

## *Fresh Facts from the Fishers*

### **Working to End the Pandemic**



During his medical internship, **Dr. Francis Collins** often had to tell patients they would not recover. Many panicked at the news, but Christians reacted calmly, knowing that death was not the end. As someone said, “Your people [Christians] die well.”

That's one thing that led him out of atheism. Now he shares his Christian testimony at every opportunity. As director of the National Institutes of Health, the world's largest medical research organization, he spends 100-hour weeks, much of that time dealing with the COVID-19 virus. Explaining how his team has achieved so much so rapidly, he says he has “cut no corners but bureaucracy.”

#### **The Medicine**

With that background, let's look at some of the things Dr. Francis Collins said on-line April 11<sup>th</sup>, under the title of “How Christians Can Help End the Pandemic.”

Answering reasons people give for not being vaccinated, first, some Christians hesitate because they've heard that drug manufacturers use tissue from aborted babies. Only Johnson & Johnson does it; Moderna and Pfiser don't.

Second, many Afro-Americans still distrust doctors because experimenters used them as human guinea pigs in an experiment that began in the 1930s in Tuskegee, Alabama.<sup>1</sup> Providing vaccinations in integrated churches alleviates the fear that vaccination is whites sabotaging black people.

We often see Dr. Anthony Fauci providing updates on TV. Dr. Collins says Fauci is the most credible person in infectious diseases.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mcgill.ca/oss/article/history/40-years-human-experimentation-america-tuskegee-study>

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For a person still hesitating, he answers that **variants** of the virus are continually developing. So it's better to get vaccinated soon, while most strains respond to the treatments we already have.

#### **Community Immunity**

How can we “help end the pandemic”? To reduce the risk of infecting others, 80-85 per cent of people need to be vaccinated. We protect others by having ourselves vaccinated. An injection is a “love thy neighbor moment.”

Dr. Collins is doing his utmost to “**get covid into our rearview mirror.**” You can watch his 57-minute discussion at <https://biologos.org/resources/how-christians-can-help-end-the-pandemic>

#### **Two Lies That Can Kill**

A young lady lost her job and her boyfriend on the same day. The double disappointment left her devastated. She impulsively decided she was worthless, so she overdosed on drugs. Lie number one: You **are not OK**. That made her die physically.

Lie number two: You **are** OK. You aren't a sinner, so you don't need God to forgive and cleanse you. The person who believes this, dies spiritually and eternally.

What we believe affects how we live and how we die. Please pray that we'll be able to convince more listeners to believe the truth about God and themselves.

#### **Want to Pray for the Persecuted?**

For updated information, go to International Christian Concern ([icc@persecution.org](mailto:icc@persecution.org)).

#### **Simplifying Your Donations**

With this prayer letter, we're enclosing forms you can use to make your giving automatic. One is to arrange monthly withdrawals from your **bank**; the other is to use with your **credit card**.

For either, fill the “designation/purpose” with “Dave & Eleanor Fisher.” **OVER >**

## Joy Has Covid

Dave's daughter Joy seems to be recovering well, but some people have long-term effects. Please pray that God will protect her from them.

## Nobel Scientists and God

The late physicist Werner Heisenberg got his Nobel Prize for developing our knowledge of quantum mechanics. He said, "The first gulp of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass, **God is waiting** for you."

Heisenberg said many people decide science proves God does not exist, when they look at science **superficially**. But delving **deeper** leads to seeing that God is involved.

Ernst Chain shared his Nobel for work with penicillin. He wrote, "The principle of... **purpose**...stares the biologist in the face wherever he looks. ...The probability for such an event as the origin of DNA molecules to have occurred by sheer chance is just too small to be seriously considered."

Physicist Dr. Arthur Compton added, "...as we learn more about our world, the probability of its having resulted by chance processes becomes more and more remote..." So drinking deeply of the glass of understanding nature, shows evidence of God. Compton told a reporter, "An orderly, unfolding universe testifies to the truth of the most majestic statement ever uttered: 'In the beginning God...'"

Dr. Arno Penzias told the *New York Times*, "The best data we have are exactly what I would have predicted, had I had nothing to go on but the five books of Moses, the Psalms, the Bible as a whole." Thousands of years ago, the Bible revealed facts about creation that have just been confirmed in the past century.

Edward Larson of the University of Georgia discovered that 40 percent of biologists, physicists and mathematicians said they believed in God. The God they believed in was not "a non-specific transcendental presence," but a God to whom one may pray "in expectation of receiving an answer" – not a Creator who made the the universe and now ignores his human creatures, but a personal God who answers prayer.

By contrast, he reports, "Atheists, agnostics, and freethinkers comprise 10.5% of total Nobel Prize winners..." 10.5%, a small minority.

Nobel physicist Dr. Robert Millikan told a journalist, "It pains me...to hear crudely atheistic views expressed by men who have never known the deeper side of existence.' ...I have never known a thinking man who did not believe in God."



## Targets for Praise & Prayer

- **For wisdom in choosing topics, and in developing them into credible arguments for faith.**
- **That Joy will have no long-term effects from Covid.**
- **That other family members will continue to avoid Covid and other health issues.**
- **That medication will continue to keep Dave's Parkinson's and leukemia under control.**
- **That God will enable us to continue Japanese for as long as is His perfect will.**
- **That God will continue to use the *Truth in the Test Tube* program.**
- **That all of our grandchildren and "greats" will be sure of their salvation, and then follow God's perfect will in every decision.**

**Yours for Christian credibility,**

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