

## **Answer Key for *Terror to Triumph***

### The Politically Incorrect History of Western Civilization

#### **Session 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Francis Schaeffer was keenly aware of the cause and effect history of the world. He also knew that most evangelicals do not understand the great intertwining tapestry of events that ties all things together. Most Christians are like most Westerners, enslaved to the present or very recent past. Believers should have the broadest perspective and be able to offer lasting solutions based on historical lessons and biblical principles.

Schaeffer's solution, as articulated in his books such as *Escape from Reason*, is for believers to apply God's sovereignty to all of life. Schaeffer also called for believers to rebuild—through servant leadership—the institutions of Western Civilization, which Christians founded. His video series *How Shall We then Live* is a vital training tool that is relevant even now, 30 years later.

2. Individual's opinion
3. The following strategy is made clear throughout Scripture, beginning in Genesis:

**First, the individual must be redeemed.** Each individual needs to be reconciled to God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. God alone can change lives from the inside out and prepare us to then reach out to others and to our nation.

**Second, we must build family dynasties.** Genesis 1 instructs us to multiply and take dominion over God's world. The foundation for this dominion leadership is the family who passes on Godly living and principles from one generation to the next.

**Third, the Commissioned Church must fulfill its role.** The church is called to be salt and light to communities and nations as it fulfills its role to preach the gospel, disciple believers, and minister to the poor and needy and others. The church plays a vital role in reconciling the world to God.

**Fourth, civil government is to be limited to its God-ordained responsibilities.** God created civil government in Genesis 9 to punish evil doers and to establish

justice, not to become a welfare state and assume the biblical jurisdictions of the family and the church.

**Fifth, the fruit of the godly blesses the nations.** This fifth part of the strategy is a natural result of godly obedience of individuals, families, churches, and limited civil government. God's blessing can flow from God through His people and bless all of society.

4. The mission of the Great Commission of Matt. 28:18-20 is to go into all the world and "disciple the nations," teaching the nations to obey all that Christ has commanded. This commission is backed with the promise that Christ will be with us to the end of the age for the accomplishment of this task. History proves that this central commission of history is being fulfilled in spite of horrific attacks from the prince of darkness. One-third of all people on earth today have accepted some form of Christianity and it is spreading on every continent. Now we must go about the specific task of training many new believers in the great principles of spiritual and physical liberty.
5. Yes. Christianity will triumph over any attack on its central mission to spread the gospel and disciple the nations. Jesus said that the "gates of hell" will never prevail against His kingdom purpose or His church.

## Session 2

### APOCALYPSE NOW

The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire  
(400 B.C. – 500 A.D.)

1. The prevailing view of Ancient Rome is an image of prosperity, romance, excitement, and grandeur. This view is generated by the media, films, and documentaries that often focus upon architecture, aqueducts, and glorious battles. Most modern textbooks have been written from a secular humanist perspective and present Rome and Greece as the foundation stones of Western civilization.
2. In reality, Rome was the culmination of ancient paganism, not the center pillar of Western Civilization. Rome was the ultimate cultural expression of what mankind could produce without the one, true God. Sadly, the Empire was addicted to a culture of death (See the five universal evils of the Ancient World in answer 4 below). Ancient Rome stands in stark contrast to the enlightened culture of Western Civilization, which has been a culture of life, defending “the sanctity of life” which values each individual as an eternal soul. Biblical Christianity is the pillar of Western Civilization and the Bible is its blueprint for success.
3. No. Many of America’s founding fathers wrote about the dangers of ideas—the governments and laws of Ancient Greece and Rome. John Adams, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson after they had both seriously studied Plato, said concerning the subject of their study, “My disappointment was very great, my astonishment was greater, my disgust shocking...His *Laws*, and his *Republic*, from which I expected most, disappointed me most.”

James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, evaluated the democracies in antiquity he had studied and said, “...such democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security and private property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths.” America’s Constitutional Republic was founded upon the Bible, God’s Law, and English Common Law reasoned from the Scriptures. Where did the founders get their ideas? Professors Donald Lutz and Charles Hyneman reviewed 15,000 items and read 2,200 books and materials of our founding period. They documented the sources cited by our founding statesmen. In the 1770s, 44 percent of all citations were from the Bible. In contrast, 18 percent of the writers cited were from the Enlightenment (most of whom were Christians) and only 11 percent were from the Classical period of Greece and Rome. It was not built upon man’s arbitrary laws or Rulers Law which dominated Rome and Greece.

4. The five universal evils of the Ancient World are:

- (1) Human sacrifice and religious idolatry
- (2) Tyranny and worship of political leaders
- (3) Enslavement or execution of individuals and nations
- (4) Rejection of God's Law and creation of prejudicial, tyrannical laws
- (5) Persecution of true believers

All of the above were practiced in Imperial Rome.

5. See Exodus 20 (the Ten Commandments). The first two commandments forbid the worshipping or creating of false gods and idols. Then, out of God's love and care for His people (see Ex 20:2), the warning promise of judgment is given to the third and fourth generations of those who disobey these commandments (But mercy and love is promised to a 1,000 generations for those who obey!).

The following passages are vital to understanding the Old Testament, the Ancient World, and even life today. As you read these passages, ask yourself, "Do idolatry, rampant sexual immorality, and human sacrifice all go hand in hand together?" See Numbers 25:1-9; Jeremiah. 19:5-6; Micah 6:7; see also Judges 2:11-13; 1 Kings 16:31-33; 18:18-28; 19:18; 22:53 (43, 46); 2 Kings 10:18-28; 11:18; 17; 21; 23:4,5; Jeremiah 7:9-11; 11:13; 11:17; 19:4-6.

The prophet Micah helps us understand why people will sacrifice their children to false gods. Micah asks, "Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" (Micah 6:9). All humans are prone to pass their guilt on to others when they do not accept the forgiveness of God. This often leads to human sacrifice—even of precious children—to appease false gods.

6. Their central purpose was to glorify tyrannical rulers using the worship of false gods and impressive buildings to engender fear and awe in the masses. Most people suffered untold anguish as slaves or peasants to create these idolatrous structures. For example, it is said to have required 100,000 men 30 years of slave labor to build a pyramid, driven under the pitiless lash of the taskmaster.
7. The biblical view of the sanctity of life teaches that God loves man and woman so deeply that He created us in His image and He gave us "dominion" over everything in the visible world (Gen 1:26-31; Psalm 8:5-7). God's love was so great that He became one of us and even died for us while we were yet rebelling against Him (Romans 5:6-8). God values us beyond measure, and "He knew us, intimately before we were born" (Psalm 139:13-15; 22:10-11; Exodus 20:12; Matthew 19:18). Christ reached out in love to children, the poor, the sick, and

those considered unimportant throughout the Gospels. Christ said, “I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

The Greco-Roman view was that human life was of little or no value. The life of unborn babies was especially expendable. Plato said that the city-state should require abortions in order to keep populations from growing too large (*The Republic* 5:461). Aristotle said that there was a “limit fixed to the procreation of offspring” and if that limit was not kept, “abortion must be practiced” (*Politics* 7:14). The Romans’ disregard for human life permeated their culture. They sacrificed hundreds of thousands of innocent people in their gladiatorial contests and religious ceremonies. They practiced abortion, infanticide, abandonment of infants, and suicides as a way of life. Their military legions were “killing machines” in nations throughout the known world for centuries.

#### 8. Parallels:

- A. Immorality, violence, sexual perversions of all kinds, destruction of the family
- B. Mass murders
- C. Ever-increasing suicides
- D. Illiteracy
- E. Disobedience to biblical truth
  - (1) Huge numbers of arbitrary man’s laws
  - (2) Centralization of all power in a central government in the hands of a few
  - (3) Creation of a welfare state
  - (4) Excessive taxation
  - (5) Loss of control of their borders; most work done by foreigner
  - (6) Overstretched military that could not maintain worldwide order

#### Differences:

America was founded by more than 98% protestant Christians with a strong biblical worldview. The Roman Empire had a thoroughly pagan foundation. All of America’s institutions, even today, have a biblical root and foundation. Even today, over 80% of American’s claim to be Christians. We have the privilege and responsibility to restore and already well-established Christian civilization.

### Session 3

#### THE END IS THE BEGINNING

Lighting the Dark Age  
(350 A.D. – 800 A.D.)

1. **First**, they were commissioned by Jesus Christ, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, to disciple (teach) the nations. **Second**, they were willing by the power of the Holy Spirit to lay down their lives for the Gospel. **Third**, millions lived out their faith before a watching and dying pagan world. They fed the poor. They adopted babies left out to die of exposure. They lived by God's law in monogamous marriages. Their lives attracted great numbers of people to the faith (See *Foxes Book of Martyrs*). **Fourth**, they influenced culture and civil government to the extent that Constantine declared Christianity the favored religion of the Empire and ended the persecutions.
2. miserable; happy.
3. See story of Telemachus in this session.
4. Patrick was the first missionary to evangelize and lead in the conversion of a completely pagan nation and to do it peacefully. He brought the Ten Commandments and the Gospel with him and created biblical societal institutions. He preserved classical and Christian literature for future civilizations. Patrick also was the first known figure in history to condemn slavery—Ireland abolished slavery by the time of his death.
5. See stories of Boniface and Columba in this Session.
6. Most older believers are unaware of the massive influence of neo-paganism, witchcraft, female goddess worship, and other pagan cults upon the youth of all western countries including America. Much of the rebellion of the sixties has never gone away but has migrated to neo-pagan worship integrated into the pop culture and is accepted as normal behavior. This behavior could become mainstream for America but can be thwarted with a confident faith in the God who has defeated evil once for all at the cross and through His Resurrection from the dead.
7. Boniface and his life is the answer to this question. He risked all to reach out to the pagan German tribes and in times of crisis when most would run from conflict, he would rush in to save the innocent from human sacrifice or cut down the tree of a pagan God. He told us to “run to the roar” where the conflict rages. When he was 76,

Boniface went to Friesland (Holland) where the pagans were hostile and he was killed by a pagan mob while trying to convert them. In our time, we cannot stay cloistered in our churches while the nation is destroyed and the innocent, especially the unborn, are killed in mass.

## Session 4

### BARBARIANS AND BIO-TERRORISTS

Christendom under Siege

(600 A.D. -1400 A.D.)

- (1)** They were attacked from without by brutal barbarian warriors. The Muslim armies came from the South and the East with a religion founded on “holy war” to the death (Jihad). From the North, Christendom was attacked by the mighty Viking warriors. They plundered Europe and the Mediterranean all the way to Egypt.

**(2)** They were attacked by the corruption of the established church. Progressively, through the centuries, the leaders in Rome compromised the doctrines of Scripture, mixing them with the traditions of men. The people were kept illiterate and ignorant of Scripture and were not allowed to read the Bible for themselves.

**(3)** Christendom was challenged with disease—the bubonic plague—which decimated the population and continually re-appeared for 400 years in Europe.
- Christianity grew from its inception through personal evangelism and voluntary conversion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christians were given the ability to love their neighbor, care for the poor, and live loving, holy lives according to Scripture. Of course, sinful men also used Christianity as their cover for conquest. Tyrants were prone to this evil.

In contrast, the Islamic faith started immediately with violent warfare from its inception. No nation has ever been peacefully converted to Islam. Defeated peoples are forced to pay tribute or die or leave.
- See Churchill’s quotation on the screen in this session.
- Because the pagan Vikings were vehemently anti-Christians and would kill priests, burn churches, and take their wealth.
- All five can be seen manifest in their culture. Note: This same analysis can be made with other pagan cultures throughout the world from China, to the Aztecs, to the African continent (Study these for extra credit).
- Alfred the Great did not kill his defeated enemy Guthrum and his leaders. Instead he baptized them and taught them the faith before sending them back to northern England to

rule peacefully. This began the process of the conversion of the Viking peoples and the unification of England as a Christian nation.

7.
  - A. The early Roman bishops helped oversee the major church councils in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries.
  - B. The early Roman church often helped to send out missionaries.
  - C. At the monasteries, the priests copied the Scriptures and great documents of civilization for posterity and promoted education.
  - D. The Roman church performed works of charity and held together medieval life.
  - E. It helped create great religious art and architecture that to this day glorifies God before an unbelieving world.

## Session 5

### **BRAVEHEARTS AND BEAUTIES**

Heroes of the Middle Ages

(800 A.D. – 1400 A.D.)

1. As Princess Margaret was traveling by ship, God used the weather to cause the ship to veer off course to Scotland where she eventually married the king and helped bring reform to the Church of Scotland.

God used the defeat of Guthrum by King Alfred to begin the conversion of the Norseman. God had worked through Boniface to convert Charles Martel's townsmen to Christ, just before the battle with the Muslims in 732 at Tours. They won a miraculous victory. God used Alfred the Great's love for God and His Law to develop English Common Law.

God worked in the heart of John Wycliff during the Black Death and he went on to bring revival and the Bible to the people of England.

2. Christianity had evangelized and settled Palestine and much of North Africa by the 6<sup>th</sup> century. The Muslim rulers, who had taken Jerusalem by force, progressively persecuted Christians and Jews on pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The Muslims slashed their way through North Africa by force and pressed on to invade Spain and went all the way to Tours, France. The Ottoman Empire was the most powerful force for Islam even up to the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Muslims, centered in what is modern Turkey, spent generations preparing armies in the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> century to invade Europe. They were providentially thwarted in their efforts.
3. The people in Muslim lands are trapped in a pagan religion. They are no different from Hindus, Buddhists or uncommitted cultural Christians in America. We need to have the resolve to do more than hold back their militant attacks. We are called to bring the loving Gospel of Christ to them, that they may be set free from bondage. This is happening as millions of Muslims are coming to Christ in our time, and Chinese believers, for example, are training large armies of missionaries to go to the Muslim world.
4. The Christian Just War theory has been developed since the time of Augustine to give the biblical justification and limitations for war, as opposed to the brutal rape and pillage which characterized the warfare of pagan nations of the world. Thomas Aquinas and Calvin added insight to this vital question. The Christian Just War theory said that war had to be a defensive war to be justified, not started unprovoked to take land or property of another. It could be justified if a tyrant was pillaging the innocent or threatening other nations. It was balanced with the admonition to never steal land or goods from foes in battle. And the Just War Theory forbade the harming of innocent civilians.

5. (a) Alfred learned to read when he was 35 years old. He helped bring classic literature and the Scripture to the English people. (b) He started schools of learning. (c) He exemplified the Christian life in his family life with one wife and 6 children. (d) He showed mercy to his enemies in victory. (d) And his greatest accomplishment, which set the course of a nation on Christian law rather than tyrants' law, was Alfred's compilation of Common Law based upon the Bible.
6. The Bible, especially the Ten Commandments, and the application of God's law in the Pentateuch.
7. He needed men who could (1) pray, (2) fight, and (3) build.
8. She helped civilize Scotland through her godly example of feeding the poor, caring for orphans, and challenging the clans to do the same. Malcolm was so impressed with her character that this old warrior, who could not read, would listen to her read to him for hours. He would put jewels on her books to show her how much he cared.
9. John Wycliff set forth the teaching of the Reformation, including salvation by faith, the sovereignty of God over the government and over the Church and pope, and the priesthood of every true believer. He was the first to translate the Bible in the language of the people. All this was done 150 years before Martin Luther and John Calvin unleashed the Protestant Reformation.

## Session 6

### THE TERMINATORS FALL

The Delusion of the “Divine Right Kings”  
(1400 A.D. – 1650 A.D.)

1. The pagan world, including Greece and Rome, was committed to the elite ruling the masses, and sadly, other evils such as slavery, and human sacrifice. The cultures of antiquity became idealized in the Renaissance as seen in their culture, such as architecture, sculpture, and painting. The political leaders also idealized the ruling class of their day, the “Divine Right Kings.” Machiavelli, a business leader in Florence, wrote a book, *The Prince*, detailing how rulers can control their people. This book was read by kings and has inspired tyrants throughout history.
2. False! The “Divine Right Kings” of the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> centuries either rode behind their troops watching battles from a safe distance or, more likely, stayed home in their castles and silk pants and sent their peasants out to die. This was in direct contrast to the chivalry of William Wallace and Alfred the Great.
3. The nations of Europe had been starved for the Word of God, since few could read; the Bible was only in Latin and only in the hands of church and political leaders. Therefore, the leaders in church and state were able to give their own “divine right” interpretation on what God’s Word said about obedience to authority. The reformers called their bluff, by exposing the balanced biblical view of authority of leaders being limited by God and being commanded to live godly or lose their limited sanction as “a minister of God for good.”

A second reason why the people were in bondage to these kings is that they had lost their right to bear arms. The “Divine Right Kings” didn’t use militias but had standing armies. The kings had all the weapons, guns, and, swords so that the commoner could not resist tyranny.

A third reason that the kings kept the allegiance of most people is that the people had grown accustomed to being dependent upon royalty and lords for their protection, amusements, and religious beliefs.

4. 1 Samuel 8 and Psalm 2
5. The invention that changed the world was the moveable type printing press, perfected by Guttenberg and his partner in Holland in 1460. The first book ever printed on the press was the Bible. It has been the world’s best selling book every year from that first printing until the present day.

6. The Geneva Bible, first printed in 1560, was the most popular Bible in the English speaking world. It was forced out of print after 140 editions by James I of England.
7. King James 1 despised the study notes in the Bible, because they offended his tyrannical power. He banned the printing of the Geneva Bible and had some Puritan scholars create the 1611 edition of the King James Bible. Eighty-five percent of the King James Bible was taken from the Geneva Bible, but it had no study notes.

Note: The Geneva Bible is back in print in a modern type for the first time in 400 years. It can be purchased at **[worldhistoryinstitute.com](http://worldhistoryinstitute.com)** or **[americanvision.org](http://americanvision.org)**.

8. The sea battle that changed the course of history was between the English navy and the Spanish Armada in July of 1588. If the Spanish had not been defeated and had invaded England with their far superior army, the Reformation would have likely been snuffed out.

## Session 7

### **THE LIBERATORS RISE** The Reformation Brings Liberty (1400 A.D. – 1650 A.D.)

1. The Pilgrims immigrated to America to create a place of spiritual, economic, and political liberty. Most revolutions are led by tyrants who desire to plunder others and aggrandize themselves. These revolutions are always bloody affairs.

The Pilgrims, according to their own Governor William Bradford, came for four reasons: (1) They came so that they could be successful, own their own land and not be persecuted for their faith. Then they felt others would join their love for God if they were not persecuted when they joined. (2) The Pilgrims came to save their children from the sweatshops and immoral lifestyle of Holland. (3) The Pilgrims came to avoid being killed by the Spanish who were threatening war with Holland. (4) They came to “propagate the Gospel of Christ to the remotest parts of the world.”

They gave their own blood to lay the foundations of liberty, free enterprise in the New World. America would not be at all like it is if settlers from another pagan religion had dominated the continent. A study of the comparison of the degree of the liberty, human rights, treatment of women and children, etc., in lands dominated by other faiths proves the point.

2. The Mayflower Compact was the unique document signed by the Pilgrims. This political covenant was signed by all adult males on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1620. It is the first independent charter or covenant built upon biblical foundations and election of godly leaders. The Mayflower Compact states that the Pilgrim’s purpose was “...for the advancement of the Christian faith.”

It was a break with the caste system of Europe and led to an eventual break with the “Divine Right” tyrants. All the men signed it, whether wealthy, common yeomen, or indentured servants.

3. All of these stereotypes are the reaction to the orthodox biblical lives and Christianity of the Puritans. They were not prudes. They loved life, joyfully had lots of children, and were optimistic that God’s Kingdom was growing to set people and nations free. The Puritans varied from the Pilgrims on their view of a state church. The Pilgrims were separatists. After coming to America, most of the Puritans became Congregationalists and gave up the state church idea.

While about 24 people were put to death in a witch scare in Salem, Massachusetts between 1688 and 1692, this was stopped immediately when Reverend Mather of Boston

intervened. At the same time, there were *tens of thousands* of supposed witches being killed in Europe, especially France. The myth about the “Scarlet Letter” was credited to Nathaniel Hawthorne who wrote the novel *The Scarlet Letter* in his rebellion against his Puritan ancestors. There was no such practice in the church of America.

The Puritans were sinners like all of us, but the legacy that they left us is invaluable. They were the greatest expositors of Scripture in history. They created free enterprise which has transformed the world in the last three centuries. They birthed republican government where “...all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.” They were the rock of our republic and the core of our character. No wonder they are so hated by those who want a godless nation.

4. Three pivotal doctrines of the reformation impacted America. **First**, the Sovereignty of God over all things including the King, the church, and the individual. This is the most hated of doctrines by human rebels because they want to be “god” of their own lives apart from the true God and his commands.

**Second**, the sin nature of man, which the Scripture says is “dead in trespasses and sins,” was a major emphasis of the Reformers and Puritans who followed them. Man was so sinful, including the King and the Pope or religious laity that all people needed to have limitations on their power and checks and balances to make sure that power is not exceeded.

A **third** doctrine is the priesthood of all believers. Christians are “a nation of priests and kings,” Scripture says that there is only one man who mediated our relationship with God, Jesus Christ. This doctrine leveled the playing field and made all people accountable to do great things for God.

5. Romans 8:28 says that “All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.” Because He is sovereign, God turns “the head of the king whenever He wills.” God kept Charles V from killing Luther.

Phillip II bankrupted all of Spain by spending the wealth of the nation for decades trying to subdue the Protestant nations. Phillip’s inquisitions backfired. His cruelty turned millions in Europe to personal faith in Christ.

Henry VIII was used to found the reformation in England, when all he wanted to do was get a divorce.

Bloody Mary persecuted the faith, leading to the creation of the Geneva Bible and the deepening of the rift with Rome.

Catherine D’Medici, through her murderous plots, forced millions of French Christians to America where they helped found the new nation.

James I was used to found Jamestown and Plymouth and fund the scholars who wrote the King James Bible.

6. Martin Luther was the founder of the Reformation.

William Tyndale was the great biblical translator who wrote the first great modern English translation of the Bible.

John Knox freed Scotland from tyranny and brought the Reformation and beginning of Republican government.

John Calvin systematized the reformed theology that was the faith base and world view of most of America's settlers.

## Session 8

### **RIOT, REVOLUTION, AND RUIN** The French Revolution and Its Consequences (1650 A. D. – 1850 A.D.)

1. Study Psalm 2 and related passages to glean the blessings and curses promised to nations. Also see Deut: 8 and Deut: 28.
2. Turning away from God. Idolatry is spoken of in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandments and defines what it means to turn away from God.
3. People can be easily manipulated by emotion and lies when they don't have the balanced wisdom of Scripture and history.
4. They felt man was without a sin nature (the "naked savage" as taught by Rousseau.)
5. An antinomian (anti-law) revolution, like the French Revolution, tore down the established monarchy but did not want to replace the tyranny of the king with obedience to God and His law. They wanted to have freedom without law which led to open displays of immorality and chaos. The apostle Paul gives the balance showing that liberty only comes through obedience to God. He said we should not use our liberty as an excuse for the flesh. Instead we should serve one another in love.
6. If those in power know how everyone votes, they can bribe, intimidate, and kill those who vote against them.
7. The fact that the Revolution did not live up to its motto is proof that we should not be fooled by smooth words of liberation, wealth for all, and brotherhood when the actions of the leaders showed they wanted money, power, and influence. The motto was a smokescreen.
8. Napoleon Bonaparte became Emperor of France and an absolute dictator. He led the flower of Europe and all of the young men of France into devastating wars that killed millions and destroyed a whole generation. He was finally defeated at Waterloo in 1814. France has struggled for stability ever since.
9. Discuss the 12 steps of the French Revolution and relate them to the obvious parallels we see today in modern America.

## Session 9

### PROVIDENCE, PEACE, AND PROSPERITY

The American Revolution and Its Impact  
(1650 A.D. – 1850 A.D.)

1. In 1776, 98.5% of the colonists were Protestant Christians and the other 1% was Catholic. The movement that inspired America from the founding of Jamestown, to Plymouth, Boston, and Charleston was a movement to bring biblical Christianity into the heart of civilization. It was the child of the Protestant Reformation and Cromwell's attempt to bring England freedom from tyrannical Kings in the 1640s to the 1650s.
2. "The voice of the people is the voice of God," was the national motto for the French Revolution. The leaders of the French Revolution, like Robespierre, felt they were the most virtuous of the people. Therefore, "for the good of the nation," their Controller of Public Safety sentenced tens of thousands to death by the guillotine. Robespierre's ultimate goal was to kill one-third of France for the good of the Republic.

The Americans made the foundations for their rights clear in their Declaration: "We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights."

3. America was in a spiritual depression in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. But in 1740 and following, a massive revival of Christianity called "The Great Awakening" swept the country. One-third of New England was saved and half of the south. This renewed commitment to God by millions of the population coupled with an almost universal respect and knowledge of the Bible, set the stage for liberty.
4. No! The American Revolution was a defensive war to defend already existing laws and rights in the English legal and political system. The colonists' right to their property, their rights to no taxation without representation, their religious freedom, which they had enjoyed for 150 years, and the very security of their wives and children were at stake. The British eliminated their rights, blockaded the harbor, and boarded their troops in Boston, and, in essence, declared war on the colonies in 1774.

The Declaration of Independence was a Christian declaration before the world of the abuses of the crown that gave them the right and duty, under God, to deny the tyrant's authority and depend upon their own elected representatives for their proper government. Christians need to know how to defend the "rights of Christian resistance" today. Some Christian leaders are saying that America was breathed in rebellion against God.

The reformers, from Calvin to Knox, to the English Puritans had to face the question again and again, "Do I obey God or Caesar?" They wrote books, such as *Lex Rex* by

Samuel Rutherford in 1646, that detail the biblical argument that the Law is King, rather than the King is Law.

Our patriot pastors taught the colonists the biblical answer to runaway tyrants for thirty years before the revolution.

5. The Colonists were deeply respectful of their churches. The patriot pastors had trained the founders in the biblical basics of a lasting constitutional republic. The churches were places where days of fasting and prayer were held during the great struggle.

None of the colonists burned their churches. George Washington set up chaplains and religious services for his troops. King George said that his colonists had run off with a Presbyterian pastor. The king knew that the church was behind the colonists' stand for liberty. The British did burn some of the churches and used them as stables for their horses.

In contrast, the French revolutionaries incited the people to ravage the churches, steal the churches property and artifacts, and in many cases kill the priests. Hundreds of priests were tied up on barges in the rivers; then the barges were sunk. During the revolution, a French bar maid was pronounced the goddess of reason and placed on the altar of the Notre Dame Cathedral as a mockery to the faith.

6. The Declaration of Independence.
7. Most American Christians have little knowledge of the biblical legacy of liberty that has been handed down to them. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have died to maintain that liberty through the centuries. But the foundation of our nation, which is the basis of our continued blessing as a people, can only be restored by the Christians.

## Session 10

### 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY TERROR Century of Genocide (1850 A.D. – 200 A.D.)

1. The standard of living for the world had remained at about the same level of the Ancient World until it began a slow rise in the medieval period in Christendom. But with the unleashing of the Word of God into the language of the people and in a Bible affordable for the common people, the stage was set for a quantum leap in civilization.

Mercantilism, a system of economics in which the king supports his favored businesses and receives much of the profits, was the standard economy of medieval Europe. This seemed enlightened compared to the rape and pillage of former barbarian kingdoms.

The reason that true free enterprise had not flourished before is because a free economy can only thrive where there is political liberty, spiritual liberty, and economic liberty. If the state or church controls private property and business, then entrepreneurial growth and ingenuity is stifled.

The Christian or Puritan work ethic was deeply imbedded in the character of the English and American Reformation of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. As believers read the Word of God, they felt accountable to work hard, because they believed they were going to give an account to God.

America's Christian ancestors created the free enterprise system. Starting with Jamestown and the Pilgrims, American believers turned away from communism and created the modern free enterprise system which has brought expanded growth in productivity and prosperity as the world had never before witnessed. Most people today have forgotten that this fragile biblical economic system is built on a respect for private property, self-government and responsibility, and only thrives when there is biblical character in the hearts of the people. The other essential ingredient for long term economic prosperity is that the government must stay out of the way, and following only its biblically delegated role to guarantee justice and an honest currency. (Isaiah 1)

The Industrial Revolution was, in a sense, a natural result of the Christian Awakenings in the U.S. and Britain. Individuals invented engineering marvels as never before, as Christian scientists and inventors were inspired by the Bible to take dominion over God's earth (Gen. 1:26-28). The scientific method was based upon unchanging natural laws which are delineated in the Bible. Note that the standard of living, worldwide, had remained basically stagnant for 4,000 years until the Bible was unleashed in the hands of the people.

It should be noted that some industries, not following the biblical pattern, had business owners who abused their employees. This was seen especially in the sweat shop industries in England and in slavery as practiced by some in Colonial America. That was an aberration, not Christian

free enterprise. But it should also be remembered that Christians, such as the Clapham group and William Wilberforce, corrected many of these abuses over time by ending sweat shop practices and ending slavery in England. Believers led the way to equality in America as well.

2. The Bible-believing Christian community was the primary governing force in early America. For example, until as late as 1873, the president of every college in America was a minister. However, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, many of the Bible-believing Christians withdrew from cultural leadership in areas such as education, entertainment, the arts, and government. That vacuum was filled by a small “secular humanist” (man is god) minority.

3. Lincoln said that the cause of America’s judgment was that Americans had forgotten God.

4. There are no wars in the modern world, started by biblically based and spiritually thriving nations. The Boer War in the 1890s shows a collapsing Christian nation, England, going after gold and diamonds—fighting the Dutch settlers in South Africa for their land. Christian nations certainly do not have a perfect record when it comes to aggressive violence. But their mistakes pale in comparison to the hundreds of millions of people who have died in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, victims of the brutal wars, genocides and the abortion holocaust thrust upon the world by atheist, socialist, and communist oppressors.

Now, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Communist regimes, as seen in China and Russia and their satellites like North Korea and Cuba, continue to persecute Christians and kill their people. Added to this mix, today, is a revived Islam, with billions of dollars in oil revenues, aggressively declaring Jihad or holy war against non-Muslims in their own countries and in other nations.

The terrors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century were not only caused by the secular tyrants who drove the world into war and genocide. Morally destructive and more subtle terrors have been destroying the character of our people.

The moral fabric of our society is being undermined by an anti-Christian and amoral media, rampant pornography, and a broken educational system. No longer is the truth taught in schools or in the press—a renewed love for and obedience to the God of the Bible is our only hope of renewing our civilization and its liberty for all. Humanist legislators and judges are disregarding 1,200 years of Christian Common Law and creating their own laws, in direct conflict with our Constitution.

5. Ways we can confront and defeat the terrors of our day include:

- A revived, educated, and committed remnant in the church who will stand for God’s truth
- Wise, loving, and creative evangelism
- A commitment to servant leadership (Matt. 20:25, Gen. 1:26-28, Ps. 8)

- An all out investment of our time and treasure in Christian education in our churches, home schools, and Christian schools
- In-depth biblical worldview training in our churches
- Days of prayer, repentance, and solemn assembly that have always been essential for lasting revival.

6. **Karl Marx**, a German thinker and atheist, published *Das Kapital* in 1867 and dedicated it to Charles Darwin. Marx drew much of his worldview from the philosopher George Fredrick Hegel (1770-1831). Hegel postulated that the state was “god walking on earth.” But Marx created an egalitarian appeal in his dream of political revolution. This communist ideal, as taught by Marx, was “from each according to his ability to each according to his need.” Of course in reality, wherever Marxian communism has been implemented, the leaders of the revolution simply confiscated the wealth and enslaved the nation, rich, and poor.

Lenin and Trotsky descended upon Russia in 1917 and brutally enforced the satanic philosophy of Marx. In China, Russia, North Korea, and many other smaller nations, Marxist communism has brought tyranny and mass genocide to the world on a scale never before seen in the history of man.

Even today, the philosophy of the redistribution of wealth (theft according to the Bible) is deeply imbedded in America’s political and educational establishments.

**Charles Darwin** wrote *Origin of Species* in 1809. His theory of evolution by natural selection was immediately used by the atheists, Marxists, and unbelieving law professors to eliminate the need for God in their minds and in the educational institutions. Marxists saw man as just an evolved economic unit, a pawn of the state, since they believed there was no God. The judges created social Darwinism and legal Darwinism in which the morals of society and the laws of society evolve and are to be changed at will by the judges or state powers.

Much of Darwin’s theory has been disproved or brought into serious question through modern inquiry, but the myth invincibility of his theory lingers in the institutions of learning that are committed to its underlying premises, regardless of the facts. We recommend a serious study of Evolution vs. Creation as there is ample material available and it is a vital issue. Either God creates as He said he did or the Bible is unreliable and “survival of the fittest” rules the world.

**John Dewey**, the humanist creator of modern “progressive public education”, spent his 50-year career, beginning at the teachers’ college of New York, Columbia University. Using a universal curriculum of textbooks, Dewey and his associates directed education away from its Christian foundations. He replaced the Bible and Christianity with his deep faith in the religion of “humanism” (the worship of man).

His work, and that of his protégés, has perhaps destroyed more lives than that of Marx and Darwin put together, because Dewey was the conduit to bringing the marginal and indefensible philosophies of Marx, Darwin, Freud, and the whole worldview of humanism into the minds of five generations of youth.

7. Here are some of the Christian groups, always a small minority, who have changed their world: the Waldensians; the Lollards; the English Puritans; the Scottish reformers; John Calvin's school in Geneva; the Scottish Covenanters; the French Huguenots; the Pilgrims; the American Puritans; Jonathan Edwards and those in the Great Awakening; the Patriot Pulpits; the English and American missionaries of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; William Wilberforce and the Clapham Group; founders of Christian social charity and welfare organizations, such as the Salvation Army; English & American believers after WWII; the new believers in the emerging world (1950-today) and how about us and other believers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

## Session 11

### 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TRIUMPH Christianity Spreads Worldwide (1850 A.D. – 2000 A.D.)

1. The miracle of Dunkirk in 1940, the miracle of Midway in 1942, the providence of God on D-Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944, the providence of God in the fall of the Berlin Wall and the uniting of Germany. The class can research other works of providence that doomed the axis powers and the Soviet Union.
2. Both nations experienced spiritual renewals after the war. The Hebrides Revival in Scotland in the 1950s was the last one experienced in the British Isles to date. C.S. Lewis and other Christian leaders had a real influence through their writings and on the BBC. After the war, America experienced a revival among its youth with groups like the Navigators Campus Crusade for Christ Inter-Varsity, Young life, and the Billy Graham crusades. Both nations sent out hundreds of missionaries to the developing world after the war. The point of this commitment to evangelism is now obvious in the explosion of Christianity in Asia, Africa, South America, and the entire emerging world.
3. Germany's churches had been deeply hurt by German higher criticism which denied the inerrancy of Scripture in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century starting with Professor Friedrich Schleiermacher. By the time of Hitler's rise to power in 1933, only 800 of the 4,000 Christian pastors in Germany refused to declare Hitler to be the anointed Christian leader of Germany in a written contract.

England and its churches had also been weakened by theological liberalism and the social gospel that integrated Marxism and Christianity. England was not spiritually sharp and discerning when Hitler rose to power. Only a tiny minority of people, like Winston Churchill, saw the evil of Hitler and was willing to confront it. Most people chose to appease him throughout the 1930s. America had gone through a spiritual drought in the 1920s as liberalism swept strongly through the mainline denominations. The Great Depression took place in the 1930s as well as a growing isolationism. America did not deal wisely with the threats of Hitler or Japan in the 1930s.

Nations in spiritual decline do not have the character to wisely perceive future problems. They became self-obsessed and focused on their own lusts and desires. The mature person has his senses trained through the practice of discerning good from evil (Heb. 5:14). When we stop practicing right living under God, our whole nation is left open to grave mistakes in judgment with disastrous results.

4. A biblical understanding of the proper role of Christians in their culture began to take root in American Christianity again in the 1970s to 1980s. Dr. Frances Schaeffer exposed a new generation of believers to the power of Christ in history. Dr. Schaeffer revealed

how Christianity brought great art, biblical government, economic systems, and biblical morality to civilization.

Christians have begun to remember the sovereignty of God over His earth and His commands for believers not only to evangelize nations, but to permeate every institution and area of society with the truth of God. The Cultural Mandate of Genesis and the Great Commission of our Lord should be seen as two parallel responsibilities that lead us into the future with great hope.

5. The Christian school and home school movements have exploded in the last three decades. Christians filled the ranks of the pro-life movement in the 1980s and have become more active in civic affairs, including running for office. The church is continuing its strong presence in providing needed help to the poor, hurting, or the widows and orphans. Now there is a major movement in the Christian community to bring wholesome, quality entertainment, including major motion pictures to the nation.
6. The great untold story of the past century has been the growth of evangelical, charismatic, and Catholic Christianity in the emerging world. The future of the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be largely shaped by how this new force of hundreds of millions of believers are used of God to fulfill His plan and purpose to see the “glory of the Lord to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14).

## Session 12

### TERROR OR TRIUMPH IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

1. History proves that those who live in disobedience to absolute truth as detailed in the Scripture always incur judgment. (Deut. 30, Exodus 20) The teaching of cause and effect, providential history—as explained in this series—is an inspiration and encouragement to live out a biblically based lifestyle, knowing that blessings are promised to 1,000 generations for those who walk with God (Deut. 7:9).
2. Whoever has been given the most—liberty, prosperity, opportunity and abilities— will be held accountable to a greater degree at the Judgment. We in America are especially accountable to maintain and spread the blood bought liberty progressively won for us over 2,000 years.
3. The first century Christians “turned the world upside down.” Their spiritual regeneration overflowed from individuals and impacted their cultures and all of life. They replaced paganism with biblical morality and law. Armenia, Ireland, England, France, Holland, Scotland, and America are just a few of the nations who have a strong Christian foundation. Today many other nations in the emerging world are moving toward the successful Christian way of life.

Christian nations are not created by decree or by the forced coercion of believers over other citizens. A true Christian nation is one in which the institutions of society—including the family, education, civil government, commerce and culture—are built upon a biblical worldview. All of America’s founding charters attest to the intent of our founders to establish a biblically based republic.

4. Quote Spurgeon from this session and discuss the importance of evangelism and warning and loving our unbelieving friends and others.
5. The following strategy is made clear throughout the Scripture, beginning in Genesis:

**First, the individual must be redeemed.** Each individual needs to be reconciled to God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. God alone can change lives from the inside out and prepare us to then reach out to others and to our nation.

**Second, we must build family dynasties.** Genesis chapter one instructs us to multiply and take dominion over God’s world. The foundation for this dominion leadership is the family who passes on Godly living and principles from one generation to the next.

**Third, the Commissioned Church must fulfill its role.** The church is called to be salt and light to communities and nations as it fulfills its role to preach the gospel, disciple believers and minister to the poor, needy and others. The church plays a vital role in reconciling the world to God.

**Fourth, civil government is to be limited to its God-ordained responsibilities.** God created civil government in Genesis 9 to punish evil doers and to establish justice not to become a welfare state and not assume the biblical jurisdictions of the family and the church.

**Fifth, the fruit of the godly blesses the nations.** This fifth part of the strategy is a natural result of godly obedience of individuals, families, churches and limited civil government. God's blessing can flow from God through His people and bless all of society.

6. Patrick of Ireland, Boniface of Scotland, Margaret of Scotland, William Wallace, Alfred the Great, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, the Pilgrims, and America's founders.
7. Following God's plan to redeem us and regenerate us is the beginning step of any reformation. We can all begin by applying God's laws of liberty to our lives, teaching our children and disciples. Then we can spread the truth into every institution. If you desire to help spread the message of the *From Terror to Triumph* series, please contact us at the [worldhistoryinstitute.com](http://worldhistoryinstitute.com).