

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed... Isaiah 10:1

Some Things Never Change

By Scott Spear

Solomon declared, "So, there is nothing new under the sun." Is there anything of which one might say, "See this, it is new"? Well, Solomon, yes. There is something new under the sun...sort of... maybe. Ever hear of same-sex marriage? Probably not. Really, same-sex marriage is here and now. Lots of people are really excited about the possibility of tearing down another old-fashioned, antiquated moral imperative and replacing it with a hip, new socially aware and politically correct concept. According to the concept's architects, it is just a matter of time before it will all fall into place. Just another piece in the puzzle which will



Gay marriage

eventually bring fulfillment to the "every man his own increase" principle of modern radical liberalism.

Here we see that the more things change the more they really remain the same. There is nothing new to be found under the sun. Solomon had it right. Same-sex marriage is just another step to the left in the never-ending, incremental style of hard-left liberalism. The immediate goal may well be the pleasure principle, but the broader and more fundamental goal is the modification of "master narratives" and the rejection of any moral authority that transcends human purposes. Breaking down this most recent step and analyzing

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Many members, but one body

By Ralph Davis

West Warwick, Rhode Island is home for almost 30,000 people. It once was bustling with a thriving business district until the factories began to close. People lost jobs and then malls were erected which diverted income from their shops. As of 2007, 11.2% of residents were below the poverty level and 4.3% are below 50% of the poverty level. West Warwick is comprised of twelve "villages." Arctic Village is the focus of this story and Arctic is the downtown section of West Warwick.

This month my editor asked me to check out some pasta and a pastor in Arctic to see if there was a story there. A spaghetti supper was to be held to raise funds to help keep

the local Grace Family Church from closing. The gathering was a huge success with over 200 people attending and all proceeds were given to the church. The entire event took place at no cost to the church. The Arctic Mission paid for all of the ingredients and the group did all of the planning, preparation, serving, and cleanup.



Grace Family Church

There was no charge for the supper; it called for a "free will" offering. There were about fifty very hungry people who had no money and yet ate until they were content. This was happily done. Local people know that Pastor Luciano Cozzi (pronounced Cotzi) of Grace Family

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True Hope For Mental Illness Sufferers

By Elissa Meininger

If you or anyone you care about suffers from severe forms of depression, bipolar disorder (manic depression), anxiety disorder (panic attacks), or ADD/ADHD (attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), I have good news for you.

A new nutritional supplement is now available that has been shown to be extremely effective in treating these maladies. This supplement, called EMPowerplus, costs \$69 a month for 252 capsules. It is being distributed by a company called Truehope Nutritional Support, Ltd., a non-medical, non-profit research organization dedi-



Autumn Stringham

cated to researching and overcoming disorders of the central nervous system. You can read more about the Truehope story on truehope.com.

Ordinarily I would not single out a specific product to discuss in one of my articles, but the unique features of this particular product, the compelling reasons behind its development, and the political fight the people behind it have had to wage in order to keep it available to the thousands of others who need to take it daily merely to stay alive, is unusually

compelling.

Recently, I was sent the 1,847 page transcript of the three-week trial of Truehope's

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More Black Than Christian

By Coach Dave Daubenmire

"Jesus loves the little children, all the children in the womb. Red and yellow, black and white, even though their out of sight, Jesus loves the little children in the womb."

That is the jingle I sang as I stood on the street in Washington a couple of weeks ago. A group of us made the journey to the Capitol to raise awareness of the black holocaust that is taking place in America. We felt it was especially relevant since America had recently elected her first black President. We were convinced that most black-Christians were unaware of President Obama's radical position on abortion.

The history of black Americans is one of

deep abiding faith and perseverance through generations of oppression. Christianity was the power that sustained them in the midst of persecution. But the Christianity practiced today by many blacks is not the same faith that their predecessors passed on to them. Just as



President-elect Barack Obama takes the oath of office from Chief Justice John Roberts to become the 44th President of the United States on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

white-evangelicalism has been over-run with money hustlers, black Christianity is the birthing ground of racial prejudice and

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its genetic material reveals the DNA of a radical agenda. What is being portrayed as progressive, reasonable and fair, non-judgmental and open-minded is something altogether dangerous: the secular extreme liberal Manifest Destiny – “Your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods.”

Same-sex marriage was as inconceivable in Solomon’s day as it was only five years ago. We have, however, come to accept that what was inconceivable yesterday is mainstream today. Standing on the rails as a barrier to the ever-creeping radical liberal train of thought and its latest cargo – same-sex marriage – are traditional attitudes and distinctions that have shaped the order of our society long before modern liberal thought was hatched. In regards to marriage, these attitudes and distinctions are well-documented in the collective wisdom literature of the ages and well-established religious teachings. Ironically, the cargo due to arrive soon is devoid of any sound policy rationale which could even be expressed in last week’s opinion page, let alone etched in writings deeply rooted in antiquity such as traditional marriage. Its validity is attributed to the mantra of the age: oppose religious institutions that obstruct the equal right to do as one chooses. Any limits on man’s power based upon principles not grounded in the pursuit of desire must yield to equality as the supreme moral principle.

What we have come to learn about same-sex marriage in this context is fairly basic and straightforward. The most progressive liberal societies deem marriage as a discriminatory and intolerant “family arrangement” with distinctives contrary to the advancement of the new social order. Marriage, after all, is based upon customs and traditions, sexual roles and structures, which may vary from culture to culture and age to age. It follows that any attempt to restrict the practice to a particular format (i.e., between one man and one woman) would be irrational and dent the freedom of others to define it any other way. A radically liberal state bureaucracy has no room on the bus for principles it regards as irrational. The “irrational” label is applied to any arrangement (i.e., marriage) which operates on principles too difficult to manage in the interest of rationality and equal freedom. They are, therefore, to be edged out, trivialized, abolished, or dissolved. The only value to be presumed as the public standard of what is right are values which maximize equal freedoms for all persons and preferences.

If the cargo presently being shipped was based upon a social policy worthy of debate, one might at least be interested in hearing the arguments for same-sex marriage. After all, marriage is a defining social institution adopted for order and human survival. As soon as the container is opened and light leaks in, it becomes quickly apparent that policy has nothing on this shipment. It is simply the latest attempt to relax sexual standards in order to bring that which is contrary to natural law and all pre-existing human experience and tradition (not to mention the Word of God) into mainstream society with all of the blessings and goodwill associated with the high order of marriage. Same-sex marriage cannot pass the social policy litmus test because it cannot compete with traditional marriage, natural law, and historical precedent in terms of outcome and positive social implications.

The bait and switch here is branding the advancement of “personal desire” under the cherished label of marriage. By redefining marriage so as to include same-sex couples, society accordingly becomes burdened with the responsibility of assuring its citizens that all newly-minted same-sex married couples get a seat at the “give the people what they want” table in the restaurant of universal reasonableness. The nation’s appetite needs to be brought in line with the menu.

To promote this notion, the engine of the equality machine will begin to spit and sputter. It will produce new public school literature to indoctrinate minds too young to yet understand sexuality but old enough to be fed the pabulum necessary to build the new order. Experts and academics will tell parents this is all very healthy. Thank goodness for experts and academics! The little ones will learn that the prince can marry a prince. Little girls might be asked, “When you grow up, do you think you will marry a boy or a girl?” Of little boys the same question might be asked. Honestly, that will be a fair question years from now. To even challenge the reasonableness of this question reveals a hidden agenda of judgmentalism.

Next, the equality machine will set its target on the wellheads of “bigoted” and “intolerant” behavior. These would be the unenlightened churches and faith-based institutions which maintain marriage as a union exclusively reserved for a man and a woman. These faith-based institutions often have



tax exemptions under the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS will not look kindly upon these institutions if they are violating the new “sound” public policy in regards to marriage equality. Envision here a bureaucrat in Washington reviewing your church’s tax file



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and reaching for the “REJECTED” or “CANCELLED” stamp. Likewise, those faith-based institutions persisting in preaching pulpit bigotry and refusing to pledge allegiance to the new legal standards forcing acceptance of same-sex marriage will find the formerly somewhat comfortable relationship with the state bureaucracy increasingly chilly (as in, arctic). Those thinkers who only recently conjured up same-sex marriage are not going to long tolerate such irrational behavior before they move to silence the heretofore free speech by filing lawsuits, making discrimination claims, or attempting to revoke government-issued licenses necessary for lawful ministry pursuits. Say goodbye to Christian radio stations, adoption agencies, daycare centers, campgrounds, hospitals and other institutions which subscribe to religious doctrine that falls on the wrong side of the thought tracks. Christianity must be abolished or trivialized if same-sex marriage is to advance. It must be rendered an entirely personal preference without any social impact. Goodbye beloved religious liberty.

An astute reader right about now is searching for a copy of the *United States Constitution*. Recalling something about the First Amendment are you? Don’t waste your time. The people behind same-sex marriage often wear robes, sit

behind high benches, and pontificate about how their regime will manage and rationalize social life in order to bring it in line with the equal freedom agenda. Hence the Constitution must be viewed as something birthed in the non-liberal past and therefore historically situated. Where it collides with the unquestionable goods advanced liberalism favors it must be rewritten – and so it has been and will continue to be as time passes by. Checkmate?

Many people find the new order quite uncomfortable and are close to their wits ends as they see same-sex marriage being thrust upon them. They are at a loss of words to describe how quickly and effortlessly the cargo is being unloaded before their very eyes. They confirm their disgust of political correctness and the chickenhearted inability of the elites in power to choose between good and evil, moral and immoral, healthy and unhealthy, that which is beneficial to social order and that which is detrimental to its well-being. Yet, in the end there is hope. Americans have always shown great resolve in times of crises, and those Christians who are effective “salt” will continue to pray and have sway. Decent common people also understand all too well the dangers inherent in human nature and any philosophy that relies on man alone. They also appreciate more than the radical liberal elite will ever understand the values of fundamental social

and religious traditions. A wise man once said, “Every time you remove a fence post always ask the question, ‘Why was it put there in the first place?’”

Perhaps this explains why in 30 of 30 states which have placed a referendum on the ballot to define marriage as between a man and a woman the measure has passed. Even in the cargo loading dock of California. As Solomon discovered, a life of excess driven by principles of pure pleasure leaves man without any perspective either. It is nothing new under the sun, simply another of man’s futile attempts to reach deeper into the realm of the world and rationality in order to find meaning out of pleasure and the fulfillment of desire. Christians know from Solomon’s firsthand testimony that man’s deepest need is for something that transcends desire and puts eternal perspective in its place. That need is satisfied only in Jesus Christ and His Master Narrative for Mankind.

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founders, Anthony Stephan and David Hardy, who were found not guilty of criminal charges brought against them by Health Canada (Canada's FDA) for distributing an "unapproved drug" during the year 2003. So, the rest of this article will include key details of the trial not available elsewhere. Many who are already familiar with the Truehope story believe that the co-founders of Truehope have developed the most significant breakthrough in the treatment of mental illness that has occurred during our lifetime. I am hard pressed not to agree with them.

Truehope's story began ten years ago, when the wife of Anthony Stephan, a longtime sufferer from bi-polar disorder, committed suicide at age 40. At the time, she and Stephan had ten children, and two of them, Joseph and Autumn, also suffered from bipolar disorder. Concerned for the well-being of his two children, Stephan learned from a friend, David Hardy, of

a vitamin/mineral supplement combination that had been used successfully to reduce rage and aggressive behavior in pigs, and he decided to test this formula on his two children. Once he found that it was able to ameliorate all their bipolar symptoms, he and Hardy set up shop and began manufacturing EMPowerplus in the US, distributing it through their Truehope research program in Canada. For people not familiar with the symptoms of severe depression, bipolar disorder and related nervous system diseases, victims often act pretty crazy. They hear voices in their heads, they hallucinate, they fixate on killing other people or themselves, and all too often successfully act on these impulses. They can be very dangerous people to be around. Drug treatments are notoriously ineffective in treating many of these people, and their lives are filled with episodes of being locked up in mental wards with doctors trying one drug combination after another in an effort to find the least lethal group to suppress the demons they live with.

The idea behind the effectiveness of EMPowerplus is that the cause of this abnormal behavior is in fact not a disease at all, but rather a systemic imbalance brought on by massive nutritional deficiencies. Provide the needed nutrients and the person's behavior returns to normal. Stop taking EMPowerplus and the abnormal behavior returns.

You would think that with this kind of story the world would come clamoring to Truehope's door, hoping to make this miraculous product as widely available as possible. But this has not been the case. Anyone familiar with the anti-supplement sentiments in the medical community in the U.S., Canada and elsewhere, will know that even though EMPowerplus stands out as a beacon of hope for millions of bipolar sufferers, the product also stands out as a huge target to all those in the medical system who want to maintain the high-priced, drug-drenched status quo.

To put this into perspective, here in the U.S. alone, according to figures posted on the patient-run, Wrong Diagnosis website, 2.3 million adults suffer from bipolar disorder. In addition, according to a 1998 study published in Phar-



macoEconomics, the then-gross annual cost of treatment for bipolar disorder was \$24 billion, with the average cost per case ranging from \$11,720 for a single manic episode to \$624,785 for people with nonresponsive/chronic episodes. That's big business for the medical industry and a massive cost to taxpayers, who often pick up the tab.

But more importantly, the already booming psychiatric drug industry is currently in line to receive the bonanza of a lifetime. Why? Because, in a 2002 Executive Order, President Bush created The New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. This commission is charged with establishing a national system to evaluate the mental health of every citizen in America in order to diagnose and prescribe the right medications needed to control our behavior. An early prototype model called, the "Texas Medication Algorithm Project" or, "TMAP", developed in Texas while he was governor, was financed by members of the drug industry. Part of its protocol involved matching specific diagnoses to specific, and often the most expensive, new drugs. You can see why a \$69-a-month nutritional supplement that actually works, without dangerous side effects, would be as welcome to the drug industry as ants at a picnic. Truehope's troubles began in earnest in 2002 when Health Canada (Canada's FDA) became aware of what it was doing. In

short order, the agency decided to declare its product a drug, despite the fact that 90% of the health food products sold at that time in Canada were not regulated that way. The ultimatum it gave Truehope and its founders was to either obtain a "Drug Identification Number" (D.I.N.) or stop selling and distributing its products to the thousands of participants in the Truehope program in Canada.

This left Truehope in an impossible situation. To obtain a D.I.N., the product would have to go through years of expensive testing, which, for a nutritional product, is virtually impossible to do. Aside from the prohibitive cost of testing a non-patentable product where any hope of recouping the expense is non-existent, Truehope was faced with the added problem of having to test each active ingredient separately from all of the others. In

testing synthetic patentable drugs, the one active ingredient usually found in such products is the one selected for testing. However, nutritional supplements usually contain many more active ingredients than are found in patentable drugs, and EMPowerplus had 24. So, there was no practical way to comply with the testing criteria.

Worse yet, if Stephan stopped providing the product to his customers, he knew that within days, these people would revert back to their previous bizarre and potentially lethal behavior. Aside from wanting to protect his own children from killing themselves as their mother had done, he was faced simultaneously with the ethical issue of what to do about the thousands of others he knew would be in the same boat.

So, instead of proceeding with testing, Stephan and Hardy began what was to become a tedious, time consuming, and largely fruitless effort to gain an audience with officials at Health Canada and the Canadian Minister of Health, hoping to obtain a Ministerial Exemption or some other agreement that would allow them to continue distributing their product. For well over a year and a half, their requests for an audi-

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ence were largely ignored. Then, when hundreds of testimonials and letters of support eventually began pouring in, Health Canada responded officially by setting up a 1-800 crisis line on which callers were advised to stop taking the product and to seek drug therapy and psychiatric help. This "help," of course, had already proven to be as worthless as no help at all, and a nightmare that some people would choose to avoid by committing suicide rather than having to re-live it.

During the time that Truehope continued to develop and promote its product, Health Canada tried many ways to shut Truehope down, including raiding Truehope's corporate offices and seizing corporate and patient records, as well as closing down a study financed by the Province of Alberta at the University of Calgary. Eventually, by the time Health Canada started seizing the product at the border as it came from the American manufacturing plant into Canada, the Canadian Mental Health Association jumped

called the Canadian DSHEA bill. (In the U.S., DSHEA -- the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 -- established by law that dietary supplements and herbs were food and thus should be regulated as food, and not regulated as unapproved drugs as the FDA had done in America before DSHEA was passed.)

One highlight of the Truehope story is the fact that some important support came from a most unlikely source -- Harvard Medical School psychiatrist Charles Popper, M.D.. Popper is the type of psychiatrist who you could call a "doctor's doctor," in that he is a specialist in helping fellow psychiatrists tweak drug protocols for difficult child and adolescent cases. In short, he's a psychiatric drug expert.

Popper emerged as one of the star witnesses for the defense, testifying to the absolute truth of Truehope's claim that EMPowerplus can restore normal behavior to seriously ill patients. In short, Popper explained to the court how most medical doctors have no idea how nutritional supplements work and are not prepared by their medical school training to use them effectively. He also pointed out that after working with Stephan and Hardy, he learned a great deal more about the many problems people experience when they withdraw from psychotropic drugs that are only now starting to be noted in medical journals.

Dr. Popper described in detail the lengths to which he went to avoid even meeting with Stephan and Hardy, and how he didn't believe a word they said after a colleague arm-twisted him into attending a meeting conveniently arranged with them in his own hospital. He further testified as to how he was originally so negative to the idea of being associated with such a

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A Very Real New World Order

By Chuck Baldwin

It is hard to believe, but a majority of Americans (including Christians and conservatives) seem oblivious to the fact that there is a very real, very legitimate New World Order (NWO) unfolding. In the face of overwhelming evidence, most Americans not only seem totally unaware of this reality, they seem unwilling to even remotely entertain the notion.

On one hand, it is understandable that so many Americans would be ignorant of the emerging New World Order. After all, the mainstream media refuses to report, or even acknowledge, the NWO. Even "conservative" commentators and talk show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Michael Savage, or Joe Scarborough refuse to discuss it. And when listeners call these respective programs, these "conservative" hosts usually resort to insulting the caller as being some kind of "conspiracy kook." One host even railed that if anyone questions the government line on 9/11, we should "lock them up and throw away the key." So much for freedom of speech!

This is an area--perhaps the central area--where liberals and conservatives agree: they both show no patience or tolerance for anyone who believes that global government (in any form) is evolving. One has to wonder how otherwise intelligent and thoughtful people can be so brain dead when it comes to this issue. It makes one wonder who is really pulling their strings, doesn't it?

The list of notable personalities who have openly referenced or called for some kind of global government or New World Order is extremely lengthy. Are all these people "kooks" or "conspiracy nuts"? Why would world leaders--including presidents, secretaries of state, and high government officials; including the media, financial, and political elite--constantly refer to something that doesn't exist? Why would they write about, talk about, or openly promote a New World Order, if there is no such thing?

Many of us recall President George Herbert Walker Bush talking much about an emerging New World Order. For example, in 1989, Bush told the students of Texas A&M University, "Perhaps the world order of the future will truly be a family of nations."

Later, Bush, Sr. said, "We have before us the opportunity to forge for ourselves and for future gen-

erations a new world order ... When we are successful, and we will be, we have a real chance at this new world order, an order in which a credible United Nations can use its peacekeeping role to fulfill the promise and vision of the U.N.'s founders."

Bush, Sr. also said, "What is at stake is more than one small country, it is a big idea--a new world order."

Bush, Sr. further said, "The world can therefore seize the opportunity to fulfill the long-held promise of a new world order . . ."

What was President G.H.W. Bush talking about, if there is no such thing as an emerging New World Order? Was he talking out of his mind? Was he hallucinating?

England's Prime Minister, Tony Blair, said, "We are all internationalists now, whether we like it or not." He continued saying, "On the eve of a new Millennium we are now in a new world. We need new rules for international co-operation and new ways of organizing our international institutions." He also said, "Today the impulse towards interdependence is immeasurably greater. We are witnessing the beginnings of a new doctrine of international community."

In 1999, Tony Blair said, "Globalization has transformed our economies and our working practices. But globalism is not just economic. It is also a political and security phenomenon."

What is Tony Blair talking about, if there is no emerging New World Order? What does he mean by "a new doctrine of international community"? What does he mean by "new world"? How can one have globalism, which includes "a political and security phenomenon," without creating a New World Order? Is Tony Blair hallucinating?

Likewise, former President George W. Bush penned his signature to the Declaration of Quebec back on April 22, 2001, in which he gave a "commitment to hemispheric integration and national and collective responsibility for improving the economic well-being and security of our people."

By "our people," Bush meant the people of the Western Hemisphere,

not the people of the United States. Phyllis Schlafly rightly reminded us that G.W. Bush "pledged that the United States will 'build a hemispheric family on the basis of a more just and democratic international order.'"

Remember, too, that it was G.W. Bush who, back in 2005, committed the United States to the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), which is nothing more than a precursor to the North American Community or Union, as outlined in CFR member Robert Pastor's manual, "Toward a North American Community."

If there is no such thing as an emerging New World Order, what was G.W. Bush talking about when he referred to "a hemispheric family" and an "international order"?

The public statements of notable world leaders regarding an emerging New World Order are copious. Consider the statements of former



Novus ordo seclorum (Latin for "New Order of the Ages")

CBS newsman, Walter Cronkite.

In his book, "A Reporter's Life," Walter Cronkite said, "A system of world order--preferably a system of world government--is mandatory. The proud nations someday will see the light and, for the common good and their own survival, yield up their precious sovereignty . . ." Cronkite told BBC newsman Tim Sebastian, "I think we are realizing that we are going to have to have an international rule of law." He added, "We need not only an executive to make international law, but we need the military forces to enforce that law." Cronkite also said, "American people are going to begin to realize that perhaps they are going to have to yield some sovereignty to an international body to enforce world law."

If there is no emerging New World Order, what is Walter Cronkite talking about? Can there be any doubt that Cronkite is talking about global government? Absolutely not!

Now, when Bush, Sr. talks about fulfilling "the promise and vision of the U.N.'s founders," he was talking about the same thing former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was talking about when he said, "The time for absolute and exclusive sovereignty . . . has passed."

The United Nations has been on the forefront of promoting the

New World Order agenda since its very inception. In 1995, the UN released a manual entitled, "Our Global Neighborhood." It states, "Population, consumption, technology, development, and the environment are linked in complex relationships that bear closely on human welfare in the global neighborhood. Their effective and equitable management calls for a systematic, long-term, global approach guided by the principle of sustainable development, which has been the central lesson from the mounting ecological dangers of recent times. Its universal application is a priority among the tasks of global governance."

If there is no emerging New World Order, what is "global governance" all about?

"Who are the movers and shakers promoting global government?" you ask. Obviously, it is the international bankers who are the heavyweights behind the push for global government. Remember, one cannot create a "global economy" without a global government to manage, oversee, and control it.

In a letter written to Colonel E. Mandell House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "The real truth of the matter is, as you and I know, that a financial element in the large centers has owned the government of the U.S. since the days of Andrew Jackson."

"Old Hickory" did his best to rid the United States from the death grip that the international bankers were beginning to exert on this country. He may have been the last President to actually oppose the bankers. In discussing the Bank Renewal bill with a delegation of bankers in 1832, Jackson said, "Gentlemen, I have had men watching you for a long time, and I am convinced that you have used the funds of the bank to speculate in the breadstuffs of the country. When you won, you divided the profits amongst you, and when you lost, you charged it to the bank. You tell me that if I take the deposits from the bank and annul its charter, I shall ruin ten thousand families. That may be true, gentlemen, but that is your sin! Should I let you go on, you will ruin fifty thousand families, and that would be my sin! You are a den of vipers and thieves. I intend to rout you out, and by the eternal God, I will rout you out."

Unfortunately, the international bankers proved themselves to be too formidable for President Jackson. And in 1913, with the collaboration of President Woodrow Wilson, the bankers were given charge over America's financial system by the creation of the Federal Reserve.

Ever since the CFR and Trilateral Commission were created, they have filled the key leadership positions of government, big media, and of course, the Federal Reserve.

In his book, "With No Apologies,"

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former Republican Presidential nominee Barry Goldwater wrote, "The Trilateral Commission is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power-- political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical. What the Trilateral Commission intends is to create a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nation-states involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future." Was Goldwater a prophet or what?

And again, the goals of the global elite have been publicly stated. Back in 1991, the founder of the CFR, David Rockefeller praised the major media for their complicity in helping to facilitate the globalist agenda by saying, "We are grateful to the Washington Post, The New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. . . . It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But, the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries."

How could Rockefeller be any plainer? He acknowledged the willful assistance of the major media in helping to keep the elitists' agenda of global government from the American people. To this day, the major media has not deviated from that collaboration. And this includes the aforementioned "conservative" talking heads. They know if they want to keep their jobs, they dare not reveal the New World Order. The NWO, more than anything else, is the "Third Rail" to the national media.

Is it any wonder that President Barack Obama has stacked his government with numerous members of the CFR? Among these are Robert Gates, Janet Napolitano, Eric Shinseki, Timothy Geithner, and Tom Daschle. Other CFR members include CFR President Richard Haass, CFR Director Richard Holbrooke, and founding member of the Trilateral Com-

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National News

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Niece Challenges Barack Obama on Abortion Today

By Steven Ertelt
Washington, DC

(LifeNews.com) -- The niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a prayer vigil and memorial outside the White House recently to remember unborn children killed in abortions. Civil rights activist Alveda King placed 1400 flowers in front of the White House to honor the number of black babies who die from abortions everyday.

The event is part of the outreach directed to newly-minted President Barack Obama in an effort to get him to reverse his pro-abortion position. King delivered the keynote address at the ceremony and she told LifeNews.com how she is disappointed that Obama is betraying the cultural pro-life views of the black community.

"Over 45 years ago, my Uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote from a Birmingham jail cell that 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,' King said. 'Today, there is no greater injustice than that suffered by the 4,000 babies, 1,400 of them black, who

die on any given day at the hands of abortionists.'"

"I see the pride on African American faces everywhere, pride in the tremendous breakthrough President Obama represents," King added. "But I also can close my eyes and see the millions upon millions of young black, white, red, and yellow faces who never had the chance to live, overcome, or witness history. Today, we will challenge President Obama to see those faces as well," she told LifeNews.com.

King said, at the event, they, "stood witness in front of the White House and testified to President Obama that while he is living his dreams, those babies will be dying horrible deaths because of the policies he supports."

The rally was part of the Birmingham Letter Project, a four-day program that, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous letter, challenges pro-life advocates to get involved in the fight to protect children before birth.

Obama keeps AIDS czar Dybul

By Jim Brown

(OneNewsNow) President Bush's openly homosexual global AIDS czar will be keeping his post in the Obama administration.

President-elect Obama has asked homosexual physician Mark Dybul to remain as U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator. He was appointed by President Bush in 2006 and oversees the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, or PEPFAR. Some conservative activists were outraged that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice swore in Dybul during a State Department ceremony in which Dybul placed his hand on a Bible held by his homosexual partner. First Lady Laura Bush also attended the ceremony.

Matt Barber, director of cultural affairs at Liberty Counsel and Liberty Alliance Action, says he objected to Bush's original appointment of Dybul.

men who have sex with men are highly susceptible to HIV/AIDS," he points out. "And here's this man unapologetically engaging in the behaviors that cause AIDS, as the AIDS czar. It just really turns logic and reason on its head."

Dybul is not the only openly homosexual that will be serving in the Obama White House. David Medina, a homosexual man and former member of the Human Rights Campaign's board of directors, will be Michelle Obama's deputy chief of staff. David Noble, a former official with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will serve as the White House's liaison to NASA.

Obama has also tapped a lesbian to be White House liaison to the Department of Labor, and an open homosexual to serve as director of the Office of Personnel Management.

"Here we have a man who is engaged in the lifestyle that is almost single-handedly responsible for the spread of AIDS in the United States of America, and he's an open homosexual. And the CDC [Centers for Disease Control] statistics show that still, overwhelmingly here in the U.S.,

Christians called to mass exodus from public schools

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) - Critics of America's public school system have launched a new effort highlighting the need for Christians to exit the system. The initiative -- dubbed The Call to Dunkirk was launched by Dr. Bruce Shortt, author of *The Harsh Truth About Public Schools*; Rev. Voddie Baucham, author of *Family Driven Faith: Doing What It Takes to Raise Sons and Daughters Who Walk with God*; and the founder and director of the Exodus Mandate Project, retired U.S. Army Chaplain Lt. Col. E. Ray Moore.

Moore explains the proposal. "The Call to Dunkirk is a special emergency effort to try to get other

ministries, churches, pastors, and the major Christian right and pro-family movement to join with us and the other K-12 home-school ministries in rescuing the children from the public schools during the year 2009," he says.

Although Christians have fought other aspects of the culture war such as homosexual "marriage," Moore contends they are losing the fight when it comes to the education of their children.

"The real target of the liberals and the left has always been the children. And we can see in California where the conservatives won Proposition 8 -- the vote [was] 52 to 48 [percent] -- but...when

Proposition 22 was voted on [in March 2000], they had a 61-percent margin of victory. So the culture is turning against Christianity and against the pro-family movement primarily because we've allowed our children to be educated in their schools," he adds. "They're converting our children; we're not converting them."

The Call to Dunkirk gets its name from the historical WWII event when the Allied forces of England and France were run out of Europe, but ordinary citizens rallied to their aid and used their own boats to help more than 300,000 soldiers escape safely in order to return again on D-Day.

U.S. gov't financing terrorist activities

By Charlie Butts and Jody Brown

(OneNewsNow) - Thomas More Law Center filed suit Monday morning against the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board. Law Center president Richard Thompson is asking the court to halt all bailout funds from going to American International Group, Inc. (AIG). Thompson explains why.

"Because that company has a branch that is controlled by Islamic scholars and who basically support the religion of Islam through Shariah and ultimately finance terrorist activities," he says.

That gives the government an 80-percent stake in the business, which

in part has a religious orientation -- which raises constitutional questions, says Thompson. "[I]t also shines a light on serious national security issues that our own government has created by direct financial support and ownership of a business that supports anti-American, radical Islamic activities," he stated in a press release.

According to that release, AIG employs a three-person Shariah Advisory Board in its promotion of Shariah-compliant businesses and insurance products. Dr. Muhammed Imran Ashraf Usmani, the Pakistani member of that board, supports the belief that Muslims in Western countries have an obligation to wage violent jihad against their host country.

Thompson explains that Shariah-compliant financing includes "zakat" -- a form of obligatory charitable contribution to assist those who wage jihad. "A certain percentage of the profits go to Islamic charities such as the Holy Land Foundation," the attorney notes, "and we know that many of those charities are nothing but fronts for terrorist organizations."

In conclusion, that means there is an "internal cultural jihad" under way against America, says Thompson. The question then is: Is the American government, throughout its AIG bailout, perhaps financing the next 9/11 attack? "Absolutely," states Thompson. "There's no question about it."

Congressman Tancredo praises God for agents' release

By Chad Groening

(OneNewsNow) - A former Colorado congressman who advocated for the release of two former Border Patrol agents during his time in Washington says he's ecstatic over President Bush's decision to commute their sentences during his last full day in office.

Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos will finally get to be home with their families after President Bush made the decision to commute their sentences on Monday. More than 80 members of Congress signed a petition asking for their release and

urged the president to free the men.

Tom Tancredo, who was one of those lawmakers who spearheaded the release effort, has since formed the Rocky Mountain Foundation to continue to pursue the border enforcement agenda. He thanks God for the agents' release.

"I am ecstatic. I told the press some time ago, when they asked me about my career in Congress, what I regretted. I told them there was one thing that stood out in my mind, and that is I was never able to actually get Ramos and Compean released," he notes. "And I don't suggest that I did

by myself; I certainly know that I didn't. But I'm just glad as I can possibly be -- and I thank God that they have been released."

Tancredo says there is still work to be done to get the two men a full pardon so they can return to their jobs, but it is more important that they are finally getting out of jail.

"They're home with their families -- or they will be soon -- and the rest of it we can fight out," he adds. "But right now let's just give thanks to God for answering a lot of prayers." The two men are expected to be released within the next two months.

Homosexuals immune to Mass. budget cuts

By Pete Chagnon

(OneNewsNow) - A pro-family advocate says budget cuts are coming for Massachusetts schools, but programs aimed at promoting homosexuality need

not worry. Many states across the U.S. are facing budget deficits, and Massachusetts is not immune. Governor Deval Patrick and state lawmakers have already slashed millions from the budget, but more cuts are on the way.

Brian Camenker of Mass Resistance says more than 1,000 state jobs as well as public school funding have been cut, while mental health facilities have also been closed. However, pro-homosexual programs in Massachusetts' public schools have remained.

According to Camenker, the governor and the legislature are "very tight" with the homosexual lobby. "Very publicly, I might add, as anyone I've ever seen. The governor marches in the gay pride parades," he points out. "Anything they want, they get."

A large sum of money -- \$850,000 -- that is allotted for these pro-homosexual school programs is being questioned. "And that has been untouchable," Cam-

enker contends. "I have spoken with [the] Senate president's office; I've spoken with the governor's office. I've spoken with the governor's budget office -- and you know, they all support it, and that's that."

Camenker notes that \$150,000 of the \$850,000 was cut. But upon further investigation, he found that the \$150,000 was being funneled back in through the Department of Public Health. MassResistance plans to organize thousands of concerned citizens to converge on the legislature and demand that this "outrage" stop.

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Vatican secret confession tribunal opens up

By Nicole Winfield

ROME – One of the Vatican's most secrecy shrouded tribunals, which handles confessions of sins so grave only the pope can grant absolution, is giving the faithful a peek into its workings for the first time in its 830-year history.

The Vatican has long lamented that fewer and fewer Catholics are going to confession, the sacrament in which the faithful can receive forgiveness if they sincerely confess their sins to a priest.

To combat the decline, the so-called "tribunal of conscience" invited the public into the frescoed halls of its imposing 16th-century palazzo for a two-day conference that ended Wednesday.

The aim was to explain what the Apostolic Penitentiary actually does, and thereby encourage more of the faithful to go to confession, said Monsignor Gianfranco Girotti, the tribunal's No. 2 official.

"Even though it's the oldest department of the Holy See, it's very little known — specifically because by its nature it deals with secret things," he said. "We want to relaunch the sacrament of penance."

By lifting the veil of secrecy surrounding the tribunal's work, the Vatican hopes to emphasize the fundamental role the sacra-

ment plays in saving souls, the Vatican's No. 2, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, said in a paper delivered at the conference. "Today it seems as though the sense of sin has been forgotten," he said.

Confessions of even the most heinous of crimes and sins — such as genocide or mass murder — are handled at the local level by priests and their bishops and are not heard by the tribunal.

Its work involves those sins that are reserved for the pope — considered so serious that a local priest or bishop is not qualified to grant absolution, said Cardinal James Francis Stafford, an American who heads the Apostolic Penitentiary.

These include defiling the Eucharist, which Catholics believe is the body and blood of Christ. Stafford said this offense is occurring with more and more frequency, not just in satanic rites but by ordinary faithful who receive Communion and then remove the host from their mouths and spit it out or otherwise desecrate it.

Others include a priest breaking the seal of the confessional by revealing the nature of the sin and the person who sought penance, or a priest who has sex with someone and then offered forgiveness for the act. These sins bring automatic excommunication from the church. Once absolution is granted, the excommunication

is lifted, Stafford said.

A fourth type of case that comes to the tribunal involves a man who directly caused an abortion — such as by paying for it — who then seeks to become a priest or deacon, Stafford said. "That is an irregularity and it means he should not receive the ordination without a dispensation from the pope," he said.

Vatican officials frequently point to a study carried out by Italy's Sacred Heart University that found that 47 percent of people in Italy — a majority Roman Catholic country — never went to confession or did so a long time ago.

"We cannot hide that the sacrament of penance is threatened in this time of secularization," Girotti said. But he stressed that it remained "fundamental for salvation and the sanctification of souls."

For the most part, clerical sex abuse cases are handled by another Vatican office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which deals with more public issues of discipline and orthodoxy.

What makes the Apostolic Penitentiary unusual by Vatican standards is the speed with which it dispenses decisions, Girotti said — very often within 24 hours, or two to three days maximum.

tests have been showing the condition is constantly improving.

The chromosome disorder, which affects growth, is also being closely monitored and he is due to undergo some corrective cosmetic surgery in the New Year. Mrs Purdy added: "Doctors told us he was a little miracle baby. They said his heart must have been mending itself.

"Last year we were still on a knife edge thinking things would go wrong. But now he's out of the woods we are delighted that 2009 will be Kai's year."

A spokesman from Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Trust said they cannot comment on individual cases.

EU Approves Resolution to Force Homosexual "Marriage" Acceptance in All Member States

By Hilary White

BRUSSELS, (LifeSiteNews.com) – A resolution has been passed today at the European Union that proposes to standardize among all member states the legal status of same-sex relationships.

Pro-life and pro-family leaders have called for a strong Christian response to the move that will force EU member states to adopt same-sex "marriage" or civil unions and bring legalized abortion, even in countries who uphold legal protections for the unborn and in which only natural marriage is legally recognized.

The resolution, authored by Giusto Catania, an Italian Communist MEP, calls upon EU member-states

to guarantee access to "sexual and reproductive health and rights," terms universally accepted as including abortion and sterilization as well as the recognition of same-sex unions. The resolution represents the next step in the work of European homosexualist activists who started last year with a declaration saying that same-sex "marriage" and civil union laws should be standardized across the EU to facilitate freedom of movement.

Article 75 of the resolution, which bases its arguments on the EU's Charter of Fundamental Rights, calls for Member States with same-sex partnership legislation to "propose guidelines for mutual recognition of existing legislation

World News

Man refuses to drive 'No God' bus

By Dan Wooding

SOUTHAMPTON, UK (ANS) -- A Christian bus driver has refused to drive a bus with an atheist slogan proclaiming "There's probably no God."

According to the BBC, Ron Heather, from Southampton, Hampshire, responded with "shock" and "horror" at the message and walked out of his shift recently in protest.



Ron Heather, a Christian bus driver, refused to drive bus with atheist message (Photo: Solent News)

First Bus, who operate the bus service, said it would do everything in its power to ensure Mr. Heather does not have to drive the buses.

Buses across Britain started displaying atheist messages in an advertising campaign launched earlier this month.

Mr. Heather told BBC Radio Solent: "I was just about to board and there it was staring me in the face, my first reaction was shock horror.

"I felt that I could not drive that bus, I told my managers and they said they haven't got another one and I thought I better go home, so I did. "I think it was the starkness of this advert which implied there was no God."

The BBC story said, "When he returned to work on Monday he was called into a meeting with managers and agreed to go back to work with the promise he would only have to drive the buses if there were no others available." First Bus said in a statement: "As a company we understand

But he added: "Where abnormalities are spotted in the scans, our multi-disciplinary team will always offer prospective families the full facts and options as presented at the time.

Mr. Heather's views regarding the atheist bus advert and we are doing what we can to accommodate his request not to drive the buses concerned." It added: "As an organization we don't endorse any of the products or sentiments advertised on our buses.

"The content of this advert has been approved by the Advertising Standards Agency and therefore it is capable of being posted on static sites or anywhere else." The BBC went on to say that the advertising campaign is backed by the British Humanist Association and prominent atheist, Professor Richard Dawkins.

Hanne Stinson, chief executive of the British Humanist Association, said: "I have difficulty understanding why people with particular religious beliefs find the expression of a different sort of beliefs to be offensive. "I can't understand why some people seem to have a different attitude when it comes to atheists."

Pressure group Christian Voice has questioned the campaign's effectiveness but the Methodist Church said it would be a "good thing if it gets people to engage with the deepest questions of life" and suggested it showed there was a "continued interest in God." The advertisements run on 200 bendy buses in London and 600 vehicles in England, Scotland and Wales.

"The team will then try to accommodate the prospective parents' wishes in the interests of mother and baby. We wish the family well."

"Religious leaders and pro-life groups throughout Europe must shake off their complacency about the EU and mobilize religious believers for pro-life action," Ozimic said. "The message everyone must hear is that the right to life is the most important political issue, because the right to life is the indispensable foundation of all other rights. Failure to act will mean that countless millions of unborn children will die because of the EU's promotion of abortion both inside and outside Europe."

John Smeaton, SPUC's director, wrote yesterday that the resolution is a threat to the unborn of Europe due to its promotion of "reproductive rights" and because it promotes an unauthentic model of the family by seeking to impose upon EU member-states the recognition of same-sex unions.

Mother has healthy baby boy despite abortion warning by doctor

By Paul Stokes

(WND) Gaynor Purdy twice refused advice to abort Kai during pregnancy. Gaynor Purdy was warned her first child could have a fatal chromosome defect and a life threatening heart condition. But she rejected two suggestions to terminate the pregnancy and she and her husband Lee are celebrating life with their "perfect" ten-month-old son.

Mrs Purdy, 28, a quality control inspector, said: "We refused to give up on him, and decided throughout the pregnancy that as long as he was fighting, we would continue fighting with him."

The couple from Scunthorpe, Lincs, were delighted when they discovered they had conceived shortly before their first wedding anniversary.

Four months into the pregnancy doctors told them that part of their unborn child's heart was narrow and underdeveloped and would mean open heart surgery if the baby was born. They were warned the condition could worsen and around Christmas last year, an immediate termination should be considered.

Further tests conducted a few days later on New Year's Eve suggested the baby could also have Edwards Syndrome - the presence of an 18th chromosome - with a life expectancy of only up to four months if birth is survived. Consultants

again recommended the couple consider aborting the baby, fearing he would have little to no quality of life once he was born.

For the second time, Mrs Purdy and her husband, a 29 year old forklift driver, declined the suggestion.

Kai was born six weeks premature on March 5 at Scunthorpe General Hospital weighing just 2lb 6oz and immediately admitted to intensive care, but was discharged within six weeks. One side of his heart was slightly bigger than the other which may need an operation to correct in the future, but regular

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product that he hid the bottle of EMPowerplus he had been given, hoping even the cleaning lady would not find it and possibly ask him about it. And, the most interesting part of his transformation came when he finally decided to let a colleague try the bottle on his own son, only to find out that the claims Stephan and Hardy had made that EMPowerplus could restore normal behavior within a few days were actually true.

During his extremely illuminating testimony as a prominent medical expert coming to terms with a new idea that was contrary to his medical specialty, Dr. Popper was eager to endorse David Hardy, in particular, as the most informed nutritional expert he'd ever met, including those at Harvard Medical School. When the judge asked Popper, under oath, if he would use Empowerplus on himself, should he be diagnosed as having bipolar disorder, he answered, "Yes."



Another compelling eyewitness to the virtues of EMPowerplus was Autumn Stringam, Stephan's daughter, whose riveting testimony should, in my view, be required reading for medical regulators as well as drug company executives all over the world, not to mention the rest of us, too. It is a testament to the depths of the suffering people endure, when, just by chance, they develop a malfunction in their system and end up suffering from some devastating mental illness. Autumn's testimony vividly illustrated how their intense suffering is then compounded by the endless, hit-or-miss prescribing of toxic drugs in an often fruitless effort to merely suppress symptoms.

Among other things, Autumn testified that as she drifted into psychosis after her first baby was born, she started hearing voices, she experienced her own uncontrolled slapping of her body and face, and she began making elaborate plans

to kill herself or cause harm to her new-born baby. Autumn described how, as her behavior deteriorated during one hospital stay, she was put on 13 different drugs and became so toxic and bloated, she could no longer bend her fingers. In another drug episode, when she was put on lithium, she gained 30 pounds in 28 days.

However, it was Autumn's description of her outpatient experience with a drug cocktail of Haldol, Rivotril, Ativan, Epival, and Cogentin, that thoroughly shocked me. The purpose of this cocktail was to sedate her so she could "function" in the outside world. Yet, as a result, she ended up so sedated that she could not even sit upright. Instead, she would fall to the floor, and as she described it, she would then drool on the carpet until somebody picked her up, and placed her upright again in her chair.

Then, the next event Autumn testified about in this bizarre, drug-induced "suppression of her bad behavior" was that, suddenly, this particular combination of drugs stopped working altogether, and once again she became manic and out-of-control.

Despite this ongoing out-of-control behavior, when she and her doctor learned that her brother had been helped with the new nutritional supplement protocol her father had developed, her doctor tried to discourage her from trying the protocol, saying that he was sure he could find the right chemical cocktail for her within the next two years.

Undaunted, within days of starting the vitamin/mineral supplements, Autumn was able to taper off taking the drugs she was on and her behavior returned to normal. As she testified in court, she took her last drug on March 28, 1996, and since then has had three more children and is now a normally-functioning human being.

The testimony during the trial also showed that at the same time the people at Truehope were saving lives and making every effort to make it legal to distribute EMPowerplus without a DIN number, valuable Canadian legislative activity that had dragged on from 1999 finally came to fruition. The goal to create a new system of regulation called "The Natural Health Products Directorate" finally became the law of the land in January 2004, thus providing EMPowerplus with an appropriate regulatory means to be able to comply with the law. By May, 2005, EMPowerplus was granted a Natural Health Products Number, which means it meets or exceeds Health Canada's standards of manufacture. In addition, a new Minister of Health came into power in 2004. This new Minister finally granted an exemption under special terms which now allows Stephan and Hardy to distribute and monitor the product in Canada through Truehope.

However, despite the fact that Stephan and Hardy had finally

HPV vaccine targets boys

By Charlie Butts

(OneNewsNow) Gardasil, a vaccine given typically to girls and young women to prevent the STD human papillomavirus from causing cervical cancer, is now being marketed for boys.

Merck has asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve the vaccine for boys, claiming it has prevented 90 percent of penile cancer cases and genital warts, according to the *Associated Press*.

With Merck's aggressive marketing campaigns, Wendy Wright of Concerned Women for America raises the question of strategy now as the FDA attempts to sell the idea of boys receiving it.

"And it remains to be seen

whether Merck will continue its aggressive campaign to get states and even the federal government to mandate that little girls and little boys now be forced to get this vaccine before they can enter schools," she says.

Wright believes Merck has lost sight of parents' roles in choosing what is best for children and their health. "Vaccines are an issue that should be left up to parents to decide in consultation with their doctors," she contends. "It should not be government entities being prodded by pharmaceutical companies."

The FDA has two

been blessed with regulatory approval, the unrelenting regulators at Health Canada went on to charge them with six breaches of the Canadian Food and Drugs Act and Food and Drug Regulations for their continued illegal distribution of EMPowerplus without a DIN number between January 1st and December 31st of 2003. By the time this case finally ended up in court in March of 2006, five

of the six original criminal charges were dropped and Health Canada officials said they would not seek possible imprisonment and ask only for the maximum \$500 fine should the defendants be found guilty.

Many revealing statements were made during the trial, but to me, perhaps the most upsetting of all was one made by a Health Canada official who testified that the agency was well aware that if the product were withdrawn, people could literally die due to lack of access to the nutrients it offered. However, according to his testimony, it was the agency's position that this eventuality, should the product be made unavailable due to the agency's regulatory actions, was not the agency's concern. On July 28, 2006, the judge handed down a 30-page ruling that spelled out the fact that Truehope and its officials were caught between a rock and a hard place, and were entitled to the defense of necessity as justification for violating the law. They

knew that if they had followed the law, people would die and they would be criminally liable for those deaths. Consequently, according to the judge, they are legally obligated to continue to sell EMPowerplus in Canada.

Now that the trial has been decided, Anthony Stephan and David Hardy are seeking an official Judicial Review of what

they believe are Health Canada's abusive and illegal actions throughout the entire affair. Shipments of EMPowerplus are still being seized sporadically at the border and Health Canada has just announced it will appeal the ruling.

In the meantime, Autumn has published a book entitled, "A Promise of Hope," which is a touching and detailed memoir of her years growing up with a mentally ill mother, how her mother's suicide affected the family, and how her father, against all odds, created a miracle so that she and others would not have to suffer the same fate. The book also covers the years of development of EMPowerplus, the politics in Parliament, the actions of Health Canada, and it ends with Autumn's impressions of the trial.

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months to decide whether the application for use in males meets its standards.

Elissa Meininger became a noted health policy historian as well as a political activist after almost dying from years of mercury poisoning caused by mercury leaching from the "silver" dental amalgam fillings in her teeth. Bedridden and unable to carry on a coherent conversation, (and unable to obtain a diagnosis from any of the MDs she had consulted), she turned to a traditional naturopath who had no difficulty recognizing and explaining the source of the large array of chronic problems from which she had suffered most of her life. This diagnosis saved her life, but even today, such consultation remains illegal in many states.

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Book Reviews

David's Sword - First Book in Series for Children and Families Addressing Sexual Abuse

NEW ENGLAND - David's Sword. Child author David Elliott, together with his parents, releases first book in a series of four, to encourage children to disclose about sexual abuse. Endorsed by Chip Ingram, a Medical Sexual Abuse expert, a Detective, Therapist, School Guidance Counselor and others, this powerful children's book is a must-read for parents, professionals, and all who care about the sexual abuse of children. Tastefully done, David's Sword engages and encourages children that it is safe to tell.



A survivor of meticulously planned and carefully executed sexual assaults, David Elliott has chosen to be a voice to other children, by imparting strength and courage through this story. David's Sword is authors' David, Lee, and Marybeth Elliott's debut work and a courageous tale of tragedy, challenge,

and ultimately, victory. Part metaphor, part self-help, the Elliott's short work offers a fictional recounting of David's real life story, and empowers children to tell. Only roughly ten percent of children disclose, and David is determined to be a source of encouragement and hope for the other ninety percent. Perfect as a teaching tool for children and adults alike, David's Sword has already proven to be a valuable asset wherever it is read. David's Sword will ensnare the strings of the heart, while capturing young minds. The second in the series, David's Shield, will be available in the next several months.

David Elliott is the youngest of three children and it is his bravery that is the catalyst for all four books in the series. A book-launch celebration is planned and David will donate a percentage of the book sales to a local organization who works specifically with survivors of sexual abuse.

A faith-based book, the authors have written it in a manner that all children will feel comfortable reading. Also in audio book and e-book, David's Sword is available via bookstores nationwide. Therapists, medical personnel, law enforcement, parents, educators, librarians and everyone will be impacted by David's strong voice of encouragement to children.

"In our sex-saturated, increasingly hostile world, children are being victimized like never before. This book will help restore damage done to some and protect many others. I highly recommend it!" -Chip Ingram, President and Teaching Pastor, Living on the Edge Ministries. "Everywhere this book goes, is an important place for it to be." -David Elliott

The Hamilton Curse

By Staff

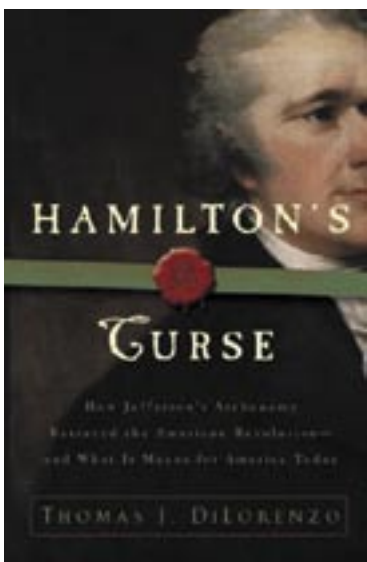
Court historians have long praised the glories of Alexander Hamilton as the greatest of the founding fathers. This view is back in vogue as U.S. economic policy becomes ever more statist.

In this dazzling work of revisionist history, Professor Thomas DiLorenzo provides the other view. He shows that Hamilton is the architect of most of today's failed economic policies: protectionism, central banking, and debt. His core principle is that government should be used to benefit the rich and privileged, mostly through its power to print money and run financial scams. In this sense, Hamilton's Curse has been visited upon the United States in the 2008 bailout of powerful investment banks.

Hamilton was the master of the political lie. He used his rhetorical powers and elite connections to invent the myth of the Constitution's "implied powers." He estab-

lished the imperial presidency. He devised a national banking system that imposes boom-and-bust cycles on the American economy. He saddled Americans with a massive national debt and oppressive taxation. He pushed economic policies that lined the pockets of the wealthy and created a government system built on graft, spoils, and patronage. He transformed state governments from Jeffersonian bulwarks of liberty to beggars for federal crumbs.

Moreover, DiLorenzo shows



Dungy quits coaching to focus on faith, family

By Michael Marot - Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Tony Dungy says he and his wife prayed about whether he should retire as coach of the Indianapolis Colts, and decided that now was the right time. At a news conference in Indianapolis, Dungy said it reminded him of the Bible, where the Apostle Paul wrote that he felt torn between two good choices -- continuing his ministry or going to heaven.

Dungy, the only black coach to win a Super Bowl, led the Colts for seven seasons. He told reporters, "I'm thankful to the Lord for the career that I've had." In retirement, he said, "I'm really going to see where the Lord directs me, but it'll be something, I hope, where I'm helping people."

"Don't shed any tears for me,"

Dungy said after announcing his retirement. "I've gotten to live a dream that most people don't get



to live. What phase two will be, we'll find out. But phase one has been awfully special."

To Dungy, life was never solely about championship rings or division titles. His top priorities were

faith and family, and he never wavered. In a profession where spare hours are scarce, Dungy made time for the prison ministry, All-Pro Dads and Family First although he always wanted to do more. He urged players and coaches to get involved in community work, too.

Now, Dungy can devote more time to his family and the social causes he embraces.

"I want to do something more with my family and something that would connect more with my goals," he said. "Where my heart is, is really with our young men right now. We have so many guys that didn't grow up like me, didn't have their dad there and that's something I'm very, very interested in."

Tebow's faith takes center stage

By Jill Waggoner

MIAMI (BP)--With "John 3:16" written on top of his eye black, Tim Tebow led his Florida Gators to victory Jan. 8 against the Oklahoma Sooners in a 24-14 win in the BCS National Championship. Replacing his trademark "Phil 4:13," Tebow's game face gave yet another indicator of his oft-discussed faith in God.

In the secular press and Christian outlets alike, the stories of Tebow's faith have been heard around the world.

Pat Forde, senior writer at ESPN.com, wrote in his column Jan. 6, "There are plenty of athletes who talk the pious talk. Plenty of athletes who write scripture on their eye black the way Tebow does or thank God after victories. But how many have walked the walk like Tebow -- walked it into the prisons, into the slums of the Philippines, into the hearts of people in need of a

role model? How many, at age 21, have done as much work on behalf of those less fortunate?"

Tebow's parents, Bob and Pam



Tebow, head up the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association. Every summer since he was 15, Tebow has traveled to the Philippines on a summer mission trip with the organization. He has spoken to thousands of students over the years, sharing the simple message of salvation.

Tebow received widespread media coverage for his spring break trip to the Philippines in 2008 where he was joined by a few University of Florida pre-med students, his dad, and others. They stayed at the orphanage and spoke in schools and markets and conducted medical clinics -- reaching nearly 7,000 people, of which 5,388 indicating they made a decision to receive Jesus Christ as Savior.

In Florida, Tebow routinely sets aside time from his busy academic and practice schedule to volunteer with the Children's Miracle Network as part of the Goodwill Gators at the University of Florida, visiting sick children.

In an interview with the Florida Baptist Witness, Tebow's mother Pam said, "I'm not saying he's

perfect. I never want to insinuate that, none of us are, that's why we need Christ. But we're grateful that he's been able to maintain his convictions and his strength."

By all the measures in college athletics, Tebow stands on top. In addition to winning two national championships, he was the winner of the 2007 Heisman trophy, the first sophomore to take home the award. His shelves are now



also lined with the 2008 Wuerffel Trophy, the 2007 and 2008 Maxwell Awards and the 2008 Disney Spirit Award.

Danny Wuerffel, the 1996 Heisman winner and fellow Gator, has been a hero of Tebow for many years. Wuerffel, also an outspoken Christian, called Tebow in December to tell him he had won the Wuerffel trophy, named for him.

"Without question, you completely deserve this award and I am so excited to announce that you're this year's winner," Wuerffel said to Tebow the morning he was informed of the award, as recounted in a news release.

"It was just amazing to see the success that Tim has had in all three aspects of this award: academically, athletically and in the community and service to other people," Wuerffel continued. "He's just an amazing young man, an amazing football player. I'm just so incredibly proud to have him [as the winner]."

What is the TRUE Origin of Valentine's Day?

By Fred Coulter

The Silence of Educators

Teachers are all too often silent about the origin of the customs they are forced to teach in today's schools! If they were to speak out, many would lose their jobs! Isn't it time we examined why we encourage our children to celebrate St. Valentine's Day - when it is never mentioned in the Bible as a practice of the New Testament Church?

Today, candy makers unload tons of heart-shaped red boxes for February 14, while millions of the younger set are annually exchanging valentines. Florists and restaurants consider February 14 - St. Valentine's Day - as one of their best business days. And young lovers pair off - at least for a dance or two - at St. Valentine's balls. Why? Where did these customs originate? Where do we find any such practices in the Bible? How did we come to inherit these customs?

A Christian Custom?

Did you know that centuries before Christ, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous and sensuous festival in honor of Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves"?

The Romans called the festival the "Lupercalia." The custom of exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus - the deified hero-hunter of Rome - was also linked anciently with the pagan practice of teenagers "going steady." It usually led to fornication. Today, the custom of "going steady" is thought very modern. It isn't. It is merely a rebirth of an old custom "handed down from the Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, when names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed." That's the admission of the Encyclopedia Americana, article, "St. Valentine's Day."

When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire there was some talk in church circles of discarding this pagan free-for-all. But the Roman citizens wouldn't hear of it! So it was agreed that the holiday would continue as it was, except for the more grossly sensual observances.

It was not until the reign of Pope Gelasius that the holiday became



a "Christian" custom. "As far back as 496, Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia on February 15 to St. Valentine's Day on February 14." (p.172 of Customs and Holidays Around the World by Lavinia Dobler).

But how did this pagan festival acquire the name of "St. Valentine's Day"? And why is the little naked Cupid of the pagan Roman so often associated today with February 14? And why do little children and young people still cut out hearts and send them on a day in honor of Lupercus the hunter of wolves? Why have we supposed these pagan customs in honor of a false god are Christian?

Who Was the Original "St. Valentine"?



Valentine was a common Roman name. Roman parents often gave the name of their children in honor of the famous man who was first called Valentine in antiquity. That famous man was Lupercus, the hunter. But who was Lupercus? - and why should he have also borne the name Valentine among the heathen Romans?

The Greeks called Lupercus by the name of "Pan". The Semites called Pan "Baul," according to the Classical Dictionaries. Baul - mentioned so often in the Bible - was merely another name for Nimrod, "the mighty hunter" (Genesis 10: 9) It was a common proverb of ancient time that Nimrod was "the MIGHTY hunter before the Lord." Nimrod was their hero - their strong man - their VAL-ENTINE!

How plain that the original Valentine was Nimrod, the mighty hunter of wolves. Yet another of Nimrod's names was "Sanctuc" or "Santa", meaning Saint. It was a common title of any hero-god. No wonder that the Roman Lupercalia

is called "St. Valentine's Day"!

But why do we associate HEARTS on a day in honor of Nimrod - the Baal of the Phoenicians and Semites?

The surprising answer is that the pagan Romans acquired the symbol of the heart from the Babylonians. In the Babylonian tongue the word for heart was "bal" (Strong's Concordance Number H1168). The heart - bal - was merely a symbol of Nimrod - the Baal! or Lord of the Babylonians!

Executed at Rome

Nimrod - the original St. Valentine - was also known as Saturn, the Roman-Babylonian god who hid from his pursuers in a secret place. The Latin word Saturn is derived from the Semitic-speaking Babylonians. It means "be hid," "hide self," "secret," "conceal." The original Semitic (Hebrew) word, from which the Latin Saturn is derived, is used 83 times in the Old Testament (see Young's Concordance under "Sathar," also "sether").

According to ancient tradition, Saturn (Nimrod) fled from his pursuers to Italy. The Apennine mountains of Italy were anciently named the mountains of Nembrod or Nimrod. Nimrod briefly hid out at the site where Rome was later built. The ancient name of Rome, before it was rebuilt in 753 B.C. was Saturnia - the site of Saturn's (Nimrod's) hiding. There he was found and slain for his crimes. Later, professing Christians in Constantine's day made Nimrod - the St. Valentine of the heathen - a Saint of the Church and continued to honor him under the name of a Christian martyr.

Why February 14?

But why should the Romans have chosen February 15 and the evening of February 14 to honor Lupercus - the Nimrod of the

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Bible? (Remember that day in ancient times began at sunset the evening before.) Nimrod - Baal or sun god of the ancient pagans - was said to have been born at the winter solstice. In ancient time the solstice occurred on January 6 and his birthday therefore was celebrated on December 25 and now called Christmas. It was the custom of antiquity for the mother of a male child to present herself for purification on the fortieth day after January 6 - Nimrod's original birthdate - takes us to February 15, the celebration of which began on the evening of February 14 - the Lupercalia or St. Valentine's Day.

On this day in February, Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod, was said to have been purified and to have appeared for the first time in public with her son as the original "mother and child."

The Roman month February, in fact, derives its name from the februa which the Roman priests used in the rites celebrated on St. Valentine's Day. The februa were thongs from the skins of sacrificial animals used in rites of purification on the evening of February 14.

Cupid Makes His Appearance



Another name for the child Nimrod was "Cupid" - meaning "desire"

(Encyclopedia Britannica, article

"Cupid"). It is said that when Nimrod's mother saw him, she lusted after him - she desired him. Nimrod became her Cupid - her desired one - and later her Valentine! So evil was Nimrod's mother that it is said she married her own son! Inscribed on the monuments of ancient Egypt are inscriptions that Nimrod (the Egyptians called him Osiris) was "the husband of his mother."

As Nimrod grew up, he became the child-hero of many women who desired him. He was their Cupid! In the Book of Daniel he is called the "desire of women" (Daniel 11:37). Moffatt translates the word as Tammuz - a Babylonian name of Nimrod. He provoked so many women to jealousy that an idol of him was often called the "image of jealousy" (Ezekiel 8:5). Nimrod, the hunter, was also their Valentine - their strong or mighty hero! No wonder the pagans commemorated their hero-hunter Nimrod, or Baal, by sending heart shaped love tokens to one another on the evening of February 14 as a symbol of him.

Nimrod, the son of Cush the Ethiopian, was later a source of embarrassment to the pagans of Europe. They didn't want an African to worship. Consequently, they substituted a supposed son of Nimrod, a white child named Horus, born after the death of Nimrod. This white child then became a "fair Cupid" of European tradition. It is about time we examined these customs of the pagans now falsely labeled Christian. It is time we quit this Roman and Babylonian foolishness - this idolatry - and get back to the faith of Christ delivered once for all time.

Let's stop teaching our children these pagan customs in memory of Baal the sun god - the original St. Valentine - and teach them instead what the Bible really says!

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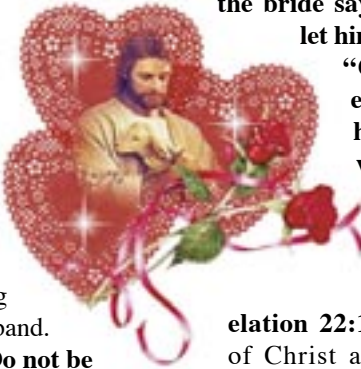
“Who’s Your Valentine?”

By Charlene M. Ryerson

First of all, I would like to address the MARRIED couples first. “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:18) The Word of God is not saying that you don’t ever love with words or tongue; in a marriage that would not be wise to omit telling your spouse “I love you!!!!” This Valentine’s Day remember to take the opportunity to do something special for and/or with your lifetime mate.

Now for the SINGLES! Who is your Valentine? I’ll tell you who mine is! Jesus! However it took years to put Jesus before the desire to get married or even have a boyfriend. My single Christian friends were telling me that I needed to stop hankering for a mate and focus on allowing Jesus to be my husband.

(Isaiah 54:4-5) “Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called



the God of all the earth.” (Jeremiah 3:14) “Return,” faithless people,” declares the Lord, “for I am your husband. I will choose you - one from a town and two from a clan - and bring you to Zion.”

We are the bride of Christ (this also includes the male population of Christianity). “Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.” (Revelation 19:7) One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” (Revelation 21:9) The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. (Revelation 22:17) As the bride of Christ and as Christian singles, shouldn’t we make our good Lord our husband?

When I lived in Hawaii I went to the Teen Challenge program in Olowalu, Maui, November 1994, to get my walk with the Lord right. Though I had been a ‘born-again’ Bible believing Christian since I was 5 years old, I found myself

backsliding in the area of romance. I was looking for love instead of waiting for the Lord to provide in His time. The Teen Challenge program turned my life around. I learned to put Jesus first in my life. After I graduated the program in January 1996, I returned back to the island of Oahu. On Valentine’s night just before midnight, I was wishing I had someone special in my life. Then the Lord spoke to me. He told me to get my guitar because He was going to inspire a song within me to help me get through my depression. It worked. Now that the motivation in my heart for desiring a mate has changed, the lyrics and music of the inspirational songs I write have also changed. There is a different tone. The desperation to have a man in my life has now turned to a peace beyond all understanding.

That’s right; I am a ‘born-again virgin’. How have I been able to keep a celibate lifestyle since November 1994? By reading God’s Word on a daily basis, journaling about what He speaks to me as I read His Word, and staying in close fellowship with other strong and mature Christians that I may have godly accountability. In January 2008 I moved back to Rhode Island after having been away for approximately 30 years. I had lived the last 23 of those years in Hawaii. The first thing I did when I got back was to find a church that God wanted me to be in. I am now going to Living Hope Christian Church in North Kingston (soon to be moving to a new location.) I’m plugged into a dynamic Bible

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Study in Middletown, Rhode Island. Rick, the facilitator and Bible Study teacher, opens the floor for everyone to share their comments regarding the topic of study. Just the kind of gathering I like! We have refreshments after the study and a time of just pure fellowship. It’s wonderful! Especially if you are single and need to have good Christian friends.

I’d like to encourage all the singles out there. (1 Corinthians 7:32-35) “I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs-how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world-how he can please his wife-and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman

or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world-how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.” If it is God’s will, He will provide your spouse in His time. Don’t push to have romance in your life this season. Let Jesus be your Valentine. Give Him the chance to be the love of your life.

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government dependence, impregnated by those who profit from fermenting racial hatred. The race hustlers’ cry of “racism” will ring hollow when the most powerful position in the world is occupied by a black man.

We’ve come a long way baby. I know I run a risk by even touching this subject, but millions of Americans agree with me, they just do not have the courage to say so. Our “culture of offense” has locked us in a politically correct thought-box where only approved “truths” are allowed to be uttered. Although no personal defense is necessary, allow me to make the cursory “I am not a racist” disclaimer that the PC crowd has bullied all of us into regurgitating as we try to fight off the character assassination that follows all white-male honesty.

Pass The Salt Ministries does a great deal of work with those on the streets. We feed the homeless, work with those who are incarcerated, fight against the low-functioning educational system, and defend the unborn at the abortion clinics. Each one of those activities caters to a large number of black Americans. I can proudly say that we do more for black folks than most black charities ever do for white folks. We happen to believe that the plight of the black underclass is the responsibility of the Church. Most black churches think it is the responsibility of the government. Sorry folks. That racist label won’t stick on me. You can throw it around all you want, but as my friend Tom loves to say,

“That dog won’t hunt.”

Twelve of my buddies and I went to Washington to preach the Gospel. We weren’t invited to any of the inaugural balls, nor were we there to receive the adulation of the crowds. Our mission was a clear one...to lift up Jesus and the standards for which he died.

Street ministry is always challenging because it is by nature so confrontational. But we were especially grieved by the reaction that we received in DC.

Allow me to interject a second disclaimer here. Although my voter registration is Republican, I am not. I did not vote for McCain and I only voted for Bush the first time. My candidate of choice in the election of 08 had a blacker face than Obama, Alan Keyes. I vote based on the content of character, not the color of skin or party affiliation.

We did not go to Washington to oppose Obama. We went to support Jesus. Unfortunately, most

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folks we spoke with on the streets went to oppose Jesus and support Obama. Here is the sad truth that I feel compelled to share with you today. The self-identified black Christians that we interacted with on the streets of Washington were more black than they were Christian. To put it another way, their loyalty was to Obama rather than to Jesus. I know some will say that sounds harsh and judgmental, but

“it is what it is.”

We spent the entire day standing on a street corner just north of the Capitol building as droves of black Americans walked buy us on the way to the “coronation.” As they crossed the street I enticed them into a trap.

“Yes we can! Yes we can!” I began to chant as the light changed and they moved through the crosswalk. Soon, some of the mob was chanting with me as they walked our way. To their shock and “aah” after the third “Yes We Can!” I pointed to the graphic signs that my buddies were holding. “Yes We Can...stop killing unborn children” I bellowed. The mob grew silent as they looked at the face of “choice.”

“Yessirree...stop killing babies. Now that is change you can believe in!” (I borrowed another Obama slogan.) “Yes We Can!” From the looks on the black faces you would have thought I had just called catsup a vegetable.

“Are you a Christian?” Pastor Bill or one of the others of our group would begin to ask the black Christians as they gaped at the pictures. “Do you think abortion is wrong? Do you know that over 1/3 of all abortions are on black babies?” Most stared defiantly at the white boys who were defending the black babies.



Aborted at 22 weeks

“Did you vote for Obama?” Do you know he wants to sign the Freedom of Choice Act which will greatly increase the number of abortions? Do you know that under President Obama more black babies are going to die? A vote for Obama was a vote to kill black babies.”

All of a sudden they weren’t as “Christian” as they were before they crossed the street. Immediately they became black first and Christian second. They hated us for dampening their celebration of blackness. “You don’t understand what he means to our people, man.” One “spirit filled” black man said, oblivious to the reality of black abortion. “Why are you out here trying to ruin our day? I love Jesus but this is the day to celebrate Obama!”

“How many babies have you adopted?” A black woman shot back at us as the venom seeped out of her mouth. “The world is full of poor children who need food. Obama will feed them. That’s more than Republicans will do” (I didn’t point out her prejudice...thinking I was a Republican because I was white.)

“Let me ask you something,” I said as the drive-by puking continued. “Would you rather be poor or dead? Why don’t we just kill all the poor children?”

For hours they passed us by, their hearts hardened to the plight of the

unborn as, one by one, they justified their Christian-vote for the most radically pro-abortion man to ever be President. Like our new “devout Christian” President, they think Jesus is their Savior but government is their God.

Other than salvation, the greatest gift a person could ever receive is a child. “How could any Christian ever vote for a man who would not defend an innocent baby?”

In America today, almost as many African-American children are aborted as are born. “We finally have a president that cares about black people! Obama is on our side. We’re in control now!” a black “lover of Jesus” told us.

White Christianity has sold out to comfort. Black Christianity has sold out to race. “Yes We Did” is the new Obama slogan unveiled on badges and t-shirts at the coronation. Yes they did, alright. They sold their children for a seat at the table. Yes they did.

Some Christians regularly go to our local abortion clinic in an attempt to save black-babies from destruction. Rarely do you see a black-Christian standing with them. It is usually the same folks...those evil pale-faced racists who try to give the babies a choice.

“You don’t understand what he means to our people, man. Why are you out here trying to ruin our day?” Lot’s of lousy days ahead for unborn black babies. I wonder if they are celebrating the Obamanation?

Entertainment

How Bob Dylan found Christ

Double Oscar-winning composer, Al Kasha, reveals the inside story

By Dan Wooding

BEVERLY HILL, CA (ANS) -- Al Kasha (born 22 January 1937) is a Brooklyn-born composer, songwriter and arranger, as well as businessman. He is most noted for his years of collaboration with songwriter Joel Hirschhorn.

The songwriting duo won two Oscars for Best Song, "The Morning After" from *The Poseidon Adventure* in 1972 and "We May Never Love Like This Again" from *The Towering Inferno* in 1974.

Along with Hirschhorn, Kasha also received two Tony nominations for *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Copperfield*, two Grammy nominations and an Emmy, as well as four Golden Globe nominations and a People's Choice award. In all, Hirschhorn and Kasha's songs sold over 90 million records.



Dan Wooding with Al Kasha at the Beverly Hills event

But Kasha had a terrible secret; he suffered from agoraphobia and for a while would not leave his Beverly Hills home. But one night, Al Kasha, who is Jewish, turned on the TV late one night and at the end of the program, he prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior and Messiah.

After studying at theological seminary, he became an ordained Southern Baptist pastor, and then started a weekly Bible study in his

home where he would teach with his two Oscars on the piano.

Kasha said that one of the regulars at his Bible study in 1979 was Bob Dylan and at the recent 10th Annual Media Fellowship International Praise Brunch at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, he agreed to talk about what happened to Dylan.

"Well Bob's nature is that he's a very much a seeker and he was interested to see why a fellow Jew would come to know Christ," Kasha began. "He started at the Vineyard church and then when we met there, he came to a first Bible study, and at the second bible study, he gave his life to the Lord."

I asked Kasha what exactly happened.

"I prayed the prayer of confession, which he repeated, about his sins and that Jesus was the Son of God and is God, and I pointed out to him in John four that 'salvation shall come through the Jews' and that Jesus came to this earth as a Jew. I'm a Jewish believer now going on since nineteen-seventy-eight so it's a long time. That Bible study started in seventy-nine and never ended until this past year."

Kasha went on to say, "Bob would stay until three or four o'clock in the morning asking me questions beyond my knowledge. The interesting thing is that he felt a comfort that I was a fellow songwriter. 'He wrote 'Slow Train Coming' mostly in our home. I gave him a key and I'd be sleeping upstairs with my wife (Ceil) and he'd come in at three or four o'clock in the morning, and I'd hear him picking as he felt a kind of Holy Spirit comfort."



New In Town

By Phil Boatwright of PreviewOnline.org

Cast - Renee Zellweger, Harry Connick, Jr., Siobhan Fallon Hogan, J. K. Simmons. Lionsgate. Comedy. Written by Ken Rance, C Jay Cox. Directed by Jonas Elmer.

FILM SYNOPSIS: An ambitious Miami businesswoman is transferred to rural Minnesota, a real-life town named New Ulm, and while she is there she re-evaluates her big-city values. She's there to cut jobs. But after adjusting to Mid-western sensibilities (not to mention the unearthly cold of a Minnesota winter), and a few comic situations, Lucy Hill (Zellweger) discovers greater meaning in life, as well as the hunk of her dreams.

Sadly, Dylan eventually appeared to move away from his born-again faith, and so I asked Kasha where he thought Dylan was today spiritually.

"I think he's a little confused spiritually," he said. "If you want to know the truth, and I always try to be as honest as possible, I think some Christians took advantage of him. They would tell him, 'Go out and sing for nothing.' Why should he sing for nothing if he's being paid by other people?" So I think that that bothered and hurt him. But if you look at his life, even before he was saved, he always wrote a song about Jesus. And, as a believer, I believe once you're saved, you're saved forever; you really are. Once that Word has been in your conscience it will never leave you and Christ will never leave you or forsake you, never."

So did Kasha believe that Dylan is still seeking the truth? "Yes, I believe that he is still seeking and he has never renounced his faith," he said. For more information on Al Kasha, go to www.alkasha.com.

REVIEW: Most romantic comedies of late have been nothing more than bits of fluff. But like the Colonel has something extra in his secret herbs and spices, writers Ken Rance (a fellow Believer) and C Jay Cox have added some dimension to this likable look at an odd couple falling in love.



Stu Kopenhafer (J.K. Simmons, center) and Blanche Gunderson (Siobhan Fallon Hogan, left) in *NEW IN TOWN*

First, unaware and unsympathetic to the lives they are about to change, we see a callous conglomerate about to close a plant. The film reminds us that with a few financial sacrifices, big business could eventually prosper by rallying behind loyal employees.

Next, there's a look at the cavern between Big City life and Mid-America. The film has fun with the simplicity and speech patterns of rural life, but then highlights the sturdiness of character often found in America's heartland.

Added to these components, the writers reveal the spiritual core of those who freely bring Jesus into daily conversation. For the people spotlighted here, Jesus is not a name used to relieve frustration, but one who is both friend and savior.

And lastly, the producers have done well with their casting. There's a nice chemistry between the two leads and Siobhan Fallon Hogan (*Baby Mama*, *Funny Games*), as Zellweger's quirky but sincere secretary/liaison, is both funny and real, reminiscent of Frances McDormand in *Fargo*.

Though it lacks the sophistication of, say, the Tracy/Hepburn comedy *Woman of the Year*, *New In Town* is droll and delightful. It's January's

first big surprise for critics who traditionally expect studio hand-me-downs from 2008.

Rated PG (one visual joke has the female lead unaware of the effect the cold weather is having on her thinly clad upper body; five or six expletives; a car wreck, played for laughs, a couple of gentle, slapstick pratfalls; a hunting accident has the male lead wounded in the bottom by shotgun pellets; the two leads are necking on the couch, until his daughter comes home from her first date, catching the two off guard; some social drinking as the male lead and buddies drink beer; wine is served with dinner; the lead,

caught in a dangerous snowstorm, gets drunk on a bottle of whisky, thinking it will help her survive; later she is told that is a dangerous practice when stuck in snow; the film has a positive statement about a relationship with Jesus and the



Lucy Hill (Renée Zellweger) and Blanche Gunderson (Siobhan Fallon Hogan) in *NEW IN TOWN*

townsfolk celebrate Christmas by caroling together around a huge outdoor lighted tree). Running Time: 90-some min. Intended Audience: Teens and older

Just for the fun of it, rent *Woman of the Year*. That superb Hepburn/Tracy pairing has Katherine as a political commentator attempting to maintain a career and a marriage with sportswriter Spencer. It contains witty dialogue and a charismatic first-time teaming of its two stars, with a couple of very funny sequences: one with Ms. Hepburn learning the game of baseball and another where she, unfamiliar with kitchen activities, tries to make breakfast for her husband.

the comedians mostly introduce themselves and advertise their Web sites. More time behind the scenes with the comedians would have enriched the bonus section, but overall, the DVDs are a great choice for families looking for quality entertainment.

At one point in his routine, Williams comments that "God allows humor to exist to bless you." *The Comedy Bus* series does just that. The next time you need a good dose of laughter, gather your family and take it for a spin!

Note: The comedians from this series will also be launching 'The Comedy Bus Tour' in Spring 2009. To see when they will be near your city visit www.thecomedybus.com.

Hop Aboard 'The Comedy Bus'

By Belinda Elliott - CBN.com Senior Internet Producer

CBN.com - "Laughter is Prozac for the soul," says comedian Mike G. Williams, producer of a new DVD series that proves comedy can be both clean and funny.

The Comedy Bus series from Ino Records and Premier Productions features Christian comedians from around the country. With imaginative routines, silly songs, and humorous on-stage antics, the series offers laughs while keeping the subject matter safe for the whole family. The first two volumes of the series, "Laugh Out Loud" and "Class Clowns" are now available.

"Laugh Out Loud," features funny men Cleto Rodriguez, Paul Aldrich, Robert G. Lee, Rich Praytor, Mike G. Williams, and *The Good News* TODAY

the comic duo Bean & Bailey. The diverse performers offer up a variety of routines sure to please every member of the family.

Many of the comics are well-known, such as Robert G. Lee, who has been a top warm-up comic in Hollywood for nearly two decades. In this role he entertained audiences between costume and set changes, for shows such as "Just Shoot Me," "Becker," "The Drew Carey Show," and "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

The film's producer, comedian Mike G. Williams, will also be recognized by many as a familiar face. As a writer, his material has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "Conan O'Brian," and "David Letterman." He has also appeared at major Christian music festivals

across the country.

The comedy show also features a couple of musical acts. Paul Aldrich, whose talents have been showcased on Showtime and at The Improv, offers several enter-



taining silly songs. And perhaps lesser-known, but funny nonetheless, the comic duo Bean & Bailey steals the show with their witty banter and inventive song lyrics.

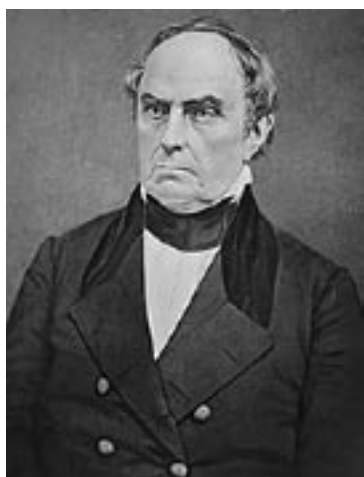
Rounding out volume one of the series is the comedy of Cleto

Rodriguez, a featured performer for *Promise Keepers 2008*, and Rich Praytor who received the American Gospel Music Award for Best Comedian for the Year. Volume two, "Class Clowns," offers acts from all of the great comedians featured on the first DVD along with Kenn Kington, who explains to the audience why he wears women's socks.

Each comic offers a brief performance giving the show a nice, steady pace.

"Laugh Out Loud," and "Class Clowns" run about an hour each, and provide plenty of laughs.

Both DVDs also offer bonus features, though these really do not add a wealth of new material. Apart from a few of the comic's "worst stories" from the road,



Daniel Webster

American Minute with
Bill Federer

One of the five greatest Senators in U.S. history, New Hampshire placed his statue in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. His career spanned almost four decades, serving as Secretary of State for Presidents William Harrison, John Tyler and Millard Fillmore. His name was Daniel Webster.

From a New Hampshire farm, he attended Dartmouth College and became the highest paid attorney of his day. He fought the slave trade, negotiated the Webster-Ashburton Treaty, setting the country's Northeast boundary, and when South Carolina threatened nullification, he stated: "Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!"

Addressing the New York Historical Society, 1852, Daniel Webster stated: "If we and our posterity...live always in the fear of God and shall respect His Commandments...we may have the highest hopes of the future fortunes of our country..."

But if we...neglect religious instruction and authority; violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

The Abomination of Government-Sanctioned Heresy and Curses Upon America

By Bill Wilson

Sunday, January 18 marked the beginning of the U.S. presidential inauguration. Kicking off the ceremonies at the Lincoln Memorial was homosexual activist and false minister of the gospel "Vickie" Eugene Robinson, the apostate Episcopalian. Robinson was charged with opening the event with a prayer. He began his prayer for the new administration at the White House with these words, "O god of our many understandings. . ." From then on, Robinson called on this pagan god to "bless" America, but each "blessing" was actually a curse pronounced over the nation, a prophetic call from the abyss to the one world order and the encoding of the true gospel into words that tickle the ears, but destroy souls.

Robinson asked god to bless our nation with tears, anger and discomfort that we might not accept: poverty around the world; women being raped because they seek an education; the discrimina-

Most Important

By Dick Evans

James 4:4 Don't you realize that friendship with this world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again, that if your aim is to enjoy this world, you can't be a friend of God. (NLT)

Now that is a black and white statement if I ever heard one. How many of us try to be both? How involved are we in our attempt to enjoy this world that we live in? Then we go to church on Sunday and act like we are "a friend of God." Have we even tried to have a relationship with Him? Friends have relationship.

Who Would Jesus Bomb -- A Serious Response to the Crisis in Gaza

By Aaron D. Taylor

A wise man once said, "The first one to plead his cause seems right until his neighbor comes and examines him." That wise man was Solomon and the saying comes from the book of Proverbs, a book respected as the Word of God by both Christians and Jews alike. As an evangelical Christian born and raised in the charismatic movement, I grew up hearing only one side of the Israeli/Palestinian story, primarily the Israeli side. I always assumed that God gave the land to Jews and if the Palestinians don't like it, well, they can sit on a tack, because everyone knows that Palestinians are the devil.

Sunday school songs aside, what's happening in the Gaza strip is serious. That's why we need a grown-up Christian response. Sadly, that's exactly what's lacking in this crucial hour.

So here goes. I believe that Israel has the right

to exist in safe and secure borders. I also believe that Israel has the right to defend itself. I understand the sentiment of President Obama when he says that if rockets were being fired at his home while his two daughters were asleep, he would do everything he could to prevent it. I believe Hamas is a terrorist organization that espouses an ideology diabolically opposed to freedom and progress. I despise the fact that they persecute my brothers and sisters in Christ living under their thumb and, of course, firing rockets indiscriminately at civilians is never justified. Period.

It all gets back to the things of this world, doesn't it? We know we are not to have any idols before God. But we do. We put our schedule with our worldly things before our relationship with God. Some of us have not even taken time out from our earthly pleasures to start a relationship with Him!

It is time for us to stop being so double-minded. It is time to stop thinking about our earthly things and ourselves. It is time to strengthen, even to begin, our relationship with God. And we better do it now, before it is too late. What was most important in your day today?

So is Israel justified in their heavy-handed approach towards the citizens of Gaza? Judging by the fire breathing on both sides of the debate, I don't see a consensus on this one coming any time soon. As for my fellow Christians, we can debate the subject until Jesus comes back and the debate will have largely missed the point. Sure Israel may--or may not--be justified in their aerial bombing campaign and subsequent invasion

of the Gaza strip, but that question alone shouldn't determine the proper Christian response. Why? Because Christians are called to live by a higher standard than what's merely justifiable. Jesus would have been completely justified in slaying the bloodthirsty Romans of His day. The crimes that the Romans committed against the Jews were every bit as bad, if not worse, than the crimes Palestinians commit against the Jews today. But when Jesus hung on the cross, He showed the world that there's a higher law in God's moral universe than brute justice. And that law is mercy. When it comes between following the suffering redemptive love of the cross and the enemy crushing way of the sword, Christians are supposed to choose the cross--at least that's what Christians used to believe.

No, I don't think that followers of Jesus would be prudent to impose New Testament standards on non-Christians, but what I find particularly odd is that when Palestinian Muslims embrace Christianity (like the case of Mosab Hassan Yousef, the son of a Hamas leader who recently made his testimony public) we expect them to embrace a new attitude towards their former enemy Israel. We expect them to love, bless, do good to, and pray for their enemies--like Jesus says to do. But when an Israeli Jew embraces Jesus as Messiah, most of my Christian friends don't expect them to be less militant towards their Palestinian neighbors but more militant. We expect them to

praised the choice of Robinson to pray, saying that the president-elect "has again demonstrated his genuine commitment to bringing all Americans of goodwill together in search of common ground." Warren could not be more incorrect. Robinson is not a man of goodwill. He is an apostate that mocks the word of God. And in lacking discernment by promoting common ground with such a man, Warren is deceived and is deceiving others. What has occurred is the cursing of our nation and its leadership with heresy. And it is a sad day that Christian leaders would embrace such compromise. Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernment of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Discern that you may not compromise.

Homeschooling Grows Rapidly

PURCELLVILLE, Virginia - The National Center for Education Statistics, which is part of the Department of Education estimates that homeschooling grew 36% between 2003 and 2007. "Homeschoolers can now be found in all walks of life," said Michael Smith, HSLDA President.

The NCES estimates 1.5 million homeschooled children, or 2.9% of the school age population in 2007. This is a significant increase from 1.1 million in 2003, or 2.2% of the school aged population.

The NCES survey also considered the reasons parents are turning to homeschooling. Parents continued to cite the negative peer influences of public school, the desire to provide religious or moral instruction as well as concern about the academic quality of public school as

their reasons for homeschooling.

The greatest change from 2003 was an 11 point increase in the desire to provide religious and moral instruction which went from 72% in 2003 to 83% in 2007. Concerns about the school environment, however, remained the top reason with 88%.

"Homeschooling is a mainstream educational alternative. It will continue to flourish as parents and children continue to experience the social and academic benefits of a home based education," said Smith.

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is a 25 year old, 85,000 member non-profit organization and the preeminent national association advocating the legal right of parents to homeschool their children.

fight for their land and liberty even if that means that on the other side homes are demolished, land is confiscated, Palestinians participating in non-violent demonstrations are either tortured, imprisoned, or assassinated (this happens all the time in the West Bank by the way) and, as in the case of Gaza, women and children are denied food and medicine for years on end.

My Christian friends would say that problems in the Middle East would be solved overnight if every Jew and Palestinian would simply confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Without meaning any disrespect to people of other faiths, as a Bible believing Christian, I'm compelled to agree. But here is where the argument falls apart when the wrong people use it. Some of the same people who use this argument are also the ones bombarding the White House with e-mails urging our Secretary of State to let Israel fight. They never seem to ask themselves the question of who would Jesus bomb? What a shame that is! Because how can we as Christians say that the world would be a better place if everyone became one of us when we're the ones cheering when the bombs go flying?

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Inspiration

Letting Go

By Dee Edgett, Source Unknown

There was once a lonely girl who longed desperately for love. One day while she was walking in the woods she found two starving song birds. She took them home and put them in a small glided cage. She nurtured them with love and the birds grew strong. Every morning they greeted her with a marvelous song. The girl felt great love for the birds. She wanted their singing to last forever.



ened at her success in capturing him. Suddenly she felt the bird go limp. She opened her hand stared in horror at the dead bird. Her desperate clutching love had killed him.

She noticed the other bird teetering on the edge of the cage. She could feel his great need for freedom. His need to soar into the clear, blue sky. She lifted him from the cage and tossed him softly into the air. The bird circled once, twice, three times.

The girl watched delighted at the bird's enjoyment. Her heart was no longer concerned with her loss. She wanted the bird to be happy. Suddenly the bird flew closer and landed softly on her shoulder. It sang the sweetest melody, she had ever heard.

The fastest way to lose love is to hold on too tight, the best way to keep love is to give it -- WINGS!

One day the girl left the door to the cage open. The larger and stronger of the two birds flew from the cage. The girl watched anxiously as he circled high above her. She was so frightened that he would fly away and she would never see him again that as he flew close, she grasped at him wildly. She caught him in her fist. She clutched him tightly within her hand. Her heart glad-

Love is...

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the

poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether

FLASHLIGHT TAG MINISTRY TIP



By Rev. Doug Forbes

Flashlight Tag is a terrific activity for an evening youth group program. All you need for this activity are Bibles, Bible concordances and flashlights!

Begin your activity with a Bible study. Ask your students to use their Bibles and concordances to discover Bible passages regarding light. Allow time for each child to share his or her findings.

Read John 8:12 B, which says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Explain how the world is often filled with darkness, sin and ignorance. We can begin to change our world by making a personal commitment to Jesus by asking

there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as

I have studied many times
The marble which was chiseled for me --
A boat with a furled sail at rest in a harbor.
In truth it pictures not my destination
But my life.
For love was offered me and I shrank from its disillusionment;
Sorrow knocked at my door, but I was afraid;
Ambition called to me, but I dreaded the chances.
Yet all the while I hungered for meaning in my life.
And now I know that we must lift the sail
And catch the winds of destiny
Wherever they drive the boat.
To put meaning in one's life may end in madness,
But life without meaning is the torture
Of restlessness and vague desire --
It is a boat longing for the sea and yet afraid.

By Edgar Lee Masters



Him to forgive our sins, come into our hearts and make us members of His family. Then, we can reflect His light, by spreading His light, love, joy and happiness throughout our world.

Ask your class what they can do to make their world a better place. They may suggest ideas such as offering a word of encouragement, raking leaves, shoveling snow, contributing to the food pantry or visiting folks in the nursing home or hospital. Pick one or more of these suggestions and plan to carry them out as

a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

a future class project.

Now you are ready for Flashlight Tag. Ask all your students to bring one or more flashlights to the meeting, and bring a few spare flashlights to ensure that everyone will be properly equipped. Break up into two teams. Team one is to hide and team two is to seek. Turn out the lights and instruct the seeking team to use their flashlights to find and tag members of the other team. The tagged players go to a waiting area until all their team members are discovered. When all the members of the first team are found, or a certain period of time has passed, the second team hides and the first team searches for them.

Close your meeting with refreshments and remind your young people of the good deed activity they have chosen for a group project.

True Character

By Carlos Garcia
Staff Writer

CBN.com – The truest manifestation of our character is what we do with the mundane, the every day, and what we do when people we fear/respect are not in our sphere of influence. Many have "character" when being watched, but how many of those have it when no one is looking? I say, not many.

Character is not what a person claims to personally have. Character is what others testify of you. If you boast of having character excessively, your boast is a hot air balloon being tossed by the winds from place to place -- no consistency and no direction, no substance ... hollow.

True character is not in the saying, not in the boasting, but in the living. Character is walking in integrity, not while being watched, but when in our own space, when no one of apparent authority is present. True character is acknowledging and living like there is a God who is All-knowing and All-present. You want to be pleasing to God, not just every once and a while, but at all times and not

just when it makes us look good.

Can anyone do anything outside the presence of God? Can anyone hide from God? You might hide from men, but from God ... never. (Read Psalms 139: 7-24)

Some have allowed themselves to come to the place where their character has so diminished that they could care less if God is present. They are caught up in "wanting to do what they want to do." They have determined to do whatever pleases them at the expense of pleasing God.

Then when the piper comes a calling to have them pay the price for the bad seed they've sown, somehow it's God's fault or God has forsaken them. When in actuality, they have forsaken God and they are reaping the harvest of rebellion. They have "sown the wind and have reaped the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7). What was bad is now much worse and what was a "secret sin" is now public news.

Their sins have become a spectacle in the eyes of men and brought disgrace to the name of Jesus. But thank God for mercy. If not, we would be overwhelmed (Psalm 40:11-13) and the waves would overtake us (Psalm 42:6-8).

If you are hiding, that's an indication that you are heading in the wrong direction. The truth is that if you are walking in secret sin, you have departed from the Lord. To get in right relationship with God, you must admit that you have sinned, confess your sin, and repent. Receive God's forgiveness, forgive yourself, and find accountability.



Flee from sin and the circles that cause you to sin. Run from disconnection and find your connection in the community of God, God's people, the church (Spirit-filled and Bible believing). Unfortunately, many think that they can walk strong in the Lord without being part of the body of Christ, but the truth is, if you look at the animal kingdom, it's the animals that leave the pack that get attacked.

Stay connected, remain submitted to godly authority, and run the race with a pure heart and clean hands. Be a person of true character, one who is honored first by God and

then entrusted by men.

Is it time that you had a talk with your father? He doesn't need to use a storm to get your attention, but will if it's necessary. Sometimes storms help us to realize how insignificant the things we place such great value upon really are. He understands our troubles and desire to change, speak to Him today before it is too late.

The Bible says; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me for my sin. I know I have made many mistakes

and haven't done everything that I should with my life.. I know that you died for me and that you have a plan for my life. Please teach me your ways and help me to live my life for you, free from the fears of this world and the next. I want to be ready for eternity with you. Amen

Congratulations, if you have prayed this prayer, the Bible says, "Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a **new** creature: **old things** are passed away; **behold**, all **things** are **become new**." (2 Cor. 5:17)

If you've prayed this prayer for the first time or are renewing your commitment to the Lord, please let us know so that we can pray for you as you start your new life with Jesus.

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Kids on the Subject of Love

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"The person is thinking: Yeah, I really do love him. But I hope he showers at least once a day." (Michelle, 9)

HOW A PERSON LEARNS TO KISS

"You learn it right on the spot when the gooshy feelings get the best of you." (Doug, 7) "It might help to watch soap operas all day." (Carin, 9)

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"It's never okay to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you...That's why I stopped doing it." (Jean, 10)

HOWTOMAKELOVEENDURE

"Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work." (Tom, 7) "Don't forget your wife's name...That will mess up the love." (Roger, 8) "Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the garbage." (Randy, 8)

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98, you have to click on "Start"? Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons? Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker? Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour? Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food? When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it? Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff? Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together? If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress? If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

Soul Food

Proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity

Actual label instructions on consumer goods.

On a Sears hairdryer: Do not use while sleeping. (shucks... and that's the only time I have to work on my hair.)
On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. (The shoplifter special?)
On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (and that would be how??...)
On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestion: Defrost." (but, it's "just" a suggestion.)
On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom): "Do not turn upside down." (well...duh, a bit late, huh!)
On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating." (...and you thought?)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body." (but wouldn't this save me more time?)
On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (as opposed to...what?)
On Sunbury's peanuts: "Warning: contains nuts." (talk about a news flash)
On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (Step 3: maybe, uh...fly Delta?)
On a child's superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (I don't blame the company. I blame the parents for this one.)
On a Swedish chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands." (...was there a lot of this happening somewhere?)

The \$1.99 Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. 'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.' 'Then, I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her. 'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously. 'YES!!' stated the waitress. 'I'll take the special then,' my wife said. 'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked. 'Raw and in the shell,'

my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

Moral: Don't mess with seniors!!! They've been around the block more than once!



FUNERAL BELLS

Reverend Dan was a minister well-known for his beautiful singing voice. One day, he came home visibly upset after consulting with Mrs. Jones, a new widow, about funeral plans for her recently-deceased husband. His wife, Helen, asked him what was wrong, and Reverend Dan revealed that Mrs. Jones had asked him to sing her husband's favorite song, *Jingle Bells*, at the funeral. He was troubled that it wasn't appropriate to the solemn occasion. He struggled and prayed about it, and finally decided to honor the grieving widow's wishes.

Bells at a funeral - Reverend Dan carefully introduced the song with words about appreciating the sense of humor and lightheartedness of the deceased. Mrs. Jones had been very tearful during the service. Hearing the introduction to her late husband's "favorite song," she sat up and began to appear quite interested. As Reverend Dan began the song, the widow began to smile, and her tears dried up. She was actually giggling as he concluded, and he felt glad he'd decided to honor her request since it obviously had been so comforting.

At the funeral - still sensitive about how some of the mourners might react to hearing *Jingle*

After the service, she thanked Reverend Dan for sharing his music ministry, and with a big grin she added, "By the way, the favorite song I requested was, *When They Ring Those Golden Bells!*"

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(1 Corinthians 12)
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3 Tuesday

10 a.m. ~ Women's Bible Study, meets every Tuesday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. or nhcc.ws (508)-324-4500

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4 Wednesday

12-1 p.m. ~ 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

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6 Friday

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7 Saturday

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4-8 p.m.~ Adult Coffee House Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly, 10 Troy St. Providence, RI 02909; 401-780-8900

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7 p.m. ~ "Live It Up Band" Christian R&B. The Upper Room. 1221 Main St, West Warwick RI, 401-823-5330 www.theupperroomri.org

8 Sunday

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11 Wednesday

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12 Thursday

9:30 a.m. ~ M.O.P.S Group meets every 2nd & 3rd Thursday of every month; call holiday weeks for reschedule. New Hope Christian Center. 1436 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA (508) 324-4500 or nhcc.ws

7 p.m. ~ Joshua's Men 2nd and 4th Thursday, we meet for prayer, bible study and mutual accountability, at Church of the Apostles 170 Fairview Ave, Coventry, for more info: 401-821-7609

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20 Friday

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7:30p.m. ~ "Ten Shekel Shirt & Mighty Purple" at Community of the Cross Coffeehouse, 7 Madison Ave Danbury Ct. www.1heartonline.org 203-748-4972

22 Sunday

6-8 p.m. ~ Cathedral of Life Strategic Prayer Gatherings (corporate prayer), last Sunday of every month. 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI 401-780-8900

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27 Friday

7-9 p.m. Mens Covenant Meeting ~ at Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly. Last Friday of the month please call 401-780-8900 433 Elmwood Ave, Providence, RI.

28 Saturday

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Grace Family Church from Page 1

Church is happier to know that the guests received nourishment than collect more donations. There were visitors from other churches donating to the cause as well, enjoying the fare and the company of the Grace Family Church members.

Pastor Luciano and his wife Suzanne moved from a Pawtucket church to West Warwick several years ago. Easily identified at 125 Washington Street by its awning with bright blue accents, Grace Family Church is truly the place to be for the unhappy and the down-trodden, the lonely and addicted. According to church members Naomi, Melanie and Lucille, when newcomers enter the church they



Pastor Luciano and Sue Cozzi

are warmly welcomed and there is not even a hint of judgment. This is so important and it mirrors the life of Jesus Christ who greatly desired the poor and the outcasts to come to Him. The objective, of course, is to help lead the person down the road to ultimate surrender to Jesus Christ.

Pastor Luciano receives great respect from his church body for his ability to always challenge them to think deeper and read more of the Bible. He "really keeps us on our toes...and makes us want to learn more," said one member. According to a bio on him, "Pastor Luciano Cozzi has dedicated his ministry to helping Christians resolve their life problems and come to a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus Christ. A native of Italy, since his youth he has nurtured a profound

interest in biblical and counseling issues, as well as a heartfelt desire to help others."

Pastor Luciano "is a brilliant counselor," said Charlie Nault, executive director of *The Artic Mission* "and a friend." "He is able to get right to the heart of the matter and to line it up with scripture." In fact, the pastor, who has advanced training in Biblical counseling, not only counsels some of the Arctic Mission clients but trains their mentors to become licensed counselors. The relationship does not stop there though.

The Artic Mission and Grace Family Church partner regularly to help promote growth in people. One example is that they encourage the clients to earn points by attending church. These points can be redeemed at the Jericho Place store. There's a catch though, in order to earn their points for attending a church service, they must first meet with a mentor to discuss their understanding of the message and how they might apply to their own situation. This requirement is impressive in that it illustrates

the dedication on the part of the staff to help the client onto a road of reliance on Jesus Christ. Points can also be earned for attending life-skills classes, recovery group meetings, mentoring sessions, Bible studies, and or by volunteering at Jericho Place.

The Artic Mission aspires to assist clients to improve their life situation through counseling and referrals, education, and encouragement in overcoming addictions, finding jobs, housing, and educational opportunities and general life skills. Their mission is to change lives by helping to fill the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the clients and to provide education and inspiration for personal growth. Their Vision is to transform the Artic area of West Warwick into a vibrant, spirit-filled community of

hopeful, hard-working people who take pride in their faith, their work, their families and their community. Jericho Place provides clothing, household, and baby items to area families and individuals. In addition the Artic Mission operates *The Upper Room*, a coffee house that presents quality Christian music every Saturday night. Call 401-823-5330 for upcoming events or the check the calendar section of this paper.

Charlie Nault said that the mission has partnered with area churches, CareNet Rhode Island, the American Lung Association, Alcoholics Anonymous, and others, to offer various life enhancing classes to anyone interested in attending. He also mentioned that that he and a team frequently seek out chronic alcoholics who are often denied services in an attempt to get them into some sort of treatment. They offer a support group each morning for these dysfunctional alcoholics. Since the Artic Mission has no kitchen facility, they are able to cook their meals at a local church. Reaching out a little further, a pastor from Providence, lacking space, holds his church service in *The Upper Room* each Sunday!

It is not *easy* to change ANYTHING about ourselves so why would it be easy for any person

to abandon a long term drug addiction or other problem? At Grace Family Church and the Artic Mission, however, people are lovingly challenged to slowly grow out of their present ways and into a permanent relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. And they well should; God loves us all, wholly and completely. There will always be the unbelievers but those who want to listen are taught about God's amazing love for each and every person. They learn how we are all sinners and deserve to perish. Yet



Artic Mission sign over 1227 Main St.

God, in His infinite love, provided His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. When we repent, Jesus will forgive and when invited into our hearts He will become our Lord and our Savior. We can be assured of eternal life with God in heaven right away.

I came away from my time spent in Artic, meetings with Charlie, Pastor Cozzi and others, deeply impressed by the willingness and desire of these churches and ministries,

many not mentioned here, to break down barriers in assisting each other. It calls for a determined effort to unite Christ-centered people, churches and businesses to work together with a single vision and goal. That is, to draw people to Jesus Christ as their Savior, Rock, and everlasting counselor and friend.

You can choose to make a difference in your own life right this moment. You can pass the burden of your sins, your depression and anger, uncertainty about your after-life or any other issues to God right now. Humble yourself and present your sins to Jesus. Accept His forgiveness and have faith in Him. He is a rock you can stand on and cling to and He will never leave you nor forsake you. Remember that Pastor Cozzi and his church members are very open and willing to help you with this process. In these uncertain times, I will pray that many of you will make such a decision *today*.

The Grace Family Church is located at 125 Washington Street in West Warwick. 401-821-6869. Visit their website at www.gfcri.org or attend a service any Sunday at 9am. They hold a Bible study each Wednesday at 7pm.

The Artic Mission is located at 1227 Main Street, West Warwick. 401-828-9400 and their website is www.thearticmission.org

New World Order from Page 5

mission and CFR member Paul Volcker. Obama even asked a CFR member, Rick Warren, to deliver the inaugural prayer.

Still not convinced? Just a few days ago, when asked by a reporter what he thought the most important thing was that Barack Obama could accomplish, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said, "I think his task will be, develop an overall strategy for America in this period when, really, a New World Order can be created. It's a great opportunity; it isn't just a crisis."

This is the same Henry Kissinger, you will recall, who said back in 1991, "Today, America would be outraged if UN troops entered Los Angeles to restore order. Tomorrow, they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told that there were [sic] an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the

unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well-being granted to them by the World Government."

Even Gideon Rachman, the chief foreign affairs commentator for the Financial Times, wrote an editorial expressing his support for world government. In his column he said, "I have never believed that there is a secret United Nations plot to take over the US. . . . But, for the first time in my life, I think the formation of some sort of world government is plausible.

"A 'world government' would involve much more than co-operation between nations. It would be an entity with state-like characteristics, backed by a body of laws. The European Union has already set up a continental government for 27 countries, which could be a model. The EU has a supreme court, a currency, thousands of pages of law, a large civil service and the ability to deploy military force.

"So could the European model go global? There are three reasons for thinking that it might."

Rachman then goes on to explain the reasons why he believes world government is plausible.

Do you now see why it does not matter to a tinker's dam whether it is a Republican or Democrat who resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? For the most part, both major parties in Washington, D.C., have been under the dominating influence of the international bankers who control the Federal Reserve, the CFR, and the Trilat-

eral Commission. And this is also why it does not matter whether one calls himself conservative or liberal. For the most part, both conservatives and liberals in Washington, D.C., are facilitating the emerging New World Order. It is time we wake up to this reality.

Presidents Bush, Sr., Bill Clinton, and Bush, Jr. have thoroughly set the table for the implementation of the NWO, as surely as the sun rises in the east. All Obama has to do is put the food on the table--and you can count on this: Barack Obama will serve up a New World Order

feast like you cannot believe!

That a New World Order is emerging is not in question. The only question is, What will freedom-loving Americans do about it? Of course, the first thing they have to do is admit that an emerging New World Order exists! Until conservatives, Christians, pastors, constitutionalists, and others who care about a sovereign, independent United States acknowledge the reality of an emerging New World Order, they will be incapable of opposing it. And right now, that is exactly what they are not doing.

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