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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psalm 118:8

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94% of Youth Leave the Church

By Tom Willis

There are various estimates, all say that 80% to 94% leave about the time they leave home, go to college, etc.. "Why?" And, "What are we doing or going to do about it?"

They Were Never "In the Church"

Attending Church does not mean you are "in the Church." Most youths attend because their parents do. Therefore, many leave for the simple reason that they were never "in, or of the Church."

They Were Never Taught "Christianity Is True"

"We had access to them for 18 years, why do we lose 90% of those with whom we have had so much time?" I have been convinced for many years that the answer is somewhat simple and narrow. Youth learn, but could care less, what Paul really means in Romans 5:6-9, and they play lots of games. But they never became convinced that Paul or Jesus ever lived, i.e., they never became believers. That is, the Church did little or nothing to convince them anyone "The Bible is True!" But, when they step outside the Church, plenty of folks will tell them "The Bible and Christianity are False, or mythology," most offering persuasive proof of their claims. This is especially true of youth, most of whom leave the home church to attend college where 90% of their "professors" will confidently prove to them that Christianity is mythology! About 90% of youth have never learned another side to these claims. Equally bad, the parents have essentially "certified" the abilities of these professors by paying for the University "education!" This is hardly a trivial problem!

"If we perform poorly with people with whom we have spent so much time, what will we achieve with people with whom we spend little time?" My answer may surprise you. While I know of no surveys of adult conversions, my own observations are that the average "stick rate" of adult converts is much higher than the youth stick rate. But, "adult sticking" probably has little or nothing to do with what the Church did, or does. Adults are more likely to be wary of making such a heavy commitment, and the Church spends very little time in apologetics. Thus, in my case, and others I have interviewed, it was not "the Church," but the para church that brought them to Christ! **Apologetic ministries and books convinced me that Christianity was true!** Then, I could hear the Lord. I learned that the *Christian amenities* offered in the Bible were not only attainable, but virtually assured. By and large, the Church has done little, or nothing, to strengthen my conviction. Further, most Christians receive little from "explanation of the Bible" sermons, simply because they are not interested in the subject at the time the preacher is, they read the bible for themselves, and often do not agree with or care much about his interpretation. It would not be at all unreasonable to suggest that many remain Christian because they believe Jesus, rather than because of the Church!



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Why Do They Leave the Church?

Often, because they were not saved. Jesus used “miracle apologetics” to convince his listeners that He was from God. Our youth have never even been told that the Bible was true!

What Draws Them Out of the Church?

Obviously those who who are not saved do not need (much) to be drawn out. But, I would say that, two key factors are used to draw them out, though, in a survey, they may not mention them:

1. Errors & Contradictions in the Bible

These items have been dealt with by many authors, so I will not discuss them here except to say that, “While some treatments of 'errors and contradictions' are better than others, these lists have been well dealt with and should not trouble anybody who really wants to know Truth.” However, the Church offers little support.

2. Evolution & Age of the Cosmos and Earth

Evolution and Old Earth/Cosmos claims are actually pseudo science, totally false claims, but few people can deal with them, except, perhaps, to their own satisfaction. I will not deal with all of them here. At CSA, we have been treating them in detail in many publications, books, videos and presentations for 26 years. But, I will devote space to a couple thoughts.

It is interesting that many Church “leaders” use poor Bible interpretations to dispense with these, and other, claims. After a seminar, a pastor once told me he had dealt with a seeker's question about the age of the earth, by mentioning 2nd Peter 3:8 “...one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day,” i.e., he told him that the Bible might mean millions of years. The pastor claimed that “He got saved and was active in the church, did I do wrong?” (I had used this passage as an example of false interpretations in apologetics) I am going to use this “successful,” but false answer as an illustration of the simple fact that lies are never as useful as they may appear.

I asked the pastor, “Where is he now?” He replied something like, “Oh my gosh, you are right, I don't know.” “Well, I said, neither do we know that I am right,” but, my first point to the pastor was that, “He may not have gotten saved,” or, depending on your theology, “He may not now be saved.” But, I was just getting started.

Some will *refute* old earth claims with, “The Hebrew, 'day' (yom) can mean a period of time, thus the Bible can mean an old earth.” This frequent, but ludicrous claim can easily be refuted: “Here is an English sentence with both meanings of the word 'day' in it, 'In King George's **day** the ladies wore long skirts, and on the forth **day** of his reign, he beheaded his 44th wife.' Both meanings are even in the same sentence.” My point is simply, “Proving there are two meanings for a word is **not a proof** that, when used in a sentence, especially one written by a competent author (in the Bible's case, God), that it may have either meaning.” As in the King George sentence, the **meaning of each use of “day”** is clear by the context!!! The same is equally true of Genesis I, Exodus 20:8-11, and the pastor's quote from 2 Peter 3:8. In Genesis, He insures that the meaning is clear by framing each use of 'day' with 'evening and morning.' In Exodus 20, the work week is absolutely clear, no man can work 6 thousand, million, or billion years. And, Peter makes absolutely clear he is referring to the Lord's patience, not to the length of a day.

To bring this home with finality, I reminded him that Peter did not say, and assuredly did not believe, that “When the Lord writes the word 'day' we are not sure what he means, he might mean a day or a thousand years.” Consider the absurdity of the notion that the “meaning of 'day' is unclear.” Most words have multiple meanings. If the meaning of “day” is unclear, then we cannot be

sure of any meaning of any word, in any sentence, in any book, in any language!!

Even if the young man did get saved, we do not know what he may have become if, rather than giving an evasive dodge of the question, the pastor had defended the Bible as true. He may have, rather than just being “active in the church,” become one of the greatest preachers in history, or one of the greatest soul winners, or apologists. I reminded the pastor of the high school logical fallacy: “Post hoc, ergo propter hoc,” “After this, therefore because of this.” My point is,” I gently, but emphatically told the pastor, “We do not know that you even helped the man!!! For all you know, he didn't even believe your answer. And/or the Lord may have been on his case and he was going to get saved regardless of what you said; or any other of many possible scenarios. Therefore, we cannot know that a 'little white lie' helped him.” The man's apparent salvation after the “little lie” does not even support the notion that he even heard, much less believed, the lie. “My overall answer is, '**Truth is always better than a lie... period!**' **Apologetic compromise often does more harm than good! The compromiser typically never knows the true result** (as was the case in the pastor's story).”

Furthermore, any serious reader will see that these “apologetic compromises” are not valid exegesis, therefore must be false. Once the youth learns he has been lied to, he may quickly conclude they are **all false!** This leaves him even more susceptible to the claims of Bible enemies, because “even the Bible's defenders are liars.” Remember, Bible opponents claim, even *demonstrate*, that they are using *good science*. Yes, it is true that, if a student learns that Bible opponents use bad science, which they typically do, it can be very helpful, but it is as likely to leave him in the “post modern mindset” that everything, or nothing, is true!

In most Churches students are receiving no answers, or sleazy answers! Both tend **to lead to the youth's fall!** It would be difficult to prove my theory, simply because many youth have not thought through it in detail, so a survey may not produce accurate results. Perhaps there is a better explanation, but, the data clearly agrees with me. The logic is consistent with observation, and neither offers any comfort to the Church for it's approach.

How Should the Church Respond?

I believe the Biblical model is clear. **Jesus had an intensely apologetic ministry. He certified his authority with countless miracles!** Pastors capable of performing miracles should have few problems. Those without this gift should consider logical, historical and scientific apologetics to validate, not their ministry, but the Bible. Because of evolution and “old cosmos,” the battleground today is in “Scientific Apologetics.” Most pastors have only been trained adequately in theology. Some have taken logic classes, and could “bone up” to deal with Biblical Apologetics. But the vast majority fail in their scientific apologetics for three reasons: 1) little or no aptitude in science, 2) no training in science, and 3) too busy in other areas of ministry. The Result: 94% of youth leave, and will continue to leave, because they have been taught only what the Bible says, not that the Bible is True! Solution: Until there is a tremendous change in type and training of people in the ministry, the church should avail itself of apologetic ministries, or build their own. No youth should reach the age of 18 (nor adult attend church), without receiving several serious, lengthy and intense classes in apologetics, especially “Scientific Apologetics,” since that is where the enemy is now attacking.

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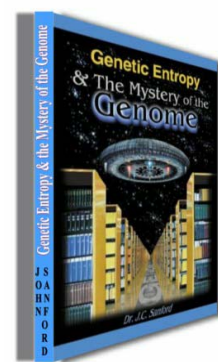
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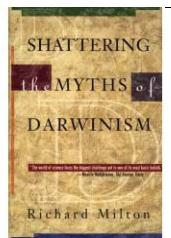
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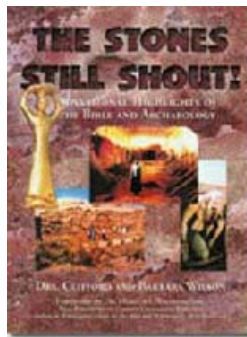
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David Penny, BS, Physics

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