

... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day... Luke 24:46

YHVH and The Jewish Messiah

By Fred Comella

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

Truth and reality are often difficult words, or at least we make them difficult. From the missteps in "the garden" to this day, human kind has sought to mask and/or manipulate what we know to be true and real. There are many reasons for this, not all of which were, or are necessarily intentional. Historically speaking, there is something to be said for things like time, language and translation. One can even argue over interpretation to some degree. But in the end, truth is truth, specifically



Messianic Rabbi Henry Morse (right) with Holocaust victims at Cobb Corner Shopping Center in Stoughton, MA raising money for the Holocaust Memorial in Nashua, NH.

when reconciled against the intent of YHVH or "Yahweh" (my Lord). And the reality of our day to day lives is wholly dependent upon how close we are to that truth.

In the case of our Christian faith there is a beginning, middle, and eternity. I've personally struggled with the truth of my faith to be sure. It's never been a matter of believing really, but rather understanding all related things which preceded my faiths journey. I'm a history geek by nature, (for those who wouldn't have guessed), and the desire to learn of the most extraordinary figure in human history, (Yeshua

"Jesus" the Jewish Messiah), has been nothing

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From Sinner to Saint

The Life and Love of James Cook

By Elizabeth Mary Filipe

"To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind."
~ Pearl S. Buck

Emerging from a history of bittersweet grace, James Cook beautifully exemplified the Biblical directive to go forth and shine the light of Christ into the darkness of the earth. In his ears, "the earth" meant his local community, into which he poured the love of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit with zeal and sweet devotion.

Steadily and gracefully, the unique brightness of James Cook's new-creation radiated into each soul he encountered inside the Providence Rescue Mission, on the delivery route of The Good News Today,

and extensively within his taxi service. His "little light" also made its presence known in the warmth received by the nameless and faceless in his community, whom Jim both named and remembered.

In each arena of Jim's selfless influence, Christ's command and comfort rang confidently: *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*



James Cook

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BUILDING BIGGER BARNS

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

"And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods." - Luke 12:15-21

I crossed paths with a buddy Bill the other day and he was distraught. I don't want it to appear as if I take comfort in saying "I told you so," but I have to admit the urge to say it was causing spasms in my tongue.

But I bit my tongue because some things don't need to be said. Especially when it is obvious that the one I am about to say it to has suddenly come to the same realization. I just let him vent for a while.

ing plan last Sunday. It seems as if we have out-grown the building, going to four services on the weekends, and that our sanctuary is too small. When Pastor Tom shot the power point up on the screen my heart sank. You immediately came to mind Coach.



He flashed drawings that had been created by the architect and handed out color fliers of the new facility. It was magnificent to look at but something inside of me started to ache. Especially when I heard the price-tag....\$6.9 million. I could almost hear your voice in my head repeating what you have said to me so many times...*'HOLDING TANK.'* The

"Coach, our pastor unveiled a new build-

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Famous Christian charity hiring married 'gays says decision symbolic of 'unity'

by Joseph Farrah

(WND) The mega ministry World Vision has announced that it now is allowing employees to be involved in homosexual "marriages," in an effort to encourage "unity" among Christian supporters.

In an interview with Christianity Today Richard Stearns, who is president of the U.S. branch, said it is a "very narrow policy change" and should be seen by others as "symbolic not of compromise but of [Christian] unity."

The U.S. branch, based in Federal Way, Wash., has about 1,100 workers.

He said that policy still will require employees to confine their sexual activities to within a marriage, but now that's been expanded to include same-sex "marriage."

"Changing the employee conduct policy to allow someone in a same-sex marriage

who is a professed believer in Jesus Christ to work for us makes our policy more consistent with our practice on other divisive issues," Stearns told the newspaper. "It also allows us to treat all of our employees in the same way: abstinence outside of marriage, and fidelity within marriage." The announcement drew a chorus of horrified comments from other Christian groups.

"World Vision president Richards Stearns said they will leave the debate over same-sex 'marriage' to the churches where he

acknowledges it is tearing them apart," said Diane Gramley, president of the American Family Association of Pennsylvania. "However, the only reason there is any debate among churches on this issue is because those who accept 'gay' pastors or allow same-sex 'marriage' or blessings

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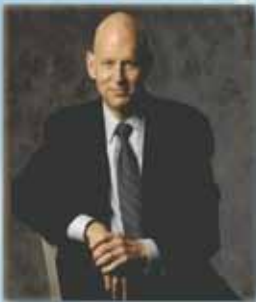


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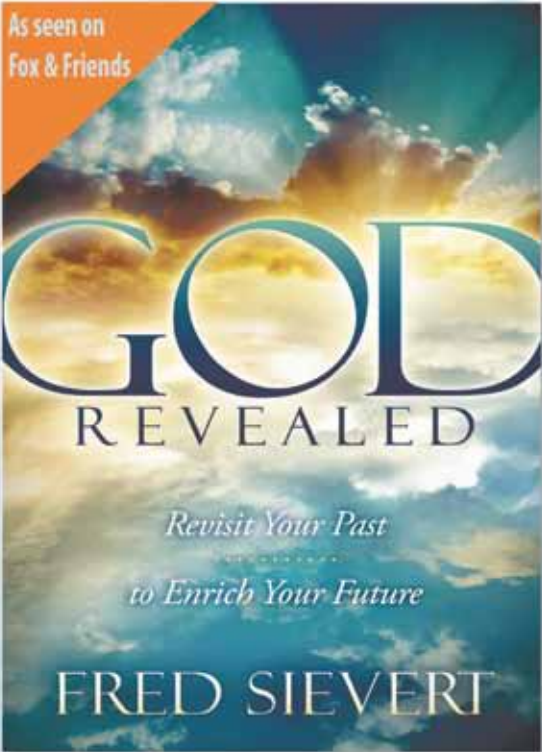
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ing short of overwhelming for me. With that said however, it's equally important to me to get it right, and learn the factual answers to my queries. Not only for the historical value (if any) of the words I've written, but so I may project my faith in the light of truth.

To be clear, and as a sort of Resurrection Day prologue to this article, I have and will continue to celebrate the Christian "traditions" if you will, that simply remind (and inspire) me of the significant events which bracket my belief system. These times resonate deep in my heart and cause me to reflect on the life and death of Yeshua, who stepped in sins path for my sake. Nevertheless, I also continue to seek the true historical and scriptural foundations of His life story, if for no other reason but to be as close to Him as possible. And so it was that...

When I was a young boy, my father relented and purchased a home that my mom simply had to have. It was a picture-perfect white raised ranch with a blue spruce tree smack in the middle of the front yard. It was also smack in the middle of a predominantly Jewish neighborhood. My neighbor Steven would become my best friend in the world, and is to this day, besides my wife, and my time there would cement the truth of the Jewish God in my mind for the rest of my days. Make no mistake, as a Catholic, I was keenly aware of the quasi-bigoted undercurrent which existed in the hearts of many on both sides of my friends and family network. But the inherent and (unique) goodness and sensibilities of my parents, allowed me to see past the ever-present human element, as I like to call it, through to what was right. In the decades that followed, my tolerance for the fools and demagogues on either side of the argument over our Savior, was greatly diminished. "The Good News" is, I'm learning to "fight less and learn more" of my faith and its origins today, than at any other time in my life.

The late Jim Sobilloff was an early contributor to the "The Good News Today". In 2004 he wrote of a Rabbi who understood very clearly, the origins of the Jewish/Gentile struggle, that article is available upon request. I caught up with Rabbi Henry Morse recently, and in one of the fastest moving interviews I've done to date, learned more about "Yahweh" than I could ever have imagined. You see, *YHVH* or "Yahweh" (my Lord) is his real name.

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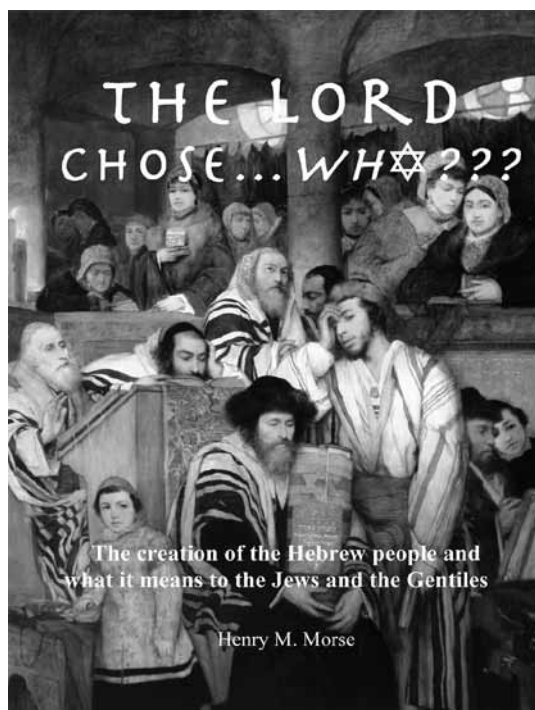
Morse, with a degree in Bible and Theology from Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, is not your average Rabbi though. He has been in full time ministry for over thirty years, serving as youth minister, evangelist, missionary and congregational leader. Rabbi Morse has ministered in over twenty countries and forty-five states, and his mission if you will, is to remind Yahweh's people, that the most Jewish thing they can do is to believe in Yeshua the Jewish Messiah as prophesized, but also that the most Christian thing for Gentiles to do, is to learn more about and acknowledge the undeniable Jewish roots of their own faith, stressing also, that both should put aside "religious systems" and simply walk with Him. Mind you our conversation was "fast and furious", with much in the way of information. So forgive me if editorial constraints prevent me from taking up all of this fine publication. I only hope the article will inspire your due diligence for Him.

Henry M. Morse was born in Mattapan, MA to orthodox Jewish parents, thus straight into the very Jewish/Gentile religious turmoil I mentioned earlier. Hearing of Jesus when he was just a child, Henry would eventually travel as a young adult, struggling with all of the things many young folk do. Witnessing and learning along the way nonetheless, and at times reading a Bible by candlelight, Henry was often homeless by choice. The lean athletic Morse even pursued a state championship in gymnastics at Brockton High School, finishing third.

Those years helped form the man who articulated fundamental truths to me in such short order that I had

as he describes on his website, "The purpose for the existence of Messianic Congregation Sha'ar Hashamayim is to provide a place in the South Shore of Boston for Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua to worship, grow in their faith, experience fellowship with people of like mind, study His word and to reach out to our Jewish community with the message of hope and salvation through their Jewish Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus). We also desire to educate the church body at large so that they might see the need to understand their Old Testament prophetic roots. This we will do by teaching them the Jewish nature of the Gospel. Romans 11:17-22"

Throughout the annals of time, religion and its myriad of "definition(s)", has been largely a product of mans interpretive



vanity. For this reason, it has been difficult for me to formulate an opinion without sounding like many of the hypocrites I'm quick to admonish. A man's faith must be the single most difficult hurdle in his life, or at least it's come to be mine. Separating interpretation from truth is made even more difficult as I read into the scriptures, and then engage those who may choose a different translation in order to navigate around or redefine truth to avoid accountability. However my time with folks like Rabbi Morse has allowed me to remove myself from the petty confrontations, born of closed minds and misinformation, so I might look deeper into the Bible where I know I'll find what I seek.

And while I'm not one to plug celebrity books, my conversation with Rabbi Morse was almost immediately preceded by a reading of O'Reilly's "Killing Jesus". The book was defiantly more a forensic analysis of the end of Jesus' life, but it was also heavy on Jewish culture, traditions and prophecies. It made me think a great deal harder about Yeshua the "Jewish Man/Messiah", as well as the sacred and perfect manner in which He lived the foundational tenets of the Messianic Prophecies. The history of both, are inexorably linked and should always be told and taught as one. To deny or manipulate the truth of Yeshua's life, or for that matter the history which made way for Him, in order to give weight to either argument

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about who He was, seems almost a futile endeavor in view of historical and Biblical fact. It also seems to divide into two segments that which "Yahweh" intended to be one. To that end, Rabbi Morse emphasizes "original intent", (a phrase I'm intimately familiar with), and which when properly applied and vetted, can penetrate any wall of ideology, mis-interpretation or revision.

I've said many times, I'm no Biblical or religious scholar, and this remains true today. But this is a story I can relate to by way of some personal experience. I've struggled over the years to reconcile the evil of things like the "Holocaust", and anti-Semitism. Blind or manipulative hatred has always been easy for me to spot however, but the question of how and why always seems such a senseless paradox. To me, Rabbi Morse seems like a man who may be able to help us understand, that the

answers to difficult questions like these must begin with truth. Not truth as defined by a co-worker or even necessarily by a pastor or rabbi. No, truth of scripture, and prophesy fulfilled, truth that was intended to bring us together, not drive us apart. Mind you, I'm not so naive' to believe we may achieve perfect harmony among nations and men on earth, but I do believe that if we do our homework, and strive to understand and accept the truth we find, we'll be one step closer to living as He intended.

Someone wrote me regarding a political argument recently, and questioned "my version" of the truth. I shot back that there

was only one truth. Reactionary maybe, at least in terms of the political arguments of our time. But the older I get, the more I understand that statement, and the more I realize the truth of the "Jewish Messiah", and His words. "I am the way the "truth" and the light. No one comes to the Father but through me". I suppose if we can't get that truth right, there's little hope for the rest...

And Rabbi Henry Morse said: "So we challenge you to read the Prophecies in Tanach (Old Testament) that speak of the promised Messiah. Here are a few to start, Psalms 22, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2. Find out for yourself."

Yes my fellow Christians, "find out for yourselves". Do not be blind or ignorant of the truth by choice. For my part, I've finally discovered who I am, and come to understand my personal relationship with my Savior. Now I want to know more of Him, his life, and his people, who are my people. It just makes sense.

Rabbi Morse also has a new book out called, "The Lord Chose... Who???" free in the PDF version on the website, though all donations are appreciated to make the hard copy more available, currently found at Amazon.com.

May Yahweh keep all of you and bless you this Passover and Resurrection Season...

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Aborted babies incinerated to heat UK hospitals

By Sarah Knapton, Science Correspondent

The bodies of thousands of aborted and miscarried babies were incinerated as clinical waste, with some even used to heat hospitals, an investigation has found. Ten NHS trusts have admitted burning foetal remains alongside other rubbish while two others used the bodies in ‘waste-to-energy’

plants which generate power for heat.

Last night the Department of Health issued an instant ban on the practice which health minister Dr Dan Poulter branded ‘totally unacceptable.’ At least 15,500 foetal remains were incinerated by 27 NHS trusts over the last two years alone, Channel 4’s Dispatches discovered.

Channel 4 Dispatches found that parents who lose children in early pregnancy were often treated without compassion and were not consulted about what they wanted to happen to the remains. One of the country’s leading hospitals, Addenbrooke’s in Cambridge, incinerated 797 babies below 13 weeks gestation at their own ‘waste to energy’ plant. The mothers were told the remains had been ‘cremated.’

Another ‘waste to energy’ facility at Ipswich Hospital, operated by a private contractor, incinerated 1,101 foetal remains between 2011 and 2013. They were brought in from another hospital before being burned, generating energy for the hospital site. Ipswich Hospital itself disposes of remains by cremation.

“This practice is totally unacceptable,” said Dr Poulter. “While the vast majority of hospitals are acting in the appropriate way, that

must be the case for all hospitals and the Human Tissue Authority has now been asked to ensure that it acts on this issue without delay.”

Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS Medical Director, has written to all NHS trusts to tell them the practice must stop. The Chief Medical Officer, Dame Sally Davies, has also written to the Human Tissue Authority to ask them make sure

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church is nothing more than a huge pen where the sheep are fed.

I’m sick about it Coach. I don’t know what I should do.” “What bothers you about it?” I asked him.

“I don’t know, coach. Several things I guess. I remember when we first planted the church and how exciting it was. It grew out of a home Bible study, you know. We were all sick of the churches we were attending and our small group felt like a family when we got together. It was intimate, people cared about one another, we knew each others names...and their children. Now...well...it has grown into a huge sheep pen...just like you warned. And now we need a bigger barn.

And the extravagance of the building...WOW. It sure has everything you could ever want. Big parking lot, large sanctuary, state-of-the-art sound system, recreation center with a gymnasium, great nursery and rooms for Sunday school...even a coffee shop in the foyer. But something doesn’t feel right.”

My tongue is quivering like a kernel of corn getting ready to pop, but I gnawed the quivering into silence.

“There must be a lot of good stuff going on there,” I offered. “Something is certainly drawing them. And growth is always a sign of life. Anything living is growing.” “Oh, we are growing alright, but the church just isn’t the same as it used to be. Most of the people who attend are total strangers to me. Don’t get me wrong, I am glad they are coming, but some-

where in all of this growth we have lost a sense of who we are. How can you possibly call 4000 people members of your church family? Building the new building will permit us to bring in more people but I really don’t know if that is good. At times I feel no differently than I would at a football game. We are all cheering for the same team, and singing the same fight songs, but I just don’t feel the connection to the body that we used to feel.

“Well, what do you think is making the church grow so much Bill?” I lead him.

“Oh, there are a lot of reasons that people come. The preaching is great. Pastor Tom really hits you where you live. He doesn’t compromise on the Word. And he really reaches the young people. Our church is full of 25-40 year olds and lot’s of children. Pastor Tom has a great message for young families.

Plus, we have gobs of programs...youth groups, young singles, divorce recovery, basketball and softball leagues, young mothers, men’s breakfasts...and everything is casual. You don’t have to dress all fancy and the worship is the best. The worship leader really ushers us into the presence of the Lord”

“So, I am a bit confused.” I queried. “Sounds like things are going pretty good. What concerns you?”

His eyes dropped to the floor as if he was looking at a bug racing into the shadows, and then bounced his eyes off of the linoleum back towards me.

“I don’t know, Coach. Just a feeling...a feeling that we are missing something. It seems like so many in the church have a shallow relationship with Jesus. I mean...they seem to be saved...but I don’t know how real their relationship is. Seems to me, that for many of the people, their Christianity is a mile wide and an inch deep. I sometimes wonder how many are really sheep mixed in with a bunch of goats. You know what I am saying, Coach?”

“Yeah, I get where you are coming from. Why do you think so many are goats?” I asked.

“Well, and please understand that I don’t want to sound judg-

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mental or anything because I am far from perfect, but there are a lot of things that make me concerned. For one thing, we have a lot of people coming to church who are shacking up with each other. Now I understand why Pastor Tom doesn’t hit on it very hard because we can’t save them if we run them off, but at some point wouldn’t we start seeing fruit of their conversion? Aren’t there still some standards to living the Christian life?

And another thing, it seems as if so many of them are in debt up to their eyeballs...struggling to pay their mortgage, and two-car payments, and babysitters...and the tithe. I mean, it is tough on a young family today.

And now we want to build an even bigger church...and expect these young babes in Christ to dig even deeper in their budgets to build a bigger church, to sit with more people who they don’t know...” His voice trailed off.

“Why don’t you speak with the church leadership and offer them an ulterior solution with the overcrowding.” I suggested. “Instead of sinking \$7 million into a bigger barn perhaps you could rent the local high school on Sunday mornings for the services. You could sure rent that a bunch of times before you reached \$7 million...and no overhead for maintenance.

They have a gym that seats about 2500 and you could put chairs on the floor. If my math is correct, at a rental of \$1000 per week, \$52,000 per year, you could worship in that gym for 134 years

before you reach \$7 million. The mortgage would have to be at least \$30,000 per month. You could sure help a lot of people with the extra money you saved just by renting.”

“I don’t see that happening.” He said matter-of-factly. “A gymnasium just wouldn’t feel like a church. We would have to work awfully hard to stir up an anointing in a high school gym. And besides that, I’m not sure people would come to church at a high school. We are so programmed to coming into the “church” building every Sunday...most folks take pride in a nice building. I don’t think they would invite their friends to church in a gym. Plus all of the set-up it would take to get the gym ready.

But Coach, that is not what is REALLY bothering me. A couple of weeks ago a buddy of mine invited me to do some street ministry with him and some of his friends. I had never done anything like that before so I was a bit apprehensive. But he encouraged me to go and it was one of the most gratifying things I have ever done.

Coach, do you have any idea the number of really needy people who live withing a couple miles of our church? I mean people who have nothing and their only means of subsistence is leaning on the government for help. I couldn’t believe it...had no idea, the conditions that many people live in.

This is happening only 2 miles from our church...and we want to put \$7 million into a new building...I’ve seen the need firsthand, Coach. I asked my pastor if our church could get involved. He said we had too much on our plate right now.”

I looked at my friend and smiled. “Let me ask you something Bill. Which is more important to Jesus, a big beautiful building in which to “worship” Him, or a broken

and contrite heart for the lost in the world? On Sunday morning, would Jesus be excited to be in your brand new church, or on the streets ministering to the needs of the down-trodden?

I read in Malachi that the tithe was for the storehouse...that their might be meat in His house. Is the money that people give to the work of the Lord supposed to be used for buildings and parking lots? If the church is the “storehouse” and the storehouse is where the “meat” is to be stored, are the people supposed to eat blacktop and carpet? Bill, does your pastor lead your people out into the streets where the lost are? Does your church have a “go ye” mentality or a “come ye” mentality? Will your \$7 million barn glorify Jesus or will it only bring honor to your congregation? Jesus warned us:

“Then shall the King say onto those on his right hand, Come ye, blessed of my Father and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry and you gave me meat; thirsty and you gave me drink: I was a stranger and you took me in: Naked and you clothed me: Sick and you visited me: In prison and you came unto me...”

“I know Coach. I know. I used to buy into the lie that I was only one guy and what difference could I make. But last week I looked into the eyes of a hungry 6 year old and the food I gave him made a difference. I saw it in his eyes, Coach. I’ll never forget that feeling. My actions made a difference.

I don’t know what I am going to do...I guess I’ll keep going to my church. But I won’t give a dime to the building of that new church. I’m going to give it to my buddy’s ministry. They are truly meeting the needs of the lost. We need bigger Christians, not bigger barns.

Touche’ Bill. I couldn’t have said it better myself.



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his wife, his brothers in Christ, or the world he had touched with his unquenchable joy and compassion. On August 21, 2013, God **welcomed** him home, a grace-filled soul of rescue and compassion. God smiled to say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

In the months following Jim Cook’s entry to glory, a tragic obstacle caused His children to cling still more tightly to Christ’s promise “I will be with you *always*.” For unfortunately, Jim’s newly purchased life insurance policy covered only a small amount of the expenses accrued by his funeral and burial, leaving his wife with a nearly unbearable financial burden.

However, God who so powerfully transformed Jim’s heart, will once again transform the impossible into the miraculously possible, irresistibly planting the desire in the hearts of His saints to provide the funds to cover the expenses of Jim’s funeral. *“For with God, all things are possible.” Romans 8:28*

From Sinner to Saint

On Sundays around the nation, pink-cheeked children, dressed in little, frilly dresses and carefully ironed, button-down shirts jubilantly call out the words:

“My God is an awesome God, My God is a mighty God, Yahweh is His name. When I call he answers, what I need he gives it to me that’s my God, more than wonderful to me. There’s nothing that my God can’t do, what He’s done for others, He’ll do for you. He’s a doctor in the sick-room, lawyer in the courtroom; let him be the healer Of our broken heart.”

Little girls clutch tiny purses, flushed with the pleasure of resembling mommy. Little boys proudly pat clip-on ties, remembering the safe drawer they pulled them from and the strong father who put them there. In the house of the Lord, children sing His songs, resting in the innocent assurance of complete security and the utter peace of parental care.

Years of addiction and anguish would eventually bring him to the throne of the mighty God whom innocent children worship. Yet Jim himself experienced only a semblance of parental care in his childhood home and an utter absence of safety in his adulthood’s homelessness.

As if personally acquainted with its bittersweet details, author Nicholas Sparks poignantly and accurately describes Jim’s story. *“Just when you think it can’t get any worse, it can. And just when you think it can’t get any better, it can.”*

As a young boy growing up by the sea in Newport, Rhode Island, the unlikely serious of events which set his life’s trajectory display mystifying ironies. Yet, winsomely, they provide subtle premonitions of the unlikely grace which would later set him on an entirely different course.

Raised as a Roman Catholic by his parents, Jim served faithfully as an altar boy at his local church for six long years. At the age of twelve, still carrying out the tasks of his religious activities, Jim smoked his first marijuana. Two years later, cocaine entered the realm of his ocean-side world. At first, he used the drug casually, but soon the robes of the altar boy became saturated with the aroma of the smoke.

Addiction took the place of dedication, catapulting Jim Cook headlong onto a path leading perilously close to destruction.

In the years of chaos that ensued, Jim’s life spiraled out of control. His one desire centered on where and when he might acquire the next cocaine high. Jim hid deeper and deeper within himself, sunken in the sole company of his all-consuming addiction. Diligently, he sought to bury the deeper needs of his soul beneath the haze of drug addiction. Yet, in the mysterious, miraculous plan of God, he never succeeded.

In Jim Cook, Christ desired not a man who would bury, but a man who would build. As author Soren Kierkegaard eloquently reminds us, *“God creates out of nothing...Yes, to be sure, he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners.”*

Finally, led by the hands of a mighty Healer, Jim Cook stepped out of his nothingness and through the doors of healing.

From Salvation to Service

Planted in the center of inner-city Cranston, Rhode Island, Providence Rescue Mission provided a Christ-centered environment in which redemption turned the heart of the addict upside down. At the Providence Rescue Mission, Jim Cook fell in love with the Love that sought him first. Through intense Bible studies, classes, and the godly mentorship of Mission workers, the man once held captive by addiction joyfully basked in the freedom of Jesus. Consequently, he could not put his light under a bushel, but set out to show Jesus’ love in any way he could.

“Almost immediately after leaving The Mission,” fondly recalls *The Good New Today* editor, Larry Lepore, “Jim volunteered to start delivering *The Good News Today*. He delivered faithfully every month without missing a month for several years, even when he was hospitalized one month with heart problems. Not only did he deliver his route, but when we fell short of delivery people, he volunteered to take an additional route. This made his two combined routes the largest of all of our volunteers, delivering over 1,600 copies to more than 60 locations in Northern RI.”

Jim seemed to instinctively sense the presence of need. He often discovered men and woman who had little to wear and traveled regularly to K-Mart to purchase clothing for them, sometimes drawing from his own financial resources.

Pastor Charlie Cabral, minister of Living Hope Church in Pawtucket, RI , intimately knew and deeply admired Jim Cook. “Jim was in love with Jesus,” said Pastor Cabral. “He talked about Jesus all the time, not wanting to start conversations about anything else.”

Pastor Cabral remembers Jim’s unquenchable happiness in his salvation. “He was just so joyful... He had a smile on his face all the time. Joy just oozed out of him.”

Jim did not just speak about Jesus, however. He put wings to his words.

“Though Jim talked about Jesus all the time, he also wanted to incorporate Jesus into everyday life. He got very involved in people’s lives, constantly asking ‘How do I bring Christ to these people in words and small acts of kindness?’ He loved walking with



Jim and Donna

them through the unique struggles they faced.”

Most of all, Pastor Cabral admires Jim’s childlike faith and pure, unconditional love for others. “He loved as Christ loved. I want to be more like James Cook.”

“He Called Me ‘Fancy Face’”

“If there was a need he put it in front of anything else,” said his wife, Donna. “His heart was made of compassion.”

Donna Cook, walking through the golden later years of life, spoke with the cadence of a robust Jamaican accent. Exhaustion laced her voice as she picked up the phone. Muffled activity bustled in the background. When asked if she might answer a few questions for an article about her husband, she paused for only a moment before acquiescing. Her candor and utter, honest depth of pain coursed through the phone line, a bitter-sweet cry of help directly from the Refiner’s fire. She opened the door to her memories, her struggles, and her sweet joys, describing her husband with the pride of a wife filled equally with passionate love and deep respect.

TGN: Your husband was such a precious gem. What do you love about him, Mrs. Cook?

DC: “I love him. I love him walking away, just walking away from me. I love his lips. He was a kind, a generous person. He was never judgmental,” she marveled. “In worship, he never held back, just so happy and joyful in praising

God. He sang in the car, he always sang in the car.”

TGN: What was the greatest part of your husband’s mission?

DC: “The greatest part of his mission was always encouraging people. He was so happy and joyful all the time. My husband’s greatest passion was his Christianity. He wanted to be a good husband and to be a good Christian. Even today I cannot believe he’s gone.”

TGN: He must have loved you so much. In what ways did he show you his love for you?

DC: “When he did something wrong, he always tried to make it right with me. He was so humble... so humble. He used to tell me, ‘Honey, if you knew the way I was before, you would not like me.’ But he was always trying to make me happy. He was so happy in his marriage.”

TGN: He was very proud of you.

DC: “Yes, he was very proud of me. He thought I was beautiful. His family did not approve of him marrying me, and they will not help me now. But he called me “Fancy Face.” ”

TGN: That is a beautiful name. Did you think him beautiful as well?

DC: “Oh, yes. And when I saw him I did not see his color, I saw a beautiful human being. He was so gentle. I love him. He was always someone you could be around, no shame.”

TGN: What is your greatest struggle right now?

DC: “The funeral expenses are such a heavy weight to me. We had not had Jim’s insurance for enough time before he died and so the insurance company will not pay. It is left to me. Everything else I think I can do.”

TGN: You are very brave.

DC: “Everything around me is dark. I need some peace. I feel so lost. People say the pain will go away, but I do not see it going away any time soon.”

TGN: How can we help you?

DC: “If I can pay for the funeral expenses that will help me so much. The church did give him a good sending away. But I do not want the church to have to pay...I do not want the church to pay. Larry Lepore said he would have an article written to help

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me. I pray someone will help.”

The phone call ended with an emotional prayer and the assurance that her pain will not go away. But it will become something else, too. It will become beauty.

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Pastor Cabral and the brethren at Living Hope Church worked with the good folks at «Manning-Heffern Funeral Home of Pawtucket to put a beautiful going home service together for Jim. Together with the Good News and the Providence Rescue Mission we invite you to prayerfully consider helping Donna with these final expenses. It is perhaps safe to say that James Cook, a man who earnestly surrendered his entire life to seeking the good of others, would covet the help of his brothers and sisters for their own good even more than his own. Characteristically, he might say with Paul, *“Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.”* If you can help please send a check to Living Hope, 100 Broadway, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860 Checks can be made payable to Living Hope Church. Please write in the memo “James Cook’s Funeral Expense”. The Church’s Phone number is (401)723-2039.

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“For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand.” Deut. 2:7

National News

Kentucky Churches Face Liberal Firing Squad Over Evangelism Events

By Andrew Branch

(WNS)--Kentucky’s Baptist congregations are taking fire nationally for their evangelism. Their method? Invite people to eat wild game and win free guns.



The events draw hundreds, far more than host congregations’ normal services. Last week in Paducah, about 1,300 people came to eat hunting spoils and have a chance to win one of 25 donated guns. Chuck McAlister, the evangelism team leader at the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the events’ speaker, used to host *Adventure-Bound Outdoors* on the Outdoor Channel. He’s the perfect preacher to appeal to Kentucky’s gun-loving hunters.

The *Kentucky Courier-Journal* recently picked up the story, sent a reporter to one of the dinners, and painted a vivid picture of McAlister’s preaching. “Jesus is the only cure. Jesus is the only hope,” the paper quoted McAlister saying. “That may not be politically correct, but I don’t give a rip about political correctness. Because it’s true.” After the *Courier-Journal* published its in-depth account March 1st, the “what would Jesus shoot” story quickly went national, from *USA Today*, to MSNBC, to late-night comedian Stephen Colbert.

The national issue of gun control hijacked the local events. But KBC communications director Roger Alford said the organization really doesn’t mind. “How many people who really matter in the Christian community are going to give that much credence to a negative report on, for example, MSNBC?” he asked. The events are designed to share the gospel in a way that resonates with the people who come, he told me.

UMC Bishop “Resolves” Same-Sex Wedding Case By Dropping It

(WNS)--A United Methodist bishop on Monday dropped the case against a retired minister accused of breaking church law by officiating his son’s same-sex wedding. The decision comes just months after the denomination defrocked another minister for the same reason. The Rev. Thomas Ogletree, 80, a former dean of the Yale Divinity School, presided over the wedding of his son, Thomas Rimbey Ogletree, to Nicholas Haddad on Oct. 20, 2012, at the Yale Club in New York City. Some Methodist clergy filed a complaint against the minister after the wedding announcement appeared in *The New York Times*. The lead complainant was the Rev. Randall C. Paige, pastor of Christ The Good News TODAY

The wild-game dinners are ultimately tame. It’s a “grand ol’ time,” Alford said, as people eat and laugh at McAlister’s tales of outdoor adventure. But after those stories, McAlister transitions from hunting to the gospel. “It gets quiet and it gets really intense,” Alford said. “He has the power of the Holy Spirit behind him.”

And don’t forget the guns, which is what generated all the attention in the first place. All of the weapons are for hunting. The churches aren’t giving away handguns or AK-47s. And winners can’t take their guns home unless they re-claim their prizes at a local gun shop and pass the required federal background check.

The events resonate in conservative Kentucky, but that’s not to say there wasn’t opposition, too. Nancy Jo Kemper, leader of New Union Church in Versailles, told the *Courier-Journal* that “churches should not be encouraging people in their communities to arm themselves against their neighbors.” The gun idea, she says, “borders on bribery.” Rather, “the followers of Jesus are meant to build the kingdom of God on Earth,” where “everyone can live in peace with their neighbors.”

Kemper used to lead the Kentucky Council of Churches, a group of activist congregations with more liberal theology, including the United Church of Christ and PCUSA. In past legislative battles, Kemper has actively opposed concealed carry permits.

Alford said that to have faith leaders objecting to reaching an often-passed-over demographic is a bit alarming, but the controversy has actually served to help the churches hosting the events. The roughly 1,300 meals served during the March 6 dinner exceeded expectations. “That was because there was controversy associated with it,” Alford said. According to KBC records, as many as 80 people professed Christ that night.

Church in Port Jefferson Station, on Long Island. The dismissal of the case against Ogletree comes without conditions. The settlement does not require him to say he’ll never conduct another same-sex wedding, nor does it specifically say that what he did was wrong. In a statement issued on Monday, Paige said he was “dismayed by the settlement” and the lack of consequences. He predicted the decision will further divide the church.

Creation Debate Roils Bryan College

(WNS)--In 1925, William Jennings Bryan defended a biblical account of the origins of life at the Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tenn. This year, a statement on the origins of life has triggered a crisis at the

Bible found “unscathed” after deadly NY City Blast that Levelled two Buildings

By Michael Ireland

East Harlem, NY (ANS) - A decades-old Bible survived last week’s huge explosion in New York City’s East Harlem that reduced two apartment buildings to rubble and killed 8 people.

One of the buildings that collapsed, after what was thought to be a gas-main explosion, housed the 80-year-old Spanish Christian Church, to which the treasured

antique Bible belonged, according to Aimee Herd, writing for www.christianlifeneews.com.

Members of the church were incredulous at the workers’ discovery and how the Bible had been somehow protected from the flames. “I thank God. It was wonderful,” remarked Carmen Vargas-Rosa, the church’s financial secretary.

“I really didn’t think that anything

that was paper would survive. When the church’s pastor, Rev. Thomas Perez, saw the Bible he was overcome with emotion, to the point of experiencing chest pains.” Public Advocate Letitia James said, “When [Rev. Perez] saw this Bible, that’s when he had the palpitations. Through all of the rubble, through all of the destruction, his Book survived.” Five church members are among the eight people who died in Wednesday’s blast.

Boehner invites Pope Francis to address Congress

By Susan Davis

WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, extended a formal and open invitation recently to Pope Francis to address a joint meeting of Congress. If the pontiff accepts, it would be unprecedented. No pope or religious leader that serves as a head of state has ever addressed Congress, according to the U.S. House Historian’s office.

“His address as a visiting head of state before a joint meeting of the House and Senate would honor our nation in keeping with the best traditions of our democratic institutions,” Boehner said in a

statement. “It would also offer an excellent opportunity for the American people as well as the nations of the world to hear his message in full.”

Boehner, who is Catholic, said Pope Francis has inspired millions of Americans with his “pastoral manner and servant leadership” to reflect on matters of human dignity, freedom and social justice. “These principles are among the fundamentals of the American idea,” Boehner said, “and though our nation sometimes fails to live up to these principles, at our best, we give them new life as we seek the common good.”

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., also a Catholic, said she joined welcoming Pope Francis to address Congress. Pelosi attended his inauguration at the Vatican and praised him as “a moral force.”

Thursday marks one year since the papal conclave elected Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, after the resignation of Pope Benedict. Francis marked the occasion on his @Pontifex Twitter account with a simple message to his 3.7 million followers: “Please pray for me.”

Good Samaritan rescues mom, newborn from deranged man ‘In the name of Jesus, you will not touch this woman’

(WND) - Surveillance video reveals the heroic actions of a Good Samaritan who came to the aid of a young mother and newborn infant being harassed by a menacing stranger on a commuter train in Philadelphia, Pa.

“She moves from her seat and he follows her, he then swats at the baby,” SEPTA Police Chief Thomas Nestel told WTXF-TV. “It looks as if he’s trying to get control of that child.”

That’s when evangelical minister and fellow passenger Tameka Bates stepped up to escort the

woman and her week-old baby girl away, while at the same time physically blocking the man’s advances. “I said, ‘Satan, the Lord God rebuke you in the name of Jesus, you will not touch this woman,’” Bates told the TV station.

At one point, the chief says, the deranged man grabbed for the baby, but Bates managed to lead the crying woman off the train. “I said, ‘Miss, just stay with me and I’ll protect you. I have you covered. Don’t worry,’” said Bates. “She should be playing for Villanova or St. Joe’s during the

tournament because she boxed this guy out better than any forward I’ve seen on any team,” Nestel added. “This was just phenomenal, phenomenal behavior on the part of somebody who doesn’t even know another person getting in and making sure they were safe.” Moments later, Steven Mason, 47, exploded in violence and attacked a SEPTA police officer. Mason is now behind bars charged with aggravated assault, reckless endangerment and disarming a police officer. Police say he was high on drugs at the time of the attack.

Rick Warren Calls Church to Mental Health Ministry

(WNS)--Saddleback Church pastor Rick Warren is starting a new mental health ministry following the suicide of his son Matthew, who at age 27 shot himself in April after years of struggling with severe depression. Warren will team up with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and the National Alliance on Mental Illness to raise awareness and remove the misunderstandings against mental illnesses within the faith community. On March 28, the three groups will host The Gathering on Mental Health and the Church, a daylong event at Saddleback that will cover

More Black Babies Aborted Than Born in New York City

(WNS)--According to Mario Diaz, Concerned Women for America’s legal counsel, more black babies were aborted in New York in 2012 than were born that year. He cites a report recently released by the City of New York. Diaz combed through the report to come to this startling conclusion: “There were 31,328

abortions of black babies and only 24,758 black children born. That’s 6,570 more abortions than births. And it makes up almost half the *total* number of abortions in NYC. If you combine Hispanic women, who had 22,917 abortions, for about 31 percent of the total, these two minority groups alone make 73 percent of the total number of abortions!” Some have called such numbers a “black genocide,” and it’s hard to argue.

a wide range of mental health issues, from bipolar disorder to eating disorders. Warren hopes the conference will educate family members of people living with mental illness, encourage those who are struggling, and motivate other churches to create similar mental health ministries. “I’m

certainly not going to waste this pain,” Warren said. “One of the things I believe is that God never wastes a hurt and that oftentimes your greatest ministry comes out of your deepest pain. I remember writing in my journal that in God’s garden of grace, even broken trees bear fruit.”

lawyer’s namesake, Bryan College, an 84-year-old evangelical, nondenominational institution. Students and faculty at Bryan are upset at a move last month by the school’s board of trustees to “clarify” that the college believes

Adam and Eve were historical figures created directly by God. The board says the clarification does not change the school’s historical position on origins. But some at Bryan believe the board’s action was intended to force out professors who may be sympathetic to

evolution, and think it was unfair to do so at a time when faculty contracts are due for renewal. Last week the situation culminated in a faculty no-confidence vote for school President Stephen Livesay, and a petition drive that gathered more than 300 student signatures.

Ulf Ekman Converts to Roman Catholicism

By Jennifer LeClaire

8576102During his Sunday morning service, **Ulf Ekman** announced the he and his wife, Birgitta, are converting to Roman Catholicism. Ekman is the founder of Word of Life, a **megachurch** in Uppsala, Sweden. News reports and blogs coming out of the nation reveal the congregation was “partially stunned” after hearing what was packaged as a “special announcement.” The theme was “Follow the Lamb Wherever He Goes.”

“For Birgitta and me, this has been a slow process where we have gone from discovering new things, to appreciating what we have discovered, to approach and even learn from our fellow Christians,” Ekman says on his ministry website.

“We have seen a great love for Jesus and a sound theology, founded on the **Bible** and classic dogma. We have experienced the richness of sacramental life. We have seen the logic in having a solid structure for priesthood that keeps the faith of the **church** and passes it on from one generation to the next. We have met an ethical and moral strength and consistency that dare to face up to the general opinion, and a kindness towards the poor and the weak.

And, last but not least, we have come in contact with representatives for millions of **charismatic Catholics** and we have seen their living faith.”

According to the Aletheia blog and think tank, Ekman’s conversion is a news story that affects a relatively large part of Swedish Christianity. Word of Life has about 3,000 members and a staff of 12 pastors. The church’s school has about 1,000 students. Ekman also launched Scandinavia’s largest Bible school, constructed Scandinavia’s largest free church building, rolled out a media program with TV on all continents, recorded teaching that has been spread around the world, published books in 60 languages, and promoted a strong engagement for Israel.

“We have, as many know, followed Ekman’s steps towards Roman Catholicism since 2007, at times under a lot of ridicule from both members and leadership of the congregation, but also from others within the Christian Community in Sweden,” writes Andreas Glandberger, who operates the think tank. “Based on Ulf Ekman’s various articles, sermons, statements and even type of organizations he decided to support financially, a painstaking puzzle has been laid in

which the last piece of the puzzle now is in place.”

Glandberger went on to say that “shock, anger, sadness, despair and confusion” were among the reactions to the news. Others, he writes, were relieved that Ekman’s long love affair with the Catholic Church finally was consummated openly, which is also a help in theological discussions.

“All this has been both attractive and challenging,” Ekman says. “It really challenged our Protestant prejudices, and we realized that we, in many cases, did not have any basis for our criticism of them. We needed to know the Catholic faith better. This led us to realize that it was actually Jesus Christ who led us to unite with the Catholic Church.”

Ekman calls his conversion a “personal journey” and says it was not his agenda to lead Word of Life toward Roman Catholicism or to collectively unite the church with the Catholic Church. “That would be unreasonable,” he says.

Ekman retired as the church’s senior pastor in March 2013. He founded and served at Word of Life for 30 years with a mandate from the **Holy Spirit** to “equip My people with the word of faith.”

Washington’s About Face on the Jewish State?

By Ryan Jones

It would appear as though the Obama Administration is rescinding its earlier support for Israel’s peace condition that the Palestinian Authority officially recognize it as the Jewish state.

In an interview with the Palestinian newspaper *Al-Quds* on Saturday, US State Department Spokeswoman Jan Psaki explained that “the American position is clear, Israel is a Jewish state. However, we do not see a need that both sides recognize this position as part of the final agreement.”

However, in late January, *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman, who is close to the White House, wrote that Secretary of State John Kerry’s Middle East

peace proposal would call on the Palestinians to “recognize Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people” as one of the core concessions necessary for a final status peace agreement.



The White House stresses that Kerry’s proposal is still not finalized, but the discrepancy between Psaki’s remarks and Friedman’s column suggest that the Obama Administration could be succumbing to Palestinian pressure and

altering its proposal to lean more toward the Arab agenda.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has repeatedly stated that he will never recognize Israel as the Jewish state, and threatened to quit the peace talks over that and other US-backed Israeli conditions.

“They are pressing and saying, ‘No peace without the Jewish state,’” Abbas told student activists in Ramallah last week. “There is no way. We will not accept.”

On Sunday, Arab League head Nabil Elaraby told *Al-Arabiya* that he fully backs Abbas’ position, and is calling for all Arab countries to take a “firm stand” against Israel’s demand to be recognized as the Jewish state.

A Scarab in Israel Proves Old Testament History

By Julie Borg

(WNS)--The archeological discovery of an ancient Egyptian scarab upholds the accuracy of the biblical book of Joshua.

Chapters 7 and 8 of Joshua tell the story of the Israelite conquest of the Canaanite city of Ai. For several decades, scholars have disputed the city’s exact location.

Last summer at Khirbet el-Maqatir, 9 miles north of Jerusalem, Destry Jackson, a volunteer with the Association for Biblical Research, excavated the fire pit of a first-century house near the area of the city gate. Suddenly, a little blue stone embedded in the dirt popped to her attention. The archeologist to whom she handed it jumped up and down shouting, “It’s a scarab, it’s a scarab!” Why such excitement over a little stone

no longer than three-quarters of an inch, carved to look like a beetle?

Many mainstream archeologists say the site of et-Tell is the location of the ancient Canaanite city of Ai. But archeological evidence indicates et-Tell was destroyed about 100 years before the time of Joshua, Jackson said. As a result, mainline scholars assert the conquest of Ai recorded in the Bible has no historical accuracy.

Bryant Wood, research director of Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) and director of excavations at Khirbet el-Maqatir, believes the problem is not with the accuracy of the Bible but rather with misidentification of the site of Ai. Wood argues in a scholarly paper that Khirbet el-Maqatir, a site ABR has excavated since 1995, is the only site that meets all of the biblical and extra-biblical criteria for the

location of Ai. Furthermore, Wood explains, prior to modern scholarship, local tradition placed the site of Ai at Khirbet el-Maqatir.

Mainline archeologists have not been convinced. Formerly, pottery dated roughly to the time of Joshua served as the only evidence that Khirbet el-Maqatir was inhabited during that time period. Discovery of the scarab gives irrefutable evidence of the city’s existence at the time of Joshua. The scarab is a rare type that was made only between the years of 1485 and 1418 B.C. According to the Bible, the Israelites left captivity in Egypt in 1446 B.C. and entered Canaan in 1406 B.C.

“This is a significant discovery since it provides an independent date for the fortress apart from pottery,” Wood said in a press release. Together, the pottery and scarab

World News

Baptists minister amid growing social unrest in Venezuela

By Maria Elena Baseler

As tensions escalate amid anti-government protests across the South American country of Venezuela, IMB missionaries and their Venezuelan Baptist partners are ministering to Venezuelans on both sides of the conflict.

One Venezuelan Baptist pastor goes to the front lines of the protests, praying with demonstrators and their opponents at barricades protesters have erected in Caracas, the capital city. He also visits Venezuela’s National Guard and police stations to pray for their forces, even though some of them have been accused of alleged human-rights violations against protestors. At a barricade where he went to pray with demonstrators, the pastor “put the skids on an attack on protesters,” reported Matthew Starr*, IMB missionary in Caracas.

Residents of a nearby *barrio* (slum) approached, carrying sticks and stones, ready to attack demonstrators. The barrios of Caracas — stretching up the mountains surrounding the city — are considered bastions of support for the socialist government.

“He went across to the attackers and said he was a Baptist pastor and was praying with folks from both sides, sharing their need for God to take control of the situation,” Starr recounted. “This diffused the [conflict] and they didn’t carry out the attack.”

“Pray for this pastor as he’s making this his ministry during this crisis,”

Starr added. “He’s also asking other pastors to get involved.”

Another front-line ministry is happening through a Baptist church located near the main protest area



Decorated with signs calling for peace and liberty, a barrier stretches across a street near where much of the recent anti-government unrest has taken place in Caracas, Venezuela’s capital city. Protesters have erected hundreds of similar barricades across Venezuela since early February, designed to stop traffic and highlight the demonstrators’ concerns.

in Caracas. Every morning some church members prayerwalk the area before protests begin in the afternoon.

Although church leaders cancelled prayer meetings at their building for security reasons, they asked members to pray together in homes and invite their neighbors to join them. One family shared that five non-Christian neighbors showed up for a prayer meeting in their home. “Many unsaved Venezuelans are realizing they just don’t have the spiritual resources to face the crisis,” Starr observed.

The latest crisis erupted in early February when students in western Venezuela staged demonstrations after a female university student allegedly was raped. Protesters demanded the government address Venezuela’s growing insecurity; the country has the fifth highest murder rate in the world, according to news reports. They also complained about Venezuela’s 56 percent inflation rate — the world’s highest — and a shortage of basic goods like milk, cooking oil and toilet paper.

Church of England Clings to Traditional Marriage Despite “New Reality” of Gay Unions

(WNS)--The Church of England released new guidelines in February that forbid priests from blessing same-sex weddings, or marrying same-sex couples. Same-sex marriage is set to become legal in England next month. The legislation already bans the Church of England and its sister church in Wales from conducting same-sex

services, but a church working group proposed last year that clergy allow religious services celebrating same-sex marriages and civil partnerships. England and Wales legalized secular same-sex civil partnerships in 2005. The church has continued to hold that marriage is between one man and one woman, and chose to uphold that stance during last week’s meeting.

provide solid evidence for dating the site of Khirbet el-Maqatir to the time of the Exodus and the conquest of Canaan.

Scarab is a French word for beetle. Ancient Egyptians revered the dung beetle, associated with their sun god. They believed a sacred dung beetle rolled the sun across the sky each day. Carvings of scarabs were used mainly by kings as a signet, a seal used to authenticate an official document. Some experts think the scarab may have been used by the last king of Ai, the one Joshua defeated, Jackson said.



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Health

FDA considers approval of genetically modified babies

by Ethan A. Huff, staff writer

(NaturalNews) As mainstream society inches increasingly further away from the natural order of things, some scientists are busy hatching new methods of human reproduction that employ the same gene-altering techniques used by biotechnology companies like Monsanto. And according to new reports, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is fully on board with this brave new agenda, having recently met to discuss the future of what the mainstream media is now referring to as genetically modified (GM) human beings.

A chilling report by *The New York Times* (NYT) explains that a special FDA advisory committee recently met to discuss the approval of “radical biological procedures” that involve splicing and dicing the genetic blueprint of the human form. Referred to by the FDA as “mitochondrial manipulation technologies,” this disturbing concept, which is already being pushed as a viable fertility option, involves reprogramming the natural process of fetal development to supposedly create healthier babies with lower disease risk.

“The procedures involve removing the nuclear material either from the egg or embryo of a woman with inheritable mitochondrial disease and inserting it into a healthy egg or embryo of a donor whose own nuclear material has been discarded,” writes Marcy Darnovsky in a recent NYT editorial. “Any offspring would carry genetic material from three people -- the nuclear DNA of the mother and father, and the mitochondrial DNA of the donor.”

Long-term viability of GM babies completely unknown

The script is essentially the same as it is for GM crops -- natural organisms are inherently flawed, and in desperate need of tinkering by Frankenscientists with God complexes who think they have the capacity to improve upon nature. In this case, the goal is to mix and match the “best” eggs with hand-selected nuclear DNA to achieve the most desirable human beings.

But like GM crops and other GM organisms, nobody truly knows the long-term adverse effects of such tampering. As real science continues to peel back the layers of GMO deception, particularly at the crop level, exposing a wake of disease and death caused by human pride and arrogance, faux science continues to push forward with this massive global experiment in reshaping life at the genetic level.

“[T]hese procedures are deeply problematic in terms of their medical risks and societal implications,” adds Darnovsky. “Will the child be born healthy, or will the cellular disruptions created by this eggs-as-Lego-pieces approach lead to problems later on? What about subsequent generations? And how far will we go in our efforts to engineer humans?”

‘High-tech eugenics’ behind push to create ‘perfect’ human race

Despite how little is actually known about the immediate and long-term consequences of re-mapping the human genome, genetic scientists are busily working to achieve what maniacal dictators like Adolph Hitler only dreamed of accomplishing in their ethnic cleansing endeavors. Except, today, this agenda is disguised as “science” for the betterment of humanity.

“If we go down the road of decid-

Prescription drug abuse may now be the top cause of accidental death in America

by PF Louis

(NaturalNews) The phrase “prescription drug abuse” allows Big Pharma to get away with too much, shifting the blame to stoners, druggies and youths who like to get their kicks from illegal prescriptions and black market OxyContin-type drugs that sell for high prices.

Death by Modern Medicine: Seeking Safe Solutions, written by Dr. Carolyn Dean, outlines the statistics and issues within several other categories of prescription drugs that have caused deaths despite being properly prescribed and used.

Dr. Dean’s latest book has uncovered even more statistics of iatrogenic (medically caused) death than her original paper “Death by Medicine.” The death toll has gone up to almost 900,000 annually from various areas that include hospital stays, surgeries, incorrect or unnecessary procedures and prescriptions.

But the highest death toll comes with adverse reactions from “correctly prescribed” medications and procedures.

Over the counter drugs (OTC) haven’t been included in these statistics, but OTC sleeping pills and Tylenol (acetaminophen) are responsible for many more ER visits and deaths. Also not included are permanent disabilities from vaccines and other drugs.

ing which genes are appropriate and which aren’t, that will never end,” writes one *USA Today* commenter about the issue. “One day, somebody who supposedly knows better than you will decide that a gene which tends toward a belief in the supernatural [for instance] is inappropriate.”

“In the hands of those who believe they know what is best for the world, they will use this as a way to eradicate such ‘dangerous’ beliefs.”

The numbers are probably worse than any statistical reports, as not all adverse reactions are actually reported.

Regardless of Dr. Dean’s and others’ offered solutions, the actual solution probably won’t come until the whole edifice of the medical mafia finally crumbles with enough health-conscious people abandoning it, by self-educating and living healthier lifestyles while seeking natural medical solutions.

The prescribed painkiller quandary

Oxycodone is the main opioid ingredient of OxyContin, a synthetic offshoot of heroin. Oxycodone ingredients were once

can’t be patented, so Big Pharma wants to keep it from competing with its high-profit patented drugs, and it’s still mostly illegal. But that’s beginning to change, slowly.

In 2010, 254 million opioid prescriptions were filled in the USA. Shortly after that report, the CDC estimated that health insurers forked over several billion dollars for health care costs related to prescription painkillers’ adverse effects.

Meanwhile, Big Pharma raked in over \$11 billion in revenue from opioid sales, with Purdue Pharma’s OxyContin, for which they were once fined \$635 million for false advertising, pulling in over \$3 billion of that.

So who is getting all these prescriptions? A lot of prescriptions, driven by oxycodone addicts, are obtained illegally or creatively. One such notorious, hypocritical example is Rush Limbaugh’s incredible oxycodone, mostly OxyContin, addiction.

Hypocritical because, for a few years up until Limbaugh got busted for obtaining and using massive amounts of oxycodone through multiple doctor resources, he often railed on air about throwing drug users in jail, even while he was high on illegally obtained OxyContin. Suspiciously, the charges were dropped or reduced from felonies.

Other painkillers, like Percocet, Vicodin and fentanyl, contain some variation of oxycodone, chemically close to heroin. But OxyContin is almost pure oxycodone. It’s the strongest and most addictive. The others include either some aspirin or acetaminophen (Tylenol), also unhealthy with long-term use.

Even those who have experienced enough severe pain to warrant oxycodone become addicted and experience terrible withdrawals if they try to kick the painkillers.



a last-ditch solution for usually terminal cancer patient pain when morphine failed. That was a couple of decades ago.

Since then, oxycodone opioids have been used in several prescription drugs that have been successfully marketed to overcome original resistance to prescribing potentially addictive painkillers. Now, they’re being prescribed too often and too easily. And the overdose death toll has skyrocketed to over 15,000, more than street heroin and cocaine combined.

By the way, late-stage cancer patients have used various forms of full-cannabinoid hemp (including THC) to relieve pain from cancer and cure it without addiction. It

New York City douses parks with toxic Roundup hundreds of times annually: Is your city doing the same thing?

By Ethan A. Huff

(NaturalNews) Spring is just around the corner, which for millions of Americans will mean bursting forth from hibernation into the lush green spaces of their local public parks and recreational areas. But if your town or city is anything like New York City, playing ball or doing yoga on those crisp blades of enticing grass at the first sign of warmth could also mean inadvertently exposing yourself to unknown levels of the world’s most popular and controversial herbicide, Roundup.

Manufactured by Monsanto, Roundup is routinely doused on public parks throughout New York City, sometimes hundreds of times throughout the year, while few are aware of what is taking place. *Mother Jones’* Anna The Good News TODAY

Lenzer reported a couple of years ago that, in 2011 alone, those who manage the Big Apple’s parks applied Roundup some 500 times throughout the year, the equivalent of about 12 bathtubs full of undiluted chemicals.

Based on a Department of Health report posted on the city’s website, and after several inquiries to city officials, Lenzer was able to determine that Central, Prospect and Riverside Parks -- each of these is an iconic New York City park -- all receive Roundup treatments throughout the year. Many other parks throughout the city, though not specifically disclosed, are also likely included in the sprayings.

“According to the Department of Health’s report on city pesticide use in 2011, Roundup, the weed-killing key to Monsanto’s agribusiness empire, is the city’s

most heavily used liquid herbicide,” wrote Lenzer. “Monsanto’s Roundup brand alone was applied by the city nearly 500 times last year... mostly via the Roundup



Roundup in New York’s Central Park

Ultra formulation, a more concentrated version of the original.” If your city applies Roundup to local parks, urge it to stop

Though city officials reportedly admitted to Roundup’s use in New York City parks, the city’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which is said to govern

the use of the toxic product, told reporters that Roundup is not used. When pressed on the disparity, DEP failed to provide any answers.

Meanwhile, other cities, including Chicago and Boulder, have voluntarily chosen to stop using Roundup at their parks. Chicago reportedly phased out Roundup completely back in 2008 and maintains that roughly 90 percent of its parks are now completely free of pesticides. The city of Boulder, in Colorado, followed suit by scrapping Roundup a few years later.

But there are still many cities across the country using Roundup, which is likely due to corporate and political pressures that have failed to keep up with the science. From the onset of resistant “superweeds” to the release of groundbreaking evidence like *Earth Open Source’s* “GMO Myths and Truths Report,” all the latest evidence points to Roundup as a major safety concern, both environmentally and in regard to human health.

“Roundup is used so much that scientists around the world are reporting with alarm the extent to which glyphosate is turning up in the food, water, and even the air around us,” adds Lenzer. “A German study this year, for example, even found glyphosate in all of the urine samples it took from nonagricultural workers in Berlin, at levels 5-20 times the limit for drinking water.”

Roundup is obviously something that most people informed about its dangers would probably choose to avoid. But doing so is difficult when the chemical cocktail is hiding beneath your toes and picnic blanket as a result of city sprayings, which more often than not take place undisclosed. If you are unsure of whether or not Roundup is used at your local park, ask the Parks and Recreation department. And if they admit to using the herbicide, tell them to stop, directing them to the plethora of evidence showing its dangers.

The Most Popular and Fastest Growing Bible Translation Isn't What You Think It Is

By Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra

When Americans reach for their Bibles, more than half of them pick up a King James Version (KJV), according to a new study advised by respected historian Mark Noll.

The 55 percent who read the KJV easily outnumber the 19 percent who read the New International Version (NIV). And the percentages drop into the single digits for competitors such as the New Revised Standard Version, New America Bible, and the Living Bible.

So concludes “The Bible in American Life,” a lengthy report by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Funded by the Lilly Foundation, researchers asked questions on what David Briggs of the ARDA, which first reported the results, calls “two of the most highly respected data sources for American religion” — the General Social Survey and the National Congregations Study.

The numbers are surprising, given the strong sales of NIV translations in bookstores. The NIV has

topped the CBA’s bestselling Bible translation list for decades, and continued to sell robustly in 2013.

The high numbers of KJV readers confirm the findings of last year’s American Bible Society (ABS) State of the Bible report. On behalf of ABS, Barna Group found that



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52 percent of Americans read the King James or the New King James Version, compared with 11 percent who read the NIV.

The KJV also received almost 45 percent of the Bible translation-related searches on Google, compared with almost 24 percent for the NIV, according to Bible Gateway’s Stephen Smith.

In fact, searches for the KJV seem to be rising distinctly since 2005, while most other English translations are staying flat or are declining, according to Smith’s Google research.

Smith, whose research on how technology is shaping Bible use is profiled in this month’s Christianity Today cover story, blended data from Google Trends and the Google Keyword Tool to see how English Bible translations compare in search terms. Bible translation searches may not necessarily be an indicator of Bible translation usage—a Bible Gateway study earlier this year found dramatic differences between the cities most likely to search for Bible verses and the American Bible Society’s list of top “Bible-minded” cities. (see sidebar)

Nevertheless, other studies also indicate that the KJV remains the translation powerhouse. A 2011 Lifeway study, for example, found that 62 percent of Americans—and 82 percent of Americans who regularly read the Bible—own a copy of the KJV.

“Although the bookstores are now crowded with alternative versions, and although several different translations are now widely used in church services and for preaching, the large presence of the KJV testifies to the extraordinary power of this one classic English text,” Noll commented in the IUPUI report. “It also raises most inter-

esting questions about the role of religious and linguistic tradition in the makeup of contemporary American culture.”

Noll, a leading evangelical scholar, wrote a cover story for CT on where the world would be without the KJV.

The study from IUPUI in some ways paints a more religious picture of Americans than the ABS/Barna study, recording that 78 percent read their Bibles monthly, compared with the 41 percent found by Barna and the 53 percent found by Lifeway.

But IUPUI also found that fewer Americans read their Bibles every day—just 9 percent, less than the 13 percent recorded by Barna and half of the 18 percent found by Lifeway.

IUPUI also noted several main tells: You’re more likely to read the Bible if you’re female (56 percent compared with 39 percent of men), African American (70 percent read at least once a year, compared with 46 percent of Hispanics and

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44 percent of whites), and older (56 percent of those over 70 years old, compared with 44 percent of those between 18 and 29). You’re also more likely to read the Bible if you live in the South (61 percent) rather than the Northeast (36 percent).

American Bible Society’s list of top “Bible-minded” cities

- The complete Top 10:
10. Knoxville, Tenn.
 9. Jackson, Miss.
 8. Little Rock, Ark.
 7. Greenville/Spartanburg, S.C./Asheville N.C.
 6. Charlotte, N.C.
 5. Shreveport, La.
 4. Springfield, Mo.
 3. Roanoke/Lynchburg, Va.
 2. Birmingham, Ala.
 1. Chattanooga, Tenn.

By contrast, the least Bible-minded cities:

10. Portland, Maine
9. Burlington, Vt.
8. Phoenix, Ariz.
7. Hartford/New Haven, Conn.
6. Buffalo, N.Y.
5. Cedar Rapids, Iowa
4. San Francisco
3. Boston, Mass.
2. Albany, N.Y.
1. Providence, R.I./ New Bedford, Mass.

While IUPUI found that readers name Psalm 23 as their favorite scripture, followed by John 3:16, Barna found that more people liked John 3:16 the best, followed by Psalm 23.

Sports, the new American religion

By R. Albert Mohler Jr.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) -- Super Bowl XLVIII may have been a bust as a football game, but it was a blockbuster as a cultural event. The telecast attracted a record 111.5 million viewers, making it the most-watched television event of all time.

That record will most likely be eclipsed by the next Super Bowl, and the trajectory shows no signs of dissipating. America takes its sports seriously, and Americans take football with the most seriousness of them all.

In a real sense, big-time sports represent America’s new civic religion, and football is its central sacrament.

The relationship between sports and religion in America has always been close, and it has often been awkward. The “muscular Christianity” of a century ago has given way to a more recent phenomenon: the massive growth of involvement in sports at the expense of church activities and involvements.

About 15 years ago, the late John Cardinal O’Connor, then the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, lamented the fact that Little League baseball was taking his altar boys away on Sundays.

“Why is it religion that must always accommodate?” the archbishop asked. “Why must Little League and soccer league games be scheduled on Sunday mornings? Why create that conflict for kids or for their parents? Sports are generally considered good for kids. Church is good for kids.”

The archbishop blamed secularization for this invasion of Sunday: “This is the constant erosion, the constant secularization of our culture, that I strongly believe to be a serious mistake.”

So the cardinal took on Little League and the youth soccer league in New York City. And he lost. Nevertheless, he was right about the problem. The massive rise of sports within the culture is a sign and symptom of the secularization of the larger society.

New evidence for this pattern comes from academics Chris Beneke and Arthur Remillard in an essay recently published in The Washington Post. Writing with Super Bowl XLVIII in view, Beneke and Remillard noted: “American sports fans have forged imperishable bonds with the people, places and moments that define their teams. You might even call this attachment religious. But that would be unfair -- to sports.”

In other words, the attachment many Americans now have to sports teams exceeds attachment to religious faith -- any religious faith.

The two academics then make their central case: “While teams and fans are building powerful, cohesive communities -- think Red Sox Nation or the legions of University of Alabama faithful who greet one another with ‘Roll Tide’ -- churches are losing followers. According to a 2012 survey by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley and

Duke University, 20 percent of Americans ‘claimed they had no religious preference,’ compared with an unaffiliated population of 8 percent in 1990. Roughly two out of three Americans, a 2012 Pew report noted, are under the impression that religion is losing influence in the country.”

That impression is growing because it is true to the facts. Religion is losing ground and



Superbowl XLVIII Metlife Stadium

losing influence in American society. The fastest-growing segment of the American public in terms of religious identification is the “nones,” those who identify with no religious tradition at all. At the same time, a religious dedication to sports has been growing. While correlation does not prove causation, the links between these two developments are haunting.

Interestingly, Beneke, who teaches history at Bentley University, and Remillard, who teaches religious studies at St. Francis University, document the dramatic increase in the percentage of Americans who consider themselves to be sports fans. Just a half-century ago, only three in 10 Americans identified themselves as sports fans. Fast forward to 2012 and the percentage is greater than 60 percent. At the same time, church attendance and other marks of religious activity (especially the number of hours

each week devoted to church activities) have fallen sharply.

Beneke and Remillard describe the current picture in vivid terms: “Modern sports stadiums function much like great cathedrals once did, bringing communities together and focusing their collective energy. This summer, the Archdiocese of New York is expected to outline plans to close or merge some of its 368 parishes; 26 Catholic schools in the archdiocese have ceased operation. By contrast, the city and the state of New Jersey spent hundreds of millions to build new baseball and football stadiums.”

Cardinal O’Connor would no doubt see the pattern and lament it, but a good many evangelical Christians seem both unmoved and unconcerned. The problem is quite ecumenical in this respect; the youth minister or pastor at your local evangelical church is almost sure to tell you the same story.

Team sports activities or other forms of organized athletics have taken many evangelical families away from church activities. Many

Sports

children and adolescents know very little of church involvements, but they and their parents (and often their grandparents as well) would not miss a scheduled practice, much less a game or competitive event. The same is increasingly true of spectator sports.

Beneke and Remillard conclude by asserting that “when it comes to the passionate attachments that sustain interest and devotion, it’s time to acknowledge that sports have gained the edge. And they show no sign of relinquishing the lead.”

This dramatic shift could only come to pass if the larger culture has been largely secularized. In this case, secularization does not necessarily mean the disappearance of religious faith but merely the demotion of religious involvement and identification to a level lower than those granted to sports.

Americans may not know who their god is, but you can be sure most know who their team is.

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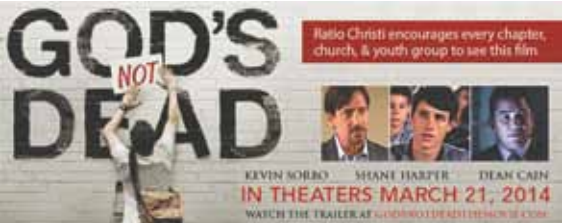
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‘God’s Not Dead’ is Wake-Up Call to Pastors, Parents and Students, says President of Campus Student Organization

By Good News Today Staff
ERIE, Penn. -- Rick Schenker, president of Ratio Christi, a grass-

Christian students face to renounce their convictions in a largely secular humanistic environment hostile to a biblical worldview.



roots campus student ministry, is urging all pastors, parents and students to see the movie God’s Not Dead which premieres Friday, March 21. According to Schenker, this movie capsulizes the pressure

Unlike the film character “Josh,” a Christian student who stands up for his faith with reasoned evidence, research shows that the majority of Christian youth will walk away from their faith once in college. Josh is an example of the type of student Ratio Christi (Latin for ‘Reason

of Christ’) trains. When challenged by his atheist professor, he presents scientific, historical and philosophical evidence that make solid arguments for the existence of God. In the movie, Josh had to do this on his own. Schenker says, “Ratio Christi chapters hold regular meetings where students and faculty can wrestle with ideas relating to the intellectual credibility of Christianity by encouraging dialogue and stimulating discussion. Josh would not have had to go it alone if there had been a Ratio Christi chapter on his campus.”

Ratio Christi knows firsthand what arguments Christian students encounter. The movement has grown from 10 to over 130 chapters in just three years. In the movie, Josh wanted students to decide for themselves what they believed about God’s existence and not be forced to believe what an atheist professor demanded of them. Likewise, Schenker says, “By equipping Christian students, we believe many will not only hold onto a faith that they might otherwise abandon, but they will also begin to stand up for Christianity when it comes under fire at the university. The concept must be striking a nerve because we are growing faster than we ever imagined.”

Schenker concludes, “This film is a wake-up call to parents and pastors to better prepare our youth. Ratio Christi is here to help by equipping students through our clubs and by assisting churches. We desire Christian students to be agents of change in the culture rather than being changed by it.” Ratio Christi provides a safe and charitable venue for atheists, agnostics, skeptics, and adherents to any religion to investigate the claims of Christianity, discuss religious beliefs, and seek truth without fearing reprisal.

For additional information visit www.ratiochristi.org.



By Keri Thornton
First Class Tutorials is a new idea in pre-primary education: a traveling tutorial program that brings exciting, effective instruction to small cooperative classes of young students. Meeting for six or ten hours per week in a neighborhood host home, young children engage in phonetic reading, hands-on math, classic children’s literature and musical memory. There are also games, stories, activities, and projects which are aimed at building excellence in character traits such as integrity, perseverance, responsibility and cooperation. First Class was created by Keri Thornton, mother of five, who mastered tutorial educating concepts during her 18 years as a home educator. As her youngest

children began taking college classes, Keri knew it was time to return to the work force. But after devoting so much time and energy and prayer into tutorial education, Keri was inspired to pour this experience into an opportunity to bless other families with the same early foundations her own children loved. “I know what parents want for their little learners. They want their kids to be safe. They want them to be challenged with the best curricula, yet encouraged and nurtured to succeed. Parents want their children to advance academically, to learn to appreciate great literature, to receive individual attention, and to learn the value of cooperating in a small group. Most importantly, parents want their little students to love learning. And they want this educational opportunity for their children without the hefty price tag of most area pre-K programs. That is the essence of First Class Tutorials.”

How does it work? Parents who want a First Class education for their children should talk to friends about forming a cooperative. Classes will run with a minimum of four children and a maximum of six. Tuition is waived for the family who hosts the weekly classes. In three hour blocks, First Class kids read and discuss classic children’s lit, study phonetic reading by repetition, complete their own math primers, and sing their way through math tables and the countries of the world.

First Class is fun, affordable, and extremely effective in developing bright little students who love to learn. All of the resources are tried, tested, and God-honoring. For the fall of 2014, five classes will be offered throughout the RI and Southeast MA area. For more information, visit www.FirstClassTutorials.com.

Former Fortune 100 executive and local author Fred Sievert to sign book *God Revealed* at the Heritage House Bookstore

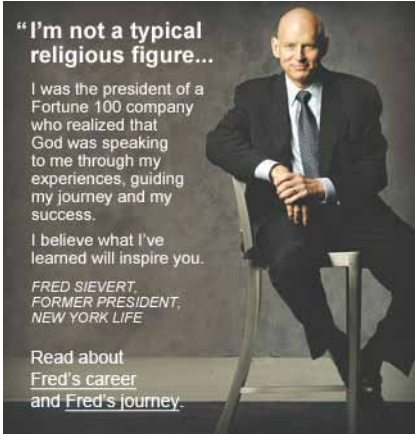
By Anne Burns
Fred Sievert, the former “workaholic” president of New York Life and a resident of Falmouth, MA, will sign copies of his new book “God Revealed: Revisit Your Past to Enrich Your Future,” at The Heritage House bookstore on Saturday, April 12 from 1:00– 2:30 pm.

“God Revealed” challenges readers to exercise their faith to balance home life with their career aspirations and details the surprising ways faith can counter the workplace stress, enhance careers and enrich family life.

The Heritage House is located 2029 Main Street in Brockton, MA . For more information about the event, please visit www.heritagehousechristian.com or call 800-422-7965.

Sievert is a former president of New York Life Insurance Company and a widely recognized

corporate leader. In 2007, Sievert retired early and, feeling he had neglected his spiritual education and development, enrolled in divinity school. He earned a master’s degree in religion in May 2011.



His stories of encounters with God have been published in numerous printed and electronic periodicals, attracting a large audience of believers, many of whom in turn have shared their own realizations triggered by the work.



By Elsie Wright SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAY AT BCA!

God really blessed our school community recently, and I believe we blessed Him, too! Who would imagine that a day put into the schedule to make-up school missed due to snow could end up being such an inspiration to us all? We all want to do it again!

Here’s what occurred: In the morning we all gathered in Cedar Hall. Here is a picture of K-12 together in the gym starting the day with an explanation of what we would be doing, then...

movements to the Good Morning song. Mrs. Norquist divided the group in two for a dance-off,



K-12 DANCING THE GOOD MORNING SONG TOGETHER

with one side led by Mr. Carter and the other by Mr. Telford. Mr. Carter’s side of the gym

into groups, with eighth graders leading groups of Grades 5-8, and high school students leading the groups of children in the high school and the younger grades. All of our students in K-12 were part of prayer teams.



Prayer stations included sites around the school. With signs posted at each prayer site, students were encouraged to pray for faculty, BCA families, outreach opportunities, activities of the school, etc. The prayer teams were student led, and many of the faculty commented about how well the students were demonstrating strong leadership! Parents would have been blessed to see their children--all ages--leading and participating in the prayer teams.

Special thanks to our Spiritual Renewal Day leadership team: Mrs. Zins, Mrs. Norquist, Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Skazinski.

Isn’t it great that these people had a vision to have Spiritual Renewal Day, originally scheduled for teachers only, become more than just a “normal day”

of school? That’s the kind of teachers there are at BCA--those who keep on giving, making a difference, putting in time far beyond what is required--to bless the children, to make a difference, to be the “living curriculum” and be used by God to shape the lives of children who are being prepared to be culture-changers and Kingdom-shapers! They are passionate about their work at Barrington Christian Academy!



SERVICE ACTIVITIES ON SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAY The lower grade classes collected snacks for the children at Bailey School and decorated bags for the snacks! They participated with great enthusiasm. 128 bags with snacks were prepared for Bailey School in Providence!



WAKING UP FOR A PRAYER-WALK Mrs. Norquist, our all-ages Spanish teacher, mentor, and dancer, called for some vocal responses by grade (some in Spanish) and then led in teaching the *The Good News* TODAY

won the dance-off. **THE PRAYER WALK** Mrs. Zins then explained to the students the instructions for the prayer walk. Students had been divided

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that guidance is clear. And the Care Quality Commission said it would investigate Channel 4's findings.

Prof Sir Mike Richards, Chief Inspector of Hospitals, said: "I am disappointed trusts may not be informing or consulting women and their families. This breaches our standard on respecting and involving people who use services and I'm keen for Dispatches to share their evidence with us. We

scrutinise information of concern and can inspect unannounced, if required."

A total of one in seven pregnancies ends in a miscarriage, while NHS figures show there are around 4,000 stillbirths each year in the UK, or 11 each day.

Ipswich Hospital Trust said it was concerned to discover that foetal remains from another hospital had been incinerated on its site. A spokeswoman said: "The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust does not in-

cinerate foetal remains."

She added that the trust "takes great care over foetal remains"

A spokesman for the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust said that trained health professionals discuss the options with parents 'both verbally and in writing.' "The parents are given exactly the same choice on the disposal of foetal remains as for a stillborn child and their personal wishes are respected," they added..

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cannot read the plain language of Scripture.

"In Matthew 19 Jesus defines marriage as only between one man and one woman and I Corinthians 6:9 includes homosexuals in the list of wrongdoers who will not share in the Kingdom of God. One cannot be a true Christian and be involved in a so-called same-sex marriage, thus World Vision has already wavered on its resolve that all employees be followers of Jesus Christ. Compromise and creating division are at the center of this decision."

Worse, she said, the decision by World Vision to "empower" the homosexual movement will "continue misleading many who turn to the world, rather than the truth of the Gospel, for answers." "The leadership of World Vision needs to get their Bibles out and read the warnings about falling into this trap. The word 'Christian' needs to be erased from the description of their organization." Multilingual Christian commentator Julio Severo wrote about the reaction from Franklin Graham, president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association:

"I was shocked today to hear of World Vision's decision to hire employees in same-sex marriages. The Bible is clear that marriage is between a man and a woman. My dear friend, Bob Pierce, the founder of World Vision and Samaritan's Purse, would be heartbroken. He was an evangelist who believed in the inspired Word of God," Graham said.

Graham continued, "World Vision maintains that their decision is based on unifying the church - which I find offensive - as if supporting sin and sinful behavior can unite the church." Severo added, "So if a local liberal church chooses to send a homosexual to work in World vision, it is OK for them."

Stearns told CT that the decision was not "an endorsement of same-sex marriage. We have decided we are not going to get into that debate. Nor is this a rejection of traditional marriage, which we affirm and support."

He said there was no pressure, no lawsuit threats, no workers lobbying for the change.

"It is us deferring to the authority of churches and denominations on theological issues. We're an operational arm of the global church, we're not a theological arm of the church," he said.

World Vision has an estimated \$1 billion in revenue annually and its new position is a lurch away from the path it chose in 2012 when it opposed attempts by a federal agency to "strongly encourage" faith organizations to support homosexuality in order to get federal funding.

But AP reported that other "conservative religious charities" that have taken similar steps have prompted "a drop in donations."

Stearns told CT, "Denominations disagree on many, many things: on divorce and remarriage, modes of baptism, women in leadership roles in the church, beliefs on evolution, etc. So our practice has always been to defer to the authority and autonomy of local churches and denominational bodies on matters of doctrine that go beyond the Apostles' Creed and our statement of faith. We unite around our [Trinitarian beliefs], and we have always deferred to the local church on these other matters."

Christianity Today added, "The policy change comes as World Vision has reduced its U.S. workforce by 10 percent over the past 15 months as expenses have risen and government grants have decreased, reports The News Tribune in nearby Tacoma, Wash."

Commentator Michael Brown wrote on the website of the popular columnist Matt Barber, "Now

is the time for every church that works with World Vision, every Christian musician and artist that partners with World Vision, and every believer that supports World Vision to inform them that they have made a terrible choice and that they will no longer have your support. And then, without missing a beat, partner together with other fine Christian, humanitarian organizations like Samaritan's Purse or Food for the Hungry, and continue your compassionate giving."

Stearns said the organization will continue to require workers to affirm their basic Christian statement of faith.

But Tim Wildmon, president of American Family Association, released a statement that encouraged Christians, including artists and authors "who raise money" for World Vision, to stop.

"There are many other organizations that sponsor children around the world who remain true to the gospel," he said. "The first chapter of Romans is very clear. World Vision has abandoned the warning of Paul and compromised the integrity of a ministry financially supported by Christians."

And Peter LaBarbera, of Americans for Truth, noted, "Historically, people embracing sin are not regarded as faithful Christians. Homosexual conduct is clearly proscribed in the Bible as a sin (Romans 1:24-27) but one that can be overcome through Christ (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Many former 'gays' and 'lesbians' like Anne Paulk have overcome homosexuality through faith in Jesus.

"Stearns' rationale for the policy change is stunningly dishonest and illogical in its double-speak. Stearns would be more forthright in declaring that World Vision has abandoned the Bible as authoritative and is denying 'Jesus as Lord.' The same principle applies to individuals and organizations: one cannot embrace and sanctify sin while professing to honor Jesus Christ, who died and rose again so that believers might have victory OVER sin," he explained.

"World Vision now puts hundreds of thousands of biblically faithful and compassionate Christians in a bind: they want to keep supporting poor children through WV sponsorships, but they do not want to give their money to a charity that actively undermines God's Word through its policies. Many Christians will abandon World Vision and children will suffer," he said.

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Entertainment

HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

By The Good News Today Staff
Culver City, CA – From the international bestseller, and with an impressive Hollywood creative team and cast, HEAVEN IS FOR REAL—the spell-binding story of 4-year-old Colton Burpo’s trip to Heaven . . . and back comes to theaters April 16, 2014.

Based on the #1 *New York Times* best-selling book of the same name, HEAVEN IS FOR REAL brings to the screen the true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son’s extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world.

Academy Award® nominee and Emmy® winner Greg Kinnear (AS GOOD AS IT GETS, LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE, WE WERE SOLDIERS) stars as Todd Burpo. “What appealed to me most at the end of the day is that Randy (director and co-writer Randall Wallace) had tackled this very human story and the eternal question everyone

“What do you do when your four-year-old son looks at you and says, ‘I went to Heaven and this is what it’s like,’ . . . and you’re a pastor? That, for me, is the stuff of drama,” said Director/Co-writer Randall Wallace. Alongside producers Joe Roth and T.D. Jakes, Wallace considers heaven from a boy’s-eye view, and from the here and now. “Todd grounds the story in day-to-day reality, the way it really unfolded,” Wallace said. “Colton doesn’t just blurt it all out. It comes out in little bits and pieces in the course of everyday life.”

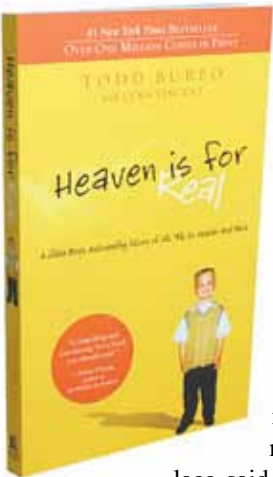
Wallace and Christopher Parker adapted their screenplay from *Heaven is for Real* written by Colton’s father, Todd Burpo, with Lynn Vincent, which spent 64 weeks at No. 1 on the *New York Times* best sellers list. The book remains on the *Times* best-seller list after more than three years with nearly 8 million copies sold, and has been translated into 25 languages.

Wallace is the Academy Award®-nominated screenwriter of BRAVEHEART; among others, he directed WE WERE SOLDIERS and SECRETARIAT. Roth is a TV and film veteran whose 60 movies and television programs include MALEFICENT, Anger Management, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL and SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN. Jakes—pastor, author, entrepreneur, producer—is known to movie audiences for WOMAN, THOU ART LOOSED, SPARKLE, JUMPING THE BROOM, and BLACK NATIVITY.

In addition to Kinnear, HEAVEN IS FOR REAL’s top cast includes Kelly Reilly (SHERLOCK HOLMES, FLIGHT) as Colton’s mom, Sonja and newcomer Connor Corum as Colton Burpo. The film also features Emmy®



has about what comes after,” said Kinnear. “Whatever your feelings on the afterlife—even in your current life, right here, right now—there is this beauty all around you that’s been nicely captured for this film through the eyes of a little boy. If you don’t have any personal inspiration, HEAVEN IS FOR REAL will give you some.”



New Release Tuesday “Artist of the Month”- David Coate

By The Good News Today Staff
Before becoming a follower of Christ at the age of 17, David Coate was obsessed with music. From a young age he was singing and playing guitar in various garage bands, idolizing the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Black Sabbath. “As a young teen I experimented with about everything you would not want your kid to be involved with,” says David. “However, over time I became impressed with the Christian guys and girls in my high school and between that and being completely sick of my lifestyle, I turned my life over to the Lord.”

This marked a huge transition in David’s life. At the time, a popular teaching was that “all rock music is of the devil.” Obediently, David gave away his record collection and locked away his newly purchased white Fender Stratocaster electric



guitar. During this time period of abstaining from music, David was growing in his faith and became very involved at church and in bible studies. “In retrospect, even though that particular teaching was flawed, that time was powerful because I was no longer obsessed with music, and it came under the Lordship of Christ in my life,” David recalls.

It wasn’t until a year later that David realized he could use his musical abilities for God. At the invitation of a friend, David attended a free Phil Keaggy concert at a local school. When Phil began to perform, David was amazed to see that he played guitar significantly better than any of his previous secular rock heroes. Moreover, he noted his attitude of humility. “I was so moved that night that I asked God if I could use my musical gifts for Him,” David says, “or even a

roadie for such an incredible band!” That night, David went home and pulled out the Strat for the first time in a year, and has been performing Christian music ever since. Since that time, he has toured nationwide with David Coate Group (DCG), playing everywhere from prisons to Times Square in New York City. David Coate is a contemporary Christian music singer/songwriter, worship leader, and producer. He has recorded nine of his own CD’s to date, in the rock/pop genre, the most recent being “This is Love.” David has toured nationwide with David Coate Group (DCG), and has performed at major festivals including Creation and Soul Festival. He has also performed with Christian artists such as Michael W. Smith, Phil Keaggy, Brian Duncan, and many others. His music has received national radio exposure with several songs reaching prominent positions in radio airplay. David is proficient on acoustic, electric, and nylon string guitar, keyboard, and bass.

“Music is still a huge part of my life,” says David. “The difference now is that I do it for Christ.”

Son of Hamas movie wins big at the Sundance Film Festival

By Dan Wooding
PARK CITY, UTAH (ANS) -- *The Green Prince*, a feature-length documentary based on the international best seller Son of Hamas, by Mosab Hassan Yousef, with Ron Brackin, received the prestigious Audience Award for World Cinema: Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah recently.

Produced and directed by Nadav Schirman, and narrated by Mosab Hassan Yousef and Gonen Ben-Itzhak, the film tells the extraordinary true story of the eldest son of one of the founders of Hamas who, in addition to converting from

winner Margo Martindale (*Justified*) and Academy Award® nominee Thomas Haden Church (*SEIDWAYS*, *Wings*).

“A lot of things in this story appealed to me, and one was Todd’s conflict. Should he stir up the townspeople with his son’s story or put it aside?” Roth said. “And he did the unsafe thing. He backed his son’s vision, though it could cost him his job and make him quite unpopular in town.”

“The great gift of HEAVEN IS FOR REAL is the possibility of the impossible, the touchability of the abstract—so powerful that we feel as if we are one with something we just can’t touch,” Jakes said. “That’s what faith is.”

“But the faith in this film is far from simplistic,” Jakes adds. “It’s no quick solution, nothing magical. It’s a struggling, stumbling, groping, grasping faith, reaching through dark fear and confusion to solidify the abstractions of life. And it’s appropriate that a little child teaches adults how to believe again, how to trust again.”

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Islam to Christianity, worked for a decade as a double agent for the Shin Bet, the Israeli secret police.



Schirman’s previous films include *The Champagne Spy*, winner of the Israeli Academy Award for best documentary film.

“Perhaps the most difficult thing about watching the new documentary,” said the Israeli newspaper, Haaretz, “is feeling that you should not be there, that everyone in the theater should be asked to leave before any more Israeli intelligence secrets are divulged.”

In an exclusive interview, Ron Brackin, who wrote Son of Hamas, said there is an even bigger story that has not yet found its way to the screen. “People love the book because people like to believe that people like Jason Bourne really exist,” Brackin said. “We were

also able to take a very complex subject and make it a little more understandable.

“But to me, the spy stuff was window dressing. A lot more important than locking up (or blowing up) the bad guys is the amazing relationship between Mosab and Gonen. That’s what needs to be captured on film. It’s a powerful truth that says Palestinians and Israelis can live at peace with one another. It says the so-called ‘Palestinian problem’ is never going to be resolved by politicians sitting around a table or by walls, military incursions, blockades, or sanctions.

“As I recall, it was a Jew who gave the world the solution a couple thousand years ago—for Israel and Palestine, Sudan, Bosnia, Rwanda, Armenia, Iraq, Syria, Korea, for every tribe and every family. He said, ‘Love your enemies.’ Peace doesn’t result from diplomacy or strength. It results from the courage to forgive and the resolve to see one another as people. That’s

It’s a powerful truth that says Palestinians and Israelis can live at peace with one another.

the secret Mosab and Gonen discovered. And their love and respect for one another and commitment to one another are living proof that it works where everything else has failed.”

The Green Prince has secured distribution contracts for the UK, Australia, and New Zealand. Josh Braun of Submarine is representing sales in North America.



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Washington has set the world on a path to war

By Paul Craig Roberts

Why is Washington so opposed to Crimean self-determination? The answer is that one of the main purposes of Washington’s coup in Kiev was to have the new puppet government evict Russia from its Black Sea naval base in Crimea. Washington cannot use the government Washington has installed in Ukraine for that purpose if Crimea is no longer part of Ukraine.

What Washington has made completely obvious is that “self-determination” is a weapon used by Washington in behalf of its agenda. If self-determination advances Washington’s agenda, Washington is for it. If self-determination does not advance Washington’s agenda, Washington is against it.

The Washington-initiated UN Security Council resolution, vetoed by Russia, falsely declares that the referendum in Crimea, a referendum demanded by the people, “can have no validity, and cannot form the basis for any alteration of the status of Crimea; and calls upon all States, international organizations and specialized agencies not to recognize any alteration of the status of Crimea on the basis of this referendum and to

refrain from any action or dealing that might be interpreted as recognizing any such altered status.”

Washington could not make it any clearer that Washington totally opposes self-determination by Crimeans.

Washington claims, falsely, that the referendum cannot be valid unless the entire population of Ukraine votes and agrees with the decision by Crimeans. Note that when Washington stole Kosovo from Serbia, Washington did not let Serbians vote.

But overlook Washington’s rank hypocrisy and self-serving double-standards. Let’s apply Washington’s argument that in order to be valid any change in Crimea’s status requires a vote on the part of the population of the country that it departs. If this is the case, then Crimea has never been a part of Ukraine.

Under Washington’s interpretation of international law, Ukraine is still a part of Russia. When Khrushchev transferred Crimea (but not Sevastopol, the Black Sea base) to Ukraine, Russians did not get to vote. Therefore, according to Washington’s own

logic it is invalid to recognize Crimea as part of Ukraine. That also goes for other parts of Russia that Lenin transferred to Ukraine. Under the logic of Washington’s UN resolution, large parts of Ukraine are not legitimately part of Ukraine. They have remained parts of Russia, because Russians were not allowed to vote on their transfer to Ukraine. Thus, there is no issue about “Russia annexing Crimea,” because, according to Washington’s logic, Crimea is still a part of Russia.

Do you need any more proof that the Ukrainian crisis is made up out of thin air by schemers in Washington who created the

“It is happening right before our eyes.”

entire crisis for one purpose—to weaken Russia militarily?

No one was surprised that the New York Times published on March 14 the warmongering rant, written by neoconservatives for John McCain, which described Washington’s aggression in Ukraine as Russia’s aggression. The US government overthrows an elected democratic Ukrainian government and then accuses Russia of “invading and annex-

ing Crimea” in order to divert attention from Washington’s overthrow of Ukrainian democracy. There is no elected government in Kiev. The stooges acting as a government in Kiev were put in office by Washington. Who else chose them?

What surprised some was Rand Paul joining the hysteria. Rand Paul wrote his propagandistic rant against Russia for Time. Rand Paul claims, falsely, that Putin has invaded Crimea and that it is an affront to “the international community.” First of all, the decision of Crimea to leave Ukraine is a decision of the Crimean population and the elected government, not a decision by Russia. But, for the sake of argument, let’s take Rand Paul’s lie as the truth: Is “Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine a gross violation of that nation’s sovereignty and an affront to the international community” like Washington’s invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, and Washington-sponsored invasions of Libya and Syria, and Washington’s ongoing slaughter of Pakistanis and Yemenis with drones, and Washington’s violation of Iran’s sovereignty with illegal sanctions, and Washington’s

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concept of tarnished Scriptures is the very hub of all modern apostasy. An honored and cherished Scriptures is the obvious antidote.

It has been said that you become what you eat. Someone may have also said that you are what you think. The Scriptures do tell us that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). It is a foregone conclusion that a person follows through most readily on the things that occupy the mind the most. Facts—truth—has no bearing on that at all. Most people tend to argue from the standpoint of a prior accumulation of subjective opinion. At some point, arbitrarily biased opinion replaces facts and evidence as the authority in a matter.

There is a reason that Paul admonishes in *Philippians 4:8* – “*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*”

Humanity is tragically flawed, especially when it comes to the mind and the exercise of free-will. We are so overly proud of our puny mental abilities and boast like a hen that just laid an egg as if that was really something. We desperately need the right guidance and the only source of absolute truth is the Bible.

Some say that the Bible is relevant only in matters concerning salvation. That can be true only in the sense that everything in creation is relative to salvation in some way. Actually, everything is relative to the glory of God and that includes salvation. When the Bible speaks of “scientific” matters, it points to the glory of God. The same is

true of all other topics the Bible engages. “Science” and its earthy companions are useless aside from how it all glorifies God. To try to separate them as somehow superior to biblical revelation is a false premise. It becomes a house of cards that is easily tumbled by the slightest breeze of truth.

So the hammers continue to pound against the anvil of God’s Word. The Anvil still stands and the hammers break, one by one, and fall into the dust of fading memories. There will be many more hammers but there will only be the one Anvil. Each hammer will think it will be the one to break the Anvil only to finally break apart itself.

Psalm 119:160 – “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”

violation of Ukrainian sovereignty by overthrowing the elected government and imposing Washington’s stooges?

If Putin is behaving as Rand Paul ignorantly asserts, Putin is just following the precedents established by Clinton in Serbia, by Bush in Afghanistan and Iraq, and by Obama in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, and Ukraine. Washington’s argument is reduced to: “We, the exceptional and indispensable nation can behave this way, but no other country can.”

As some Americans have misplaced hopes in Rand Paul, it is just as well that he revealed in Time that he is just another fool prostituting himself for the neo-conservative warmongers and the military/security complex. If Rand Paul is the hope for America, then clearly there is no hope.

As I have been pointing out, the propaganda and lies issuing from Washington, its European puppets, New York Times, Time, and the entirety of the Western media are repeating the path to war that led to World War 1. It is happening right before our eyes.

filled instead with tremendous gratitude. I try to go back to that awful day all those years ago, but instead my thoughts are drawn to Jacqueline’s birth, two years to the day of Jared’s on Christmas Eve 1985. I try to feel sorry for myself, but instead the Lord directs my thoughts to Timothy, and Jonathan, and Veronica, and then Ben and Gillian, and Rocco, and Molly, and Madelyn, and baby-to-be, and I begin to cry. But, they are not tears of sadness, instead they are tears of joy and hope and thanksgiving and love for a God, who has been so faithful to us over the years and has so richly blessed Gale and I. How perfect is God’s timing for us to be at an event this evening surrounded by hundreds of others who choose life! Thank you, Lord. And so, tomorrow morning when I wake up I will remember Jared. I will thank the Lord for the three incredible months we had with him here on this earth. I will look forward to the glorious reunion we will have with him in Heaven someday. And, most of all, I will choose life!

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So **choose life** in order that you may live, you and your descendants.” Deuteronomy 30:19

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All This Fuss About Inspiration

By John Henderson

It is becoming apparent to me that the attempts to discredit and diminish the Scriptures are foundational to all postmodern errors.

Our times (which I believe are the End Times) are replete with openly conflicting ideas about the inspiration of the Scriptures. This is just one among other key issues that are clearly connected. Sadly, the championing of anything other than the complete inspiration of the Scriptures is coming from within the evangelical community, especially the so-called holiness movement—and especially from much of the Church of the Nazarene leadership and those in positions of influence.

I have been around long enough to remember that only “modernists” openly espoused such nonsense as is being espoused by today’s neo-orthodox adherents in our midst. At that time, those of us in the evangelical circles never questioned among ourselves the inerrancy, authenticity, authority, and total reliability of the inspiration of the Scriptures. About all we discussed was how the Scriptures were inspired—verbal, dictatorial, or plenary. Otherwise, we were in complete agreement that the Word of God was the Word of God. That was never questioned among us.

There were those in academia who may have been doing philosophical diggings and speculations but they were so vague to us that we didn’t pay them a whole lot of attention. No one seemed to pay them much mind one way or the other until they had gained a menacing foothold in our organizations and control began to slip through our fingers and into their grasp.

Well, we should have! Slowly—incrementally—they managed to create a major shift in the way many of the supercilious among the evangelicals look at the Scriptures. (I make a distinction between those “among us” and those who were actually of us).

No longer do they take God at His Word, if they ever did. They question His Word. They do not question us. They challenge His Word. They do not challenge us. A pigeon may as well challenge a jumbo jet, but they don’t seem to care one way or the other. Their own deception is deeply rooted in them and they think they can somehow out-manuever God and bring Him in line with their opinions. Just like their father, the devil, they presume to ascend to the

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very throne of God. They cannot rise to His level so, in their own imagination, try to pull Him down to theirs. I think they may be stupid enough to think they actually do.

It is a fantasy, to be sure, but they are completely insensible to that fact. The imaginary god they have re-invented goes along with them very well but they do not comprehend that the God of creation will have nothing to do with their foolishness and is becoming increasingly agitated with the whole affair.

It is becoming apparent to me that the attempts to discredit and diminish the Scriptures are foundational to all postmodern errors. That is where it all begins. That is where it is all deeply rooted. A synthetic

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A Fish Story

A couple air-heads from warmer climate loved to fish, so they wanted to try ice fishing. They'd took off up to Canada and found a nice, big frozen lake with a little bait shop nearby where they got all their tackle - including a sturdy ice pick. About an hour later, one of them was back at the shop and bought another ice pick. In another hour the air-head was back, and said, "We're going to need all the ice picks you got." The bait man said, "Well, OK -- How are you doing out there?" "Not very well at all," said the air-head. "We don't even have the boat in the water yet."

MY BROTHER THE DENTIST

By Kraig Ehm

My older brother used to be a police officer and was a member of law enforcement for more than 30 years. As youngsters growing up, he wasn't an officer of the peace because he routinely beat me silly on a daily basis. No, my bro was a dentist. He had a small practice (just me), a bantam-sized office (our bedroom), and a miniscule operating room (bathroom).

My dentist's first stab at removing an unwanted bicuspid of mine was to tie one end of a piece of string to a five-pound Tonka with the other end firmly attached to my source of pain. "Hey Kraig, look over there."

As soon as I turned my head to the left, Dr. Ehm tossed the Tonka as hard as he could to the right, causing my head to spin around like another one of our favorite toys -- the top. "Ow. That hurt." "It was supposed to. Your tooth wasn't loose enough for the truck to pull it out." "No, Kevin, I mean Dr. Ehm, my neck hurts from the whiplash." "Oh."

I left the operating room, stepped into the dentist's office, changed into pajamas and then hopped in bed.

While sitting on my bunk bed in the dentist's office, Dr. Novo Caine walked in, and promptly slapped me on the shoulder. "Wanna try it

again? I've got another idea." I was hoping this idea would work. Even though my dentist was "relatively" inexpensive, the pain in my neck from the tossed Tonka was affecting my schoolwork. Every time a teacher in class said "Hey Kraig," I ducked then started rubbing my neck.

"Sure, I'll try it again." "Step into my operating room." His operating room smelled like it needed a heavy dose of Glade. For a minute there I thought Dr. Ehm was going to wait for me to pass out from the natural gas before ripping my tooth right out of its socket. "Come here Kraig."

Oh gosh. The moment of tooth had arrived. Young Dr. Ehm tied one end of the string to my obstinate tooth and the other he attached to his operating room doorknob. Huh? "Hey Kraig, look over there." Deja-vu all over again.

While rubbing my neck, I looked left and the good doctor slammed the door shut so hard the pins popped out of the hinges. I was half-expecting my torso to do the Chubby Checker twist again, but this time my spleen and spine stayed put -- it was my molar that flew right out of my mouth and smacked into the door.

"Ha. It worked."

Tips from Uncle Kraig:

- 1. Never go to a dentist who hasn't finished sixth grade.
- 2. Never go to a dentist who uses Tonkas and doorknobs instead of pliers.
- 3. Never go to a dentist who is surprised when a tooth extraction actually works regardless of how little he or she charges.
- 4. Never go to a dentist who gives you a wedgie.

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In Egypt, thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.

short this month."). COMMIS-SION: The only reliable way to make money on the stock market, which is why your broker charges you one. YAK: What you do into a pail when you discover your stocks have plunged and your broker is making a margin call



PUNNINESS

~ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it. ~ Venison for dinner again? Oh deer! ~ A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy. ~ I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest. ~ Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes. ~ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool. ~ I tried to catch some fog, but I mist. ~ They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O. ~ I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now. ~ Jokes about German sausages are the wurst. ~ I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time. ~ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me. ~ This

Answers:

1. Crown of Thorns Matt 27:29
2. Clothes Matt 27:35 - A
fulfillment of Ps 22:18
3. 30 Matt 27:3
4. With a kiss Luke 22:47-48
5. Annas John 18:13
6. King of the Jews John 19:19
7. 3 hours Luke 23:44
8. Joseph Matt 27:57-58
9. Mary Magdalene John 20:1
10. Barabbas Matt 27:26
11. Purple John 19:2
12. He had made himself the Son of God John 19:7
13. Spear John 19:34
14. Linen clothes Mark 15:46
15. Thomas John 20:27
16. Sea of Tiberias John 21:1
17. Herod Luke 23:7
18. Simon of Cyrene Matt 27:32
19. An Angel Matt 28:2
20. 40 days Acts 1:3

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THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

By BibleQuizzes.org.uk

- 1: At Christ's crucifixion what did the soldiers place on his head? Crown of Nettles, Crown of Thorns, Crown of Jewels, Crown of Thistles
- 2: For what of Christ's did the soldiers cast lots? Clothes, Jewels, Donkey, Cross
- 3: For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ? 10, 20, 30, 40
- 4: How did Judas betray Christ? By pointing at him, Described him to the authorities, With a kiss, Shook his hand
- 5: Christ was led away to which high priest first? Annas, Vitellius, Caiaphas, Josephus
- 6: What was inscribed above the cross? Prince of the Jews, King of the Jews, Saviour of the Jews, Captain of the Jews
- 7: When Jesus died, for how long was there darkness over the land? 3 days, 3 minutes, 3 hours, 3 weeks
- 8: What was the name of the man who requested Jesus' body for burial? Nicodemus, Joseph, Philip, Jonathan
- 9: Who of these was first on the scene after resurrection of Christ? Simon Peter, Cleopas, Judas Iscariot, Mary Magdalene
- 10: Pilate offered to release one prisoner -- which prisoner did the Jews request to be released? Jesus, Barabbas, Paul, Barnabas
- 11: What was the colour

- of the robe placed on Jesus? Blue, Red, White, Purple
- 12: After Pilate found no guilt in Christ, for what reason did the Jews say that Jesus should die? He claimed to be of heaven, He said he would destroy the temple of God, He claimed to be their King, He had made himself the Son of God
- 13: With what was Jesus' side pierced? Sword, Knife, Spear, Axe
- 14: In what was Jesus wrapped before he was buried? Goat skins, Linen clothes, Sheep skins, Golden robes
- 15: Which disciple wanted to see the imprint of the nails before he would believe? Andrew, Thomas, James, Bartholomew
- 16: Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection beside which sea? Red Sea, Sea of Joppa, Sea of Tiberias, Dead Sea
- 17: Who did Pilate send Jesus to after he had interrogated him? Herod, Annas, Caiaphas, Caesar
- 18: Who carried the cross for Christ? Simon of Cyrene, Simon Peter, Simon the Zealot, Simeon
- 19: Who rolled away the tomb stone? Jesus, God, An Angel, A Roman Centurion
- 20: For how long did Jesus remain after his resurrection before he ascended into heaven? 7 days, 14 days, 40 days, 49 days

Answers below and upside down

girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore. ~ When chemists die, apparently they barium. ~ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down. ~ I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words. ~ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me. ~ Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils? ~ When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble. ~ Broken pencils are pretty much pointless. ~ What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus. ~ I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx. ~ I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded

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Join Us in April to Rethink Resurrection: 4/6 • 11a.m. Is there evidence for the Resurrection? 4/9 • 7p.m. The Road to the Cross. 4/13 • 11a.m. Our Resurrected Body. 4/16 • 7p.m. The Road to the 3 Crosses. 4/18 • 7:30p.m. Easter Concert. 4/20 • 11a.m. Christ Is Risen. 4/23 • 7p.m. The Road to Emmaus. Ocean State Baptist Church 600 Douglas Pike Smithfield RI 401-231-1980 osbc.org

April 8 • 6:30p.m. - HOPE FOR SINGLE PARENTS, A 13 Week Group Study, Calvin Presbyterian Church, 126 Angell Rd, Cumberland, Pastor Paulo Ribeiro is leading the group. A \$15.00 registration fee. Childcare provided. For more info: or to register please call the church at (401) 333-0355.

April 5 • Nicole C. Mullen in Concert. A concert to benefit West Elmwood Housing Development of Providence. For more info: www.fcc-church.com Faith Christian Center 508-336-4110. chrsp@fcc-church.com

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April 12 • 9a.m. - 3:p.m. -Redeeming and Abiding Love Women's Conference. Christian Fellowship Center 822 Church St New Bedford, MA For more Info: 508-995-9996

April 18 • 7p.m. & 20th • 10:30a.m. - Abundant Life of Assembly of God Worship Team & Music Ministry will present a musical, drama production. Abundant Life Assembly of God.135 New Meadow Rd.Swansea, MA Info: 508-379-0780

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2 Wednesday

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3 Thursday

7-9p.m. ~ Bible Study/Prayer Meeting every thursday at Abundant Blessing Church 825 Mineral Spring Ave, RI Phone 401-727-0311

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10 Thursday

9:30a.m. ~ M.O.P.S Group meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month; call holiday weeks for schedule. New Hope Christian Center. 1436 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA (508) 324-4500 or www.newhopecc.tv

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