

Dr. Robert T. Ketcham
Friends Which Endanger the Fundamentalist Movement
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It was quite a bit of emotion that I introduced Dr Ketchum this morning. I'm pleased to have the honor because it was just 30 years ago that I went to the chairman of appropriate committee asking his help, and I don't know how many times I returned after that.

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I have one prayer for you to do, and that is that many of you came out here and not our audience will not only be inspired, but that some of you will take up the torch and carry it where Dr. Ketchum and the older one brother leave off to catch and take your time.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Oh, that's bad. That's a dangerous thing to say, Doctor. Well, it's been a real joy and a blessing to my own heart, to minister, to you these days together on the high cost of writing paper. And I trust that it will be a permanent help and blessing and encouragement and exhortation to you.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And this morning, in our closing message with you, I would like to have a heart to heart talk with you about friends. Which endanger the fundamentalist movement. Crimes which endanger the fundamentalist movement. Her there are many that we could name, but if we did, we would be here until supertime discussing them and that we can't do.

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Robert T. Ketcham

So I think I shall concentrate this morning on what to me is the major threat again, the sound fundamental position which men like myself and the school of the GRB. I have maintained through the years the historical pace of historical practice based upon the word of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The chief threat that I see today against the all historic position. Of practice. Anybody else claim to believe the word of God is what is now called new evangelicalism? The old ball blatant multi modernism of a generation past is no longer a threat to the church so much.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And when I get up and go after a nails parade or a Sheila Matthews or a Harry Potter. The audience will rub my ears and yell, but when I have to raise a warning voice against men like I can gay for Seminary, Denver

Seminary and Wilbur Smith and raising warning voice against men and institutions like this.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Immediately, instead of getting my ears rubbed, I got them boxed. Now, hand, we're called narrow, we are called bigoted, we are called on loving and all the rest of it. Which doesn't amount to much to me, so long as I'm telling the truth, that's all I'm concerned about.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You have Angelica movement were launch and the term was was manufactured by Dr. Harold Locke and Gay. He's the father of the term. Few years back. No article appeared in the magazine called Christian Light. The editor said that they had sent out questionnaires to 15 of the most prominent and well known conservative scholars of the day, and

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Robert T. Ketcham

I never did see the questionnaire itself. It wasn't published in the article. But the results were. And the editorial wound up by saying that the consensus of opinion from these men was that quote, fundamentalism is passÃ©. It is true today and it's out of date that the new term now is new evangelicalism, and that was a quote

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Robert T. Ketcham

from Dr. Gay. There were 15 suggestions that arose out of the answers to the questionnaire. And two of them, they were all interesting, but two of them, particularly one of the new objectives of this new evangelicalism, was, quote a more friendly attitude to science unquote.

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Robert T. Ketcham

second, more friendly, more now understanding forgotten the exact wording their dialog with modern, it's a more friendly attitude design and a more friendly and understandable and dialog with the modernists. These were two of the outstanding recommendations that came up under this title new evangelicalism and that article throughout the editorial.

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Robert T. Ketcham

These men who had been asked certain questions were quoted. I read the article with real spiritual alarm and prepared an article entitled The New Peril. Before I released the article, I wrote each one of these 15 men whose answers had given rise to the WHO, the editorial and its subjective.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I cited to each individual man what he was quoted as having said and asked them if this quotation was correct. Was it verbally correct? Was it taken out of context? And third, do you, as one of the 15, agree with the

final conclusion of the editorial as to its 15 objectives closing paragraph of that letter, I said

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Robert T. Ketcham

to these men, each one of them. I said my reason for asking this of you is that I am going to prepare a an article which is critical of this. And if you have been misquoted, if you have been taken out of context or if you disagree with the findings and the conclusion of the editorial, I want

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Robert T. Ketcham

the privilege of saying so in my article and exonerating you from any personal liability or responsibility for this new thing. It is my earnest desire to be fair to you here, and I would appreciate it if you will tell me what is the quote in the article from you, correct?

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Robert T. Ketcham

Was it in context? And do you agree or disagree with the final conclusion? eight of the men replied, and all of them said I was that they were correctly quoted and that they agreed with the conclusion. seven never did answer.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, I feel, therefore, that since they declined to answer, I am entirely within the realm of Christian ethics when I conclude that they must have agreed that they were correctly quoted or they would have said out. Now, but let's look at some of the situation here.

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Robert T. Ketcham

one of my very finest friends is Jay Wilbur Smith. Dr. Robert Smith. And in this article, Wilbur Smith was quoted as saying, conservative scholars all agree that we must reexamine the question of biblical inspiration. Unquote. He never denied having said it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And he has denied it to this day. Now, I want to tell you, folks, and if Dr. Smith had said we need to reexamine the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, we need the restudy the doctrine of eschatology. We need to study the doctrines of church management and government and so on and so forth.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I would have said a man with both hands and both feet. You can't go too deeply into the study of these glorious truths. When a man tells me that I must reexamine and study the question of biblical inspiration I bought.

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Robert T. Ketcham

All right, there. I wrote to meet her and still didn't get a reply. I said, what are the preachers in this country going to use for a Bible? While you knew evangelicals have the Bible up in your ivory tower trying to determine whether we had one or not?

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Robert T. Ketcham

We the question of whether we have an inspired Bible is not open to debate. If it is. Then the whole superstructure of Christian doctrine collapses. That's getting all together too friendly with modernism to suit me. Now, one of the main thrust of the new Evan Jelicicle is their criticism of the separatist movement, such as it is represented

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Robert T. Ketcham

in the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and supported and approved by this college. All I have here, Christianity today, October 10th issue 19 hundred and 61 long article by Dr. Rock and Gay and I have it clearly underscored when I can read it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But let me quote to you right from here, I can't read it, but it's here. You can verify the quote if you want to. Doctor Rock and Gay says that fundamentalism, the battle for fundamentalism and the cause of fundamentalism was long ago.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, first of all, that's news to me. I didn't know it was lost. Maybe I'm like that Japanese soldier that was hiding up in the mountains in the Philippines. three months after the war was over, he came down.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He didn't know it was over, so he started shooting. Everybody saw maybe I ought to put my gun up here and say that this battle was lost, chiefly because of any erroneous doctrine concerning the church. The erroneous doctrine concerning the church identified the church where those who were correct in doctrine and shepherd Christian ethic.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Well, so help me, Hannah, who would you identify the church with if it isn't that crowd? Correct correcting doctrine and separatist genetically. I'll raise both hands and plead guilty to slapping a man. Now he says that we were wrong in identifying the church as those made up of those who were correct in doctrine.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And separatist genetic. Now, the next session for the right. I, for one, do not know how in the world they ever let himself said, I know he

believes it. But however he how he get to put it down in writing and and after did.

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Robert T. Ketcham

How in the world Dr. Henry Lee Edgar ever let it get by his eagle eye and come out in print? I don't know. But here, right here now is the crux of this whole matter. And listen to what Dr. and Guy, the father of new reverend radicalism, says the next sentence after he says we had an erroneous

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Robert T. Ketcham

doctrine of the church identifying those correct and doctrine and separateness and ethics, he says. The purity of the church was placed above the peace of the church. There is the open frank admission as a whole philosophy that lies back of you have angelic movement right there.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And how in the wide world they ever let themselves say it in such bold, understandable language, I don't know. But there it is. They charge us with an error in doctrine concerning a church and an error in practice in the application and implication of that doctrine.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And the error is that we place the clarity of the church above the peace of the church, and we plead guilty to that. Here is the Ray, who on Page 190, one of his book Understanding of God, says that you cannot deny it cannot be denied that possibly Jesus was the son of a blind German carpenter, a

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Robert T. Ketcham

soldier and a Jewish girl by the name of Mary. I can't deny it. And I do deny it. And if you got an ounce of good all born again Baptist blood in your union, I had to. I was about to ask for a name and but we won't even ask you to take the fifth Amendment or never

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Robert T. Ketcham

. Yeah, I am going to armor out of my girl. Now, Dr. and says that in order to keep the peace of the church, I have it going right on the old Northern Baptist Convention. Fed up on this end of the platform, believing that my savior is the Virgin Barn, Holy Ghost conceived incarnate son of God, or on

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Robert T. Ketcham

this end, the platform really is this foul mouthed blasphemer that says we got him out of a night of immorality on the part of a good looking blond soldier in this crazy little Jewish kid and Mr. Akin Gay.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Speaking for new heaven, Jellicle ism says that bobcat criminals ought to stay right in there together and keep the peace. Well, I got news from Mr. Akin Gay. I got to do it. I am teaching. And if your English department is here, don't you put me down for being ungrammatical because that word now is in the new

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Robert T. Ketcham

Webster's dictionary? It took me 74 years to convince Noah that it ought to be in there, but I find it. Maybe. And took me almost that many years to convince the old girl on etiquette, Emily post, that you could eat chicken with your fingers, too, but I made that eventually I got three other projects I'm working on

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Robert T. Ketcham

. If you could make them or not. But this this is the heart of new reverend globalism. Stand no separation. Stay right in there and cooperate with. And this thing that I've just quoted to you is the philosophy that swings over into ecumenical evangelism.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Bring all of the modernists and all the fundamentalists together on an evangelistic platform and have the chairman of one of your crusades say that the Bible teaches the divinity of Christ, but where it teaches the day of Christ.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Have another man on the executive committee in another one of your recommended crusades who says, Quote all of this talk about the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is so much nonsense to me. More Europe in order to keep the peace.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, this philosophy of peaceful coexistence didn't begin with cruciate. In the religious realm, it began with a new evangelical. Too friendly with modernity now, too friendly with fans. Let me read you a quote from Dr. Rock and Gay's book are women who made history in the Bible?

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Robert T. Ketcham

I'm quoting from Page twelve. As for a man himself, although many theories may be advanced as to primitive man or a dynamic man, and at best, that's an interesting term. Pretty damning, man. Well, if Adam is the first man who in the wide world is this free guy back that I'd like to have somebody tell me from

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Robert T. Ketcham

the pre-pandemic man? Yet the Bible clearly says that God created man. Sure. But now look at what the new evangelical does with it. And at some point, regardless of whether God you dust to the ground or whether he used an animal whom he had already created, he bridge the gap between by breathing in him the breath of

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Robert T. Ketcham

life and making him in his own ego. That's too friendly was saying, Shoot me. Did you hear what you said? The Bible clearly teaches that God created man, and so it does then Iraq and gazelles that regardless, it doesn't make any difference at all.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Where that got started with the dust in the case of Adam, or whether he started in the dust with an animal, some animal whom he had previously created and breathed into him the breath of life and that bridges the gap is a regret of making.

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Robert T. Ketcham

It does make a difference. The word of God teachers, nothing of the kind but new heaven jellicoe wanting to be up here in the upper class of the intel intelligentsia and not to be looked upon and looked down upon by this crowd of scientific modernists.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And what have you up here to get a little something that makes them look intelligent and broad minded? They all admit that God did it, but that doesn't make any difference, whether God did it by creating a man out of the dust or taking some creature.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now let me give you another one. John Carnell at the time he wrote the book and I'm going to quote from was president of Fuller Seminary, and he was selected. Somebody got the idea that there should be two books written.

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Robert T. Ketcham

one, Do you defend orthodoxy on the other? Defend Liberalism? And John Cornell was selected by those in charge of this thing as the one man in all the fundamental realms, the new evangelical realms who could adequately set forth the ideas involved and contained in Orthodoxy.

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Robert T. Ketcham

So he wrote the book, The Case for Orthodoxy. And if ever I read a book that is just the opposite, that fit. Well, let me quote now from Dr. Arc and Dr. Canals book, I'm quoting from Page 95.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Quote. When Orthodoxy take stock of its knowledge, it must admit that it does not know how and that word is italicized. God created the record in Genesis seems to indicate that he did it in six days or 24 hours each.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But since Orthodoxy has given up its belief in a literal 24 hour day theory? Well, just a minute, Mr. Duncan Gay, you didn't write me and I am still Orthodox, and I haven't given up any such belief in any such literal.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And I can throw at Mr Cornell 100 names this morning, and here are some of the country's most outstanding scientists. Who are signing a confession of faith now in the creation of a new research on creation. 100 of them and one of the tenants of their doctrine in the literal lay theory Mr. Rock and Guy, Mr. Cornell

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Robert T. Ketcham

, you're a little bit previous when you said Orthodoxy is giving it up. Maybe some have, and there are a few of us left to heaven. But listen to what he said. Since Orthodoxy has given up its belief in a literal 24 hour a day theory in respect to geology, you know there goes the trouble again.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Who in the wide world said that the Bible has to be interpreted in respect to anything or anybody? The only person I had to respect in my interpretation of the Bible is the son of God and the Holy Spirit who wrote it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But he says, we've given up this theory in respect to genealogy. Therefore, we would lose nothing in principle if we now gave up our belief in a literal immediate cry, our belief in an immediate creation theory in respect to paleontology.

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Robert T. Ketcham

We're getting pretty friendly with science now. Is it please, God, to breathe into some creature? Which had come from the Dutch. They breath of life, Soviet period. All the Bible requires us to believe is. That the creature was not the no dead ma'am until the act of the divine in breathing unquote.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now let's look at that a minute. Every year, Dr. John Karr now has to sign or didn't have to sign the statement in Fuller Seminary and that he believes in the literal creation of Adam by an act of God and that he did not evolve from lower forms of animal life.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Signs out every year, and then in his book, he writes, it's. Now, watch how adroitly he dealt his mental gymnastics so that he can make his his evolutionary theory here. That's what it is. Square with what you signed at the beginning of the year.

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Robert T. Ketcham

The beginning of the year, he signed a statement that God created man and that he did not evolve from lower forms of animal life. Now in this book, he says that all the Bible requires us to believe is that God breathed this breath of light into some creature which had previously come from the dark, but that this

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Robert T. Ketcham

creature was not the noted man until the act of the divine in breathing. What Mr. Arkin Gay is saying here is that this thing that was coming up and up and up and up and up and up and creature hood was not a man in process of slow development.

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Robert T. Ketcham

He was a creature and a creature only and had not God breathed on him. He would have forever remained a creature. He was not a man coming up through the lower forms in full development to manhood. He was a creature and a creature only and would have remained so.

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Robert T. Ketcham

But one day, God squared off in front of him and you. Instantaneous creation and level. Know my friend, if you can square that with mental honesty, then I'm a blacksmith and I wouldn't know it into the horse to put the shoes on.

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Robert T. Ketcham

This is altogether too friendly, my friend. We're saying. I maintain that this new heaven Jellicle system, which wants to trim it fails to give in to a more friendly attitude to science and be considered as an up among the upper crust of the intelligentsia with these firemen.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I maintain that it's too friendly attitude with modernists who want to sit down and have dialog with them and stay right in the ecumenical movement with them and stay right in the apostate denomination with them is altogether too friendly to modernism.

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Robert T. Ketcham

Now, this whole thing is shaping up in the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches in the one World Church idea that has captured the fancy of the apostate world. And in the judgment of your speaker this morning, this is something that you young students need to look twice at before you swallow it.

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Robert T. Ketcham

You're going out of the halls of this school in the mission field and hope it out in two applications in the secular world to find your L.A. membership in some church where you can be true to the word and true to God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

True to the Lord. And I plead with you to see to it that you don't go. Tainted the tarnished with this spirit of new heaven, delicately ism, in my judgment, it is the most dangerous threat and thrust against the historic faith that is in operation today.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And thank God for our schools. But I would remind you that in every downgrade movement, every major denomination that has gone down the drain started in their school. And I plead with you as I am pleading with every one of our schools.

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Robert T. Ketcham

I'm not singling out any school. I've been in five of our schools this year and every one of them I am pleading, pleading, watch it. Watch it, watch it. Don't let the door get open. Don't let anything at her that would eventually mature into an open denial of the word of God and the truth of God.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And then the regular Baptist movement down the road to ruin is a terrific responsibility resting upon you. Faculty and students alike. And we thank God for every one of our school. And we're expecting you to watch every step you take if you want the approval of a general association of regular Baptist churches, which you have.

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Robert T. Ketcham

And which we trust shall can you shall continue to have until the Lord Jesus Christ come our father, help us to realize that this business is a serious thing that is a mighty serious thing, to call ourselves a Christian and go out and beat Jesus Christ or somebody that is the representation of him for me to live

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Robert T. Ketcham

is Christ to somebody. Help us to realize that in our bodies, in our daily lives, in our conduct, we are Jesus Christ. We are the people we are his letter to a lost world. And help us as a student and as a school to keep well in mind that this is a serious business of handling the word

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Robert T. Ketcham

of life, that at no point shall we turn its head or shall we throw the slightest switch under its divine truth? We commit this school and all of its precious heritage. We committed faculty, its president, its student body to the This Morning, a new and fresh and ask for the touch of God to rest upon it like

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Robert T. Ketcham

the Jews of heaven. four Jesus, eight, a man.