

# **The Seminary Standard:** **Theological Journal. Spring 2022**

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## **Today's Issues:**

\*Christian Thomasts: These are people who profess the Christian faith, who adhere to the teachings of Thomas Aquinas, a Roman Catholic. Sadly, many evangelicals have been indoctrinated into this way of thinking, mostly without knowing it. The Romanization of Protestant/Evangelicalism continues in multi-level attacks on all fronts. Those who desire to stand for the faith, uncompromised, should educate themselves and understand what Thomastism is and teaches. Ignorance is a weakness, and leaves us open for Satan's darts to fly right passed our Shield of Faith.

\*Molinism; This teaches that God is only a God of possibilities. He looks at all the possibilities and helps us with trying to get the best possible outcome. He is therefore the god of chances, since in this general train of thought, he can only work with what he's got, and does the best he can guiding. This type of theology is close to Open Theism, which is fairly popular today.

\*Open Theism basically has a powerless god, who just experiments with the world. Some things work, some don't, he never knows what might happen. He has no foreknowledge, as with Molinism. He does not know what is in your mind or heart, unless you tell him. He is unable to decree anything with certainty.

\*Arminianism/Semi-Pelagianism. Both these trains of theology are similar, just the second one is a softer compromise version of the first. This is the basic theology of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as many free-will Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, and Holiness groups. Its main points are the

free will of man to choose salvation, or not choose it. Once saved, the individual can choose not to be saved and be eternally lost. Many Baptists follow this train of thought but opt out of the later part in favor of "eternal security, making them a "One Point Calvinist."

## **Book Reviews:**

\* *Addresses on the Song of Solomon*, by H.A. Ironside. Solid Christian Books. 1933. paperback

This is a short book of eighty nine pages that consists of homilies by Pastor Ironside of the Moody Memorial Church. It is a quick, easy read with no footnotes or bibliography, and written with the general Christian reader in mind. It gives a warm-heart felt understanding to a part of the Old Testament often ignored.

\**Dogmatics in Outline* by Karl Barth. Harper Torch Books, 1959, paperback.

This is the simplest serious introduction to Barth's theology on the market today. In it he goes over his concepts of faith, God, Jesus Christ, the Second Coming, the Holy Ghost, and the Church. In other words, the book follows the Apostle's Creed as an outline of thought. Barth is huge in Bible schools and seminary today, and quite an influence. He is probably the foremost Neo-Orthodox, and "modern reformer" of the Twentieth Century.

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World Events:\*Ukraine debacle continues on as of this writing, 3/24/2022, seemingly drawing the European nations closer to open warfare. It is debatable as to whether V. Putin will be satisfied with just gaining control over Ukraine, since Biden is generally viewed as weak, and willing to accept a carved up Europe as the price of peace. It is known that China plans to invade Taiwan in the fall in conjunction with keeping the west at bay with European

struggles. Basically thinking the west doesn't want a two front war, again.

\*The Upcoming political elections doesn't seem to bother the Left/Democrat coalition. Could this indicate that its once again a done deal? After all Dominion Voting machines seem to remain in place waiting for the next round of tampered results. Drop boxes that just seem to get stuffed in the middle of the night also remain in place in the vast majority of states, along with extended voting periods. After all, it takes a little time to calculate just how much is being won and lost, ballots need run off and delivered. Time, give em time! All this has made a joke of our once great Republic.

\*World Collapse of the Dollar as Reserve Currency Owing to the fact that the Biden Regime insists on just printing paper money to finance their own whims, Saudi Arabia and China are soon to reveal the shift away from such whimsical financing in favor of a different exchange standard. This will drop the value of the dollar, here at home since just about everything is made in China, to practically zero. Saudi Arabia started moving away from the U.S. as a trustworthy partner since the Afghanistan disaster, and the renewed efforts by Lunch Bucket Joe to buy oil from their enemy Iran. As Joseph in the Old Testament foresaw disaster coming, it would be advised for all Bible believing Christians to prepare for the worst of times that may be shortly ahead, owing to the fact that the Communist World Order would really rather not bother with any "election" exercise here in America, better to just crush it.

\*Fake Crisis Events: Let's face it, all of these new downward trends, crisis events, oppression and depression have come about post 2020 election. This would indicate that much of this is engineered: Supply Chain kinks, shortages, food scarcity, sky-high gas

prices, thousands of deaths from an experimental vaccine pushed on the general public: get it or suffer your losses. All of this is post 2020 election trauma, though due to the existence of the "Deep State," much was going on fairly unseen and unhampered.

Maybe it s time that true Christians stand up to the authoritarians like our forefathers did in the 1700's. Owing to the fact that the fed's carry a very big stick, even armed citizens are forced to summit. What is left in the tool bag? Nonviolent resistance, getting involved in politics, local as well as national, town halls, and school meetings. A little goes a long way. Prayer goes all the way to the Throne Room of God, and remember He is Lord.

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### **Biblical Articles:**

*\*TR Only/KJVOnly vs the W/H Majority Text Only.*

Sadly, it seems like Christians will argue over almost anything, even among brothers of like faith. What translation version is superior to another is a matter of opinion in all cases, no matter who considers them. Its quite subjective. All translations because they are done by fallible humans have their own shortcomings as well as strengths. Sadly, the New World Translation of the JW's fails on all counts. We should be thankful if a good translation of Scripture is at least being used and not the Quran or the Book of Mormon. Sadly, some of this controversy has been promoted by those who would profit from it. We are here to honor, exult, serve and worship our Lord in Christian love, anything else is just fluff, and questionable.

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*The issue of faith is not so much whether we believe in God, but whether we believe the God we believe in.*  
— R.C. Sproul