



BBC UPDATE

BBTS Summer Modules

Dr. Thomas Strouse



Dr Strouse conducted two additional BBTS Summer module classes. During the week of July 16, a module on 1 John in Greek was held at Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell. Three of the Greek

1 and 2 Students from the 2011-2012 year studied the First Epistle of John in Greek, verse by verse. During the week of July 23, Dr. Strouse traveled to Calvary Independent Baptist Church in Plymouth, NH and taught a class on the book of Job. There were over 25 in attendance.

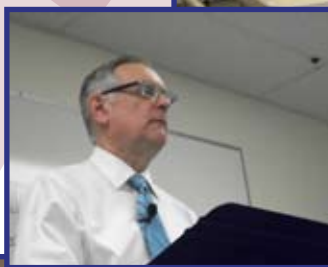
Right: Students during the Greek 1 John course, held at BBC in Cromwell.



Above: Some of the students at the BBTS Module on the book of Job.

Left: Dr. Strouse teaching.

Below: Pastor Chester Kulus and Dr. Strouse. Pastor Kulus is pastor of three churches in the Plymouth NH area and hosted Dr. Strouse during the week.



BBTS/BBC Picnic!

The annual Labor Day BBTS/BBC picnic is planned for Sept. 3, 2012 at the Strouse house from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. All past and present seminarians and all BBC members are welcome to attend!! Please RSVP to drtms_bbts@juno.com by Aug. 27



Left: The BBC Children's choir sang their VBS Theme song, "Keep Walking With the Lord", during the following Sunday morning service.

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Eschew Evil

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. Job 2:3.



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God describes Job as *one that eschewed evil*. This Hebrew word translated *eschewed evil*, סור (cuwr), speaks of a hatred for evil. God describes Job's disposition and practice as *one that eschewed evil*. The idea conveys that Job hated evil and turned away from it. In other words, Job's walk was characterized as one that abstained from doing evil and shunned or stayed away from evil. Consequently, Job was a man who consciously chose to depart from evil.

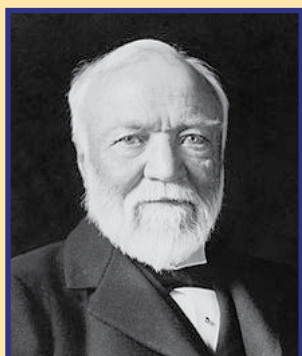
To *eschew evil* is evidence that one fears the LORD. In Proverbs 8:13, Solomon declared for the LORD: *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate*. In Proverbs 16:6, Solomon further states: *By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil*. Clearly the Bible teaches the fear of God produces a *hatred for evil* סור (cuwr).

To *eschew evil* is to practice departing from evil. Job was a man who eschewed evil. He practiced withdrawing from it and guarding himself against it through the discipline of his faith upon his person. In Job 31:1, Job says, *I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?* Job was careful to avoid evil. Further in Job 2:3, God notes that Job still eschewed evil after he had lost all his properties, animals, crops, and his children. This calamity did not move Job from *eschewing evil*.

Job clearly *eschewed evil*. Having sustained a devastating calamity, God declares, *"...still he holdeth fast his integrity."* Job's integrity was his personal code of godly standards for living. This code was two-fold: 1) Job trusted God with a reverential fear and 2) he hated evil to the point he departed from it, guarded against it, and avoided it.

Almighty God declared, Job was a man that *eschewed evil*. Job is not only an example in suffering, but he is also an example of *eschewing evil* for Christians today. -CAR

Quotes From the Past:



Andrew Carnegie

Andrew Carnegie, 1835-1919

American Industrialist

"The 'morality of compromise' sounds contradictory. Compromise is usually a sign of weakness, or an admission of defeat. Strong men don't compromise, it is said, and principles should never be compromised."

Does the Bible Teach Earth Rotation?

By Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

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Introduction

The venerable Dr. Henry Morris asserts that the LORD revealed that the earth “rotates about its north-projecting axis,”¹ using Job 38:14 as his proof text. The passage states, saying, “*Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place; That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it? It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment*” (vv. 12-14). He goes on to argue, misconstruing the figure and saying, “Though figurative language, this reflects a true physical process. God is pictured as taking hold of the two ends of the earth’s axis and turning it as if it were a clay cylinder (*sic*) receiving an impression from a seal. The seal toward which the earth is turned, however, is not a metallic pattern. Rather, it is the ‘dayspring,’ evidently the sun fixed in its place.”² Heliocentrists are desperate to find any evidence in the Bible for their Copernican theory which needs an axis-rotating and sun-revolving earth. But alas, the Bible presents a consistent geocentricity perspective from Genesis to Revelation.

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What the LORD asked Job was if he had commanded the morning sun to arise and bring the “dayspring” (יָצֵד i.e., dawning) on the earth. The “dayspring” is the subject of the Qal infinitive “it might take hold” (יִלְחֹץ), giving the figure of the light of the dawn shaking, as it were, the ends of the earth and scattering the wicked hiding in the darkness of night. When the dawn occurs, the details of the darkened earth begin to appear, likened unto the emerging details on a flat piece of clay when a cylinder seal rolls over it. In the LORD’s figure,



the earth (“it”) “is turned” (תִּתְהַפֵּךְ) as the stationary clay, not as the rotating cylinder seal. Since the stationary clay does not move or rotate[!], the *Hithpael* (reflexive or reiterative) verb must mean “turn” in the sense of “change,” as the verb quite often means (cf. several examples of “turn” meaning “change” in the KJV: Ex. 7:15, 17, 20, Lev. 13:3, 4, Job 19:19; Zeph. 3:9). The LORD declared that when the dawn comes, the obscure beauty of the darkened earth begins its morning “change” as a beautifully-featured garment.

Conclusion

The Bible neither teaches that the earth rotates on its axis or revolves around the sun. The earth is the fixed center of God’s creation, giving the physical truth behind the spiritual message of John 3:16: “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” Did not the Lord Jesus Christ state in the context this very truth, saying, “*If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?*” (Jn. 3:12)?

The Second Edition of “But God Meant It Unto Good” An Exegetical Commentary on GENESIS

BY DR. THOMAS M. STROUSE

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¹Henry Morris, *The Remarkable Record of Job* (Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2000), p. 40. Although Dr. Morris has been the eminent pioneer for biblical creationism and benefited many believers, he has rejected the biblical teaching of geocentricity.

² Morris, p. 40.

NEW BOOK

New Book Cover

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"But God Meant It Unto Good"

"But God Meant It Unto Good"

An Exegetical Commentary on GENESIS

MOSES, CALLED
Genesis
IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
God saw the light, that it was good: and he divided the light from the darkness. And he called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.
God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.
22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.
24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, and after his kind: and it was so.
25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
27 So God created man in his own image, male and female created he them.
28 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth: and they shall eat of the fruit of the earth.

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Announcement

"Biblical Worship"

Pastor Steven Bates

*"Biblical Preaching
in Worship"*



Paster Steven Bates

**Friday,
November 9, 2012**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Courtyard by Marriott
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Dr. Thomas Strouse

*"False Worship within
Christianity"*



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Lunch will be provided
with free-will offering.
A book table will be avail-
able with relevant material.

Pastor Cas Reeves

*"Heavenly Music
in Worship"*



Pastor Cas Reeves



RSVP by November 2, 2012 with
total number in your party.

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THE BOOK CORNER

Manchester Bible Study

Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



BBTS Fall Schedule

Monday

Greek Proficiency	10AM - Noon
Advanced Hebrew VIII	6 - 7 PM
Hebrew III	7 - 9 PM

Wednesday/Thursday

Romans	8 - 10:30 AM
Greek III	5 - 7 PM

Thursday

Cults	6 - 9 PM
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Friday

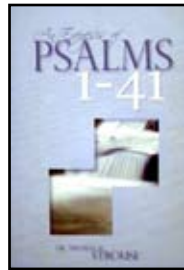
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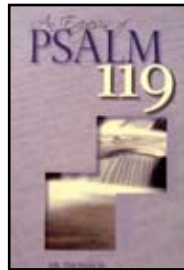
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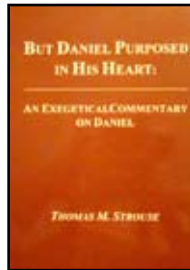
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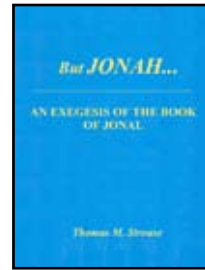
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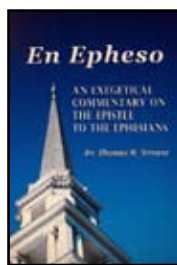
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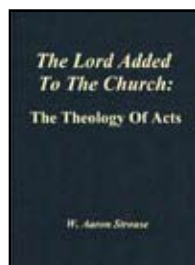
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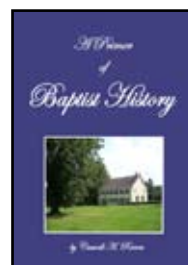
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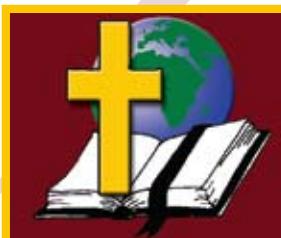
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