

# PROTECT YOUR BARBARIANS AND THEY WILL PROTECT YOU

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The graphic on the right comes from the book BARBARIANS TO BUREAUCRATS, Corporate Life Cycle Strategies by Lawrence Miller. It shows the Barbarian on the left growth side of the curve and the bureaucrat on the right declining side of the curve

This really interesting book provides the following definitions:

**Prophet:** The visionary who creates the breakthrough and human energy to propel the company forward.

**Barbarian:** The leader of crisis and conquest who commands the corporation on the march of rapid growth.

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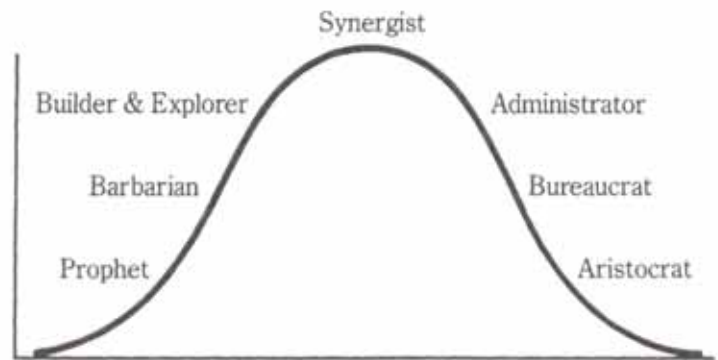
## FOLLOWING JESUS

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and **follow** me." (Matthew 16:24 NIV)*

Following my favorite authors is very easy. All I have to do is click the little button that says, "following," F. LaGard Smith or Michael Whitworth. I receive frequent reminders of all the books they have written. Absolutely nothing else is required. However, following Jesus takes a lot more effort.

Some followed at a distance and others left everything and followed Jesus closely. *"Whoever serves me must **follow** me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."* (John 12:26 NIV) Following means listening to his voice and serving him.

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Walk in the light, life and joy that comes from following Jesus. *"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows** me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12 NIV) *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they **follow** me."* (John 10:27 NIV)

Isn't it time for you to follow Jesus closely? He left an example that we should follow in his steps. Oh, the wonder of all he has in store for his followers!

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX .

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**Builder & Explorer:** The developers of the specialized skills and structures required for growth, who shift from command to collaboration.

**Synergist:** The leader who maintains the balance, and who continues the forward motion of a large and complex structure by unifying and appreciating the diverse contributions of the Prophet, barbarian, Builder, Explorer, and Administrator.

**Administrator:** The creator of the integrating system and structure, who shifts the focus from expansion to security.

**Bureaucrat:** The imposer of a tight grip of control, who crucifies and exiles new prophets and barbarians, assuring the loss of creativity and expansion.

**Aristocrats:** The inheritor of wealth, alienated from those who do productive work, the one who is the cause of rebellion and disintegration.

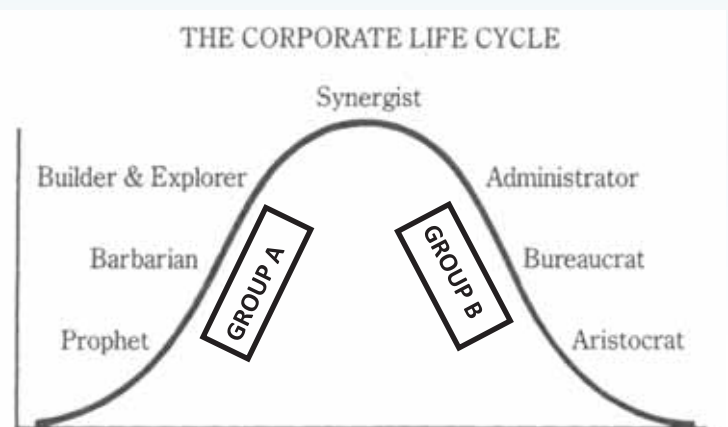
The book is about corporate culture rather than religion. Independently OC Church Growth Institute developed the second graphic regarding church growth. This curve was intended to determine when churches become lukewarm, but it looks a lot like the corporate life cycle, except it shows a flat at the top.



The primary difference in the curves is that the corporate life cycle curve implies that the busi-

ness is growing in the Synergist portion whereas the church growth curve implies that changes happen at the Builder & Explorer portion which begins the declining rate of growth leading to going flatline on growth.

### GROUP A AND GROUP B



For the purpose of this discussion, we are going to lump prophets, barbarians, builders, and explorers into Group A and administrators, bureaucrats, and aristocrats into Group B. We will ignore synergists. The point to this is that typically Group A builds congregations and businesses, and Group B oversees congregations and businesses in decline.

When Group B is in control of a business or congregation, the business or congregation is extremely unlikely to grow. While of course that is not the intention of the Group B leaders, it is the natural result of their management style.

You may or may not agree with the preceding, which has been laid out in preparation for our discussion today. If you disagree with this premise, I would love to discuss it with you.

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At retirement age and having always attended the church, I have long been an observer of the characteristics of Church of Christ leaders. Congregations typically start with relatively young leaders and over time the average age of leaders increases. You can observe the administrators' shift in focus from expansion to security; you can also observe the alienation of the regular members from the leaders. Over time, you can observe the exiling of those who would be prophets and barbarians.

A congregation which focuses on security rather than growth is not going to grow unless they are located in a fast-growing neighborhood. When leaders are alienated from the membership, and thereby members feel little ownership of the congregation, they are not willing to do the things necessary to grow the congregation.

### GROUP A LEADERS

That is where the Group A can come in. Group A leaders tends to do the things that will assist a congregation in growing. They will tend to have new ideas, try to start new programs and be critical of the status quo. Starting new programs and promoting new ideas are risky ventures. They will fail, sometimes frequently. They rock the boat.

Group B, who favor security over expansion, will see the failures as disruptive. The Group A leaders must go to the next long and tedious leadership meeting and be confronted by the Group B members who will say "I told you so". Group A leaders will likely be leaders in their careers also, frequently with substantial responsibility. They can frequently be discouraged by being treated as insignificant by Group B leaders who may simply be followers in their careers.

### GROUP B LEADERS

This group of leaders tends to exert its power over the situation.

Group B leaders need to recognize that they have a lot of power over Group A leaders, at least passive power. Group B leaders do not tend to have goals towards which they are urgently pressing, so they can be very patient. They tend not to start programs that subject them to failing at something, allowing them to be judgmental of Group A leaders who have tried something that did fail. There are also characteristically more Group B leaders than Group A leaders, so Group B leaders can usually outvote Group A leaders.

The longer a congregation exists, the greater the likelihood that Group A leaders have been squeezed out. Further, as Group B leaders take control, they can and often do make sure no future Group A leaders are selected.

The result of the above scenario is that a typical older Church of Christ congregation only has Group B leaders. Although they will give lip service to evangelism and growth, their actual goal is, in reality, security or sameness.

At this point the congregation is in a death spiral, with the only question being how long will it take it to die.

Occasionally a Group A member might place membership, but when confronted with the solidarity and inflexibility of the entrenched Group B leadership, that new member will usually move on after a while.

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**GROUP A LEADERS ROCK THE BOAT**

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What this means is that the Group B leaders will frequently go to judgment day having to admit to Jesus that they led their congregation in some part of the transition to a lukewarm status and then to a cold status, and if there long enough to complete collapse—not something I would want to have to admit to Jesus.

### THE POINT TO THIS ARTICLE

This is where you finally get to the theme of this article: “protect your barbarians and they will protect you”. Group B leaders need to understand they commonly have the power to “exile” the Group A leaders and/or prevent them from becoming leaders in the first place. If you exile them, you are typically condemning yourself and your congregation to failure.

If you want your congregation to grow, you need to have some Group A leaders. You can probably identify them. They are guys you are not comfortable with. They don’t think like you do. Group A individuals are typically the ones who will have the creativity and energy to jump-start your aging congregation into growing.

The word leaders is used in this article rather than shepherds, elders, or deacons. In many congregations elders have become so dominant that deacons are trivial in their importance. In many cases the elders are acting as head deacons with little or no actual shepherding being done.

If you protect your Group A leaders, whether they are elders, deacons, or regular members, they will help protect you by promoting new evangelism and growth activities for the congregation. These growth and evangelism activities may help

make an evangelistic congregation out of an otherwise a lukewarm or flatline congregation.

### SHOULD GROUP A LEADERS BE ELDERS OR DEACONS

As all control is commonly vested in the elders at a congregation, the presumption is that the Group A leader should be an elder. As the New Testament was written to work in social situations from the first century, until now, and into the future, precious little detail is given of actual job descriptions. In the first century they primarily had small house churches. Today we have giant congregations with large buildings having such problems as AC and electrical systems. Handling those was not addressed in the first century.

What scripture says is that an elder is an overseer, must manage his household well so he can manage the congregation, and must be able to silence rebellious men, as follows.

1 Timothy 3:2-5:

An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. **He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),**

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Titus 1:9-10 :

...holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. **For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.**

Even less detail is given about deacons, with the following verses from Acts being taken to apply to future deacons.

Acts 6:2-4: S

So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, **whom we may put in charge of this task.** But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Any actual activities beyond evangelism for regular members are not described at all.

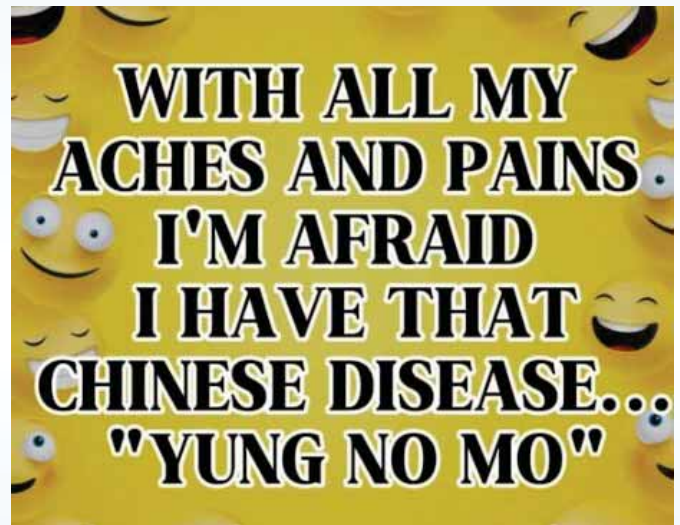
This should say that a person who is successful in business could apply his talents to any number of activities at the congregation, under the blessing and oversight of the shepherds.

This would say that we should endeavor to fully engage Group A members to be all they can be in the church, even if they do not have the qualifications to be an elder or deacon.

### CONCLUSION

Group A members should be utilized and cultivated to the greatest extent possible when they are identified. They frequently will have needed talents which other members simply do not have, and which are often critical to church growth.

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## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #151: CELLULOSE, P1

The tree in the picture is 275 ft. tall, 25 ft. diameter at the base and is 2300-2700 years old. It is known as the General Sherman and is in the Sequoia National Park in California. It is the largest living tree in the world, having a volume of 52,513 cu. ft. A typical dump truck has a bed volume of about 300 cu. ft., so it would take about 175 dump trucks to carry it. It is massive.

All that volume has to come from someplace, but looking around the base of the tree, the ground is relatively flat. If it were taken from the ground, you would expect a hole around the base. Where did all that volume come from?

**Turns out it comes from the air.**

The tree is made primarily of cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. They are made from carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O). Their chemical makeup is shown in the graphic to the right. They are made up from a lot of Cs, Os, and Hs, the rearranged components of CO<sub>2</sub> and water H<sub>2</sub>O.

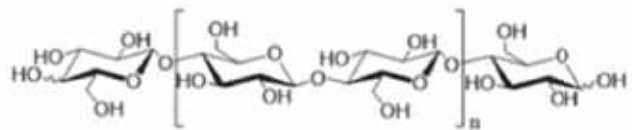
The water is basically rainwater which the tree gets mostly out of the ground. The CO<sub>2</sub> is that essential gas in our atmosphere that they have been trying to tell us is an evil greenhouse gas.

Almost all living plants depend on cellulose, hemicellulose and/or lignin as their basic structure.

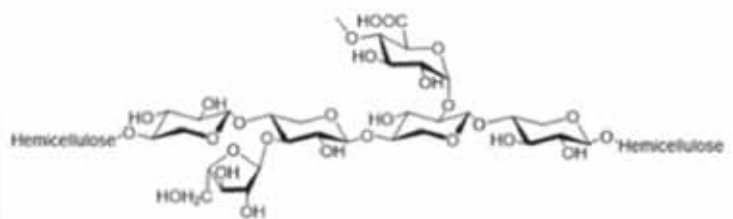
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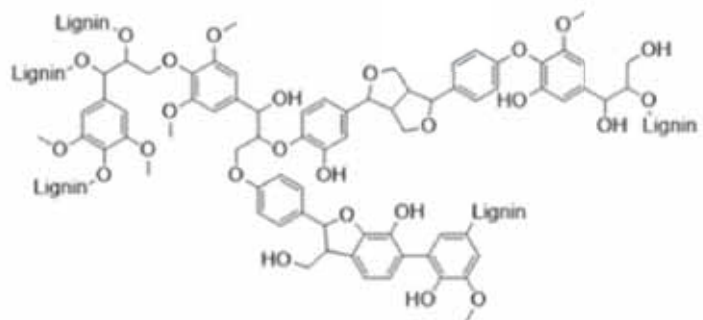
Cellulose



Hemicellulose



Lignin



## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #151: CELLULOSE, P2

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Fungi, Marine Algae, certain red algae and brown algae, and anaerobic bacteria don't have cellulose as part of their cell walls like plants, but have other similar solutions.

All living non-plants depend on eating plants to survive, and so are dependent upon cellulose, hemicellulose and/or lignin for survival. Carnivorous animals do not eat cellulose, hemicellulose and/or lignin, but are dependent on eating other animals which do.

Plants typically use sunlight and photosynthesis to power the conversion of carbon dioxide and water into cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. When you burn plants, the process is reversed and produces CO<sub>2</sub> and water as byproducts.

There are a number of impossibles with this, but the particular one of interest is CO<sub>2</sub>. We get CO<sub>2</sub> by burning cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin, but we need CO<sub>2</sub> to produce cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin. So, what came first, CO<sub>2</sub> or cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin?

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***Atheistic evolution (Google AI today) teaches:***

*Google AI Overview (The following is a direct copy, but slightly rearranged)*

*Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) has been present in the atmosphere since the Earth condensed from a ball of hot gases following its formation from the explosion of a huge star about five billion years ago.*

*Early Earth's Atmosphere:*

*When Earth first formed, its surface was molten,*

*and it had almost no atmosphere. As it cooled, gases like carbon dioxide and water vapor, which were present in the Earth's interior, were released through volcanic eruptions and outgassing, forming the early atmosphere.*

*Volcanic Activity:*

*Volcanic eruptions continue to release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere today, and these eruptions likely played a crucial role in the formation of the early atmosphere.*

*Water Vapor Condensation:*

*As the planet cooled further, some of the water vapor condensed to form Earth's oceans, and some of the carbon dioxide dissolved in the oceans.*

*Carbon Cycle:*

*Carbon dioxide is constantly exchanged between the atmosphere, oceans, land, and living organisms through processes like photosynthesis, respiration, and decay.*

*Human Impact:*

*Human activities, such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, have significantly increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, leading to climate change*

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*So, there you have it. You don't have to solve how CO<sub>2</sub> started, it came from a previous star which exploded. However, that only pushes the problem back some. How did the previous Star get CO<sub>2</sub>, especially since it was on fire.*

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## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #151: CELLULOSE, P3

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Wherever cellulose was first created, it had to be created in a barren environment. No cellulose type matter existed in preexisting forms to have the possibility of multi-generational mutations to help develop it. There was just water and maybe CO<sub>2</sub>.

You can have water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) all day long and it doesn't automatically become cellulose. The place you most often encounter CO<sub>2</sub> (other than in the air) is as the gas in soda waters.

Today, a plant with cellulose produces more cellulose. The cellulose in the plant has the molecular formula for cellulose and reproduces the cellulose molecular formula in the new cellulose it produces. See the preceding graphic.

To provide the molecular formula to start with takes an intelligent designer with a lot of capabilities.

The intelligent designer is God, so whether CO<sub>2</sub> or cellulose came first is as academic as whether the chicken or egg came first.

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The following is the same information as is given above, with some comments added in blue.

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*Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) has been present in the atmosphere since the Earth condensed from a ball of hot gases following its formation from the explosion of a huge star about five billion years ago. (Stated as a fact when it is just a theory. Would say that the "explosion" happened a half a billion years before the earth was allegedly formed 4.5 billion years ago. A ball of hot gases in open space would have cooled to -460° F. in much less time than that.)*

*Early Earth's Atmosphere:*

*When Earth first formed, its surface was molten, and it had almost no atmosphere. As it cooled, gases like carbon dioxide and water vapor, which were present in the Earth's interior, were released through volcanic eruptions and outgassing, forming the early atmosphere. (Stated as a fact when it is just a theory. It would be more reasonable to conclude that the materials in the center of the earth had much lower freezing/condensing/ solidification temperatures than carbon dioxide. This should mean that the core of the earth would have no carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide was more likely later formed by buried plant matter, or God.)*

*Volcanic Activity:*

*Volcanic eruptions continue to release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere today, and these eruptions likely played a crucial role in the formation of the early atmosphere. (Something we can agree upon.*

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## IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #151: CELLULOSE, P4

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### *Water Vapor Condensation:*

*As the planet cooled further, some of the water vapor condensed to form Earth's oceans, and some of the carbon dioxide dissolved in the oceans. (It wouldn't be some of the water. Fully 97% of the water on earth is in the oceans and 2% is in ice near the poles. The earth has 332.5 million cubic miles of water. When water is turned into gas it expands by a factor of 1242.2/1. If all the water on the earth was evaporated, it would be 332.5 million times 1242.2 = 413 billion cubic miles. The volume of the earth is 260 billion cubic miles. This means that the volume of the water vapor cloud at sea level atmospheric pressure would be  $413/260=1.588$  times larger than the earth itself. As the atmospheric pressure would become even less as you gain altitude, the actual vapor cloud would be much larger. This is not "some of the water condensed", this is a massive supply of water from someplace.)*

### *Carbon Cycle:*

*Carbon dioxide is constantly exchanged between the atmosphere, oceans, land, and living organisms through processes like photosynthesis, respiration, and decay. (Something we can agree upon.)*

### *Human Impact:*

*Human activities, such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation, have significantly increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, leading to climate change. (Another unproven theory. Probably more significant is that scien-*

*tists are now changed back to climate change instead of global warming. Climates always change. In green Oklahoma it is probably hard to remember when it was a dust bowl in 1930-1936, until the climate changed again with more rainfall. I frequently travelled to Ventura CA in the 1970s and everything was green. Much of it is so dry now it has lost most vegetation.*

*It is time we stop spending money trying to reverse climate change, and start spending money trying to adapt to it.)*



## Love of God or Love of Money? Practical Perspectives

The love of God and one another is supernatural power – characteristic of God Himself, who loves and calls all to belief: “one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all who is overall and through all and in all”. Ephesians 4: 5-6

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money”. Matthew 6:24

“The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” 1Timothy 6:10

### How and why does this happen?

Money is only a medium of exchange useful to facilitate expressions of love, allowing people in a community to provide for one-another’s needs (food, shelter, care etc.) each according to their respective gifts. All peoples must collaborate to share the great diversity of tasks required to sustain all within a nation.

When money becomes an instrument used to manipulate people who are dependent upon one-another, its purpose becomes perverted, giving evil a foothold in those who are no longer content with community sufficiency but desire more money for themselves to guarantee their sufficiency. Withholding and “hoarding” of money gives rise to greed, envy and “inequality”.

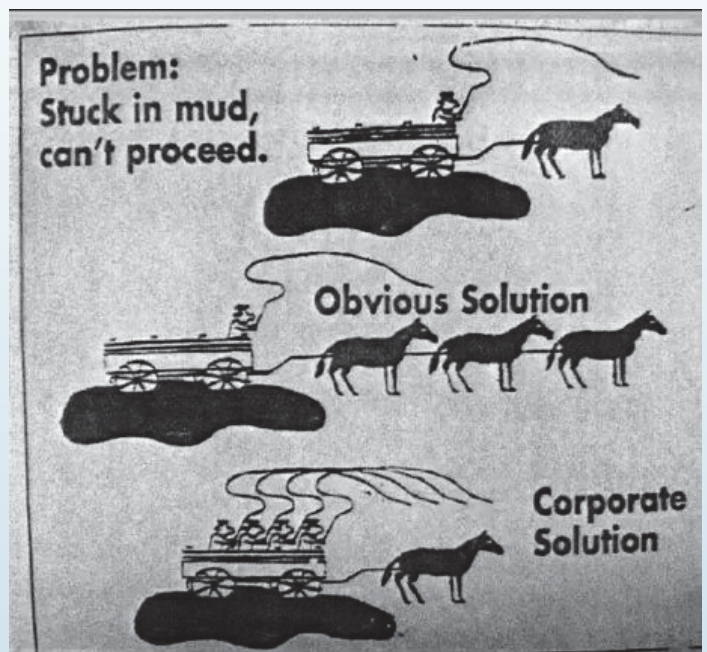
In order for the greedy to protect their hoards, they consider it necessary to assert power over those weakened by insufficiency, which escalates to authoritarian domination by means of force (laws, regulations etc.) when the weak protest. As competition develops between greedy dictators of communities, corporations and nations, driven from evil to evil, they wage war upon their

respective communities whose peoples become “collateral damage” from their leaders’ attempts to destroy the capacity for self-sufficiency by overpowering and looting the spoils of greed – even to the point of committing genocide.

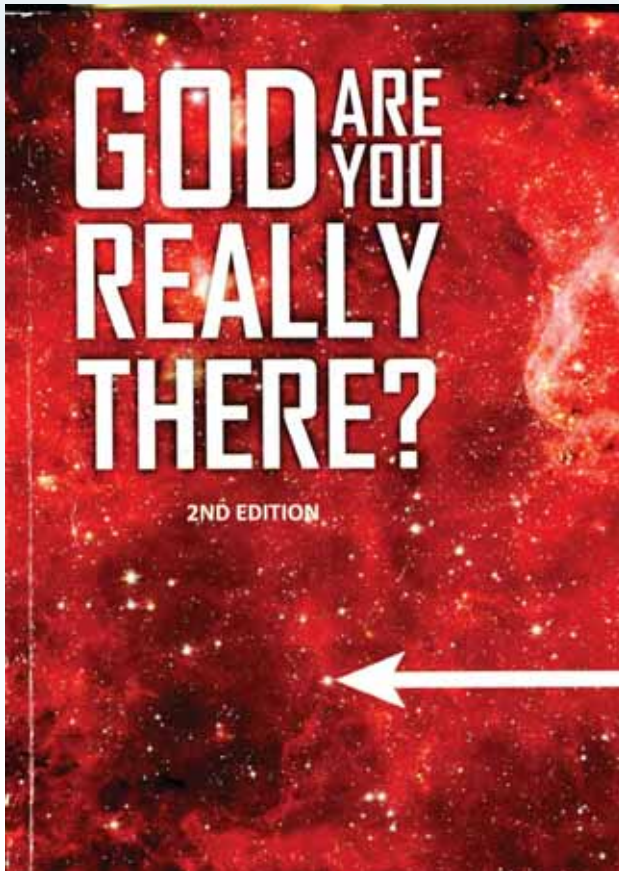
To restore self-sufficiency, collaboration for mutual benefit and appropriate use of money as a medium of exchange based upon love, the People and their leaders must honor God the Father who loves them, turn away from greed, envy and evil ways, reject and frustrate the schemes of those who seek to manipulate them using the medium of money, and place their trust in the grace of God and His promises to provide for all the righteous who seek Him.

From the perspective of this writer as regards America and the world of today, the sooner we turn back to God and place our trust in Him – the better!

Larry S. Grubbs, Harrison Ohio







An excellent book to read by Don England. Don is an Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at Harding University where he has taught for 45 years.



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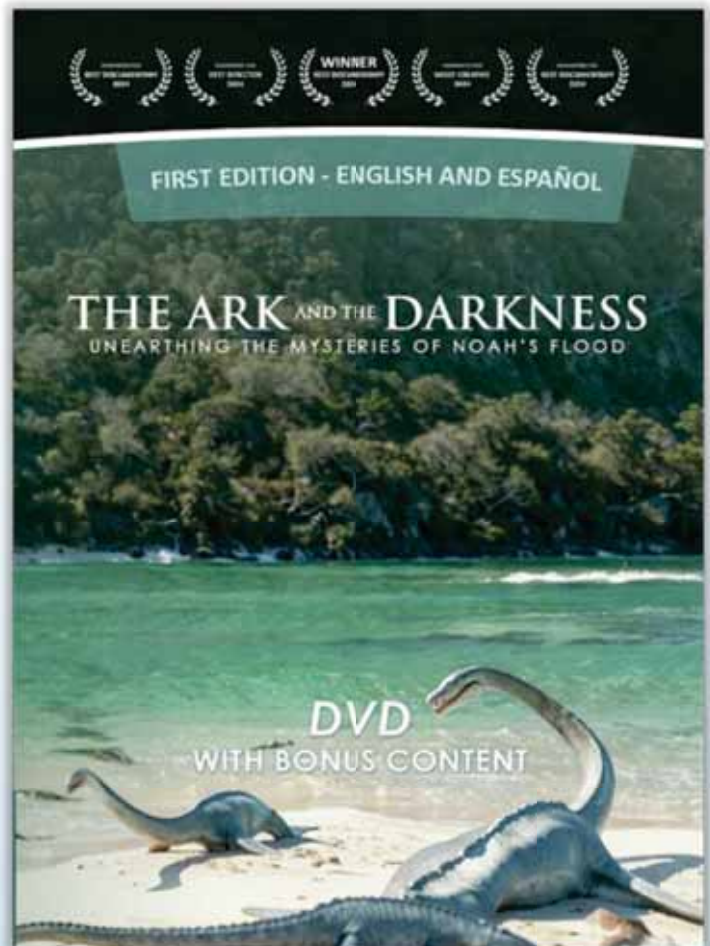
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ZONE LEADER: 7 Tactics for Leading in the Zones

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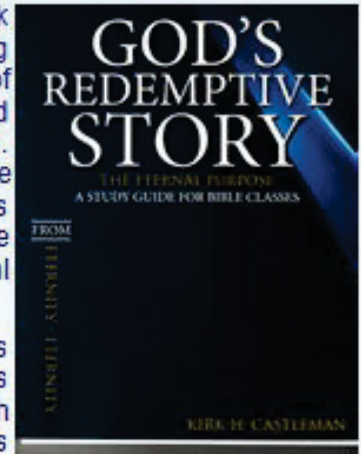
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# CONTRARIAN UNDERSTANDINGS

## CONTRARIAN #2: NO INFINITE MASS AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT

The thesis of the Contrarian #1 article “You Can Run Faster Than The Speed of Light”, was that all speeds are measured relative to something else. You can run at 10 mph in one reference system (A) and at the speed of light in another reference system (B) at the same time.

AI Overview “According to Einstein's theory of relativity, an object with mass cannot reach the speed of light because as it approaches that speed, its mass would theoretically become infinite, requiring an infinite amount of energy to accelerate further; essentially, it is impossible for an object with mass to attain the speed of light.” (From Google search on “infinite mass at the speed of light”)

**In physics, "mass" is a fundamental property of matter, which when subjected to the pull of gravity gives your weight.**

Unless you were able to refute the thesis of Contrarian #1 article “You Can Run Faster Than The Speed of Light”, you recognize that you can run at 10 mph in one reference system (A) and at the speed of light in another reference system (B) at the same time.

This means that if you weigh 160 lbs. considering yourself to be in reference system (A), then by simply considering yourself to be in reference system (B) you suddenly have infinite weight or mass.

If you are having problems with different reference systems, consider an astronaut on the Moon's surface. The Moon orbits Earth at an average speed of about 2,288 miles per hour, so you see the astronaut as moving at 2,288 miles per hour. The astronaut is standing still on the Moon and considers himself to be moving at zero miles per hour. That is 2 speeds at the same time, one in the reference of the Moon's surface

and the other in the reference of the Earth.

Why would anyone believe that you gain infinite mass when you go at the speed of light? Conventional science doesn't tell you why, they just teach it as gospel. It simply doesn't make sense.

### WHY DO CONVENTIONAL SCIENTISTS BELIEVE YOU ACHIEVE INFINITE MASS AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT:

We don't know.

The first thing you can know is that achieving infinite mass at the speed of light is just a theory, not an observation or a fact. If anything were to actually come close to being an infinite mass, it would wreck and destroy our Universe. Imagine the gravitational pull of an infinite mass.

We are going to speculate why conventional science came to believe this, but keep in mind we are guessing. Conventional science typically tells you only the data which supports their conclusions. So, we are reduced to guessing on this matter.

Conventional science attempts to accelerate an atomic particles in Synchrotron. A Synchrotron is an apparatus in which charged atomic particle are accelerated by an alternating electric field while following a circular path in a magnetic field in a vacuum. These are large and complex. For simplicity see the graphic following.



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This Cyclotron or Synchrotron is a test model sold for about \$80.00 on Amazon. Rather than accelerating atomic particles around a large circular vacuum tube, it accelerates the ball bearings shown around the steel tracks in ordinary air. It illustrates the concept in a way you can readily understand it.

The red copper coils are turned on as the ball bearings approach to accelerate them and then are turned off as the ball bearing passes.

A real Synchrotron would have a lot of accelerator coils, and the ball bearings would be a proton or atomic particles moving in a vacuum. The largest is the 17-mile circumference [Large Hadron Collider](#) (LHC) near Geneva, Switzerland.

Conventional scientists don't actually say why things approaching the speed of light gain infinite mass, as near as I can tell. It is my suspicion that the closer and closer you get the proton to the speed of light the more energy you need to input into the Synchrotron coils, but you never quite get there. No matter how much energy you put into the coils you don't quite get to the speed of light. The conclusion is that it would take an infinite amount of energy to get the proton to the speed of light, and the energy must go someplace. An infinite amount of energy might be converted into an infinite amount of mass, therefore the infinite mass idea.

Consider that the magnetic waves which the coils produce are what is driving the atomic particles around the Synchrotron path. AI Overview "Magnetic waves, which are considered a type of electromagnetic wave, travel at the speed of light, approximately  $3 \times 10^8$  meters per second in a vacuum; meaning all electromagnetic waves, including magnetic waves, travel at the same speed in a vacuum. " (From Google search on "How fast do magnetic waves travel")

If the driving magnetic waves are travelling at the speed of light, they cannot drive something faster than they are travelling, and likely not quite as fast. That being the case, no matter how long you power the coils to move the atomic particles, the atomic particles will never exceed the speed of light.

As this is a physical limitation of the system, there is no need to postulate that the atomic particles approach infinite weight to impede their acceleration, they just stop moving faster.

**Simply put, the speed at which something is moving in any reference system has nothing to do with its mass.**

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