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Crimson & White? What's this?

... This letter is part of a ministry primarily to students and singles. It started with college students. Now about 60% of the mailing list are college students, 20% middle and high school, and 10% are age 22 to 30, and we'll just leave ages unsaid for the last 10% since, well, they're old.. Articles are on character, values, spiritual life, relationships and more ... and some fun.

The theology position is "conservative," i.e. Jesus is God's Son, eternal, part of the single triune God, born of a virgin, sinless, crucified and risen, and is the *only* way to eternal life. We are free to choose Him. He has told us to be holy and that includes behaviors such as: sex outside of marriage is wrong.

This letter and post cards are sent about twice a month. We're trying to say that you are important enough for us to put this in your mailbox. We care about you and want to encourage your character growth and your spiritual walk.

A second part of the ministry is prayer. We pray for each person on our mailing list as the mail is prepared. When you get mail from us, you know someone prayed for you.

A college student reader chose the name **Crimson and White Connection** based on Isaiah 1:18 in the Bible "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." The cleansing of our nature and our sins is a universal need. If you base your trust for entrance into Heaven in Jesus, God's Son, and His death and resurrection on your behalf, then your crimson stains are made white as wool. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. There is no other way. If you admit that you can not reach God's standard, are repentant and sorry for your short fall (sin) and have asked Him to forgive you, then He has forgiven you. If you are truly repentant, then there will be evidence of that in your actions, your life. - - If the "religion police" were to arrest you, would you be turned loose for "lack of evidence"? Or would the evidence of your actions convict you of being a Christian?

If you have chosen to accept Jesus as Lord of your life, either the first time or again, we would like to know so that we can pray for you and encourage you. Write or call us.

You WILL BE and ARE a slave! But you can CHOOSE your master! CHOOSE God today.

John 3:16 is true. Accept no substitute!

Aug 10, 2005 Counter-Culture

By Dr. Richard R. Dymmel, Ed.D., (c) 2005

On the C&WC a while ago I started adding a "warning message." A warning that it was a dangerous, counter-culture promoting publication.

If you are comfortable in the world, maybe you should access where you are. If the "world" makes you uncomfortable, whether it is the friends, their actions, language (not meaning foreign language but the words they use), then that's a good thing. Good in that you are aware that you shouldn't be there. But not good in that you're still there. Get out. If you are uncomfortable in a worship or church environment, maybe God is trying to tell you something and you don't want to hear it.

How about as you return to school soon? Are you going to blend in with the group? - Which group? - Colleges have the "drug user group," and the InterVarsity or Young Life group, and the "brainiacs." There is the "social/party" group and the "jock" group and the "social drinkers" groups and the alcoholics. And these aren't necessarily mutually exclusive, they can overlap, you can be part of more than one. You could be a jock and be active in YoungLife or FCA. You could be social/party person who also attends InterVarsity.

The first house we bought... The neighbors had neighborhood holiday parties. When we arrived and a host offered us a beer, one of the other neighbors stepped in and said, "Or maybe a Coke?" and then quietly said to the host, "They don't drink at all." It was never a "big deal." Our neighbors learned and noticed that we don't drink. We were still invited to the parties, just always had soft drinks, too. They even came to our house knowing there wouldn't be any alcohol. - For us, alcohol is a matter of not having any identification with alcohol, we're different, unique, set apart. Observers won't say, "What's different? You're no different from the rest of us. You drink too."

So how about you? Will anybody notice your language, behavior toward others, kindness, compassion, what you drink, what you do, with whom you associate, how you dress (modesty, guys and girls), honesty, attitude, the music you listen to, the groups you attend (YL, IV, FCA, BSU, ...), ... Do you occasionally wear a Christian logo shirt. Maybe if YOU wear a shirt, it would attract a few others to stand up also. - I remember a student who wrote me about being unsure about doing a speech and making reference to Bible principles. After the speech several classmates told her it gave them confidence and they then also took a stand for Biblical principles in their speeches.

Here's an email devotional I received:

God's Daily Promises, Fri., July 8, 05

This week's promise: Blessings come from obeying God

Why is obedience important to my spiritual life?

Today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today. You will receive a curse if you reject the commands of the Lord your God and turn from his way by worshipping foreign gods. Deuteronomy 11:26-28 NLT

If you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all nations of the earth; for all the earth belongs to me. Exodus 19:5 NLT

"Those who obey my commandments are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them, and I will love them." John 14:21 NLT

Countercultural Obedience

To speak positively of obedience today is be profoundly countercultural. The valid suspicion of talk about obedience is grounded in the experience of authoritarianisms, both

past and present. Obedience is confused with "blind obedience," which is normally odious. Obedience is confused with conformity, with going along, with asking no questions. But obedience really means responsiveness; it is related to the Latin *audire*, to hear, to listen, to respond appropriately. Obedience is not the surrender of responsibility but the acceptance of responsibility for what we respond to and how. Richard John Neuhaus (Quoted in *1001 Great Stories and Quotes* by R. Kent Hughes. Tyndale House. p 295)

Being identified with a counter-culture takes guts. It takes a confidence that the group you're identified with is strong enough to stand the pressure. You need to trust that the principles you're standing for are right. - If you think date-rape is wrong, you'll walk in the "take back the night" program. If you think praying for your campus is right, you'll participate in the see-you-at-the-pole rally. If you think housing for the poor-but-trying is right, you'll do something with Habitat For Humanity, whether it is swing a hammer or eat spaghetti at their fund-raiser dinner. - You'll allow yourself to be identified with them because you believe in their principles and trust the leadership of the organization.

So who do you want to be identified with and in who/what do you trust? Anyone? - Have you ever played the "trust game" by falling and have someone catch you? In the Fall, they often run a cartoon where Charlie Brown has Lucy hold the football and he runs to kick it, she pulls it away, and he kicks the air, falling on his back. Lucy can't be trusted. - Trusting an invisible God usually comes after you have learned that there is someone you can trust. Trusting someone might be scary. Trusting an invisible God can be scary, too, till you learn to trust Him. You'll even begin to *see* Him, all around you. He never fails. Trust me, I know, I've experienced Him and seen His work.

In Christ, Rich

Do you have a relationship with God where you know He has accepted you just as you are? A relationship like with a loving father? If not, call me at 336-674-7564. Or call 1-888-NEED-HIM. - With God, you have never gone too far to return. -



Does your walk match your talk?
Does your talk match your walk?
Are you talking the talk?
Are you walking the walk?



From the mailbox (Letters may be slightly edited to remove some personal content and identifying stuff. We won't blab your name or email address.) Your letters and notes encourage us, too. Rich

(1) We really appreciate having YOU send us an address update instead of the Post Office. When I don't get it from you, I wonder if you are reading the C&WC and want to continue to get it, and - the P.O. charges us and then what they us send isn't always readable. (I have one like that right now on my desk, so hopefully the P.O. will send a correction again with the next issue, also charging us again, but then we'll get the whole new address.)

(2) If a letter we get is very personal, we don't print those, and will correspond with you in confidence. Less confidential notes, as below, you will notice that names and addresses are blanked out.

Update:

Date: 6/23/2005 10:42:48 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: cor @ .com

Dr. Dymmel,

Thanks for updating my info...sorry it's taken me a bit to respond, I've been at the beach with my fam for a few weeks:)

In terms of plans after graduation; I am moving to _____ where I will be starting a job My dream, however, is to get involved in a ministry for kids one day. I'd love to start one based around surfing, one of my passions. I think God allows us to use his beautiful creation to spread His word in amazing ways. This is something that I will probably start a few years down the road once I am more established in a new place.

....
 Hope all is well and God Bless,
 Cory

Subject: change of address for Cory

Date: 7/15/2005
From: wlv @ .com
To: Rich@CrimsonWhite.org
CC: co @ .com

Rich, Thank you so much for your ministry to Cory and so many other students like her during her 4 years at _____. She has now moved to _____ and I wanted to give you her new address so you can start sending her copy of Crimson and White Connection there.

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 Thanks, Wendall _____(Cory's Dad)

Subject: Crimson & White "The Future"

Date: 6/15/2005 11:28:21 A.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: m @ .edu
To: Rdymmel@aol.com

Hi Rich,

Just wanted to say thanks for the ministry through Crimson & White. This particular edition (June 8, 2005, "The Future") touched on an aspect of my life... The future is a little uncertain for me right now. So this edition really meant a lot and helped me recall that my God is an Awesome God and He will take care of me. I am learning a little more trust! Thanks and keep up the good work! God bless,
 MP

I just was told that Mark is also now in Iraq. Mark is a Navy airplane mechanic.



From Ben, U.S. Army... in Iraq, near Baghdad.

July 23, 2005

“Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’ – Matthew 26:39

There is a concept in the Muslim faith/culture that I first learned of growing up in West Africa, but I’ve since been reminded of it being here in Iraq. It is not a concept that is completely foreign to the Christian faith/culture, but the Muslims I’ve met compared with the Christians I’ve grown up with deal with it a bit differently. It is the concept of “God’s will” and what role we have as His creation. Truthfully I’m not interested in instigating a debate on God’s will vs. Man’s choice, but it is an interesting subject to tackle. Many of the Muslims that I’ve met will often begin phrases with “If it is Allah’s (God’s) will then...”, and though like I said that is not completely strange to the Christian faith at all, the degree to which this statement is taken is different from my Christian faith background. I’ve heard of and witnessed Muslims crossing a busy intersection and barely looking to check and see if it were safe to cross the street, and when confronted about the issue, their response was, “If Allah wills that my time has come, I can not change it.” When I first encountered this type of faith I quickly tore it apart as reckless and showing complete lack of personal responsibility. However, the more I’ve studied the issue, the more I’ve come to admire the Muslim’s grasp of God’s control over situations, be those great or small. I found myself humbled by my lack of willingness to often relinquish control of situations to God, as well as my lack in ability to have complete faith in God regardless of the consequences. Though I am still a fan of understanding levels of personal responsibility (i.e. looking both ways before crossing the street), I am learning to become an even bigger fan of total and complete trust in God in ways that say, “Lord I know that whether the outcome of the situation is good or bad from my perspective, it will ultimately always be good from Your perspective if You are allowed to have the steering wheel of my life.” And there you have it, my little sermon that precedes my lengthy email updates. I should probably start writing outlines for my emails so that you can skip to the part you want to read. Anyway, moving right along... I’m not going to make it to my sister’s wedding, which has been a struggle to deal with, but the struggle has not been without an outpouring of God’s goodness. The verse that I quoted at the top of this email was the scripture that accompanied the devotional I read on the day that I found out that I might not be at the wedding. As I read the verse, I found myself praying that prayer, “God, if there be a way, please let me be at the wedding in Sept, but not as I will, but as you will.” And I did so throughout the day. That night, however, my anger and frustration was getting

the best of me and I called one of my team Sergeants and angrily asked for the contact information of all those in charge of making the decision for when I should return to the USA. I told him that I would get everyone I knew (this includes you guys), as well as my congressman, senator, and all the “we-love-soldiers” care package senders to write them nasty letters protesting the injustice that was being done to me....ok, so it was a bit of a far fetched threat, but you do and say stupid things when you are angry. The sergeant very calmly said, “Ben, hang up the phone and I’ll be over to see you in 10 minutes.” After the sergeant came over, we spent some time with him explaining why the decision was made the way that it was made, but conversation soon shifted away from that topic and proceeded to the topic of faith. To make a long story short, that evening turned into a small Bible study and ended with the sergeant telling me that he really wanted to continue meeting to discuss faith issues. I left the meeting and went into my room and prayed the same prayer I’d been praying throughout the day, only this time it was different. This time God broke through to my stubborn will and I prayed the prayer and really understood it. I realized that what had just happened, the discussion with the sergeant, which might not have occurred unless my date for returning to the USA was changed, was God’s will. God wanted me to have that talk with the sergeant, and perhaps future ones as well, and if one day when I’m in heaven and I discover that that is the sole reason for why my date for departure was changed, it will have been worth it to have missed the wedding. Don’t get me wrong, I would still love to be at that wedding, but there is nothing like the ecstasy that accompanies the realization that you are fulfilling God’s will in your life. And so I won’t be there for the wedding, but I do get to go home and see my friends and family, and I get to do so knowing that God is using me here to bless and to be blessed. So thank you so much for your prayers, they were answered in the perfect way, God’s way.

Ben

P.S. I will be home in the USA from around 6 August to 20 August, in time for several of Amber’s wedding showers and a little preseason Carolina Panthers Football action!



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On Teaching Preschool

Angela Dawn Calhoun

[Angela teaches at Molokai Christian School on the tiny island of Molokai in Hawaii and is a graduate of Elon University in North Carolina. There are groups that go to Molokai every summer to do maintenance on the school and do day-camp and VBS and activities with the children on the island.]

July 31st, 2005

Well it is that time of the year again... a day filled with the joyful laughter of children playing!! Oh and I can't forget to add the tears of saying goodbye to mommy and the numerous times this week I have heard "Aunty, I just made shi-shi in my pants". The joys of being back in school!!

I told several of you that I would try to write more frequently, so here we go. I survived my first week back to school. Life gets very interesting when you have seven children between the ages of 2 years 10 months and 4 years 6 months. Each year the children and the class dynamics are so different. This group seems to be pretty relaxed. I have two boys from last year that are good leaders and role models for the other two boys. I have one girl that has to change activities every two minutes. Most of them have been trained very well at home to clean up after themselves, so clean up time in the classroom is a breeze. I am still praying that God will bring in several more children in the upcoming weeks.

I bought the book "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum this summer. The first section is all about those precious life lessons that we learn as a child that we hopefully take with us for the rest of our lives. I thought I would take the time to share an excerpt from this book.

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don't hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your own mess
- Don't take things that aren't yours
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody
- Wash your hands before you eat
- Flush
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you
- Live a balanced life- learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some
- Take a nap every afternoon
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup- they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick and Jane books and the first

word you learned- the biggest word of all- LOOK!!! (pages 4 & 5 of "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum)

Wouldn't life be wonderful if we all followed these rules and understood them. Oh, the wonderful things you learn in preschool and kindergarten. I encourage you take heed of the "live a balanced life" and make sure that you take time to play. Open up a box of Crayola crayons and have fun!!

I truly have the best job in the world working with the generation of the future. Please continue to pray for the school and for the people of Molokai.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and love. Feel free to email me with any prayer requests you may have so that I can lift your need before the great Physician!!!

Much love and God's blessings,
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I'd rather be ridin' a mule on Molokai!!!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?" - Psalm 27:1

"Trust Me" - God

Angela Dawn Calhoun

Subject: A great weekend!
Date: 8/8/2005
From: hyn_angel@yahoo.com

August 7th, 2005

What a blessed day and weekend I have had!!! I flew into Oahu Friday afternoon and was picked up by Sarah Jordan and Adele Lieb (Sarah's mom). We went to a women's dinner at Waimea Bay called Sunset at the bay. Had a lovely time of fellowship and worship!!! Saw some old friends and made some new friends. At the end of the evening, we all picked a Bible verse out of a basket. My verse was Psalm 145:15-16- "*The eyes of all look expectantly to You and You give them their food in due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*" At the time I read it, I didn't see how it applied to my life.

Saturday morning as I was doing my devotions, I read all of Psalm 145. The Lord really opened my eyes and my heart to what He was saying in these verses. There have been several things in my life that I have been faithfully seeking the Lord on. The recurring answer I keep getting from God is "Trust me. I have everything worked out according to My plan." After meditating on these verses and asking the Lord to show me the relevance it has in my life, I feel an overwhelming peace that these situations in my life will be worked out in due season and I need to keep looking expectantly at the Lord to satisfy the desires of my heart.

Later on Saturday, I was sitting on the beach across from Sarah's house on North Shore, Oahu and I was reading the book "Captivating" by John and Staci Eldridge. As I was sitting there in the warm sun with the cool breeze rustling the palm trees behind me the Lord was using the gently crashing waves to calm me and tell me how much He loved me. He created the warm sun, the cool breeze, and the crashing waves to bring us pleasure. They are love notes from God. "I have loved you with an ever-lasting love"- God (Jeremiah 31:3). I just sat there and basked in His radiance. God is so awesome!!!!

The reason I went to Oahu was to help celebrate the upcoming birth of Jim and Sarah's baby. (Sarah was a roommate of mine for two years on Molokai.) Sarah's baby shower was themed 'a small kid kine party'. We celebrated with hot dogs, mac and cheese, jello, m&m's, kool-aid, rice krispie treats, and tons of fun games- hop scotch, jump rope, water balloon toss, fingerpainting, play dough, sidewalk chalk, and a piñata. It was so much fun and Sarah got some super cute baby gifts. This was a bitter sweet time- while I enjoyed spending the weekend with Sarah, this will be the last time I see her for a while as she and Jim are moving to Minnesota as of September 1st.

Today, we went to North Shore Christian Fellowship where Pastor Mike gave an awesome message out of the book of Revelation on how we have misplaced our first love which is Jesus Christ and the salvation that only He brings. If you have never found the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and want to know what this salvation from sin is all about, please email me or call me (808-553-8124) and I will be more than happy to talk with you and pray for you.

I am now back on Molokai feeling refreshed and renewed!! I am ready to head back into the classroom in the morning. Hope each of you have a great week!!! You are in my thoughts and prayer!

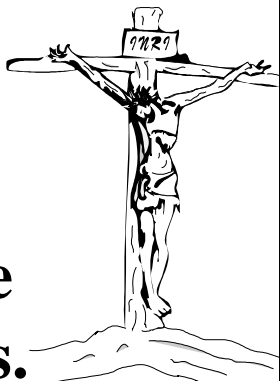
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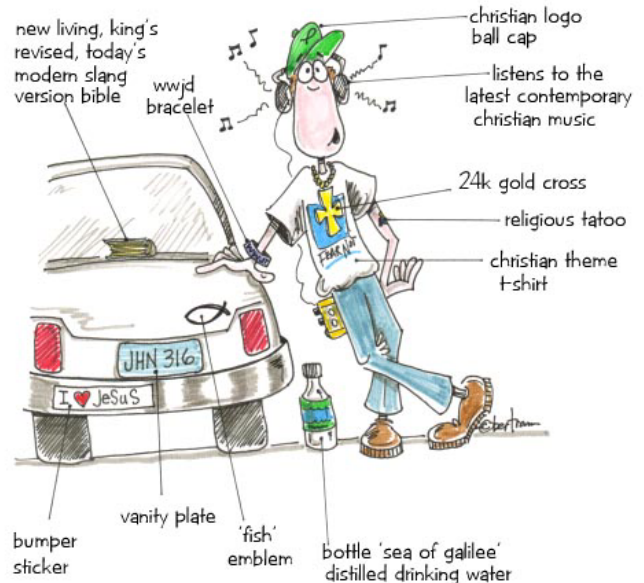
**He was
showing His
love,
that's how He
hurt his hands.**



Have you read *Outrageous Love* by Sheila Walsh or *He Did This Just For You?* or *Come Thirsty* by Max Lucado?

GOD's Graffiti by Tim Bertram
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Just because you wear the stuff, doesn't make you a Christian.



Sample of Daily Encounter by Dick Innes

[Daily Encounter is one of the resources I comment on and forward to those on our "daily" e-devotional email list. Try it for two weeks by emailing a request to rdymmel@aol.com.]

"Moses answered [God], 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?' Then the LORD said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied. The LORD said, 'Throw it on the ground.' Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it" (Exodus 4:1-3, NIV).

I have read how "there was a 10-year-old boy, who's left arm was damaged and subsequently amputated. He decided to learn judo. His sensei (teacher) was an old Japanese judo expert.

"The boy learned quickly. After a short time, he had mastered one important move. He asked his teacher to teach him more moves. The sensei told him that this was all he would need.

"Soon after, the boy entered a tournament where his opponent was bigger and more experienced. The boy seemed outmatched. After a long match, the opponent seemed to lose concentration. Quickly, the boy took advantage and pinned what seemed to be his superior opponent.

"On the ride home, the boy asked his sensei. 'How could I win with this one move?' The sensei replied, 'You have mastered one of the difficult moves in judo. And, a good defense against that move is for your opponent to grab your left arm.'"

Sometimes we don't think we have much to offer in service to God. But we all have at least "one thing in our hand." If we offer that willingly to God, he will use it for his glory. And as the writer of the above story said, "Sometimes your biggest weakness can become your greatest strength."

Suggested prayer: "Dear God, thank you for the gift you have given to me. Help me to know what it is and how I can best use it for serving you and helping others. I want to be a winner in your book. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, amen."

1. Author Unknown. Cited on Brian Proctor: brian.proctor@attcanada.net

Breakpoint by Chuck Colson

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On Solid Ground Evolution versus Intelligent Design

[This is being debated in what is now sometimes referred to as the "Scopes Trial 2." Just what can a teacher teach in school? Compare theories? Scientific methodology only if it excludes certain evidence and certain conclusions are banned? A teacher must obey the law, but the laws are being challenged. Teachers, be careful what you say to students; it could cost you your job. My stand has been, and you might want to check with your principal about your school's policy, 'if a student asks a question, they deserve an answer.' And students have been known to ask 'What do you think about ____?' Since I started teaching in January of 1973, I've been asked about just about everything - partial birth abortion, rape, drugs, how does alcohol affect the brain, to subjects like what do I think is after death and the end of the world. Paul said "be ready to give an answer." Find out what your school will allow you to answer. You might have to say, "Me personally, I believe ____," so that it is not the school saying ____.]

August 4, 2005

President Bush sent reporters into a tizzy this week by saying that he thought schools ought to teach both evolution and intelligent design. Students ought to hear both theories, he said, so they "can understand what the debate is about."

Well, the usual critics jumped all over the president, but he's absolutely right. Considering all competing theories was once the very definition of *academic freedom*. But today, the illiberal forces of secularism want to stifle any challenges to Darwin—even though Darwin is proving to be eminently challengeable.

Take biochemist Michael Behe's argument. He says that the cell is irreducibly complex. All the parts have to work at once, so it could not have evolved. No one has been able to successfully challenge Behe's argument.

In fact, the scientific case for intelligent design is so strong that, as BreakPoint listeners have heard me say, even Antony Flew, once the world's leading philosopher of atheism, has renounced his life-long beliefs and has become, as he puts it, a deist. He now believes an intelligent designer designed the universe, though he says he cannot know God yet.

I was in Oxford last week, speaking at the C. S. Lewis Summer Institute, and had a chance to visit with Flew. He told a crowd that, as a professional philosopher, he had used all the tools of his trade to arrive at what he believed were intellectually defensible suppositions supporting atheism. But the intelligent design movement shook those presuppositions. He said, however, on philosophical grounds that he could not prove the existence of the God of the Bible.

In the question period, I walked to the microphone and told him as nicely as I could that he had put himself in an impossible box. He could prove theism was the only philosophically sustainable position, but he could not prove who God was. I said, "If you could prove who God was, you could not love God—which is the principle object of life."

I admitted that I had once gotten myself into the same position. I had studied biblical worldview for years and believed that I could prove beyond a doubt that the biblical worldview is the only one that is rational, the only one that conforms to the truth of the way the world is made. But that led to a spiritual crisis of sorts, when one morning in my quiet time I realized that while I could prove all of this, I could not prove who God was. I began to worry: When this life was over, would I

really meet Him?

Some weeks later, as I describe in my new book *The Good Life*, it hit me that if I could prove God, I could not know Him. The reason is that, just as He tells us, He wants us to come like little children with faith. If you could resolve all intellectual doubts, there would be no need for faith. You would then know God the same way that you know the tree in the garden outside your home. You would look at it, know it is there, and that's it, as Thomas Aquinas once said.

Faith is necessary because without it you cannot love God. So as I said to Dr. Flew, if you could prove God, you couldn't love Him, which is His whole purpose in creating you. He later told me that I have raised a very provocative point that he would have to give some thought to.

So, I hope you will pray for Antony Flew—a gentle and courageous man who appears to be seeking God. And we should remember that if this brilliant man can be persuaded out of his atheism by intelligent design, anyone can see it. Those of us contending for the intelligent design point of view, which now includes among our ranks the president of the United States, I'm happy to say, are on increasingly solid ground.

For further reading and information:

"[Atheist Becomes Deist: Exclusive interview with former atheist Antony Flew](#)" from the winter 2004 issue of *Philosophia Christi*, by Gary Habermas. <http://www.biola.edu/antonyflew/>

Ron Hutcherson, "[Bush endorses teaching 'intelligent design' theory in schools](#)," Knight Ridder, 1 August 2005. <http://www.biola.edu/antonyflew/>

Read the [full transcript](#) of President Bush's interview with Texas reporters. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/08/02/AR2005080200899.html>

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