

**Did You Know
This about Hitler?**

In January, officials from more than 50 countries gathered at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of one of Hitler's death camps. With more than **200 survivors of the camp** and hundreds of other guests, they celebrated the 75th anniversary of its liberation.



Entrance to Auschwitz

Hitler's mother sent him to a church-related school. He once considered "taking holy orders," but soon headed the other direction.

He tailored his speeches to what his audience wanted to hear, often using phrases taken from hymns. That kind of deception enabled him to get elected.

Wikiquote records him saying, "...I believe that I am acting in accordance with the will of the Almighty Creator. ...I am **fighting for the work of the Lord.**"

Another time, he said, "Would that which we have achieved have been possible **if Providence had not helped us?**" Really? His success in killing millions of innocent people, indicated that God had enabled him?

Ideas Have Consequences

He absorbed the "survival of the fittest" idea from Darwin and interpreted it as "...We are animals, and just like animals we face the choice of destroying or being destroyed."

What can we do, to prevent being misled by a persuasive speaker like Hitler? We told our listeners, "First, follow the example of the Bereans, who were "noble" because they "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 17:11). If we stay sensitive to God and "search the scriptures daily," we won't be misled by deceptive speech.

From Panic to Peace

"If a crocodile had crawled out of a swamp and turned left instead of right, humans might never have come into existence." With some poetic license, that's a colorful way someone said many random events needed to occur "just right," for evolution to produce humans. That's logical for a non-Christian.

Someone who omits God from his thinking, comes to believe a series of accidents produced the universe and everything in it. Dr. Richard Dawkins said, "The essence of life is statistical improbability on a colossal scale." If even one small "on/off switch" had flipped in the wrong direction, none of us would ever have been born.

But if we came **into** existence by accident, what keeps us from going **out** of existence by accident? Margins for error would remain so thin, that we would be in danger of becoming extinct at any moment. That idea keeps people nervous and fearful.

In September, 16-year-old Greta Thunberg revealed that kind of thinking when she challenged the United Nations, "How dare you? You have stolen my dreams and my childhood... **How dare you?**"

Peace Replaces Panic

So how does a person move from panic to peace? By recognizing that God created all things – including us. He controls everything as a loving father. He promised, "As long as the earth remains, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night **will not cease.**" (Genesis 8:22).

Furthermore, he made **us** with **resilience**, adaptable to changing conditions. We assured our audience that these facts enable us not to panic, in the face of COVID-19 or anything else.

The Psalmist said, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." (Psalm 46:2, NIV).

Please pray that, as others who think like Greta hear this, they will "dare" to look to God for the kind of refuge the U.N. can't provide.

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Driving Us to Drink

During COVID-19, fluid in the lungs is a greater hazard than usual. So a nurse friend of ours suggested a simple way to control it. Every few hours, swallow some water or other liquid. That will flush the phlegm into the stomach, where it will be removed harmlessly – instead of the lungs, where it will accumulate dangerously.

Missing Church?

Most of us haven't attended an in-person service for several weeks. But we have been able to hear our pastors on-line, and a choice of messages on radio and TV.

Can you imagine the isolation of a Christian who has NEVER had a church to attend? Or a Bible to read? Like many in North Korea and China? With no other Christian resource, they rely – heavily and often exclusively – on TWR's broadcasts.

Let's let our few weeks of “missing church,” remind us to pray for those who have never had a church to attend!

Words from Listeners

- **From Honduras** (replying to “The Danger of Knowing Too Much”): “Very interesting but above all very uplifting – especially in a world that tries to drag along theories impregnated with atheism.”

- **From Hungary** (responding to “The Miracle of Memory”): “I listen to [these] scholarly shows on the train, which gives rise to a special sense...that everywhere the incomprehensible knowledge of Jehovah God, whose creative [innovation] we study in nature... Wonderful, soothing and radiant sensation of being near you. Thank you very much for these programs. May the effort that truly serves the name of our Great Creator be blessed!”

- **From somewhere in cyberspace:** “The star of Bethlehem, like the passage through the Red Sea, the multiplication of bread, etc., are divine wonders which science can never explain. However, our faith in the Savior makes us see and understand them as... proper to His power.”

- **Venezuela** (responding to ‘How Clean Is Clean Enough?’): “I think its orientation and purpose is fine. God guide you in this interesting program. **I give you 5*s.**”



Targets for Praise & Prayer

- **So far, we have dodged the virus successfully. Please pray that we continue to be healthy.**
- **For wisdom in choosing topics, and in developing them into credible defenses of the faith.**
- **As we explore someone's interest in possibly using the program in Farsi and other Middle Eastern languages, please pray for God's will.**
- **That all of our grandchildren will “make their calling and election sure,” then follow God's will in every decision.**

Yours for Christian credibility,

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When God Shouts!

We pray that COVID-19 will be over by the time you read this. But an observation from C.S. Lewis gives insightful perspective:

*"God whispers to us in our pleasures,
speaks in our consciences,
but **shouts** in our **pains**: it is **his megaphone** to rouse a deaf world."*

With newscasters reporting that life is fragile, with millions out of work and having time on their hands, many people are opening Bibles that have collected dust for years. Please join us in praying that the virus will have one major beneficial side-effect – to make people think seriously about God, and ask Him for forgiveness! “A contagion of hope!”