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## ISIS Claims Responsibility for Texas Muhammad Cartoon Shooting

Warns American Christians that more attacks are coming

We say to the defenders of the cross, the U.S., that future attacks are going to be harsher and worse. The Islamic State soldiers will inflict harm on you with the grace of God. The future is just around the corner," the terror group said in its message, according to CNN.

Special correspondent

The Christian Post previously reported that Sunday's event was hosted by political blogger Pamela Geller, president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, in response to the controversial Islamic "Stand with the prophet" conference held at the same Texas location on Jan. 18 that featured New York-based Imam Siraj Wahhaj, who was an alleged "co-conspirator" in the 1993 World Trade Center bombings.

January's "Stand with the prophet" Sunni Muslim conference, which



Geller's event was held in response to, was a fundraiser to help "build a communication center for the Muslim community" to combat American media and "defend prophet Muhammad, his person, and his message in the U.S. where this anti-Islam hate machine is based," according to a

post on the Sound Vision website, which has since been removed.

One of the suspects in the Texas attack was identified as Elton Simpson, a Muslim and U.S. citizen who was born at Dallas' Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, and was once the sub-

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Obama Vows 'My Brother's Keeper' Will Be a Mission for 'the Rest of My Life'

## Repeated attacks on Catholic institutions in India

Catherine

Police have arrested 16 people after roughly 60 slogan-shouting Hindu hardliners barged into two Catholic schools in eastern India on April 22.

Around 50 young men of saffron bri-



gade with flags written ABVP barged into Holy Cross School, Hazaribagh, shouting slogans against the school to close down. The young men broke open the gate and

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## India: Vandals attack Church in Agra



Special correspondent

Suspected Hindu hardliners have vandalized church in Agra, the city known around the world for the Taj Mahal, a day after India's finance minister Arul Jaitly described a series of attacks on churches and Christians in recent months as criminal acts and not hate crimes.

Vandals broke open the gates of St Mary's Church located in the district of Pratappura, and destroyed two statues on Thursday morning, parish priest

Eugene Lazarus told ucanews.com.

The priest said he was awoken at about 3:30am by his car alarm and found all four of its doors open and windscreen smashed. Later he saw the open church gate and destroyed statues, which had been housed in glass cases in the grotto of the church. "One statue was made from fiberglass and they could not smash it. They seemed to have put a dog leash round the neck of the statue and pulled it from its stand," the priest said.

## In 1 in 5 Families in U.S., No One Works

Special correspondent

New York: A family, as defined by the BLS, is a "group of two or more persons residing together who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. In 2014, there were 80,889,000 families in the United States, and in 16,057,000 of those families, or 19.9 percent, no one had a job.



The BLS designates a person as "employed" if "during the survey reference week" they "(a) did any work at all as paid employees; (b) worked in their own

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## E-voting for NRIs too risky, say Rajya Sabha members

Special correspondent

NEW DELHI: Cutting across party lines, members of Rajya Sabha on Tuesday supported the calling attention notice by Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad about the risks involved in giving voting rights to Non-Resident Indians through proxy voting or

e-postal ballots.

The members also pointed out that government needs to do something about millions of migrant workers who are denied voting rights within the country.

Bhupendra Singh, BJP member from Odisha, and NDA leaders like Anil Desai of Shiv Sena and

Naresh Gujral of Akali Dal said wider consultation is needed for the proposal of e-ballot for NRIs as it may not be very secure and advised the government not to rush into amending the Representation of People's Act. They said supremacy of Parliament in fram-

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Newsmax

Top of 100 'Most Influential'  
Christians in America



Franklin Graham



Joel Osteen



Mark Burnett and Roma Downey

Evangelist Franklin Graham, megachurch pastor Joel Osteen, and producers Mark Burnett and Roma Downey have topped Newsmax's list of the 100 most influential Christians in America.

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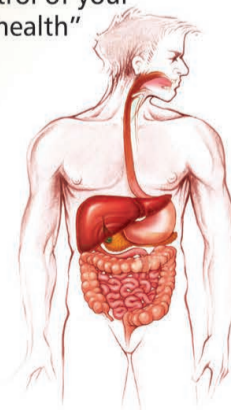
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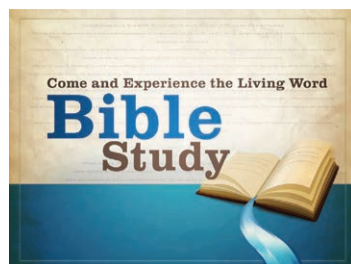
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Pastor Tommy O'Dell

Over a period of over 1600 years, some 40 "holy men" (1 Pet. 1:21) penned down the very words that God wanted recorded for mankind. The Bible is a LIBRARY of 66 books and yet it is ONE BOOK.

In our text verses, we see the Bible's

CENTRAL THEME-

SALVATION

CENTRAL CHARACTER-

CHRIST JESUS



God's Word is capable on endless transformations- In verse 10, we see the example of rain and snow which comes from heaven (God sent). Why do they come? The verse explains- "watereth the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and the bread to the eater."

The Word of God is expressed in three ways:

1. The SPOKEN Word
2. The SCRIBED Word
3. The SHARED Word.

Exactly what do the Scriptures say of itself?????????

1. It is a GIFT- "All Scripture is GIVEN....." A key word to describe this wonderful gift is "PRECIOUS". This has to do with its appraisal or value.

**A. It is precious because it is FOREIGN-**

One of Webster's definitions of the word, "foreign" is "strange or unfamiliar". How then is God's Word precious and foreign? In 1 Sam. 3:1, we discover the answer as we are told that the ".....word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision". In that day, as it is today, true bible teaching and preaching are RARE. This is because of the perversions which attempt to CHANGE it and the perverse who are afraid to PREACH it. The presence of the Spirit-filled preaching from a Spirit-filled preacher using a Spirit-given Book is indeed PRECIOUS today.

**B. It is Precious because it is FRUITFUL-** In Ps. 126:6, we read that the sower goes forth... "weeping, bearing pre-

cious seed." Luke 8:11 teaches us that the "seed is the word of God". 1 Pet. 1:23 informs us that this seed is that which produces the new birth and that the seed is "incorruptible" and that it "liveth and abideth forever". Isaiah 55 is a wonderful chapter of God's Word and offers insight into the exactness of the fruitfulness of the Word. In 55:10-13, we have a great commentary on just how fruitful is this "gift" of His Word. And offers insight into the exactness of the fruitfulness of the Word. In 55:10-13, we have a great commentary on just how fruitful this "gift" of His Word is. It may be stated in two ways: (1) that of the change it makes and (2) the permanence that is attached to it.

1. God's Word is capable on endless transformations- In verse 10, we see the example of rain and snow which comes from heaven (God sent). Why do they come? The verse explains- "watereth the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and the bread to the eater." This element-water- provides for an outward transformation bringing their flowers with their beauty for our admiration and the fruit for our consummation.. This element-God's Word- provides for and inward transformation as seen in verse 12 bringing joy and peace. It takes the sinner and makes him a saint. It takes the beggar and makes him the child of the King. It takes the slave

and makes him a willing servant of the Savior.

Further proof of its capability in the matter of transformation is seen by asking:

-Lazarus who by the Word received life to his four day old corpse (John 11:43,44),

- Ask the fig tree which was withered by His Word- (Matt. 21:19),

- Ask the demon-possessed boy who was set free by the dumb and deaf spirit by His Word- (Matt. 9:25,26),

- Ask the man who had his withered hand made whole by His Word- Matt 12:13

- Ask the wind that ceased and the sea that was calmed at His Word- Mark 4:39.

2. God's Word is indestructible and effectual- regarding its indestructibility, let me quote a writer named R. Tuck: "What though rain falls on barren ledges? Not a drop is lost; for the rain trickles down into the rills, the rills grow into brooks, the brooks swell into the rivers, and the rivers broaden into the sea, and the seas forms the international exchange of the world's commodities. What though snow mantles desolate land? Not a flake is a failure, for the snow melts, percolates the sands, feeds unseen springs, and re-emerges as the bearded wheat of autumn".

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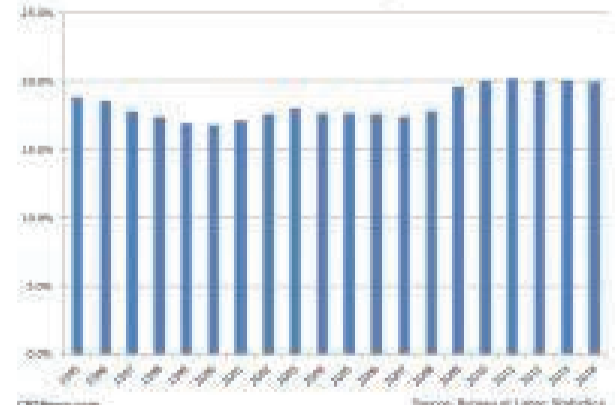
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## In 1 in 5 Families in U.S., No One Works

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business, profession, or on their own farm; (c) or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family."

Members of the 16,057,000 families in which no one held jobs could have been either unemployed or not in the labor force. The BLS designates a person as unemployed if they did not have a job but were actively seeking one. The BLS designates

someone as not in the labor force, if they did not have a job and were not actively seeking one.

The BLS has been tracking data on employment in families since 1995. That year, the percent of families in which no one had a job was 18.8 percent. The percentage hit an all-time high of 20.2 percent in 2011. It held steady at 20 percent in 2012 and 2013. In 2014, it declined to 19.9 percent.