

# Gate Breaker News Digest

Matthew 16:18 "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

## Sewing to Live in Pakistan



Women learning to sew in sewing center

Can you imagine being an impoverished, Christian woman in a society that wants to make you convert to Islam before giving you a job?

That is the story of some of the women at the GBM sewing center schools in Pakistan. There are testimonies of abuse and great oppression. Yet, now these women are being given a chance to learn a trade in the sewing industry at centers that honor the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

While I was ministering in Pakistan in May and June of 2009, we established one sewing center in Shamirpur Village in Sialkot. The teacher for this center is Rubina Nazir.

Later in the summer, we started another sewing school in Arayanwala Village in Sheikhpura. Sana Younis is the teacher.

Please pray for both of these teachers, as they teach the students. They begin each day with prayer and Christian stories. By the way, some of the students may be Muslims and will have the opportunity to find Christ.

Let's consider why the sewing centers are so important.

Some of the Muslim - dominated countries have high rates of illiteracy. Pakistan is one with only a 49.9 % literacy rate overall, and women would normally have less opportunity to become literate than men.

Higher class Muslims normally provide education for both their sons and daughters, and many upper class Muslim women have good jobs. Some run for political office. The late Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan was the first woman elected to lead a Muslim state. She was assassinated in 2007.

Women, however, in Muslim countries are not normally given basic equality with men. Here are some examples: In Saudi Arabia, women are not allowed to drive cars on public roads, even though they can be physicians or have other professions. Women in Morocco are treated as minors when they apply for certain work-related positions. Though they are

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Establishing the first sewing center in Shamirpur in May of 2009. I am the tall guy in the back. They named it "GBM Sewing Center". Soon there was a second GBM Sewing Center.

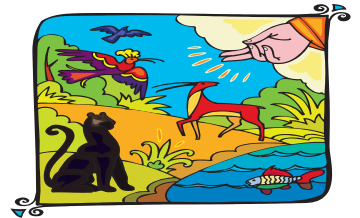
## Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster

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The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth . . . God said, 'Let there be light' . . . God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves . . . God made the beast of the earth according to its kind . . . God created man in His own image" (Genesis 1:1, 3, 21, 25, 27).

However, not all people agree with the biblical account of Creation.

Today, there is a group of scientists who are atheists. They believe that the universe came about by chance and that life evolved into all of its present forms through evolution as proposed by Charles Darwin in his book *On the Origin of Species* (1859). A second group of scientists, theistic evolutionists, believe in a limited creation by a creator who then used evolution. A third group, Creation scientists, believe in a supreme creator who created all life as it is and that Darwin's idea of evolution is a false



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theory. Of these different groups, only the atheists do not believe in an intelligent designer, but the other two groups do. *Belief* is a word that applies to all three groups, since the existence of a Creator God cannot be absolutely disproven or proven.

Yet, opponents to the intelligent design theory say that it has no place in the science class-

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## Sewing to Live in Pakistan Continued

allowed to work in Egypt, women are usually restricted from the private sector. Some countries require women to wear full facial burkas or a chador, which opens in the front.<sup>2</sup>

According to ex-Muslim, Nonie Darwish,



A thank you handkerchief sent to GBM by the sewing center in Arayanwalla Village.

when a wife is beaten by her husband, she has no right to divorce him. Sharia law, which is legal based on the Koran give men more rights. A woman's

testimony in court is only half the value of a man's. A daughter's inheritance is half that of her brother. A wife cannot leave the house or country without her husband's permission. If a woman gets raped, there must be four witnesses that observe the literal act in order to verify that it was rape; otherwise, the man normally gets off free.<sup>3</sup>

Would you be so kind as to pray about doing a fund raiser in your church, Christian school, or business to help support Christian-led sewing centers and establish new ones in Pakistan?

I was recently sent a sad email by a pastor from Pakistan. Attached was an article about a Christian teenage girl named Shazia. She worked as a domestic house cleaner in Lahore, Pakistan, for a powerful Muslim attorney. He raped and murdered her. Yet, because of his position and influence, and the lack of witnesses, he will most likely face no charges. He is trying to pay off the parents to keep them quiet, but they are broken hearted by the loss of their daughter and want justice.

The pastor asked me to pray for the girl's family and for the expansion of the sewing center project so that more Christian women may learn to earn a living in a place of safety.

Each of the two sewing centers has a dozen or more women who are being trained for one year to become competent seamstresses and textile workers. Since this is a new project, we will see how prepared they are after one year. Gate Breaker Ministries provides the sewing machines, material, and other accessories, as well as the teachers' monthly salary. A sewing center can be started for as little as \$1,500.



Women being taught to sew.

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Some supplies given to one of the centers by GBM.

led sewing centers and establish new ones in Pakistan? GBM has the connections that can make it happen.

The idea is so simple and strategic that it can be done all over Pakistan. Last fall I received a request to establish six more sewing centers in southern Pakistan, but we lacked the funds to do it at that time.

The Christian sector of Pakistan is only 1.6% of the population. When I was there, I found few businesses owned by Christians. This restricts commerce within the Christian colonies. These sewing centers will create a



Example of a women's outfit sewn last fall.

way for Christians to buy from other Christians, thus creating commerce within the Christian community.

So, the objectives behind the sewing centers are (1) to provide training for disadvantaged Christian women, (2) help create commerce in the Christian community, and (3) increase opportunity to share the gospel message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray for their success and extension.

End Notes

- 1 "List of countries by literacy rate" - Wikipedia
- 2 "Women in Islam" - Wikipedia
- 3 Nonie Darwish, "Ex-Muslim women on Life Under Sharia Law" www.stopshariahow.org

### Note to GBM Supporters

To all of you who financially support GBM on a monthly basis, to all of you who have given special gifts, and to all of you who pray for this ministry, I want to thank you. Because of your faithful support, I am able to go and teach in many places.

Furthermore, GBM is able to support various ministries in Pakistan and India, produce and give away news digests like this one, and at times give away books and other publications. Please pray that giving will increase as ministry opportunities continue to expand. Thanks again and may the Lord bless you abundantly!

Dr. Stan Fleming

## The Flying Spaghetti Monster (Continued)

room. They argue that it is religious doctrine because it points to a supernatural, intelligent creator. Conversely, proponents of the intelligent design theory say that it does belong in the science classroom. Students have a right to make up their own minds.

The battle rages in various public school boards across the United States. This was the debate going on in the Kansas State Board of Education in 2005, when Bobby Henderson, a 25-year-old physics graduate from Oregon State University decided to mock those who adhere to intelligent design by writing an open letter to the Kansas Board. In it he demanded that they also give equal classroom time to the theory of the flying spaghetti monster as the creator.

Henderson's witty parody mocking Christianity and Creation scientists soon became the inspiration for atheists to poke fun at Christianity or any other monotheistic religions. His website received millions of hits, and *The Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster* soon emerged as Henderson's invention of an alternate theory to creation.

It is ironic that Henderson's myth could only mock Christianity's creation story by making up an alternate creation account, rather than actually thinking of something new other than creation through an intelligent designer or by random chance. Of course, he could not, because there are no other alternatives.

In his creation account, he mocks God by teaching the "Pastafarian Creation" by an invisible and undetectable flying spaghetti monster. During creation, the flying spaghetti monster got intoxicated, causing a flawed earth.

In Henderson's book entitled *The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster*, he teaches that pirates are absolute divine beings, and that the decline in pirates is responsible for global warming. Signs of evolution were planned by the flying spaghetti monster to test the faith of Pastafarians. He makes up a variety of strange holidays, lists basic beliefs, and reports on the spaghetti monster's divine signatures in numerous nature scenes.

Henderson's parody struck a chord in the intelligent design debate and has received wide notoriety, including a write up in *Scientific American* and a 2006 nomination for the Quill Award.

Richard Dawkins, who wrote the *God Delusion*, and who is a leader among atheistic evolutionists, applauded Henderson's ideas. Also, the local chapter of the Church of the Spaghetti Monster in 2009 began an annual Skepticon conference at Missouri State University. The organizers claim that it is the largest annual gathering of atheists in the Midwest.<sup>1</sup>

Yet, their sarcasm of an intelligent designer and the Christian account of Creation only circumvents the debate but proves nothing.

However, atheists, who are honest and serious about examining the evidence, sometimes change their minds. Professor Anthony

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## The Resurrection and the Blood

If someone were to ask you for evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, how would you respond?

Believing in it is important because it leads to salvation. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

In a relational, experience-based culture, the fact that you believe in your heart that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is true may be your greatest testimony to someone who is searching for the meaning of life. Yet, some want more than belief; they want proof of it.

However, there is a difference between proof and evidence when discussing something historical like the resurrection of Christ. We cannot conclusively prove it, but there is significant evidence that it happened. This gives us reason to believe.

Here is some of the evidence. First, there were eye witness accounts. The Apostle John wrote "we have seen with our eyes . . . looked upon . . . and our hands have handled" (1st John 1:1). Second, the lives of the apostles and other early Christians were changed, and they spent the rest of their lives spreading the Good News, often suffering persecution and death. One must ask, why would they have done this if it were not true? Third, there are over 24,000 portions or complete New Testament manuscripts from the first few centuries testifying of the event. When comparing this to other ancient manuscripts, nothing comes remotely close to this amount. Fourth, there are early non-Christian references to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some of these were Roman historians who give evidence of the life of Jesus Christ.

Josephus (37–100 AD), the Jewish historian, wrote some startling things. Of Christ, he wrote: "Now there was about this time, Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as had a veneration for truth. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles: he was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at first did not forsake him; for he appeared unto them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had

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spoken of these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him: whence the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."<sup>1</sup>

We could add to this the modern evidence of traditions, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and the changed lives of millions of people who have accepted Christ as their risen King and Lord. The evidence is overwhelming!

Dr. Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853); Harvard Law School, expert on judicial evidence, studied the evidence regarding the resurrection and concluded that there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other evidence in history.<sup>2</sup>

The resurrection of Christ was arguably the greatest event in history, but just prior to that, Jesus died on the cross. Before He could be resurrected, He had to die. So there is obvious evidence for His death too.

Jesus had a mission on earth. He knew that He would die on the cross and then be resurrected. For instance, speaking of Himself in third person as the Son of Man to His disciples, He said: "They will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day he will rise again" (Matthew 20:18-19).

Jesus noted the importance of His shed



blood. At the Last Supper, He told His disciples, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he made reference to the Old Testament manner of removing sin when he said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

So, why did Jesus need to shed His blood for us? Most people do not think of themselves as sinners, but possibly every one would admit that they have done something wrong in their life. They have behaved in a way that was inappropriate, hurting someone else or doing something that is forbidden by Almighty God.

Imagine if you were in a court room before a judge who was pronouncing the penalty of death on you for a life of crime, but suddenly a man comes forth and says that he will die in your place. That is what Jesus did for us.

The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" but repentant believers are "justified by His blood" (Romans 3:23; 5:9). This basically means that our sin

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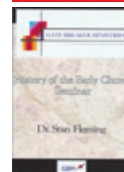
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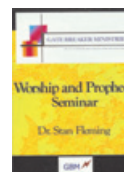
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## The Flying Spaghetti Monster (Continued)

Flew did. For five decades, he was the leading atheistic philosopher in the world. In his book, *There is a God: How the world's most notorious atheist changed his mind* (Harper Collins, 2007), Flew explains that he was always open to following the evidence wherever it led. In the end, the evidence led him to believe that there is a supreme intelligent designer.<sup>2</sup>

One of the key pieces of evidence that impressed Anthony Flew, and which argues for the existence of an intelligent designer, was aptly displayed by Professor Michael Behe in his book *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution* (The Free Press, 1996).

Professor Behe's thesis seems to be that at the smallest biochemical levels of life, it is made up of and functions through tiny microscopic biochemical machines. These are made up of minuscule parts, all of which must be present in order for functionality. The term *irreducible complex biological systems* refers to these tiny machines. This points directly to intelligent design by a supreme intelligent designer because all parts must be present for functionality and could not have evolved independently without the other parts.

So, Professor Behe's challenge to the evolution-minded community regarding the theory of evolution is to "publish or perish". He points out that "molecular evolution is not based on scientific authority. There is no publication in the scientific literature . . . that describes how molecular evolution of any real, complex, biochemical system either did occur or even might have occurred." If evolution cannot occur at the micro level then it does not occur at the macro level. He goes on to say that "the conclusion of intelligent design flows naturally from the data itself - not from sacred books or sectarian beliefs."<sup>3</sup>

The idea that evidence of intelligent design is seen in nature is not new. Generations before Behe wrote his book, William Paley in 1802 published *Natural Theology: Evidence of the Existence and Attributes of the Deity, collected from the appearances in nature* (Republished by Oxford University Press, 2006).

In his book, Paley points out that if a man stumbled over a stone in a field, he may think that it had been there forever. However, if the man found a watch in that field, he would know because of its intricacy that a designer had designed it. So it is, Paley argues with life and the universe. It is intricately designed and points to a Creator.<sup>4</sup>

In conclusion, the mockery of the design theory does nothing to disprove it. There is strong scientific evidence that points towards a supernatural, intelligent designer. It should be included in science classrooms as a legitimate option.

End Notes

1 Wikipedia: Flying Spaghetti Monster

2 Anthony Flew, *There is a God* (New York: Harper Collins, 2007), 88-89.

3 Michael J. Behe, *Darwin's Black Box* (New York: Free Press, 1996), 185, 193.

4 William Paley, *Natural Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006, 2008), 7.

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## European Ministry Trip

In February, I went to Ireland and France to minister. It is awesome to see what the Lord is doing in various cultures.

For instance, in Dublin, Ireland, the Chinese Gospel Church has outgrown their downtown facility. Both the Cantonese and the Mandarin services are growing, so the plan is to purchase another building to which the Cantonese congregation would move. It will remain one church but with two congregations. I had the privilege of speaking to both congregations about transition and met with many of their leaders.

Pastor Cedric Chau is doing an excellent job leading the church through the transition. Having two congregations will have its challenges, but there will also be an increase of evangelistic opportunities to the growing Chinese population in Dublin.

The second part of my ministry was in Dungarvan, Ireland, near Waterford. This is where missionaries from the House of the Lord in Oldtown, Idaho, Cliff and Ericka Gregston, planted a church. I met with the new pastor, Kyle Holland, and ministered twice, once to the staff and then to part of the church. The leaders are strong and committed, and there is a real sense of team ministry.

The final part of my ministry trip was in Paris, France, at the Bon Berger Church. Pastors Robert and Kathryn Baxter went to France from the United States over twenty years ago and have had tremendous success planting churches and reaching many for Christ. I had the privilege to teach at their discipleship school on Saturday morning and then preach at three of their church services, including that of a Philipino congregation on Sunday afternoon. Revival broke out at a couple of the services. It was a powerful time of sensing the presence of the Lord and His impact. Please pray for these mighty ministries in Ireland and France. May God give them strength, health, prosperity, and growth!



I am in the back right with a part of the Dungarvan Church at a home meeting.

## MINISTRY EVENTS

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March - April, 2010

- 3/7-8: Liberty Lake, WA - Liberty Lake Church, *Answering Cults and Islam*.
- 3/15-19: Cannon Beach, OR - Ecola Bible School, *Answering Cults*.
- 3/21-22: Aberdeen, WA - Cornerstone Church, *Prophetic Conference*.
- 3/28: Oldtown, ID - House of the Lord. *Preaching*.
- 4/7-9: Meridian, ID - Capital Interns, *Apologetics*.
- 4/11-12: Fresno, CA - Sierra Lutheran and the Armory, *Missions Conference*.
- 4/15 - 23: Nairobi, Kenya, Kenya College of Ministry and a Conference.

## The Resurrection and the Blood (Continued)

separated us from God, but Jesus took our punishment on Himself. All those who repent and receive Him as Lord and Savior are accepted by Him. The mission of Jesus could be summarized in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Many people hope that after this life, there will be an eternity with a loving and merciful God in a beautiful place like heaven or a new earth. Yet, God is not only loving and merciful, but He is also holy and just. What makes it possible for us to spend eternity with this perfect, sinless God is the fact that Jesus "bore our own sins in His body" when He died on the cross (1st Peter 2:24). He died on the cross for all men, and according to 1st Timothy 2:4, God "desires all men to be saved." However, He will not force anyone to accept Him as their Lord and Savior, but for those who do, the Bible gives a promise: "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

In conclusion, there is significant evidence for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He died for our sin and then did what no one has done before Him, He rose from the dead. His mission was and still is to restore us to God, who is righteous and loving. Have you asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

End Notes

1 Josephus, Book Eighteen of his Antiquities, recorded in Josephus: Complete Works (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1978), 640.

2 Simon Greenleaf, "Testimony of the Evangelists", <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/jesus/greenleaf.html>