

**June 3, 2018 Unshakable: Thriving No Matter What Hits You
When My Beliefs are Challenged**

Dan. 1:3-5 - ³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—⁴ young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

Dan. 1:17 - To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

Dan. 1:18-21 - ¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. ²¹ And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have troubles. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Luke 21:36

But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

1 Pet. 5:8

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Tim. 3:15

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

QUOTE - "The future of the world is not secularism but religious pluralism" -DAVOS

Culture is Attacking Issues such as: Our:

Identity, Origin, Sexuality, Purpose, Stance of Objective Truth, and Role as the IMAGO Dei - or Image of God

We have options:

1. Roll over and Join them.
2. Retreat into our CHRISTIAN circles.
3. Take a Redemptive Stance that Shines a light of the Love of God.

When my Beliefs are Challenged...WHAT CAN I DO?

1. DECIDE in Advance to Make a Stand.

Principle - Today's decisions will dictate who you will be tomorrow.

Dan.1:8 - Daniel Resolved not to defile himself...

2. DETERMINE to Never Stop Learning.

Principle - You cannot abundantly live today off of yesterday's rations.

3. DECERN the Lies by Comparing to Truth.

Principle - Following truth is incredibly more satisfying than fixating on lies.

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John 8:31-32 - ³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

4. DEDICATE My Life to Living Toward Eternity.

Principle - No matter my circumstances, this is not my home.

Dan. 3:16-18

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us ^[a] from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."