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Requirements: Section 73.3526(e)(12) of the FCC's rules require that every three months each commercial radio broadcast station prepare a listing of programs that have been provided by the station to address and treat the most significant community issues during the preceding three months period. The list for each calendar quarter is to be filed by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the succeeding calendar quarter (*e.g.*, January 10 for the quarter October through December, April 10<sup>th</sup> for the quarter January through March, *etc.*).

Retention Requirements: The lists described in the paragraph shall be retained in the public files *until final action has been taken on the station's next license renewal application.*

## I. Minority Groups

### A. *Joy in Living*

Mrs. Mina Oglesby

A program designed to encourage and disciple ladies in the faith. Topical lessons and in-depth Bible studies are taught by mature women who love the lord. This fifteen-minute program airs at the following times:

Saturday	2:30 -2:45 a.m. 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Sunday	11:30 – 11:45 p.m.

## II. The Family

### A. *This Is the Day*

A hosted broadcast with inspirational music and timely comments to help families face each new day. *This Is the Day* airs at the following time:

Host:	Mr. Craig Mattson
Monday-Friday	6:05 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

### B. *Family Prayer Time*

A time set aside to encourage listeners to pray for various aspects of life each day. The host shares a thought and then leads the listeners in prayer about a particular subject. Many listeners are able to take a part through prayer and receive a blessing by developing a stronger prayer life. *Family Prayer Time* airs at the following time:

Host:	Dr. Dan Rushing
Monday-Friday	1:05 p.m.-1:15 p.m.

### C. *Adventures from the Bookshelf*

A children's program featuring a variety of stories such as but not limited to "The Sugar Creek Gang," "The Preacher's Kids," and others. *Adventures in Drama* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday	3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
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### D. *Drive Time*

A hosted broadcast with delightful inspirational music and timely comments to help families as they return home in the evenings. *Drive Time* airs at the following time:

Host:	Mr. Craig Mattson
Monday-Friday	3:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### E. *Adventures in Odyssey*

A children's program featuring stories illustrating Biblical principles. *Adventures in Odyssey* airs at the following time:

Monday - Friday	7:15 – 7:45 p.m.
Saturday	3:15 – 3:45 a.m. 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

F. *Ranger Bill*

A children's program featuring the adventures of Bill and the gang. *Ranger Bill* airs at the following time:

Saturday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

G. *Sunday Reflections*

A hosted broadcast with calm inspirational music, including many listener favorites that provide families a backdrop as they reflect on the day's worship activities and prepare for the coming week. *Sunday Reflections* airs at the following time:

Host: Mr. Jimmy Mintz  
 Sunday 7:05 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

H. *Focus on the Family Minute*

The *Focus on the Family Minute* is a daily 60-second "nugget of truth" taken from the daily 30-minute *Focus on the Family* radio broadcast. Hosted by Dr. Bill Maier, the "Focus on the Family Minute" features the very best of "Focus on the Family" tips for building strong families. *Focus on the Family Minute* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday 8:15 – 8:16 a.m.  
 4:30 – 4:31 p.m.  
 11:45 – 11:46 p.m.  
 Saturday 6:30 – 6:31 a.m.

Date	Issues
1/2	Who's Bob?
1/3	Clutter Free Living
1/4	Benefits of Being Healthy
1/5	A Helpful Word
1/6	Called to Suffer Well
1/7	Daughter opening a letter from you on her wedding day. Learning to treasure family relationships.
1/9	The Most Important Think
1/10	Half the Gospel
1/11	A Poster Child of Repentance
1/12	Appreciate the Dishwasher
1/13	Grief Belongs to You
1/14	Changing your perspective on why your married changes your perspective on your mate's shortcomings.
1/16	Treasure in Heaven
1/17	Preaching with Your Life
1/18	Telling Your Teen about Your Past
1/19	A Poster Child for His Mercy and Grace
1/20	Kindness Is Obedience
1/21	Raising children may have more to do with you as a parent than the child.
1/23	Cherishing Your Spouse
1/24	Not married to the Same Person
1/25	Don't Lose the Marriage
1/26	A Magic Key

1/27	Who Do You Want to Become?
1/28	God is there during difficult times
1/30	The Eyeroll
1/31	Be His Friend
2/1	Compliment Him
2/2	God Meets You in Grief
2/3	The Number One parenting Regret
2/4	Encouragement for singles to find value in God rather than in a relationship
2/6	Accepting Your Child's Best
2/7	Speak Love All Along
2/8	Be Specific with Praise
2/9	The Goal of Kingdom marriage
2/10	Reflecting His Image in Marriage
2/11	Learning to deal with disappointments with spouse is critical to a thriving marriage
2/13	Just Waiting to Be Seen
2/14	Stay Current
2/15	He's There With You
2/16	You Have to Speak It
2/17	Breaking Vases
2/18	Praising Your Children's Father for His Parenting Style
2/20	The Kill Shot
2/21	Ready to Work with You
2/22	A Veil Between God
2/23	Talk about Character
2/24	A Mystical Experience
2/25	Loving your family members in their "love language."
2/27	A Turning Point
2/28	Engage in His World
3/1	The Root of Arguments
3/2	Loaning Us Your Dad
3/3	God Will Get You Through
3/4	No one can take your place as Mom or Dad. Learn how to make everyday count.
3/6	The Person You Love the least
3/7	See a Sermon
3/8	Not gonna happen
3/9	Developing your child's emotions
3/10	The Five Love Languages
3/11	Addressing bad habits in your child's life now will help them avoid repeating them later in life—keep the big picture in mind.
3/13	What makes Us Equal
3/14	The desire to be beautiful

3/15	A gateway drug
3/16	A Fierce Woman
3/17	Needed to Die
3/18	Marital struggles keep you on your knees and draw you closer to God.
3/20	Hang up the phone and get to work
3/21	Homecoming King
3/22	Latest Episode
3/23	Improving Family Relationships
3/24	Free to Believe
3/25	Evangelism--sharing your spiritual values in natural ways
3/27	He was right
3/28	Marriage as an act of faith
3/29	A great chap
3/30	What could we have done better?
3/31	Time is the answer

I. *Lamplighter Moments*

*Lamplighter Moments*, is a daily two-minute program where Mark Hamby gives practical insights on culture, parenting, teens, marriage, education and more. *Lamplighter Moments* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday	5:15 – 5:17 a.m. 8:15 – 8:17 p.m.
Saturday	6:30 – 6:32 a.m.

Date	Issues
1/2	A Special Olympian Teaches About Winning
1/3	The Shepherd and His Sheep: Acclimation
1/4	The Shepherd and His Sheep: Safe and Secure
1/5	The Shepherd and the Sheep: Lost and Found
1/6	Matchmaker, Matchmaker
1/7	How Long Part-II
1/9	Save Yourself
1/10	Do People See Jesus In You?
1/11	Shield for Spears!
1/12	Taste and See
1/13	The Price of a Miracle
1/14	Two Minute Time Out
1/16	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The Basket of Flowers Part-1
1/17	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The Basket of Flowers Part-2
1/18	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-1
1/19	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-2
1/20	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-3
1/21	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: A Peep Behind The Scenes - Ep
1/23	Desensitization Of Violence
1/24	Be A Servant In Your Job
1/25	Defining Marriage By What It Isn't
1/26	Four Styles Of Parenting

1/27	Treat People Elegantly
1/28	Miracle On The Hudson
1/30	Men Are Fixers
1/31	The Word Wisdom, Is Skill
2/1	Wholly Followed The Lord
2/2	Thomas Edison
2/3	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-4
2/4	The Shepherd and His Sheep: Safe and Secure
2/6	Do It Because I Told You To Do It
2/7	A Knee-Jerk Reaction
2/8	The Miracles
2/9	Expecting A Teenager To Do Something Great?
2/10	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-5
2/11	Shield for Spears!
2/13	3 Parts of The Brain
2/14	The Authoritative Parent
2/15	My Strength Is Made Perfect In Your Weakness
2/16	Do You Have A Good Reason Not To Forgive?
2/17	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-6
2/18	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-1
2/20	<b>Love Sick</b>
2/21	Marriage: Fretting or Faith?
2/22	I Hate Injustice!
2/23	Three Important Words; "God Help Me"
2/24	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The White Gypsy Part-1
2/25	Defining Marriage By What It Isn't
2/27	Home Schooling Is About Parents Growing Up
2/28	Would You Give A Child With Asthma A Cigarette?
3/1	How Do You Respond When Your Child Doesn't Obey?
3/2	He Who Digs A Pit Will Fall Into It
3/3	Is God Responsible For Grief?
3/4	The Shepherd and His Sheep: Safe and Secure
3/6	Is Your Marriage Based On A Contract Or A Covenant?
3/7	I Over-Disciplined My Son
3/8	Our Son Is So Defiant
3/9	Discerning God's Will Is No Easy Task
3/10	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The White Gypsy Part-2
3/11	Shield for Spears!
3/13	Father's, Provoke Not Your Children To Anger
3/14	Two Nations In One Womb
3/15	Why Me God?
3/16	Lincoln & Douglas Debated For 7 Hours
3/17	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The White Gypsy Part-3
3/18	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: Teddy's Button Part-1
3/20	In This Hope We Are Saved
3/21	Gladys Aylward
3/22	Passionately Pliable Part-2
3/23	Leaders Are Readers

3/24	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The White Gypsy Part-4
3/25	Defining Marriage By What It Isn't
3/27	God Hates Violence
3/28	The Electronic Voice
3/29	When God Doesn't Provide A Miracle
3/30	Soaring New Heights
3/31	Lamplighter Theatre Drama: The White Gypsy Part-5

J. *Crosstalk*

A live one-hour national call-in program, *Crosstalk* covers the issues that affect our world, our nation, our families and the Christian church from a perspective centered in the Word of God. *Crosstalk* airs at the following time:

Monday-Friday

2:00 – 2:55 p.m.

Issues covered during this quarter:

Date	Issues	Speaker(s)	Description
1/2	ICR Discovery Center for Science and Earth History	Jim Schneider / Dr. Henry Morris III	<p>Dr. Henry Morris III is the chief executive officer of the Institute for Creation Research. He has served as a former college professor, administrator, business executive and senior pastor. He is the eldest son of ICR's founder, Dr. Henry Morris. He has authored numerous articles and books.</p> <p>A discovery center for science and earth history is a project that has been on the heart of Dr. Morris as CEO for at least 5 years. In fact, such a project was on his father's heart almost 40 years ago. Rather than just a museum, he's wanted to build a discovery center where you can return and find more information as well as take in stunning exhibits with everything from holograms to roaming dinosaurs. The idea is to provide the data available so that those who really want to learn may absorb as much as they like.</p> <p>One offering at the new discovery center will be a planetarium with 3-D imaging. Dr. Jason Lisle is the brains behind the material. Through the planetarium, visitors will be able, for example, to take a trip down the Grand Canyon. In other words, anything you can put on visual imagery will be part of the planetarium.</p> <p>There will also be a fossil dig site so that younger people can participate and actually 'spade out' items that they can take home with them.</p> <p>Plans also call for an Ice Age theater with state of the art filming.</p> <p>While not trying to compete with Ken Ham's Noah's Ark, the discovery center will have a display depicting a section of the ark that will give a perspective of how it was designed.</p> <p>A 'men of science' area will show how modern science has as its founders, young earth creationists. These are men who were convinced that Scripture was the basis for science and that without biblical authority, you can't really do science.</p> <p>Discussion also looked at the 'Room of Significance'. Each of the exhibits will focus on a facet of Jesus Christ. It begins with Jesus as the Creator, then moves to Jesus the designer, Jesus the Redeemer, etc. Eventually you'll see the victorious Jesus in hologram form in an exhibit that depicts Christ's return.</p> <p>After touring the discovery center, visitors will have been exposed to the Gospel message from one end to the other. So while the facility will feature science, the science they will be exposed to is evidence for the accuracy of the Gospel message. Upon leaving, visitors will be faced with the fact that they've seen the evidence, now what are they going to do about it?</p>

			<p>If this sounds exciting to you, keep your eyes on the Dallas, Texas, area where this project is underway. More information can be obtained by reviewing this Crosstalk broadcast and by visiting the Institute for Creation Research website at the link below.</p>
1/3	Scripture for a New Year	Jim Schneider	<p>While Crosstalk covers a wide variety of subjects pertinent to Christians, the real solution to the matters discussed is not based in politics, education, the latest scientific discovery or in our own ingenuity. The solution that pertains to all that we're facing in life is found in God's Word, the Bible.</p> <p>As we begin 2017, Jim wanted the focus for this Crosstalk broadcast to be on God's Word. Jim did this by allowing callers to be the guest for the hour as they shared verses of Scripture that they believe bring the greatest challenge to our nation, the greatest comfort, the greatest admonition or in general the verse that is the one that America needs to reflect on.</p>
1/4	Priorities of the New Administration / Congress	Jim Schneider	<p>As 2016 drew to a close, the White House released a video message from President Barack Obama. The president spoke on what he believes to be the significant progress made during his time in office. The points he made, some of which are highlighted via an audio clip, include: The shutting down of Iran's nuclear weapons program through diplomacy; a new chapter opened up with the people of Cuba; marriage equality was made a reality from coast to coast; the recession was turned into recovery; 20 million more people have health insurance; he brought home 165,000 troops; the taking out of Osama bin Laden and nearly 200 nations came together around a climate agreement that could save the planet for our children.</p> <p>Jim found it interesting that on the very day that the president's video message was released, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor issued a preliminary injunction stopping the Obama administration from denying the right of religious institutions to live by their religious tenets.</p> <p>Both the Obama White House and the Defense Department indicated that more of our enemies will be released from the prison at Guantanamo Bay before Obama leaves office. Neither the White House nor the Defense Department could say how many of the remaining 59 prisoners will be sent to third-world nations that are willing to take them.</p> <p>In another recent development, FoxNews.com was reporting that California lawmakers are preparing for a legal brawl with the upcoming Donald Trump administration. The lawmakers have President Obama's former top attorney, Attorney General Eric Holder, in their corner. He's been selected as outside counsel to advise the California legislature on potential challenges with the Trump government.</p> <p>Yesterday, members of the House and Senate were sworn in and the new congressional session is under way. In a joint press conference, Vice President-Elect Michael Pence spoke, indicating that the first order of business is to repeal and replace Obamacare. In an audio clip he also spoke about rolling back regulations that are stifling economic and job growth, tax reform, ending illegal immigration, building a wall and rebuilding the military.</p> <p>Ford is canceling plans to build a new plant in Mexico. Instead, they're investing 700 million for a plant in Michigan that will create 700 U.S. jobs. Mark Fields, the CEO of Ford, indicated that the investment is a vote of confidence in the pro-business environment that President-Elect Trump is creating. However, he did stress that Ford did not do any sort of special deal with Trump. They did this for their business.</p> <p>As this Crosstalk progressed, Jim also presented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--An audio clip of Paul Ryan who also spoke at the news conference specifically related to the repealing of Obamacare.</li> <li>--President Obama was on his way to Capitol Hill to discuss ways of salvaging Obamacare with congressional Democrats.</li> <li>--The Human Rights Campaign wants to stop the confirmation of Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions for attorney general because Sessions is in favor of traditional marriage.</li> </ul>

			<p>--The interruption of the judicial process as it relates to the Supreme Court. This was highlighted by Rachel Maddow who interviewed U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer on MSNBC. In addition to an audio clip from the interview, Jim also presented a related clip from Vice President Joe Biden back in 1992, as he made a presentation to the Senate on what became known as the Biden rule.</p> <p>Jim then turned things over to Crosstalk listeners as he posed this question: What do you believe should be the top 3 priority items that President-Elect Donald Trump and the new U.S. Congress should undertake?</p>
1/5	CFR Warns Globalists of Trump Administration	Jim Schneider / Alex Newman	<p>Alex Newman is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. As a freelance journalist he writes for the New American. He is the co-author of the book, 'Crimes of the Educators'.</p> <p>According to Alex, the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is one of the most powerful groups in the U.S. and since the advent of the Internet, they've become more well known. They're a branch of an international network that traces its roots back to mining magnate Cecil Rhodes who wanted to create a world system based upon British values. It's sister organization in London is known as the Royal Institute for International Affairs.</p> <p>The CFR began after the U.S. refused to join the League of Nations. They tried to bring in as many influential people as they could and use the organization as a tool to prepare American public opinion and Congress for global institutions. So by the the time the U.N. came along, they were much more successful in getting that through Congress.</p> <p>Every presidential administration going back many years has been packed with members of the CFR, but today there are only a few Trump picks for cabinet level positions that are CFR members.</p> <p>The CFR is warning that the U.N. will be 'hammered' by Trump and the GOP controlled Congress. This warning was published by CNN but goes back to Stewart Patrick, the Director of International Institutions and Global Governance. He wrote the warning and said that Trump is the new sheriff in town as opposed to Obama, who he credited with being the most multi-lateral inclined president in American history. In other words, Obama was willing to accept constraints and international rules.</p> <p>Donald Trump campaigned on the opposite platform. On the campaign trail he openly denounced globalism, he communicated that the U.N. is not a friend of freedom, democracy, the U.S. or Israel, and he indicated he would tear up the Paris climate agreement.</p> <p>Over the years, the U.S. has become increasingly entangled in international institutions. The result is that a lot of American policy is linked to the U.N., international treaties and conventions. This ranges from energy to the environment with much of it coming via executive orders rather than by proper ratification by the Senate.</p> <p>As time has progressed, internationalists have becoming quite bold. One example that Alex cited centered around the Orlando attack. U.N Human Rights Secretary Zeid Hussein came out and said that international law requires robust gun control for the U.S. Another example is the U.N. goal to have their own planetary judicial system.</p> <p>In light of this, one can understand why the CFR and globalists in general are wondering what to make of the growing Trump administration. After all, Trump's slogan has been to make America great again, not the U.N.</p> <p>Can President Obama's signed agreements be undone? What about the U.N.'s attitude toward Israel? These points and more are dealt with on this vital edition of Crosstalk.</p>
1/6	News Round Up and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim was back at the helm to bring listeners the first news round-up program for 2017. Stories presented included:</p> <p>--Five people are dead and a shooting suspect is in custody after a lone gunman opened fire at the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport in Florida.</p> <p>--A joint session of Congress formally certifies Donald Trump's electoral</p>

			<p>college victory.</p> <p>--4 young adults are facing a wide array of criminal charges after they live-streamed their torturing of a mentally disabled man. This event is now causing a backlash against the media for allegedly treating this case differently because the perpetrators are Black and the victim is White.</p> <p>--On Wednesday evening, ABC and NBC news failed to inform their viewers of the kidnapping/torture situation in Chicago.</p> <p>--Fox News reports that the gruesome video that shows the beating is the latest sign that criminals have been emboldened to lawless acts across the nation.</p> <p>--Data released by the Chicago police department reveals that 2016 was the city's deadliest year in 20 years.</p> <p>--Vice-President elect Mike Pence reportedly told Republicans he wants Obamacare repealed and sent to President Trump's desk by February 20th.</p> <p>--Twila Brase from the Citizens' Council on Health Freedom is urging Americans to call Congress to push for the full repeal of Obamacare.</p> <p>--House Speaker Paul Ryan says that the bill to repeal Obamacare will include legislation to defund Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>--NARAL Pro-Choice America is calling upon supporters to say 'no' to Jeff Sessions.</p> <p>--According to information from a federal audit, Planned Parenthood has wasted at least 12.8 million in taxpayer funds.</p> <p>--An 81 year old Canadian grandmother and confessing Christian entered a tattoo parlor and obtained a 'Don't euthanize me' tattoo.</p> <p>--Overall in 2016, manufacturing jobs declined by 45,000. At the same time jobs in federal, state and local government increased by 183,000.</p> <p>--Key U.S. diplomat warns that North Korea's weapons capabilities have shown a qualitative improvement in the past year.</p> <p>--A new report from a government watchdog agency says that jihadists are partnering with Mexican drug cartels along the U.S./Mexico border preparing for precision attacks on U.S. cities.</p> <p>--Recent ads from major American brands have prominently featured everyday Muslim men, women and children, as marketers seek to portray their companies as all-consumer inclusive.</p> <p>--The House of Representatives adopted changes to the chamber's standing rules. The changes enhance the ability of the House to exercise its 'power of the purse'.</p> <p>--After consolidating power in Washington, D.C., and state capitals under President-elect Donald Trump, Republicans are moving to prevent large cities dominated by Democrats from enacting sweeping liberal agendas.</p> <p>--A Republican congressman took matters into his own hands today and personally removed a painting depicting police officers as pigs that a colleague had allowed to be displayed at the U.S. Capitol complex.</p> <p>--President Obama adds distinguished public service medal to his medal collection.</p> <p>--President Obama plans to transfer out at least 22 of the 59 detainees who are at Guantanamo Bay by the time he leaves office.</p> <p>--The House passed legislation that would enable Congress to overturn, with a single vote, executive branch regulations finalized in the last 60 legislative days of an outgoing presidential administration.</p>
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1/9	The Islamization	Jim Schenieder /	Soeren Kern is a distinguished senior fellow of the Gatestone Institute, a non-partisan, not-for-profit international policy council and think tank dedicated to educating the public about the institutions of democracy and

	of Germany	Soeren Kern	<p>the rule of law, human rights, a free and strong economy, a military capable of ensuring peace at home and in the free world, energy independence and ensuring the public stay informed of threats to our individual liberty, sovereignty and free speech. Soeren is also a senior analyst for transatlantic relations at the Strategic Studies Group. He specializes in European politics as well as U.S. and European defense and security related issues. He is a regular commentator about European politics and transatlantic relations. He is a dual citizen of the United States and Germany.</p> <p>According to Soeren, the rise of Islam has been taking place for at least the last 20-30 years. After WWII there was a shortage of men, so the German and other European governments felt they needed to bring in migrants to run factories and rebuild the economy. North African Muslims were brought in and in Germany's case, many were from Turkey.</p> <p>With the recent chaos in Syria and Iraq, Soeren believes there's been a fast-track Islamization of Germany and Europe. Germany's current Muslim population stands at just over 6 million or approximately 7.5% of their overall population. They allowed 1.1 million migrants, mostly Muslims, into the country in 2015. At least another 300,000 to possibly 350,000 migrants entered in 2016 and he feels these numbers will continue indefinitely. One German scholar has estimated that the Muslim population in Germany could skyrocket to 20 million (about 20-25% of the total population) by the end of this decade.</p> <p>What's of concern is that while the majority of people fleeing the Middle East are Muslim, many of the migrants are posing as refugees from Syria. However, many of them are from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sub-Saharan Africa and North Africa and are trying to take advantage of the chaos in the Middle East. They destroy their passports or birth certificates before entering Germany. This means the authorities don't know who they are or where they're from which makes it very difficult to deport them because authorities don't know where to deport them to.</p> <p>Soeren also noted the political correctness and multi-culturalism in Germany that is preventing race or religious discussion. This is due to what happened during the holocaust. So he sees a sort of willful blindness taking place concerning this mass migration into Germany of people from the Muslim world, many of whom cannot be integrated or assimilated.</p> <p>The danger in all of this is that the more Muslims that are in a country, the more assertive they become for their rights, particularly their Sharia rights. At a certain point they will begin to assert Sharia not only upon other Muslims but on non-Muslims as well who dare to enter their neighborhoods.</p> <p>This program is packed with information and as it moved along, Soeren commented on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--What are Muslim 'no-go zones' and how are they implemented?</li> <li>--How have Sharia courts proliferated in Germany?</li> <li>--Is Germany tolerating the Muslim traditions of polygamy and child marriage?</li> <li>--How is Germany handling the migrant rape epidemic and rising crime?</li> <li>--Where does the major media in Germany stand on the mass migration issue?</li> <li>--How have German businesses and schools been affected?</li> <li>--Does the U.S. really have a choice as to what immigrants come here?</li> <li>--What is the spiritual takeaway from all of this?</li> <li>--Is this something Germany can recover from?</li> </ul>
1/10	End of Life Decisions: Organ Transplants	Jim Schneider / Brad Mattes	<p>Brad Mattes is the president and CEO of Life Issues Institute headquartered in Cincinnati. Their mission is that of assuring through education, equal protection under the law for all living humans from the beginning of their biological life at fertilization until natural death.</p> <p>When abortion is discussed, it's sometimes referred to as an industry. Brad says there's something called the 'organ transplant industry' as well. While he recognizes the positive aspects of organ transplants, he also realizes there are some things that should cause people to proceed with caution.</p>

			<p>According to Brad, this industry is huge. Dick Teresi, who once supported the definition of brain death and transplantation, uncovered some alarming realities. He wrote a book called, 'The Undead'. He found that the transplant industry generates 20 billion dollars annually. In addition, spending on immune-suppressing drugs (to keep your body from rejecting organs) is a billion dollar per annual industry alone.</p> <p>Then you have the money that's involved with the hospitals. For example, one heart transplant can mean a million dollars in services provided by the hospital which would be generated revenue they would receive from an insurance company.</p> <p>So when you look at the billions of dollars involved in organ transplantation, you realize that some of the motivation could be less than admirable. What Life Issues Institute has found over the years is that those patients who are deemed to have a lower quality of life are those who 'get the short end of the stick'.</p> <p>Since organ transplantation is tied to the subject of 'brain death', Brad defined the phrase. The phrase and its definition was developed in the 1960's using the technology of the era. At that time there were medical breakthroughs in organ transplantation. What the medical community needed was a definition of death that would accommodate the harvesting of organs so that the demand could be met for various organs.</p> <p>Brad investigated the American Academy of Neurology Guidelines for brain death determination. What he discovered is that brain death determination is opinion-based and not established by evidence-based methods.</p> <p>Brain death used to be determined by cessation of brain and brain stem function. The problem is that new technology shows us that when people are determined to be brain dead, experts are finding out that about 40% of them are actually aware of their surroundings. So just because we can't measure brain activity, the body isn't necessarily dead.</p> <p>What this means is that there are various definitions as to when brain death occurs. Brad cited research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association that showed of over 500 hospitals that were researched, there were huge discrepancies in how they determined whether a person is brain dead.</p> <p>What tests are available to determine brain death? Are there any examples of people who have recovered, contradicting their diagnosis of being brain dead? Are hospital ethics committees on your side? Can a family challenge the diagnosis of brain-death? Are accounts of hospital intimidation over this issue unfounded?</p> <p>Brad has the answers to these questions and much more when you review this important edition of Crosstalk.</p>
1/11	Inauguration Day and Beyond Mayhem Planned	Jim Schneider / William F. Jasper	<p>William F. Jasper is the senior editor of the New American who's editorial point of view is guided by support of the U.S. Constitution and the principles upon which it is based. They focus on limited government, constitutional guarantees of freedom and personal responsibility. He has researched and written extensively on foreign and domestic politics, terrorism, national security, education, immigration, constitutional issues, the culture war and the United Nations. He is the author of 'The United Nations Exposed', and 'Global Tyranny-Step by Step: The United Nations and the Emerging New World Order'.</p> <p>As the presidential inauguration draws closer, resistance groups are coalescing in order to present resistance to the Trump administration. Who are these groups and who is heading them up?</p> <p>After the election we had the 'Not My President' demonstrations that turned into riots in numerous cities. Those same people are back and are claiming that there will be even larger demonstrations on inauguration day and beyond with the idea of making American ungovernable.</p> <p>William gave the example of a New York Times ad by the Revolutionary Communist Party. This is a long-time Maoist, communist organization. Their new group is called, 'RefuseFascism.org'. They're claiming that the</p>

			<p>Trump administration is comprised of fascists and they're misogynistic, xenophobic, racist, etc. and they claim to refuse to accept a fascist America.</p> <p>What William finds interesting is not that these thoroughly anti-American individuals would take this stand. What's interesting to him is that the New York Times accepted the full-page ad when in the past they've turned down money for ads from conservative, pro-life and pro-family groups.</p> <p>What's also interesting is the individuals who have signed on as sponsors to the ad. This includes the unrepentant Weather Underground terrorist William Ayers, CNN commentator Marc LaMont Hill, Carl Dix, actor Ed Asner and Ayob Abdul Baki the Imam of the New York City 'ground zero' mosque.</p> <p>So what exactly are these people and groups planning to do? After all, they speak about acting outside of 'normal channels'. William said such groups talk about 'direct action'. When they speak this way they're usually referring to illegal action that involves blocking traffic, confronting police, starting riots, fires and other actions that go beyond civil disobedience.</p> <p>William noted that it's within the rights of American citizens to oppose policies that they find objectionable. Unfortunately, activists like Michael Moore and others are coupling legal and responsible activities with an agenda where the intent is to shut the government down so that the new administration doesn't work. He cited other examples of militant organizations that have been involved in riots for decades. They're masters at turning out their people and turning a demonstration, march or rally into a riot and that's what they plan to do again.</p> <p>Their ultimate goal is two-fold. William believes they won't be able to shut down the government for good. So one goal is to de-legitimize the new Trump administration. They're getting help from CNN, ABC, the New York Times and others who are constantly saying that Trump didn't win the popular vote, therefore he's not a legitimate president. Secondly, they're looking for the government to react by cracking-down with police-state measures so that Americans lose freedoms through increased surveillance and the restriction of our movements. That will then cause resentment of the government.</p>
1/12	World Watch List 2017 – Christian Persecution	Jim Schneider / Tim Muret	<p>Tim Muret is the chief communications officer for Open Doors USA, a non-profit organization focused on serving persecuted Christians in more than 60 countries.</p> <p>When Open Doors speaks of persecution, what do they mean? Tim described it as any sort of animosity toward an individual for their faith in Jesus. He also noted that this includes both violent and non-violent activity against people of faith.</p> <p>Is persecution greater today than it was a year ago? Tim says that is the case and especially in the past 3 years. This year the point totals for each of the nations on the World Watch List is the highest ever.</p> <p>How do they know things are getting worse? Open Doors spends the entire year going around the world doing surveys in Christian communities to find out how people are being pressured for their faith. They do this in five different spheres: There's the sphere of private life, the sphere of family life, community, church and national life. Within each of these spheres they ask a series of questions.</p> <p>Does this greater persecution mean Christianity is dying off in the world? Tim indicated that in some areas there are Islamic extremists whose stated goal is to exterminate Christianity. This Islamic extremism is not only in the Middle East but also in Africa and is spreading into Central Asia as well.</p> <p>Jim asked Tim about the following nations on the Open Doors World Watch List:</p> <p>#1—North Korea--It's been #1 for 16 consecutive years #2—Somalia--formerly #7</p>

			<p>#3—Afghanistan  #7-Iran--formerly #2  #10-Eritrea--formerly #3  #26-Bangladesh--formerly #35  #32-Mali--formerly #44</p> <p>Tim also talked about Turkey and Sri Lanka, nations after the top 50, the state of affairs in the U.S., what Open Doors USA is doing to stop the increasing tide of persecution as well as a petition you can sign to encourage President-elect Trump to place a priority on religious freedom.</p> <p>Jim took the remainder of the program to have listeners comment on how Christian persecution is affecting them.</p>
1/13	News Roundup and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim Schneider had plenty of interesting news items to bring to the attention of Crosstalk listeners. Stories included:</p> <p>--72 nations minus Israel are set to attend a Middle East peace conference in Paris on Sunday to set the parameters for a future Palestinian state.</p> <p>--The Times of Israel is reporting that the upcoming Paris peace conference is a rigged effort intended to hurt Israel and its hopes of reaching peace, according to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.</p> <p>--A new embassy for the Palestinian Authority will be inaugurated in Vatican City.</p> <p>--The Jordan Times says that the international community has shown some political backbone by supporting the anti-settlement, U.N. Security Council resolution December 23rd, but that will not produce peace if it is not followed by effective action.</p> <p>--According to The Palestinian Authority's Supreme Sharia Judge, if President-elect Trump makes good on his promise to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, it would be considered a declaration of war on all Muslims.</p> <p>--The sister of a Palestinian terrorist who rammed his truck into a group of soldiers in Jerusalem last Sunday, killing 4 and wounding 16, said the family was 'thankful for his most beautiful martyrdom'.</p> <p>--Jewish community centers in at least 5 states and several Jewish schools in the U.K. all receive bomb threats.</p> <p>--Iran's threats against the U.S. are getting bolder. President-elect Trump is warned that if he makes any wrong move, it would lead to a world war wiping Israel from the face of the earth and destroying the similar Gulf states.</p> <p>--U.S. Navy ship fires warning shots at Iranian fast-attack vessels.</p> <p>--Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, shortly after announcing a surge in spending when President Obama secretly transferred 1.7 billion in cash to the rogue regime, now has revealed the development of a suicide drone.</p> <p>--President Obama has enabled Iran to speed closer to successful attainment of nuclear weapons.</p> <p>--U.S. troops roll into Poland. Russia sees it as a threat.</p> <p>--The Navy proposes the largest shipbuilding boom since the end of the cold war to meet threats from a resurgent Russia and a sabre-rattling China.</p> <p>--Czech Republic calls for citizens to arm themselves in preparation for a potential super holocaust perpetuated by jihadists flooding into Europe.</p> <p>--Hungary sticking to its promise of protecting the nation against a flood of refugees swearing in its first wave of so-called border hunters.</p> <p>--China tightening its border with Pakistan as fears are growing concerning jihad.</p> <p>--President Obama helping Cuban government block immigration to the U.S.</p> <p>--The Obama administration is using the intelligence reports of Russian hacking</p>

			<p>influencing the 2016 campaign as a premise for asserting more power over the states in running elections.</p> <p>--President Obama is using his executive authority to order up 5 new national monuments.</p> <p>--Vice President Joe Biden is awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama at a surprise event.</p> <p>--The Republican led Senate has approved a waiver to allow retired U.S. Marine Corps General James Mattis to serve as Secretary of Defense under President-elect Donald Trump.</p> <p>--President-elect Trump has picked David Shulkin as his Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary.</p> <p>--Witnesses before the confirmation hearing for Senator Jeff Sessions said that the senator is a man who has helped people regardless of race.</p> <p>--Ben Carson advancing in the confirmation hearings.</p> <p>--Donald Trump refuses to give the CNN senior White House correspondent a chance to ask a question at a press conference and tells the reporter, 'You are fake news'.</p> <p>--Dylan Roof found guilty and sentenced to death for killing 9 Black church members in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015.</p> <p>--Stem Express is now dropping its lawsuit against the Center for Medical Progress.</p> <p>--Kentucky governor signs two pro-life, abortion related bills, to protect women and unborn babies.</p> <p>--Oklahoma Senator James Lankford and Ohio Congressman Brad Wenstrup have introduced companion resolutions to overturn the District of Columbia's bill legalizing physician assisted suicide.</p> <p>--The Obama administration allegedly destroying public records to protect its image.</p> <p>--Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona gives examples of ridiculous government spending in latest 'Wastebok'.</p> <p>--Various religious leaders representing 20 groups came together to bless the opening of a new Washington, D.C., Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.</p>
1/16	LGBT Issues in the Aftermath of the Election	Jim Schneider / Peter LaBarbera	<p>Peter LaBarbera is the president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, a non-partisan, non-profit group dedicated to exposing the homosexual-bisexual-transgender activist agendas.</p> <p>In early December there was a conference that was held by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Institute known as the International LGBT Leaders Conference. According to Peter, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Institute is affiliated with the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund which is a PAC that helps elect openly homosexual and openly transgender politicians. This fund is financed in part by Walmart Corporation.</p> <p>This conference was dedicated to helping elect and educate openly homosexual leaders. They expected Hillary Clinton to win but since she didn't, Peter believes the goal of the meeting changed and it became a commiserating session to decide how they were going to respond to the incoming Trump administration.</p> <p>They were confident that they will prevail on homosexuals in the military although Peter feels they were more nervous on the issue of transgenders in the military. There was no congressional debate over transgenders serving in the military. Like a number of Obama policies, transgenderism was basically pushed into the military. It came about through an edict in the Defense Department by Defense Secretary Carter. It's not a totally done deal because apparently there's still an enlisting policy that needs to</p>

			<p>be set.</p> <p>Another point that came to the forefront through this conference is that the LGBT community is relying upon massive corporate lobbying at the state level. Peter cited AT&amp;T who, by lobbying in favor of the LGBTQ issue, is now, 'part of the AT&amp;T DNA' and they did a lot across America to stop religious liberty bills.</p> <p>As this program moved along, Jim had Peter comment on the following:</p> <p>--What do we know about Terry Bean, one of the co-founders of the Victory Fund?</p> <p>--President Barack Obama's legacy in behalf of LGBT issues.</p> <p>--Secretary of State John Kerry issued an apology for past discrimination toward employees and applicants based on sexual orientation.</p> <p>--Where are we headed with President-elect Trump and his appointees on this issue?</p> <p>--What are we to make of celebrities that have pulled out of inauguration concerts because of push-back from LGBT fans?</p> <p>--2 cases are headed to the Supreme Court. One involves an appeal of a lower court ruling that banned Christian counselors from talking to teens about the biblical standard for sexuality. The other involves a school board in Virginia on the transgender bathroom decision and whether laws protecting against sex discrimination education are applicable to gender identity.</p> <p>--A Christian church in a major U.S. city hires married lesbians to lead congregation.</p>
1/17	Modern Day Scoffers	Jim Schneider	<p>A caller on yesterday's Crosstalk scoffed because in relation to everything that's taken place in favor of the LGBT community, God's judgment hasn't fallen on us.</p> <p>This broadcast was a general response to that idea. Jim read numerous quotes from both the Old and New Testaments showing how such skeptics and scoffers have existed for thousands of years.</p> <p>What about today? As more and more people turn their attention to lustful desires and sensual practices, the scoffing seems to be getting louder as people mistake God's patience for tolerance. To prove the point, Jim presented audio clips of 2 modern-day scoffers; former broadcast mogul Ted Turner and Maurice Williamson, a member of the New Zealand Parliament. Also included was text quoted from a 2013 Washington Post editorial written by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and a quote from Eric Fanning, the outgoing and first openly gay Secretary of the Army.</p> <p>The second half of the program featured Crosstalk callers as they weighed-in on this critical topic.</p>
1/18	Trump's Inauguration Under Fire	Jim Schneider	<p>Before getting to the main topic, Jim looked at the following news items:</p> <p>--Jim requested prayer for former President H.W. Bush who was moved to intensive care today to address acute respiratory problems stemming from pneumonia. His wife Barbara Bush is also hospitalized as of this morning.</p> <p>--President Obama commuted the prison sentence of transgender Bradley Manning (who now goes by 'Chelsea'). He had been serving a 35 year sentence for leaking more than 700,000 classified government and military documents to WikiLeaks along</p>

		<p>with some battlefield video. He will be leaving prison in May.</p> <p>--Others to have shortened sentences include Puerto Rican nationalist and unrepentant terrorist Oscar Lopez Rivera who's been in federal prison since 1981. Also on the list is an additional 64 people including Retired General James Cartwright. These are permanent actions that cannot be undone by President-elect Donald Trump.</p> <p>As Jim segued into the main topic, he presented the following information concerning Friday's inauguration:</p> <p>--The Council on American/Islamic Relations (CAIR), designated by the Justice Department as a terrorist co-conspirator, is calling on Trump to drop Reverend Franklin Graham as one of his 6 clergy who will be offering prayers at the inauguration ceremony. CAIR referred to Graham as a 'notorious Islamophobe'.</p> <p>--President-elect Trump will be sworn in on a Bible used by Abraham Lincoln.</p> <p>--Vice President-elect Mike Pence will be sworn in by using the Reagan family Bible that will be turned to the page containing 2 Chronicles 7:14.</p> <p>--Thousands of bikers are planning to come to D.C. in support for President-elect Trump.</p> <p>--The American Freedom Defense Initiative conducted 'man on the street' interviews and discovered multiple people as they went to Times Square in New York. Many of them said that President Obama should enact martial law and stop the inauguration from taking place.</p> <p>--More than 50 House Democrats have declared that they will not attend the inauguration.</p> <p>--Gun control advocates plan to protest policies supported by Trump during the women's march on Washington on Saturday asserting gun violence disproportionately affects women.</p> <p>--Establishment media outlets cast a decidedly negative view of the upcoming Trump administration.</p> <p>--Georgia Congressman John Lewis claims this is the first inauguration that he's boycotting. He actually boycotted the Bush-43 inauguration as well.</p> <p>--Former Black Panther Mason Weaver 'turns the tables' on Congressman Lewis calling him 'an illegitimate congressman'.</p> <p>--New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio relied on taxpayer resources by using his mayoral Twitter account to promote a protest march scheduled for Thursday outside the Trump International Hotel.</p> <p>--Democrat Representative Gwen Moore accuses Trump of 'vile tactics employed to ascend to the Presidency'.</p> <p>--An internet article lays out overall plan to gather in groups to rove Washington, D.C., set up blockades at checkpoints around the parade route and shut down D.C.'s transportation infrastructure.</p>
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1/19	Are Mosques Muslim Churches? Islam in America	Jim Schneider / John Guandolo	<p>John Guandolo is a counter terrorism expert, a former FBI agent assigned to the counter-terrorism division who created and implemented the FBI's first counter-terrorism training. He is the founder of Understandingthethreat.com and author of 'Raising a Jihadi Generation'.</p> <p>Does Islam mean 'peace'? According to John, Islam means 'submission'. A Muslim is an individual who submits to Islam and to submit to Islam is to submit to Allah, the god of Islam. To submit to Allah, then, is to submit to Sharia.</p> <p>The reason that in elementary, junior high and high school textbooks in the Middle East, Europe and North America that they teach jihad as an obligation is because that's what Islam requires. It's required until the whole world is under Sharia. That comes from the Qur'an as well as Mohammed who the Qur'an teaches is the most perfect example of a man. So when you read about Mohammed fighting and slaying unbelievers, torturing and subjugating people and taking them captive, there's no basis for saying that's not Islamic behavior.</p>

			<p>Islam does say that when the world is under a global caliphate/Sharia, then you have peace. So when the whole world is under Sharia, there will be no need for jihad.</p> <p>Muslims know if you go too far too fast, that will bring trouble on the Muslim community. So they're engaged in a slow, incremental process to attempt to bring nations like the U.S. into first accepting Sharia and finally implementing it.</p> <p>At the same time we're seeing a proliferation of mosque building around the U.S. and the world. Are these no different than Christian churches? In response, John described Islam as a complete way of life; social, cultural, military, political and religious, all governed by Sharia (Islamic) law. The mosque is the center of Islamic society. Sharia is adjudicated there, Islam is taught there, the community gathers there, battles are planned and launched there and water, food, weapons and ammunition are stored there. It's done this way because that's how Mohammed used the first mosque in Medina.</p> <p>John has asked people if they've ever seen a mosque under construction. He had a couple of police officers describe the ground level structure. One officer replied that it looked as though they were building an embassy. The ground floor is about 40 inches thick, utilizing reinforced concrete. Why? As John noted, it's because a mosque is an embassy to Muslims more than it's a church.</p> <p>Also, when Muslims build a mosque, they're claiming territory. They essentially claim land amounting to a 3 mile radius around the mosque. So if you want to know why Muslims build 100 million dollar mosques in an area where there aren't enough Muslims to fill the building, the answer is because that's not their intent. Their intent is to claim the ground and proceed to occupy it.</p> <p>Find out more, including how this may play out within the new Donald Trump administration, when you review this vital Crosstalk broadcast.</p>
1/20	A New president Is Inaugurated	Jim Schneider	<p>Today was inauguration day. Donald J. Trump is now the 45th president of the United States, while Mike Pence became the 48th vice-president of the U.S.</p> <p>Jim noted that as the oath began you could hear whistles blowing along with shouts and screams because there were those seeking to protest, or if possible, to actually stop the transition of power to the Trump administration. Here's a selection of headlines that Jim shared that highlight this point:</p> <p>--A protest turned violent late this morning as spectators reported being attacked. Police officials said demonstrators were vandalizing property and even torched a car.</p> <p>--Protestors from 'Black Lives Matter' and other groups forced the shutdown of at least 2 inauguration security checkpoints.</p> <p>--People were intent on interrupting the swearing-in ceremony by making their way into key sections of the viewing area. While wearing shirts that spelled out R-E-S-I-S-T they yelled out, 'We the people!'</p> <p>--A large group of black-clad protestors, self-described as anti-capitalist and anti-fascist, threw newspaper boxes and garbage cans into the street, tried to set them on fire, broke glass at bus stops and businesses, smashed the windows of a limousine, while some carried signs that said, 'No peaceful transition!'</p> <p>Following these headlines, Jim played a recording of President Trump's speech. It was a very hopeful presentation that put an exclamation point on his campaign slogan--'Make America Great Again!'</p> <p>After the president's speech, Jim added these additional news items:</p> <p>--The State Department conducted stress management classes for employees after Trump's win over Hillary Clinton. The classes were apparently offered so that employees would know how to cope with</p>

			<p>change so that they wouldn't become paralyzed with fear. Jim noted the odd nature of this in light of the fact that President Obama's entire tenure was about 'hope and change'.</p> <p>--President Obama illegally sent a 500 million dollar (taxpayer funded) check to the U.N. Climate Fund.</p> <p>--10 more Guantanamo Bay prisoners were sent to Oman by President Obama.</p> <p>--In his final act as president, Obama cut short the prison sentences of 330 federal inmates convicted of drug crimes.</p> <p>--4 family members who ran one of the largest cartel smuggling operations in South Texas had their life prison sentences commuted.</p> <p>--The Obama administration positioned their top U.S. homosexual rights diplomat into a key position within the State Department.</p>
1/23	The Trump Administration: Will Islam Be the Same?	Jim Schneider / Usama Dakdok	<p>Before delving into the main topic, Jim touched on the following:</p> <p>--Prayers going out to the people of the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, area because of deaths that have occurred due to recent storms.</p> <p>A number of executive orders have already come through President Trump's office:</p> <p>--One directs federal agencies to ease the regulatory burdens of Obamacare.</p> <p>--Another imposes a hiring freeze for some federal government workers as a way to shrink the size of government.</p> <p>--Trump also signed a notice that the U.S. will begin withdrawing from the Trans Pacific Partnership.</p> <p>--He also issued an order to reinstate the Mexico City Policy. It's a ban on federal funds to international groups that perform abortions or lobby to legalize or promote abortion.</p> <p>Under the Bush administration we saw Islam proclaimed to be a religion of peace. Under the Obama administration we saw further advancements toward acceptance of Islam. So what about about the Trump administration? Will Islam be the same?</p> <p>Joining Jim to answer that question was Usama Dakdok. Usama is the president of the Straight Way of Grace Ministry.</p> <p>As Donald Trump was giving his inauguration address, he said, 'We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones and unite the civilized world against radical, Islamic terrorism which we will eradicate completely from the face of the earth.'</p> <p>As a followup, he went to the CIA and when addressing those workers he said, 'We have to get rid of ISIS. We have no choice. Radical Islamic terrorism, and I said it yesterday, has to be eradicated, just off the face of the earth. This is evil. This is evil.'</p> <p>In response, Usama noted that if President Trump will not end the existence of the jihadist groups that go by different names in the next four years, he promises that they will not be taken off the face of the earth. They will grow and become powerful.</p> <p>Usama apparently believes President Trump will make a difference because he said he's proud of him and he also believes that the president will 'walk his talk'. His concern is for those around the president who will do everything they can to make him 'soft'.</p> <p>Much has been made about the women's march on Washington. One of the leading organizers was Palestinian/American activist Linda Sarsour. She's the executive director of the Arab/American Association of New York, an outspoken critic of Israel who is in favor of the Hamas inspired boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS). This group was</p>

			<p>formed shortly after 9-11, not to condemn the attacks, but rather to lament the heightened sense of fear and acts of blatant discrimination aimed at Muslims.</p> <p>Usama described Sarsour as a Muslim jihadi who knows how to address the liberal women of America. Usama paused at this point and described the liberals as useful idiots that have been used to destroy their own country and the future of their own children. He believes that if these women knew anything about Sarsour, they wouldn't bother to attend these protests. In the end, these women are doing the work of Muslims in America.</p> <p>As this program continued, Jim had Usama comment on the following:  --What should we know about Dean Obeidallah (whose name means 'slave of Allah'), a Muslim comedian and radio host who recently sent out a controversial 'Tweet' concerning President Trump.</p> <p>--A prayer was offered at the National Prayer Service in Washington, D.C., by Imam Mohammed Majid who is the top leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in the U.S.</p> <p>--In California, a post inauguration neighbors panel was organized by a Muslim group to address misconceptions and find common ground.</p> <p>--Can you be an American and be Muslim?</p> <p>--Who was Mohammed?</p> <p>--The Cleveland Chapter of the Council on American/Islamic Relations (CAIR) welcomed a policy change by the Lucas County Correctional Facility permitting religious head coverings to be worn by Muslim women during bookings and incarceration in the prisons.</p>
1/24	The Left's Hysteria over Donald Trump	Jim Schneider / Robert Knight	<p>Robert Knight is the senior fellow and policy expert with the American Civil Rights Union. He served as a journalist for 15 years, seven as an editor and writer with the Los Angeles Times. He is a regular weekly columnist for the Washington Times, Townhall.com and OneNewsNow.com. He has held senior positions with the Heritage Foundation, Family Research Council, Concerned Women for America, Media Research Center and Coral Ridge Ministries.</p> <p>This Crosstalk began with Robert describing how the ACLU's website shows them to be more hysterical than they usually are. They were pushing the women's march that took place last Saturday. They featured a downloadable poster of the Statue of Liberty with a clenched fist along with an oath people could sign. They also have a blog with essays on it dealing with how awful Trump's America is going to be, so they believe there needs to be a sustained resistance.</p> <p>Robert then switched gears to discuss a point that still has the 'left' reeling. They're saying that the electoral college is terrible due to Hillary Clinton's popular vote total. Robert reminded listeners that we have a republic and not a direct democracy. The founders set things up the way they did so that we wouldn't end up with a concentration of people in the cities dictating policy for the entire nation. He went on to explain that if you subtract Clinton's margins in New York and California you come up with a very even election.</p> <p>Next on the discussion agenda was the Southern Poverty Law Center. Jim wondered if the ACLU is on the SPLC's hate group list. After all, the ACLU has been pledging/encouraging resistance.</p> <p>Robert described the SPLC as a group that began on a good note as they sought to reign in the Ku Klux Klan and other White nationalist groups. Unfortunately they continue to raise money off the fear of 'hate' so now their list includes Christian groups.</p> <p>Robert reviewed the case of the Family Research Council because they oppose the homosexual political agenda. A few years ago, one young, disturbed man was inspired by the SPLC to enter the FRC with a gun and a backpack full of Chick-fil-A sandwiches (which he considered to be a 'hate' fast-food chain). The only reason he wasn't able to commit mass murder is because of the heroic actions of guard Leo Johnson. When the</p>

			<p>SPLC was asked to take the FRC off their hate map because they inspired someone to commit a hate-filled act, they refused.</p> <p>The 'left' has become so incensed that they appear to be turning on themselves by attacking the people they claim to be defending. Jim proved the point by mentioning a story from the Washington Examiner. A limousine had been set on fire during an anti-Trump, anarchist protest. It was eventually discovered that this limousine belonged to a limousine service owned by a Muslim immigrant.</p> <p>Robert mentioned that he didn't recall conservatives rioting when President Obama was elected in 2008 and again in 2012. Many were disappointed that he was re-elected but they didn't resort to violence. In fact, there weren't any protests. That's the way it should be but unfortunately the 'left' has shown that they no longer believe in the American system. It's 'their way or the highway'.</p> <p>As an example, Robert cited life on college campuses. He said you can ask any conservative student what it's like. They'll tell you that they're in a minority that does not dare to speak its views or they'll be persecuted by professors or identity groups. It's a totalitarian mindset. He believes the tolerance mindset has morphed into, 'You will accept our vision of reality, our new definitions of everything, or we'll come after you.' This includes not being able to make a living, putting you out of business or putting you in jail for hate crimes if they don't like what you say.</p> <p>Robert is encouraged that this is backfiring on the 'left'. He doesn't believe most Americans are buying into it. It just makes the 'left' look very bad and like sore losers.</p> <p>You'll be able to hear Jim and Robert share more accounts of hysteria from the 'left' when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
1/25	Donald Trump and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Amendment	Jim Schneider / Dave Workman	<p>Jim opened this Crosstalk with an update from a program aired on November 21st. The guest was Anmarie Calgaro, a Minnesota mother fighting for her parental rights.</p> <p>Anmarie filed a civil rights lawsuit in federal district court to restore her 14th Amendment constitutional due process rights. She believes they have been violated in relation to her son who had received emancipation from the state. That allowed him to make his own decisions to such an extent that his school was withholding information from Anne and medical procedures were being done without parental knowledge or consent.</p> <p>Tomorrow she's going to trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, and a hearing is scheduled for 10am. Jim asked for prayers for Anmarie that the judge's eyes and heart would be open to the truth.</p> <p>Dave Workman is the senior editor at TheGunMag.com and communications director for the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. He's a former member of the NRA Board of Directors and a recognized expert on Washington State gun laws. He's the author of several books.</p> <p>In the last days of President Obama's second term, he commuted the sentences of many, many prisoners and also banned lead ammunition on federal lands.</p> <p>While Dave hopes that the commuting of sentences will pay off, when you look at President Obama's track record of letting people leave Guantanamo Bay, it's not good as some of those individuals have found their way back onto the battlefield.</p> <p>Concerning the lead ban, Dave thinks President Obama may have been 'throwing a bone' to the environmentalists and anti-gun/anti-hunter folks who supported him in his presidency. He thinks it may be a case that if you can't control firearms, go after the ammunition that people use.</p> <p>Jim then noted that President Obama was the first U.S. president to spend more on welfare than on national defense. Should that concern us?</p> <p>Dave believes that the government should give a hand up, not a hand out. We want to make sure that our tax dollars are being used for the</p>

			<p>best interests of the nation. One of those is a strong, national defense. Without that protection, we won't have a country anymore.</p> <p>President Trump nominated Senator Jeff Sessions to be the next attorney general of the U.S. Leftist groups are coming together to try and stop this. Dave indicated that Sessions has a good record on Second Amendment issues and has prosecuted individuals that took racist actions against minorities. Overall Dave believes Sessions has a good understanding of the law, and that unlike past AG's, he understands that there are 10 amendments in the Bill of Rights and one of them is the right to keep and bear arms.</p> <p>As this program progressed, Jim had Dave comment on the following:</p> <p>--A bill has been introduced by Senator Marco Rubio (S162) that deals with restoring Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.</p> <p>--The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (HR38).</p> <p>--So far this year in Chicago, there have been 37 murders and nearly 250 people have been shot. President Trump has told Chicago to take care of the problem or he's going to send in the feds. Are gun control laws an issue there?</p> <p>Find out more concerning current Second Amendment issues, including what listeners had to say, on this vital Crosstalk broadcast.</p>
1/26	Trump Shoring Up Border Security	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim began this edition of Crosstalk by playing audio featuring President Donald Trump who delivered an address at the Department of Homeland Security. His comments outlined 2 executive orders that he issued today, and steps he's taking to secure the U.S./Mexico border while enforcing U.S. immigration laws within U.S. territory.</p> <p>President Trump said, 'A nation without borders is not a nation. Beginning today, the United States of America gets back control of its borders...gets back its borders.'</p> <p>He talked about building the wall and that it would be good not only for the U.S. but also for Mexico, and that he'd be willing to cooperate on shared U.S./Mexican interests with the Mexican president. He talked about ending the policy of 'catch and release' at the border, requiring other nations to take back their criminals, cracking down on sanctuary cities, empowering ICE officers to target and remove those who pose a threat to public safety. He also called for the hiring of 5,000 border patrol officers, a tripling of the number of ICE officers and creating an office of homeland security dedicated to supporting the victims of illegal immigrant crime.</p> <p>Jim brought some other related news items to the attention of listeners including:</p> <p>--Since the day after the inauguration, there were 773 refugees admitted into the U.S.</p> <p>--White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus defended President Trump last evening on the issue of blocking federal funds meant for so-called 'sanctuary cities' that harbor immigrants who've entered the U.S. illegally.</p> <p>--The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has moved the symbolic doomsday clock to 2-1/2 minutes before midnight.</p> <p>--An abandoned Walmart building in Brownsville, Texas, is being used to shelter illegal immigrants.</p> <p>--A Congressman from Laredo, Texas, expresses his disappointment with Trump's executive orders.</p> <p>--A Mexican cartel has been stockpiling Soviet-era rocket propelled grenades, body armor, assault rifles and ammunition in a border city.</p> <p>--Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto canceled his planned visit to the U.S. to meet with U.S. President Donald Trump. The decision came after Mexico's government denounced Trump's new border security measures</p>

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1/27	News Roundup 1/27/17	Jim Schneider	<p>There was much to talk about as Jim hosted yet another news round-up edition of Crosstalk. Stories included:</p> <p>--Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated as a memorial day for the 6 million European Jews, including 1.5 million children that were killed by the Nazi regime in concentration camps throughout German occupied Europe.</p> <p>--The 43rd annual March for Life is taking place today in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>--Vice-President Mike Pence is the first vice-president to address the crowd at a March for Life.</p> <p>--Pro-life women and men were rejected at last week's March for Women as well as by the liberal media. How the media will treat the March for Life is yet to be seen. ABC, CBS and NBC spent at least 1 hour, 15 minutes and 18 seconds on the March for Women but for the 2016 March for Life, they devoted 35 seconds.</p> <p>--For the second time in the last 24 hours, President Trump bashed the media regarding coverage of March for Life. He also defended his decision to sign the Mexico City Policy defunding international Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>--The House of Representatives voted on HR7 (No Taxpayer Funding for Abortions).</p> <p>--Representative Steve King provided the Heartbeat Protection Act of 2017 (HR490). It restores legal protection to unborn children once their pulse is detected.</p> <p>--After 15 years of running a Planned Parenthood abortion business, the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky is retiring.</p> <p>--Indiana Right to Life President says the fight to end abortion has never been against one person. He said they're fighting an entire industry that promotes death as a way to improve its bottom line.</p> <p>--Planned Parenthood representatives seem to contradict themselves regarding whether they offer prenatal care or not.</p> <p>--International Planned Parenthood indicated they will not comply with the newly reinstated policy that prohibits federal funding for organizations that promote or perform abortions around the world.</p>

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1/30	U.S. Environmental Policies: A Change in Direction	Jim Schneider / Dr. E. Calvin Beisner	<p>Dr. E. Calvin Beisner is the founder and national spokesman for The Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation. Dr. Beisner has taught theology, apologetics, ethics, church history, economics and other disciplines. He has written four books on population, resources, economics and the environment; eight other books, contributions to over 30 books and hundreds of articles. He has testified as an expert witness on the ethics and economics of climate policy before Congressional committees and lectured for churches, schools, colleges, seminaries and conferences around North America, Europe, Africa and Asia.</p> <p>Dr. Beisner began by commenting on the choice of Scott Pruitt, President Trump's pick as administrator for the EPA. The Cornwall Alliance has put out an open letter in support of Mr. Pruitt. The primary reason for this is because the Cornwall Alliance believes he will bring a much more common sense approach to regulation of the environment. Pruitt believes in sound science that's publicly transparent. Dr. Beisner also praised Pruitt as being firmly committed to cost-benefit analysis when regulations are done, the freedom of speech, along with robust debate in science, economics and public policy.</p> <p>Myron Ebell, President Trump's former head of the EPA transition team, once stated that President Trump is hoping to cut the EPA's 15,000 person staff by at least half. Under the Nixon administration there were about 5,000 EPA employees. Dr. Beisner indicated that this desire for reduction has to do with the vision of Mr. Ebell, President Trump and Mr. Pruitt. They have a vision of environmental protection that focuses on the state, county and municipal levels rather than at the federal level. Dr. Beisner believes this makes good sense because of the differing geography, geology, climate and human activity throughout our nation. So he contends that it makes sense to have environmental policies set at the most local levels possible as opposed to the 'one size fits all' policy making program of the EPA over the past 25-30 years.</p> <p>Has the EPA manipulated science to fit their own political goals? Dr. Beisner gave the example of the EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics Rule. They claimed that this rule regulating the emission of mercury from coal fired power plants would save a certain number of lives every year. Dr. Beisner feels they weren't being honest with the data within their own working documents.</p> <p>They asserted that dangerous levels of mercury in the blood of pregnant mothers could be reached in those women who made their living as fisher-women. That's assuming they consumed 200 pounds of self-caught fish per year from the most mercury polluted waters in the U.S. They modeled that and figured that if mercury emissions were cut by a certain amount we'd reduce the deaths to their infants.</p> <p>So what was the problem with this? There's no such 'fisher-women' anywhere in the U.S. In fact, the EPA even admitted it. In spite of the admission they went ahead and claimed the death reduction.</p> <p>Concerning the issue of global warming, we've been told that 2016 was officially the warmest since records have been kept beginning in the 1880's. Dr. Beisner noted that the truth of that depends upon the credibility of the databases used by NASA, NOAA and others. He explained the technique of 'data adjustment' that's being used and how it appears to be pushing earlier temperature readings downward and the later temperature readings upward, leaving the impression of an increase in more and faster warming over the period.</p> <p>Overall, the difference between the 2015 and 2016 temperatures is so</p>

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1/31	Purity: Ture Love Is Worth the Wait	Jim Schneider / Rich Christiano	<p>Rich Christiano is a film writer, director and producer. In 2002 he, along with his brother Dave, formed Five &amp; Two Pictures. Rich has been involved with multiple films. He's the writer, director and producer of such films as 'The Appointment', 'Time Changer', 'Unidentified', 'The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry' and 'A Matter of Faith'. He is representing and distributing the film, 'Princess Cut'.</p> <p>Rich believes that other than coming to the Lord, the most important decision anyone makes is who they date and ultimately marry. This decision can bring you great joy or great heartache. He recommended using the principles in God's Word so that we make the right choice.</p> <p>He finds it sad that Hollywood portrays marriage and dating as being based upon physical attraction only and having nothing to do with spirituality and what people believe. This is why over half of all marriages end in divorce and why we have so many problems in our society, especially when it comes to families and relationships.</p> <p>'Princess Cut' was made by a filmmaker friend of Rich's named Paul Munger. Paul wanted to make a movie that put purity before dating and where someone would use the guidance of their family to make sure they would marry the right person.</p> <p>The movie centers around a girl in her early 20's who desperately wants to get married. It appears that she's going to make a wrong choice by picking a guy who Rich described as 'Satan's counterfeit'. Her father, however, has a check in his spirit and the young man himself isn't putting the Lord first.</p> <p>Rich is helping Paul get this movie into the hands of as many young people as possible, along with their parents. The message for young people is that you need to keep the relationship special. This is accomplished by remaining pure until marriage, developing spiritual unity first. The physical aspect should take place only after marriage which acts as the joyful 'glue' or 'bond' to help 'cement' the relationship.</p> <p>This broadcast features audio cuts from the movie as well as comments from Crosstalk listeners</p>
2/1	Islam's Roadmap, Islamic Uprising and Homeland Security	JIM Schneider / Philip Haney	<p>Philip Haney is a founding member of the Department of Homeland Security, Customs &amp; Border Protection. He's a past senior fellow at the Center for Security Policy with deep experience in threat analysis and intelligence and 40 years experience in the strategy and tactics of the global Islamic movement based on Quranic Arabic with parallel strong focus on counter terrorism. He's a current member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers and Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association. He's the lead author of 'see Something, Say Nothing', a best-selling expose of the Obama administration's submission to the goals and policies of the Muslim Brotherhood as well as other Islamic groups operating in America and around the world.</p>

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2/2	The battle for the Supreme Court Ensues	Jim Schneider / Mat Staver	<p>Mat Staver is a constitutional attorney, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, a nonprofit litigation, education and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious liberty, the sanctity of human life and the family.</p> <p>Who is Neil Gorsuch, the Supreme Court candidate picked by President Donald Trump to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia?</p> <p>Judge Gorsuch is 49 years old therefore, if nominated, could spend many years on the Supreme Court. His undergraduate work was undertaken at Columbia University, his law doctorate was obtained through Harvard and he pursued a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University.</p> <p>He studied under one of the world's leading experts on natural law and wrote a book on assisted suicide called, 'The Future of Assisted Suicide</p>

		<p>and Euthanasia'. Natural law teaches that in the natural order there are certain immutable principles that precede government. Such principles include life and marriage as they are part of the natural created order.</p> <p>Judge Gorsuch has worked in private practice and has clerked in a number of courts of appeals including at the Supreme Court level.</p> <p>Mat highlighted a quote from the judge's book. The context of the quote is from the euthanasia (end-of-life) perspective. However, Mat pointed out that since human life is fundamentally and inherently valuable and the intentional taking of that life by private persons is wrong, this principle not only applies to the end-of-life, but also applies to the beginning of life. So overall, Judge Gorsuch has strong, foundational principles that hold the sanctity of human life very high.</p> <p>Mat described him as having a strong position concerning the role of judges. He's an originalist. This means that he looks at the original intent, language and words of the Constitution or the statute that's being reviewed and feels bound by that.</p> <p>Concerning religious liberty, Mat talked about the collision between the abortion mandate of Obamacare on either for-profit companies or not-for-profit ministries. In the Hobby Lobby case Judge Gorsuch cited with Hobby Lobby saying that there is a religious free exercise right of the company even though it was a corporation. The Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, ultimately upheld that.</p> <p>On the Little Sisters of the Poor case, it's still going back and forth among the various courts but he sided with the Little Sisters ministry. They had the same objection as Hobby Lobby to having abortion drugs and devices provided via insurance to their employees.</p> <p>Regarding Planned Parenthood he sided with the state of Utah. The court itself didn't go that way, so he was a dissenter. He felt that Utah has a right to defund Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>He's also written on cases regarding search and seizure where he's communicated that proper interpretation of the 4th Amendment starts with it's 'original public meaning'.</p> <p>This program also looks at the judge's views on LGBT matters; the claim that this opening was a stolen position; why there's opposition to his nomination when there was none when he was confirmed to the 10th Circuit Court; will the 'nuclear option' be necessary; will President Trump do away with the Johnson Amendment; the latest on Senator Sessions; the continuing of President Obama's LGBT executive order and much more.</p>
2/3	News RoundUp and Comment	<p><b>Jim Schneider</b></p> <p>Once again, Jim covered news from around the world as he presented the following stories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--The Trump administration imposes new sanctions in response to recent Iran missile test.</li> <li>--U.S. defense officials say the U.S.S. Cole is now patrolling in the Gulf of Aden.</li> <li>--Iran believes that new sanctions violate the nuclear deal negotiated with the Obama administration and that it has the right to conduct ballistic missile tests now that its nuclear program has been sharply curtailed. The U.S. and Western nations say Tehran agreed to an 8 year extension of a ban on ballistic work in the negotiations.</li> <li>--General Michael Flynn draws 'red line' for President Trump concerning Iran and the president agreed.</li> <li>--An Iranian backed suicide attack on a Saudi ship may have been meant for a U.S. warship.</li> <li>--President Trump's Defense Secretary warns North Korea of an effective and overwhelming response if they choose to use nuclear weapons.</li> <li>--China tests long-range missile with 10 warheads.</li> </ul>

		<p>--U.S. Capitol Police are looking into the activities of several I.T. contractors who worked for dozens of House Democrats after they allegedly, inappropriately accessed House computers, took congressional computer hardware and made questionable I.T. related purchases on behalf of lawmakers.</p> <p>--In its last year in office, the Obama administration allegedly showered at least 9.2 billion on the U.N. and its sprawling array of organizations.</p> <p>--U.N. Secretary General Guterres says that the temple demolished by the Romans is a Jewish temple.</p> <p>--President Trump talks about stopping the genocide of Middle East Christians at National Prayer Breakfast.</p> <p>--President Trump has the Johnson Amendment in his sights for destruction.</p> <p>--The U.S. gained 5,000 jobs in manufacturing in January while losing 10,000 jobs in government.</p> <p>--Japan is putting the finishing touches on a package that it claims will create 700,000 U.S. jobs and help create a 450 billion dollar market.</p> <p>--The Republican controlled Congress scrapped Obama era rules on the environment and guns.</p> <p>--President Trump signed an executive order to reduce the amount of federal regulations on businesses.</p> <p>--The DHS Secretary wants the border wall finished in 2 years.</p> <p>--President Trump comments on the hostile CNN community.</p> <p>--President Trump departed on an unscheduled trip, flying to Dover Air Force base in Delaware to honor the returning remains of Chief Petty Officer William Owens who was killed Saturday during an intelligence gathering raid in Yemen.</p> <p>--President Trump's administration is about to make good on its promise to name the enemy as it pertains to Islam.</p> <p>--A machete wielding man yelling 'Allahu Akbar' is killed at the Louvre in France.</p> <p>--Panic erupted at a Southern California Cheesecake Factory restaurant after a man tossed in an improvised explosive device.</p> <p>--ISIS plans to infect refugee flow with mass killers.</p> <p>--More than 100,000 visas have been revoked since President Trump signed his executive order on immigration.</p> <p>--Starbucks CEO announced that his company would work to hire 10,000 refugees.</p> <p>Angry Americans organize to boycott the chain.</p> <p>--A nationwide campaign is underway to get more Muslim/Americans involved in local politics.</p> <p>--Austria has agreed to ban full-face Muslim veils in public places.</p> <p>--On January 25th, Iowa State Senator Matt McCoy filed a bill that would impose new restrictions on home schooling families in Iowa. The bill (SF-138) is said to be a well-intended but misguided response to the recent tragic death of a 16 year old as a result of reported child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>--The National Partnership for New Americans convened a nationwide conference call on Monday to plot a panicked response to President Trump's temporary, 100 day ban on refugees. They've promoted 2 national calls to action that involve organizing solidarity actions at a local mosque along with rallies and demonstrations at the local offices of senators and congressmen.</p> <p>--U.K. doctors told to not call pregnant women 'expectant mothers' so as not to offend transgenders.</p>
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2/6	National Security at Stake	Jim Schneider / William Gheen	<p>William Gheen is the president and spokesman of ALIPAC, Americans for Legal Immigration. He's an expert on topics such as immigration and border security. He's a contributor to 'The Hill' newspaper which reports on Congress, legislation and legislative issues.</p> <p>William began by describing the problem we have with people who are either refugees or the immediate family of refugees that have caused problems in the U.S. and in Europe. President Trump hinted at this before the election was over when he commented regarding a ban on Muslims which he then revised to a comment on extreme vetting. Such action would be taken until we know what's going on.</p> <p>William described the Obama administration as one that was very eager to pump as many people into our nation as possible with perspectives alien to our Constitution, way of life and values. Making matters worse is that ISIS admits they are exploiting the refugee resettlement programs to get their people into the West so that they can attack us and our families.</p> <p>He believes there's a clear global, political alliance between the socialists backed by George Soros and his power brokers, along with the Islamofascist nations. Their agenda is to overthrow the existing political systems of the U.S. and Europe.</p> <p>The Democrats and the socialists that are doing this are said to be turning these individuals into Democrat voters. In fact, it's estimated that over 80% of all illegal immigrants and Muslim refugees will vote Democrat. The only way to turn that in favor of the Republicans is to offer the refugees more taxpayer benefits and welfare than the Democrats do which isn't going to happen.</p> <p>William believes that the reason the Soros socialists and the Islamofascists get along so well is because of their shared hatred of Christians, patriarchy, capitalism and the existing global status quo. This supersedes their fear of each other. In the final battle, each one believes they can take over the other side.</p> <p>The other reason William believes they get along so well is because both groups are totalitarian. Shariah is a state religion with the Islamofascists and does not tolerate dissent. On the other hand, the socialist states in Europe aren't afraid to brand as 'haters' those who speak out about violence happening right in their own streets. They will take away your job, your children and even send police after you for simply posting your views on social media.</p> <p>For the time being, the Republicans control the 3 branches of government. When you combine the immigration factor, the death rates among middle-age Caucasian Americans along with the Muslim birth rate, William believes it may be too late, even with President Trump's actions.</p> <p>Some other factors that William discussed included:</p> <p>The ruling from Federal Judge James Robart of Washington State concerning President Trump's executive order on immigration...Republicans backed by George Soros in 2016...Vice President Pence's view on the judge's decision...Why President Trump needs Jeff Sessions as attorney general...the status of sanctuary cities and the southern border wall...and much more.</p>
2/7	Atheistic and Humanistic Religions	Jim Schneider / Bodie Hodge	<p>Bodie Hodge is a speaker, author and researcher at Answers in Genesis and is a member of the editorial review board. He has been involved with many books and DVD's and is a regular speaker in the Creation Museum Speaker Series. He is the author, co-author or editor of numerous books including 'World Religions and Cults'.</p>

			<p>The last volume in the 3 volume set of World Religions and Cults is now out. It covers the secular and atheistic religions. This includes secular humanism, communism and dualism; religions that are widespread in our culture.</p> <p>At the start, Jim had Bodie comment on a very bold statement. Bodie believes that there are only two religions: God's and not God's. If it doesn't come from Him, one way or another, it comes through the mind of man, therefore in the end you have either the religion of God or the religion of man.</p> <p>Bodie described our situation in the West as a slow, arduous takeover by secular religions. He noted that in the past, some people felt we could leave the Bible out when it came to certain subjects, like biology, geology, astronomy, history and logic. Before long that thinking began to permeate and before we knew it, the Bible and prayer was ripped out of schools. The result is that today our culture has a humanistic, secular thrust behind it.</p> <p>Secularists and humanists will often claim they are non-religious. Bodie says if that's true, then they don't have a 'dog in the fight' when it comes to religious claims such as origins, which is a religious topic. So if someone says they believe in six-day creation, the humanist, if they're truly non-religious, should say, 'Good for you!' The problem is, they don't say that. They may claim there is no God and that everything came from a 'big bang'. In essence, this person is religious because they've elevated their thoughts above God and his Word and they've thrown the Bible out of the process.</p> <p>Is science secular or Christian? We've been set up to believe that it's either science or the Bible. Bodie believes that the Bible is the basis from which we can do observable, repeatable science. Has anyone observed or repeated the Big Bang or evolution? No. In other words, if you can't observe it and repeat it, it's not science.</p> <p>What is agnosticism, rationalism, humanism, Naziism and postmodernism? How do atheists and secular humanists justify a belief in morality, logic and reason when these things are abstract and do not fit within the confines of their materialistic worldview? These points and more are looked at on this interesting edition of Crosstalk.</p>
2/8	<p>Boy Scouts Go Transgender : Trail Life Offers Alternative</p>	<p>Jim Schneider / John Stemberger</p>	<p>Courts have affirmed that the Boy Scouts of America could be an organization exclusively for boys with policies acknowledging God, requiring boys to be morally straight, while not allowing open homosexual boys.</p> <p>Due to pressure from homosexual activists, some corporations and municipalities, the leadership of the Scouts held a news conference on May 23rd 2013, indicating that they had reevaluated their position and that effective January 1st, 2014, they would allow boys who are open homosexuals but would not allow adults of the same persuasion. Unfortunately, on July 27th, 2015, the Scouts changed their court-protected policies and began allowing openly homosexual men to begin working with the young boys.</p> <p>The moral slide has continued as on January 30th of this year, the Scouts decided to allow girls who desire to identify as boys.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was John Stemberger. John is an Eagle Scout and a former Scoutmaster. He was founder of On My Honor movement and became the chairman of the board for Trail Life USA in 2013, an alternative to the Boy Scouts. Professionally, John is an Orlando attorney with a civil trial and business law private practice. He's been a marriage and family advocate for over 30 years. He became the president of the Florida Family Policy Council in 2004 and was the chairman of the 2008 campaign to amend Florida's constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman which was later adopted by Florida voters. His law firm represented Rifqa Bary, the Muslim teenager from Columbus, Ohio, who fled to Orlando after she was threatened to be killed by her father for not renouncing her faith after her conversion from Islam to Christianity.</p>

			<p>The program began with audio of the official, January 30th statement from Mike Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive. After hearing the statement that mentions inclusion of girls who identify as boys, John believes Mike is wrong legally, morally and from the standpoint of child protection. He noted how we just don't let boys and girls shower together. That is a youth protection issue and when as parents we trust our children during overnight activities in a private setting, you expect to have the utmost concern for the protection of children. Instead, John believes the Scouts have caved and are more interested in whether gays, lesbians and transgenders are yelling at them than for what's in the best interest of children that have been entrusted to them by parents.</p> <p>John feels this is a sad situation. Gender-confused children need our help, council and compassion because this is a form of deception and bondage. The research is clear that most children can be helped out of this. However, if we treat them as special and dress them up and give life to this deceptive thought, then the child ends up living a life of deception and unhealthy behavior that's not in accordance with what Scripture teaches.</p> <p>John's concern is based on the fact that gender dysphoria is a legitimate mental disorder and many kids will be exposed to this.</p> <p>What he also finds sad is that the actual mission of the Boy Scouts is to teach young people how to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime. Instead they talk about character development. It's embarrassing because they couldn't even mention the mission statement because it flies in the face of what they're doing.</p> <p>John indicated that the only step the Boy Scouts have left is transgendered and cross-dressing adult leaders. That's the picture that parents need to understand awaits their boys if they choose the Scouts.</p>
2/9	The War Against Cash	Jim Schneider / Alex Newman	<p>Alex Newman is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. As a freelance journalist he writes for the New American. He is the co-author of the book, 'Crimes of the Educators'.</p> <p>For Alex, the cashless society movement began with Sweden. Politicians and central bank officials were openly talking about why they should get rid of cash. Since then, there have been some prominent organizations, foundations and governments, including agencies here in the U.S., openly pushing for this change.</p> <p>Then there's the 'Better Than Cash' alliance, an alliance of the mega-banks. The secretary of this organization is a little-known U.N agency called the U.N. Capital Development Fund. They've taken on the role of pushing for a worldwide, cashless society.</p> <p>Jim mentioned that the E.U. Commission issued what they've called the Commission Initiative Road Map for 2018 which is said to step up the fight against the financing of terrorism. However, is the fight against terrorism really what this push for cashless societies is all about?</p> <p>Alex said that this is what they're telling people although he seemed skeptical and communicated that this may be merely a useful tool to sell the idea of a cashless society to the masses. If stopping terrorism isn't the real reason, then what is it? Alex noted that if you read the E.U. Commission document, they're very open about the fact that the goal is to end privacy in economic transactions.</p> <p>Cash transactions sizes come into play in this discussion. Jim noted that banks may initially put a high monetary restriction on such transactions and most people feel they won't be affected by that rule. Eventually the idea is to lower the transaction amount as once took place in the nation of Greece.</p> <p>Is there documentation proving that large amounts of cash are behind terrorism? Is a cashless society a safe one? How are digital identity efforts going in India? Does any of this tie-in with what the Bible says about a 'mark of the beast' in Revelation? How do precious metals figure into this scenario? Get the answers to these and other questions related to the war against cash when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
2/10	News	Jim	This week's news round-up program highlighted the following stories:

	<p>Round Up and Comment</p>	<p>Schneider</p>	<p>--The U.S. Senate confirms Jeff Sessions as Attorney General.  --Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange to fill the Alabama Senate seat of Jeff Sessions.  --San Francisco Federal Appeals Court affirms lower court ruling on the Trump travel ban.  --Jim read a portion of President Trump's immigration order.  --A recently retired State Department veteran has published a 'whistle-blower' letter in the Chicago Tribune fingering the refugee resettlement program as being filled with fraud and abuses.  --A majority of American voters support President Trump's executive order temporarily halting migration from terror exporting nations.  --White House releases a list of 78 terrorist attacks. President Trump believes that many of these are going under-reported.  --A CNN anchor compared the abundance of terror attacks in recent years to random lightning strikes.  --One Iraqi national and one Egyptian national were apprehended by U.S. border patrol agents after the individuals from terror hotspots had illegally entered the U.S. from Mexico.  --Law enforcement officials applaud after President Trump attacked the dishonest media for misleading Americans to believe that police officers were no longer respected in America.  --President Trump signed 3 executive orders yesterday dedicated to standing behind police officers.  --Monday CNN released an image of 8 former top U.S. officials who supposedly support the opposition to President Trump's temporary travel ban. The picture included an image of John McLaughlin, host of 'The McLaughlin Group' public affairs show who died last year. Presumably they meant to have a picture of the former CIA director with the same name.  --President Trump tells China's president that the U.S. would honor the 'One China' policy.  --Intel CEO meets with President Trump announcing a 7 billion dollar investment in Arizona in a semiconductor factory that would employ about 3,000 people.  --House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi mistakenly confuses President Trump with President Bush.  --The new Secretary of Health and Human Services is Thomas Price.  --Matt Drudge, founder of the Drudge Report, feels that the GOP should be sued for fraud for inaction on key promises relating to tax cuts and the Obamacare repeal.  --Betsy DeVoss confirmed as Education Secretary as Vice President Mike Pence breaks tie vote.  --Peter LaBarbera alleges that DeVoss supports much of the homosexual/activist agenda.  --Legislation to shut down the U.S. Department of Education was introduced in Congress this week by Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky.  --Protestors block Betsy DeVoss from entering a Washington, D.C., school.  --Tomorrow (2/11) there will be rallies held at Planned Parenthood locations around the U.S. to call on Congress and President Trump to strip Planned</p>
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2/13	<p>Obamacare:  Repeal?  Replace?  Repair? Or  Retain?</p>	<p>Jim  Schneider /  Twila Brase</p>	<p>Twila Brase is President and co-founder of the Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, which work to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, plus medical and genetic privacy rights. Twila is a certified public health nurse and is speaker on the "Health Freedom Minute".</p> <p>Donald Trump has spoken strongly about the need to repeal the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare", saying he wanted a bill to do so on his desk by February 20. Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell promised one would be ready by the end of February. But with just two weeks left in February, no bill is forthcoming. It appears that the strong stands of President Trump and Congress are softening.</p> <p>In actuality, Obamacare was essentially and expansion of Medicaid, which</p>

			<p>is for low income citizens. The vast majority of those enrolling in Obamacare were Medicaid eligible, or had lost their private insurance when Obamacare went into effect.</p> <p>Some bills that are being introduced are very simple--in less than 100 words, repealing Obamacare and returning control to the states. This must start in Congress, as the Trump Administration cannot repeal it directly. But once elected, many Senators and Representatives are having second thoughts as they hear dire warnings that people would lose medical insurance if the Affordable Care Act was repealed.</p> <p>But repealing Obamacare would simply return regulation of insurance back to the states, and private insurance companies could provide insurance as they did before Obamacare took over. Should Obamacare be repealed, these companies could again offer policies, such as those that accept pre-existing conditions, and catastrophic health insurance policies which were outlawed by Obamacare.</p> <p>The Citizens' Council for Health Freedom has scheduled a national call-in to Senators and Representatives this Wednesday, February 16, asking callers to simply say "Repeal it All. Repeal it Now. Do not Delay, Where's the Bill?"</p> <p>Even before Congress passes a bill, the new HSS Secretary Tom Price could begin to dismantle the multitude of regulations that were added to the law as it was passed, since it gave that office the discretion to work out the details. However, if the Obamacare law is not repealed, a future Secretary of Health and Human Services could issue a completely different set of regulations.</p> <p>Also discussed is "Real ID", which is federal commandeering of state authority to establish identification methods, thus creating a National ID, which could then be used by the Department of Homeland Security to restrict access to healthcare, entering federal buildings, flying, purchasing firearms or ammunition, reserving a hotel room, renting a car, withdrawing cash from a bank, etc. without the National ID. Added to that is the possibility of government gathering individual information, including such areas as health information and financial records. This would be simple through the addition of an RFID chip, which would contain personal data that could be accessed by government agencies.</p> <p>Not all states have agreed to participate, and many others have begun implementing such ID cards, but have not yet linked to the national database.</p>
2/14	90 Days through the New Testament	Jim Schneider / Ron Rhodes	<p>Ron Rhodes is the president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, a teaching and resource ministry that specializes in defending Christianity against atheists, agnostics, skeptics, the cults, world religions and any group teaching false doctrine. Ron is the author of over 70 books most of which deal in the area of apologetics. He has also authored some Bible study books. This program discussed his book, '90 Days Through the New Testament in Chronological Order'.</p> <p>Ron feels there's a great need for people to get back to the Bible. He noted that the reason why so many people don't feel close to the Lord is because they really aren't into God's Word. In response he's been writing books on Bible study to draw people back into Scripture and help them to understand how exciting it can be.</p> <p>Why a book dealing with the N.T. in chronological fashion? Ron told listeners that the N.T. deals with real people and real events that happened in history. It's not just a book of theology or doctrine so he felt that people might like to cover it in the same order as events actually occurred.</p> <p>Ron admitted that there is some debate regarding the chronological order of events. The chronology that he presents is mainstream among the very best conservative scholars, namely those who believe the Bible is the Word of God. In other words, the scholarship he used doesn't come from liberal voices that question whether the N.T. was actually written by Matthew, Mark, Luke &amp; John or don't believe in miracles, etc.</p> <p>This program is jam-packed with interesting facts as Ron covers</p>

			<p>numerous N.T. related topics and answers some questions as well. For example:</p> <p>--Over what period of time was the N.T. written?  --A New Testament overview: What is its place in the entirety of Scripture and how is it broken down?  --What about the differences in the New Testament accounts? Should any of them be viewed as contradictions?  --Why we can understand the book of Acts as the Acts of the Holy Spirit and not just the Acts of the Apostles.  --The implications and applications of the Epistles as they pertain to what the reader will have already learned in both the gospels and the book of Acts.  --How does Ron deal with problem passages in this book?</p> <p>This Crosstalk covers so much more so if you've been considering reading through the New Testament and have been looking for a 'tour guide', find out if this book is for you when you review this broadcast.</p>
2/25	What Is the Muslim Brotherhood ?	Jim Schneider / Thomas Quiggin	<p>Thomas Quiggin, a Canadian, is a court qualified expert on terrorism, and on the reliability of intelligence evidence. He served 15 years in the Canadian Forces, including time on the ground in the former Yugoslavia as an intelligence officer. He has more than 25 years of practical intelligence experience in a variety of positions including RCMP, the UN, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and the International War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia</p> <p>Islamists say that their beliefs should be accepted by all Muslims, and that they have the "God-given" right to use violence to reach their objectives. One of their main points of faith is that dying for Allah is their ultimate endeavor.</p> <p>A variety of groups ascribe to the Islamist objective of imposing their politicized beliefs on others. Included in these are ISIS, al-Qaeda and Hizb ut-Tahrir. However, the largest and best organized of all the Islamist groups is the Muslim Brotherhood. They are the well-spring from which the Islamist ideology flows.</p> <p>The Muslim Brotherhood say they plan to conquer Western Civilization from within. To do so they set up many front groups to gain influence in many areas of society, including students. They maintain a continuous position of being victims, no matter what incident they are describing—even if it is discovered that the violence was perpetrated by other Muslims.</p> <p>"Islamophobia" was developed in Iran after the revolution there, to characterize those who refused to go along with demands to change and follow Sharia after generations of relative freedom in Iran.</p> <p>North American Islamic Trust (NAIT) is a financial front group that holds many properties, including hundreds of mosques, and schools, using funding from Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries. It is used by the Muslim Brotherhood to provide financial pressure to enable them to take over hundreds of previously-independent mosques. This provides the vehicle to indoctrinate more Muslims in the radical teachings of the Muslim Brotherhood. Investigations have revealed that such teaching is not only available in such Mosques, but is actually the exclusive content of teaching and resource materials.</p> <p>Senator Ted Cruz has re-introduced Senate bill S.68, to designate the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist organization, not because they actually blow things up themselves, but because they funnel funds to groups like Hamas who do practice violence. S.68 would not only have the effect of designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist entity, but it would also list three Muslim Brotherhood front groups: The Council for American Islamic Relations (CAIR), the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) and the North American Islamic Trust (NAIT). In the case of the NAIT, the bill would ban it from any financial dealings, and from sending funds out of the country. It would stop individuals from donating through NAIT, and would cut off funding from NAIT for other Muslim organizations in this</p>

			<p>country and around the world.</p> <p>Interestingly, some middle-east countries have already labeled the Muslim Brotherhood as terrorist.</p> <p>To read Mr. Quiggin’s articles on related topics:</p> <p><a href="#">Gatestone Institute</a></p> <p>To reach the Senate Switchboard to give your views about S.68 to your U.S. Senator: 202-224-3121</p> <p>Additional information is available from John Guandolo’s website: <a href="http://www.understandingthethreat.com">www.understandingthethreat.com</a></p>
2/16	Homeschool Legislative Alert	Jim Schneider / William Estrada	<p>William Estrada is a staff attorney with the Home School Legal Defense Association. He is also Director of HSLDA’s Federal Relations, and Director of Federal Relations for ParentalRights.org. Will is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court bar and the California bar. He himself is a homeschool graduate.</p> <p>When defending homeschoolers, at times the HSLDA must oppose friends of homeschooling as well as opponents, due to unwise provisions in proposed legislation. On January 23, 2017, Rep. Steve King (IA), Rep. Andy Harris (MD), and Rep. Pete Olson (TX), and Rep. Trent Franks (AZ) introduced H.R. 610, "The Choices in Education Act of 2017". If the bill only applied to public schools and traditional brick-and-mortar private schools, HSLDA would take no official position on it. There is no question that many millions of children are stuck in public schools that fail to meet their needs, and school choice would be an incredible benefit to them. But HSLDA opposes the inclusion off Home Schools in the provisions of this bill. The reason: Government funds would be allocated under this bill, and with government funding, there is soon government control.</p> <p>HSLDA contacted the four congressmen behind the bill, explaining their concerns. Rep. Frank agreed, and withdrew his support for H.R. 610 unless Home Schools were exempted. The other three representatives continue to sponsor the bill.</p> <p>HSLSA sees four major dangers in H.R. 610:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The full repeal of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which has some undesirable elements, also has language protecting homeschool freedom from federal control.</li> <li>2. Creation of a "federal right to homeschool", by requiring states to "make it lawful for parents of an eligible child to elect to home-school their child."</li> <li>3. Require States to track homeschooling students, which will result in homeschooling families in all 50 states being required register with the local school district.</li> <li>4. The government would now get to decide how much parents should spend on homeschooling. The funds provided cannot exceed a government-determined "cost of homeschooling".</li> </ol> <p>The primary concern is that the requirements of H.R. 610 will open the door for increased regulations.</p> <p>For example, forcing homeschooling families to register with their school districts in order to meet a state requirement would then enable the state to establish requirements, standards, or guidelines to in order to define what family actually qualifies as a homeschooling family. The school districts would have a financial incentive to count as many homeschool students as possible because they are given a percentage of the federal funds designated for homeschool families.</p> <p>Also, in order to determine the cost of homeschooling, the government most likely would establish an arbitrary figure based on a calculated average. Thus the funds allocated to reimburse parents for those costs could be far above or far below their actual expenses, and in each family, those actual costs can vary widely from year to year. In order to determine the actual expenses, the school district (or perhaps a state)</p>

			<p>could require detailed reporting of spending, perhaps with receipts, etc., placing an additional burden for homeschooling families.</p> <p>William Estrada gave several examples of homeschooling families that found themselves coming under scrutiny from government bureaucrats, some of whom do not like the concept of homeschooling. H.R. 610 could give them the tools to control and restrict homeschooling.</p>
2/17	News Round-up and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>Among the stories discussed were:</p> <p>--The Washington State Supreme Court has decided that the state's non-discrimination law overrides religious beliefs--even if it substantially burdens constitutional religious freedom rights. Essentially they are saying that Washington State law is superior to the U.S. Constitution.</p> <p>The case involved a baker who refused, because of her Christian faith, to decorate a cake for a same-sex "wedding". As she ran her business, the 72-year-old baker had hired homosexuals and served them equally as customers, as long as it did not involve expressing support for their homosexual lifestyle. The fees which the baker is now required to pay could reach one million dollars, and could close her business, and drain her asset--including her retirement savings.</p> <p>It is expected that the case will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme court. Those fighting for the rights of the baker are dismayed at the silence from religious leaders to this attack on religious freedom.</p> <p>--Former President Barack Obama has moved to a residence not far from the White House where he is now directing about 30,000 activists to protest the programs of the new president, Donald Trump.</p> <p>--Freedom Watch head Larry Klayman is calling for an investigation of the CIA and other agencies for their involvement in leaks of information to damage the reputations and nominations of Trump appointees.</p> <p>--President Trumps regulatory freeze is now in effect, blocking the implementation of rules published by the Obama administration that have not yet been activated.</p> <p>--Senator Charles Schumer is appalled at the people nominated by President Trump, apparently because of their success in business that has actually allowed them to become wealthy. In a related matter, the confirmation of the Trump nominees is traveling at a snail's pace, far slower than for any other administration.</p> <p>--Fox News reports that sensitive intelligence is being withheld from President Trump by intelligence agencies, due to fears that it could be compromised.</p> <p>--Conservatives in Congress are calling for speeding up the process of repealing "ObamaCare", even as Republicans continue to debate how far to go, and what should replace it.</p> <p>--Since President Trump issued his executive order to protect the interior of the United States, a number of cities that had declared themselves to be "sanctuary cities" for illegal immigrants, have now reversed their position.</p> <p>--For months, large numbers of protestors have been camping in North Dakota to oppose the proposed oil pipeline, because of potential that oil would get into the water supply. But now, the North Dakota Governor has issued an emergency evacuation order for the protest camps, because the accumulation of months of human debris--including human waste, abandoned vehicles, and small buildings--is causing damage to the environment. Tow trucks are working around the clock to try to remove all the abandoned vehicles--some of which are leaking oil--before spring flooding moves them into the Missouri River, thus causing oil to get into the water supply.</p> <p>--A Russian spy ship is now patrolling a few miles off the east coast near the large U.S Naval Base in Norfolk, Virginia.</p> <p>--The missile launched in the latest North Korean test traveled farther than any ever before observed, coming down in the Sea of Japan.</p>

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2/20	Challenges faced by Today's Youth	Jim Schneider / Carl Kerby	<p>Carl Kerby is the president and founder of Reasons for Hope. Prior to its forming, he was a founding board member of Answers in Genesis and served there for 15 years. Carl is also a former air traffic controller at Chicago-O'Hare. He is co-creator and host for the video series, 'Weapons of Mass Instruction' and presenter of the DVD series for teens, 'Demolishing Strongholds'. He is the author of 'Remote Control: The Power of Hollywood on Today's Culture', 'Absotively, Posilutely: The Best Evidence for Creation' and 'Reasons for Hope in the Mosaic of Your Life'.</p> <p>Carl began by noting that 6 years ago he was booked out a year and a half and ministry opportunities were 'off the charts'. However, he admitted that God had put on his heart that he wanted him to go after the younger generation and fathers. Why? 50%-88% of young people raised in the church are gone by the time they reach age 18. He wanted to look young people in the eye and tell them that God's Word is true and trustworthy. It deals with issues that they're being confronted with, therefore they don't have to be ashamed of their faith.</p> <p>What's the best way to do this? It's by remembering to teach application and not simply memorization.</p> <p>Are these issues the same for young people today as they were for those of yesteryear? Carl believes that ultimately the core issue is doubt and that's the tool that Satan has been using going all the way back to Genesis. So the tool hasn't changed but the way that the questions are being asked has changed.</p> <p>What are some of the messages today's kids are hearing? Some include: You can't trust the Bible because it's full of mistakes and errors. Why would God allow death and suffering? What about carbon dating? What about continental drift? What about aliens and U.F.O.'s? Why is homosexuality wrong if they love each other? All of these go back to a core issue of whether or not you can really trust in absolute truth. Is there an absolute authority that will serve as a foundation from which to deal with such issues?</p> <p>Are churches tending to these critical areas of need and countering the false messages? While Carl believes there are individuals who are really 'going after it', he doesn't believe it's the majority. In fact, he noted that the majority of Christian colleges won't address this issue. He sees the same attitude among Christian churches that won't address such issues for fear of offending people, fear of driving someone away, they don't feel the issue is that important or they just don't know how to deal with it.</p> <p>Jim then turned the discussion to Evolution Sunday which is celebrated by some people on the second Sunday of every February. This year we saw 13,479 clergy sign on to the Clergy Letter Project. That's the number of clergy who committed to engaging this issue.</p> <p>Jim read the 'common letter' of this effort that included the following:</p>

			<p>'...the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist. We believe that the theory of evolution is a foundational, scientific truth, one that has stood up to rigorous scrutiny and upon which much of human knowledge and achievement rest. To reject this truth or to treat it as one theory among others is to deliberately embrace scientific ignorance and transmit such ignorance to our children...We ask that science remain science and that religion remain religion, two very different but complimentary forms of truth.'</p> <p>In response, Carl asked how you can transform hearts if the book from which we learn about the one who can transform hearts isn't true? Science, on the other hand, changes. What gives people the right to change it? Christians have stood by and have failed to get involved and tell people they have no right to redefine terms. Science is knowledge. How do you gain that? You gain it through the scientific method. That's where you come up with an observation, a hypothesis based upon the observation, you test it, you repeat it and you verify it. There is no test that allows you to show an amoeba coming from nothing, turning into something, to grow into a worm, grow legs, crawl onto land, become an amphibian, to turn into a rat, to turn into a wolf and then go back into the ocean to become a blue whale. There's no evidence for this. It's a belief.</p>
2/21	Warning: Deception Targets Young and Old Alike	Jim Schneider / Mike Gendron	<p>Mike Gendron was a devout Roman Catholic for over 30 years. He was taught to rely upon the authority of the church. He followed the priests, the sacraments and was depending upon his own good works for salvation. However in 1981, after attending an apologetics seminar called, 'Evidence for the Christian Faith', the Bible became his sole authority in all matters of faith. As he searched the Scriptures he was amazed to see how often the Bible contradicts the teaching and tradition of the church he had been a part of for so long. Mike placed his trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and the Bible became his sole authority in all matters of faith. He founded a ministry, Proclaiming the Gospel, that points people to Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient Savior.</p> <p>Mike began by stressing that there is no higher authority than God and His Word. This must be the standard by which every man uses to find out what is true and what is false. We are called to test every spirit (1 John 4) and we do that with the supreme authority of the Word of God.</p> <p>The media has been receiving press releases that exalt Mary in celebration of what's being called 'The 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima'. The celebration is based on the May 13th, 1917, apparition that appeared to small children in Fatima, Portugal, and is believed by Catholics to have been Mary.</p> <p>So how do we really know if this was Mary or not? We test what they're saying with God's Word. With that thought in mind, Mike quoted the following message that came from an apparition that appeared in Fatima:</p> <p>'You saw Hell where souls of poor sinners go. In order to save them, God wishes to establish devotion to my immaculate heart and the world.' It went on to say, 'If people do what I ask, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. Only I can help you. My immaculate heart will be your refuge in the way that will lead you to God. In the end, my immaculate heart will triumph.'</p> <p>Mike noted that nowhere in the Bible does it state that we are to be devoted to anyone other than Christ. So this is not an apparition of Mary but rather an angel of light masquerading as Mary in order to draw people away from pure devotion to Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Jim then mentioned a Catholic vacation Bible school program to celebrate this 100th anniversary. He presented the following excerpt and had Mike respond:</p> <p>'This innovative vacation Bible school program connects the joyful mysteries of the Rosary with today's youth in a fun and spiritually moving way. It comes complete in one box with nothing else to buy and features family catechists, mass and Eucharistic adoration. This year's program entitled, 'Tracking Mary: Mysteries &amp; Messages' features the 'Queen of Heaven Express', a special holy train traveling to far away places around the globe visited by Our Blessed Mother...Children discover how Mary brings us closer to Jesus through the power of the Rosary. Mysteries and messages are revealed at each stop and encourages family prayer</p>

			<p>through a daily Rosary.'</p> <p>Mike described how we know from Romans 1:16 that the Gospel, not the Rosary, is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe it. We also know from the Bible that the Rosary is repetitious prayer which Jesus condemned. It also involves a set of beads whereby people pray 53 prayers to Mary, a few to the Trinity and a prayer to the Father. This means the dominant focus of the Rosary is Mary, not God. In addition, in Deuteronomy we see that anyone who consults the dead is an abomination to God. So for prayers to be directed to anyone other than God is not only unbiblical, it's also an abomination.</p> <p>For Mike, this deception is heartbreaking. Catholics end up not only with another gospel, they also have another Jesus, are led by another spirit and also have another Mary.</p> <p>As this Crosstalk moved along, Mike also addressed the following:</p> <p>--What about the verses in Luke that give special honor to Mary?  --The storybook called, 'Mary's Messages'.  --Was the Catholic faith handed down by Jesus?  --Was is meant by the term, 'Co-Redemptix'?  --Is Mary the new 'Eve' in the same way Jesus is the new 'Adam'?  --Does the Bible in any way communicate that Mary had a sinless nature or is co-redeemer with Christ?</p>
2/22	Vaccines: Freedom of Choice or compulsory ?	Jim Schneider / Barbara Loe Fisher	<p>Barbara Loe Fisher is president of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), a non-profit charity she co-founded with parents of DPT vaccine injured children in 1982. For over 3 decades she's led a national grassroots movement and public information campaign to institute vaccine safety reforms and informed consent protections in the public health system. She has researched, analyzed and publicly articulated the major issues involving the science, policy, law, ethics and politics of vaccination to become one of the world's leading non-medical, consumer advocacy experts on the subject. She's co-author of 'DPT: A Shot in the Dark' and author of 'The Consumer's Guide to Childhood Vaccines' as well as 'Vaccines, Autism &amp; Chronic Inflammation: The New Epidemic'.</p> <p>Barbara is keeping an eye on over 100 vaccine related bills and in 2015 and 2016 she monitored over 200 related bills. Are there common threads among these legislative efforts being put forth by the states?</p> <p>When the U.S. Supreme Court completely removed all remaining civil liability for vaccine injuries and deaths from vaccine manufacturers in 2011, the pharmaceutical companies, medical trade groups and public health lobby banded together and decided they were going to take away vaccine exemptions in America. Things began to heat up in 2015 with the Disneyland associated measles outbreak. Since then, many vaccine bills were introduced in roughly two-thirds of the states.</p> <p>The NVIC was able to defeat 29 out of 31 bills. In other words, 29 out of 31 states were able to defeat bills that took away vaccine exemptions. So in 2015 only 2 states lost the personal belief exemption. Those states were California and Vermont. Vermont still has the religious exemption and in California you can only get a medical exemption written by a doctor. This means California is in the same category as Mississippi and West Virginia with people not being able to get exemptions unless they can find a doctor to write one.</p> <p>Currently there are 8 states where bills were introduced to eliminate or restrict vaccine exemptions. Arkansas is fine for this legislative season but there are alerts out for Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas.</p> <p>In some states there were expansions of exemptions. Those states include Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Texas.</p> <p>If you're interested in protecting the exemptions in your state, Barbara suggests that you get connected with the NVIC advocacy portal at <a href="http://www.nvicadvocacy.org">www.nvicadvocacy.org</a>. You can contact your legislators through that portal and receive updates on your state as well.</p>

		<p>Who's behind the push for mandatory vaccinations with no exemptions? Barbara noted that it's a large lobby with a lot of money behind them. It's the pharmaceutical companies both on Capitol Hill and in many state legislatures. She also included medical trade organizations. This would include the American Academy of Pediatrics and other associations that represent doctors. Also involved is the public health lobby. This includes several large organizations that represent public health officials at the federal, state and local levels.</p> <p>The push is to have doctors or public health officials working for the state as the only sources that are allowed to give you or your child an exemption. Barbara included 'you' as in parents because the federal national vaccine plan that works with the states is moving from recommending children getting vaccinated, to adults as well. This amounts to a birth-to-death vaccination program without exemptions.</p> <p>What might the incentives be for this? Barbara cited financial incentives that are being given to the states through federal grants to increase the vaccination rate involving all CDC recommended vaccines.</p> <p>For more than 20 years, the NVIC has been warning people that we have to defend the ethical principle of informed consent to medical risk taking which includes the risk of taking vaccines. After all, they are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury or death. That risk varies with each individual and doctors are unable to predict who's going to be harmed. Due to this fact, Barbara believes it's a human right to be able to decide what you're willing to risk when it comes to your life or that of your child.</p> <p>Jim and Barbara present much more information as you'll hear, along with input from callers, when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
2/23	Economic Crisis to Hit?	<p><b>Jim Schneider / Alex Newman</b></p> <p>Is an economic crisis of historic proportions looming on the horizon for the United States?</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was Alex Newman. Alex is an international freelance journalist, educator and consultant. As a freelance journalist he writes for the New American. He is the co-author of the book, 'Crimes of the Educators'.</p> <p>Alex believes that under normal circumstances, any society facing what the U.S is right now should have alarm bells blaring. We're facing 20 trillion dollars of debt, which is more than what we produce in a year. Add to that the 200 trillion that's estimated in unfunded liabilities such as pensions, Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security obligations and you can see that we're in trouble.</p> <p>Then there's the Federal Reserve factor. According to the two estimates that Alex saw during the last economic crisis, they printed between 16 trillion and 27 trillion dollars so he feels that the economic effects of this eventually will come back to bite us.</p> <p>Is the establishment setting up President Trump and other anti-globalist forces to take the blame for a future economic collapse? First of all, Alex views the Council on Foreign Relations, the officials who run the Federal Reserve System, the Chatham House and the Trilateral Commission as the people and organizations that comprise the 'establishment'. The individuals involved in these groups are in positions of power in many places including the media, academia and government but less so in the Trump administration.</p> <p>Alex described how during the last economic crisis, the Federal Reserve was printing large amounts of money and was handing it out to bankers, foreign central banks and dictators. In response, Bloomberg News sued the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. They wanted to know what the Federal Reserve was doing so they took advantage of the Freedom of Information Act and other transparency laws. The Federal Reserve lawyers claimed they are a private corporation with private shareholders with officials elected by those shareholders. So they felt they were exempt from certain laws that are in place for government agencies only.</p> <p>Having said that in official court documents proves the myth that the Federal Reserve is a government agency. True, the president does pick</p>

			<p>some of its officials from a list provided by the bankers, but that's the limit to its involvement with the U.S. government. Nonetheless, the government has given them a monopoly to print federal reserve notes (dollars) out of thin air and to centrally plan interest rates. They are accountable to no one. In fact, Alan Greenspan, the former head of the Federal Reserve has actually confirmed that.</p> <p>Alex believes the seeds for an economic crisis were sown back as far as 1913 when the Federal Reserve Act was passed. Late in George Bush's term and early in Barack Obama's term we were going through the 2007-2008 economic crisis. Things were looking so bad that members of Congress were actually threatened with marital law if they refused to approve an 800 billion dollar tax funded bailout.</p> <p>The Federal Reserve responded by printing (most of it not literally printed but in digital form) trillions of dollars and showered it on anyone who wanted it; U.S. banks, foreign countries and private companies. They even bought mortgage backed securities to help keep the market going smoothly.</p> <p>This never solved the actual problem. It merely 'kicked the can' down the road. Hence, all the problems that existed in 2007-2008 are still with us. The difference is that they are much worse.</p> <p>What's the solution? We could 'print' even more money. They could do nothing or possibly even contract the money supply and cause a 'Great Depression' scenario. The problem is, either choice ends up in tragedy. Just look at Venezuela or Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Some globalist institutions say that opposition to their globalist economic plans would lead to economic problems. Can we take them seriously? Is the stock market overvalued? Is there any amount of 'belt tightening' that can alleviate this dilemma? These questions and more are addressed on this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
2/24	News Round Up and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim Schneider once again presented a full slate of news items for Crosstalk listeners. Stories included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--President Trump takes aim at ISIS, pushed plans to combat illegal immigration, vowed to repeal and replace Obamacare and rebuild the U.S. military during Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC).</li> <li>--Vice President Mike Pence quotes the Bible as he talks about his oath of office.</li> <li>--Exorcists, witches and occultists are planning to bind President Trump beginning tonight until he's no longer in office.</li> <li>--A total of 214 people involved in protests on inauguration day alone in downtown Washington have been indicted on felony rioting charges.</li> <li>--A new peace-loving, Trump-backing crowd in 60 towns across America to push back against anti-Trump efforts.</li> <li>--On Wednesday's edition of MSNBC's 'Morning Joe', Mika Brzezinski stated that President Trump could have undermined the messaging so much that he could actually control exactly what people think. She said that's their job.</li> <li>--Leaked tapes of CNN employees released by Project Veritas has CNN editors claiming that there's no debate on climate change while calling Fox News 'unbearable'.</li> <li>--Gatestone Institute has come under smear campaigns from extremist websites and the mainstream media.</li> <li>--First Lady Melania Trump leads a crowd in the Lord's Prayer at a Melbourne, Florida, rally.</li> <li>--President Trump takes another step to roll back government 'red tape', signing an executive order requiring every federal agency to form a regulatory reform</li> </ul>

		<p>task force that would root out regulations for repeal.</p> <p>--President Trump reverses the Obama bathroom directive.</p> <p>--Human Rights Campaign president condemns Trump administration decision to rescind the Obama bathroom directive.</p> <p>--Apple comes out publicly against Trump action concerning the bathroom directive.</p> <p>--The American Federation of Teachers and the New York State United Teachers issued statements calling for the administration to protect transgender students.</p> <p>--LGBT inclusion and sex-ed for Kansas public schools.</p> <p>--Alliance Defending Freedom is handling a case of a family owned beef company.</p> <p>After seeing material touting unnatural marriage, the owner countered that by placing a faith-based article in the break room. U.S. Department of Agriculture meat inspectors asked him if he was going to leave that article on the break room table. If he was, they would immediately remove the USDA inspectors from the facility. Without them, the business would have to close, denying him his livelihood and that of his 45 employees.</p> <p>--Business owner Jack Philips stands to lose his livelihood after the Colorado Civil Rights Commission ordered his bakery to either provide cakes for every type of marital ceremony or close its doors.</p> <p>--A New York-based group is asking Christians to favor LGBT equality and show their support by wearing glitter ash on their foreheads for Ash Wednesday.</p> <p>--Penn State professors being told to avoid assuming the gender of any students.</p> <p>--The Arkansas Supreme Court strikes down a city's ordinance that unlawfully added sexual orientation and gender identity in the unanimous ruling.</p> <p>--A mass exodus from the Boy Scouts is underway. As an alternative, Trail Life USA can barely keep up with the demand.</p> <p>--The race for DNC Chairman is underway.</p> <p>--Norma McCorvey, the 'Jane Roe' of the historic Roe v. Wade case, has passed away.</p> <p>--New legislation introduced in the Michigan State Senate and House would not only defund Planned Parenthood, but would also dissolve any existing contracts with the abortion group and prevent Michigan from contracting with other abortion providers.</p> <p>--Virginia's Democratic governor vetoed a bill from the GOP majority state legislature that would have defunded Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>--Texas authorities that accused Planned Parenthood of selling fetal body parts were told by a judge that you cannot withhold Medicaid money from the medical provider.</p> <p>--An average of 400 criminal illegal immigrants are being released every 10 days by the newly elected sheriff in Arizona's highest populated county.</p> <p>--Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly ordered the director of U.S immigration and customs enforcement to create a program to assist victims of crimes committed by illegal aliens.</p> <p>--A devout Muslim man plotted an Islamic State plan to cause mass casualties in an attack in Kansas City.</p> <p>--Sunday's anti-Trump rally in New York City featured a Muslim Allahu Akbar call to prayer and comparisons between President Trump and Hitler.</p>
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2/27	Our English Bible: Where Did It Come From?	Jim Schneider / Pastor David Brown	<p>Dr. David Brown is pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Creek, WI. He holds a masters degree in theology and a Ph.D. in history, specializing in the history of the English Bible. He is the president of the King James Bible Research Council, an organization dedicated to promoting the King James Bible and its underlying texts. He is also the president of Logos Communication Consortium, a research organization that produces a large variety of materials warning Christians of present dangers in our culture. Dr. Brown is also on the board of directors of the Center for Research &amp; Preservation of the Majority Texts.</p> <p>2 Timothy 3:16 is the Bible verse that covers the inspiration of the Bible (God breathed out his words) while 2 Peter 1:21 covers the fact that God's Word is not man's ideas. The Holy Ghost carried the writers along to write out exactly what God had breathed out, in their own style. In other words, we have the words of God in our Bible today.</p> <p>Dr. Brown noted that while we don't have original manuscript evidence for the Bible, we have copies of those originals. In fact, there are thousands of examples of Greek manuscript evidence to support the accuracy of the Bible. He cited one in particular known as the Magdalene Fragment that dates back to about 70 AD. It agrees with the text of the King James Version of the Bible.</p> <p>The Bible was written over a period of about 1,500 years. It began with God's revelation to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Old Testament is testified to in the scroll of Isaiah. Regarding the Jews who preserved the Old Testament, they were so meticulous in their efforts, they couldn't write anything from memory. Dr. Brown described the process beginning with a reading scribe, a writing scribe and a checking scribe.</p> <p>By the end of the 1st century or the beginning of the 2nd century, the books of the New Testament were collected into one volume. Dr. Brown believes by that time the church recognized what was God's Word and what wasn't. Writings that fit the latter category include the Gnostic Gospels.</p> <p>Dr. Brown mentioned how the term 'canon' means 'reed or measuring rod' but came to mean 'a rule of faith'. In light of that, what should we make of the Apocrypha? Why isn't that part of the canon of the Bible? There are no Hebrew manuscripts of the Apocrypha. So while it was added in, in the 1400's the Westminster fathers indicated that although they felt it was good for historical purposes, it was not to be taken as Scripture.</p> <p>As part one moved along, Jim had Dr. Brown discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Since we don't have the original manuscripts, which copies can we depend upon?</li> <li>--How did the Bible move from the Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate?</li> <li>--Why did the Roman church prevent people from reading the Bible on their own?</li> <li>--What men did God use to break this grip of church control?</li> <li>--Who was Richard Hunne?</li> </ul>
2/28	Our English Bible: Where Did It Come From? (part 2)	Jim Schneider / Pastor David Brown	<p>Dr. David Brown is pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Creek, WI. He holds a masters degree in theology and a Ph.D. in history, specializing in the history of the English Bible. He is the president of the King James Bible Research Council, an organization dedicated to promoting the King James Bible and its underlying texts. He is also the president of Logos Communication Consortium, a research organization that produces a large variety of materials warning Christians of present dangers in our culture. Dr. Brown is also on the board of directors of the Center for Research &amp; Preservation of the Majority Texts.</p> <p>According to Dr. Brown, 3 events brought the world out of the Dark Ages: Development of moveable type by Yohannes Gutenberg, the fall of</p>

			<p>Constantinople to the Islamic Turks and Erasmus putting together his Greek New Testament.</p> <p>Gutenberg did not invent the printing press. He did invent the moveable type that allowed him to print his Bible. It didn't sell well but it did prepare the way for the Reformation Bibles of Luther, Tyndale, Coverdale, etc.</p> <p>At the fall of Constantinople, all the scholars took their manuscripts and headed West to Germany and England. They began to introduce the Greek languages back into the universities.</p> <p>At that time there was a Catholic priest named Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam. After studying the Scriptures he began to be burdened that the Scriptures might be put into the language of the people. Erasmus said, 'I would that God would have the plow boy sing text of the Scripture as he plows the field and that the weaver would hum them to the tune of his shovel.' He put all of the New Testament together in one book in 1516.</p> <p>William Tyndale received Erasmus's Greek New Testament and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Dr. Brown related the story of Tyndale's firm words at Sodbury Manor that indicated he also desired to see the common person obtain the Word of God. Eventually he went to Worms where he published his 1526 New Testament. They were shipped to England but the St. Paul's Cathedral bishop bought all of them that he could obtain and burned them. Tyndale took the money and published a 1534 revised edition and those were smuggled into England as well.</p> <p>Tyndale was eventually arrested and taken to an area outside Brussels where he was imprisoned for 500 days. Tyndale would not change his mind but did manage to lead the jailer and his family to the Lord. Ultimately he was charged with heresy and was burned at the stake in 1536 at which time he uttered those classic words, 'Lord, open the King of England's Eyes!'</p> <p>This great history tour continued as Dr. Brown discussed Myles Coverdale (He produced the first complete Bible in English.), John Rogers (responsible for the Matthews Bible), the Geneva Bible (the first Bible with verse divisions), the Bishops Bible and how we got the beloved King James Bible.</p>
3/1	The Atheist Delusion Revisited	Jim Schneider / Ray Comfort	<p>Ray Comfort is the founder and CEO of Living Waters and the best-selling author of more than 80 books including, 'Hell's Best Kept Secret', 'Scientific Facts in the Bible' and 'The Evidence Bible'. He co-hosts the television program, 'The Way of the Master'. He's also the executive producer on the movies, 'Audacity', '180', 'Evolution vs. God' and others, which have been seen by millions. He has recently produced a brand new film, 'The Atheist Delusion'.</p> <p>The 'Atheist Delusion' is based upon one simple scientific question that destroys the idea of evolution. Ray went to a local college to make a film dealing with one of his books. There he met a man named Adam who was an atheist. Ray gave Adam a copy of his book and then asked him, 'Do you think this book could have happened by accident?' Adam noted that this is ridiculous. Ray then asked him what DNA is. Adam responded by describing how DNA is a program, it's information and scientists call it the book of life. Ray then asked Adam how he feels about someone who believes that DNA, the book of life, made itself. Adam had no answer.</p> <p>Ray admits that this approach will not convince fundamental, hard-nosed, sin loving atheists that use atheism as sort of a cloak to hide their sin, but for those wondering where there's evidence for God's existence, The 'Atheist Delusion' will help them.</p> <p>Ray noted that atheists are angry about this movie. Their contention is that this is the 'watchmaker' argument. That argument communicates that if you're walking along the beach and you find a watch on the seashore, you know that watch was built by a watchmaker; it didn't come together by itself because it has design. However, to compare DNA to a watch is like comparing an elephant to a rock. DNA is biological, it's living, it's information. There's no way that DNA could make itself.</p>

			<p>Why does Ray use the term, 'delusion' in the title? It's because the movie bounces off the title of Richard Dawkins book titled, 'The God Delusion'. Dawkins thinks anyone who believes in God is delusional when in fact, Scripture says that if you love sin and you love the darkness, God will give you over to strong delusion. Ray believes it's applicable because for those who do, God says he will hand them over to a reprobate mind. They give themselves over to the most heinous sins and their language is most disgusting.</p> <p>In spite of the many negative reviews by atheists, Ray encourages them to write reviews because he believes any publicity is good publicity as Donald Trump knew when it comes to the secular media.</p> <p>Ray communicated that atheists don't see the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation. We do as Christians. The Gospel is the most powerful force in the universe as God transforms hearts. Each of us that passed from death to life came because of the Gospel. It never returns void. So as atheists review Ray's movie, they include the Gospel. Even if they quote it mockingly, it's still a two-edged sword that goes to where God sends it. The quality is in the seed and not how it's sown.</p> <p>Ray believes atheism is escalating because now more than ever before people have access to the darkest of sins. The more a person loves darkness, the more they will hate the light. So what atheism does is to provide a cloak for people to carry on with their sins. He noted Richard Dawkins who is a pied piper playing a tune this generation loves to hear. They're given the theory of evolution by Dawkins which gives some sort of explanation as to how things got here, not as to what caused the so-called 'Big Bang'. So people grab onto this, run with it and give themselves to sin.</p> <p>This wouldn't worry Ray if Hell didn't exist. If it didn't, Ray said he probably would have left New Zealand and gone to Australia to be a surfer on a beach somewhere living a life of self indulgence. He said he can't give his life to self indulgence because he knows that Hell does exist and like Paul said, 'Wherefore knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.' So he's using the Internet for good to take these movies that carry the Gospel to those who are in the shadow of death.</p> <p>This program has much more to offer including comments both pro and con from Crosstalk callers.</p>
3/2	Reaction to the President's Address to Congress	Jim Schneider	<p>On Tuesday evening, President Trump gave an address before a joint session of Congress. This was not a formal State of the Union message. The president was invited by Speaker Paul Ryan to give the address, which is a first-year-in-office tradition that began with President Ronald Reagan in 1981.</p> <p>According to thenewamerican.com, the speech covered many of the same themes that the president often brought up on the campaign trail. Some of the topics included: rewriting global trade rules, halting illegal immigration, repealing Obamacare, reducing government regulation of private enterprise, defeating radical Islamic terrorism, rebuilding the military and supporting the police.</p> <p>Some points that were brought up by Jim and through excerpts from the president's speech included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Chris Wallace of Fox News declared it one of the best speeches he had ever seen any president give to a joint session of Congress.</li> <li>--President Trump pledged direct, robust and meaningful engagement with the world, even while signaling a more hands-off policy. In short, he feels his job is not to represent the world. His job is to represent the United States of America.</li> <li>--He called on Congress to pass an education bill that funds school choice.</li> <li>--He plans to reform the nation's immigration laws, look to a merit-based system and to protect the border.</li> <li>--Promised to improve jobs and wages.</li> </ul>

			<p>--Restore respect for our laws.</p> <p>--Stood strongly behind the men and women of law enforcement.</p> <p>--The creation of a new office that would serve U.S. citizens who are victims of immigration crime.</p> <p>--Compliments on the speech by Democrat pundit Van Jones and West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin.</p> <p>--A former Hillary Clinton volunteer drew swift condemnation and lost his job after mocking the widow of a fallen Navy Seal who was honored during the address.</p> <p>--Nearly 70% of Americans tuned in to President Trump's speech.</p> <p>--Markets soared after the speech.</p> <p>--Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer believes President Trump's governing doesn't match his speeches.</p>
3/3	News RoundUp and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>This news round-up broadcast featured details concerning the following stories:</p> <p>--Attorney General Jeff Sessions held a press conference yesterday to state his answers to a question that was put to him about his alleged Russian involvement in the presidential campaign. He will recuse himself from any existing or future investigations of any matter relating to the presidential campaign.</p> <p>--Democrats aghast after learning that Sessions met twice as senator with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. without telling Congress at his confirmation hearing. As it turns out, the Russian ambassador is no stranger to lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.</p> <p>--Former President Obama's close confidant, Valerie Jarrett, is said to have moved into the Obama's new, D.C. home that is now alleged to be the 'nerve center' for their plans to mastermind the insurgency against President Trump.</p> <p>--Former President Obama has inked a 65 million dollar deal for his memoir in a joint agreement that will include a book written by former first lady Michelle Obama.</p> <p>--Some are trying to get former President Obama to run for president of France.</p> <p>--New Democratic Party chair Tom Perez is said to be a pro-abortion radical as was his predecessor.</p> <p>--Pamela Geller believes that Tom Perez had a shameful record of pro-Sharia initiatives.</p> <p>--Representative Keith Ellison of Minnesota once boasted that the breaking of the Muslim barrier on the 'Hill' would usher in dozens of other Muslim lawmakers like him and that he had an election-by-election vision for increasing their ranks.</p> <p>--A Muslim leader is now spiritual leader to 14,000 U.S. Army soldiers.</p> <p>--An investigation uncovers that hundreds of non-U.S. citizens are registered to vote in Ohio and dozens of them did vote illegally.</p> <p>--An Oregon judge is being investigated after she allegedly helped an illegal immigrant elude ICE agents in January by guiding the man through an employee entrance/exit at the courthouse.</p> <p>--Voces de la Frontera and the Mexican consulate are holding family defense workshops around Wisconsin to discuss how they can organize against Trump's</p>

		<p>campaign of state terror against immigrant families.</p> <p>--The Pentagon officially declares the terror group ISIS as the group they've been fighting for years.</p> <p>--Defense Secretary gives the White House a plan to rapidly defeat ISIS.</p> <p>--U.S. government military and civilian units have warned for nearly 25 years about a damaging cyber attack dubbed the electronic 'Pearl Harbor'.</p> <p>--Iran poised to go on a major military shopping spree in 2020.</p> <p>--A video clip shows IRGC strategist threatening to unleash terror cells in the U.S. targeting nuclear missile launch facilities.</p> <p>--In late February Russian media was reporting that the nation signed an agreement to sell a number of fighter jets to the United Arab Emirates.</p> <p>--Sweden introduces a military draft for men and women.</p> <p>--A former Black Lives Matter activist claims his comrades planned to burn down the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul and the governor's mansion if the police officer who fatally shot a black man during a traffic stop had not been prosecuted.</p> <p>--Coal mines now buzzing again in the central Appalachian region.</p> <p>--A proposal to provide protections for religious or faith based adoption agencies that deny child placement to unmarried or same-sex couples cleared a major hurdle in the House of Representatives. They passed SB-149 on a 43-20 vote after amending the proposal to require religious agencies to clearly outline statements of faith.</p> <p>--Controversial plans to enforce relationships education in primary schools will include no right of withdrawal for parents across England.</p> <p>--Disney's upcoming remake of Beauty and the Beast will have a gay subplot, thought to be the first in the company's history.</p> <p>--Husband and wife bakers in Oregon appealed their case after being ordered to pay \$135,000 in damages for declining to make a cake for a same-sex wedding.</p> <p>--The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) says 122 members of Congress have signed on to a letter that is urging President Trump to reinstate critical guidelines detailing school obligations to transgender students under Title IX.</p> <p>--Pro-life students protested a Planned Parenthood fund raiser that featured Barbara Bush, daughter of former President George W. Bush.</p> <p>--The Susan B. Anthony list is announcing a new television ad buy that's urging Congress to redirect taxpayer funding from Planned Parenthood to other health care facilities that do not promote abortion.</p> <p>--The North Dakota Department of Emergency Services has reported that a Florida-based cleanup company it hired to clean up the Dakota Access Pipeline protest camp, has run up a bill of one-million dollars. That's due to having to clean up 24,000 tons of trash, garbage, rotting food, tents, teepees, sleeping bags, dozens of empty propane tanks, human waste and several cars. New information revealed indicates the bill will have to be picked up by taxpayers.</p> <p>--When a home schooling mom discovered that several publicly funded libraries were offering sex-ed classes for minors led by an LGBT activist, a prostitution promoter and a self-proclaimed pole dancer, she became engaged and did something about it. As a result, all but one class has been canceled.</p> <p>--A Detroit area school system has branded itself a safe haven for refugees and</p>
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3/6	Charting the Bible Chronologically	Jim Schneider / Dr. Tommy Ice	<p>Dr. Tommy Ice is the director of the Pre-Trib Research Center. He founded the center in 1994 with Dr. Tim LaHaye. Dr. Ice has co-authored over 30 books, written hundreds of articles and is a frequent conference speaker.</p> <p>Why is Bible chronology important for us to know? Dr. Ice believes it's because the Bible is the Word of God. It deals with real events in history. Through the Bible we see chronological issues that you can figure out in order to determine factors such as how old the earth is, how long ago Abraham was called, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Ice noted a very interesting fact about the Bible compared to all other religions. All other religions are based upon a philosophy or ethics. The Bible does have those things but only the Bible is built on whether or not something actually happened in history. This is because it's God's record of His revelation.</p> <p>For Dr. Ice, history is not just a cyclical series of human events but it's progressing in a linear manner. He cited Hinduism which is the polar opposite of Christianity. It's full of cycles with history going nowhere. He agreed that man's nature is cyclical in the sense that you have people doing the same things over and over again. However, he described history as, '...progressing from a garden to a city...with a cross in between.' That's progress because history has meaning and purpose.</p> <p>'Charting the Bible Chronologically: A Visual Guide to God's Unfolding Plan' begins with creation. One creation chart deals with the divine institutions that God created for mankind to function under. These five institutions are responsible labor, marriage, family, civil government and nationalism/tribal diversity. The book also deals with the kings of Israel, the giving of the Mosaic Law, the inter-testamental period, the birth and life of Christ, the Church Age as well as what the Bible predicts for the future.</p> <p>As this program progressed, Jim had Dr. Ice explain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Why is the book based upon a young-earth view?</li> <li>--How God addresses the 'formless and void' earth issue.</li> <li>--When were angels created?</li> <li>--How long did Adam and Eve live before the fall?</li> <li>--What are the 3 kinds of covenants in the Bible?</li> <li>--What is a 'dispensation'?</li> <li>--What point is Dr. Ice trying to communicate through chapter 40 when he asks: 'What is Your Choice?'</li> </ul>
3/7	How Darwinism Corrodes Morality	Jim Schneider / Dr. Jerry Bergman	<p>Dr. Jerry Bergman has taught biology, genetics, chemistry, biochemistry, anthropology, geology and microbiology at the college/university level for over 40 years. He has taught at the University of Toledo Medical School, Bowling Green State University and Owens College in Ohio. He has written over 1,000 science publications, has published over 40 books and monographs and has been a consultant for over 20 science textbooks.</p> <p>Charles Darwin is well known for his book, 'On the Origin of Species'. He was actually slated to go into the ministry. After taking a 5 year trip around the world, he began to question some of his beliefs of design in the natural world.</p> <p>Dr. Bergman noted that Darwin was trying to murder God by eliminating the main reason people have for believing in God. That belief revolves around the evidence from nature. So he came up with a way to explain</p>

		<p>life through natural means; in essence, without an intelligent creator.</p> <p>Has Darwinism itself evolved? Dr. Bergman believes it has and in many ways. The main way is through the belief that mutations produce genetic variety. The problem with that idea is that 99.9% of all mutations are harmful or near neutral. Near neutral means they don't destroy immediately but do cause damage. That damage does build up resulting in eventual failure of the organism and the species.</p> <p>Darwin believed that there are 'gemmules' in the body that pick up information, passing that on to future generations. There is no evidence for this and even in Darwin's day this idea was viewed as fallacious.</p> <p>So while aspects of the theory have changed, has it done anything to affect the moral outlook of anyone?</p> <p>Darwin's theory has impacted many people over the past 150-plus years. The list includes Richard Dawkins, Havelock Ellis, Alfred Kinsey, Margaret Sanger, Sigmund Freud, Friedrich Nietzsche, Charles Manson and Benjamin Spock. Jim and Dr. Bergman give information on each of these individuals, so there's much to learn from this history tour of Darwinian influence when you review this edition of Crosstalk.</p>
3/8	Creation: Attack from Within	<p><b>Jim Schneider / Ken Ham</b></p> <p>Ken Ham is the president, CEO and founder of Answers in Genesis-U.S. and the highly acclaimed Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Ken is one of the most in-demand Christian speakers in North America and author of numerous books on origins and apologetics.</p> <p>Ken began this edition of Crosstalk discussing the increased attendance figures at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, details concerning their new exhibit on why the Bible is true, as well as a visit from Bill Nye the Science Guy.</p> <p>Next, Ken addressed concerns regarding organizations that try and justify combining the theory of evolution with the Genesis account of creation. Ken's emphasis was on an organization known as BioLogos. BioLogos was founded in 2007 by Francis Collins (former director of the Human Genome Project) with funding from the Templeton Foundation.</p> <p>John Templeton was a liberal who believed in evolution. Although he had a very gentle approach in terms of his demeanor, he called upon people to question the authority and trustworthiness of God's Word. He set up a foundation that has about 3.5 billion dollars in it. Some of the interest and capital is being funneled to numerous organizations whose sole purpose is to have this conversation about science as though science is going to save the world and it's the way to find God.</p> <p>According to Ken, one of the purposes of the Templeton Foundation is to try and infiltrate Christian academia/Bible colleges and seminaries to get them believing in evolution. He cited one example involving the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This pro-evolution group was given a grant from BioLogos. Some of that money has gone to a science-for-seminaries program.</p> <p>Ken described those who believe God used evolution to create the universe and world as 'theistic evolutionists'. However, those from that camp don't like that label. Instead, they want to be known as 'evolutionary creationists'. This puts evolution first and God's Word second. On the other hand, Ken wants to be known as a biblical creationist which involves putting God's Word first.</p> <p>Right on the front page of the BioLogos website they are clear that they want the church to adopt evolution. So just like Malachi, Zechariah, Hosea, etc. where the religious leaders took the pagan religion of the age and combined it with God's Word (and anyone can see how it destroyed them), theistic evolutionists are doing the same thing. Evolution is really the pagan religion of our age that attempts to explain life without God. It's being added to God's Word. This undermines the authority of God's Word because it's an attack on the Gospel and the character of God.</p> <p>In the end, does this discussion really matter when we just need to trust in Christ as our Savior? If the church decides to follow the lead of organizations like BioLogos, what are the consequences? Find out how Ken answers these questions and others when you review this critical</p>

3/9	Property Rights vs. Sustainable Development	Jim Schneider / Tom DeWeese	<p>Crosstalk broadcast.</p> <p>Tom DeWeese is the president of the American Policy Center. Tom is one of the nation's leading advocates of individual liberty, free enterprise, private property rights, personal privacy, back-to-basics education, American sovereignty and independence and protecting our constitutionally guaranteed rights.</p> <p>A recent action by President Trump reversed the EPA's Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS Rule). The Obama administration used the EPA as a sledgehammer to roll back property rights and expand the size of government. They took the Clean Water Act and stretched the definition of what's known as 'navigable waters'. They based this on the idea that water flows both above and below ground. Since they believed that even water poured down the drain eventually makes its way toward navigable waters, they declared that the EPA would have jurisdiction over all water everywhere. That included almost any piece of land that gets wet and 'puddles'. Tom cited one example of a dirt road where the tire tracks would collect rain water. Even that was to be considered a 'wetlands'.</p> <p>This would have given the EPA regulatory authority over much of our private property. That put ranchers and farmers in a bad position as they were left uncertain as to what they can do on their property.</p> <p>President Trump has also been calling for new investment to rebuild America's infrastructure. However, Tom has given a vital warning for local and state governments as well as the federal government to avoid calls to fund this through what's called, 'public/private partnerships'.</p> <p>Tom described public/private partnerships as a government sanctioned monopoly. These are contracts with corporations that contain no-compete clauses and guarantees for profits. He sees a vast difference between contracting with a private firm to do a job and being in partnership with them. So for Tom, public/private partnerships fit the definition of fascism. This is because these companies end up getting the power of government and eminent domain, the best places to set up their businesses, tax break, etc. At the same time, government can 'hide' behind the independence of business and make excuses, laying the blame for certain things on private business. What's worse, if you're not in that partnership, you are at a disadvantage in attempts to compete. In other words, this is not free enterprise.</p> <p>Last year Housing and Urban Development (HUD) began enforcing what's known as the Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing rule (AFFH). In the 60's we had the Civil Rights Act that said people could not be stopped from buying property regardless of race, color or creed. However, it did not say that you had a right to be in a neighborhood if you couldn't afford it.</p> <p>For years, the American Policy Center has said that HUD grants are not free money; that they come with specific strings attached. Those strings are the creation of sustainable development, smart growth communities and Agenda 21. In a lawsuit involving Westchester County in New York, a non-governmental organization (NGO) filed suit against the county saying that they weren't in compliance with the HUD grant they had accepted. The NGO group won the lawsuit. At that point, HUD determined they could use this decision across the nation which gave HUD major power. So now HUD is not only beginning to affect property values and rights, but also local rules as HUD agents dictate terms to local, elected representatives. In other words, they tell the local representatives that they either do what they're told or they will be sued.</p> <p>Here's how this plays out. One of the things that HUD is requiring communities to do when putting a comprehensive plan together, is to bring in what are called, 'stakeholders'. These are organizations in the community such as civil rights groups.</p> <p>As a result of that, the NAACP in Baltimore filed a lawsuit saying that Section 8 housing (federally subsidized housing) creates ghettos and that's not fair. They won the lawsuit. Now Baltimore has to spend 30 million dollars over the next 10 years (taxpayer money not HUD money) and build section 8 housing in an affluent, upscale neighborhood. That's a recipe for destroying property values.</p>
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3/10	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim Schneider filled the hour with many news stories to keep listeners informed on vital issues. They included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--President Trump signs revised executive order suspending the original refugee program as well as entry to the U.S. for travelers from six nations.</li> <li>--Hundreds of people admitted to the U.S. as refugees are the subject of FBI counter-terrorism investigations including ISIS. Nearly a third of the 1,000 FBI domestic terror cases involve those admitted to the U.S. as refugees.</li> <li>--The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) blames Islamophobes and white supremacists in the White House for the travel ban.</li> <li>--13 members of the MS-13 gang were charged March 2nd with 41 crimes including racketeering, 7 murders, attempted murders, assaults and other illegal acts. 10 of the 13 suspects are illegal aliens.</li> <li>--A Canadian resolution condemns so-called 'Islamophobia'.</li> <li>--The mayor of Rutland, Vermont, announced that the city would be taking up to 100 Syrian refugees in fiscal 2017. Citizens voted the mayor out of office.</li> <li>--House Republicans introduced their Obamacare repeal and replacement bill on Monday.</li> <li>--The Obama administration alleged to have wired Trump tower for sound.</li> <li>--Former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who resigned effective with Trump's inauguration, joins the debate over Trumps 'wiring' claims.</li> <li>--Retired U.S. Army Intelligence Officer Lieutenant Colonel Tony Shaffer doesn't doubt for a minute that Trump has sufficient evidence for wiretapping.</li> <li>--A former Secret Service agent says there's a third possibility. He noted that the Secret Service conducts electronic counter measures (ECM) sweeps where they go in and check for listening devices to make sure the president is not being wire tapped or listened to. Since Trump had Secret Service protection as a candidate, the agent believes it's much more likely the Secret Service discovered something while performing a sweep of Trump tower and found out that it was the DOJ that ordered the surveillance.</li> <li>--The scope of the bugging of people by former President Obama against his perceived political enemies is massive according to Pamela Geller.</li> <li>--Jeff Sessions takes office as the new Attorney General.</li> <li>--The number of illegals crossing the U.S. southern border drops by 40% during first full month of the Trump presidency.</li> <li>--Trump's executive order halting the importation of refugees from 6 terror exporting nations also includes a section requiring the government to publicly release information on crimes committed by foreign nationals including honor killings of women.</li> <li>--On the first day of office as Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke issued Secretarial Order 3345 which revokes Directors Order 219 effective immediately. What was this directive? It was a parting shot issued by President Obama at the very end of his presidency that required the phasing out of the use of lead ammunition for hunting on federal land.</li> <li>--President Trump picks former Utah governor Jon Huntsman to be the ambassador to Russia.</li> <li>--U.S. private employers added 298,000 jobs in February, well above the expectations of economists.</li> </ul>
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3/13	Analysis of the GOP Healthcare Plan	Jim Schneider / Twila Brase	<p>Twila Brase is the president and co-founder of Citizens' Council for Health Freedom whose mission is to protect health care choices, individualized patient care and medical and genetic privacy rights. Twila is a certified public health nurse and is speaker on the 'Health Freedom Minute'.</p> <p>The American Healthcare Act has been unveiled. So how does Twila view this new proposal? She believes Obamacare has been a federal takeover of the healthcare system. However, she doesn't see the new proposal as a complete repeal. Only some aspects have been repealed.</p> <p>All but one of the taxes have been repealed and the Republicans 'zero out' the mandate and penalties, replacing the latter two items with their own version. This means that if you don't purchase health insurance and</p>

			<p>don't maintain continuous coverage, then you pay a 30% penalty.</p> <p>In addition, they're installing their own version of Obamacare's subsidy program. This creates a brand new entitlement program called 'Refundable Tax Credits'. Under this program you get a certain amount of money that you can take off of your tax statement for buying insurance.</p> <p>Replacing the 'State Innovation Fund' is the 'Patient and State Stability Fund'. This is 100 billion dollars to bail-out insurers to cover people with pre-existing conditions.</p> <p>For Twila, the insuring of those with pre-existing conditions is the centerpiece of Obamacare and any government run, national healthcare system. She believes that's what got us into trouble with skyrocketing premiums. In other words, everyone else ended up paying for those who never had insurance.</p> <p>There are ways this can be handled and that was handled at the state level. There were 35 states that had high-risk pools for those with pre-existing conditions. You would have to pay more money if you were in that group but you could obtain coverage. There were some limitations to that aspect of insurance, but it was a way for states to encourage people to be covered.</p> <p>She feels this issue of pre-existing conditions could be taken care of by encouraging parents to buy a policy for their children before birth. Then they can hand that policy over to the child to take with them into adulthood and never doing family or employer policies.</p> <p>For Twila, the new plan is not a repeal or replacement for Obamacare. Instead, it tends to rename, restructure and reconfigure certain areas as it retains federal control. She believes the Republicans need a much bigger vision in order to get back to health freedom and this bill isn't it.</p> <p>Other aspects of this topic that were discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Dependent coverage</li> <li>--Whether the new plan will modernize and strengthen Medicaid</li> <li>--Health savings accounts</li> <li>--Are the Republicans taking a chance with House seats by proposing what appears to be nothing more than a scaled-back version of Obamacare?</li> </ul>
3/14	Bible Prophecy Answered	Jim Schneider / Ron Rhodes	<p>Ron Rhodes is the president of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries, a teaching and resource ministry that specializes in defending Christianity against atheists, agnostics, skeptics, the cults, world religions and any group teaching false doctrine. Ron is the author of over 70 books, most which deal in the area of apologetics. This Crosstalk discussed his book, 'Bible Prophecy Answer Book: Everything You Need to Know about the End Times'.</p> <p>Over one-fourth of the Bible is prophetic and that one-fourth is not limited to the book of Revelation. There are prophecies throughout the Old Testament that refer to the first coming of Christ as well as the second coming. In the New Testament there are more specific prophecies about the second coming.</p> <p>Ron noted that the Old Testament prophecies that pointed to the first coming of Christ were fulfilled literally. The precedent has been set. So if you want to know how God will fulfill prophecies that deal with Christ's second coming, take a look at how God has already fulfilled prophecies in the past.</p> <p>For Ron, this means that when the Bible says there's going to be an invasion of Israel by Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and other Muslim nations, he believes that will literally take place.</p> <p>Also, when Scripture teaches that Christ will come and snatch believers from the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17), he doesn't believe that's metaphorical, he believes that's a literal event that will take place before the tribulation period unfolds.</p> <p>He also believes that the judgments the Bible mentions are real. Everyone will have to give an account.</p>

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3/15	LGBTQ Pressure Is On	Jim Schneider / Peter LaBarbera	<p>Peter LaBarbera is the president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, a non-partisan, non-profit group dedicated to exposing the homosexual-bisexual-transgender activist agendas. Peter is also a contributor to Lifesitenews.com.</p> <p>This edition of Crosstalk covered a lot of ground with Jim and Peter covering the following:</p> <p>President Trump has chosen Rick Grenell to be the U.S. Ambassador to NATO. Rick is conservative on foreign policy but is also an open homosexual. He believes you can be openly homosexual and a faithful Christian.</p> <p>President Trump's education secretary, Betsy DeVoss, is known as a school choice advocate. What's not known by some is that she's pro-homosexual and had a record proving that as a Republican leader in Michigan. She's held two one-hour sessions with homosexual, bisexual and transgender activists at the Department of Education.</p> <p>Recently Crosstalk mentioned a new Bible app for LGBTQ advancement. Partners listed in support of this app include Tyndale, a Bible publisher. Jim contacted them last Friday morning and as of the time of this broadcast, he had yet to receive a response from them to either affirm or deny their participation. Jim did note that Tyndale's name has suddenly disappeared from the partners page.</p> <p>North Carolina continues to receive pressure over HB-2. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has written the NCAA board of governance to advocate for cross-bathroom usage at all basketball games. Peter believes the NCAA is a 'tool' of the larger homosexual activist, transgender lobby to bully individual states.</p> <p>S. David Wynn, a transgender 'pastor' at Fourth Women's Agape Metropolitan Community Church told Texas voters that God is transgender and that those opposing transgenders from using the bathroom they like are using God as an excuse to hate people.</p> <p>Peter followed this up by noting that the transgender movement is really</p>

			<p>just an outgrowth of the so-called gay movement. It's all part of the same sexual and gender confusion that's taking place. He cited past history where homosexuals used to say that God is gay and that Jesus and John were lovers. Those past blasphemies of the gay Christian movement have now led transgenders to implement their own distortions of Scripture in order to justify their aberrant and sinful behavior.</p> <p>Western North Carolina's Appalachian State University wants students to use gender neutral terms in their academic papers. The stated goal is inclusivity toward people of all genders.</p> <p>University of Minnesota administrators have dropped the traditional king and queen labels for their annual homecoming weekend, instead deciding to use the term, 'royals'.</p> <p>A young man told his parents he identified as a female 4 years ago but it was not until last year he learned that his mother also had a gender identity struggle. They are leaning on each other as each of them transitions to the opposite sex. In essence, what was once mother and son will be transformed to father and daughter.</p> <p>More actors from Disney's Beauty and the Beast are weighing in on the gay character controversy, mocking Christians and others who are concerned about taking their children to see the film.</p> <p>ABC News has apparently conflated real therapy that attempts to get young people to overcome their same-sex temptations with people who did some abusive things in a camp.</p> <p>Two women are kicked out of a homeless shelter after refusing to share a bedroom with a man who said he is a transgender woman.</p>
3/16	Crosstalk Listeners Get Out Their Soapbox	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim allowed you to get on your 'soapbox' and address concerns to other Crosstalk listeners. Topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Mixing up of restrooms.</li> <li>--Getting back to God's Word.</li> <li>--There's no such thing as separation of church and state in the Constitution.</li> <li>--Churches need to talk about innocent victims in prisons.</li> <li>--Fully fund the border wall by defunding Planned Parenthood and kicking the U.N. out of the U.S.</li> <li>--Cremation</li> <li>--Pray for South Sudanese Christians.</li> <li>--Keep lifting up President Trump and everyone in Washington.</li> <li>--The state of the family in the church.</li> <li>--The spread of Islam.</li> <li>--The lack of civility in society.</li> </ul>
3/17	News Roundup and Comment	Jim Schneider	<p>The weekly report of stories of concern again was not able to cover every issue due to the limited time. Despite concerns, however, Jim says we do not need to be afraid because God is in control, and the Bible says things will be worse prior to Christ's return.</p> <p>--President Trump's proposed budget has created a firestorm of reaction. It would increase protection and security, including the military, a border wall, etc., but cutting other agencies that are considered "sacred cows" by liberals, including the EPA, the Department of Agriculture. Some are now saying that the cost savings by cutting the EPA budget will be much larger than the dollars indicated, because the reduction of regulations will result in cost savings to those who have been required to follow them. Opponents say the result will be chaos--in part because many programs are funded from multiple sources making it difficult to isolate their funding.</p> <p>--The IRS was able to slash the waiting time for a Satanist organization seeking approval as a tax-exempt status to 10 days--while many other organizations are waiting months or even years for approval.</p> <p>--A former Secret Service agent says recent breaches of security at the White House show that President Trump is not safe in the White House, and the Secret Service is unable to provide the protection needed.</p> <p>--It has been revealed that Barack Obama obtained transcripts of</p>

			<p>conversations involving Donald Trump, and other documentation during the campaign by going to a British intelligence agency, thus avoiding any need to go through the CIA or other American intelligence agencies.</p> <p>--A probe is being requested by members of Congress into whether American taxpayer money is being used to help finance the extreme liberal agenda of George Soros.</p> <p>--A federal judge has now blocked the revised travel ban issued by President Trump. Apparently these rulings have ignored current law that would have provided authority to issue such a ban.</p> <p>--There is concern that a program to help religious workers come to the United States is being used to allow Muslim Jihadists from countries that would be include in the ban, to come into this country, and essentially set up. Some Muslims now state that they have found America's "Achilles heel", as they are now able to provide coordinates of our military installations to allow them to be attacked by Jihadists already in the United States.</p> <p>--A Muslim in Grand Forks, North Dakota, called 911 over 47 times to express his disapproval of President Trump, and his support for ISIS.</p> <p>--An public school teacher in Sydney, Australia, has resigned after her students in year 5 and year 6 threatened to behead her, and similar activity has caused other teachers to seek time off.</p> <p>--Hawaii is considering a bill to require all pregnancy centers, even church-related centers, to provide information or referrals to abortion providers.</p> <p>--A group of female "pastors" in Iowa have signed a statement giving their support to Planned Parenthood, and opposing recent bills that would defund the organization in Iowa.</p> <p>--In Texas, a chain of abortion clinics with a long list of health and safety violations, that was forced to close when Texas passed a law to require that they meet the same guidelines as other health clinics, has now been allowed to re-open.</p> <p>--In Iceland, an OB/GYN has stated that in the future every single baby diagnosed with Downs Syndrome will be aborted. Denmark also plans to be Downs Syndrome-free within five years. But on the road to the same record is Great Britain, and even the United States.</p> <p>--In Sweden an increasing number of children are expressing interest in changing their gender to the opposite of their birth gender, and are doing so at younger ages.</p> <p>--A Russian spy ship, observed off the coast of Delaware several weeks ago, has returned this week.</p> <p>--North Korea is again threatening "merciless" attacks on U.S. and South Korean military if they carry out joint military exercise, something that has taken place regularly for decades.</p>
3/20	Film Evangelism	Jim Schneider / Dave Christiano	<p>Sharing the Gospel is an imperative as seen through the Great Commission. The preaching of the Word of God is declared in numerous ways. It takes place through the sharing of gospel tracts and even through film. This Crosstalk concentrated on the latter while providing listeners with the tools to help in that effort.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this topic was film writer, producer and director Dave Christiano.</p> <p>Dave was 22 years old when a college girl shared the gospel with him. He'd never read the Bible before and was not seeking God. 14 months later, Dave's brother Rich accepted Christ. At that point their desire was to do films with a message for Christ.</p> <p>Dave and Rich began in 1985 and have produced 16 movies, all with the direct purpose of presenting Christ via evangelism or Christian living. They've also produced a TV series called '7th Street Theater' comprised of 64 episodes that have the same goals as the movies.</p>

			<p>Dave noted that what he and his brother are accomplishing is different from the current trend. The current trend is what's known as 'faith-based' films. He believes those efforts have no Jesus and no gospel.</p> <p>One movie was discussed. 'Late One Night' is about a Christian man who stops in to a diner late one evening just before closing when he gets heckled by 3 factory workers. How do the participants respond as topics such as sin, hell, eternal life and what it means to be born-again come up?</p> <p>Dave also discussed details surrounding the '7th Street Theater' series. This is about 5 Christian actors that put on a weekend stage show for their community. These are skits performed on weekends before a live audience. The episodes are about how the actors prepare the shows while others are about the weekend shows. Specific episodes discussed included:</p> <p>--'May Day'--This story begins with a plane crash in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean with only 3 survivors. One is a missionary from Ireland, one is a non-believing flight attendant from England and the third is a non-believing stock broker from New York City. When the subject of 'end-times' comes up, the missionary tells the other two about the 6 different types of people alive in the days of Noah and how that relates to people today.</p> <p>--'Star Mission'--This episodes has a 'Star Trek' feel. It's about 5 people that are going to fly to another galaxy to share the gospel with a hostile enemy.</p> <p>--'Didn't Get the Chance'--This is a 1940's 'who done it' murder-mystery involving a detective and 4 suspects.</p> <p>--'Death Row'--A man is on death row with 3 hours left to live. A preacher comes to talk to the man about sin, hell and being born-again. This episode clearly explains the gospel but has a twist ending to it.</p>
3/21	Stewardship in Estate Planning	Jim Schneider / Joseph Helm	<p>Joseph Helm is a partner attorney with McLario, Helm, Bertling &amp; Spiegel Law Offices specializing in stewardship finances and estate planning. He's also village president of Menomonee Falls, WI. and an associate pastor at Brookside Baptist Church in Brookfield, WI.</p> <p>Stewardship for the present is quite obvious to most Christians, but stewardship for the future is another. Joseph noted Matthew 6:19 as an example of the importance of this latter responsibility. He asked the following questions: How many believers understand what that means, have done sufficient Bible study to determine how to do that and what are the benefits?</p> <p>Stewardship that looks to the future has two aspects: planning for matters while we're still alive and also planning for matters after death. One of those related to the first category involves avoiding guardianship.</p> <p>Avoiding guardianship deals with who's going to manage your affairs and how they do that if you become incapacitated or die. You can do nothing and not plan at all. Under that scenario, everything falls to the government's default program known as probate court. Probate court is a division of your local county court. This court handles the affairs of deceased or incompetent people and the affairs of surviving, underage minor children. The probate judge oversees someone collecting your assets, paying your bills, filing your taxes, determining who the heirs are and ultimately issuing a court order declaring how your assets are to be distributed to those survivors.</p> <p>So if no pre-planning is done, someone in your sphere of life will need to petition the probate court and ask the judge to award them guardianship over you. Once granted, that person has legal authority to handle your affairs.</p> <p>The other option is for you to obtain a healthcare power of attorney document for medical matters and a separate power of attorney document for financial matters. These two documents are crucial, even for married couples, so that you determine who handles these matters, and not the court system, should you become incapacitated.</p>

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3/22	<p>Life at Stake: Gorsuch Nomination - Planned Parenthood</p>	<p>Jim Schneider / Brad Mattes</p> <p>Brad Mattes is the president and CEO of Life Issues Institute headquartered in Cincinnati. Their mission is that of assuring through education, equal protection under the law for all living humans from the beginning of their biological life at fertilization until natural death.</p> <p>Hearings are underway concerning Judge Neil Gorsuch, nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. Democrats vowed to block his nomination before any questions or answers were brought forth, even before any papers were submitted. In fact, according to Brad, they vowed to block the nomination before they even knew who it was. What they didn't count on was that the nominee would be such a spectacular candidate with astounding credentials and the temperament necessary for this court position.</p> <p>Gorsuch won't legislate from the bench and that seems to be a big issue surrounding him during the hearings. There's also been mention of his 'originalist' judicial philosophy. 2 Democrats told him that it's not a good thing for a Supreme Court justice to interpret the Constitution based upon the original intent of the founders. One communicated that he's worried this goes beyond being a philosophy and it becomes an agenda.</p> <p>Brad then commented on Senator Dianne Feinstein of California who was very concerned about Gorsuch's belief that human life should be held in high value and it would be wrong to take life. Feinstein found that very disturbing which Brad mentioned should tell us a lot about some of the people that have been elected to high office.</p> <p>Brad believes pro-abortion forces should be in full-panic mode because indications are that Gorsuch doesn't support the abortion of babies throughout pregnancy for virtually any reason. In his book on end of life issues and euthanasia, Gorsuch indicated that he respects life and that the court has legislated from the bench. Brad also noted how Gorsuch appears to support religious freedom and that religion is under an all-out assault by the courts.</p> <p>Brad encouraged listeners to pray about this situation and to contact their senators to let them know what we expect concerning their support of this nomination.</p> <p>The next major topic dealt with a nationwide campaign plan that Brad has to 'sock-it' to Planned Parenthood. Life Issues Institute has joined with Students for Life, the organization that is the 'brainchild' of this idea.</p> <p>Last year Planned Parenthood performed over 324,000 abortions. As Congress considers defunding them, Life Issues Institute and Students for Life want Congress to realize these aren't just numbers, these are human beings that were brutally and violently snuffed out through abortion.</p> <p>In response, they are collecting a baby sock to represent each of those lives. In other words, they are looking to collect 324,000 baby socks.</p>

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3/23	Abolishing Abortion	Jim Sschneider / Bradley Pierce	<p>Bradley Pierce is a husband and father of 6 and has been an attorney in Texas for the past 10 years. He's a home school graduate and a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor Law School. He is also an abolitionist who is working alongside many Christians in his state to abolish abortion. He joined Jim to discuss HB-948 which has been introduced in that state.</p> <p>Bradley believes that Roe v. Wade is not the law of the land. He believes that the Constitution is the law of the land. It states that there is equal protection for persons. This means protection should be there for those unborn as well as for those who are born. On that premise, he feels Roe v. Wade is actually contrary to the Constitution.</p> <p>If that's the case, what about the idea that the U.S. Supreme Court is the law of the land? Bradley noted that this idea is nowhere in the Constitution. The Constitution has what's known as the 'supremacy clause' which says that the laws made in Pursuance thereof (from Article VI) are the supreme laws of the land, not the opinions of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>The Abolition of Abortion in Texas Act (HB-948) treats unborn children equal with born children. Texas law already defines a person as including the unborn at every state of gestation from fertilization until birth. However, it's used to prosecute people who kill pregnant women (double homicide). Also, homicide laws don't apply to people such as those who administer the 'morning after pill', abortionists, the mothers, doctors who destroy embryos, etc.</p> <p>HB-948 would apply to all abortions, including those that result from rape or incest and those with severe abnormalities. Bradley admitted that rape and incest are horrific but the answer to such violence is not to commit another act of violence, this time against the baby's body.</p> <p>There is an exception to Texas homicide laws for those who are administering drugs with the intent on causing the death of a child. HB-948 repeals that and communicates that homicide laws apply to everyone.</p> <p>HB-948 has been assigned to the State Affairs Committee in Texas that is chaired by State Representative Byron Cook. It's up to Chairman Cook to decide whether the bill gets a hearing or not. So far he has refused to do that.</p> <p>As this edition of Crosstalk moved along, Jim had Bradley answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--What kind of support is there at the current time in Texas for HB-948?</li> <li>--How would HB-948 play out with the federal government if passed?</li> <li>--Why doesn't Texas just wait for the Supreme Court to eventually settle the abortion issue?</li> <li>--Where does the governor or the attorney general in Texas stand on this issue?</li> <li>--How can listeners get engaged on this issue?</li> </ul>
3/24	News Roundup	Jim Schneider	<p>Jim Schneider ended the week by presenting listeners with news stories from around the world during this news round-up broadcast. Stories included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Breaking News--The GOP health care replacement bill is being pulled amid faltering support.</li> <li>--The announcement by a top lawmaker that Intelligence agencies disseminated</li> </ul>

		<p>surveillance on the Trump transition team is fueling Trump's push to root-out those who allegedly spread the classified information throughout government and to news organizations.</p> <p>--Fox News reporter removed after report alleging Great Britain had spied on President Trump.</p> <p>--President Trump to attend the Brussels NATO summit.</p> <p>--President Trump's administration has issued a presidential permit to pipeline builder Trans Canada to build the Keystone XL pipeline.</p> <p>--The EPA issued a 100 million dollar grant to Flint, Michigan, to help repair its corroded and lead-tainted system of water pipes.</p> <p>--President Trump Tuesday names Amul R. Thapar to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.</p> <p>--Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer announced that he plans to lead a Democrat filibuster of Supreme Court nominee, Judge Neil Gorsuch.</p> <p>--Democrats critical of Republicans for criticizing a federal judge but they are doing the same regarding Judge Gorsuch.</p> <p>--When asked for his view on the separation of powers, Judge Gorsuch responded with his belief that it's the genius of the Constitution.</p> <p>--Illinois Senator Dick Durbin questioned Judge Gorsuch about his role in a case defending those companies being forced by the Obama administration to pay for abortion causing drugs in their employee health care plans. Gorsuch defended such companies explaining that sincerely held religious beliefs cannot be abridged by the government without a very compelling reason and that no such reason existed for the Obama administration to make them fund abortions.</p> <p>--Gorsuch assured the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee that he would remain independent of outside influence and would not pre-judge cases, side with one party based upon ideology or allow any of his personal preferences or loyalties to surface in the courtroom.</p> <p>--The NCCA warned North Carolina that repealing HB-2 too soon could result in the loss of championship events through 2022.</p> <p>--North Carolina may have lost out on numerous high profile performances and sporting events but economic indicators show that the boycott against the state over HB-2 has failed.</p> <p>--California has a ban on publicly funded travel to bathroom bill states yet they're not going to block UCLA's trip to the 'big dance' this week.</p> <p>--A judge grants an Oregon resident the right to become gender-less.</p> <p>--Pro-family groups leased a big, orange tour bus to highlight the fact that a person's gender is decided by biology not by politics. Before the bus could leave New York, 2 attackers smashed several windows, punched holes in the side and spray-painted political demands on the side of the bus.</p> <p>--New Zealand's weightlifter, Laurel Hubbard, beats her nearest competitor by nearly 20 kilograms. The problem is that Lauren is a biological male, not a female.</p> <p>--The Human Right Campaign (HRC) honors Senator Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin for her tireless work in advocating for LGBTQ rights.</p> <p>--More than 300 pro-family citizens jammed into a city council meeting as members in Parkersburg, West Virginia, considered a surprise, transgender bathroom bill.</p>
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3/27	Equipping Teens with the Truth of Creation	Jim Schneider / Pat Roy	<p>Pat Roy served at the Institute for Creation Research for 12 years and saw the devastating effects of an evolutionary worldview on the families of our society. He was the creator of the Johnathan Park audio adventures. He has a passion to reach families with the message that we are indeed fearfully made and now serves as director for Genesis Apologetics and Creation Quest.</p> <p>Pat said that his passion comes from the description in Romans 1 about what happens when people reject the evidence of the Creator in the creation all around us; a description of what is taking place around us in society today.</p> <p>When talking to students on college campuses, many admit they were raised in a Christian family, were active in church activities, etc. but now do not attend church, and many had lost their faith. When asked how long it took them to reject Christianity after starting college, the time was often only about six months. The most common reason was the teaching of evolution. This amounts to the rejection of God described in Romans which has devastating consequences.</p>

			<p>Pat intends to regularly visit college campuses in order to present the evidence that creation is actually more scientific than evolution, when the evidence is examined fairly.</p> <p>In public schools today, it's not a question of if evolution will be taught, but when and how strongly it will be presented. The textbooks are full of evolutionary teachings that are being taught without any other viewpoints being acknowledged. Since teachers are authority figures and the textbooks are presented as the source of the truth, it's much easier to believe them rather than to challenge what is contrary to the Bible.</p> <p>These public school Junior and Senior High level textbooks present evolution in about 12 different areas. Pat and his organization have developed a book to debunk evolution point by point in these 12 areas. They also ordered 120,000 wristbands for teens to wear, with the web URL <a href="http://debunkevolution.com">debunkevolution.com</a> printed on them. They then learned that the CEO of the company that filled the order is dedicated to promoting evolution. Since he had helped a creation project, he donated part of the profits to an organization that works to promote evolution in the schools. Despite this unusual development, it's opened the door to tell their story and give out the wristbands.</p>
3/28	What the Bible Says about the Global Rise of the Marxist and Muslims in the Last Days	Gordon Morris / Brannon Howse	<p>Brannon Howse is the president and founder of Worldview Weekend and is the host of Worldview Weekend Radio on VCY America each weekday at 1pm Central Time. This Crosstalk program featured portions of a message delivered by Brannon at a VCY America Rally on September 17, 2016.</p> <p>Brannon started his presentation by reviewing many recent headlines that show Islam growing around the world through tactics mandated by the Qur'an, moves being made by Vladimir Putin to increase the influence of Russia in the Middle East and support of Islamic militants through funding and weapons.</p> <p>Basing his presentation on the prophecy of Ezekiel, Brannon showed the many parallels between the prophet's view of the last days and fast-paced events of today. Even the nations named by Ezekiel exist today and are in the center of world events. While not setting dates, he explained that it appears that the state is being set for some of the major events predicted, not only by Ezekiel, but also Daniel and the book of Revelation.</p> <p>Despite all the threats facing the world and the U.S. in particular, Brannon is not discouraged because he understands that God is orchestrating it all. Biblical prophecy shows that God will prevail and those who are causing distress in the world will be judged in His wrath. His will cannot be thwarted and the whole world will know His name which will be glorified. Brannon also stressed that it is vital for people to come to faith in Christ so they will be able to go through the difficult days ahead victoriously.</p>
3/29	Homosexual ity: Not Just Another Sin	Jim Schneider / Scott Lively	<p>Churches and denominations are having to make a lot of decisions today as it relates to topics such as gay marriage and homosexuality. As a consequence, many believers are fearful of being labeled as 'haters' so they begin to trivialize the threat by categorizing homosexuality as just another sin.</p> <p>The guest on this Crosstalk believes that homosexuality is not just another sin and that this can be proven from Genesis to Revelation. In fact, he sees homosexuality as a symbol of extreme rebellion against God and also something by which we've seen the wrath of God poured out by way of judgment.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss his Bible-based view on the matter was Scott Lively. Scott is the president of Abiding Truth Ministries and director of the Pro-Family Law Center. Scott is also a pastor, attorney, author, public speaker and pro-family defender of the biblical view of marriage and the family.</p> <p>Scott believes there's a dangerous, modern heresy known as 'gay theology' that is infiltrating the church. It began in the 1980's by a Yale college professor named John Boswell. Scott described it as a reinterpretation of the Scripture in which all the passages related to homosexuality (and sexual issues in general) are redefined in order to legitimize them in the eyes of God. This way people who want to identify as homosexual can claim that this is the way God intended things and</p>

			<p>there's really nothing in the Bible that speaks against what they want to do.</p> <p>Since some claim that homosexuality is merely a sin like any other, Jim asked Scott if he believes in different degrees of sin. Scott noted that in the eyes of God all sin is equal in the sense that every sin will keep you out of the presence of God. However, in human affairs, sin is ranked by its severity because of what it means in terms of consequences for individuals and society. That's why murder is punished as a capital offense and gossip is not.</p> <p>Scott believes that the widespread emergence of homosexuality and its worldwide celebration is designed to test the faithfulness of the church to the Word of God. More specifically, Scott believes we are in the end-times and we are being prepared as a body for a time when the antichrist will appear on the scene and all believer's will be presented with the challenge concerning the mark of the beast. So it seems that the issue of homosexuality and the way it's being addressed in society and the church is a type of 'dress rehearsal' for that event. In other words, will believers stand for biblical truth or will they capitulate to a worldly, compromised perspective that says there's nothing wrong with that which God calls an abomination.</p> <p>Scott also deals with...</p> <p>...the Genesis one-flesh paradigm that is the foundation for all civilization.  ...how the Old Testament stories dealing with sex are cautionary tales (examples of what not to do) and the consequences of doing them.  ...the common elements between the time of Noah and our era.  ...the hijacking of the rainbow by the homosexual community.  ...the fallacy behind the hospitality argument that so-called Christian homosexuals use to interpret Genesis 19.  ...questions from Crosstalk listeners and much more.</p>
3/30	God's Amazing Designs	Jim Schneider / Don DeYoung	<p>Don DeYoung is Chairman of the Physical Science Department at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. He's a graduate of Michigan Tech University (B.S., M.S., Physics), Iowa State University (Ph.D., Physics), and Grace Seminary (M.Div.).</p> <p>Dr. DeYoung is a member of the Indiana Academy of Science and the AuSable Environmental Institute. He is currently president of the Creation Research Society with 1,700 members worldwide.</p> <p>He has written 16 books on Bible-science topics and his appearance on Crosstalk involved discussion of a book he has co-written with Derrik Hobbs called <i>Discovery of Design: Searching Out the Creator's Secrets</i>.</p> <p>God has placed a countless number of practical designs in nature. On this edition of Crosstalk you'll have fun listening to Dr. DeYoung as he explains some of the discoveries that came about because scientists looked to God's creation for inspiration. For example, you'll learn the connection between...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--batteries and bacteria</li> <li>--the Water Strider insect and water repellent fabric</li> <li>--optic surveillance and bees</li> <li>--airport terminals and ants</li> <li>--the Box Fish and a unique automotive design</li> <li>--the Elephant Nose Fish and clean water management</li> <li>--the lobster eye and a telescope lens</li> <li>--the paw of the dog and modern shoe design</li> <li>--the eye filter of the penguin and modern sunglasses</li> <li>--the Eiffel Tower and the femur</li> </ul> <p>...and other interesting facts!</p>
3/31	Boy Scouts Go Transgender : Trail Life Offers	Jim Schneider / John Stemberger	<p>Courts have affirmed that the Boy Scouts of America could be an organization exclusively for boys with policies acknowledging God, requiring boys to be morally straight, while not allowing open homosexual boys.</p> <p>Due to pressure from homosexual activists, some corporations and municipalities, the leadership of the Scouts held a news conference on May 23rd 2013, indicating that they had reevaluated their position and</p>

	<p>Alternatives</p>	<p>that effective January 1st, 2014, they would allow boys who are open homosexuals but would not allow adults of the same persuasion. Unfortunately, on July 27th, 2015, the Scouts changed their court-protected policies and began allowing openly homosexual men to begin working with the young boys.</p> <p>The moral slide has continued as on January 30th of this year, the Scouts decided to allow girls who desire to identify as boys.</p> <p>Joining Jim to discuss this issue was John Stemberger. John is an Eagle Scout and a former Scoutmaster. He was founder of On My Honor movement and became the chairman of the board for Trail Life USA in 2013, an alternative to the Boy Scouts. Professionally, John is an Orlando attorney with a civil trial and business law private practice. He's been a marriage and family advocate for over 30 years. He became the president of the Florida Family Policy Council in 2004 and was the chairman of the 2008 campaign to amend Florida's constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman which was later adopted by Florida voters. His law firm represented Rifqa Bary, the Muslim teenager from Columbus, Ohio, who fled to Orlando after she was threatened to be killed by her father for not renouncing her faith after her conversion from Islam to Christianity.</p> <p>The program began with audio of the official, January 30th statement from Mike Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive. After hearing the statement that mentions inclusion of girls who identify as boys, John believes Mike is wrong legally, morally and from the standpoint of child protection. He noted how we just don't let boys and girls shower together. That is a youth protection issue and when as parents we trust our children during overnight activities in a private setting, you expect to have the utmost concern for the protection of children. Instead, John believes the Scouts have caved and are more interested in whether gays, lesbians and transgenders are yelling at them than for what's in the best interest of children that have been entrusted to them by parents.</p> <p>John feels this is a sad situation. Gender-confused children need our help, council and compassion because this is a form of deception and bondage. The research is clear that most children can be helped out of this. However, if we treat them as special and dress them up and give life to this deceptive thought, then the child ends up living a life of deception and unhealthy behavior that's not in accordance with what Scripture teaches.</p> <p>John's concern is based on the fact that gender disphoria is a legitimate mental disorder and many kids will be exposed to this.</p> <p>What he also finds sad is that the actual mission of the Boy Scouts is to teach young people how to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime. Instead they talk about character development. It's embarrassing because they couldn't even mention the mission statement because it flies in the face of what they're doing.</p> <p>John indicated that the only step the Boy Scouts have left is transgendered and cross-dressing adult leaders. That's the picture that parents need to understand awaits their boys if they choose the Scouts.</p>
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K. Other Programs

Issues covered during this quarter:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Speaker/s</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Description</u>
None to report				

III. Public Service Announcements

(No PSA on 2/1/17 because of Automation problems; No PSAs on 3/22 & 3/23 because of Share-a-Thon programming)

ACR / SBI / ASBD	3/14/17 – 13:30 3/15/17 – 08:28
Ad Council	2/23/17 – 12:04
American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	1/17/17 – 13:29
American Academy of Pediatrics	
American College of Radiology	1/5/17 – 12:04
American Heart Association	2/21/17 – 13:30 3/20/17 – 1-“47
American Health Assistance Foundation	1/19/17 – 12:04
American Lung Association	1/16/17 – 10:45
American Stroke Association	2/22/17 – 08:29
Autism Speaks	3/6/17 – 10:45
American Stroke Association	
Choose to Save.org	2/15/17 – 08:04 2/16/17 – 12:04
Crown Financial Ministries	
CTIA	3/2/17 – 12:04
Daylight Saving Reminder	03/10/17 – 09:13 3/10/17 – 13:29 03/10/17 – 19:14 03/11/17 – 08:30 03/11/17 – 12:14 03/11/17 – 16:20 03/11/17 – 23”29
Department of Homeland Security	2/14/17 – 13:29 3/1/17 – 08:31
EPA	1/27/17 – 09:03
FEMA	1/10/17 – 13:30
Foundation for Fighting Blindness	3/24/17 – 09:04 3/27/17 – 10:45
Military	
National Credit Union Administration	1/11/17 – 08:30
National Crime Prevention Society	1/20/17 – 09:04 1/23/17 – 10:45 1/24/17 – 13:28 1/25/17 – 08:28 1/26/17 – 12:04
National Foundation of Credit Counseling	1/12/17 – 12:03 1/18/17 – 08:30 2/9/17 – 12:04 3/21/17 – 13:29 3/28/17 – 13:29 3/31/17 – 09:04
National Pest management Association	2/3/17 – 09:04
Nathional Safely Council	03/08/17 – 08:30
Partnership for Healthy Mouths & healthy Lives	2/24/17 – 09:04
Selective Service System	3/3/17 – 09:04 3/16/17 – 12:04

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Target Lyme	1/9/17 – 10:45 2/2/17 – 12:04
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission	2/10/17 – 09:04
USDA	03/07/17 – 13:29
U.S. Department of Health and Human Service	1/31/17 – 13:29
U.S. Department of Labor	1/30/17 – 10:46
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	1/4/17 – 08:30
U.S. Forest Service	1/6/17 – 09:04 2/27/17 – 10:42 03/09/17 – 12:04 03/13/17 – 10:46
U.S. Marine Corps	2/17/17 – 09:04 2/20/17 – 10:29 2/28/17 – 13:29
USDA	1/13/17 – 09:03
Verterans Day PSA	2/6/17 – 10:45
Vision Council of America	2/7/17 – 13:29 2/8/17 - 08:26 2/13/17 – 10:47
Wounded Warrior Project	1/2/17 – 10:46 1/3/17 – 13:29