

A Personal Word from the Author

Dear Reader,

First I want to share four very positive Bible verses which God has recently put on my heart regarding His plans for His people. For 50 years during daily jogging time I meditate on Bible verses on little cards God-inspired during my daily *quiet time*, or sometimes I memorize new verses. I felt that God was nudging me to include these four verses in this book.

God told Jeremiah (6:27), *“I have made you an assayer and a tester among my people,”* and God told me to apply that verse to myself years ago. The 24 theological documents in this book and the Christian survey tools in the Appendix exist as “plumb lines” and tests by which the Body of Christ may measure and assay herself to see if she is Biblical or un-Biblical.

In Isaiah 58:12, God tells us that *“Those from among you will REBUILD the ancient ruins, you will RAISE UP THE AGE OLD foundations, and you will be called the REPAIRER of the breach, the RESTORER of the streets [paths] in which to dwell”* (EMPHASIS ADDED). God has told many leaders called to help ignite a revival and reformation to apply that verse to us and to all His sons and servants who are called and burdened by the Church’s big need for revival and reformation. These 24 documents can help re-establish the Church on God’s ancient, eternal FOUNDATIONS.

Hebrews 13:20-21 says, *“Now the God of peace...equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight.”* For those of us who sincerely and deeply feel our great inadequacy to serve Him well, the good news is that He, by His Holy Spirit, personally “equips” us for doing His will, and He works “in us that which is pleasing in His sight!”

In Romans 11:4-5, Paul reminds us that one of the greatest Old Testament prophets, Elijah, thought he was the only one standing true for Jehovah out of all Israel. And thousands of leaders who try to mobilize God’s people for Godly, Biblical action around the globe often wonder “where are God’s warriors at this crisis point in history?” The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to remind us that God told Elijah, *“I have kept for Myself 7000 men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”* Paul applies that statement of God from about 850 BC to the first century; and I claim we twenty-first century Christians have a similar right to apply to our situation Romans 11:5, where God said, *“In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice!”* This greatly encourages my old warrior’s heart that God has already picked and is preparing an army of His sons, servants, and soldiers for these times, and we just need to somehow identify each other in every city, county, state, and nation, and prepare to advance Christ’s Kingdom, however God tells us to mobilize His people.





Church's Theological Timeline from the Cover

“Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” is Jude’s admonition to the Church, *“For certain men have crept in unnoticed... who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (Jude 1:3-4, NKJV) It was false teachings threatening to corrupt the Church with heresy that forced church leaders to join together in councils, where they codified the orthodox teaching of the Bible in creeds received by the mainline church as faithful distillations of Scriptural truth and as a bulwark against future corruption. We depicted the following prominent ones:

Apostles’ Creed 3rd to 4th Century

The Holy Scriptures are the lifeblood of the church. Having received through them the faith once for all delivered, the infant church distilled the teaching into what has come to be called the Apostles’ Creed. Possibly as early as the middle of second century AD, at least portions of the Apostle’s Creed were used by the Church. This creed has since then been an anchor to both saint and assembly.

The Nicene Creed, AD 325, AD 381

Also known as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Nicene Creed was originally drafted in AD 325 at the Council of Nicea and was later appended in AD 381 at the Council of Constantinople. The primary issue in 325 was the Arian heresy. Arias contended, as do Jehovah’s Witnesses today, that Jesus Christ was not God, not a person of the Trinity, but created by the Father out of nothing in similar manner as the rest of the created creatures, though Christ was the first. In AD 325, Christ’s nature as fully God and not created was determined to be the orthodox faith. In 381, at the Council of Constantinople, three significant accomplishments were gained: First, the reaffirmation of the Nicene orthodoxy after 50 years of political and theological struggle against the Arians. Second, a clarification of the nature of Christ as being both 100% God and at the same time 100% man. Thirdly, an extension of the creed in which the Holy Spirit was acknowledged as the Third Person of the uncreated, consubstantial, and coeternal Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and clarified as eternally proceeding from both the Father and the Son.

Council of Chalcedon, AD 451

This council both ratified the Nicene Creed and drafted the Chalcedonian Definition, giving further clarification of the dual nature of Christ as both God and man in one Person, *“Two Natures unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably”*; not a mixing of the two natures but union of the two in Christ.

For centuries these councils and creeds held the Church to orthodox Christianity. However corruptions in teaching and leadership eventually brought the once glorious apostolic church and faith to a reproachful condition in which

the poor were oppressed in many ways, not least of which was the selling of indulgences to enlarge the coffers of Rome.

Martin Luther's 95 Theses, 1517

Protestants mark the beginning of the Reformation as 1517. In that year the learned monk Martin Luther was stirred by God to speak against the inequities of the Pope and church leaders, particularly in regard to indulgences. He posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Wittenberg castle church, arguing that there must be true repentance for salvation, that salvation involved unrestrained turning to God by the sinner, not merely a desire to escape judgment, and that indulgences could not force God to forgive sins. He also denied the Pope's power over purgatory, stated that believers always have forgiveness of sins without indulgences, and condemned the Church's emphasis on money and its neglect of compassionate pastoral care for souls. The Reformation called for "Scripture alone!"

Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, 1978

Dr. Jay Grimstead was led by God to form the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI) and serve as the Executive Director the first 20 months. In October, 1978, during Reformation Week, the ICBI theologians created the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy. History acknowledges its credal standing. It is set forth as an accepted standard in systematic theologies such as Robert L. Raymond's *A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith* (1998, p. 70), and is quoted in its entirety in Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology* (1994). Every year each member of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) must sign a statement declaring faith in the Bible as God's inerrant Word. At its annual convention in 2001, ETS adopted the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy as the definition of inerrancy to which their members must subscribe.

The International Church Council, 2017 (& 2019 & 2021)

The Church is once again at a time of crisis! Though the global Church is far more fragmented and disunited than it was in AD 325, and though we do not presume to speak with "Papal power" or any special divine authority, we are proposing and calling for an International Church Council. As Christian leaders who care deeply for both the Biblicalness of what is taught today in the name of Christianity, and for the unity of Christ's Body for which Christ Himself calls, we sense that it is time for the global Body of Christ to discuss these 24 controversial issues in each nation and then come together in a global Church council in 2017 to settle these issues and form a "united, Biblical-theological standard of doctrine" accepted by a vast number of Christian leaders and their followers in most of the nations which participate in this Council. To this end with fervent prayer and heartfelt concern, the authors present this book to the Body of Christ. *May His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!*

—Dr. Eugene Calvin Clingman, ICCP

FOREWORD

A BOOK FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

You hold in your hands a valuable resource for every serious Christian, an enjoyable source of inspiration and personal study, and for our leaders, solid material for teaching and preaching. But more significantly, this book is presented to the global Body of Christ by the Coalition on Revival's (COR) network of theologians, pastors, and Christian leaders as an essential corrective for the Church and a weapon targeting 24 areas of false doctrine which to a large degree have been absorbed by the Church to her great detriment. COR invites Christian leaders to participate in the International Church Council scheduled for Reformation Week 2017 in Wittenberg, Germany during the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the castle church door, with followup Councils in 2019 and 2021.

The goal of COR's International Church Council Project (ICCP) is:

“To establish for the twenty-first century a united, Biblical-theological standard of doctrine for the global Body of Christ which is consistent with the mainstream theology of the first 20 centuries.”

It is our firm conviction that the 24 theological documents in this book represent well, however imperfectly, the Bible's perspective on all 24 issues, and also represent what the mainstream Church of the past 20 centuries believed and taught. We are convinced that to whatever degree sincere Christians have been tainted and misled by modern liberal and neo-orthodox relativistic theologians and teachers (whose teachings these documents target), to that degree those Christians and their churches, schools, and organizations are on a dangerous path that leads inevitably to the deterioration of the Church, the damaging of their own lives and families, and the self-destruction of their society. It is this relativistic, liberal, false theology which has greatly weakened and compromised the Church and helped lead her to be the ineffective, superficial, marginalized entity she largely is today, her influence being but a flicker of her once bright witness and influence in all areas of Western culture.

These 24 documents do not represent ALL that the Church should believe, but rather 24 battle lines on which the enemy is currently attacking the Church. Much of the evangelical church is not aware of the spiritual war on these fronts



and has unknowingly allowed the enemy within the gates. Our theologians have labored and prayed for over three decades in creating these documents, and now these prayers and labors are coming to a head with the presentation of them to the global Body of Christ. At the same time we extend an invitation to the global Church to participate in the global International Church Councils previously mentioned.¹

The authors are convinced that the western church as well as many nations will undergo a major Revival and Reformation within the coming decades, and probably within the lifetime of many of us. We want our readers to know we are optimistic about what our great God will cause to happen in the future of the world. We believe a large number of nations will see Biblical Christianity eventually flourish as the populations of those nations come to recognize that **ONLY** the principles of the Bible work in the real world of life and living for any area of life, including law, government, economics, education, media, arts, science, family, helping the hurting, etc. and that **ANTI-BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES DO NOT WORK FOR ANY SOCIETY ANYWHERE AT ANYTIME** as history has proven again and again. We are encouraged by the essential doctrinal unity that already exists within the global Church (see “Document 3: The 42 Articles on the Essentials of a Christian Worldview”). We have great hope and confidence that our Lord’s High Priestly Prayer “that they may be one” (John 17:11) as Jesus and the Father are one, will come about, not by compromise of Biblical truth, but by applying these three essential actions: The Church must contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints; The Church must actually live in obedience to the Bible in all areas of life rather than simply teach the Bible’s truth accurately as if that were her whole task; and the Church must operate in Biblical love, unity, and commitment to ALL the other members of Christ’s Body, and somehow learn to tolerate (“forbear”) some of the “weird ways” other Christians and churches attempt to obey King Jesus and live by His Biblical principles.

May our wonderful God bless, guide, and mobilize all who read this book to love Him more passionately and to live more wholeheartedly in obedience to His inerrant written Word, the Bible. Amen!

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¹ All 24 of the COR documents are in this book and also available as printable downloads from the International Church Council Project Website at www.ChurchCouncil.org. For more information, direct inquiries to: COR-ICCP@goldrush.com.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS OF THE COALITION ON REVIVAL (COR)

by Dr. Jay Grimstead
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During the thirty-seven years between 1977 and 2014,² the Lord called me to birth and carry forward three theological movements to define and defend the traditional doctrines of Christian orthodoxy by creating modern, creed-like, position statements through the cooperative work of a consortium of evangelical theologians working together by consensus. The theologians, writers, and Christian leaders involved believed that each movement was raised up by God to theologically “stand in the gap” for such a time as this regarding each issue they clarified.

These movements within the Body of Christ, occurring especially in North America, were connected historically, spiritually, and theologically, even though ICBI and COR were not connected organizationally or legally.

The evidence is clear that each successive movement flowed naturally and logically out of the “womb” of the previous movement, and all of them developed out of the burden for reformation and theological honesty from within my heart which I trust was influenced by the Holy Spirit. The birth of each of these three movements is explained in more detail later in this book.

THE DETERIORATION OF THE AMERICAN AND WESTERN CHURCH IN THE PAST 180 YEARS

It is our conviction that beginning around 1830, the Christian churches and their pastors and leaders in America and the western world have been deteriorating incrementally in the areas of theology and personal obedience to Christ and the Bible.

I see four historical stages of this deterioration of the American Church and Culture.

² For a 37-year history of the participants and development of the 24 Documents to be presented and debated at the International Church Councils starting in 2017, see Appendix P, pp. 297–308.



A. From 1800 to 1885:

From approximately 1800 to 1885, the sincere, Bible-believing Body of Christ in America (without any intentional effort on their part) foolishly and incrementally turned from a “God-centered” religion to a “man-centered” religion, as it turned away from the old Calvinistic Puritan and the Pilgrim Christianity which had made America outstandingly Christian, just, free, powerful, and prosperous.

This was a movement away from a Biblical understanding of “The Gospel of the Kingdom of God” permeating and influencing all areas of society, to a movement of “The Gospel of Personal Salvation” focused on personally getting to heaven and on getting excited about end-time prophecy and the secret “rapture” of the Church. It was a move away from being “salt and light” with a Biblical permeation of the fields of Law, Government, Economics, Education, Science, the Arts, and Media as these areas of life were carelessly and irresponsibly left to non-Christian leadership. This anti-Biblical retreat to inside the four walls of the church was enhanced by the invention of Dispensationalism in 1825, and fostered later by the Scofield Bible notes. And in 1830, Horace Mann launched the first American public school system. Also, in 1885, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who later became associate Justice of the Supreme Court, radically changed American Law and the courts by eliminating “Blackstone’s Commentaries on Law” (a very Biblical perspective on Law based on the Pentateuch) as America’s chief textbook for law schools and moved the U.S. into a focus on “case law” and on relativity in law and in the courts. Holmes was a major influence toward moving America from a Christian base to a humanistic base.

This period reflects the influence on the American Church by Immanuel Kant’s philosophical dichotomy viewpoint that was followed by virtually all non-Christian philosophers. Kant’s viewpoint states that there can be no logical or verbal connection between the physical, visible world of history and science and the spiritual, invisible world of “religion” since both worlds exist in (what we might refer to as) impenetrable, air-tight compartments. (The “post-modern” thinking of today is grounded in Kant’s dichotomy. See a full explanation in Appendix K, pp. 258-260.)

Also, the Church was affected by the fact that, in 1805, the Calvinists who controlled Harvard University, America’s premier school, were ousted and Harvard came under the control of the Unitarians who reject the Bible’s inspiration, miracles, and the deity and resurrection of Christ.

B. From 1885 to 1935:

Then during the fifty-year period of 1885 to 1935, the major denominations of America (Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, etc.) increasingly accepted the anti-Biblical teachings of what is



called “old liberalism” which rejects the Bible’s view of Christ, the resurrection, the Bible, miracles, God’s sovereignty, etc., and rejected the historic orthodox teachings of the Church’s first 1800 years. During the early 1900s and the ’20s and early ’30s, the Bible-believers within those denominations (called “the fundamentalists”) were in a theological and ecclesiastical struggle with the liberals (called “the modernists”), and by 1935, the liberals had won and were in charge of the seminaries, the publications, and the headquarters of those major denominations. Our conservative side lost that major battle. Thus, humanism and relativism took over most of the major denominations at that time.

C. From 1935 to 1964:

By the 1940s, most of the Bible-believing leadership, pastors, and teachers had left those now liberal denominations and started their own more conservative denominations, seminaries, colleges, mission agencies, and parachurch organizations. In reaction to the liberal take-over of churches, some new denominations and seminaries were started such as the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) and the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), Westminster Seminary among Presbyterians; and among Baptists, the General Association of Independent Baptist Churches and the Conservative Baptist Association of America; Fuller Seminary; The Foursquare Church; and The Lutheran Hour serving the greater Body of Christ since the 1930s. Also, not so much as a reaction to liberalism but out of a positive burden to create new, more effective tools for evangelism, communication, etc., new organizations were birthed such as Youth for Christ, Young Life, Youth With a Mission (YWAM), The Navigators, Campus Crusade for Christ, the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), *Christianity Today*, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, etc. These conservative new denominations, independent churches, schools, mission groups, and publishing houses eventually flowed naturally into the movement then called “evangelicalism” as differentiated from the old “fundamentalists” of the 1920s and 1930s who were more confrontational and less irenic. Even some of these mentioned above have turned or begun to turn liberal in recent years. Up until the late 1960s and 1970s, most groups and leaders who referred to themselves as “evangelicals” still believed in the basic orthodox teachings of the historic Church and in the inerrancy and full inspiration of the Bible.

D. From 1964 to the Present:

Even though a large percentage of American adults had given up on Biblical Christianity as their personal worldview from the 1880s through the 1950s, still since Christianity and its principles were deeply ingrained in the culture, most non-Christians still accepted Christianity’s morals so that the culture in the U.S. operated in what Francis Schaeffer called “the memory” of Christianity, and society looked and operated in general as if it were truly Christian.



But the slow, incremental deterioration of the generations from 1830 on came to a crisis point in 1964, with the occurrence of “The Free Speech Movement” on the Berkeley University campus, along with the hippy thing and the drug thing and the radical, socialistic efforts of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) under Saul Alinsky, and other immoral and anti-Biblical radicals.

Thus at that moment of U.S. History, “the Christian cultural dam” broke and most of America’s Christian culture, beliefs, and approach to life were washed away with the flood of moral relativism, philosophical chaos, and violent socialism, and we are now living in the relativity and chaos of the breaking of that “Christian cultural dam.”

This deterioration of Christianity in America was thus greatly accelerated in the 1960s. The historical “Christian consensus” on morals which had prevailed there since the *Mayflower* landed in 1620, was, as a cultural “partial Christian memory,” still operating in American society up through the 1950s, wherein most citizens including non-Christians still believed that adultery, homosexuality, abortion, and pornography, etc. were unhealthy evils for society, and those evils were still illegal in most states. Also, the majority of people believed in a Creator God, and most families had both a mom and a dad and lived more or less responsibly before other humans. Most cities and private homes were *safe*.

The cultural flood waters poured out relentlessly and America experienced a massive social, moral, and political revolution that has swept most of that previous “Christian consensus” away almost completely, so that now Biblical Christianity is a distinct minority viewpoint, and Christianity is systematically under attack and persecution by the mainstream establishment. Such an open, aggressive attack on Christian principles (plus open disdain for the principles of the Founding Fathers) by our nation’s establishment as we now witness daily was unknown and unthinkable as late as the 1950s. And the Church’s basic problem during all these years of deterioration has been that, generally, she has allowed herself to be transformed step by step into the image of the world, rather than successfully transforming the world from Satan’s domain and influence to Christ’s Kingdom and His principles as Christ commanded us to do in His Great Commission and His Lord’s Prayer.

INERRANCY OF THE BIBLE AS THE WATERSHED IN THE CHURCH’S DETERIORATION

The history of the Church the past 100 years has demonstrated that, when a pastor, writer, or theologian gives up the view that the Bible is fully God-inspired and inerrant in all it says, then a long list of other Christian doctrines and positions begin to unravel and fall over like a set of falling dominos. He then proceeds (almost inevitably) to accept more and more liberal, anti-Biblical positions, because he has no logical “system of brakes” to stop him from



going too far in his descent into relativism. Based upon his own now liberal assumptions, there is no logical point at which he can tell himself, “I have gone too far in my slide downhill towards total relativism.” Where he does stop in his downward slide can only be a matter of his own personal, subjective preference and feelings about the matter.

Thus, one who wants to reject only the inerrancy of the Bible but keep all the other Christian doctrines intact has no way of logically stopping himself from soon denying the resurrection of Christ or the very existence of God and eternity. This is so because he has moved from being guided by the *objective* Word of God to being guided by his own *subjective* and arbitrary decisions about the Bible.

It is easy to demonstrate that most of the 24 false teachings we are opposing in this book were promoted and defended by a theologian or liberal leader who had already in the past given up belief in the inerrancy and total Divine inspiration of the Bible. There is close to a “one-to-one ratio” regarding this connection between a rejection of Biblical inerrancy and belief in the liberal falsehoods that attack Biblical, orthodox Christianity.

Dr. Francis Schaeffer, in his last book, *The Great Evangelical Disaster* (Crossway Books, 1984), deals with this essential doctrine of the inerrancy of the Bible and shows how large sections of the general evangelical world have rejected this basic doctrine of inerrancy taught in the Bible itself. We strongly recommend that every Christian leader, pastor, and teacher read Dr. Schaeffer’s book and learn its contents to prepare them for what we face. We are sad to offer our estimate that as much as half or more of all evangelicals in North America have given up on believing in Biblical inerrancy, either by a deliberate decision or a process like “osmosis” or “catching the measles” from leaders they respect who do not believe the Bible is both inspired and inerrant.

The history of the Church for the past 100 years demonstrates that when a pastor, writer, or theologian gives up on the view that the Bible is fully inspired and inerrant, a whole list of Christian doctrines and positions begin to unravel. Without inerrancy, there is no objective, logical point at which to stop the descent into relativism. Christ’s bodily resurrection is up for grabs just as much as the six-day creation.

THREE THEOLOGICAL MOVEMENTS

A. International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI)

In 1977, I called leading, world-respected theologians and Christian leaders (like Dr. Francis Schaeffer, Dr. R. C. Sproul, Dr. Norman Geisler, Dr. J. I. Packer, Dr. D. James Kennedy, and Dr. Bill Bright, with fifty other such Christian leaders) to form a “theological army” to defend the inerrancy of the Bible and create a new, historic statement for the Church on that topic as well as produce several books defending Biblical inerrancy. I served



as the Executive Director for the first two years of the ICBI's existence.

God powerfully blessed that effort and it appears to have reversed the dangerous trend at that moment of history in which large segments of evangelical Christianity were sliding downhill quickly into a relativistic view of the Bible governed by the assumptions of old liberalism and neo-orthodoxy.³ The ICBI's "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy" has made its way into books on systematic theology and has now taken its place in such books alongside such Church history documents as: The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, The Thirty-Nine Articles, The Westminster Confession of Faith, and The New Hampshire Baptist Confession. As per my suggestion to the ICBI Board our first year, we gave ICBI a ten-year life span, and at the end of 1987, ICBI shut down and turned all its many boxes of records, pictures, and correspondence, etc. over to the Archives of the Dallas Theological Seminary Library where ICBI research may take place.

B. The Coalition on Revival (COR)

In 1984, 1985, and 1986, in Denver, Dallas, and Washington, D.C. respectively, a COR team of approximately 300 theologians, writers, and experienced Christian leaders from the major spheres of society met in seventeen committees at those three Worldview Conferences to create seventeen worldview documents. Each document was to explain how the Bible applies to one of those seventeen spheres of life and ministry such as: law, government, economics, the media, medicine, science, the family, evangelism, discipleship, helping the hurting, etc.⁴ The Steering Committee of the Coalition on Revival was composed of over 100 Christian leaders—pastors, writers, and heads of Christian organizations. Appendix C shows this list as it was in 1986.

In 1988, just two years after COR had completed the 17 Worldview Documents and held its culmination conference and National Solemn Assembly at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on July 4, 1986, the Church in America was bombarded with a series of false teachings and some outright heresy from schools and organizations within evangelicalism. Soon controversies arose within evangelical circles over various issues such as: The Kingdom of God, The Omniscience of God, The Atonement, The Eternal Fate of Unbelievers, Socialism, Feminism, Homosexuality, and Abortion on Demand. Our COR team of theologians began discussing these matters and writing papers to counteract these falsehoods one by one. By 1991, there were many of these false teachings (and even outright heresy) being promoted right from within evangelical schools, denominations, and organizations.

3 *Neo-orthodoxy*, a new kind of "existential liberalism" from Karl Barth in 1919, holding to Kant's radical dichotomy, is explained more fully in Appendices K and L, pp. 258–264 and defined in the Glossary.

4 All 17 of these Worldview Documents are available and downloadable at our COR Website at www.Reformation.net. They will also be available in a subsequent COR book, Vol. II, to be published soon.



C. The International Church Council Project (ICCP)

It soon became painfully obvious that, to deal adequately with this “avalanche” of false teachings from within previously Bible-believing groups, a global Church council somewhat after the model of the Nicene Council of AD 325 would need to be held to properly address these multiple doctrinal issues. We realized also that there needed to be formed, in most of the civilized countries of the world, a “National Council on Theology” composed of representatives of many of each nation’s denominations, Christian schools, organizations, and mission agencies with a broad range of denominational perspectives represented on each National Council and then gathered into the International Church Councils.

We have been quietly and systematically working towards that goal and, in the process, have created a dba for COR with the name, the “International Church Council Project” (ICCP), which is now slowly coming into operation. So the ICCP is a division of COR and operates under COR’s 501(c)(3) status and under COR’s board of directors.

National Councils: In similar fashion the rest of the 24 documents were developed over the years with the view of having them evaluated and affirmed by trans-denominational “National Councils on Theology,” which we expect to gather from possibly 80 or more targeted countries. As these 24 topics are being discussed, affirmed, and then defended against opponents in public dialogue and debate forums, we believe they can act as catalysts and rallying points in those countries to separate truth from error by drawing a clear line in the sand that declares what the Bible and 2000 years of the Church’s history teach on each topic.

International Church Council in 2017: The official delegates from each country are to come together in Wittenberg, Germany during Reformation Week in late October of 2017 for our International Church Council, which will coincide with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s nailing of his 95 theses to the Wittenberg castle church door. The tasks of these delegates will be to: First, formally affirm and endorse all 24 Documents. Second, decide which *minor wording changes* are to be dealt with at the 2019 Zurich Council which were offered by National Councils members who signed the Declaration with minor reservations. Third, discuss how the global Church should respond to the *areas of major concern* which were offered in the lists of concerns presented by October 2016 by each National Council on Theology.⁵ Not too many years after that point it is our hope that our ICCP Mission Statement will be accomplished which states:

⁵ For more information about signing the Declaration or submitting minor reservations or lists of concerns in advance of the global councils, see Appendix E, pp. 239–240, or email to COR-ICCP@godrush.com



“To establish for the twenty-first century a united, Biblical-theological standard of doctrine for the global Body of Christ, which standard is consistent with the mainstream theology of the first 20 centuries.”

A significant milestone in the life of COR’s International Church Council Project was in 2003, when we had completed twenty of the twenty-four documents. August 6 thru 9 of that year, the ICCP called for qualifying theologians to gather at Knox Theological Seminary in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for the Western Hemisphere Consultation on Theology. The delegates discussed each document thoroughly and then signed “A Declaration of Biblical Truth,” affirming their agreement with the twenty topic documents. The statement those delegates signed reads:

“We declare that the 20 documents of Affirmations and Denials of the Coalition on Revival represent well, however imperfectly, what the Bible teaches on those 20 topics and also reflect what the mainstream Body of Christ has generally believed over the past 2000 years.

“We urge all Christians who believe in the inerrancy of the Bible to study these 20 documents, and then join with us in signing this Declaration of Biblical Truth and in promoting and teaching these Biblical principles to all who will listen.

“We further declare that to the degree the Scriptural principles reflected in these Affirmations and Denials are neglected, rejected, or opposed by any individual Christians, churches, schools, or organizations, to that degree will those people unwittingly lead the Church into further deterioration, confusion, self-destruction, and irrelevance and render her less capable of being God’s salt and light to a lost and sinful world.”

The delegates of that same consultation also created and signed “A Statement on Homosexuality,” which appears on p. 260 with Document 18 on Homosexuality later in this book. Currently there are 24 topics and documents.

In the following pages we offer a brief explanation of each of the COR documents, how they came to be written, and why it is important for the evangelical Body of Christ to hold the Biblical view on each of these issues, which view we believe we present both in the introduction and in the official document on each topic. We also will examine the dire consequences we think any church, organization or group of Christians may expect if they disregard the Biblical teaching about each of these issues. May our great God give you understanding and clarity as you look over these issues we present to the Body of Christ, and may this book serve to help you become more informed on these matters and more committed to the truth by confronting the errors being taught by many misguided evangelical pastors, teachers, writers, and theologians.



AN INVITATION TO INTERACT WITH THIS MOVEMENT

Liberal and neo-orthodox teachers and teaching have compromised much of the Church to such a degree that she has lost her ability to significantly influence the society in which God has set her to be salt and light. Compromises in the 24 areas COR addresses, if not remedied, will continue to weaken the Church and render her yet more ineffective as she slides away from the truth of God's Word. Therefore, the Coalition on Revival's International Church Council Project is calling for a global Church council.

Between now and 2017 Christian leaders are invited to participate as members of a "National Council on Theology" (NCT) for their nation to discuss and officially affirm these 24 Documents, sign the Declaration of Biblical Truth, and defend any of the documents in public dialogue and debate forums against those who oppose them from within their own nation and who may be willing to enter into such a public debate of worldviews. The members of any NCT are to serve as official representatives of their own denomination, seminary/college, Christian organization, or mission agency, etc., so that each Council has a broad spectrum represented both theologically and denominationally. For NCT eligibility and application, email your request to: COR-ICCP@goldrush.com.

Part of our confidence that it will be possible for global denominations and organizations to unite around a new, commonly held "Biblical-theological standard of doctrine" is because we have already seen amazing theological unity emerge among leaders of vastly different denominations and theologies (but all of whom believe in the Bible's inerrancy and full inspiration), who have all been happy to sign COR's "42 Articles on the Essentials of the Christian Worldview." (This is Document 3 on pp. 33-42 in this book. In the introduction to that Topic, you will find the history of how these "42 Articles" were developed.)

Whether a pastor, head of a Christian organization, or college or seminary professor or administrator, we urge those leaders within evangelical circles who stand strongly opposed to the Biblical principles in any of these 24 theological documents to challenge our team to a public, taped and/or televised Dialogue Forum wherein their team of theologians may dialogue with members of our team to hear each other's reasoning as to which position is more Biblical, more logical, and more consistent with the realities of history and science. We will meet in any state of the U.S. at any time both our schedules can be coordinated. If interested in setting up a Dialogue Forum, contact ICCP by email to: COR-ICCP@goldrush.com.

We are simply and honestly seeking to obey the God of the Bible in creating these 24 documents, in holding these International Church Councils, in writing this book and, with many others, in calling for revival and reformation of the Bible-believing Church. It is in our hearts to work with all Christians who carry



this same burden for the Church's reformation and her theological "Biblicalness."

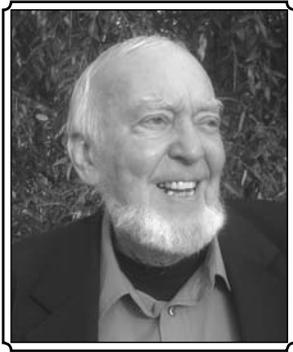
We believe God is calling many of us leaders, imperfect as we are and failing as we may be, to step up into a higher level of service to Him and to the Church and to rise to the level of many of those great Christian heroes who have gone before us. Whether we like it or not, or want it or not, God is calling many in leadership in these days to become heroes like those godly, older brothers mentioned in Hebrews 11, and like a long list of Church history examples we could also assemble which might include heroes such as: Peter, James, John, Paul, Athanasius, Augustine, Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Zwingli, Tyndale, Calvin, Knox, Bradford, Rutherford, Whitefield, Wesley, Edwards, Blackstone, John Adams, Henry, N. Webster, Carey, Livingstone, Spurgeon, Kuyper, Warfield, Machen, and many others down to Francis Schaeffer and R. J. Rushdoony in the last half of the twentieth century.⁶

We encourage you to read this book with an open heart. As you do, you may find that a price is required of you: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). As per the title of this book, we must say that, "*No civilization is going to be rebuilt upon the principles of the inerrant Bible unless and until meaningful percentages of the Christians in that civilization are wholeheartedly living in obedience to the Bible, and are mobilizing their churches and organizations to get the Bible's principles and the God of the Bible honored and obeyed within the various structures and institutions of that society.*"

We also want you to know that if you connect with this movement, you are connecting with Christians who are convinced that Jesus, the Co-Creator and Sustainer of the universe, wins more and more of the unbelieving world to His side before He returns in glory to usher in the last judgment and the new heaven and new earth. Our calling and yours in the meantime is as Jesus taught us: To pray and to labor that His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, according to His own counsel and will to whatever degree He ordains before Jesus comes again, without our having to agree in advance just how much of this planet will or will not be operating under the Biblical principles of King Jesus when He does return.

6 Regarding these last two Christian thought-leaders, I wish to encourage the next two generations of Christian leaders to read as many books by R. J. Rushdoony and Francis Schaeffer as you can. Of the over sixty books by Dr. Rushdoony, I especially recommend his classic three-volume work, *Institutes of Biblical Law*. For Dr. Schaeffer, I recommend of his 22 books, four which I think are critical and foundational for God-called "world-changers" to bring Reformation to a sleepy, blinded, Body of Christ in the Western world: *How Should We Then Live*, *A Christian Manifesto*, *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, and *Escape from Reason*. To purchase at cost a copy of my study questions on all chapters of any of these four books, please contact Dr. Jay at COR-ICCP@goldrush.com.

About the Author



Dr. Jay Grimstead

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FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

Jay Grimstead was born in 1935 and raised in Tacoma, Washington by his godly, Presbyterian grandmother. He graduated from Sterling College in Kansas with a B.S. in Biology, and from Fuller Seminary with a Masters in Theology in 1961, and with a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1976.

From 1957 to 1977, Dr. Jay served as a leader and Area Director for Young Life Campaign, running camps and clubs, evangelizing non-church teenagers, and training college Christians. He was appreciated by young people for his offbeat, rollicking sense of humor, comedy acts, honest friendship, and practical jokes. His favorite hobbies are mountain climbing, playing jazz and blues on his trumpet, and singing Broadway show tunes with his wife playing the piano.

When he was called by God to hold the principles of the Bible up alongside the Church as a prophetic plumb line, he began organizing theologians and Christian leaders to stand for God's Truth and to create Theological Documents defining and defending key points of historic Christianity. During that process he developed a deep friendship with Dr. Francis Schaeffer who was his mentor.

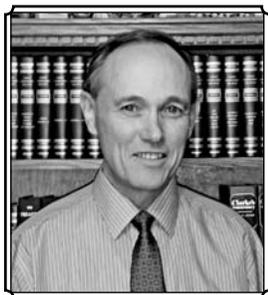
In 1977, Dr. Jay was moved by God to give birth to the International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI) along with world-respected conservative theologians he had called together to defend the inerrancy of the Bible and to create the "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy." In 1984, he called together 113 evangelical leaders and theologians and founded the *Coalition on Revival* to encourage the Reformation of the Church, to promote "Bible-obedient Christianity," and to create the 17 Worldview Documents on how the Bible applies to every area of life. In 1991, Dr. Jay and certain theologians who stayed with his vision from the ICBI and COR formed the Church Council movement



and continued creating theological documents to counteract certain falsehoods which were then being taught within evangelical churches and schools. There are now 24 such Documents which have been thus created as the need presented itself year by year, which documents are the core of this book and will form the primary discussion agenda for the proposed “International Church Council” to take place in 2017 in Wittenberg, Germany during the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the castle church door in 1517.

Dr. Jay lives in Murphys, California, with his pharmacist-nutritionist wife, Donna. They have two adult children: Julie, who lives in Santa Clara, California, and Guy who lives near St. Louis, Missouri, with his wife, Mande, and their three preschool boys, Boaz, Ezra, and Ezekiel.

About the Contributing Editor



DR. EUGENE CALVIN CLINGMAN

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EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Eugene Clingman, through a number of circumstances and numerous Christian testimonies, came to Christ in his twentieth year. God led Eugene to Berean Bible College in his hometown of San Diego, California. There he obtained the Bachelor in Theology degree, graduating second in his class as Magna Cum Laude. At Berean he met Shirley Guillermo. Eugene and Shirley were married for 21 years and had five children. Shirley was diagnosed with Lupus about the time their last child was born. Three years later, Shirley succumbed to the effects of Lupus and went to be with Christ. Five years later, in 2002, Eugene married Edna. They have six children together. The Clingmans live on a farm in Missouri with the seven younger of the eleven children, and with two cows, four cats, ten goats, and sometimes as many as two hundred chickens.

Eugene has served as senior pastor of a small church and as associate pastor with several other churches. For eight years Eugene owned a small office supply store in Yucaipa, California where Eugene and Shirley and their older children served the public. During this time God began to stir Eugene and Shirley's hearts to serve in world missions. They sold the office supply store and moved to Pasadena, California where Eugene served with the U.S. Center for World Mission. Eugene's responsibilities evolved from a role in the Personnel Department, to Director of the Serve-Work-Study Intern Program, and finally as Interim Manager of William Carey Library Publishing under Dr. Ralph Winter's direction. Since 1999, Eugene has served with Dr. Jay Grimstead in the Coalition on Revival and as contributing editor of this book, and is now the Executive Administrator of the International Church Council Project.



Eugene has been a student of Scripture and theology since receiving Christ. In 2013, he obtained the Doctor of Ministry degree from Heber Springs Theological Seminary (Heber Springs, Arkansas).

Eugene has served as an independent contractor part-time with the publisher of this book, Jerry Nordskog and his team since 2007. Eugene is the company's go-fer — running errands, keeping the inventory computer running smoothly, creating marketing ads, perusing marketing opportunities, turning printed books into eBooks, coordinating the production of audio books, and attending Christian conferences where Nordskog books are promoted. Eugene's primary assignment is as Marketing Director.

Dr. Jay Grimstead, the primary author of this book, has been father and mentor to Eugene since 1999, and is known as Uncle Jay by Eugene's eleven children. Uncle Jay's Godly impact on the Clingman family surely carries generational returns for the Kingdom of God.

Eugene enjoys time with his family, reading theology, blogging, teaching, and preaching. Eugene and Edna passionately want to raise up Godly children who will in turn raise up their own children to serve our worthy Christ.

Publisher's Word

by Gerald Christian Nordskog

“Jesus said..., I am that Way, that Truth, and that Life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.”

(John 14:6, GB)*

“He that believeth in Him, is not condemned: but he that believeth not, is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

“And this is the condemnation, that that light came into the world, and men loved darkness rather than that light, because their deeds were evil.

“For every man that evil doeth, hateth the light, neither cometh to light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

“But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds might be made manifest, that they are wrought according to God.”

(John 3:18-21, GB, Emphasis added.)

“Sanctify them with Thy truth: Thy word is truth.”

(John 17:17, GB)

Definition of “truth” according to Noah Webster’s 1828 *Dictionary*,**
(point one of thirteen):

“1. TRUTH: Conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be. The *truth* of history constitutes its whole value. We rely on the *truth* of the Scriptural prophecies.

“My mouth shall speak *truth*.” Prov. viii.

“Sanctify them through thy *truth*; thy Word is *truth*.” John xvii.

* Scriptures quotes in the Publisher’s Word marked (GB) are from the 1599 Geneva Bible, published by Tolle Lege Press, White Hall, WV, 2008.

** Webster, Noah. *An American Dictionary of the English Language*, Facsimile 1828 Edition. San Francisco, CA: The Foundation for American Christian Education, 1965, 1993; see also digital version.



In Matthew Henry's *Commentary on the Whole Bible*, he states the following about the above Scripture verses quoted in the Webster *Dictionary* (John 17:17, and re: 18 and 19), says Mr. Henry:

“The means of conferring this grace—*through thy truth, thy word is truth*. Not that the Holy One of Israel is hereby limited to means, but in the *counsel of peace* among other things, it was settled and agreed,

[1.] That all needful truth should be comprised and summed up in the word of God. Divine revelation, as it now stands in the written word, is not only pure truth without mixture, but entire truth without deficiency.

[2.] That this word of truth should be the outward and ordinary means of our sanctification; not of itself, for then it would always sanctify, but as the instrument which the Spirit commonly uses in beginning and carrying on that good work; it is the seed of the new birth, (1 Pet. i.23), and the food of the new life, (1 Pet. ii.1, 2).”

This book, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, presents the Biblical Truth in regard to 24 vital topics facing the church! It is to be the first of a series, with the second concentrating on COR's 17 Worldview Documents, titled *Blueprints for Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, offering Christian leaders concise and comprehensive Biblical principles of how to apply the truth of the Bible to all spheres of life and ministry (Those documents can also be seen online at www.Reformation.net.)

This first volume is intended to ‘Forward March’ the Christian Church following the last two millennium of brilliant theological work by the great saints in history, heroes of the faith, and the monumental historical councils and events, noted in this book and on its cover, and pointing toward the upcoming 2017 International Church Council, and likely further adopting and refining council sessions in 2019 and 2021, and after.

“Therefore, following the holy Fathers, we all with one accord, teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood; truly God and truly man,…” (Council of Chalcedon, AD 451)

Though in our day there is considerable error in the worldwide Christian Church, that is, Christ's Body on earth, it is still true that our Lord taught us to pray His righteous will be done... “as it is in heaven.” Our goal is to try to, as described in Isaiah 28:9-10 and taught in Proverbs 2:1-11 (NKJV), “...find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom,” and correct most of the erroneous, outrageous, and sometimes heretical postulating, and to discern from the very Word of God, truth versus error! COR is attempting to bring



renewal with a corrective and clarifying plumb line today and in generations ahead for the Body of Christ.

The committees undertaking these two dozen theological documents in the past 37 years do not presume or purport to be smarter or more filled with the Holy Spirit or any more knowledgeable or astute than the Church Founders or later Reformers. Yet these many contributors to these Documents have the advantage of all the great works from saints of the past in the His-Story of the Church and therefore stand on their shoulders. Generational building is possible because Christians all have the “same Spirit” and the same revealed Word of God from which to study, live, and build for further advances in Christian culture in all civilizations worldwide. The 24 official documents in this book reflect both the scholarship that has preceded them and the purpose to build strong and lasting Christian civilization.

In order to show you who has stood up to be counted so far, the various boards and committees of the Coalition On Revival, current and past, are listed in the Appendix, including participants over the past generation who have served or are now serving this cause to seek the truth from Holy Scriptures.

Worldwide Christian scholars and leaders (and you, dear reader, may be eligible to join in this cause of Christ, our King) are invited to participate in national councils and eventually the 2017 International Council in Germany and follow-up councils in 2019 and 2021, under the criteria and standards established for participation. (For further details, e-mail COR-ICCP@goldrush.com and also go to the Website: www.ChurchCouncil.org.)

I first became aware of Dr. Jay at the 1984 Continental Congress on the Revival, Renewal, Reformation of Christianity conference in Denver, when my good friend Marshall Foster invited me to attend with him. I saw him in action at the podium with a huge throng of Christians attending. We actually met about 1988, when we were introduced by a mutual brother, Craig Garbe, and Jay drove down to meet with me in Southern California from his Northern California residence. We hit it off instantly! I joined his movement and soon was elected chairman of the Southern California Council of Pastors and Leaders. Our wives became friends. Dr. Jay has been called “Uncle Jay” by my last six children. We have spent many wonderful days in his California Goldrush mountain town of Murphys, at his home and at the annual Murphys Christian Family Camp, where he’d awaken us each morning with a pot of coffee and blaring his trumpet up and down the dorm hallway to get us out of bed early. I joined his COR Board of Directors in recent years to serve my King Jesus and him in his forward-thinking ministry. Dr. Jay Grimstead is a visionary, and also a down to earth and humorous buddy and God’s servant.

I met and became friends with Eugene Clingman through the Southern



California Council of Pastors and Leaders. He now coordinates Nordskog Publishing's audio book and e-book production and is the Marketing Director.

This Publisher acknowledges and is grateful to Dr. Robert Simonds (longtime friend of Dr. Grimstead, COR's founder). Thanks also to Bob and Jackie Simond's two sons, Dr. Cary Simonds and Dr. Ross Simonds, for their generous sponsorship provisions and counsel in the publishing of this book. Bob is also a long time member of the Coalition on Revival Board of Directors, on which I also continue to serve. (See Appendix B, page 230, for 2014 Boards of the COR and Appendix C on page 232 for the 1986 Steering Committee of COR).

Thanks also to the many wonderful endorsers whose preview comments about this book can be found on the pages following.

“Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good: he that doeth well is of God: but he that doeth evil, hath not seen God.”

(3 John 11, KJV)

“If my people, among whom my Name is called upon, do humble themselves, and pray and seek My presence, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear in heaven and be merciful to their sin, and will heal their land:

“Then mine eyes shall be open and mine ears attend unto the prayer made in this place.”

(2 Chronicles 7:14-15, GB)

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2:15, NKJV; emphasis added.)

“If ye continue in my word, ye are verily my disciples, And shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

(John 8:31a-32, GB; emphasis added.)

This book has inspired me to remember the very beginnings of my awareness of Christ. The first Christian song I sang in my life was at a public school—87th Street Grammar School (now LaSalle School), Los Angeles, California—in the fifth grade class of the American patriot Christian teacher, Mrs. Birchwood. I also learned about our Founding Fathers in her class and played a brief role in a class play as Patrick Henry (one of my greatest heroes, along with George Washington), shouting out “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!” I learned and sang, “Oh Holy Night” for Christmas and “Onward Christian Soldiers” in our Boys Glee Club. I close with the words from this magnificent song of daily battling the enemy for and with the authority of Christ our royal Master.



Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before!
 Christ the royal Master,
 Leads against the foe;
 Forward into battle,
 See, His banners go!

Refrain

At the sign of triumph,
 Satan's host doth flee;
 On, then, Christian soldiers,
 On to victory!
 Hell's foundations quiver
 At the shout of praise;
 Brothers, lift your voices,
 Loud your anthems raise.

Refrain

Like a mighty army moves
 Moves the Church of God;
 Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod;
 We are not divided,
 All one body we,
 One in hope and doctrine,
 One in charity.

Refrain

Crowns and thrones may perish,
 Kingdoms rise and wane,
 But the Church of Jesus
 Constant will remain;
 Gates of hell can never
 'Gainst that Church prevail;
 We have Christ's own promise,
 and that cannot fail.

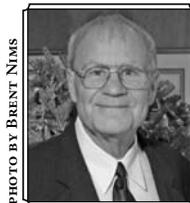
Refrain

Onward, then, ye people,
 Join our happy throng,
 Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
 Glory, laud, and honor,
 Unto Christ the King;
 This thro' countless ages
 Men and angels sing.

Refrain

Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before!

The book you now hold in your hand is not only a call to march in this war, but also effective tools and weaponry with which to advance. May God's grace be your portion and ours as together we move courageously and valiantly into the future to rebuild civilization on the Bible and thus bring blessing to the nations in this great cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



Gerald Christian Nordskog
 December 25, 2013

Advance Reviews and Endorsements

“This book is the fruit of the work of hundreds of theologians and Christian leaders working throughout a 37-year period to describe and defend the key Biblical points of 24 controversial issues within evangelical circles, which issues would not be controversial in the first place if all evangelicals believed like Jesus and Paul in the inerrancy of the Bible. I commend my good friend, Dr. Jay Grimstead, and his various teams of leaders for providing the Body of Christ with this excellent package of corrective theological documents and resources for reformation.

— **Robert L. Simonds, TH.D.**, Founder-Director, National Association of Christian Educators and Citizens for Excellence in Education

“Jay Grimstead is the God ordained, God inspired, God sustained progenitor of *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*. God has given Jay wit and wisdom to turn society right side up. I support Jay 100% and recommend all that he does and writes!”

— **Ted Baehr, J.D.**, Chairman, Christian Film & Television Commission®

“I have known Dr. Jay Grimstead for over thirty years and have never met a man so singularly focused on the need to revive the Church to its Biblical foundations. Jay uniquely scans the imperiled twenty-first century Body of Christ from a 30,000 foot vantage point while most of us are navigating the on-ramp to the freeway. May his insights awaken us from our spiritual coma and help us rebuild our nations.”

— **Dr. Ron Boehme**, Director, YWAM US Renewal

“The Coalition on Revival Documents are a vital foundation for the ministry of Christ to the nations in the twenty-first century. After four decades studying church history and revival, it is clear to me that no lasting revival can transform a nation unless God’s people are reading, believing, and applying God’s plan as detailed in the whole Bible. Any believer or group can fastrack their knowledge of the full counsel of God by studying this book. The truth revealed about how to apply our faith to all areas of life can help spark another reformation.

— **Dr. Marshall Foster**, World History Institute, Thousand Oaks, CA

“How encouraging! Dr. Grimstead’s new book appears at a most critical time, makes the correct analysis, and offers the needful correctives. The future of churches, missions and—yes, civilization itself—depends on whether or not Christians clearly understand and carefully heed the central thesis of *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*.”

— **David J. Hesselgrave, PH.D.**, Co-founder Evangelical Missiological Society, Professor Emeritus of Missions, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School



“Over the course of a lifetime of fruitful ministry, Jay Grimstead has pointed the way toward substantive renewal and revival for Western Culture. His unwavering vision for an articulate application of Gospel principles in every arena of life and culture is captured in this work—a kind of blueprint for the restoration of Christian civilization. May God give us the grace and courage to act in accord with this vision in the days ahead.”

—**Dr. George Grant**, Pastor, Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

“It fell to my generation to rethink everything in the light of the kingdom of God. It now falls to the emerging generation to rebuild everything in the light of the kingdom of God. Dr. Jay Grimstead’s life work, now fleshed out in this essential book, offers essential kingdom blueprints and road maps for the new generation of rebuilders. *Soli Deo Gloria!*”

—**Dr. William Mikler**, Bishop, *Communio Christiana*

“Conceived in ancient times of formative church councils, nurtured by the Protestant Reformation, challenged by theological drift in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the multifaceted vision of Dr. Jay Grimstead to return the modern church to its Biblical roots has been birthed in our time. For many of us who shared in his labor pangs, the vision at times seemed too grand to be realized and its vessels too weak to carry it forward. Yet in the late decades of the twentieth century and early years of the twenty-first, the vision took real shape as the Holy Spirit guided an impossibly diverse group of churchmen to network and cooperate in shaping movements and creedal statements declaring Biblical truth in the face of resurrected old and innovative new heresies. This book is a valuable record of how dedicated Christians can reawaken the church to affirm eternal truth and renounce falsehood. The book is a library in itself of how we should think and live in an age when truth has fallen in the streets.”

—**Garry J. Moes**, Development Director,
Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

“This book draws a clear line in the sand between today’s compromising liberal theology and the clear teachings of Scripture, laying a foundation of truth for effectively engaging the challenges facing western civilization.”

—**Brad Dacus, J.D.**, Founder/President, Pacific Justice Institute

“*Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible* by Jay Grimstead and Eugene Clingman should be required reading for every serious Christian. Jay is a father to our generation and more specifically a spiritual father to me. Decades ago he showed me how to develop a Biblical world view instead of a worldly Biblical view. He included me in some of the councils of the elders who developed the principles in this book. As a result, I built my ministry on the starting place that all understanding must begin with the Creator Himself. What God understands and has revealed to us in the Bible is our only true standard for all times and for all circumstances. Without exception, God’s Word applies to every area of life.”

—**Dr. Wellington Boone**, Founder, Head Bishop,
Fellowship of International Churches, Atlanta, Georgia.



“We know the foundation of satan’s governance...money, control, and power in the hands of temporal man under satan’s designs...recorded history proves it. Dr. Jay Grimstead conversely weighs in with Spirit-led truths that lead all socio-economic sectors of modern society never to fail. A friend once said, ‘Get your facts or the facts will get you.’ Jay’s forte...Biblical facts that apply for every nations’ benefit. It’s time to act, here’s how.”

— **David Fankhauser**, Owner, Skyway Realty, Red Mountain, TN

There is no one who has influenced my spiritual life more than Dr. Grimstead. A few months after I met him, back in 1982, he said that after he discipled me, I would never be the same. And he was right; my world view and my understanding of what God expects of me individually, and His church in general, revolutionized my life. This book is a great tool to create, in all aspects of life, a God-centered society and to bring glory to our Lord until He returns.

— **Victor Rivera**, President, Integrity Document Solutions Inc., Las Vegas

“Dr. Jay Grimstead and his team of the Coalition on Revival have provided the Church with an invaluable armory of vital foundational documents to assist your Church and ministry in working for Biblical Reformation. These documents, including the ICBI Statement of Biblical Inerrancy, The 42 Articles of Historic Christian Doctrine, The 25 Articles of Affirmation and Denial on the Kingdom of God, and the Manifesto for the Christian Church represent decades of study and hard work by some of the finest minds in the Church today.

“These are solid foundations on which to build, powerful weapons to use in this world war of worldviews, tremendous tools for each one involved in applying the Lordship of Christ to all areas of life. God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His ways are higher than our ways. Reformation is about restoring Biblical principles to all areas of life. This is God’s world and we need God’s Word to be obeyed in every area of life.

“It is time to draw a line in the sand. We need to echo the words of Dr. Martin Luther’s bold stand against the emperor at Worms, 18 April 1521: ‘My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Here I stand, I can do no other! God help me. Amen.’”

— **Dr. Peter Hammond**, Frontline Fellowship, South Africa

Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible: Proclaiming Truth on 24 Controversial Issues, is a must-read for all who want to learn the Bible’s implications for all of life, including the realm of law and government. Developing those implications and teaching them to Christians through the Coalition on Revival (COR) and the International Church Council Project (ICCP) has been my good friend Dr. Grimstead’s life mission, and this book is the culmination of decades of tireless work. Dr. Grimstead begins by establishing the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible. But he doesn’t stop there. He raises the quintessential point: If the Bible is inspired and inerrant, then it must be authoritative for all walks of life.

— **Col. John Eidsmoe**, Alabama State Defense Forces



“It is with great honor I can give an endorsement for the work of my friend Jay Grimstead. History will be determined not by the strong, but by the active, the vigilant and the brave. Right is right, no matter if nobody is right, wrong is wrong, no matter if everybody is wrong. Jay has written a line in the sand that can’t be crossed without grave consequences. I highly recommend Christian leaders to study his material which he has written. The greatest need of our time is for organized information that can make a difference in the hearts and minds of the next generation. Jay’s work has the information to make a powerful impact for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and the posterity of this great nation.”

— **Dr. Allen Unruh**, Sioux Falls, SD

In that long and noble Christian tradition of addressing modern controversies through statements of faith, COR has provided a valuable resource to the Christian church and a bright witness to the world in the documents preserved in this compilation. May God all the more invigorate His inescapable truth in our apathetic culture through the truths elaborated and defended within these documents.

— **Rev. Dave Bush**, Pastor, Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Sonora, CA

“This important book mingles history and doctrine. Drs. Jay Grimstead and Eugene Clingman are uniquely situated to offer their insights as various position papers are unfolded. I am particularly pleased to see these documents in printed form, since they represent carefully crafted Biblical teaching along with references and rationale.”

— **Dr. James A. Borland**, Professor,
Philosophy and Theology, Liberty University

“The old truth that God’s true Word is sharper than a double-edged blade, piercing the core of all that a human being is, always needs to be rediscovered, re-articulated, and re-applied — as it is in this book. Some issues and problems are new, some are old, but Scripture always turns this world upside down.”

— **Dr. David Powlison**, CCEF Executive Director,
Senior Editor, Journal of Biblical Counseling, www.ccef.org

“The Coalition on Revival is at the forefront of researching, promoting, and implementing a thoroughly Biblical, truly Christian culture. In this work, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible: Proclaiming the Truth on 24 Controversial Issues* they have made an important contribution to the discussion. The topics covered herein are fundamental to the Christian worldview and therefore to building a Christian civilization. I highly commend this work to all those who are dismayed at the collapse of Western Christian culture that we are witnessing around us. In Hosea 4:6 the Lord exposes the problem that His people of old faced: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” In *Rebuilding Civilization* COR is seeking to reverse this dreadful lack of knowledge. May God bless this work to his glory!”

— **Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr.**, Th.D., Director, Good Birth Ministries,
Pastor, Living Hope Presbyterian Church, Greer, SC



Error, heresy, and outright paganism are today common in churches that were once sound. Even many “better” churches have little depth to their teaching and are silent on critical issues of the day. Being conservative or traditionalist will not bring them back to a sound theology. Errant theology can only be corrected by Biblical theology, heresy can only be repudiated by orthodox theology, and paganism masquerading as Christianity can only be defeated by a clear declaration of the eternal Word of God. The word “theology” can be simply defined by its root meaning “God words.” Theology is the battlefield of every Christian because it represents God’s law word, and we represent Him and His Kingdom. When faced with a battle for our churches we are faced with the choice of either stepping forward and fighting or fleeing. The documents in this book are presented as a standard around which the church is called to stand, then fight and advance.

—Rev. Mark R. Rushdoony, President of Chalcedon Foundation

Jay Grimstead has given us a monumental work tracing the theology of Christianity through its creeds from its inception to the present day. The problem for the contemporary church is in accepting a theology no longer rooted in Scripture and the creeds. Grimstead and Clingman and their committees clearly demonstrate this failure by those Christians who are more influenced by the world than by the Bible. He correctly calls all Christians back to orthodox theology and a deeper reverence for the Word of God. When our society is once again influenced by the power of the teachings of Christ, we will see the Holy Spirit bring a new awakening in our government as well as our daily lives.

—Rev. David R. Brown, Pastor, Danville Presbyterian Church,
Author, former school administrator and teacher

According to the Scriptures Jesus came to “bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37) and his younger brother Jude wrote his Epistle to “contend for the truth” (Jude 3b), clearly as a matter of personal as well as societal “life and death.” The present volume follows courageously and persuasively in their footsteps. It consists of a number of previously published documents that cover a wide variety of topics, as well as some perceptive analyses of “empty and deceitful” (Col. 2:8) theological trends and fresh material on “hot button” issues, such as homosexuality and the environment. Together they do not just urge the Church to stand firm on the truth that has “once and for all been delivered to the saints” (Jude 3c). They are also a “clarion call” tirelessly to promulgate any and all truth whatever the cost, once again both on the personal and the societal level. The Biblical necessity for the latter is frequently under heavy attack from various angles. This volume makes a compelling case that life cannot and may not be compartmentalized. God is a universal King and his inerrant and authoritative Word covers the waterfront of history in all its components and aspects (Is. 8:20). The grim reality is that on the whole, in spite of many skirmishes and frequent battles won, the Church has lost battles in the Middle East to “Idoltrous Islam” and in Europe to “Atheistic Secularism.” So it better wake up fast and give it all it has got, or it will lose the war in the USA to an “ungodly



humanism” and will be unable to “bear witness to the truth” and “contend for the truth” in other parts of the world. This volume can only assist and stimulate its readers everywhere to be or to get ready for action and battle in the prayerful hope of victory. In sum, “Tolle Lege!”

—**Dr. Henry Krabbendam**, Professor, Biblical Studies,
Covenant College (retired)