

# *Trinity Bible Church*

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## Announcements:

Sunday Feb 15 Deacons' Meeting. After Church.  
The Minor Prophets. Obadiah.  
Wednesday Feb 11 Fellowship luncheon at Louie's in Yukon @ 11:00.

- \*\* Larry Riley was elected to the deacon board. Glutton for punishment.
- \*\* Missionary Mike Parks has Christian contacts in Iran that are in the middle of the political mess and could use prayers and some financial help. Please designate to Iran.
- \*\* A reminder that offerings may now be taken online. You may designate for General Fund or Missions. <https://tbcokc.org/resources/donate-to-tbc/>
- \*\* Anyone who wishes to be part of any committee, please see Kelvin. Follow the Lord's leading.
- \*\* Please let Pam Farley know if you are able to attend the Wednesday luncheon. 405-618-2279
- \*\* Men's Fellowship Breakfasts are meeting at Olde Orchard, Saturday @ 0730. Please look for an email from Brian Little for your response.

	January	Total 2026	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2026
Income	\$18,290.54	\$ 18,290.54		\$ 15,891.84	\$ 2,647.00
Expenses	(7,809.65)	( 7,809.65)		Missions Balance	(1,107.00)
Balance	\$ 10,480.89	\$ 10,480.89)	\$51,601.35	\$ 5,859.66	\$ 1,540.00

## **Announcements The Sacrifice of Praise**

**Understanding the Times  
In View of the Angelic Conflict**

## 23. The Resolution of the Conflict on an Individual Basis

- A. Personal denial of the Conflict does not remove us from it. Eph 6:10-12
- B. Mankind is exhorted to not be ignorant of Satan's schemes, so information about his motives and methods are needed. 2 Cor 2:10-11; 11:3, 13-15; 4:3-4
- C. We are to "Stand Firm" against Satan's methods and intentions. Eph 6:13-17; 1 Pet 5:6-9
- D. Personal impact and spiritual survival requires putting on the "Full Armor of God." Eph 6:10-18
- E. Tremendous impact occurs by staying focused on the Two Greatest Commands. Mark 12:29-31
- F. To fulfill these commandments, God and others must be our first priority. Php 2:3
- G. This requires that our own personal needs be in their proper perspective. Php 2:4
- H. Humanity's two basic and real personal needs are identified by what Adam lost in the Garden: Gen 3
- I. The Basic Emotion of Fear that Adam possessed after the Fall developed a Basic Motivation which was to cover his exposure to the violation of God's command. Gen 3:10
- J. Adam's Basic Strategy focused on Improper Goals to seek Significance through a system other than God's, and Security in himself.
  
- K. When \_\_\_\_\_ Goals are blocked, one or all of three things will happen:
  - 1. Anger and Resentment. Gen 3:12
  - 2. Guilt. Gen 3:7
  - 3. Anxiety of the consequences of exposure. Gen 3:10
  
- L. When Improper Goals are reached, a \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfaction or Happiness occurs, which will eventually be replaced by a feeling of Emptiness.
  
- M. Only in \_\_\_\_\_ can the Personal Needs of Significance and Security be met, because He has "made us in His image" and provided for them. Gen 1:27; Jas 3:9; Cf Rom 8:35-39
  
- N. By application, only with our Goals focused on living the First and Second Greatest Commandments will our Basic Motivation, Strategy and Behavior be \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- O. Therefore, Impact in the Angelic Conflict is directly \_\_\_\_\_ to Obedience to all of God's Word. Gen 26:5; Php 2:8
  
- P. "Significance" and/or "Security" that comes at the expense of \_\_\_\_\_ is self-serving, not Christ-serving, and indicates the existence of improper goals. Matt 6:1-5 cf Matt 23:1-36

- Q. Responses to circumstances marked by Anger, Guilt or Anxiety should trigger us to \_\_\_\_\_ Goals, realizing that we already stand in front of God exposed and that He is the Provider of our Personal Needs. Heb 4:13**
- R. Personal tests focus on personal \_\_\_\_\_ about Significance and Security.**
- 1. John the Baptist clearly faced this test. John 3:27-30**
  - 2. His test involved a change of Significance toward men, but he passed it because he realized that his Significance is with God.**
  - 3. The Scribes and Pharisees flunked it miserably. Matt 6:1-5 Cf Mark 15:10**
  - 4. Tests of Security come from many different sources: Living Grace tests, financial tests, health tests, Job tests!!**
  - 5. Our Great High Priest sympathizes with these kinds of tests. Heb 4:14-16**
- S. Our Significance requires a Proper \_\_\_\_\_. Jas 1:5**
- 1. Thinking too highly of ourselves is Arrogance. Rom 12:3**
  - 2. Thinking too little of ourselves is self-abasement. Col 2:18**
  - 3. Having been created in the Image of God and that image being restored through Christ as a New Creation, constitutes us eternally Significant. 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:20-24**
  - 4. Temporal Significance through obedience to His Word impacts the Angelic Conflict.**
- T. Security is experientially built by faith in His \_\_\_\_\_ and that He will cause all things to work together for good to those who love Him. Rom 8:28; John 14:15,23-24**
- U. Faith, Hope and Love are the key \_\_\_\_\_ of Significance and Security. 1 Cor 13:13; 13:4-7; Rom 12:9-21**
- V. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Soul that these produce is proof that our toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Cor 15:56-58**
- W. God never \_\_\_\_\_ our obedience and rewards it eternally. Heb 6:9-12**
- X. Let us follow the “\_\_\_\_\_” and please our God. Heb 10:19-25**

## Understanding the Times In View of the Angelic Conflict.

9. Secularism (Secular Humanism).
10. Marxism.
11. Postmodernism.
12. New Spirituality:
  - A. Review:
  - B. The “New Spirituality” is known by many different titles, including the “New Age Movement,” “Transcendentalism,” “neo-paganism,” “spirituality” or “Cosmic Humanism.” There are several characteristics.
  - C. Theology: Pantheism. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Pantheism** is the belief that the universe, seen as a whole, is God, and conversely, that there is no God but the combined substance, forces, and laws that are manifested in the existing universe. Pantheism is typically monistic, find a sense of the divine in the world’s unity, sometimes related to the mystical intuition of personal union with God.

Pantheistic ideas are found in the ancient books of Hinduism, in the works of many Greek philosophers, and in later works of philosophy and religion over the centuries. Many modern New Age spiritual practices are pantheistic. Most Christian thinkers reject pantheism because it makes God too impersonal, doesn’t allow for any difference between the creation and the creator, and doesn’t seem to allow for humans to make meaningful moral choices.<sup>1</sup>

**Refutation: This religion requires that the universe is \_\_\_\_\_ and is therefore God. Cf Col 1:13-17**

**Comment: While God’s Design is in everything, He is not \_\_\_\_\_ in everything. Cf Gal 4:19**

**Comment: If He were everything, He would also be \_\_\_\_\_, which is blasphemy.**

- D. Philosophy: Monism. Everything is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Monism** is a term applied to a group of thinkers or to philosophical systems that emphasize the oneness or unity of reality.<sup>2</sup> We are in communion with the farthest stars in the universe and smallest items of molecular structure.

**Refutation: This is an outgrowth of Pantheism that does not recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ between the material and immaterial. Cf Gen 1:1**

- E. Ethics: Karma is the \_\_\_\_\_ of personal causes.  
**Karma** : the force generated by a person’s actions held in Hinduism and Buddhism to perpetuate transmigration (of souls) and in its ethical consequences to determine the nature of the person’s next existence.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.britannica.com/topic/pantheism>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.encyclopedia.com/philosophy-and-religion/philosophy/philosophy-terms-and-concepts/monism>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/karma>

**Refutation:** While the principle of sowing and reaping is clearly taught in the Bible, the works do not affect where one will spend \_\_\_\_\_. Cf Gal 6:7-10

**Comment:** It is appointed unto man once to physically die, so this definition of "Karma" concerns \_\_\_\_\_ in Reincarnation and/or Transmigration of Souls. Heb 9:27-28

**Comment:** Divine Works that honor the Creator are factored into the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life in heaven. Heb 6:9-12

**F. Biology: Spiritual evolution. This involves the belief in Reincarnation and Transmigration of Souls.**

This is the belief that while one body may die, the soul lives on in an attempt to realize its own divinity. This lie begins with believing that everyone is already god and that each person is just trying to realize it.

**Refutation:** This is an attempt to eventually reach \_\_\_\_\_ through successive lives.

**Comment:** There is one God, and no one else can \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Deut 6:4

**Comment:** Since they believe that everything is already God, the quest to become a god is rationally \_\_\_\_\_.

**G. Psychology: Mind/Body Monism. The mind is totally connected to the cosmos, which is everything in the universe.**

**Refutation:** This makes an individual a product of their \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a result of their decisions.

**Comment:** When a person believes they can create their own \_\_\_\_\_ through the strength of their own will they have fallen prey to this.

**Comment:** Self-will \_\_\_\_\_ achieve heaven. John 1:12-13

**H. Sociology: Collective consciousness. We are all connected to one another through interactions we don't realize.**

**Refutation:** God established individuals with body, soul and human spirit. While other people or events may influence decisions, the individual is \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Thes 5:23

**Comment:** Jesus made it clear that the gospel is individually believed and that every individual is \_\_\_\_\_ for their own decisions. Cf Matt 16:15 & Mark 8:29 & Luke 9:20

**Comment:** The Lord has spoken \_\_\_\_\_ on this matter. John 3:18,36

**I. Law: Self-law. The individual makes the laws.**

**Refutation:** This is unreasonable for a person who believes they are part of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Comment: Our first \_\_\_\_\_ should be to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord. Deut 21:9b

Comment: Doing what is right in one's own eyes has been a common \_\_\_\_\_ of humanity throughout history. Deut 12:8; Jdg 17:6; 21:25

Comment: Doing what is right in one's own eyes, without adherence to God's system is a characteristic of a \_\_\_\_\_. Prov 12:15; 21:2

J. Politics: Autarchy or Autocracy. Absolute rulership by one person. Self-sufficiency or self-government of the individual.

Refutation: This is similar to the problem cited concerning \_\_\_\_\_. Each person makes their own law on the one hand but on the other they are a product of their environment.

Comment: Even \_\_\_\_\_ established authorities are not to "lord it over" their constituents. 1 Pet 5:1-4

Comment: Governmental institutions should follow Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to serve rather than be served. 1 Cor 11:1

K. Economics: Universal, enlightened production.

Refutation: The individual should reap the rewards, because the laborer is \_\_\_\_\_ of his wages. 1 Tim 5:18

Comments: Basic economics has been established since the \_\_\_\_\_ of Eden. It is gain by means of personal sweat. Gen 3:19

Comments: When people do not \_\_\_\_\_ to work, neither should they eat. 2 Thes 3:10

L. History: Evolutionary godhood. History should be seen as man getting better and better until he reaches godhood.

Refutation: Without God, history does not \_\_\_\_\_.

Comment: It is truly amazing the lengths to which people will go seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ there is no god. God invites them to try. Every time they fail it again shows who He is.