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Nicky Cruz TRUCE Milwaukee with New York City Hip Hop Group TRUCE AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER REVEREND NICKY CRUZ: INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER AND NINE TIME BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Over 100 Organizations, Community Leaders, Churches, and Businesses are working together in Milwaukee this July for an outreach event called Nicky Cruz TRUCE Milwaukee. This event includes citizens from all over the city who want to do something to help stop the violence and troubles of our city.

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Run Baby Run. This book along with it's sequel have sold over 50,000,000 copies.

For nearly 50 years, Cruz has traveled the world telling about the miraculous transformation that occurred in his life. Cruz and his team are dedicated to reaching others with this message of God's love, and regularly targets urban environments in order to reach out to those who are most frequently trapped by destructive lifestyles and who

are caught in a downward spiral of intense violence, drug abuse and gang activity. Visit www.nickycruz.org for more information.

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Commentary

Franklin Graham in Madison, Wisconsin

by John Fisco

It was great to be in Madison on June 15^{th} for the Graham Decision America Tour. Most thought about 500 - 1,000 people would attend, and that would be a great number to come out for the event.

However at least 6,000 people showed up!! What an impact on Madison. Yes there were protesters, however they were very peaceful. And as we all know, Madison is the world headquarters of the Athiest movement, and they were there also. The

best part of all this is that they heard a great Gospel message from Franklin, and he prayed for everyone there, along with an invitation to accept Christ. And we know that God said it Himself "My word will not return void". Case closed!



More on the Event

During a prayer rally held Wednesday in Madison, Wisconsin, a stop on the evangelist's "Decision America" tour, Graham said that America brought the mass shooting upon itself because it has become a "godless nation," reports The Cap Times.

Graham began the rally, which drew nearly 6,000 to Madison's Capitol Square, with prayer for the Orlando massacre's 49

dead, 53 injured, affected families and those in attendance.

"It was a privilege to stand in prayer with thousands of people who love the Lord and love their country," wrote Graham on Facebook.

Although dissenters of the evangelist dotted the crowd, most were in silent protest, waving rain-

bow flags representing the LGBTQ community, signs promoting secular-themed messages, or donning hats promoting the message "God Bless America Again," seeming to immitate the presidential campaign slogan of presumptive GOP frontrunner Donald Trump.

Despite the opposition, Graham was satisfied with the rally, as he indicated on Facebook, writing, "Yes, there were some protesters," he wrote, "but that's okay; they heard the Gospel message I shared as well."

He continued, "Some atheists held signs that said, 'I'm not afraid to burn in hell.' That is very sad — one day they will change their minds. The Bible says that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Every person is going to face eternity in either Heaven or Hell. The most important thing in this lifetime is to trust God's Son, Jesus Christ, as your Savior and to follow Him as Lord for the rest of life."

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FRANKLIN GRAHAM: I DIDN'T ENDORSE Donald Trump at evangelical meeting

Leading evangelist Rev. Franklin Graham is denying a rumor that he told hundreds of evangelical leaders who met with Donald Trump on Tuesday anything along the lines that the billionaire real estate mogul is a better option for president than presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

As Graham is touring all 50 state capitals this year to hold prayer rallies to encourage Christians to get involved in the political process, he has been adamant that he will not be endorsing any presidential candidates.

Additionally, some contention was made over a suggestion that Graham had compared biblical leaders like Moses and David to Trump. However, Graham merely pointed out that the flaws and sins of biblical leaders like Moses, David and Abraham proves that no one is perfect.

"All of this to say, there is none of us is perfect. We're all guilty of sin. Franklin Graham stands here in front of you today as a sinner. But I've been forgiven by God's grace. He forgave me. I invited Christ to come into my heart and my life. He forgave me," Graham said, according to the Yahoo transcript. "There's no perfect person — there's only one, and that's the Lord Jesus Christ. And he's not running for president of the United States. This year."

A Word from the Heart by John Duckhorn

The epistle of Paul to the Church at Colosse is known to be the most Christological book in the Bible. It is known to be an epistle of the blending of various pagan religious ideas with Christianity to water down the Gospel and the person of Christ to make the Good News meaningless, as well. The powerful statements of Paul regarding the person of Christ in chapter one and two prove to us the superiority of Jesus Christ. Chapter 1:18 points to his role as the head of the Body the church and gives to each believer absolute confidence in His preeminence.

No new doctrine or addition is needed to His authority. As we discover new things about Christ directing our lives as the Head of the Church, Paul challenges the believer to not move outside of Christ for growth in the Christian life. Christ is sufficient for all our needs and is spoken of as the One who lives in us (1:27). What Paul is seeking to do is to establish each believer on a solid foundation of faith in Christ (2:2).

How easy it is to be taken away from Christ as Lord. When we were saved, we personally appropriated to ourselves who Christ is and what He has done. We had to acknowledge that Christ is completely sufficient. He was enough not only for salvation but for the whole Christian life. Remember the struggle you had to come to Him? Yet by faith you received Him. The burden of sin was gone and you knew that you were saved. Oh sure, you didn't understand a lot of the Bible or theology or problem areas but you knew in a measure real life for the first time in your life. We even said some dumb things but everyone knew there was a change in us. You see, we accepted Christ as our Savior and knew He is our Lord. There is no teaching here of taking a deep step and by faith receiving Christ as Lord. Paul implies that to have received Christ as



the only one who forgives sins is to acknowledge Him as Lord.

Sooner or later someone came in and, as Paul said, "beguiled" them. They might have said, you really don't have the complete Gospel or you need another spiritual experience to go deeper. Someone might have told you that your problems were so deeply rooted in your past life that you could not make it by mere faith without some "worldly" help. Another might have suggested some new method and, perhaps, ridiculed the past's lack of understanding. So instead of continuing to see Christ as the Image of God, as the head of the body, as the one who Paul urges the believers to keep on the same way. Yes I need to grow in the faith, and, yes I ought to study the Bible to have a greater understanding of Christ. But beware of anything that will depreciate the character of our Lord and His completed work. Christ is Lord over all my sins and problems. The excitement of life in Christ and His daily help can remain throughout our entire

lives and Christian growth.

lives in us, we get confused

and are defeated.

There are warnings in this epistle that we must pay close attention to.

Some of these warnings are against rituals that deceive us into thinking we are more spiritual than others, the keeping of strict rules, about treating the body with self-denial and thinking that we can become more spiritual and free from sin. Paul warns against relying on human tradition and knowledge. He mentions another matter that is difficult to understand, the worship or Angels and most importantly he warned against making Christ less than the divine Son and Lord of the universe.



Facing Fear by Christin Ditchfield



Finding freedom from anxious thoughts, nagging worries, and crippling fears. Author Christin Ditchfield knows what it means to be bound by fear - and to be set free. Her latest book, "What Women Should Know About Facing Fear", helps women set themselves free from the captivity of anxiety, fear and doubt that has been holding them back from a life of peace and joy. Christin is eager to share about the message of her new book with you. Sharing from her own personal experiences and the life changing truths of Scripture, author Christin Ditchfield helps readers; Recognize the stranglehold that fear can be and break free from

its destructive power; Identify their unhealthy responses to fear and discover more effective strategies; and experience for themselves the "perfect love that casts out fear

Christin Ditchfield is an accomplished educator, author, conference speaker, and host of the syndicated radio program "Take It To Heart" heard daily on hundreds of stations across the United States and around the world. A frequent guest on radio and television. Leafwood Publishers \$14.00

Countdown to the Apocalypse: Why ISIS and Ebola are Only the Beginning by Dr. Robert Jeffress



There are Biblical signs that we are living in the end times. Here's what happen next. ISIS, Ebola. Religious persecution. Rampant immorality. Are these the harbingers of the end of the world? If so, can we predict when the end will come?

In this eye-opening book, Bible prophecy expert and Fox News contributor Dr. Robert Jeffress offers a reasoned look at these signs and what Jesus Christ Himself meant when He talked about a future so horrendous that no human lives would be spared "unless those days were shortened" (Matthew 24-22). Did Jesus have our time in mind? All over the world, people are aware that something unprecedented in human history is about to happen.

COUNTDOWN TO THE APOCALPSE presents vital information that both believers and skeptics need to know to be prepared.

Dr. Robert Jeffress is pastor of the 11,000 member First Baptist Church in Dallas and a Fox News contributor. His daily radio program Pathway to Victory is heard on 780 radios stations and his weekly television program is seen on 1,200 stations and cable systems worldwide. He is the author of 20 books and teaches a class on end times theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. Faith Words Publishing \$15.00

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being written right now. You can help write it. You are not helpless during time of crises, either national or personal. When people pray, God listens. In this book you will find hope and courage to pray to a God who loves you and wants to answer your prayers.

Don Nori has authored seven books, including his newest work, Romancing the Divine. He has worked in the publishing industry and traveled internationally over the past 19 years, working with people of all races and nationalities. Don and his wife, Cathy, live at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains in Pennsylvania where they raised their five sons. Destiny Image \$17.99

Satan, You Can't Have My Country!: A Spiritual Warfare Guide to Save America by Mike Evans



A Presidential race is being fought for the soul of America. The dumbing-down of America has begun and all in the name of political correctness and a new godless globalism. America is on the brink of either a Great Awakening or a rude awakening. America is under siege! Demons do not clear customs.

Mike Evans is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of more than 60 books. His articles have appeared in newspapers worldwide, including USA Today. He has appeared on hundreds of USA television and radio shows. Evans is the founder of the Jerusalem Praver Team. The Ten Boom Holocaust Center in Haarlem. Holland and the Friends of Zion Museum in Jerusalem

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'The Passion of the Christ' 2 – Mel Gibson, Randall Wallace in **Early Stages of Sequel Film**

By Shay Parrish



The 2004 hit biblical film on Jesus' crucifixion, "The Passion of the Christ," may have a sequel soon as screenwriter Randall Wallace mentioned he is already working on a follow-up for the blockbuster movie. Mel Gibson, like the first time around, will also be part of this movie.

Wallace, according to the Hollywood Reporter, said that the film's director, Mel Gibson, is also working closely with him. For the

planned sequel, Wallace is expected to focus on the resurrection of Christ. "The Passion of the Christ" told the life and struggles of Jesus leading up to his crucifixion.

When the screenwriter exclusively confirmed the rumors to Hollywood Reporter, he claimed that he found it hard to keep the good news to himself. Wallace even shared that he and Gibson really became serious on working on a sequel for the biblical movie while they were working on the 2016 action-drama film "Hacksaw Ridge," which will hit theaters in November.

"I always wanted to tell this story," he said of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "The Passion' is the beginning and there's a lot more story to tell."

"Forget not all His benefits." ~ Psalm 103:2



It is a delightful and profitable occupation to mark the hand of God in the lives of ancient saints, and to observe His goodness in delivering them, His mercy in pardoning them, and His faithfulness in keeping His covenant with them. But would it not be even more interesting



and profitable for us to remark the hand of God in our own lives? Ought we not to look upon our own history as being at least as full of God, as full of His goodness and of His truth, as much a proof of His faithfulness and veracity, as the lives of any of the saints who have gone before? We do our Lord an injustice when we suppose that He wrought all His mighty acts, and showed Himself strong for those in the early time, but doth not perform wonders or lay bare His arm for the saints who are now upon the earth. Let us review our own lives. Surely in these we may discover some happy incidents, refreshing to ourselves and glorifying to our God. Have you had no deliverances? Have you passed through no rivers, supported by the divine presence? Have you walked through no fires unharmed? Have you had no manifestations? Have you had no choice favours? The God who gave Solomon the desire of his heart, hath He never listened to you and answered your requests? That God of lavish bounty of whom David sang, "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things," hath He never satiated you with fatness? Have you never been made to lie down in green pastures? Have you never been led by the still waters? Surely the goodness of God has been the same to us as to the saints of old. Let us, then, weave His mercies into a song. Let us take the pure gold of thankfulness, and the jewels of praise and make them into another crown for the head of Jesus. Let our souls give forth music as sweet and as exhilarating as came from David's harp, while we praise the Lord whose mercy endureth for ever.

News & More

Anne Graham Lotz: I Believe We Are Living at the End of Human History By Samuel Smith



The daughter of world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, is calling on Christians to evangelize, warning that America is experiencing the last stages of God's judgment before the end of human history.

Speaking to a gathering of pastors at the Family Research Council's 2016 "Watchmen on the Wall" conference on Capitol Hill, Lotz, the founder of AnGeL Ministries, discussed the "urgency to reach the lost," emphasizing that this is a critical time for believers to lead others to

Christ before they are forced to live an eternity separated from God in Hell.

Lotz, who has authored a number of books including The Daniel Prayer: Prayer That Moves Heaven and Changes Nations, sat down with The Christian Post for an interview following her speech and elaborated on her belief that her generation will not pass before the return of Jesus Christ, and her warning to Americans that the transgender bathroom debate reveals the country is in the last stages of God's judgment.

Evangelist Ray Comfort Blocked by **Police From Giving Away \$25K in Gift Cards to Atheists at Reason Rally** By Stoyan Zaimov

Comfort has since said that the gift cards will be handed out to homeless people instead.

A press release from Comfort revealed that the atheist outreach at the June 4 Reason Rally in the National Mall will no longer be taking place, at least when it comes to the planned giveaway of gift cards and 5,000 copies of Comfort's book, Why Pigs Will Fly Before America Has an Atheist President.

The evangelist had previously said that the outreach was envisioned as a "small token of our love for atheists," and meant to engage with non-believers during one of the biggest gathering of atheists in history.

The press release noted that police have threatened arrests for such a gesture, however, as over 1,000 Christians registered to join the outreach.



This Black Pastor Says His 'Attitude Changed' on Donald Trump After Meeting With 900 Evangelicals

By Samuel Smith

Conservative evangelical bishop E.W. Jackson says that his "attitude" about Donald Trump changed as a result of Tuesday's meeting between Trump and hundreds of America's top evangelical leaders in New York City.

Jackson, who is the founder of the conservative nonprofit S.T.A.N.D., said in a conference call during the meeting that he can now back the presumptive Republican nominee instead of just preferring him over presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

E.W. Jackson(Photo: The Christian Post/Samuel Smith)E.W. Jackson, the founder and president of Ministers Taking a Stand, announces the launch of Project Awakening at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on December 12, 2015.

"What I am hoping we will see is the evangelical community unify around Donald Trump because we just don't have any choice," Jackson said. "I hope that there will be a strong enough statement coming out of this ... so that evangelicals around the country start to feel a bit of comfort."

As Trump responded to questions from a number of prominent evangelical leaders, he vowed to appoint only pro-life Supreme Court justices and protect the religious freedoms of social conservatives and religious groups. He also addressed questions on race, poverty and job growth.

"Look, I think my attitude has been changed by this meeting," Jackson added.

Jackson told CP that he was especially thrilled to hear Donald Trump address question of pov-

> erty and violence, issues that are close to his heart.

While the meeting was billed as a "conversation with Donald Trump," Fox News' Todd Starnes, who was one of the few journalists to attend the rally, tweeted that the meeting was "basically a campaign rally."

However, Jackson and other attendees of the rally didn't feel that wav.

"If it had been just a Donald Trump rally, then he would have given his speeches and moved on. It really was more of a conversation because when he came to the larger meeting for example, he made no comments and he just



sat down," Jackson explained. "Mike Huckabee began to ask him questions. He spent time responding to those questions and then there were questions from the audience as well. They asked questions that Christians are interested in knowing so it's not like saying a normal stump speech."

Jackson didn't support Trump during the Republican nominating contests. In a December op-ed for The Christian Post, he wrote, "it is my considered opinion as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for 38 years, that no pastor should be endorsing Donald Trump, at least not at this stage."

Since Matthew 6:33 says, "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," he added, "we should seek first the candidate who represents the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Before speaking to the larger group of about 900 pastors, Trump met and conversed with at least 25 evangelical leaders who are serving on his evangelical executive advisory council. The members of the council laid out their concerns to the candidate.



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Women's Club Brunch July 18 at 9:30am

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Spirit Revolution

Conference August 11 at 7pm August 12 at 10am August 13 at 10am Comfort Suites Hotel 6362 S. 13th St Oak Creek, WI 53154 Jeremiah 23:6 Revival for the City, State and Our Nation. We will have praise and worship along with speakers. Theresa Reyna and Pastor Paul Davis, along with afternoon sessions on intercession & prayer.

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Family Research Council Pastor's Breakfast

August 18 at 9am Wisconsin Club 900 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233 Pastors - Join us for an inside look at how you can be part of changing the culture, making an impact and being the Watchmen on the Wall to equip and encourage your congregation and community to STAND and make a difference. Limited seats available. Please RSVP to FRC at 1.800.225.4008 or email sek@frc.org.

Senior Lunch August 19

Spring Creek Church N35 W22000 Capitol Dr. Pewaukee, WI Join area seniors for a homemade lunch followed by a musical concert. This month will feature Alison singing songs by Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and George Gershwin. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 262-695-2211.

How to College-Proof Your Faith August 20 at 9am or 6pm

August 21 at 10:45am Hillside Community Church S93 County Hwy NN Mukwonago, WI 53149 Jay Seegert of the Creation Education Center bring a timely message for students preparing to return to campus, their family, or anyone interested. "How to college-proof your faith" will be presented at Hillside Community Church of Mukwonago on August 20th and 21st. His presentations will include the reliability of Scripture and other related topics. For further info call 262-363-8025

Praise in the Park August 28 from Noon to 6pm Riverside Park

A day to praise Christ through the arts. Music and dance will be shared. Food and beverage available, but you are welcome to bring your own picnic. Bring the family and bring your friends. Children's bounce house, face painting and prayer tent

September

Allo Chocolate September 2 at 6pm Waukesha Friday Night Live 234 Main Street

Waukesha, WI Cheryl McCrary in Concert

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Senior Lunch September 16

Spring Creek Church N35 W22000 Capitol Dr. Pewaukee, WI Senior lunch followed by a musical concert. \$12.00 per ticket. Special musical guest is Pichard Aaron and his flute. His program will consist of Klezmer (Eastern European Jewish melodies) tunes, and selections from "the great American Song Book", which derives primarily from Broadway. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 282-695-2211

Artwalk & Concert Event September 16 at 7:30pm

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Pastor Saeed Abedini: If Christians Don't Reach Muslims With Love of Christ, Muslims Will Reach Them With Jihad

By Stoyan Zaimov

Iranian-American pastor Saeed Abedini has warned that if Christians don't reach Muslims with the "love of Jesus Christ," then Muslims will reach them with jihad.

"If we don't reach Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ, they will reach us with the love of Allah, which is jihad," Abedini wrote on his Facebook page on Sunday.

Abedini, who converted from Islam and spent three years and a half in prison in Iran for his Christian faith, has slammed the teachings of Islam in several statements, arguing that it's a "lie" to believe that Islam is a peace-ful religion.

"If Muslims say: we are peaceful, 'it's a lie.' The Qur'an teaches that Muslims must fight and kill (Jihad) unbelievers. 'Wherever you overtake them' until 'religion is Allah's,' i.e. Islamic law rules all societies (2.Sura Al _ Baqarah(Cow) 2:190-193). Regarding to the Qur'an's verse, Christians and Jews are included to make them Muslim or kill them in entire the world," Abedini wrote back in March, following the Easter Sunday terror attacks on Christians in Pakistan.

The mass suicide blast in Lahore killed at least 72 people, and Islamic terrorists said it was specifically aimed at Christians.

Muslims leaders around the world, such as Muslim Judicial Council of South Africa President Maulana Ihsaan Hendricks, condemned, at that time, what they called a "heinous and cowardly" attack on Christians. "The Islamic teaching in the Quran states that, "Whoever kills a person, it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind," Hendricks said, arguing that terror groups refuse to respect this teaching.

Abedini insisted, however, that Muslims who are peaceful and do not believe in violent jihad are following a "new religion."

"ISIS, al-Qaeda, Taliban, Islamic Republic of Iran are practicing the real Islam by destroying churches and killing Christian every day," the pastor wrote at that time.



He argued that there is no region in the world where Islamic societies are coexisting with others in peace.

"So, where is the place which the most completest religion of the world known as Islam (as Muslims say) and Muslims believe that works peacefully in the entire world?!" he asked. "The answer is 'NO WHERE."

Abedini says on his website that he convered to Christianity at 20 year old, leaving behind Islam, and felt called to plant and grow churches in his native Iran, despite the persecution he faced.



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Stanford Neurosurgeon Killed by Cancer Accepted Christ After Embracing 'Ironclad Atheism'

By Samuel Smith



A California neurosurgeon who died from lung cancer in 2015 explained in a memoir published this year what it was that compelled him to reclaim his Christian faith after embracing "ironclad atheism."

Dr. Paul Kalanithi, a neurosurgeon at Stanford's Department of Neurosurgery and a fellow at the Stanford Neurosciences Institute, died on March 9, 2015, after fighting a two-year battle with stage IV lung cancer.

Being an educated man who graduated from the Yale School of Medicine, Kalanithi earned a master's in English literature from Stanford and earned master's in history and philosophy of science and medicine from Cambridge, Kalanithi was considered to be a deep thinker who constantly pondered how "biology, literature and philosophy intersect."

Despite the fact that Kalanithi had high career aspirations laid out for himself once he graduated from residency, the ladder to achieve his career goals was ripped out from underneath him when his life was cut short.

Although God called home the 37-year-old Kalanithi while he was in the prime of his career, death did not come before Kalanithi was able to achieve one of his life's aspirations: becoming a writer.

While dealing with his illness, Kalanithi penned a memoir that focused on the meaning of life and death and also addressed other existential questions that his sickness forced him to wrestle with.

Although cancer took Kalanithi before he was able to complete his memoir, it turns out that what he had written was enough to be published posthumously in the form of The New York Times best-selling book, When Breath Becomes Air.

Much of Kalanithi's book examines the experience of death through the perspectives of both a doctor and patient. Kalanithi, however, also discussed in the book how he personally wrestled with faith and disbelief.

Although Kalanithi grew up in a very devout Methodist household in Kingman, Arizona, he began to turn away from his faith in college.

In the book, Kalanithi admits that his relationship with God became "tenuous" as he began to embrace the arguments put forth by "reason" atheists.

"During my sojourn in ironclad atheism, the primary arsenal leveled against Christianity had been its failure on empirical grounds," Kalanithi wrote. "Surely enlightened reason offered more coherent cosmos. Surely, Occam's razor cut the faithful free from blind faith. There is no proof of God; therefore, it is unreasonable to believe in God."

Kalanithi's wife, Lucy, who wrote the epilogue for her husband's book, explained in an interview with The Christian Post that it was around 2005 that her husband really began to re-embrace his Christian faith.

"Around 2005, when we were in our second year of medical school, right around Easter of 2005, he said something like, 'I had a religious, religious experience," said Lucy, who is an internist at Stanford University's Clinical Excellence Research Center. "He had a moment in which faith made more sense to him than not."

Paul Kalanithi wrote that although he spent much of his 20s believing in "material conception of reality" and a "scientific worldview that would grant complete metaphysics" except for "outmoded concepts like souls, God and bearded white men," he found a problem with the atheist worldview.

"The problem, however, eventually became evident: to make science the arbiter of metaphysics is to banish not only God from the world but also love, hate, meaning — to consider a world that is self-evidently not the world we live in," he argued.

"That is not to say that if you believe in meaning you must also believe in God," he added. "It is to say, though, that if you believe that science provides no basis for God, then you are almost obligated to conclude that science provides no basis for meaning and, therefore, life itself doesn't have any. In other words, existential claims have no weight; all knowledge is scientific knowledge."

Kalanithi explained in the <u>book</u> that it was the "central values of Christianity," that compelled him back to his faith.

"Yet, I returned to the central values of Christianity — sacrifice, redemption, forgiveness because I found them so compelling," Kalanithi wrote. "There is tension in the Bible between justice and mercy, between Old Testament and New Testament. And the New Testament says you can never be good enough: goodness is the thing, and you can never live up to it. The main message of Jesus, I believed, is that mercy trumps justice every time."

Furthermore, Kalanithi explained that it was what he believed to be the Bible's own mockery of "literalist" interpretations of Jesus' words that really brought him back to Christianity.

Kalanithi, who attended a Presbyterian church after his re-embrace of Christianity, recalled listening to his pastor recite John 4:14 and John 4:32 in a sermon one Sunday.

"It was passages like these, where there is clear mocking of literalist readings of scripture that had brought me back around to Christianity," the neurosurgeon wrote.

Although prolonged suffering and impending death either cause believers to distance themselves from God or become more religious and pull closer to God, Lucy told CP that her husband's faith was not impacted after he was diagnosed with terminal cancer in 2013.

"He was sort of unwavering in that dimension," she said. "He, himself, observed that it was interesting to see that his faith didn't become stronger or weaker throughout his illness."

It was Kalanithi's understanding of Christ's suffering on the cross that helped him to grasp and cope with his own physical suffering and demise, his wife said.

"The example of Jesus Christ taking on suffering for a reason — His being whipped, in addition to being humiliated, in addition to being crucified — [shows] there are all these layers of physical and emotional suffering that Jesus endured that we are taught to witness and understand," Lucy Kalanithi said. "I think the example of Jesus bearing suffering, from what I observed, that was a helpful example of the mortal suffering of Jesus. That was sort of why Paul was able to tolerate and bear mortal suffering."

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