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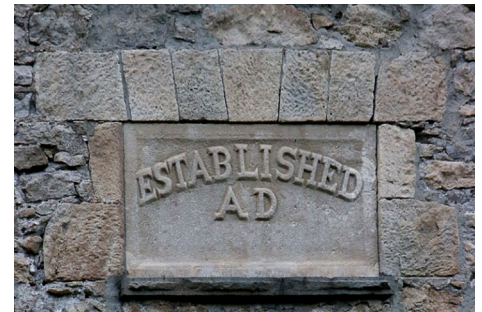
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The Lie of Interfaith Dialogue

My mother often asks me why I put myself through the torture of going to lectures and events that either decry the need for Jewish evangelism or denounce it as nothing more than Christian elitism. I tell her it is because my people so desperately need to hear the truth and exclusiveness of Messiah Jesus. I also tell her that I must attend these events as it helps in the formulation of arguments against the heresy of Dual Covenantalism. For you see, my faith is **established** and **grounded** in the truth that what Jesus did on the cross and on Resurrection Day did more than just establish a new dating system, it fulfilled the promises prophesized in the Tanakh (aka Old Testament).



Therefore, the last few weeks truly have been torturous as I have attended not just one but two events that argue for a worldview that allows for every religion to have their beliefs because, and you can almost guess the next statement, all roads lead to God. **Nothing could be farther from the truth!**

The most recent event was held at Texas Christian University (TCU). Now, I have a tendency to root for the Horned Frogs on the football field; however, their religion department has nothing in it to “root for” or advocate. For you see, TCU was hosting a book release for Brian Brown’s *Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel, and Quran*. I admit that the title alone is worth a double-take but it is the content therein that is the most disturbing. Brown argues that not only does the Koran have as valid of a theological argument as the Torah and the Gospel but also that all three testaments owe their faith system to the Persian Zoroastrian system! Even more heretical is the argument that Brown makes that Jesus learned to view himself as Messiah when He was taught the tenets of Zoroastrianism during His silent years from 12 to 30.

The entire event was surreal and can only be described with the Yiddish term of **Mishegoss** (crazy mess)! However, what was most disturbing was the fact that the rabbi and religion professors from TCU and Austin Seminary barely challenged his

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**The HERESY of the
Unity Interfaith Prayer**
“The one God who loves
each of us as if he has no
other to love, yet loves
each of us the same; help
us to better claim that
love within us that we
might better understand
know how to love others
and your creation.”



The Lie of Interfaith Dialogue (continued)

aberrant and heretical theology. The TCU professor instead focused on their appreciation of gender-neutral translations of Scripture used by Brown or that the miracles of Jesus were mythical and not historical. The Austin Presbyterian professor argued that we cannot know our Christian faith simply by reading the Bible. And even the rabbi, who was the most uncomfortable with the book, noted that he appreciated the symbolism. Not one of the responders argued that the view that the book was heresy! None of the “Christian” professors argued for the exclusive nature of Jesus’ sacrifice as the Passover Lamb! **In hindsight, I see these individuals as walking off of a spiritual and eternal cliff.**

However, it was the earlier event that was the most theologically event that proved to be the most evangelistically troubling ... SERIOUSLY! For while the event at TCU can be dismissed as nothing more than nonsense, it was the event held in Dallas by a rabbi, a pastor, and an imam that was the most disturbing.

I have included in the box to the left a copy of the “Unity Interfaith Prayer” that they asked all attendees to pray with them at the conclusion of the event ... **a prayer that I refused to utter or even stand up for while they were “praying.”** The subliminal crux of the meeting was to present the position that all paths to God are equally valid and that to argue for any alternative is to be guilty of the most serious crime of intolerance.

I suppose that I must confess that I am guilty of their post-modern definition of intolerance. I believe in the uniqueness and exclusivity of Jesus the Messiah. Tzedakah Ministries believes that the only road to God the Father is by receiving the sacrificial gift of God the Son. However, we live in a world that wants to have God in their own way and by their own definition. Such a world leads only to perdition and eternal separation from God. And Tzedakah Ministries will not be found guilty of downgrading what Jesus did for us (and **“to the Jew first”** on the cross! What about you? Will you be intolerant for the Gospel?

Tzedakah Ministries has begun a conversation with the rabbi and the pastor ... did you expect anything less? The pastor is somewhat hostile at being challenged on Scriptural matters. The rabbi comes across as almost daring me to try to “convert” him (a challenge that Tzedakah Ministries is going to seek under God’s guidance to undertake). Ultimately, however, this ministry just wants the rabbis, the pastor, the professors, and the imam to all come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as the **ONLY** Messiah for the world. Shalom! God bless!

Acts 20:24,

Amy Downey

Day of Prayer for the Salvation of the Jewish People

One of the most cherished memories I have from the awful day that my dad died is finding his study Bible. My sister reverently touched the pages that my dad had poured over in his preparation for Sunday sermons. However, it was what we found between the pages that is unforgettable.

We found a list of names. It was a long list and a list that had been started many years earlier. There were names from New Mexico, Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. There were names of men and women and boys and girls — names from his days as a Children’s Pastor and two names from his very first Senior Pastor position at Butler Heights Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas. Those names were Janice and Amy Downey. We soon realized that it was all the names of those that dad had counseled about coming to faith in Messiah Jesus. He had kept the list so that he could pray every day for those names and souls.

I personally have a different list. I have a list of Jewish people for whom I am praying about their need to receive Jesus as Messiah. It is a long list and it grows longer almost every day. Whether it is a contentious rabbi or a dear friend who is still angry with me, I remember those names. I remember my list and I long for the day that I am able to mark one (or more) off because they have become a Jewish believer in Jesus.

Do you have a prayer list as well — a Jewish co-worker, friend, neighbor, or friend — but a name of a soul who needs to receive Jesus as Messiah? Tzedakah Ministries is,

therefore, establishing **January 16, 2013**, as the first **Day of Prayer for the Salvation of the Jewish People**. You can find out more about it on the newly revised Tzedakah Ministries homepage by clicking on the same picture as below. There you will have an opportunity to either sign-up to be a part of the **January 16th** event AND/OR to send us the Jewish (and Gentile) name that you long to see come to faith in Messiah Jesus. You can also fill out and mail back to the ministry the enclosed card or you can go to the Tzedakah Ministries Facebook page and stated that you are “going” to join us on **January 16th**. And, while you are there, go ahead and click that you **LIKE** the Tzedakah Ministries page as well!

Towards the end of 2012, prayer guide materials will be sent to those prayer warriors (aka Elijah’s Witnesses) on devotional suggestions for and leading up to **January 16th** as well as other information. Will you join us for the **Day of Prayer for the Salvation of the Jewish People?** Will you be there on this **January 16th** and all the days of 2013 in praying for the salvation of the Jewish people?

The time for prayer is drawing to a close as this world seems to be spinning towards ever nearer to the end. Chaos is erupting on the streets of the world ... but we still have the power of prayer! The time to pray for the salvation of the Jewish and all peoples of this world is **NOW!** Will you join us?

**What will you be
doing on
January 16, 2013?
Join Tzedakah
Ministries in praying
for the salvation of
the Jewish People?**



**I live a
Romans 1:16 life!**



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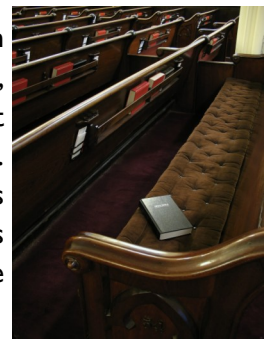
Coming Soon to Blog Talk Radio ...

Besides all the changes to the newsletter design and website, Tzedakah Ministries is really searching for all the innovative ways this ministry can be a life-changing place on the web. The ministry's blog, www.mysterysolvedwithmessiahjesus.wordpress.com, has been seen on every continent except Antarctica ... which leads me to wonder what is wrong with those penguins?

Therefore, this ministry that has as its purpose to equip Christians and churches on how and why to do Jewish missions is going to soon be branching out to Blog Talk Radio. We already have a "place on the dial" at www.blogtalkradio.com/tzedakahministries. Tzedakah Ministries is still learning the "ins" and "outs" of this new medium. However, this ministry guarantees it will be equipping and challenging to Christians and the Jewish world!

Book Review ... *What Christians Should Know about Jews and Judaism*

Tzedakah Ministries could lose count of how many times when someone after a church ministry opportunity approaches Tzedakah Ministries with the same question/response, "Why hasn't anyone explained the Old Testament (or whatever) like this before? Now, it makes sense!" It has to be admitted that such a response is encouraging and discouraging. Encouraging because it is proof that the vision "to equip His church to reach His people" is coming across. Discouraging because it is proof that many more churches and Christians are unaware of how our connection, our dependence, and our eternity depends upon the Jewish faith. What is needed, some might argue, is a book which connects the two.



Perhaps many people thought Yechiel Eckstein in 1982 wrote the book which answers the questions and concerns, but they would tragically misled (hence the reason for this review). *What Christians Should Know about Jews and Judaism* is well-written that details the uniqueness of **Rabbinic** Judaism. It is also a book which does everything possible to drive Christians and churches away from the idea of Jewish evangelism. Eckstein, who is not a believer in Jesus but received endorsements from leaders of the Southern Baptists (Smith, Patterson, Criswell), argues that the Holocaust and the anti-Semitic history within churches has made it wrong for Christians to now share their belief in Jesus with God's Chosen Ones.

Eckstein argues for the dual covenant view that proposes that Jewish people are saved through Moses while the rest of the world is redeemed through Jesus. However, and this is something that Eckstein "overlooks," the Bible still has John 14:6 and Acts 4:12 and other numerous verses that commands Jewish evangelism ... TODAY!

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