

A woman wearing a brown hijab is shown in profile, looking towards the left. She is positioned in the foreground, with a vast, rugged mountain range in the background. The mountains are covered in snow and partially shrouded in mist or low clouds. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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A SERIES ON CURRENT EVENTS

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To find out how life begins



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Why are we dealing with current events?

- Our purpose for the Unshakeable series is for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be lived out as the solution for dealing with our current events.



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Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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- Every human being is worthy of respect and dignity because he is an image bearer of God. 1 Pe. 2:17

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Henry David Thoreau wrote...

The gods we worship write their names on our faces; be sure of that. And a man will worship something – have no doubt about that either.

He may think that his tribute is paid in secret in the dark recesses of his heart – but it will out. That which dominates will, determines his life and character.

Therefore it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we worship, for what we are worshipping, we are becoming.

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- God may choose to give you the desire of your heart. Romans 1:24-32

Romans 1:28-32 Actions against another human being...

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a **debased mind** to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,



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Romans 1:28-32

slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



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List of current events

- Occupy Wall Street
- Me Too Movement
- BLM, CRT and WOKE
- Immigration
- COVID w/restrictions
- People not working
- LGBTQ/Gender Identity
- Corruption
- Cancel culture
- Censorship in social media
- Racism
- Proposal 5



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- **BY LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL**

Colossians 1:19-20

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the
blood of His cross.



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Colossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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How do I respond?

- “Continue in your faith” – relationship with Jesus
- “Stable” – grounded securely to foundation
- “Steadfast” – inward strength to remain true
- “Not shifting from the hope of the gospel” – many voices out there – which voice will I follow?
- Living out the gospel is far more than just intellectual belief. It requires of me to move towards those in unbelief.

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- I plead for God's help to view and treat other people with His love and truth even when it costs me.