# THOUGHTS

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#### **2025 WILL BE GLORIOUS FOR CHRIST!**

Through the Lord's goodness, The Word Today is in the process of adding five languages! Two were started in 2024, and three more will begin broadcasting in the new year!

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TWT received a gift over \$2,000 from a congregation in Arizona recently. There had been a bequest, and former members of Our Shepherd told the Board for Evangelism at the church about the reach and efficiency of TWT. They decided the best plan was to support TWT. That was a wise move, because very few ministries can reach as many people with the Good News. Please share the work of TWT with others; you can direct them to the website, thewordtoday.org



#### THREE YEARS AGO (A MESSAGE TO THOSE BACKSLIDING)

I wrote this following my bout with Covid in 2021:

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On Christmas day, 2021, I sat in a hospital with Covid-19 and double pneumonia, and I had a video greeting to be shared with the congregation. In it, I said I was ok and looked forward to returning to the sanctuary. I knew it was a possibility that I could die. So what? If I die, I die. We hold the faith so that we won't be wusses, cowards, fearful little children who can't take the reality of our own death.



Three years later, it seems like it was a dream. Do you remember how afraid most people were? Of course, they were afraid, but not you! Why was it that you had such a hard time trusting God during the Covid debacle? Were you giving too much attention to fear mongering (read legacy news)? Were you unprepared for death?

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We are in a lull, an interim. The Great Fear will rise again, as it has throughout all generations. It may be a war, a different disease, or social unrest. You will be tempted as you were during that period, to not trust in the Lord. 25% of people who were regular worshipers at churches in our country simply stopped attending and never picked up the habit again. One quarter of involved Christians gave up over faithfulness to God. I am still angry about it.

2024

Here is a diagnostic for you; the vast majority of those who quit were not discipling. They were not actively seeking to grow through more than intermittent worship service attendance. Very few people who fell away had been attending Bible classes or participated in worship and fellowship events. Most were casual in their commitment to God, including their offerings.

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### The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh... His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.

It is not too late for them to return. Christmas is an excellent time to get plugged back in to Jesus, the Light of the world! If you became lazy and opted to be a viewer rather than a worshiper, please repent! You cannot greet another believer with the peace of Christ virtually, you cannot electronically receive the Lord's Supper. Please do not let your faith atrophy any longer!

### DECEMBER

#### **ACCOMMODATION AND SEGREGATION**

Conservative commentator, Jesse Watters, shared with the world that his mother disinvited him to Thanksgiving at her house following the election results. Imagine the disarray in that family! Conservatives in our culture are supposed to accommodate those who choose to live differently. We are asked, if not outright told, to use certain pronouns, to vote in favor of extending rights and privileges to persons who conduct themselves in abhorrent ways. President Biden and VP Kamala Harris were elected four years ago and immediately began to dismantle even more of our Judeo-Christian culture by fully backing the queer community and the transgender agenda. We were supposed to accommodate it. The public decided it had enough of it and voted to rescind much of the regulations that stand against biology and decency.

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What are the liberals doing now? They are causing segregation, advising that because they lost the election and their agenda won't be followed, in revenge, disgust, and judgmentalism, liberals are to cut off the conservatives who voted against them. If you want to see people who have little concern about keeping the social fabric of our land intact, consider a liberal who would disinvite family from Thanksgiving or Christmas.

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It is another reminder that this culture has a spiritual rift wider than the Grand Canyon. There will be many liberal Christians, an oxymoron, who rather than join with those they disagree with politically to celebrate the eternal good of God in Christ, will use the occasion of Jesus' incarnation for division. They have little understanding of what true Christianity is, and they have contributed to the decline of our land.

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<u>Jesse Watters' Mother Disinvites Him From Thanksgiving Dinner After Trump Win: 'Apparently</u> <u>There Wasn't Enough Room' | Video</u>

#### A TEASER FROM THE UPCOMING BOOK, THOUGHTS ON SCIENCE

Ever hear of LUCA? It's the Last Universal Common Ancestor, the earliest organism that is theoretically linked to all humans. The new trend in Darwinian biology is not to find common organisms, but to make them up. No hard evidence that they existed is needed. The hard evidence is against such stories. The hard evidence supports biogenesis, design, and fixity of families of creatures, with variation at the species level. Darwinists offer comparisons with stories about ancestry, but the laboratory evidence shows it is no more real than Santa Claus.

Blessings, Douglas W. Schroeder