



The Areopagus

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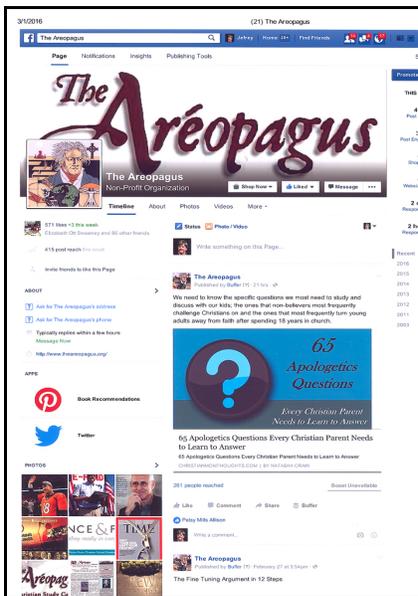
by Jeffrey Breshears



For the past twelve years the Areopagus website (www.TheAreopagus.org) has kept people informed regarding our upcoming seminars and forums, along with our Statement of Beliefs and Mission Statement, general information on our ministry, our history and our board members, and various archived articles and newsletters. Originally designed and managed by **Bob Christensen**, the website was reformatted

four years ago by **Wayne Whitaker**, who has managed the website and handled our communications for the past eight years.

Then, three years ago **Eric and Andrea Smith** designed and set up our Areopagus Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/TheAreopagus), which has continued to expand our ministry outreach not only in the Atlanta area but literally around the world. The Areopagus Facebook page is not a “chatty” social media-type site but a venue in which we post significant articles and events in keeping with our mission to help Christians stay informed on relevant issues related to Christian history, apologetics, science-related topics, literature and the arts, and contemporary cultural issues. (One recent posting on the Facebook page was viewed by more than 21,000 people.) If you haven’t visited the Facebook page and become a “Friend,” I think you’ll find it to be a valuable source of information.



Now, beginning in January of 2016, **Millie Atkinson** has begun publishing a weekly newsletter entitled “**The Watchman: Relevant Issues and Upcoming Events That Informed**

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The Areopagus Calendar

Upcoming Forums

How Political Correctness Is Destroying Higher Education

Dr. Melvyn Fein

Author, columnist, and Professor of Sociology, Kennesaw State University



Thursday, March 17th

7:30 PM

Perimeter Church Fellowship Hall

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The Defectors: Notable Skeptics Who Were Once Professing Christians

Dr. Paul Copan

Author and Professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics, Palm Beach Atlantic University



Thursday, April 21st

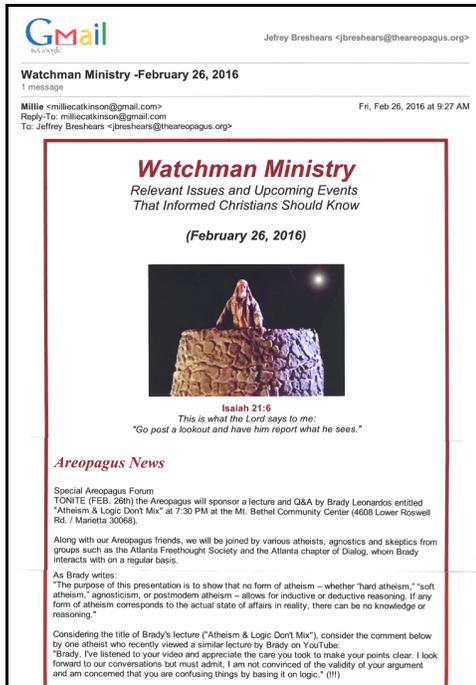
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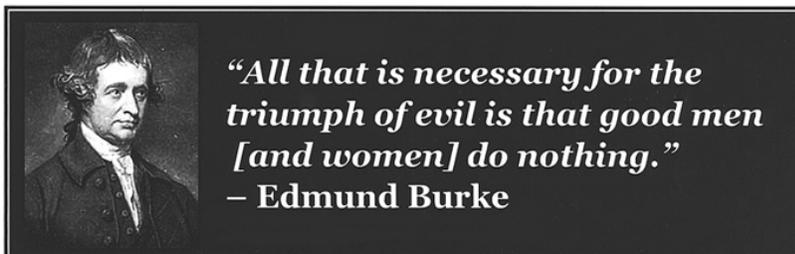
Christians Should Know.” Based on the concept that I wrote about in *The Ministry of the Watchman: Restoring a Vital Missing Link in the Ministry of the Church*, “The Watchman Newsletter” provides not only notifications on upcoming events, informative articles, and other vital information that Christians should know, but it also functions as a source that local Watchman-style groups can utilize to organize group discussions and, when necessary, proactive involvement. As I commented in the *Watchman* booklet...



To change our culture, we must first change the culture in our churches. For the church to minister effectively in the midst of an increasingly confused and dysfunctional society, it must exercise its prophetic role at the local level. For that to happen, it is essential that the church restore the ministry of the watchman. This is a vital missing link between what the church currently is what it is called to be – a source of light and truth to the surrounding community. Every church, regardless of size, should have an organized group whose designated ministry is to survey the cultural landscape and report regularly on matters of particular relevance to the congregation. Like the men of Issachar in I Chronicles 12:32 who “understood their times,” this requires men and women who

are attuned to the issues of our day and who have the necessary knowledge, the communication skills, and the organizational ability to serve as effective leaders in this crucial area of ministry. [Jeffrey D. Breshears, *The Ministry of the Watchman* (CentrePointe Publishing, 2010), p. 17]

If you’re not currently on Millie’s email contact list for the “Watchman” newsletter, you can contact her at millicatkinson@gmail.com. Also, if you’re interested in helping start a Watchman group either in your church or among friends, contact me at JBreshears@TheAreopagus and I can put you in touch with others who share a similar vision. But above all, given the desperate state of our society and culture, let’s resolve to be a source of light and truth by getting informed and actively involved in the great issues of our day.



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Upcoming Forums

The Problem of Anti-Christian Discrimination in Academia

Dr. George Yancey

Professor of Sociology,
University of North Texas,
and author of *Hostile Environment: Understanding and Responding to Anti-Christian Bias*



Thursday, May 19th
7:30 PM
Perimeter Church
Fellowship Hall

Areopagus Forum February 26, 2016



Brady Lenardos lectures on “Atheism & Logic Don’t Mix”