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## A WORLD WAR OF WORLDVIEWS

There is a growing worldwide war against Christianity. Every year, an average of 160,000 Christians die as martyrs for Christ. Churches are being burned by Muslim mobs in Northern Nigeria. Whole villages of Christians have been massacred by the Buddhist military dictatorship in Burma. Churches have been bulldozed by the Communist regime in Zimbabwe. Young Christians have been condemned to death for evangelising their Muslim neighbours in Pakistan. Christian schoolgirls have been beheaded by Muslim militants in Indonesia. Christians are tortured and imprisoned in massive slave labour camps in Red China. House churches have been raided and closed in Communist Cuba. Literally hundreds of millions of Christians worldwide live under persecution and oppression.

Yet, there is very little concern expressed for these Christian victims of violent persecution, nor even coverage, in the media in the West. Not only the secular media, but most of the Christian media ignore this rising tide of anti-Christian intolerance worldwide. And it is not

only in Communist and Muslim states that Christians are persecuted. Increasingly, secular governments in Western states are, through legislation and judicial pronouncements, encroaching upon schools, churches and homes, eroding freedoms, and even prosecuting Christians for opposing perversion or evangelising in the work place. Even the very definition of marriage itself is under attack with pressure for same sex "marriages." The very foundations of our Faith and freedoms – civilisation itself – is under attack.

For over 24 years, Frontline Fellowship has been on the frontline of this world war of worldviews, resisting the New World Order, and exposing Marxist tyranny and Muslim terrorism. Concentrating on conflict areas, war zones, neglected fields and restricted access areas, Frontline Fellowship missionaries have been assisting persecuted churches and working for the complete and utter destruction of Communism, Humanism and Islam.

Our vision is the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Scorning threats and treachery,

refusing to let disappointments and dangers distract us, we are dedicated to transforming communities by changing lives. Therefore we invest in life changing literature and leadership training, conducting Great Commission Courses and Biblical Worldview Seminars, helping to establish Christian schools and Bible colleges, training teachers, evangelists and pastors.

We recognise that the battlegrounds in this colossal conflict for hearts and minds is fought on the airwaves, in schools, colleges, and in the media. Therefore, we are regularly involved in debates in universities and mosques, on radio and national T.V. We are publishing books and demolishing the false arguments of evolutionism and secular Humanism on streets, in classrooms, and in Parliaments. We are ministering to principals and presidents, fighting for Faith and freedom, providing libraries for schools and Bibles for Africa.

It is our goal to "rightly divide the Word of God" and to "understand the times". Civilisation itself is at stake. Eternal destinies are at stake. At this critical stage, your prayers and partnership are greatly needed. Anything you can do to help promote the life changing messages on our websites, newsletters, books, CD's and DVD's will be greatly appreciated. What we do now will echo in eternity.

Can you help sponsor one of our nation building publications or projects? Join the Reformation Society. Help us establish Reformation Societies and Christian Action Groups in every school, college and university.

"God's work, done God's way, will never lack God's supply." The safest place in the world is in the centre of God's Will. We praise God that we are neither working in uncertainty nor afraid for the results. "God's cause will triumph!"



### BIBLES & BIKES - Putting Wheels under the Word of God

# BORN IN PRAYER

**F**rontline Fellowship was born in prayer. The vision for our mission – to assist persecuted churches, evangelising in war zones, serving in restricted access areas – grew out of the daily Bible study and prayer meeting which I led during my time of military service. For two years we met, almost every night, around the Word of God, spending extended times in prayer. Sometimes we prayed through the night, in prayer chains. Often our Bible study and prayer meetings lasted for three, four or five hours at a time.

It was while praying through the *Operation World* Intercessory Handbook, on an all night prayer chain, that the Lord impressed upon my heart what Patrick Johnstone had written about Mozambique: That Mozambique was the least evangelised country in the Southern Hemisphere and that there was less than one Bible for every thousand people in that Marxist nation.

Something stirred deeply within me, and my heart leapt at the challenge. There on my knees, at the front of the chapel in our military base, I knew that God was calling me to take Bibles and the *Jesus* film into Marxist Mozambique.

As I shared this vision with some Christian friends and family members, they reacted sceptically. Mozambique was a communist country, a war zone, an enemy of South Africa. Terrorists were using Mozambique as their launching pad to plant landmines and car bombs in South Africa. The South African Air Force and Special Forces were undertaking military raids into Mozambique.

As I prepared for my first mission to Mozambique, the Lord confirmed His call through many passages in my daily devotions: *“The Lord said to me, ‘Do not say that you are too young, but go to the people I send you to, and tell them everything I command you to say. Do not be afraid of them, for I will be with you to protect you. I the Lord have spoken!’”* Jeremiah 1:7-8.

*“Get ready now...and cross the River Jordan into the land.”* Joshua 1:2

It was early in 1982 that I crossed the border from Swaziland into Mozambique on a 250cc off road motorbike with a thousand New

Testaments in Portuguese and four reels of the *Jesus* film. In so many ways God protected, provided and guided. This was a faith mission. I did not know a word of Portuguese. We had no contacts in Mozambique. I only had R10, not even enough money to purchase petrol to drive out of Mozambique again. Yet the Lord led us that first night to someone who became our host and translator. By the next morning he had gathered a large number of Christians from numerous churches together for us to minister to, and by the following day someone at the British Consulate permitted us to use their 16mm projector.

That was the first of many faith missions into Mozambique. But for God’s grace and answers to prayer we could not have possibly succeeded. Time and again I saw that where God guides - He provides. God’s servant is God’s responsibility. If you are too busy to pray...then you are busier than God wants you to be. Nothing is beyond the reach of prayer – except that which is beyond the will of God. Prayer is the foundation for all spiritual work. The will of God will never lead you – where the grace of God cannot keep you. And God gives the best to those who leave the choice to Him.

There were a number of occasions when I was arrested and detained, in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique and Sudan. On each occasion the situation was very serious and could have become quite disastrous. However, in answer to prayer, on each occasion, the Lord opened prison doors and set the captives free. In July 1984, my brother, Derek, and I were on a mission trip through Zimbabwe into Mozambique. We were detained and escorted out of Mozambique and detained in Zimbabwe and interrogated by CIO investigators. On both occasions, the Lord gave us wisdom in our answers and grace in the eyes of the authorities to set us free.

In October 1987 I, and three other Frontline Mission volunteers, were imprisoned in Zambia. These 16 days locked up in Zambia involved six interrogations for myself, one interrogation lasting for six hours. The tension between South Africa and Zambia at that time

was intense, and sometimes it looked as though we were mere pawns in a political game being played. Nevertheless, by God’s grace, in answer to international prayer and pressure, the Zambian government was forced to set us free.

In October 1989, exactly two years after my Zambian prison experience, I was leading a team of eight missionaries on



Fresh out of the army, en route to Mozambique - from Cape Town - with backpacks of Bibles on a 250cc off-road motorbike.

a mission to Mozambique. We were captured by Frelimo troops, transported by Soviet Mi-8 hip helicopters, and ended up in solitary confinement in the Machava Security Prison in Maputo. I had just been married six months before. My wife, Lenora, was the only one back at our mission headquarters in Cape Town to mobilise the international prayer and pressure on our behalf. The situation was most serious because of the *Mozambique Report - Eyewitness Testimonies of Frelimo Atrocities* which I had published. I had received warnings from the communist government in Mozambique including from the Ministry of Justice, Department of Religious Affairs which bluntly stated that should I return to Mozambique, I would be killed.

My writings and documentation on the systematic slaughter perpetrated by the communist Frelimo government in



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“Home” in the field - a sleeping bag under a tree.



Mozambique had received worldwide distribution, even being read into the congressional record in the US Senate and in the Parliament in Norway. Now I was in Frelimo's hands. By God's grace, my captor's confused my identity, leaving out my surname on all their records. I was continually referred to as Peter Christopher (On my passport the surname was on the second line!) Despite banner headline articles in South Africa and Zimbabwe declaring: "Baptist Minister Is Frelimo's Top Captive", international prayer and pressure secured our release before these reports made their way back to Mozambique and beyond the translator's table.

Shortly after I was converted to Christ early in 1977, I remember a missionary from Overseas Missionary Fellowship urging us to pray for God to open the doors to Red China. Even as we prayed my heart was filled with unbelief – How could a communist country like China ever be open to the Gospel again? Yet, shortly after Mao Tse Tung died, his little Red Book became discredited and the doors to China have been gradually opening since revealing a huge church of many millions of Chinese Christians.

When I first started praying for Mozambique, in 1981, it was firmly closed to the Gospel. Many of my friends thought I was foolish to enter Marxist Mozambique on my motorbike,



Resurrection Sunday service in 2nd Baptist Church - Oradea, Romania, 1989.

laden with a thousand Gospels and Bibles and the *Jesus* film. Yet, God opened the doors time and again and we managed to deliver tonnes of Bibles and relief aid and show Christian films to thousands of people through that war torn country.

When we first started delivering Bibles and medicines to Christians suffering in Angola, we heard the Angolan Christians praying for God to intervene. They told us how the dictator Agestino Neto had declared: "Within twenty years there will not be a Christian left in Angola. I will have eradicated Christianity!" While Christians were praying for God's deliverance, Neto died in mysterious circumstances on an operating table in Moscow. His successor, Dos Santos, showed a marked lack of enthusiasm for continuing Neto's wave of church burning.

In 1986, as Samora Machel's brutal persecution of Christians in Mozambique intensified, we published *The Mozambique Report* which has now been updated and re-published as *In The Killing Fields of Mozambique*, and launched a campaign of prayer for the suffering Christians there. Although there seemed to be no hope – we continued to trust God to intervene and stop the bloodshed. Suddenly, in October 1986, the dictator's Soviet Tupolev crashed in the midst of a storm. A month earlier, Machel had publicly cursed Christ and challenged God to prove His existence by striking him dead. When, after sixty seconds nothing had happened, Machel declared: "God is dead! But I am alive!"

Now the persecutor was dead and God was plainly shown to be alive. Although much suffering continued, Mozambique officially renounced Marxism and allowed some measure of freedom to many churches, especially in the cities. And missionaries were at last allowed to evangelise in Mozambique. The atheist persecutors of the Church finally had to acknowledge defeat, and have even returned many confiscated churches.

When I first saw the Berlin Wall in March 1988, and the crosses in memory of those who had been shot in the back while fleeing from socialism – I wept. I prayed, as did so many others, that God would break down this evil system – even as he had demolished the walls of Jericho. Yet, how amazed I was when our prayers were answered in 1989, and millions poured across the border for their first look at the other half of their city and country.

When my wife, Lenora, and I visited Romania in early 1989, we experienced the oppression of communism and witnessed the tyranny of the dictator Ceausescu. Along with millions of others – we prayed. And before the year ended we saw Ceausescu executed, the

communism symbols smashed and God's Word openly proclaimed in the public squares of Romania. Bibles flooded in and many Romanians came to Christ.

Albania had declared itself the first fully atheistic state in 1966. Yet, in answer to prayer, the communist government of Albania was forced to back down and renounce communism and atheism. In 1992 and 1993, I had the opportunity to minister in Albania and see many people openly embrace the Christian faith.

For nearly 25 years, Frontline Fellowship has been working in Restricted Access Areas, frequently having to smuggle Bibles, illegally, across hostile frontiers into Marxist or Muslim areas. Sometimes we've had to charter aircraft to fly in no-fly zones, to deliver Christian contraband to islands of beleaguered brethren such as the Christians in the Nuba Mountains of Central Sudan – an island of Christianity in a sea of Islam. We have trusted the Lord for protection in defying flight bans in countries where they maintained a shoot-on-sight policy.



This church in Kauda, in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan, was bombed 18 times in 12 months.

The government of Sudan posted, on their official Ministry of Foreign Affairs website, an article which referred to me by name. It plainly stated that "Peter Hammond should expect to be bombed...to be shot on sight." It even gave the reason for this. The article stated that my writings made me "an enemy of the state."

This didn't seem to be an idle threat as I have endured artillery and aerial bombardments in Sudan, at church services. On one occasion the Sudan Air Force dropped eight bombs around a church where we were holding a worship service on Sunday morning. All eight bombs landed within a hundred metres of the church, one barely seventeen metres from where I was crouching. I had a few cracked ribs and was buried under the debris flung up by the explosion, but otherwise I was unharmed. On this and many other occasions we have seen Psalm 91 fulfilled. The Lord is our shield, a mighty fortress. We praise God for His grace, mercy, provision, guidance and protection on so many ministry trips, over 24 years.

Thank you for continuing to pray for us. The Lord is abundantly answering.

"Finally brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have Faith." 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

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*"All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded..."*

Matthew 28:18-20

*"... The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*



*"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, and His enemies will lick the dust."*

Psalm 72:8-9

*"Cush will submit to God."*

Psalm 68:31

# AFRICA FOR CHRIST



*"From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia, My worshipers, the daughters of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering."*

Zephaniah 3:10

*"That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in Heaven, and those on earth, and of those under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."*

Philippians 2:10-11

# PRAY FOR AFRICA

# SLAVERY TODAY AND THE BATTLE OVER HISTORY

When I was invited to lecture on: "Slavery – The Rest of the Story" at three university campuses in Minnesota, I expected that it would engender some opposition. What I could not have foreseen was the intensity of hostility and emotion that would be whipped up by some radical students against myself and those who had invited me.

Karl Marx declared: "The first battlefield is the rewriting of history." Evidently, many of Marx's disciples have been very busy on the university campuses rewriting history, rearranging reality and brainwashing students.

The University of Minnesota has 37,000 students, including over 2,900 international students from more than 130 countries, including China, India, Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and many others.

I have been invited to lecture at the university campus before, on the persecution of Christians in Sudan. Those presentations received some opposition, but nothing like what we received on this occasion.

Muslim students from Somalia, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia expressed great hostility, anger and emotion in opposition to my presentations on *Slavery – The Rest of the Story*. At one of the lunch time presentations in a university auditorium, the questions and answers discussion went on for over 3½ hours after the end of the presentation. One Somali stood up and made a long and vitriolic speech against "President Bush's war of aggression against the people of Iraq," and attacked me for not dealing with this. In response I pointed out that I was not an American citizen, that I had never worked in Iraq, that I am an African, and the subject that I had been invited to speak on was: "Slavery – The Rest of the Story." I had spoken on what I had personally witnessed and researched in Sudan, but I could not speak with any authority on Iraq, as I had never even visited that country.

However, I did point out that I was not aware that America was waging "a war of aggression against the Iraqi people." It was my impression that the Allied forces had freed the people of Iraq from one of the most brutal dictatorships



in the Middle East. In fact, I asked, didn't Iraq now have the first elected government in its history? So, perhaps it would be more accurate to refer to the conflict in Iraq as a civil war where the US forces are assisting the first elected government in Iraq's history against local insurgents?

A woman, who identified herself as coming from Saudi Arabia, was most agitated. She declared that it was false to give the impression that women were oppressed in Islam. Women were "completely free and equal." It was wrong to suggest that Muhammad had owned slaves, she claimed, he never mistreated anybody, and Islam is a peaceful and tolerant religion of brotherhood.

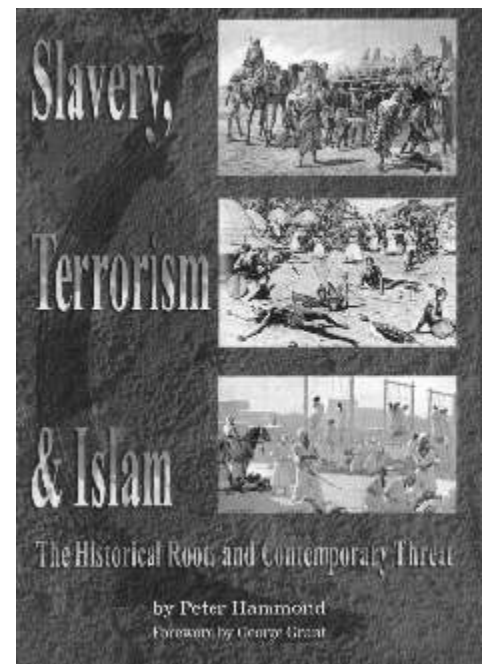
I had to remind this lady that both the Quran and the Hadith confirm that Muhammad was a slave owner and a slave trader. Muhammad gave detailed instructions concerning the treatment of slaves, including that Muslim slave masters could lawfully "enjoy" their female slaves sexually or even hire them out as prostitutes. "How many women can a Muslim man marry?" I asked. "Four" she replied. "And how many men can a Muslim woman marry?" "What's that got to do with it?" She responded angrily. I pointed out that this indicates that there is no equality for women in Islam.

"Are you, as a Muslim woman, allowed to vote in Saudi Arabia?" "Of course not!" she responded angrily. "Can you, as a Muslim woman, drive a car in Saudi Arabia?" "No, but Saudi Arabia is the land of Muhammad!" "But you can drive a car here in America? Why is it that you have so many more rights and freedoms in America than you would have in your home country of Saudi Arabia?" In response, this woman expressed very hostile views of America and its government, prompting me to ask why she had come to study in such a horrible country, under such terrible conditions, when she could be enjoying such perfect freedom back in Saudi Arabia?

One student, apparently from Pakistan, declared that I did not deserve to live, and I should not be allowed to remain on this planet! When I asked where he would suggest I go, he exploded: "To hell!" In response to this I said: "I'm sorry, but the Lord Jesus has already dealt with that, so I will not be able to join you."

One of the most surprising aspects of my visit to the university campuses in Minnesota was the hostility of many university lecturers against Christianity and America. As a missionary who has spent almost 25 years ministering to restricted access areas in Africa, I expect opposition from Muslims and Marxists. However, as experienced during these campus outreaches in Minnesota, some of the most fervent opposition we received came from nominal Christians who seem either infatuated with, or in fear of, Islam. They seemed most antagonistic towards Biblical Christianity and even hostile to the Christian civilisation, which they benefit from.

One university professor stood up during the question and answer time and declared that he was most disappointed with my presentation. It was "the most bigoted, narrow-minded lecture" he had ever heard in his life. He had brought his students from his history class to hear me, expecting that I would speak about the American involvement in the slave trade. He didn't understand why I would have dealt with such "hurtful" and "offensive" material as the Muslim involvement in the slave trade. Why hadn't I given more time and attention to America's involvement?



To this I had to respond that surely the advertised title of my presentations: *Slavery – The Rest of the Story* should have made it abundantly clear that it was not my purpose to come to America to repeat again what most Americans are so familiar with, and what ended over 150 years ago. As an African missionary, who had witnessed the ongoing slave trade in Sudan today, I had undertaken a research project into the history of slavery in Africa and the result was the book: *Slavery, Terrorism and Islam – The Historical Roots and Contemporary Threat* – on which these lectures had been based.

The American involvement in the slave trade lasted for less than 3 centuries. However, the Muslim involvement in the slave trade has continued for 14 centuries and is still continuing to this day. Considering that 95% of the African slaves who were transported across the Atlantic went to South and Central America, mainly to Portuguese, Spanish and French possessions, and that less than 5% of the slaves who crossed the Atlantic went to the United States, it was remarkable that the vast majority of academic research, films, books and articles concerning the slave trade concentrated only on the American involvement, as though slavery was a uniquely American aberration. The vastly great

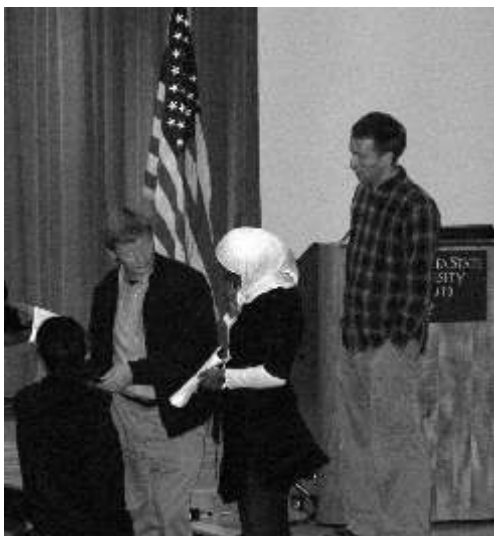


involvement of Portugal, Spain and France seems to be largely ignored. Even more so the far greater and longer running Islamic slave trade into the Middle East has been so ignored as to make it one of history's best-kept secrets.

Now, I pointed out, if I had concentrated on the American slave trade, that would have been ignorant, bigoted and prejudiced.

Numerous Sudanese university students stood up to confirm the truth of my presentations, that there was indeed slavery continuing in Sudan today. *"It is a fact! No one can deny it! The facts and the documentation are there, for anyone to see. We ourselves have seen and experienced it. The Americans are very honest and admit their involvement in slavery over 150 years ago. Why can't you Muslims be honest and admit what is going on in your own countries, and deal with it?"* challenged one student from Sudan.

Another man from Mexico spoke up: *"My ancestors were the Aztecs. We were the biggest slave traders, and the slaves were used for human sacrifice - to make the sun rise each day! Our Aztec priests ripped out the beating hearts from living slaves who were sacrificed in our temples. Men were enslaved and sacrificed like that. I don't like it. I am not proud of it, but it is a fact. It is part of our history. We have to face up to it. And the slavery and human sacrifice in Mexico only stopped when Christianity came and brought it to an end. That is the fact of history. When are the Arabs going to face up to the facts of their own history, and to what is going on in many Muslim countries today? When are they going to rise up like the Christians to bring this slavery in their own countries to an end?"*



The atmosphere in the university auditorium was electric, as various students and some lecturers took part in the very vigorous question and answer time, debating, arguing and discussing these volatile topics.

At one of the university campus meetings, I was still surrounded by about 10 students, including some from Somalia, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, 4½ hours after the beginning of the presentation. Suddenly I realised that all the discussion had stopped and everyone was silent. They were all listening to me. After hours of shouting and argument, it was an eerie experience as I related the parables of Christ, particularly of the two men who went up to the Temple to pray: the one was a religious leader, a Pharisee; and the other was a tax collector – a sinner. I related the contrast between these two men. The one self-righteous, convinced of his own goodness and moral superiority, and the other man humbled and repentant only crying out: *"Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!"* Then I asked them which of these two men were justified in God's sight? Whose prayer did the Lord find acceptable? The Muslim students remained silent as one of the Christians responded: *"The tax collector, because he was repentant."* This seemed to shock the Muslims as they would have thought that the religious leader, with his fasting, was the righteous one.

I also had the opportunity to share the Gospel in the story of Abraham being willing to sacrifice his son and how God Himself provided the lamb. I pointed them to Jesus, who is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29). He died in our place, the Just for the unjust.

After all the heated emotions, anger and shouting, it was an extraordinary experience to be able to communicate calmly and clearly the Gospel presentation to these Muslims who had been so emotive and hostile for so many hours.

My respect greatly increased for the campus ministries that have to work in such volatile and hostile environments on a daily basis. Campus ministries, such as Maranatha, are laying a foundation for righteousness for future generations. On a daily basis they are seeking to evangelise in dorm rooms, class rooms and offices throughout the university community. With guest speakers like myself, and through men's and women's Bible studies, prayer meetings, contact tables and outreaches, they are challenging the present politically correct propaganda of Humanism

and the New Age Movement with the life changing power of the Gospel of Salvation and Jesus Christ alone.

My host, Rev. Bruce Harpel, who founded Maranatha Christian Fellowship over 25 years ago, explains: *"In the classroom, students are indoctrinated to think that truth is relative, that there are no absolutes, and what is right and wrong are determined by the individual and society. Drinking, drugs, sexual immorality, and lack of accountability lead some students to self destruction. The student usually exits college much more wounded and addicted to sin than when he/she entered. Many times students who were raised in Christian homes abandon their beliefs as they are challenged by opposing worldviews. When these students return to their respective towns, cities, and countries, this bondage to sin is transfused into the bloodstream of society. We see more white-collar crime, violence, sexually transmitted diseases, abortions, suicide, divorce, depression and despair in society than ever before. The University is truly a mission field and that is why we are here. To ignore campus ministry is to surrender the culture to the enemy."*

*"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* 2 Corinthians 3:17

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An audio CD of the *Slavery – The Rest of the Story* presentation (including PowerPoint), given at the University of Minnesota, is available from Frontline Fellowship.

*"...Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."* 1 Peter 3:15

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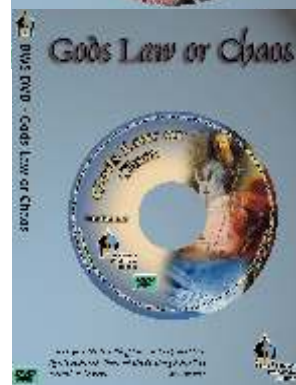
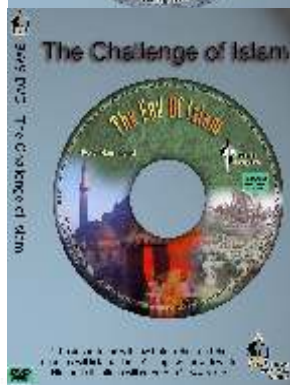
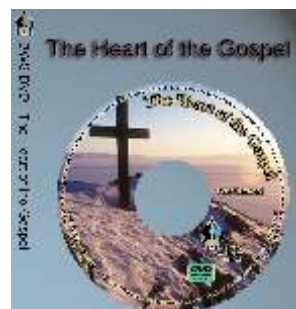
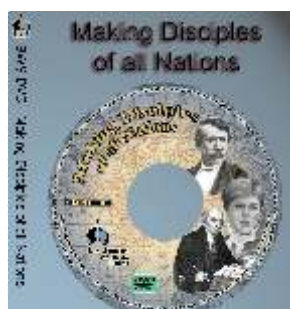
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