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*‘Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?”  
Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”  
(Isaiah 6:8)*

# WELCOME

*Shalom!*

*We are honored and blessed to have an opportunity to gather today to discuss the mission and vision of the apologetics ministry the Lord called us to in 2020. First and foremost, we are giving thanks to God for His guidance and the boldness He has given us to stand up for His Word. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all volunteers who have contributed their time, finances, and skills to the development of the **International Biblical Apologetics Association** (IBAA). In this report, we would like to highlight some of the milestones and accomplishments of IBAA. We fervently pray that the Lord be glorified through this ministry. We also encourage you to partner with us as the Holy Spirit leads you.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*‘Then I said, “I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name.”  
But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones;  
I was weary of holding it back, and I could not’  
(Jeremiah 20:9)*

# HISTORY

In recent decades, there has been a dangerous rise in a variety of false teachings that have been affecting evangelical churches and Messianic communities, thus leading believers away from the biblical doctrine and undermining the unity among believers, as well as their relationship with God. On the contrary, the Bible commands us to be “united in the same mind and the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10). However, avoiding divisions should not come at the expense of biblical doctrine, as commonly happens in contemporary churches. In fact, the Lord calls us ‘to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints’ (Jude 1:3) and to expose the works of darkness (Ephesians 5:11). Thus, we are reminded in Scripture that unity and peace in the body of Christ are achieved only in obedient adherence to the biblical truth as laid out in the Old and New Testaments.

In April 2020, the Lord called a number of ministers from various evangelical and Messianic communities to create the International Apologetics Declaration. In July 2020, the first version of the Declaration was posted on social media which triggered a strong pushback in Christian and Messianic circles. The bulk of opposition focused on the following topics: the role of Israel in the end-times, the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit, the authority of Scriptures, and Kabbalah. Some of the remarks made were frankly antisemitic. At the same time, the resistance to the Declaration sparked a genuine interest in our ministry. We could clearly see the gap among believers God wanted us to fill through our ministry.

To this date, the Declaration has been translated into 16 languages:

**Arabic**  
**Bulgarian**  
**Czech**  
**English**  
**Finnish**  
**French**  
**Georgian**  
**German**  
**Hebrew**  
**Hindi**  
**Kirghiz**  
**Polish**  
**Russian**  
**Spanish**  
**Ukrainian**  
**Urdu**

The Declaration has been signed by Christians from 22 countries:

**ARMENIA**



**AUSTRALIA**



**BELARUS**



**BELGIUM**



**BULGARIA**



**CANADA**



**THE CZECH  
REPUBLIC**



**GERMANY**



**ISRAEL**



**ITALY**



**KAZAKHSTAN**



**KYRGYZSTAN**



**LATVIA**



**MOLDOVA**



**PAKISTAN**



**POLAND**



**PORTUGAL**



**RUSSIA**



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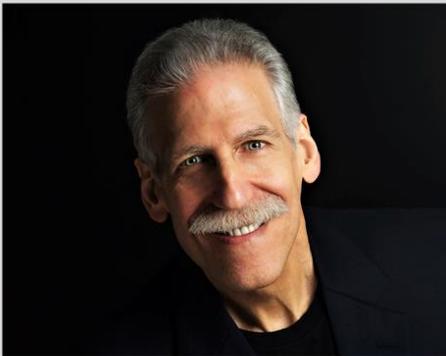


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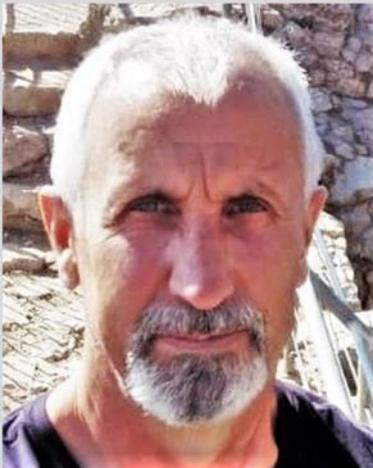
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# IBAA GOALS

Promotion of spiritual unity between Messianic Jews and Evangelical Christians
Reaching the Jewish people with the Gospel
Promotion of biblical apologetics
Refuting false doctrines
Creation of theological resources in three languages (Russian, English, and Hebrew) to better understand the Scripture and to teach how to defend the biblical faith
Raising the awareness of churches about evangelism and apologetics

# CURRENT NEEDS

Prayers
Distribution of the Declaration among churches, ministries, and Messianic communities
Creation of video and printed content (articles, books, video, sermons, etc.)
Administration of the IBAA website and social media platforms
Volunteers
Apologetists
Fundraisers
Translators

## IBAA PROJECTS

<b>COMPLETED PROJECTS</b>	October 2016	The Chicago Apologetics Conference ( <a href="https://www.yesodbiblecenter.com/bible-apologetics-conference/">https://www.yesodbiblecenter.com/bible-apologetics-conference/</a> )
	2016 - 2018	Michael Karpovetzki's books: <i>Jesus is Jehovah, Love Never Fails, Successful Fishing False Stereotypes in Judaism And Christianity</i>
	August 16 - October 11, 2020	Evangelism Online Course: <i>Successful Fishing</i> Instructor: Michael Karpovetzki
	September - December 2020	Humanitarian aid sent to Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, and Ukraine
	2020 - 2021	Zoom webinars on a variety of theological topics
	February 2021	The IBAA website

<b>ONGOING PROJECTS</b>	Since 2018	<i>Yesod Bible Center</i> ( <a href="http://www.yesodbible.org">www.yesodbible.org</a> ) as the educational arm of the IBAA
	Since 2020	Editing, translation into 16 languages, and promotion of the Declaration in churches internationally
	Since 2020	Outreach to proponents of pseudo-Christian cults on Facebook
	Since 2020	Publication of Igal German's book on pseudo-Christian cults
	Start Date: December 06, 2020	Apologetics Online Course: <i>Born to Defend</i> Instructor: Igal German The course is designed for lay believers and pastors as a resource for practical ministry.

<b>UPCOMING PROJECTS</b>	The website <a href="http://www.bibleapologist.org">www.bibleapologist.org</a> (developed by Oleg Yarovikov)
	Development of social media platforms (Facebook & YouTube)
	Publication of videos, tracts, articles, and books
	Translation of the documentary film <i>Escape from Nazi Demons</i> into Russian and Hebrew. The film tells the story of Werner Oder, a former Nazi and now a Christian and friend of Israel
	Spiritual support team for victims of heresies and cults
	Courses on Jewish Evangelism
	Videos and articles refuting the antisemitic teachings of Steve Anderson
	Translation of <i>The Foundation (First Fruits of Zion)</i> into Russian
	Production of a documentary film featuring testimonials of former cultists
	Promotion of evangelistic films
Conduction of joint prayer gatherings, seminars, conferences	

# TESTIMONIALS



## **The Korniyenkos (RUSSIA)**

*“We convey our heartfelt gratitude to the International Biblical Apologetics Association for the multiple help and care for our large family (13 kids). Thank you for the humanitarian parcels and care. May God keep you safe!*

*Kind regards,  
The Korniyenkos, Russia”*



## **Saima Paras (PAKISTAN)**

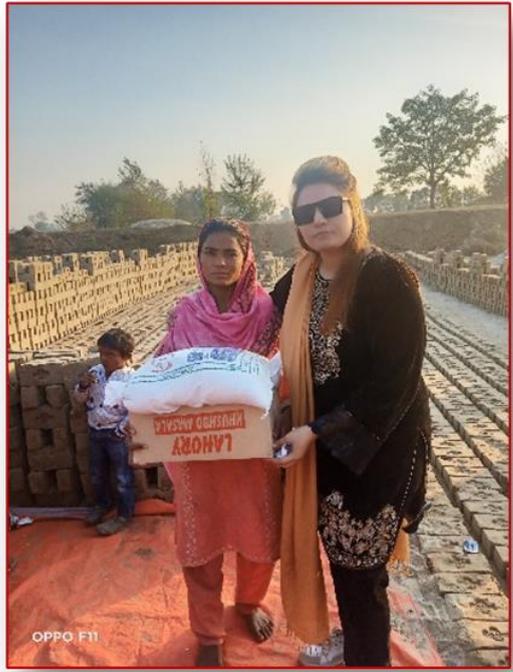
IBAA provided financial support addressed to Saima Paras, a Christian woman from the city of Lahore in Pakistan.

The donation sum for the poor in Pakistan totaled \$2,928. Saima Paras spent the money to buy warm clothing, food (flour, rice, oil, milk, sugar, sweets, noodle, and tea), footwear, medication, Christmas presents for kids, including orphans and invalids, poor families, a disabled woman, etc.

Saima Paras helped 20 families, 60 orphaned children, a disabled woman, etc.



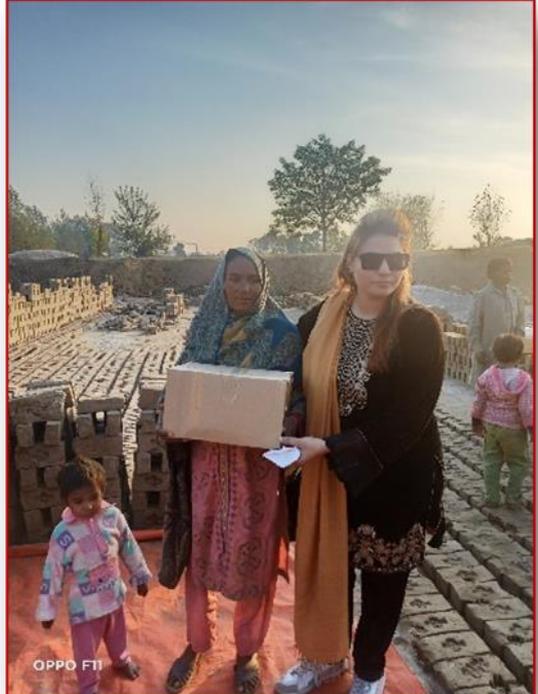
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**Grigoriy Komendant**  
**Founder and Rector**  
***The International Bible Society***  
**(UKRAINE)**

*“Dear Brother Michael Karpovetzki, I am very glad to meet you! The evangelism course is a very useful resource. I enjoy listening to it and I am discovering lots of useful things. Your Jewish biblical approach allows to expand my knowledge of the biblical scriptures. In a nutshell, EVERYTHING is perfect and useful! The important thing is that you do not force your interpretation but allow to think independently. At the same time, there is no need to disagree. God bless you with more opportunities to keep running this important teaching.*

*In brotherly love, Grigoriy Komendant”*



**Yuri Sipko**  
**Former Chairman**  
***The Union of Churches of Evangelical***  
***Baptist Christians of Russia***  
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*“Grace and peace to you, blessed brother and minister of God Michael! Awesome training. Excellently organized. Entirely biblical, from beginning till end.”*



**Pastor Michael Login**  
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*“Born to Defend is a useful and timely course of this time. It helps strengthen relations between denominations and unites ministers to protect the gospel faith which is needed in this end time.”*



**Sergey & Olga Blashuk**  
**(UKRAINE)**

*“Thank you very much for the very insightful lectures, useful discourse and valuable information. We are listening to all the lessons but, unfortunately, cannot participate on Sundays evening due to time difference. Our prayers are with and for you. God bless you. Our deepest thanks go to all the hosts of these meetings, especially to Igal. God bless you, dear brother, abundantly!!”*

*“for they all put in out of their abundance,  
but she out of her poverty put in all that she had,  
her whole livelihood.”  
(Mark 12:44)*

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

*Dear Friends,*

*You can partner with us by financially supporting our ministry. A gift of any size would be truly appreciated. Follow the link to make your donation: <https://www.yesodbiblecenter.com/support-us/> For the purposes of transparent documentation, please kindly send an e-mail to the addresses shown below with your full name and the amount you are donating:*

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*Thank you very much!*

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