1984 Escapee from Czechoslovakia Warns of Creeping Socialism in USA

His book, Just Don’t Turn Around..., Tells Story of Flight from Tyranny

By Judith Ryder

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." II Timothy 3:13

At the border, sixty feet above them on either side, watch guards stood pointing machine guns directly at them. Alone in their car for an unknown period of time after surrendering passports to inspectors for scrutiny, although aware that from inside the checkpoint their conversations and actions were being monitored, the Bielek family gamely unwrapped a picnic lunch to eat while they waited. For fourteen nerve-racking months, Yan Bielek had masterminded and finally brought to fruition a daring and brilliant strategy to take his family out of socialist Czechoslovakia. Now, either they would be turned back, allowed to depart Czechoslovakia for the so-called “vacation to Italy” he had deceptively devised, or...shot. It took nothing less than raw courage to wait it out. The spine-tingling account of how one man defied the tightening noose which threatened to crush his dreams of freedom with the debilitating constraints of socialism is given in Bielek’s 2007 book, Just Don’t Turn Around... (available from www.amazon.com). At a recent meeting of the

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Warren tells of his battle with obesity

By Berit Kjos

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Beauty in Darkness

By Ralph Davis

We came to the conclusion long ago that anything that we thought we wanted or needed, whether it be a salary increase, a new car or other toy, any external thing or even falling in love only brings temporary pleasure. Ouch!

And some of us know God; oh yes we do! We go to church and do all the right things there and we might be quick to reach for our Bible to find the appropriate verse for someone else’s problem. Sometimes we will pray, rare to our lips and His ears, even rarer still, His voice to our ears.

These are the periods when we might

David Therrien continued Page 5

From Passover to Easter

By Bill Watson

When reviewing the historical record of the “Passover/Easter” controversy, it is undeniable that the early New Testament Church did not observe Easter. They continued observing Passover, but with a new significance and understanding.

Notice, “There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers... The first Christians continued the observance of the Jewish [God’s] festivals, though in a new spirit, as commemorations of events which those festivals had foreshadowed.” (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th edition, p.828).

In addition, we are informed, “Neither the apostles, therefore nor the Gospels, have anywhere imposed...Easter...The Savior and His apostles have enjoined us by no law to keep this feast [Easter]... And that the observance originated not by legislation [of the apostles], but as a custom the facts themselves indicate” (fourth century scholar, Socrates Scholasticus, Ecclesiastical History, chapter 22).

The Apostle Paul confirms he maintained the customary observance of Passover, as was given to him by Christ Himself, when he said, “For I received of the Lord that which I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed [not Easter Sunday] took bread” (1 Corinthians 11:23). Keep in mind Jesus Christ
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Born into socialism in 1951, at age 13 Bielek used his mechanical talents to make a transistor radio, soon learning how to un-jam the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, the early sparks that ignited his desire to be free. Slowly, a light at the end of the tunnel materialized, providing a glimmer of hope for freedom in the U.S. To accomplish his goal, he soon realized he needed to choose their occupation, particularly" Capitalism "meant if you didn’t work, you went to jail. Relatives of Government officials got the best jobs. Common people could not choose their occupation, particularly those not willing to “go along with the program” by keeping quiet. Pay tables, not merit, determined everyone’s pay, with paycheck ranging only 25-75% per year. No private enterprise was permitted: any violators were jailed.

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Mainline Rides the Pin

By Timothy Dalrymple

WNS—When a leader in the National Council of Churches wrote in 1972 that the mainline churches were losing ground while conservative churches were growing, he was viciously criticized. Yet, over 40 years later, that thesis has become controversial to confirmed in less than 40 years.

Witness the 2011 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, which the National Council of Churches released in February. The yearbook presents information on 227 church bodies, on the basis of data collected by the Council, estimated in the case of uncooperative groups) over the previous two years. The current report remains the biggest religious body by far, with 68.5 million members, followed by the Southern Baptist Convention with 16.2 million members. Yet the most striking figures in the 2011 Yearbook are the consistent declines among mainline denominations.

Among those who updated their membership totals, the biggest gains were the Jehovah’s Witness, and Nones and Seventh-Day Adventist, who experienced increases of 4.37 percent and 4.31 percent. The Mormon church (LDS) saw an increase of 1.2 percent. The Catholic Church and American Congregations of God came in fourth and fifth, with 0.57 and 0.32 percent growth, respectively.

The five biggest drops in membership were among the mainline denominations. The 2011 totals dropped for the United Church of Christ by 2.8 percent, the United Presbyterian Church by 2.48 percent, the Presbyterian Church (USA) by 2.61 percent, the Lutheran Church (ELCA) by 1.96 percent, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by 1.7 percent. Yet the news gets worse with a longer frame. The membership in the United Methodist Church has declined by over 600,000 members, or 7 percent, from the 2001 to the 2011 yearbooks. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has lost nearly 800,000 people, or over 20 percent of its membership in the past decade.

The Good News TODAY
By Jeremy Reynolds

JAPAN (ANS) -- Extraordinary news emerged from the tsunami coast when police reported they had found a woman and a 16-year-old boy still alive under rubble in a tsunami-smashed city.

According to a story by the Daily Mail's Richard Shears, the report was greeted with skepticism at first, following claims on Saturday that a young man who had been found alive in his house after eight days had in fact returned to his home from a shelter.

But police in the Miyako prefecture were insisting there was nothing to the two people found alive under rubble.

The Daily Mail said no details were immediately available, other than police saying rescuers were scouring debris where they found the elderly woman and the young man. "They were in a very weak, emaciated state, but have responded to initial treatment by the rescuers," the Daily Mail reported a police spokesman said.

Police said the two were found in the city of Ishinomaki, nine days after the earthquake and tsunami, a survival which has stunned media in the two countries. They are a grandmother and her grandson.

The Daily Mail said the Japanese TV network NHK quoted police in Miyagi prefecture as saying the elderly woman and the teenager had responded to shots from a police rescue team. "They were weak, but conscious," the Daily Mail quoted a police spokesman as saying.

At Ishinomaki's Red Cross hospital, where the survivors had been taken, the Daily Mail reported a spokesman said they were receiving treatment. "I had only a glimpse of the elderly woman, who had her eyes closed," said the Daily Mail. "She didn't appear to be dead."

The news came as authorities announced they had restored power to the Fukushima plant.

Three hundred engineers have been struggling inside the danger zone to salvage the six-reactor plant in the world's worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl 25 years ago. "I think the situation is improving step by step," the Daily Mail reported Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoichi Fukuyama told a conference. The two people are a grandmother and a 16-year-old boy still alive under rubble.

According to the Daily Mail, the unprecedented crisis will cost the world's third largest economy as much as $25 billion and require Japan’s biggest reconstruction push since post-World War Two.

The “Iraqi Christian community has been very peacefully pressing towards a hope for the new Iraq that will provide a peaceful and secure political life. Finally, after a year, our situation has deteriorated. The people of Iraq need the U.S. to fulfill its moral obligation to help repair the damage that the war has caused,” the council told a congressman’s staffer (who asked not to be identified).

Nina Sheah, the vice chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), proposed concrete steps to begin a new era of policy to protect Iraqi Christians. "[USCIRF] recommends that the U.S. and Iraqi governments - in consultation with at-risk religious and ethnic minority communities - upgrade security, identifying vulnerable targets for terrorists and implementing a plan for Iraqi military protection of these areas. We have a special obligation to render our assistance while our presence remains in that nation. The transition from dictatorship to political democracy must include the protection of religious fasting days.

Unrest Has a High Cost to the Poor in Egypt

By Jamie Dean

In Egypt, food and money ran out quickly when citizens couldn’t buy essentials. An amputee case gained attention.

Stephen’s Children suspe
The list of optional classes included a workshop on Polarity, which is similar to Reiki. It seemed to be an interesting way to earn my "continuing education" credits, so I signed up. As a new Christian, I knew little about spiritual energies or the seven points without New Age healing.

At the start of the class, the therapist promised that her massage "would balance the energies" in the (volunteer) patient's body. That should have alerted me to the spiritual danger ahead, but it didn't! Before we left, she assured us that she could fix any kind of back problem, including mine, which stemmed from childhood polio. Impressed, I signed up for a future private therapy session.

A few weeks later I drove to her clinic and was ushered to a massage table. I began to feel a bit nervous—especially after noticing a mystical drawing on her wall. "What's that?" I asked the therapist when she came into the room. "It's a spirit guide," she answered. "Re-aligning my energies," she began. "It goes through the body..., Treats symptoms and pain..." I was intrigued. She then placed her hands on the parts of my body, also studying the Esoteric system of Ayurveda (Ayu=life, Ved=knowledge, Ayurveda=life knowledge) that became known as Polarity.

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Daytona 500’s Youngest Winner in the Spotlight

By Tim Ellsworth

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)---Trevor Bayne’s stunning win in the Daytona 500 propelled him immediately onto the national stage, where for the past week he has come under scrutiny about the faithfulness of God in his life.

“The goal, this is going to sound weird, but it’s not to be the best racecar driver, the most marketable, the most popular,” Bayne said in a teleconference two days after his Feb. 20 Daytona win. “But it’s to build a platform and let God use us on the platform that He’s building, which might require me to become the best racecar driver or be the most marketable or most popular, whatever it is. Just want to stand on the platform He’s putting under me,” Bayne continued. “That’s if that’s our goal, our rights and rules are going to be a lot more manageable.”

The 20-year-old Bayne wrote his name in the record books by becoming the youngest driver ever to win the Daytona 500. The race was only Bayne’s second Sprint Cup competition.

However, he couldn’t duplicate his Daytona success in the first races after his victory. He crashed on the 50th lap of the Subway Fresh Fit 500 at Phoenix International Raceway Feb. 27 and finished 40th overall. On March 6, Bayne finished 20th in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

A Feb. 21 Baptist Press story about Bayne also set some records -- with more than 1,000 people “liking” the story on Facebook -- the highest total ever for a Baptist story. Fans of Baptist Press were quick to celebrate Bayne’s accomplishment.

“Awesome!” Edward C. Tracey wrote on the Baptist Press Facebook page. “Let’s see if this young man can stay faithful through his success. God bless his witness.”

“I’m not a NASCAR fan,” Darrell Bernard Harrison wrote, “but this dude rocks!”

In his Feb. 20 teleconference with the media, Bayne responded to a question asking what encouragement he would give to people who are low on hope. “It’s a question to which Bayne can relate, since he went through his own trials a few months ago when he was dropped from Michael Waltrip Racing.

“There were times when I was down,” Bayne said. “There was a six-month period where I was on the bubble and I thought it was going to be the most crucial year of my career. I thought that my 17- and 18-year-old years were going to be very, very crucial, and they were.

“But God had a plan for them all,” he continued. “When everything was falling apart last year, I didn’t know what was happening. Had I not just followed His lead, there’s no way I’d be sitting here today as the Daytona 500 champion now.”

Bayne said his pre-race prayer was that whatever the outcome, he would grow closer to God through the experience.

“I’m not going to say I have a bad day and things go wrong, because they do,” Bayne said. “But there’s something greater to it if we’re just faithful.”

One teleconference question was about the instant celebrity status thrust upon Bayne, and how he would handle life in the limelight.

“It does draw some attention that might be a lot to handle, but I know that God is not going to give me any more than I can handle,” Bayne replied. “Might be too much for Trevor Bayne to handle, but never too much for Him to handle.”

In addition to his teleconference, Bayne has continued to talk about the Lord to the nearly 40,000 followers of his Twitter account:

“-- On Feb. 28, he quoted Ecclesiastes 7:14: ‘When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other!’

-- ‘We are the CHURCH,’ Bayne wrote Feb. 25. ‘Not a brick building, but all of God’s children!’

-- A day earlier, directing his readers to Ezekiel 36:22-23, he said it’s “important for us to realize why we are in certain situations” -- not for personal glory but for God’s glory.

A native Tennessean, Bayne attends Fairview Baptist Church in Corrory, Tenn., outside Knoxville when he’s home visiting his family.
Holy Spirit Tsunami needed in Japan

By Mark Ellis - Senior Correspondent, ASSIST News Service

In the face of heartbreaking images of damage and destruction in northern Japan, one ministry leader sees an unprecedented opening to reach the Japanese people with the love, grace, and truth of Jesus Christ.

“God is using this tragedy to put Japan back on the map for Western Christians,” says Rick Chuman, executive director of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS). “Some have thought we’ve put 150 years of effort into reaching the Japanese but it’s time to move on,” he notes. “So it’s exciting to see it’s back on the radar for Western Christians who now want to pray for Japan.”

Chuman hopes for a very different kind of tsunami to hit Japan. “Now there’s another kind of tsunami – and hopefully it’s the Holy Spirit descending on that country and doing something with the returnees and the in-country missionaries.”

While many Asian countries have large, vibrant Christian populations, in Japan only about 1.5 percent identify themselves as Christian. Some consider the Japanese to be the largest unreached people group in the world.

One obstacle to reaching the Japanese with the gospel is the syncretistic approach they take to religion. Many consider themselves Shinto and Buddhist. “Usually they are married Shinto and buried Buddhist,” Chuman notes. “For us to come in and say Jesus is the only way is hard for them to swallow.”

Some want to add Jesus to a long list of other gods. “Culturally they have 1000 little gods. They assume they can buy into one more God and lump it all together. When they hear he is the one true God they say, ‘That’s kind of a Western religion. It works for you Americans.’”

Chuman is excited by the “Returning Movement,” an initiative to send Japanese who have found Christ in the U.S. back as missionaries to their own people. “It’s their own people coming back to tell them about Jesus in their own language and context. That makes more sense than if Americans try to tell them.”

Another obstacle to Christianity in Japan is a deeply ingrained cultural pride. “They are self-effacing in public. But deep down they are proud people,” Chuman notes.

“Many have nothing,” he adds. “They will not have a normal life for months or years.” Some Japanese are pondering eternal questions for the first time. “Many thought they almost died. They are having those questions. ‘What would have happened if I died?’ They are wondering.”

The typical Christian church in Japan has 20 members, according to Chuman, and the pastor holds a second job to make ends meet. “A 100-member church would be considered a mega-church in Japan,” Chuman says.

Christians within Japan will also be forced to overcome denominational barriers in response to this unprecedented disaster. “They don’t intermingle too much,” Chuman notes. “If they are Baptist or Brethren or United Methodist, they just stick to their denominations. This will bring the churches together that are in Japan.”

“We’re praying this disaster will galvanize the church in Japan so they can be one voice and one mind so they can make a difference. As tragic as it is we’re excited to think God is really going to do something awesome.”

For earthquake relief, JEMS is partnering with CRASH Tohoku Quake Relief, a group coordinating relief efforts though local churches, along with the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Association.

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**Slow Relief**

Missionaries and rescue workers face overwhelming conditions in the race to help Japan

By Jamie Dean

(WNS)– More than a half million Japanese have lost or evacuated their homes since a 9.0-magnitude earthquake and a monstrous tsunami struck the island nation on Friday, February 20. Nearly 70,000 of the evacuees had fled homes near three nuclear reactors rocked by explosions that sent workers scrambling to prevent dangerous radiation leaks. Authorities warned another 140,000 residents to stay inside recently after another explosion erupted at the Fukushima nuclear plant on the northeastern coast of Japan.

The northeastern region was already reeling from the quake and tsunami that likely killed at least 10,000 people, and swept homes, cars, businesses, boats, and debris out to sea. Aid workers reported that shelters were overflowing with quake victims and running dangerously low on vital supplies like food and water.

Hospital workers said they were running out of medicine to treat chronically ill and elderly patients in the fastest aging nation in the world. (More than 20 percent of Japan’s population is over 65.) Toshiyuki Suzuki, 61, lost all of his heart medication when the tsunami swept away his coastal home, but also suffered an irreparable loss: his 91-year-old father and 25-year-old son.

Rescue workers struggled to reach victims throughout the north, as bodies continued to wash ashore. Japanese officials asked USAID (the U.S. government agency that responds to humanitarian disasters) to coordinate search-and-rescue help. The agency had dispatched two teams of 144 specially trained rescue workers and 12 search dogs. The USS Ronald Reagan -- an aircraft carrier that had been en route to South Korea during the quake -- is serving as a refueling base for Japanese OCEAN STATE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Another group—Christian Relief, a network of churches across the region. The group reported that it deployed survey teams by train, car, and motorcycle to assess the damage, and said the workers face a complex challenge: Communication is difficult and cell phone networks are unreliable, while gas, electricity, and food supplies are scarce in many affected areas.

CRASH workers said that Japanese churches across the country had volunteered to help with the efforts. (Less than 2 percent of Japan’s population identifies itself as Christian.)

After meeting with CRASH, missionaries with Mission to the World (MTW)—the mission agency for the Presbyterian Church in America—sent teams to assess needs in the disaster zone. MTW missionary Bob Drews reported that his team delivered 1,000 liters of water and 60 liters of fuel to the town of Iwaki-Shi, and supplied a shelter near a church housing 100 quake victims. (The residents said no other official help or supplies had arrived.) MTW reported that Japanese church members had provided most of the supplies for delivery and helped load the transports.

Other missionaries offered assistance with even fewer supplies: The International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention reported that the Qualls—a missionary family of six living in Sendai—have no electricity, gas, or running water. Donna Quall reported that grocery stores were running low on supplies. “Stores only allowed families to shop up to 1500 yen [about $15],” Quall told IMB. “They divided the food into bags that were 500 yen each. We bought a meat bag, a drink bag, and a cereal bag.”

Despite the family’s low supplies, Quall said they delivered small care packages to other families in their neighborhood: “We don’t have much, but we wanted to let people know we care.” The Qualls are showing they care in another sacrificial way: Despite offers of evacuation from the area, the family has decided to stay. “I want people to pray for us,” Quall said. “But I also want them to pray for those in life or death situations. Pray for open hearts.”

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Entertainment

From Sacrifice to Reconciliation, a Young Man Discovers His Heritage in ‘The Grandfathers’

OKLAHOMA CITY -- ‘The Grandfathers’, a motion-graphics film about a young man’s struggle with his complicated heritage, completes a trilogy produced by EthnoGraphicMedia (EGM) that includes End of the Spear and Beyond the Gates of Splendor. These first two films, also from award-winning director Jim Hanon and producer Mart Green, tell the unforgettable and inspiring story of the killing of five missionaries by a stone-age tribe deep in the Amazon jungle. The impact of this tragic event lives on today in families of these slain men as well as among those responsible for their deaths.

Steve Saint consulted with Hanon and Green to help bring the story of his father, Nate, to screen through the feature film End of the Spear and the companion documentary film Beyond the Gates of Splendor. These films trace events leading up to and including the deaths of these men. More than that, they show the impact these events played on the lives of both their survivors and their killers. When the widows and their children went to live among the Waodani—a tribe regarded as the most violent on earth—they became an integral part of an incredible redemptive journey.

The Grandfathers showcases both the burden and benefit of the Saint family’s legacy. Jesse Saint, Steve’s oldest son and Nate’s grandson, was not raised among the tribe like his father. He struggles to find his place under the weight of the memory of a famous grandfather he never knew and a heroic father he does not fully understand. This will all change after Jesse travels to the village of his family and gradually forms a special bond with Micnaye, one of the tribe members who took part in his grandfather’s murder. Only then will he confront his family’s past and come to terms with his own destiny. And there he will find his place in this story.

The Grandfathers chronicles the personal quest for greater connectedness and significance. It is also a moving tribute to ordinary people living extraordinary lives in extreme situations. Hanon states, “Forgiveness is an awe-inspiring virtue that seems to have been passed on by the Saint family and is shared by many among the Waodani tribe—both demonstrate a profound capacity for forgiveness and hard-won self-healing.” This inspirational film has been awarded The Dove Foundation seal of approval.

If you are interested in offering a screening of this film at your church please contact us at screenings@egmfilms.org or call (415) 777-0321.

Dayspring Christian Academy Students to Stage ‘Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory’

Dayspring Christian Academy students rehearse a scene recently from the play entitled “Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory,” which will be staged April 7 and 8 at the adjacent South Attleboro Assembly of God. (Photo courtesy of Dayspring Christian Academy)

ATTLEBORO – Students at Day- spring Christian Academy in Attle- boro will stage the play entitled “Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory” on Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8, at the adjacent South Attleboro Assembly of God located at 1052 Newport Avenue.

According to DCA Administrator Frank Rydovansky, more than 45 DCA students will be involved in the production, which will be the school’s second annual Spring Play. All participating students are in grades 4 through 8 and the play is directed by faculty member Teresa King.

Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory” was written as a novel in 1964 by Roald Dahl and adapted as a musical film in 1971 starring Gene Wilder. The play relates the adventures of Charlie Bucket, who receives a golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory with four other children, and their discoveries and experiences in the factory.

Spectator admission will be charged to both performances and all proceeds will benefit DCA’s expanding fine arts programs. Further information about the play is available by contacting the school at 508-761-5552, or by accessing its web site at www.dayspring.org.

Would you like to know the specific day of the Lord’s return?

Jesus, apostles observed Passover, not ‘Easter’

(WordNetDaily) Passover is not a Jewish holiday, says a new video series by a Christian teacher of Hebraic roots.

It is one of the “Feasts of the Lord” in the Bible, all of which have special meaning and significance for all believers. In the Book of Abra- ham, Isaac and Jacob. The feasts were commemorated by Jesus and His apostles — and continued to be observed by Jesus’ followers in the first century even after His death and resurrection.

Pastor Mark Blitz of El Shaddai Ministries in Washington state has produced, in conjunction with WND Videos, a compelling and exhaustive teaching series on the biblical feasts as outlined in Leviticus by Moses. The spring and fall feasts, Blitz says, were not intended only for the children of Israel — and they have special meaning with respect to the final events of our Lord’s resurrection and return of Jesus.

Most Christians recognize that Jesus, or Yeshua, was crucified on Passover. But they may not know He arose on the Feast of Firstfruits.

So why does today’s church observe a holiday known as “Easter”? The traditional holiday of Yeshua, the Hebrew name of Jesus, which means “Salvation,” explains Blitz. The fall feasts will be fulfilled by His Second Coming — in the very near future, he relates in an engaging, informative and entertaining series of teachings you will want to watch again and again and share with your friends, relatives and fellow believers.

“Just as the spring feasts were the dress rehearsals for Messiah’s first coming, the fall feasts are the dress rehearsals for His Second Coming,” says Blitz.

Blitz says far from telling us not to be concerned about the time of the Lord’s return, the Bible over and over again commands believers to be “watching” — and provides some shocking and amazing hints for the discerning student.

Blitz says most of the church is unaware of this very specific prophetic time clock offered by God to the human race in the Bible. Because of this, he believes many Christians will be surprised rather than watching with anticipation and hope, as the Bible com- mands.

“Your faith will be renewed or heightened to new limits by these teachings, I predict,” says Farah. “These are powerful videos — unlike anything ever produced before.”

FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS, OUR MISSION HAS BEEN SIMPLE...
When Hollywood Loses Its Sheen

By Michael Milton

(WNS) - The public disintegration of a television and film celebrity like Charlie Sheen is not only tragic and sad, but tragic and sad because it reflects the core sickness of an entertainment-saturated celebrity-worshiping culture.

Sheen is as much or more a news item than a public pank. It's hard to see him as anything else for his acting. "But then again we all love a really good show.

This is what the late Neil Postman wrote about in his landmark work on communication, Amusing Ourselves to Death. Charlie Sheen has become a symbol of the title, never mind the premise, of the living lesson of what can happen to anyone who lives life without the God-ordained values that give meaning to life: faith, family, and self sacrifice.

Irene Dunne, perhaps "the greatest actress never to win an academy award" was the exact opposite of Sheen. She got the message that the precise answer that we need to look to in entertainment today. Though few, except old movie buffs, know her name today this enormously gifted actress was as exceptional in a romantic comedy with Cary Grant in The Awful Truth as she was playing a Norwegian immigrant mother in the heart tugging I Remember Mama. She made the patriotic films like, The White Cliffs of Dover and moving dramatic portrayals of heroism like her film with Spencer Tracey, A Guy Named Joe. She gave an unforgettable performance in Penny Serenade, which is rememered as one of the greatest films ever made by George Stevens.

Yet here is the thing about Irene Dunne: around 1957, when her career took a nosedive, she retired from the limelight she built up. She focused on her family, and she focused on her church and her country, becoming a delegate to the United Nations, and a supporter of causes for cancer research, adoption, and conserva- tive values that would help the poor. When asked how she could give it all up and not walk away from fame she responded, "Acting isn’t everything. Living is."

The cure for Charlie Sheen is not more Charlie Sheen. The cure lies in less of him and more of God. The same could be said for the way we all use entertainment. If we find our lives consumed with it, on games, television, movies, the cult of celebrities, then entertainment, pardon the pun, loses its sheen. And we forget that entertainment isn’t everything. Living is.

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Over 50 Pastors and Faith Leaders, Representing 43 Evangelical Congregations, Declare:

"The Biblical Design for Marriage and Family is One Man and One Woman United to Raise the Next Generation"

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Pertplexing as it seems, there is some clarity to this madness. Signed documents indicate the US has been involved since 2008 in desta-bilizing Middle Eastern govern-ments in hopes of replacing them with democratic governments. This strategy was proven dangerous by the Palestinian Authority-where terrorists were elected. The cur- rent White House appears to have accelerated this strategy despite obvious indicators that the Muslim Brotherhood and its terrorist allies are powers in waiting. Ezekiel 30 talks of "even as the day of the Lord is near. ...What would you do if you found them controlling American cities with the power of weapons?" We have an American president, who strongly criticized the Afghan and Iraqi wars against terrorism, saying his country "will lose the wars," and Libya, Qudahfi waits in the wings to take over. In other parts of the Middle East, the US is being in topping longstanding governments with al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood waiting in the shadows to take over.

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By Bill Wilson - The Daily Jos

President Ronald Reagan bombed Libya in response to a terrorist incident. When President George HW Bush initiated Operation Desert Storm, it was in response to a specific request to prevent Saddam Hussein from taking over Kuwait. When President George W Bush attacked Iraq, it was after Hussein said he was developing weapons of mass destruction and intended to use them against America and its allies - such as Israel. When he attacked Afghani-stan, it was in response to the export of terrorism that resulted in the 911 attack on American soil. But now an American president is attacking Libya, which in itself may have prophetic significance pointing to the coming of the Day of the Lord.

The White House decision to bomb Libya is a strange one. First, this president’s ties to the Libyan dictator go back to the years when the president-to-be was attending Jeremiah Wright’s church in Chi-cago. Wright, who is tight with Nation of Islam leader Louis Far- rakhan, is also a friend of Libya’s Muammar Qudahfi. Qudahfi even called the American president “our son” in a letter pleading that the US stay out of the Libyan affair. Farrakhan, who once referred to the American president as the “Messiah,” has angrily rebuked the president saying, “you can’t order him to step down and get out, who the hell do you think you are?”

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American Minute with Bill Federer

The King punished the colo-nists for the Boston Tea Party. He passed the Boston Port Act, MARCH 7, 1774, effec-tively closing the harbor to all commerce, intentionally ruin-ing their economy.

Surrounding towns ral- lied by sending food. William Prescott, who was the first day of battle at Bunker Hill, wrote: "Providance has placed you where you must stand the first shock. If we submit to these regulations, all is gone..."

William Prescott continued: "Our forefathers passed the vast Atlan-tic, spent their blood and treasure, to promote the rights, both civil and religious, and transmit them to their posterity... Now if we should give them up, can our children rise up and call us blessed?"

The Boston Tea Party

Upon hearing of the Boston Port Act, Thomas Jefferson drafted a Day of Fasting & Prayer resolu- tion, which was introduced in the Virginia House of Burgesses by Robert Carter Nicholas, May 24, 1774, being supported by Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee and George Mason. It passed unanimously; "This House, being deeply impressed with apprehension...from the horri-tile invasion of the city of Boston in our Sister Colonies of Massachusetts Bay, whose commerce and harbor are, on the first day of June next, to be stopped, unless by an armed force, to force, deem it highly necessary that the said day of fasting & prayer be set apart, by the members of this House, as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, to implore the Divine interposition, for averting the heavy calamity with greatest destruction to our civil rights."

On the day of the appointed fast, June 1, 1774, Gov. Washington wrote in his diary: “Went to church, fasted all day.”

The King’s appointed Royal Gov-ernor, Lord Dunmore, was so upset by this Day of Fasting & Prayer resolution that two days later he dissolved Virginia’s House of Burgesses.

Virginia’s colonial leaders went down the street and gathered in Raleigh Tavern, where they decided to form a Continental Congress, which two years later would vote for independence from the King.

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September 11, 2001: The terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Washington, DC claiming 2,973 lives. Radical Islam declared this attack was against the “Crusaders and Jews.”

March 1, 2002: The U.S. invaded Afghanistan with Operation Anaconda, the cost is untold. The death toll of U.S. soldiers is 1,519.

Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan.

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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 Thorns
2. What of Christ’s did the soldiers eat later? 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 to the authorities With a kiss Shook his hand
5. Christ was led away to which high priest first? Annas Philip Jonathan
6. What was the name of the man who requested Joseph Philip Jonathan Jesus’ body for burial? Nicodemus
7. When Jesus died, for how long did there exist darkness over the land? 3 days 3 minutes 3 hours 3 weeks
8. What was the name of the man who found no guilt in Christ? Simon Peter
9. Who rolled away the tomb stone? Jesus Barabbas Paul Barnabas
10. Pilate offered to release one prisoner – which prisoner did the Jews request to be released? Jesus Barabbas Paul Barnabas

### Senior Moments

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife’s voice urgently warning him, “Herman, I just heard on the news that there’s a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!” “Honey,” said Herman, “It’s not just one car...it’s hundreds of them!”

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, “Was I getting in or out of the bath?” The 94-year-old yells back, “I don’t know. I’ll come up and see.”

### Bible Related Jokes

**By David Sowards**

Q: Why couldn’t Cain please God? Because he just wasn’t Abel.

Q: Why couldn’t Abel please God? At Christ’s crucifixion what did the soldiers placed on his head? Crown of Thorns.

Q: Why didn’t Noah build an ark? He was an architect.

Q: What kind of luggage did Delilah like? A: She preferred a Samson night.

Q: Why was Boaz a mean guy before he got married? A: Because he was Ruthless.

Q: Why didn’t the farmer plant his crops in his barn? A: The barn already had a crop.

Q: What was the first thing on the scene after resurrection of Christ? Simon Peter Cleopas Judas Iscariot Mary Magdalene

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April 2 • 7pm – O.C. Supertones in concert Manchester's Monarch's Faith Family Nazarene. Arena Manchester 555 Elm St. NH. 7:30p.m. For tickets and more info.
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April 7 • Celebrate in concert guest with John Walther & Adam Cappa Grace Chapel 59 Rd www.firesource.info for tickets or more info.

5 Tuesday
10:am • Women’s Bible Study meets every Tuesday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. Phone: (508) 324-4500 Child Care provided.
7pm • Celebrate Recovery every Tuesdays and Saturdays behind the Church International of the Nazarene. 278 Pleasant St, New Bedford, MA.
7pm • Healing Streams Prayer Service 1st Tues of each month for healing & prayer gathering. Healing and peace in body, soul & spirit through Gods healing touch. New Life Worship Center 915 Douglas Pike Smithfield, RI. More info call 401-232-5200

6 Wednesday
12-1pm • Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International. Luncheon: at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel (1st Wed of month at this location) 32 Exchange Terrace (Kennedy Plaza) Call Jim 401-821-8750
7pm • “Ground Zero” Youth Service with TeenLed Worship & Relevant BibleTeaching. Ages 13-25 New Life Church. 915 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. 401-232-5200
7pm • Prayer & Bible study every Weds. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. 262 Academy Ave. Providence, RI 401-351-2347

7 Thursday
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24 Resurrection Sunday
Acts 2:24 • Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held of it.
2011 NDP Theme
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
“It will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress’, My God, in whom I trust!”
Psalm 91:2
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For over 30 years the abortion industry has been trying to legitimate abortion as health care and trying to obtain public funding for abortion-on-demand. The ongoing government restructuring of our health care system represents their greatest opportunity yet.

Various national pro-life organizations warn that the health care restructuring bill recently passed by Congress—the PPACA—uses government funds to subsidize health plans that cover abortions and forces Americans to pay for other people’s abortions.

Abortion is not health care because killing is not healing!

A concession in the PPACA allows each state legislature the possibility of “opting-out” coverage for elective abortion on their state health insurance exchange. Nearly 30 states have already “opted-out” or are in the process of doing so.

• Bills have recently been filed in both chambers of our General Assembly to establish a R.I. Health Benefits Exchange.
• Neither bill contains the abortion “opt-out” language specified by Congress.

Unless the General Assembly includes this “opt-out” language, Rhode Island taxpayers will suffer a radical change in the long-standing status quo prohibiting government subsidies for elective abortion and for health insurance plans that cover elective abortion.

Time is short, please act now.

Call your state senator and your state representative with this message:

“Not even a penny for abortion! Please support the Right to Life abortion opt-out amendment to both the House (H-5490) and Senate (S-87) versions of the bill seeking to create a PPACA health benefits exchange in R.I. Please oppose these bills if the Right to Life amendment is not adopted.”

Ask them to take your contact information and keep you informed regarding the status of these bills.

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