50 injured, according to media reports.

ISIS claimed responsibility for the bombing, specifically targeting what they referred to as a "large gathering of Christian disbelievers" in the predominantly Muslim city, as reported by the SITE Intelligence Group. The attack occurred at the onset of Advent, a period leading up to Christmas when Mass attendance typically surges.

Lanao del Sur province Governor Mamintal Adiong Jr. confirmed over 40 individuals were receiving treatment at a local government hospital, with others treated for minor injuries at the university's infirmary.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. condemned the attack on social media, labeling it as "senseless and most heinous" and attributing it to "foreign terrorists." The United States also denounced the act of violence, expressing solidarity with

the Philippines.

Mindanao, known for its significant Muslim population, has a history of insurgency and extremist violence. In 2017, Marawi City faced a prolonged siege by ISIS-affiliated militants, displacing over 350,000 residents.

Speculation arises that the Daulah Islamiyah-Maute Group might be behind the bombing, considering recent encounters with the Philippine Army that resulted in the death of group members. Officials are exploring the possibility of retaliation.

The tragedy has prompted increased security measures across Manila and the southern region, with President Marcos Jr. and Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro vowing to bring the perpetrators to justice.

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As Mindanao State University grapples with the aftermath, the incident has ignited concerns about the safety of Christian gatherings in the region, especially during a period of heightened religious activity. The Philippine government and security forces are on high alert to prevent further attacks.

Facing Persecution: A Biblical Perspective and Call to Unity

In times of persecution, the Bible offers solace and guidance to Christians. Scriptures highlight the endurance of believers in the face of adversity, emphasizing the importance of steadfast faith and relying on God's strength.

Matthew 5:10-12, speaks directly to those facing persecution: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The Bible encourages believers to stand firm in their convictions, trusting that God's promises endure.

In response to such tragic events, the Christian community is called to support those facing persecution. Galatians 6:2 reminds believers to “Bear one another’s burdens,” fostering a sense of unity and compassion. Churches can provide practical assistance, emotional support and fervent prayer for the affected individuals and communities.

As the global Christian family mourns the loss in Marawi City, it serves as a poignant reminder of the need for solidarity, resilience, and unwavering faith in the face of adversity.

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Faith Decline Among Youth Threatens Western Society

In the vibrant world of animated movies, “Trolls Band Together” seems like harmless, colorful entertainment for children.

Yet, beneath its cheerful exterior lies a subtle integration of symbols and messages that sow seeds of confusion and challenges the values Christian parents strive to instill in their children.

The rainbow, a symbol of God’s promise, takes center stage in this film, but is instead associated with the LGBTQ community. The juxtaposition of these seemingly innocent elements raises questions about the subtle influence media can have on young minds.

Having rainbows in the world of Trolls is nothing new, but it is the representation and how they are used that shows a direct correlation to the modern-day pride flag, instead of simply being a rainbow.

Lining the streets as they do during the month of June, pride month now in the United States (the President himself declared America, "A nation of pride"), these rainbow banners now include the color pink, just as the pride flag did to include people who believe they are transgender. Below one of them is a heart, which falls in line with the false equivalency of "love is love" often pronounced by those in support of the LGBTQ agenda.

As parents, it is crucial to recognize that what appears harmless on the surface may carry deeper, potentially nefarious intentions. The rainbow, a symbol of God's covenant, is subtly merged with symbols associated with movements that do not align with biblical teachings. This underscores the importance of being vigilant about the content our children consume and its potential impact on their spiritual development.

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The wedding scene, officiated by a character voiced by drag performer RuPaul Charles, takes the cake as the most in-your-face moment of content inappropriate for children.

The female priest, voiced by RuPaul, a man, discusses having "thousands" of lovers during the ceremony.

"Now, falling in love is easy. We've all done it," Maxine says. "I've done it a hundred times. Thousands, even, if you count that semester I spent abroad."

So, the punchline for this joke is that the priest performing

the wedding ceremony has had thousands of lovers over the course of one semester abroad? In a children's movie?

Lance Bass, an LGBTQ advocate, and member of the cast who openly criticizes traditional Christian views, further emphasizes the need for discernment in our entertainment choices.

As Christian parents navigate the complexities of raising children in an increasingly hostile and ever-changing society, we can turn to the Bible for guidance and discernment. Proverbs 22:6 encourages us to "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." This verse underscores the responsibility we bear as parents to impart biblical values that withstand the challenges of the world.

In Ephesians 6:4, fathers are specifically urged to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. This involves being actively involved in our children's lives, guiding them through the maze of conflicting messages they may encounter in the media and providing a solid foundation rooted in biblical truths.

To safeguard our children's spiritual well-being, it is imperative that we remain vigilant, discerning and engaged in their lives. This involves not only monitoring the content they consume but also fostering open communication, where our children are comfortable discussing the values and beliefs depicted in the media they encounter.

Because if we do not teach our children what is morally right and wrong, then society will.

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Is Biblical Illiteracy to Blame for Rising Antisemitism?

In an era marked by technological advances, even positions in the five-fold ministry are not immune to the influence of artificial intelligence.

Recent findings from a Department for Education report in Great Britain reveal that clergy members, entrusted with the spiritual guidance of congregations, rank among the top 20 professions most susceptible to the impact of AI, particularly in the realm of “large language model” systems.

According to the study, clergy members hold the 13th position in vulnerability among the 365 occupational categories examined. The assessment considered crucial skills inherent in each profession, such as written comprehension and inductive reasoning, evaluating their replicability by AI systems.

While the study underscores potential challenges, it is essential to recognize the nuanced landscape of AI integration in religious practices. Instances of AI-generated sermons and AI-powered church ceremonies have already emerged, sparking discussions within the Christian community about the role of technology in ministry.

Theologians and leaders, such as Jonas Simmerlein of the University of Vienna, acknowledge the value of AI in aiding clergy members in sermon preparation. Even former Church of Scotland head, the Very Rev Albert Bogle, encourages an embrace of AI while asserting its limitations in replicating

the profound human experience of worship.

Biblically, the call to spread the Word of God remains steadfast. The Great Commission, as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20, compels believers to make disciples of all nations. While AI may offer efficiency and assistance, the essence of human interaction and community building remains irreplaceable in fulfilling this sacred mission.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you,” (Matt. 28:19-20).

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The potential drawbacks of relying solely on AI in ministry also include the risk of diluting the personal touch that defines pastoral care. The unique nuances of human experience, empathy and emotional connection that clergy bring to their congregations are elements not easily replicated by machines.

Many within the Christian faith have also raised the alarm at the potential of the Bible being rewritten for a more modern audience, and makes it more “inclusive.”

This fear, while valid, does not need AI to be accomplished, merely fast-tracked. It is groups such as PETA, LGBTQ activists, even the government of China, who are actively working to re-write the Bible and take away from the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Ok maybe this is old news, but a follower just sent me this, and I'd never seen it. An LGBTQ version of the Bible that not only changes the verses about homosexuality, but also verses about sin and hell. Evil Also interesting that they use “clobber passages” to describe what...

– Allie Beth Stuckey (@conservmillen) November 25, 2023

As discussions about AI in ministry unfold, the tension between leveraging technological tools for efficiency and preserving the authenticity of human interaction becomes evident. The rise of AI poses a challenge for religious leaders to strike a delicate balance, ensuring that technology serves as a complement rather than a substitute for the essence of faith and community.

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Christian Music Pioneer Jimmy Owens Dies at 93

Jimmy Owens' life, echoing the melody of devotion and service, left an indelible mark on the Christian music community.

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Flat Earth Debate: In the Round or on Solid Ground?