

Public Preaching Coming Under Increasing Resistance

On November the 15th last year, Hans Schmidt was at his customary streetpreaching post at the intersection of 51st St. and Peoria in Glendale, AZ. Police have not yet determined where it came from but a gunshot from somewhere in the crowded intersection sent a bullet into his temple, tearing into his brain.

Still conscious, but not clear what had happened, he managed to gather his sound gear and drive home before collapsing. After weeks in the hospital he is making a miraculous recovery.

Surveillance cameras in the area were

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Hans Schmidt recuperating in hospital from gunshot wound while street preaching.

Generation Z—a Lost Generation?

The generation, commonly known as Generation Z, is coming of age now and what we are seeing is quite disturbing. Although not officially the "lost generation" which occurred at the turn of the 19th century, they are a generation that has lost a lot of things.

The central loss is the connection to their Creator. The American Bible Society finds that less than 10% of these Zs are committed to reading the Bible regularly. This, of course, leads to the loss of a lot of other things: hope, personal identity, purpose, moral guidelines, peace in the storm, and on down the list.

They are also suffering from the impact of a deteriorating culture. Failure of parents to honor their marriage vows has left many of them in a single-parent (or grandparent) home. Only 38% said that they ate meals daily with their family See *Gen Z* p. 4

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² New Bibles Attempt to Dethrone Jesus

One of the most blatant efforts to dethrone Jesus in the new Bibles occurs in John 3:16. The familiar King James reading that so many people have memorized in childhood states that Jesus was the "only begotten" son of God.

Some of the new Bibles have reduced that to "only son" or "one and only son," eliminating the word "begotten." This translation contradicts other scriptures that claim that ordinary people are sometimes considered sons of God. In fact, we all originated from God's creation.

By leaving out the word "begotten," Christ's status is reduced and allows the skeptics to question Christ's divinity. Those other scriptures are found in Genesis 6, Job 1, John 1, Romans 8, Philippians 2, and 1 John 3.

Leaving out "begotten" has allowed some cults to teach that Jesus was just a created being, and not God in the Flesh at all! Satan is always delighted to engineer anything that takes Jesus off the throne of His divinity.

John chapter 9 in some new Bibles also contains a change that seriously damages the concept of Christ's divinity. In the story of the blind man

that Jesus healed, He asked him, "Dost thou believe on the son of God?" The blind man asked who He was. Jesus said that he was talking to Him. Then the blind man worshipped Jesus showing that he understood Christ's divinity.

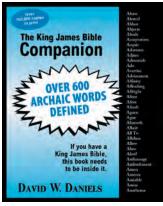
But many of the new Bibles pick up the counterfeit Sinaiticus reading that replaces "theos" in the King James with "anthropos." That makes Jesus saying "son of man" instead of "son of God." If he was only "son of man" then he did not merit worship by the blind man.

Author David Daniels relates an

incident when this made an eternal difference. A Muslim friend of his owned a restaurant where David went to eat.

His friend demanded to know where in the scriptures it could be found that Jesus said He was the Son of God. David immediately took him to John 9 and showed him that He had said so Himself, in this discussion with the blind man. His friend looked at it closely and then walked away. David did not see him again for a couple of months.

The next time that David saw him he was at church. David asked what he thought of that scripture. The man replied that he had gone straight to the backroom of his restaurant, gotten on his knees and trusted Jesus as his Saviour!

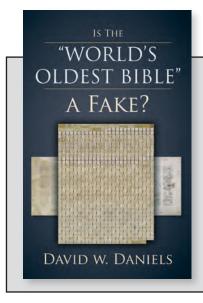


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Another scripture in some new Bibles, that appears to diminish Christ's divinity, is Micah 5:2. This of Jesus prophecy in the King James declares that He was "everlasting." from The new Bibles seem to suggest that He had a beginning, originating "ancient" days. in This would make the Son of God a created being!

These fine points of meaning may seem trivial. But Satan keeps chipping away at God's words. His goal is a watered-down Bible that offers no defense against the coming one-world religion.

David Daniels has written over a dozen books detailing the monstrous plot that Satan has mounted against God's words. He shows how counterfeit Greek documents were used to create the modern Bibles instead of the faithful copies that produced the King James Bible. You can review them at: www.chick.com/bible/.



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little help in locating the source of the shot. No one has come forth to help police identify whether it was intentional or random.

Unfortunately, this graphically typifies a pervasive attitude against this kind of ministry. Few churches today encourage this time-honored way of laying out the gospel in front of the general public. Any discussion of the subject in Christian circles usually concludes that the street preacher is doing more damage than good to the gospel.

The emphasis today is on the Matthew 28 version of the Great Commission which the King James properly tells us to "teach all nations," but which some of the new Bibles translate as only to "make disciples." Ignored is the Mark 16 version of the Great Commission that includes **preaching** the word. One wonders if it is because, in the newer Bibles, there's a footnote with that section of the book of Mark that says it is not in the better manuscripts, leaving the reader to decide whether it's God's words or not.

But preaching the word is different

from *making disciples*. Preaching involves what Hans Schmidt was doing: taking the word of God and laying it out in public for everybody to hear. Making disciples happens after someone responds to the preaching message.

Satan has mounted a negative PR campaign against preaching, convincing everyone that it should only happen inside the church. But little fruit comes of that, unless there is public preaching to draw people into the church.

America is almost unique in the constitutional protection for street preaching. In Muslim and Hindu countries such open proclamation could cost you more than a bullet in the head. Even in England the controversy has become sharpened to the point where street preachers are jailed when their message causes discomfort in someone listening.

One Christian organization in the United Kingdom, The Christian Institute, is attempting to design a new charter to foster better understanding between police and street preachers. They are trying to bring clarity to both the rights

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growing up.

Confusion about who they are has become a big issue with this generation. The *Gateway Pundit* cites another disturbing study. An astounding 28% claimed to identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, or queer. Failure to recognize our connection with our Creator leaves people open to this kind of perversion.

Loss of emotional stability, diagnosed as mental illness, has become a huge issue. Forty-two percent of those surveyed had been diagnosed with a mental health condition. And these diagnoses are given nebulous names such as anxiety, depression,

ADHD, and PTSD.

By abandoning the peace and hope that we have in Christ, it leaves them at the mercy of modern psychiatry and drugs that the pharmaceutical

industry is only too glad to supply.

Widespread fear is another symptom created by the drum beat of doom. Impending climate disaster, higher grocery bills, university education that doesn't match the job opportunities, etc., all contribute to a gloomy self-talk. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:" Proverbs 23:7.

Many times in scripture people were admonished to "fear not." But it was usually followed by a reassurance of why they should not fear. If we look at the reasons people are fearful today, Satan has built an entire culture designed to foster fear.

He has been able to take away the biblical truth that we are of more value than the sparrows. Satan replaces that truth with evolution's lie that we are just an accident that happened in an uncaring universe. This leaves the young people without purpose. What starts out as fear morphs into despair.

The high suicide rate is testimony of this despair. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in children 10 to 14, and young adults 20 to 34. So are the 100,000 deaths a year by opioid overdose.

Satan's next lie is: "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." The evidence is everywhere that the culture has bought this false promise. Every culture that has deteriorated in history ended in sensuality and debauchery. What

> are the young people to think when the White House glorifies transgenderism over the celebration of the resurrection of Christ?

> The Bible points out that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to

any people." Prov. 14:34. All of these depressing statistics tell us that we are in reproach. Another word for reproach is disgrace. It was only because of God's grace (favor) that we had become the greatest nation in the history of the world.

When He lifts His favor, all kinds of bad things happen and our young people are suffering terribly. But we, as God's people, have this solution. Only God's love and forgiveness can heal the hearts and give them purpose and hope.

Soul winners, we have work to do, and gospel tracts can go a long way in communicating that hope, forgiveness and love that God so desperately wants to give to these troubled young people.

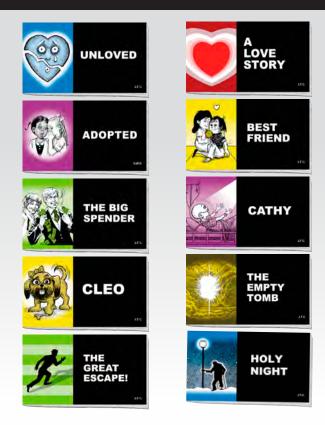
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THE LAST

GENERATION



Here are a few Chick tracts that emphasize hope.



In the flood of bad news, there is some indication that good people are beginning to wake up to what Satan is doing.

A more spiritual generation

While a large portion of Generation Z has not held the faith like the previous generation, there are signs of a significant spiritual stirring among the 18- to 25-year-olds in some of the Christian and secular universities. In January of this year 50,000 people filled the Mercedes-Benz stadium in Atlanta. The youthful gathering was an outgrowth of a spiritual revival centered in Asbury college several years ago.

Another ministry reports that prayer booths set up on the beach in Florida during spring break this year were heavily used by confused young men seeking meaning and purpose in life.

Same-sex marriage support dropping

For the first time in nearly 10 years a new survey indicates that support for same sex marriage may be declining. The Public Religion Research Institute says that support went from 54% in 2014 to 69% in 2022. But now it has dropped to 67% in 2023.

Parental rights protected

In California a judge has stepped in to protect resolutions passed by the Temecula Valley Unified School District against the teaching of Marxist Critical Race Theory (CRT) and protecting parents rights to know if their child is confused about their gender. The resolutions were passed by voters who flipped three of the five board positions with new pro-family candidates. The decision is likely to have a positive effect on similar cases throughout the state.

Puberty blockers blocked

In England, there has been an ongoing fight to stop the sterilization and mutilation of children who are confused about their sexual identity. The National Health Service has taken a significant step in protecting these children by banning the prescription of puberty blockers for children.

Evolution devolving

The ground under the diehard evolutionists shifting has been significantly in the last few years. Major champions

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and "restrictions" for street preaching. They are hoping to negotiate with the police so that everybody agrees on some guidelines.

But there is a trend in the world where anyone can claim to be upset or "triggered" by some statement or display. They are encouraged to register a complaint with the police and some laws are drawn to permit prosecution. All of this is part of Satan's campaign to put a lid on preaching the gospel.

Historically, there were several ways of "preaching" the gospel. The Protestant churches began to protest against Catholicism's unbiblical rituals. Persecution drove them underground but could not stop the printing press from flooding the country with powerful gospel tracts.

Today, we face the same scenario. Public preaching has been largely driven out of the public arena. As a result, most churches are only baptizing a handful of people every year.

Satan has also convinced the churches that gospel tracts don't work. But the brave people who do still use gospel tracts have gotten results that have reported thousands of testimonies back to Chick Publications.

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have died and not been replaced with serious contenders.

Other evolutionists have taken an honest look at the swelling tide of serious publications written by authors in favor of intelligent design. They have concluded that the evidence for Darwin's theory has been largely refuted and are wisely switching sides.

"In short, serious defenders of Darwinism were getting scarce... I think it says the future does not belong to Darwinian materialism," writes John West, managing director for the Center for Science and Culture, an Intelligent Design think tank.

Public libraries now a war zone

Since lesbian Marxist Emily Drabinski became president of the American Library Association, war has erupted in the ranks. A few weeks later she spoke at a socialist conference in Chicago and announced her plan: that libraries, just like public education, should also be spaces for "socialist organizing."

Local libraries depend heavily on the recommendations by the ALA for books to include on their shelves. Recommendations now include titles that push Marxist Critical Race Theory and books designed to groom children for sexual confusion. Many books with conservative and biblical themes are now missing from their recommendations and even from library shelves.

Local library leadership has become so alarmed that some states, including Montana, Idaho, and Texas have completely severed ties with the ALA. Seasoned librarians are also either bailing out on their own or being terminated and replaced.

Fortunately, parents and Christian leaders are gathering in protest and stepping into the ballot box to elect leaders who will stand against this evil. Some library boards are led to believe that a degree in library science qualifies an individual to be a librarian. But if they graduated from one of the woke universities, they may also be trained on the wrong side of this battle.

The critical need in all of this is a culture of righteousness. Soul winners need to seed their neighborhoods with no-nonsense gospel literature and then stand in the gap against these evils.



Chick Mail Bag



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I was saved after reading some of your tracts. Your tracts are some of the best I have ever seen. Keep up the good work. -M. I.

In 1978 I read TWYL and the prayer in the back, and I've been a born again Christian for 43 years. And I've been giving the same tract out, too, for 43 years. — D. M.

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Europeans Call For A Return To Christian Roots

A coalition of religious leaders in Europe has called for a return to its Christian roots. In an open letter to European political leaders, they pointed out that there has been a general departure from the virtues that made Europe.

"We note with regret that values, which were formerly taken for granted, such as peace, stability and prosperity, and the rule of law rather than rule by power, have now been torn apart," the letter said.

It noted a growing disconnect between the common people and the elite who have been pushing the agenda of unchristian vices such as abortion and same sex marriage. To illustrate the point, the letter mentioned the fact that France recently enshrined the right to abortion in their constitution.

The letter illustrated the struggle for countries that attempt to maintain biblical standards. A number of the countries are suing Hungary for banning the promotion of LGBT ideology to minors. Some of the other countries have taken heat because they are not permitting same-sex marriage.

Also mentioned was the uncontrolled immigration that is bringing large numbers from the Middle East and Africa. Most of those are coming with a heavy Muslim ideology. These are gaining a measure of control of local governments and influencing policies that dampen fair debate, free speech, and the right to Christian worship.

Michael Leahy, a current candidate for the European parliament, said that these are being aided by the "atheistic elites who do not seem to realize that a society without a religious ethic will not survive... The Christianity that they hate so much will only be replaced by Islam. In that circumstance the left-wing elites who have brought this situation about will be the first people to be thrown off the nearest tall building!"

The letter declared that it was "... essential for European factions to take into account Christian values in European politic, especially on critical issues." The letter was timed in relation to continentwide E.U. elections that are coming up in early June. It urged both politicians and voters to "promote Christian values in the political programs and pre-election campaigns."

Leahy observed "...unless Europeans are prepared to rediscover the Christian roots of the continent, then Europe has no future as a separate, coherent culture." The letter decried the trend toward marginalization of those who were advocating for Christian values.

Leahy added, "European citizens are finally coming to the realization that the struggles that all of our societies seem to be engaged in, the so-called culture wars, consist in the main, of a spiritual war. Without robust spiritual guidance Europe is doomed to face defeat in that war. The same can be said of the United States."

Some are beginning to realize that the only replacement for a biblically based culture is an all-powerful authoritarian state. Romanian member of parliament, Cristian Terhes said, "... faith in Jesus Christ also generates a sense of community across all nations, which allows us to believe in a Christian community as the foundation of our civilization."

The many who have been praying for Christian leadership in the culture wars



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may be encouraged by this report. Some are beginning to recognize that the heart of the problems that we have is spiritual.

Historically, gospel tracts have played

a very significant part in stirring the common people to action when Satan appears to be winning the game.

Soul winners, we still have a lot of work to do.

Missions Fund Report

More missionary pictures and videos at: Chick.com/missionfund

Missionaries contact us every week asking for Chick tracts to be the "attentiongetter" for their evangelism. We never know where the requests will come from, and are so grateful to those who give so that we can keep saying "yes."



Oaxaca, Mexico - People from many ministries helped unload the last truck.

Urgent need: Churches in Mexico are growing and they need 1.5 million more tracts.

Mexico

Joe and Amy Hendrigsman are in their 8th year as church planting missionaries to Oaxaca, México. God has allowed Joe and Amy to plant the Grace Baptist Church in the town of Santa Maria Huatulco and start two mission churches in neighboring towns.

God has allowed the Hendrigsmans to start a Christian School to help teach and disciple the kids from their church and community.

Utilizing Amy's nursing skills, Joe and Amy hold several medical brigades

each year to open doors to the Gospel and assist in starting new works and strengthening young churches. Through these brigades and many other shortterm mission teams, they have been able to evangelize many villages in the mountain regions of Southern Oaxaca. They recently saw <u>over 500 people saved</u> in two of these medical brigades.

In February of 2018, the first trailer load of Scripture arrived in Oaxaca and the Mission of Grace Bible distribution center was opened. Since its inception, the

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GERMANY	KOREA	SWITZERLAND	
GHANA	MALAWI	TANZANIA	

More tracts are now being shipped for additional projects, with more requests coming in from missionaries!

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distribution center has received 19 trailer loads of Scripture containing 33 million pieces of literature that has been distributed all over Mexico, into Central America and as far away at Venezuela. They were thrilled to have received one million Chick Tracts in 2023 as those tracts have been used in many outreaches, medical brigades, daily soul winning and new church plants.

On the day the trailer arrived with the tracts, about 30 different ministries were waiting to help unload. The pastors were shouting with joy as they opened the trailer doors. The Chick tracts have gone to the neighboring states of Chiapas, Vera Cruz, and Puebla.

Newest request: 1.5 million Chick Tracts for 2024 as there is a great need still for the Gospel in Mexico and Central America.

These tracts will be used in various projects:

- 7 Soul winner training conferences in the state of Tabasco.
- A mass evangelization project to cover the whole state of Puebla.
- A new church plant in Bahias de Huatulco.
- Mass evangelism in the jungle region of Chiapas.
- Many other evangelistic outreaches throughout Oaxaca and Southern Mexico.

They receive calls almost daily requesting tracts and Bibles from all over Mexico. Will you help?

Note: The large quantities for this project will save on production, driving the cost down to only 7 cents per tract! Plus, Grace Transport will ship them FREE to Oaxaca, more than 1,600 miles south into Mexico. This is a great opportunity to make our missions dollars stretch! As of this writing, we have received approx. 1/2 of the \$104,000 needed to meet this need.

Scotland

Missionary Jim Voltenberg writes: "I am a missionary in Scotland and I have a street ministry in Dundee where we give out between six and eight hundred tracts every week. We also do street ministry on Saturdays twice a month in other towns in my twenty-mile radius of responsibility, not to mention two other guys I am directly working with. They and other missionaries are very excited about this great opportunity. We are all small works and without the help you



The Voltenbergs - Missionaries to Scotland

are providing we would never be able to afford to use this quality of gospel literature. I personally would like to thank everyone involved in helping with this and future projects."

He has requested 70,000 Chick tracts to share among these missionaries. It's

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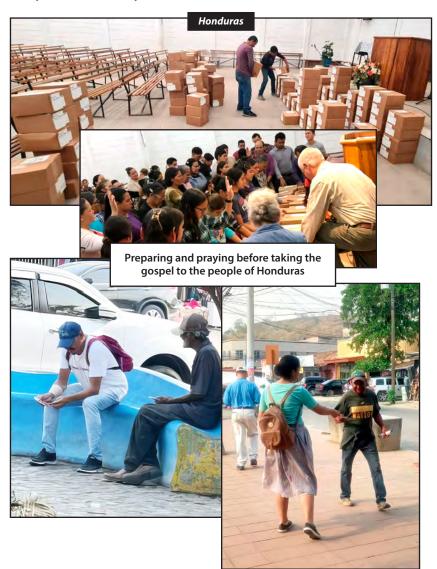
hard to believe the spiritual darkness that has taken hold in the U.K. since the birth of our English Bible. They need our help!

Honduras

The shipment of 200,000 Chick tracts finally reached Missionary Scott Sumner!

Steamship delays, and customs delays made this take longer than it should, but they have finally arrived! They are already being used on the streets.

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High schoolers in the Philippines reading Chick tracts

Philippines

As of this writing, the container with 2.6 million Chick tracts has arrived in the Port of Manila and the container is being broken down into more than 200 shipments to ministries all over this island nation. Thanks to your help, millions of Chick tracts are flooding this nation and making a huge impact! Already, we are receiving requests for more. We hope to ship another container later this year.



Paris Olympics

A pallet of Chick tracts in French plus <u>18 other languages</u> will be used with the many people coming to the Summer Olympics. Some will come from countries where we cannot send the Gospel, but they can take it home!

Trinidad and Tobago

New missionaries Josiah and Ruth Ann Goddard are preparing to leave for Trinidad and Tobago. Their container of supplies is scheduled to leave May 14th. Thanks to your giving, it contains 55,000 Chick tracts for the Goddards and several Trinidad churches they are working with. Watch these reports for further news!



The Goddards - Missionaries to Trinidad and Tobago

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Have you looked closely at the youth of the world? They have been worked-over by the horrible massmedia, politics of education and every globalist scheme in Satan's playbook. The next generation is a *mess*.

I was the only child of divorced parents in my elementary school. Today, there are few children who are *not* living with divorce. They absorb more cultural cues from TikTok than from family or church.

Jack and I warned in 2008 in *Hot Topics* that the LGBT were after our children. Today, no one can deny it: 28% of them claim to be LGBT or Q. They are drugged, vaxxed, sexualized, fearful and diagnosed as mentally sick. And these are the next generation's *leaders!*

Brothers and Sisters, God has given us a tool to break through all of that devilish programming: Chick tracts. Youth love cartoons: they *are* cartoons. Youth love tight storytelling: They *are*. And most important: youth want *purpose*. Chick tracts show them that there is a purpose to life, to prepare for eternity, and to learn about their loving God who was willing to die for them, to bring them to Him.

People are willing to force evil on our kids, 24/7. We must be willing to offer them the way of life, while we still have time.

In Christ Jesus and for His service,

David Daniele



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