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Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:20

IN THE BEGINNING.....

By Judith Ryder

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

On February 16, biblical apologist Ken Ham, the founder, president, and CEO of Answers in Genesis (AiG), presented his second "State of the Nation" address. He spoke for an hour to a live studio audience inside the theater of the popular Creation Museum (near Cincinnati, in Petersburg, KY) which he founded in 2007. His remarks were carried via webcast, and broadcast over several TV and radio networks to both a national and worldwide audience.



Ken A. Ham, President/Chief Executive Officer, Answers in Genesis

An Australian by birth, Ham received his education in Australia. He earned a bachelor's degree in applied science

with an emphasis on environmental biology from Queensland Institute of Technology, and a diploma of education from the University of Queensland. (The diploma was a graduate qualification necessary for starting his initial career as a science teacher in Australia's public school system.)

In 1987, Ham moved to America and became a U. S. citizen. Since then, in addition to his work with AiG, he has authored many books about Genesis, become well known as a speaker on the conference circuit, and hosted a daily radio broadcast feature heard over more than 900 stations ("Answers in Genesis with Ken Ham").

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For better or worse, never for granted...

By Fred Comella

I was divorced... It's still hard for me to say it some 14 years later. I always thought of myself as someone who could overcome any obstacle life might throw my way. Truth be told, that time in my life brought me to my knees before my God asking "why" and praying for guidance. Regardless of how it comes about, divorce is an emotional rollercoaster that can truly drive folks to the edge of their ability to cope. In my case I had no children and God eventually brought me to my soul mate, who bettered me as a person and gave me the family I always dreamed of. Unfortunately, it does not always end like this. The destruction that marital issues bring to the family units of Christians and non Christians alike is without a doubt a symptom of society's ills in modern times. Financial hardship, emotional scars and children torn between parental camps are just a few of the



The Robinson family

byproducts of a failing marriage. Regrettably, these "byproducts" are all too often accepted and dismissed as "social trends" or even worse "the norm".

As one who uses the media outlet quite a bit to pontificate about what I see as the problem issues of the day, and as a man having gone through a bitter divorce

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Blessings in Disguise

By Ralph Davis

It is not uncommon to hear about people who have been involved in more than one abusive relationship these days. It is often confusing to others; we wonder why they would let this continue or go back for more. But they do, some stay frozen in place and others eventually emerge.

One of eight children, Emilia Paneto was born in Brooklyn, New York. Her mother was a Puerto Rican immigrant who spoke no English and her father was a chronic, mean alcoholic.

The early years of her life were so horrific that Emilia blocked many of the times, places and events out of her mind.



Emilia Paneto

She said that her mother was very brutal, beating them with extension cords and switches to punish them for any infractions of her rules. She was frequently called insulting names and told she was ugly and stupid and would never amount to anything. Words can often sting much more than blows.

Sexual abuse, in particular by family members, was added to the mix even while she was still in the crib, Emilia said. There really was no part of her that was safe from abusers; her mind, body and spirit were frequently under assault.

Emilia said that she hated school and quit as soon as she could at age sixteen. She was already part of a small gang that she

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SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES

By Chuck Baldwin

Both Big Government And Big Religion The Enemy Of Freedom

Almost immediately after Adam's fall, Lucifer and his minions collaborated with evil men to usurp God's authority and sovereignty. And nowhere is God more sovereign than in the heart and conscience of man. In the spirit world, the First Commandment ("Thou shalt have no other gods before me") is the battleground that is most fought over. The war for man's heart and soul is never-ending.

Nimrod was the first would-be tyrant to try and bring the world into a global "New



Archangel Michael by Guido Reni

World Order." His handiwork produced the Tower of Babel, which brought about a cataclysmic judgment from Jehovah. However, while Nimrod was the first globalist to try and unify the nations against God, he was certainly not the last. The Pharaohs, Darius, Artaxerxes, Cyrus, Alexander, Nebuchadnezzar, the Caesars, and hundreds like them have all brought their tyrannical rule over the hearts of men. And their

ideas and passions are as alive and active in the world today as ever.

With every would-be world tyrant, there is

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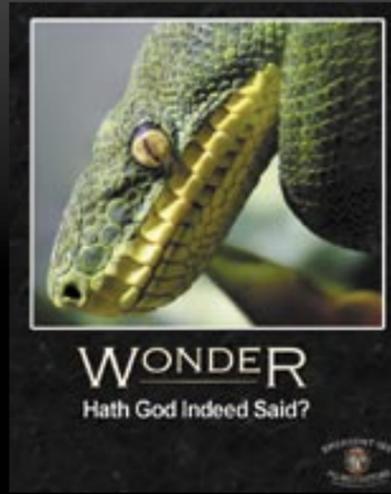
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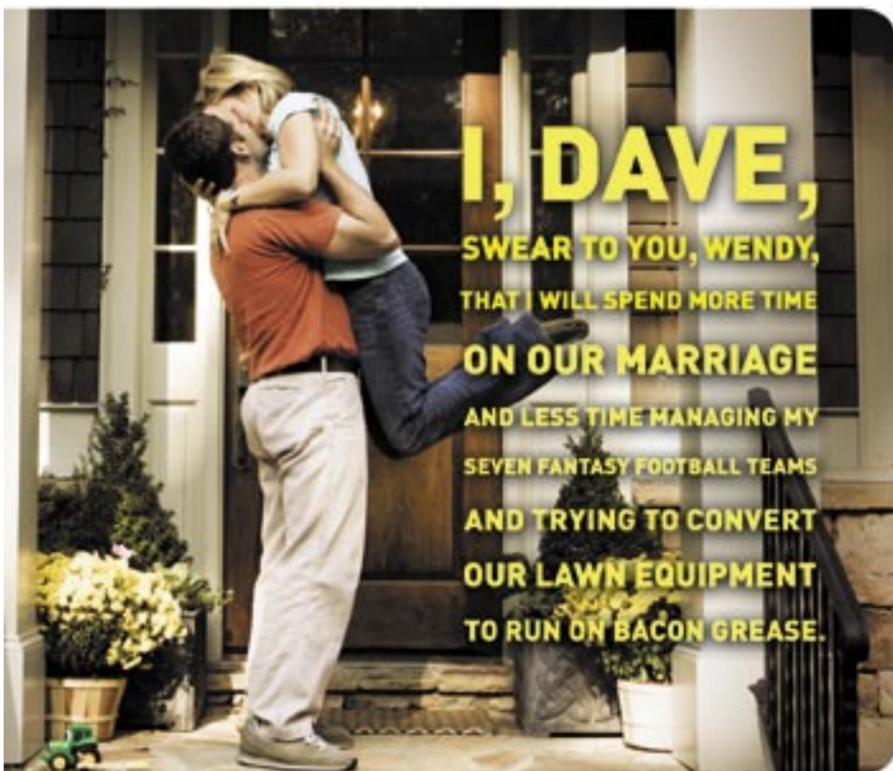
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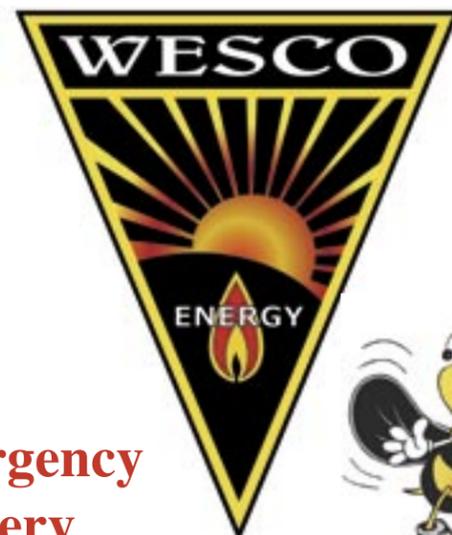
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and peers formed named *The Sexy Ones*. Despite the non-violent sounding name, the gang got into trouble at times and they were indeed tough. Emilia said that people used to have to pay to walk down her street!

Emilia soon began drinking alcohol to numb the pain, helping her to fall asleep at night. This soon led to smoking pot and crack cocaine, an addiction which led her into some of the most desperate places imaginable. She said that even when she was high, she would sometimes watch Christian evangelists on television. Even though she would deny it to others, somehow in the depths of her heart, she knew that God was real and the Bible probably was too. She now acknowledges that it was Him tugging at her heart all along.

Emilia got married at age eighteen to get away from it all. What she actually did however, was move from an abusive relationship with her parents to one with her husband. She said that she had seen her mother and father fight all of the time so it seemed normal when it took place in her own relationship. She did not even know of any other type of relationship.

Finally, having had it with her husband, she moved to Willimantic, Connecticut, lived there for a while with family and then moved to Providence, RI. to live with another physically abusive man. The only good to come out of this relationship was the birth of her three sons, Kenny, Jason and Anthony.

Leaving him, she moved to Norwich, Connecticut where she took up housekeeping with yet another cruel man. Then, one day a drug dealer burst into their home demanding money; the man she lived with had allegedly ripped him off. She remembers her kids were asleep upstairs and Emilia was terrified. Soon after this event her eyes were opened and she threw him out. However this left her and the children alone once again.

A few days later she found herself sitting in a dark house for three consecutive days; the electricity had been turned off because they had used the money for drugs instead of the bills. Due to her addiction, they had nothing to eat but peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Desperate, heavily addicted to drugs and alcohol and without hope, she fell to her knees and begged God for help. The first answer to her prayer came quickly when her niece, Tianekhia Bowman, arrived with a truck to

take her, the children and their belongings back to Providence.

Back in Rhode Island, Emilia began to make steps toward her recovery from drugs by attending Narcotics Anonymous. Six months clean of drugs, she entered into another relationship. This time, Emilia said, "the abuse was not so physical, like when I used to get black eyes and busted lips, this was more emotional and sexual abuse." Emilia began to believe, "Even though I am in recovery now, I am not going to find a man who treats me right. I guess that this is it; this is how men are." One day the man approached her youngest son to hit him and Emilia stood her ground. Tianekhia came to the rescue again, arriving a day later to help her move out.

Emilia began to seek out the solace that she so desperately needed to heal her heart. She began to visit different types of churches. Even with her limited knowledge of the Bible, during her time spent with Jehovah's Witnesses she knew they were not teaching her the truth. At another church she "became saved." That is, she repented of her sins, sought forgiveness and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Grateful to now be a child of God, she still felt empty since the church's emphasis was more on music and emotional outbursts than on solid Scriptural instruction.

In the meantime Emilia worked hard and earned her GED (General Equivalency Diploma) and in 1996, she received an Associates Degree in Business Administration at the Community College of Rhode Island. She never used her business degree but attempted to find employment. Soon she became a supervisor at a Jewelry plant and later became a program coordinator for a Literacy program. About this time she developed a chronic back problem which made it difficult to work and she didn't want to go back to working for minimum wage. After two surgeries on her back she was unable to work for seven years.

During that time she discovered the Gospel Tabernacle Outreach Ministries church in Providence where, she said, "It is not about us, it is about God!" It is there that she began to receive instruction in God's Word. It is there that she was baptized but not until she took a class to understand what baptism means. While there she

found a prayer partner and many others who loved, supported and encouraged her.

One Sunday after church Emilia was talking with her prayer partner who suggested that she start up her own business. The woman even helped give birth to the idea to open a second-hand store. Not having a clue as to how to go about it, in God's mysterious way, Emilia spotted a flyer on the church bulletin board only minutes later. It was an invitation by The Center for Women & Enterprise to attend a "Vision Class" that would help women to develop dreams and ideas to create something. The center also provided free business training, counseling and other resources for women in the Providence area that are hoping to start and grow successful businesses.

Emilia approached God in prayer wondering, "How will I do this? I am disabled, I have no money



Emilia in her store on Charles Street, Emilia's Blessings

at all. I have to trust in you." She approached seven different lenders and was rejected by all of them. She did the next best thing which was to begin her business out of her house. Her prayer partners never ceased praying. Then, Emilia's long overdue retroactive SSI check arrived. Emilia was able to rent a location but was only able to remain there for one year after which the plaza was sold.

God's providence was again displayed when Emilia moved into a new location which was much larger with a huge amount of storage space in the rear. Having an expensive rent to pay each month, Emilia relies on her Heavenly Father. She prays, "God, you gave me this business, I am trusting in you and standing on your word." Referring to her favorite scripture found in Psalm 55:22, "Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken." Her burdens have been lifted more than once. One day a man gave her the entire \$900.00 rent and on another occasion a faithful woman gave her \$247. and recently the landlord has lowered the rent by \$100.

Emilia has been drug free now for over twenty-years. She has been in business for two years and was nominated "Businesswoman of the Year" by The Center for Women & Enterprise. Her sons are all grown and healthy and she has four wonderful grandchildren and a supportive church where she is very active. She is not involved in a relationship with any man currently, believing that God will provide her with a mate if He so wills. If not, she is quite content knowing Him and doing His will.

Emilia said that "What Satan meant for bad, God has turned into good." When an addict comes into her store or crosses her path she knows just how to pray. When an abused soul is there she understands and loves them, counsels and prays with them. "God is in control...He knows your circumstances and the outcome." She takes no credit for anything, any glory, "It is Him... I cannot do anything by myself, it is all Him."

Emilia's Blessing is open six days per week. Three of those days you will find her faithful sister-in-law, Maria Paneto, working diligently as a volunteer. Emilia states, "Maria has been in my life through thick and thin. She's been there through the hard times and now especially in the Christ times." While interviewing her, her faithful niece Tianekhia was behind the counter working to develop an accounting system for Emilia. She prays with anyone God sends her way or tells them how He saved her from her past life and made her what she is today. She can pray openly, she said, "because I own the business and I can do what I want." She

operates as a consignment shop but also accepts donations of clothing and household items. She never refuses clothing to people who are in need. Money in excess of her needs is donated to other

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To those abused or addicted and wanting change, Emilia offers this: "The high you get 'hitting the pipe' the first time is nothing compared to knowing God."

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myself, I feel a personal obligation to write about the issue and possibly offer some direction to families in turmoil. It does not take a rocket scientist to analyze many of today's issues, (war, street gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, child pornography), and arrive at the conclusion that a breakdown of the family unit is in many ways the root cause. Traditionally, it has been our family structure that has sustained us. Sadly, that is becoming a thing of the past.

So what to do you ask? In my humble opinion we must begin by accepting that as human beings we are not perfect, and actually flawed in many ways. We do not singularly bring to our relationships all that is necessary for marital bliss and family success. This very illusion gets us into trouble every time. Additionally, the strong headed approach of "we don't need any help" often dooms many relationships as well.

As with many emotional and/or physical matters we face, admitting we have a problem is the first best course of action, and then seeking the help we need is the next. Now there are a lot of so called "counseling professionals" out there with all sorts of magic bullets for saving our marriages and families. Frankly, it can be confusing to say the least. At the end of the day I am more convinced than ever that God is the one who can help, and those agencies and/or folks out there with Him as the driving force behind the help they offer, are where we must eventually find ourselves when in crises. Of all the support I received before, during and after my divorce, it was one simple conversation with a parish priest that gave me the hope I needed to go on. It wouldn't have mattered if he was a Rabbi, Priest or Pastor.

It was the peace and power of God and his love for me that made the difference. In many cases all we need is someone to communicate that to us.

This brings me to (*Family Life*), a Christian organization helping couples build healthier marriages and families". (www.familylife.com)

This organization provides a diverse offering of services from marriage counseling, to parenting, conflict resolution, and much more, all with a global reach. They engage their mission through a myriad of articles, conferences, radio, video, blogs, newsletters and counseling just to name some of the ways they touch struggling families every day. Their website alone is the most impressive and wide ranging I have ever seen in this field and it does the heart good just to read through the offerings and programs. These people are for real and appear convinced as I am that the first step to addressing much of what ails us today is to strengthen and promote a strong and cohesive family unit. This is and remains a foundation that God can use to bless us in our worldly endeavors.

But don't take it from an opinionated "Blogopotamus" as my lovely wife likes to call me, but rather take it from the mouths of those who have been part of the work of this group of dedicated folks. To this end, my Editor told me of Regina and Jua Robinson, and how they might help me better understand what I'm writing about today in terms of the strength of family and its power to overcome any obstacle. Boy was he on the money. I spoke to Regina over the phone recently as we were up

against deadline. It was like having a family reference text on the other side of the phone. Applying God and faith to my belief system has often left me tongue tied and in need of inspiration. The testimonial Regina gave to me via the Sprint Digital Network addressed that issue and was nothing short of enlightening.

Regina is the daughter, sister and husband of preachers, former Adjunct Professor and Asst. Dean at Liberty University in Lynchburg VA, and an able messenger of Gods word to the young folks. Her youth oriented approach to spreading the word is rooted in a deeply Christian upbringing (one of five) and sprinkled with the likes of



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Beth Moore and the experiences of generations of faithful family and friends. As I spoke with Regina it became clearer and clearer that she and her husband Jua focus their attentions on college age youth as they feel this is a most opportune time to interject Jesus and a "Biblical world view" into their lives. Regina and Jua met at a Campus Crusade Conference and combined what both new to be their destiny's of preaching and spreading the word of God. Regina was quick to point out that "Jua" in Swahili means "who is like the sun", for which she often serenades him with a chorus of "you are my sun shine". Yes, she sings too. The blessings of their three children, Jordyn, Josiah and little 6 month old Joy, are complemented only by the fact that their births chronicle the realization of their dream to plant a multi ethnic church somewhere where it was most needed. Through prayer and the support of friends, colleagues and family, the two arrived at Hyde Park, Boston as their mission location. The road was far from easy and they were indeed challenged on all the usual fronts to include finance, long hours and simply meeting with what were most likely hundreds of folks that would help them asses their mission objectives. While Jua and Regina, his roots in Ohio and hers in the VA, were understandably apprehensive about the stereotypical views of the North East, both were relieved and excited to

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experience the warmth and hospitality they had prayed for on their arrival in the Bay State.

The two used a combination of their education and life experience, to navigate the rough waters, and successfully planted a functionally and foundationally strong church, hence was born, "The Heart Change Fellowship". www.heartchange fellowship.com.

This is not the end of the story by any means, as there were many mountains still left to climb. Sometime around 07-08, Jua was selected along with only five others from Fellowship Associates in Little Rock, AR to be a "Church planter". This prestigious

process and honor would place him in the company of Dennis and Barbara Rainey and others associated with "Family Life". Regina and Jua's talents were obvious to see and *Family Life* quickly asked them to be part of their (Speaker Team). Regina spoke to me at great length about the affect this had on her and Jua. She told me of how her heart was swelled with the satisfaction of seeing those in family crises brought back from the brink by the many support programs and prayers offered at *Family Life*. It was around this time, just before (Valentine's Day 2008) that the couple would get news that would reinforce all that they had ever believed.

An ultrasound revealed their second child Josiah had fluid on the brain, (Hydrocephalus) and would be born autistic. The doctors recommended termination of the pregnancy and advised Regina, that to carry her child to full term would doom him to a "poor quality of life". Regina's faith told her otherwise. While the events of that time forced the couple to scale back their work, and though Josiah was born with special needs, he had no trace of Hydrocephalus. God had seen it differently, and Regina new that her gift from Him would be a blessing none the less.

I saw a picture of now almost 3 year old Josiah on the church web site and he is nothing short of an amazingly beautiful child.

You know, my editor usually gives me about 1500 words to make my point, and truthfully, I have to "bloviate" a bit to make it happen. In this case, 5000 words would not be enough to tell the story of these very special and dedicated people, their efforts and ambitions. Moreover, my eyes are welling and I feel a bit foolish...That said, I hope Mr. Lepore will grant me just a few more words to end with, that I feel are most appropriate and a good summation. Here goes...

Regina mentioned something my wife picked up on regarding my writing style. She said: "It's not my religion, but rather my relationship with God". That says it all for me. She spoke of how "*Family Life*" emphasized things like accountability, constructive criticism, and how there is really no stagnation. We are either moving closer too or away from God. She also remembered an event where a family friend was preaching and asked her and Jua onto the stage to help him illustrate a point for his audience. The preacher handed them a rope and began to ask them questions about the trials of their life together. They initially thought nothing of it, trusting their friend would make his point and allow them to sit down again. However they noticed that for every trial he brought up, and every question he asked about the long hours, the sacrifice, the travel, the concern over Josiah, he would tie a knot in the rope, one after another, then another. When their friend had finished tying his knots in the rope, Jua and Regina were *face to face*... Don't let go of the rope... Enough said.

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In his "State of the Nation 1" address, delivered last June, Ham stated that America is no longer the great Christian nation it once was. He also offered an overview of why so many young people leave the church, citing churches and Sunday schools as being unable to understand and defend the Christian faith, including the Bible's account of Creation.

In his "State of the Nation 2" address, continuing where he had left off in "State of the Nation 1", Ham pointed out that many Christians do not themselves know what they believe about Creation, and have compromised their beliefs by allowing evolutionary thinking to creep into their homes and churches -- even into some evangelical churches where the Bible is preached as God's inerrant Word.

Ham believes the reason for this non-belief among our church leaders is that "We have allowed 'millions-of-years' thinking to enter into our teachings about origins. We say, 'We can believe in evolution, but that God did it.' We say, 'We can believe in the Big Bang, but that God did it.'" Ham added, "When we reinterpret God's Word, we undermine the foundation for all of our doctrine, and we undermine biblical authority itself by equating man's ideas with God's."

In this year's address, Ham began by quoting President Obama, who stated in 2006 that "We're no longer (just) a Christian nation". In his book *Audacity of Hope*, Obama explained that we're also a nation of Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and non-believers. During a 2009 visit to Turkey, Obama said, "We do not consider ourselves a Christian, Jewish [etc.] nation, but a nation of citizens shaped by language and culture and shared values." Ham commented, "Something has changed."

Starting at the beginning, Ham said, most of our Founding Fathers were Christians who built our nation upon God's Word. God's Word was the foundation for what this nation would become. We (our nation) have been a "terrific" witness in this world, Ham said. But, he continued, holding up a magazine cover to help make his point, churches are being converted to museums, and there is a historic transition taking place: religion is shriveling across the developed world, and we are entering a "secular age." He asked, "What's wrong with our nation?"

What followed was a particularly interesting part of Ham's presentation: his contention that cultural

"reminders" which previously guided our nation, are gradually disappearing. He enumerated several of these disappearing "reminders", with just a few of many possible examples:

Bible verses engraved in our national buildings

Prayer in the public schools (1962 Supreme Court ruling made it unconstitutional)

Bible reading in the public schools (removed in 1963)

Respect for life (1973's *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion, the preservation of which President Obama now says is a priority, thus reiterating his unequivocal support for "a woman's right to choose".)

Respect for marriage (we are witnessing increasing legislative initiatives for "gay" marriage; President Obama has also de-funded the public schools' "abstinence education" from the federal budget)

Elevation of homosexuality (President Obama stated that he is proud to be the first to appoint cabinet members who are openly gay; he also stated he intends to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA); moreover, recently he announced his goal to repeal the military's policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell")

Freedom of Religion (In 1985, nativity scene displays on public property were ruled unconstitutional)

Ken Ham continued by challenging Christians to impact the culture and refuse to be duped into believing the myth of the so-called "separation of church and state", which he pointed out is not in the Constitution. Explaining that the First Amendment secures our freedom of religion, not our freedom from religion, he stated that a misplaced belief in the concept of "separation of church and state" unfortunately leads to many being hesitant to inject their Christian beliefs into politics. But, Ham insists, the Bible makes it clear that there is no neutral position on social issues. He asserts that freedom from religion is impossible. What secular humanists actually desire, he says, is freedom from Christianity, although Ham maintains that without God there is only brute survival without love, honor, and many other virtues.

Pointing to TV commercials (such as Gap's 2009 Christmas ad, "Do what feels right"), and to bill-

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boards erected by atheists in 30 states and 60 cities advertising atheist-friendly slogans (such as Katherine Hepburn's quote, "I'm an atheist and that's it"), Ham provided more evidence for his thesis that atheist ideas are becoming more prevalent in today's formerly Christian culture. He offered several examples of how Christianity is becoming outlawed and/or openly mocked at every turn. On the other hand, he said that if he were to attack Islam, he would be excoriated.

Ham then made reference to the collection of biology textbooks acquired by the Creation Museum. If these books are any indication, American biology students are learning that everything can be explained by naturally occurring processes and nothing by supernatural forces. This effectively removes religion and the Bible from the discussion. God's Word has gradually been replaced by man's ideas, and God's role as Creator has been eliminated. Until the 1960's, while the Bible and prayer were still in public schools, there was no neutrality on certain important subjects. Using the statistic that 90% of children from church homes attend public schools, Ham showed how they are being subjected to learning this secular point of view without appropriate challenges. He contends that the Bible was not only thrown out of the public schools, but it was also replaced with a different religion (secular humanism). Throughout his presentation, Ham interspersed his remarks with a plethora of Bible verses both to illustrate and underscore his various points.

After asking, "Where is the Church in all of this?" Ham spent several minutes bemoaning how the church no longer affects our nation as it once did, and spoke of how Biblical authority has been undermined "because the salt has become contaminated." He called out certain professors at Christian colleges and seminaries for undermining the Bible by rejecting such events as, for instance, Noah's flood, reinterpreting it to

be merely a "local flood in the Mideast." Ham reported that some contend that Adam and Eve were not real persons, and still others teach that the Bible is not inerrant. Ham noted that atheists love and use compromising Christians such as these for their own purposes, and he specifically charged that theistic evolutionists help further the atheist agenda.

Ham believes that as the secular world has challenged the Christian world, the Church has been intimidated. He stated that "the Church needs to repent." Saying that abortion and "gay" marriage are actually the symptoms rather than the problems, Ham told his audience that the gospel must be preached in order to change hearts and minds. Only then will the worldview change. He said it is God's Word



Creation Museum guests observe the life-size, animatronic Utahaptor, a velociraptor-type dinosaur whose remains were discovered in Utah in 1993.

that changes hearts and minds. The Bible is the absolute authority. Without emphasizing that truth, the Church is not even touching the culture. He cited the need to raise up generations of children who aren't ashamed. The Church in the western world must stand unashamedly on the Word of God in order to restore the foundation of authority of the Word. He shared



Entrance to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY.

that at the present time, 70% of our young people are walking away from church. (See *Already Gone*, his book on that subject.) His solution to this problem is a Reformation engendered by a return to the Word of God, which is how our nation was built, and an "Economic Stimulus Plan", referring his listeners to passages from Deuteronomy 28, verses 7,12,15, and 24-44.

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Meanwhile, Ham encouraged Christians to have confidence in their own understanding of God's Word and origins, including what the Bible teaches about the important issues of today such as abortion and "gay" marriage. He was adamant about the need to restore our foundation on God's Word rather than man's word. "God's people need to unashamedly and uncompromisingly stand on the Bible and its absolute standards. We need to proclaim a Christian worldview and the Gospel, all the while giving answers for the hope we have."

In conclusion Ham exhorted, "If we want to see 'reminders' back in our culture for future generations, we need a reformation in the church." He said, "I would like to see people nailing Genesis chapters 1-11 to the doors of our Christian colleges, churches, and seminaries. We need to change hearts and minds to influence the culture."

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts." II Peter 3:3

For additional information on Ken Ham's ministry, *Answers in Genesis*, as well as his doctrinal positions on the topics mentioned in this article, please visit www.answersingenesis.org. AiG is a biblical apologetics ministry and a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to confirming the validity of the Bible from the very first verse. In addition to its acclaimed Creation Museum, which recently welcomed its 945,000th visitor, AiG outreaches include about 250 teaching meetings each year, an award-winning website and magazine (*Answers*), and the "Answers" radio program airing on several hundred stations. Ham and the museum appeared on ABC-TV's "Nightline" program in late January 2010.

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National News

Traditional Marriage in Rhode Island May Be in Jeopardy

(Boston Globe) The Ocean State has elected an openly homosexual state representative to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Rep. Gordon Fox (D-Providence), who had served as majority leader, received the votes of 51 of 75 lawmakers. Rep. Fox will replace William Murphy. The future of traditional marriage in Rhode Island may be in jeopardy as outgoing Murphy was an opponent of same-sex "marriage," as is Gov. Carcieri, who is in the last year of his final term as governor. Fox will preside over a veto-proof Democratic majority and have wide sway over which bills come to a vote and which bills die.

Federal Prostitution Charges in Rhode Island

(EP News)--An Indiana couple has been charged with transporting two women across state lines to engage in prostitution. A Providence, R.I., grand jury charged Nathan G. Pope and Jane M. Wales under a federal law known as the Mann Act. Pope was arraigned in mid February. If convicted, the pair faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Just a few months ago such an arrest wouldn't have happened in Rhode Island. Federal law enforcement officials left Rhode Island out of national trafficking initiatives, so the state passed a law last October prohibiting "indoor prostitution."

Presbyterian Church USA: Some reject John 14:6

(Associated Press) LOUISVILLE, KY - A poll of members of the Presbyterian Church USA shows a significant percentage of them now reject the exclusivity of the gospel message. The Statement of Faith of the nation's largest Presbyterian denomination says God through Jesus Christ delivers followers "from death to life eternal." But a poll done by the Presbyterian Panel's "Religious and Demographic Profile of Presbyterians" found that 36 percent of members disagreed or strongly disagreed

with the statement: "Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved." Another 39 percent, or about two-fifths, agreed or strongly agreed with the statement.

Benny Hinn's Wife Files For Divorce

The wife of prosperity gospel televangelist Benny Hinn has filed for divorce. The Associated Press reported that Suzanne Hinn filed the papers in Orange County Superior Court on Feb. 1, citing irreconcilable differences, after more than 30 years of marriage. The papers note the two separated on Jan. 26 and that Hinn has been living in Dana Point, a wealthy coastal community in southern Orange County. "Pastor Benny Hinn and his immediate family were shocked and saddened to learn of this news without any previous notice," Benny Hinn Ministries said in a statement. "Although Pastor Hinn has faithfully endeavored to bring healing to their relationship, those efforts failed and were met with the petition for divorce that was filed without notice."

New Web Site on Porn's Destructiveness

(EP News)--PornHarms.com chronicles the damage pornography does to individuals, families and society. Creator Pat Trueman said it's a one-stop Web site for all the peer-reviewed research showing that there is harm from pornography. "We intend that the site would have ready access to researchers," he said, "as well as the press and the general public who want to know what the research says." He added that there's a team of researchers adding content every week, and the research is conclusive. "People who spend any amount of time looking at pornography have significant brain changes," he said.

Veterans Oppose Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

(EP News)--Two prominent veterans groups said they are not in favor of President Obama's plan to put an end to the policy banning openly homosexual men and women from serving in the military. The two groups -- The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion -- have a combined membership of approximately 15 million. The president has repeatedly said he wants to get rid of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Defense Secretary Robert Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday that he, too, is in favor of changing the policy. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Mike Mullen told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Feb. 2 that they support the move to allow openly gay-identified men and women to serve in the military. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., said her subcommittee will hold a hearing on the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on March 3.

'Pornography Harms' Website Launched

Feb. 17, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The devastating harm from pornography is becoming more evident with each passing day. Now a website has been launched to provide ready access to credible, peer-reviewed research documenting that harm.

"Pornography Harms is a one-stop location for sound research, news articles and opinion pieces demonstrating the harm from pornography," said Patrick Trueman, creator of the site.

Trueman, the former chief of the U.S. Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, expressed strong concern for the direction of America due to the prominence of pornography. "Since the advent of the internet, pornography has flooded homes, businesses, public libraries, and

even schools. The results have been devastating to the social and family fabric of America," Trueman said.

Trueman observed that, for nearly two decades, a large segment of America's children have had ready access to internet pornography. In the latest trend called, "sexing," children are producing and distributing cell phone child pornography.

Trueman speculated that this phenomenon may well be an outgrowth of the viewing of internet pornography over long periods of time by children, resulting in diminishment of their natural inhibitions against such activity. "Pornography, in other words, is altering minds, destroying taboos, and reordering society," he said.

Addiction to pornography, Trueman noted, is now common among men, women, and even many children, bringing life-long consequences. Pornography use is a significant factor in divorce; a contributing cause of the spread of prostitution and the sexual trafficking of adults and children.

Trueman credited a multi-disciplinary group of professionals and concerned citizens from around the country for the research work on Pornography Harms.

"Pornography is a neglected pandemic and it will remain so until knowledge of its destructive forces is widely understood and disseminated. The Pornography Harms website is dedicated to this task of education," Trueman said.

To visit Pornography Harms, www.pornographyharms.com

Christian Father Faces Jail for Taking Daughter to Church

By Michael Ireland

CHICAGO, IL (ANS) -- A father from the Midwest who knew he could be accused of defying a court order barring him from taking his daughter to church took her anyway -- and now he is facing contempt of court charges and jail.

Thirty-five-year-old Joseph Reyes, holding his 3-year-old in his arms, walked into Holy Name Cathedral on January 17. A news crew videotaped the act of defiance. "I have been ordered by a judge not to expose my daughter to anything non-Judaism," Reyes told a news reporter. "But I am taking her to hear the teachings of perhaps the most prominent Jewish Rabbi in the history of this great planet of ours. I can't think of anything more Jewish than that." The prominent

Jewish Rabbi that Reyes referenced was Jesus Christ.

Now the lawyer representing Rebecca Reyes (formerly Rebecca Shapiro) has filed a Motion for Criminal Contempt, asking that Joseph Reyes face criminal charges for defying the judge's order. The next hearing is scheduled in March and Reyes has launched a new Web site www.christianfatherdefensefund.com to raise money for his defense.

His attorney, Joel Brodsky, says they will fight. "My client should be allowed to take his daughter to church," says Brodsky, who happens to be Jewish. "In every way this is wrong. Freedom of religion is absolute and no judge should be able to interfere with that freedom."

"I am a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and I am currently working my way through law school. I need the help in order to defend myself against my wife and her family, who want to put me in jail for taking my daughter to church," said Reyes.

Adding to Reyes' disgust at the situation, is the fact that the money being used to prosecute him for taking his daughter to church comes from his father-in-law's work for Playboy. Howard Shapiro, is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the company.

"How Howard Shapiro can make his living from pornography and then object to me taking my daughter to church is beyond my understanding."

Conservative Leaders Unite To Create Mt. Vernon Statement

(EP News)--More than 80 conservative leaders, representing millions of Americans, have signed a statement that seeks to limit government. The Mount Vernon Statement on Constitutional Conservatism was unveiled at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C.

Tom Minnery, senior vice president of Public Policy at Focus on the Family Action, is one of the signers. He said, "Social conservatism, which defines Focus on the Family Action, is part of a larger conservative movement that seeks to limit government, to put it back into its natural boundaries."

Minnery and other co-signers are troubled by the expansion of the federal government. "In the last era, government has grown way outside its proper sphere by getting into moral and spiritual realms," he explained, "such as redefining marriage, such as encouraging women to leave their children at home and go into the work force."

The group met under the leadership of Edwin Meese, a former Attorney General under Ronald Reagan. The statement outlines the fundamental principles that

New Hampshire Citizens Will Not Get a Vote on Same-Sex Marriage

(EP News)--The New Hampshire Legislature voted down a proposed constitutional amendment on Feb. 17 that would have defined marriage as between one man and one woman -- and sent the issue to the voters. The house vote was 201-135. Last year, the Legislature legalized gay marriage. The law went into effect Jan. 1. The New Hampshire House also defeated a bill that would have repealed the same-sex marriage law.

Kevin Smith, executive director of Cornerstone Action, said lawmakers may pay a price for not letting the people of New Hampshire vote on the issue. "It's quite clear that this Legislature is just completely out of touch with the will of the people," he said, "who want the right to have their say on the issue of gay marriage. The bottom line, though, is they are going to get their say at the ballot box this November when they get to elect new officials who represent their interests, and not those of the radical far-Left lobby."

unite economic, social and defense conservatives. To read and sign the statement visit: www.themountvernonstatement.com

Catholic Foster-Care Program in D.C. Ends

(EP News)--The Catholic Archdiocese of Washington was forced to end its foster-care program, because it did not want to license same-sex couples as foster-care parents. The Archdiocese's program has been in existence for 80 years.

Freedom of religion advocates have been warning that legalizing same-sex marriage could compromise religious organizations' social involvement in local communities. The Washington, D.C., Council legalized gay marriage in the District. The same-sex marriage bill was approved and signed in December.

Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst with Focus on the Family Action, said a similar situation took place in Massachusetts after its gay-marriage court decision. Catholic Charities Boston was forced to close the doors of its adoption agency rather than compromise its religious principles.

"Unfortunately, the governments that are forcing unwanted social change upon their citizens do not appear to appreciate, nor care, that they are crippling or driving the faith-based programs out of business that are most effectively helping these government entities provide for the less fortunate," he said.

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Fashion Shoe Companies Donate More Than 70,000 Pairs of Children's Shoes for Haitian Earthquake Victims

By Michael Ireland

NASHVILLE, TN/NEW YORK, NY (ANS) -- Soles4Souls, the international charity dedicated to distributing new and gently worn shoes to those in need all over the world, will send more than 70,000 pairs of infants and children's shoes to Haiti. The shoes are in support of Soles4Souls commitment to send more than 1.3 Million pairs of shoes to the devastated region.

They are being donated to Sole4Shoes by BCNY International, a New York-based fashion footwear manufacturer, servicing and supplying the major North American retailers with womens, kids and mens product, and Synclaire Brands, a New York-based company that is the footwear licensee for such brands as Kors

Michael Kors, Stuart Weitzman, Paris Blues, True Jackson, and Garanimals. Soles4Souls has partnered with other organizations on the ground in Haiti to transport and distribute the aid.

More than 30,000 pairs of shoes, including work boots, rain boots, children's athletic shoes and clothing items, have already been distributed in Haiti. The shoe charity announced it will continue to send aid to the region throughout 2010 as part of their sustainable efforts to rebuild the country.

"The mission to bring hope to the people of Haiti is well underway," said Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls. "With the help of our friends at BCNY International / Synclaire Brands, Haitian's can begin to rebuild their lives and look forward to a

brighter day."

"As a company and as individuals, we have always been committed to Souls4Soles in all of their global efforts and we will continue to support their generosity around the world in distributing footwear to those in need," said Evan Cagner, President BCNY International/Synclaire Brands.

"When we saw what happened in Haiti, we knew we had to do something for the children. They are the future of Haiti and hopefully the footwear will help them," said Bruce Cagner, CEO BCNY International/Synclaire Brands.

For more information on how to get involved and donate to the victims in Haiti, visit www.give-shoes.org.

Millions Wash in Polluted 'Holy' Water

By Gospel for Asia

INDIA (ANS) -- You can smell the river before you can see it. Tons of industrial and biological waste are dumped into its waters every year. However, this filthy river is revered as holy to millions around the world. It is the Ganges River, fabled to have descended as a goddess from heaven in order to purify the earth and its inhabitants. And this is where these millions believe they can wash their sins away.

From January to April this year, millions of people are making an arduous journey to the banks along the river in Hardwar, India. There, they will wade into the brown water, dip their faces into it and soak their hair in its mucky waves. The filth that sticks to their skin is just the unavoidable result of their

spiritual cleansing ceremonies.

This months-long festival is called Kumbh Mela, and while there are similar festivals periodically at other locations along the Ganges, the Kumbh Mela occurs in Hardwar-which means "Gateway to God" in Hindi-only once every 12 years. This year's festival is expected to bring a record number of holy bathers-an estimated 60 million by the time it ends in April.

February 12 is the next major



Devotees wade into the Ganges believing this will wash their sins away.

bathing date, according to festival organizers. Hermit-like sadhus, devoted holy men, will lead pilgrims down to the river bank to bathe. Devotees believe that anyone with a sickness will be healed by dipping in the river.

"Hundreds and thousands of people daily come here believing their sins will be washed away by bathing in the Ganges," writes GFA's correspondent in the area. "Please pray that they would know the real Savior who has the power to wash away their sins."

Ancient Road Discovered in Old City Substantiates Byzantine-Era Christian Jerusalem

By Nicole Jansezian for www.Travelujah.com

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL (ANS) -- Upon entering Jerusalem's Old City through the Jaffa Gate, you are enveloped in the bustling and colorful David Street, lined with souvenirs shops and local shopkeepers. Now, an archaeological dig has confirmed that this very street has been on the map, literally, for 1,500 years.

The Israel Antiquities Authority announced the find this week. At the time, the thoroughfare was 4.5 meters below the current street level.

The road dates from the time when Jerusalem became a Christian city in the Byzantine era. While other locations on the Madaba Map have been discovered, the road had remained hidden until now.

The existence of the road is confirmed on the Madaba Map, an ancient mosaic map of Jerusalem from the 6th century. It is located in a church in Jordan and is the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of Israel.



Remains of the 1,500 year old street

The Madaba Map describes Israel with an emphasis on Christian sites at a time when the country transitioned from paganism to Christianity. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher is among the identifiable sites on the map. All of the churches on the map are portrayed with red roofs on the map.

Dr. Ofer Sion, director of this excavation, said that after digging through "a number of archeological strata" the team discovered meter-long flagstones of the ancient street.

"It is wonderful to see that David Street, which is teeming with so much life today, actually preserved the route of the noisy street from 1,500 years ago," Sion said.

During the Byzantine period (4th-7th centuries), Jerusalem was a Christian city. Thousands of Christian pilgrims came to Jerusalem to worship and many left written descriptions of the city and its holy places. The Madaba Map was one of them, showing the city walls, gates, the main streets and the churches. The main thoroughfare, the Cardo, was a colonnaded street that bisected the city from north to south.

The IAA said that the 8- by 16-meter Madaba Map also clearly showed an entrance to Jerusalem from the west through a large gate that led to a single, central thoroughfare on that side of the city. Excavations had never been performed in this area since it is still a main thoroughfare in the Old City frequented by tourists and locals alike. However, the dig will continue now allowing tourists to catch a rare glimpse of history.

The flagstones found were cracked from the burden of centuries. Next to the road archaeologists also discovered a stone foundation

Violence Targets Iraqi Christians

(CBN News) There has been a recent surge in violence against Christians in northern Iraq. At least three Christians have been killed near the city of Mosul this week. A gunman opened fire on two university students on Tuesday, killing one Assyrian Christian. Also, earlier this week, two other believers died in separate attacks. The attacks have been linked to Iraq's upcoming parliamentary elections. Christians make up less

than three percent of Iraq's population, but radical Muslims want to isolate them and drive them from the country. "What can we say?" asked Bishop Shlemon Warduni, the second-most-senior Chaldean bishop in Iraq. "We are very sad. The government is looking at what is going on, it is speaking, but doing nothing," he told AFP. Roughly half of Iraq's Christian population, about 500,000 people, has fled the country since 2003.

Israeli expert: There are no Palestinian refugees

By Israel Today Staff

Professor Nitza Nachmias of Haifa University, an expert on Jewish-Arab relations in the Middle East, told Arutz 7 radio this week that the reality is there are no Palestinian refugees, though they are wielded to great effect to extract concessions from Israel.

Nachmias, who also teaches at the University of Maryland, explained that the word "refugee" is being applied to Palestinian Arabs to illicit international sympathy, though few realize they do not fit the common perception of what a refugee is.

"If people would stop calling the places in which they live 'refugee camps,' then they would see that these places are just like villages and towns anywhere else, and the inhabitants are totally rehabilitated," said Nachmias. "Real refugee camps are like the...camps now in Haiti -- not the villages with streets and stone houses in what is known as Palestinian refugee

camps of today."

She also noted that most of those Palestinians living abroad who claim to be refugees have been fully integrated into their host countries, meaning they are technically no longer refugees.

Nachmias also took issue with the unique rules applied to the Palestinians that allow the descendants of those who may have really been refugees to continue claiming refugee status.

"According to international law, a refugee is an individual or family that was forced to run away -- but this definition does not extend to children, a community or a group. The only exception to this rule is the Palestinians, for whom the international laws are apparently different."

Nachmias continued by calling out UNRWA, the UN agency tasked with aiding the so-called Palestinian refugees. She noted that UNRWA, using the tax dollars and donations of UN member states, is today no longer a welfare agency, but one of the largest employers in the Palestinian-controlled territories, with some 30,000 Palestinian employees.

Nachmias said she even "discovered documents of pension funds of over a billion dollars a year, managed by brokers in Switzerland. All this for what is defined as a 'welfare agency' whose mandate is renewed every three years."

Nachmias concluded by urging Israel to shift tactics in combating the Palestinian demand for a "right of return" for these so-called refugees, which is one of the major sticking points in negotiations between the two sides. Up until now, Israel has argued that it cannot meet that demand because it would demographically destroy the Jewish character of the state.

But Nachmias noted that no one but Israel really cares about its Jewish character, and that if Israel legitimizes the claim that these Palestinians do have a right to return, then Israel loses.

The correct approach according to Nachmias: "Israel should take a pro-active approach, basing itself on international law and precedents, and declare that the Palestinian refugee issue no longer exists. They are no longer refugees!"

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Health

Big Pharma researcher admits to faking dozens of research studies for Pfizer, Merck (opinion)

By Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, NaturalNews Editor

(NaturalNews) It's being called the largest research fraud in medical history. Dr. Scott Reuben, a former member of Pfizer's speakers' bureau, has agreed to plead guilty to faking dozens of research studies that were published in medical journals.

Now being reported across the mainstream media is the fact that Dr. Reuben accepted a \$75,000 grant from Pfizer to study Celebrex in 2005. His research, which was published in a medical journal, has since been quoted by hundreds of other doctors and researchers as "proof" that Celebrex helped reduce pain during post-surgical recovery. There's only one problem with all this: No patients were ever enrolled in the study! Dr. Scott Reuben, it turns out, *faked the entire study* and got it published anyway.

It wasn't the first study faked by Dr. Reuben: He also faked study data on Bextra and Vioxx drugs, reports the Wall Street Journal. As a result of Dr. Reuben's faked studies, the peer-reviewed medical journal *Anesthesia & Analgesia* was forced to retract 10 "scientific" papers authored by Reuben. *The Day* of London reports that 21 articles written by Dr. Reuben that appear in medical journals have apparently been fabricated, too, and must be retracted.

After being caught fabricating research for Big Pharma, Dr. Reuben has reportedly signed a plea agreement that will require him to return \$420,000 that he received from drug companies. He also faces up to a 10-year prison sentence and a \$250,000 fine. He was also fired from his job at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. after an internal audit there found that Dr. Reuben had been faking research data for 13 years. (www.theday.com)

Business as usual in Big Pharma

What's notable about this story is not the fact that a medical researcher faked clinical trials for the pharmaceutical industry. It's not the fact that so-called "scientific" medical journals published his fabricated studies. It's

not even the fact that the drug companies paid this quack close to half a million dollars while he kept on pumping out fabricated research. The real story here is that this is business as usual in the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Reuben's actions really aren't that extraordinary. Drug companies bribe researchers and doctors as a routine matter. Medical journals routinely publish false, fraudulent studies. FDA panel members regularly rely on falsified research in making their drug approval decisions, and the mainstream media regularly quotes falsified research in reporting the news.

Fraudulent research, in other words, is widespread in modern medicine. The pharmaceutical industry couldn't operate without it, actually. It is falsified research that gives the industry its best marketing claims and strongest FDA approvals. Quacks like Dr. Scott Reuben are an important part of the pharmaceutical profit machine because without falsified research, bribery and corruption, the industry would have very little research at all.

Pay special attention to the fact that the *Anesthesia & Analgesia* medical journal gladly published Dr. Reuben's faked studies even though this journal claims to be a "scientific" medical journal based on peer review. Funny, isn't it, how such a scientific medical journal gladly publishes fraudulent research with data that was simply invented by the study author. Perhaps these medical journals should be moved out of the non-fiction section of university libraries and placed under *science fiction*.

Remember, too, that all the proponents of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and mammograms ignorantly claim that their conventional medicine is all based on "good science." It's all scientific and trustworthy, they claim, while accusing alternative medicine of being "woo woo" wishful thinking and non-scientific hype. Perhaps they should have a quick look in the mirror and realize it is their own system of quack medicine that's based largely on fraudulent research, bribery and corruption.

You just have to laugh, actually, when you hear pushers of vaccines and pharmaceuticals

claim their medicine is "scientific" while natural medicine is "unproven." Sure it's scientific -- about as scientific as the storyline in a Scooby Doo cartoon, or as credible as the medical license of a six-year-old kid who just received a "let's play doctor" gift set for Christmas. Many pharmaceutical researchers would have better careers as writers of fiction novels rather than scientific papers.

For all those people who ignorantly claim that modern pharmaceutical science is based on "scientific evidence," just give them these three words: Doctor Scott Reuben.

Drug companies support fraudulent research

Don't forget that the drug companies openly supported Dr. Scott Reuben's research. They paid him, in fact, to keep on fabricating studies.

The drug companies claim to be innocent in all this, but behind the scenes they had to have known what was going on. Dr. Reuben's research was just too consistently favorable to drug company interests to be scientifically legitimate. If a drug company wanted to "prove" that their drug was good for some new application, all they had to do was ask Dr. Reuben to come up with the research (wink wink). "Here's another fifty thousand dollars to study whether our drug is good for post-surgical pain (wink)."

And before long, Dr. Reuben would magically materialize a brand new study that just happened to "prove" exactly what the sponsoring drug company wanted to prove. Advocates of western medicine claim they don't believe in *magic*, but when it comes to clinical trials, they actually do: All the results they wish to see just *magically appear* as long as the right researcher gets paid to materialize the results out of thin air, much like waving a magician's wand and chanting, "Abra cadabra... let there be RESEARCH DATA!"

Shazam! The research data materializes just like that. It all gets written up into a "scientific" paper that also magically gets published in medical journals that fail to ask a single question that might have exposed the research fraud. I guess these people believe in magic after all, huh? Where science is lacking, a little "research magic" conveniently fills the void.

The whole system makes a mockery of real science. It is a system operated by criminals who fabricate whatever "scientific evidence" they need in order to get published in medical journals and win FDA approval for drugs that they fully realize are killing people.



What is "Evidence-Based Medicine?"

The fact that a researcher like Dr. Reuben could so successfully fabricate fraudulent study data, then get it published in peer-reviewed science journals, and get away with it **for 13 years** sheds all kinds of new light on what's really behind "evidence-based medicine."

The recipe for evidence-based medicine is quite simple: *Fabricate the evidence!* Get it published in any mainstream medical journal. Then you can quote the fabricated evidence as "fact!"

When pushers of pharmaceuticals and vaccines resort to quoting "evidence-based medicine" as their defense, keep in mind that much of their so-called evidence has been entirely fabricated. When they claim their branch of toxic chemical medicine is based on "real science," what they really mean is that it's based on fraudulent science but they've all secretly **a g r e e d**



Scott Reuben, MD

to call it "real science." When they claim to have "scientific facts" supporting their position, what they really mean is that those "facts" were fabricated by criminal researchers being paid bribes by the drug companies.

"Evidence-based medicine," it turns out, hardly exists anymore. And even if it does, *how do you know which studies are real vs. which ones were fabricated?* If a trusted, well-paid researcher can get his falsified papers published *for 13 years* in top-notch science journals -- without getting caught by his peers -- then what does that say about the credibility of the entire peer-review science paper publishing process?

Here's what it says: "Scientific medicine" is a total fraud.

And this fraud isn't limited to Dr. Scott Reuben, either. Remember: he engaged in routine research fraud *for 13 years* before being caught. There are probably thou-

sands of other scientists engaged in similar research fraud right now who haven't yet been caught in the act. Their fraudulent research papers have no doubt already been published in "scientific" medical journals. They've been quoted in the popular press. They've been relied on by FDA decision makers to approve drugs as "safe and effective" for widespread use.

And yet underneath all this, there's nothing more than fraud and quackery. Sure, there may be some legitimate studies mixed in with all the fraud, but *how can we tell the difference?* How are we to trust this system that claims to have a monopoly on scientific truth but in reality is a front for outright scientific fraud?

Keep up the great work, Dr Reuben

Thank you, Dr. Scott Reuben, for showing us the truth about the pharmaceutical industry, the research quackery, the laughable "scientific" journals and the bribery and corruption that characterizes the pharmaceutical industry today. You have done more to shed light on the true nature of the drug industry than a thousand articles on NaturalNews.com ever could.

Keep up the good work. After paying your fine and serving a little jail time, I'm sure your services will be in high demand at all the top drug companies that need yet more "scientific" studies to be fabricated and submitted to the medical journals.

You may be a dishonest, disgusting human being to most of the world, but you're a huge asset to the pharmaceutical industry and *they need you back!* There are more studies that need to be fabricated soon; more false papers that need to be published and more dangerous drugs that need to receive FDA approval. Hurry!

Because if there's one place that extreme dishonesty is richly rewarded, it's in the pharmaceutical industry, where poisons are approved as medicines and fiction is published as the truth.

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Ringo Starr - Why I've turned to God at nearly 70

By Dan Wooding

LOS ANGELES, CA (ANS) Britain's Daily Mail (www.dailymail.co.uk) is reporting that former Beatles drummer, Ringo Starr has found God at nearly 70 years of age.



Ringo Starr today

This was revealed in a story written by Ben Todd who said, "John Lennon caused a worldwide storm by claiming that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus.

"Now, more than four decades on, it seems his former bandmate Ringo Starr has acknowledged a humbler place in the grand scheme of things.

"The drummer says he has found God - after taking a long and winding road to enlightenment."

Todd said that Liverpool-born Starr admitted he lost his way when he was younger, both as a Beatle experimenting with marijuana and LSD and afterwards when he suffered alcohol and cocaine problems in the late 1970s.



The Beatles

"But the musician, who has since become teetotal and quit his 60-a-day cigarette habit, says that religion now plays an important role in his life," said Todd.

He reported that Starr, who turns 70 later this year, said: "I feel the older I get, the more I'm learning to handle life. Being on this quest for a long time, it's all about finding yourself.

"For me, God is in my life. I don't hide from that. I think the search has been on since the 1960s. "I stepped off the path there for many years and found my way back onto it, thank God."

Starr was speaking at an event at the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles.

Todd went on to say that it was

in 1966 that his late bandmate John Lennon announced that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ.

In an interview with the London Evening Standard, Lennon - who was murdered in 1980 - said: "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue with that. I'm right and I will be proved right.

"We're more popular than Jesus now. I don't know which will go first - rock and roll or Christianity - Jesus was all right but his disciples were thick and ordinary. It's them twisting it that ruins it for me."

Todd said that when a U.S. magazine reprinted some of the interview, protests broke out in the States and Beatles records were publicly burned. The protests then spread to other countries, including Mexico, South Africa and Spain.

In his latest interview Starr - a vegetarian who is married to former Bond girl Barbara Bach and now splits his time between homes in Los Angeles, London and Monaco - also told how he finds it far easier to deal with life now he is approaching his 70th birthday in July.

But what about John Lennon? Did he ever find Christ in his life?

The answer is yes, according to British writer Steve Turner who revealed in an excerpt from The Gospel According to the Beatles published in Christianity Today that John Lennon actually became a Christian for a period while living in New York. Turner revealed that it was in the spring of 1977 that Lennon suddenly announced to close friends that he'd become a born-again Christian.

"He had been particularly moved by the U.S. television premiere of Franco Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth, starring Robert Powell as Jesus, which

NBC showed in two three-hour segments on Palm Sunday, April 3, 1977," said Turner. "A week later, on Easter day, he took Yoko and Sean to a local church service.

"Over the following months he baffled those close to him by constantly praising 'the Lord,' writing Christian songs with titles like 'Talking with Jesus' and 'Amen' (the Lord's Prayer set to music), and trying to convert nonbelievers. He also called the prayer line of The 700 Club, Pat Robertson's program. The change in his life perturbed Yoko, who tried to talk him out of it. She reminded him of what he'd said about his vulnerability to strong religious leaders because of his emotionally deprived background. She knew that if the press found out about it they would have a field day with another John and Jesus story. John

The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry

Five & Two Pictures recently announced the upcoming release of a very special film entitled "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry."

"The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry" is an inspiring Christ-honoring family film that is entertaining, funny, and filled with spiritual truths that the LORD can use. Best buddies Dustin (Jansen Panettiere), Albert (Frankie Ryan Manriquez), and Mark (Allen Isaacson) are twelve year old boys looking for fun in the summer of 1970. What they find is trouble, and it's name is Nick (the town bully).

The boys need help, and they find it in the form of Jonathan Sperry (Gavin MacLeod) a seventy-five year old man Dustin has seen at his church. Dustin starts to mow the lawn of Jonathan Sperry and a unique friendship develops. What happens the rest of this summer is something Dustin and his friends will never forget!

Jansen Panettiere, the younger brother of Hayden Panettiere of "Heroes" fame, and Robert Guillaume also co-star.

Kids need to see this, parents can learn from it, and senior-saints will be inspired by "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry". Already, over 1200 salvation decisions for the Lord have been recorded that we know of, said producer Rich Christiano.

Actor Kirk Cameron says "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry" moved me with its message of eternity and how one faithful man can make a difference in the lives of many. I recommend this inspiring movie for any family to watch together."

Popular actor Gavin MacLeod, made famous from his roles in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Love Boat," is a devout Christian and said it was a privilege to play this role. "I have been acting for over 60 years," Gavin says. "I made my first movie in the mid-1950's and have worked with some of the biggest stars in show business - Cary Grant, Gregory Peck, Tony Curtis, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen, Bing Crosby - the list goes on and on," he adds. "I also had the opportunity to be in two of the most popular TV shows in the history of television playing a newsman in 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show' and the captain of 'The Love Boat.' Playing the role of Jonathan Sperry is the most meaningful project I have ever done."

The film's Director and Producer Rich Christiano (who also made "Time Changer") and his team are hoping that churches and groups will jump on board. "Ninety-nine percent of the movies that come out in the theater have almost nothing to do with the Lord and Chris-

Entertainment

tian themes. I think this movie can encourage a lot of people during difficult times. They will laugh, be encouraged and touched.

Actor Pat Boone called "The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry" a "heartwarming experience for the entire family."

"The church normally just plays defense," Christiano adds. "Hollywood will do something we don't like, and we complain about it. We need to go on the offense! Let's put forth films that can be positive for our society like 'The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry.' If viewers will give this movie a chance, I think they are going to be pleasantly surprised.

Your opportunity to participate in this novel evangelical outreach takes place locally in March. We need you to help promote the movie in your circle of influence. Download posters online or contact Michael@thegoodnewstoday.org for more information on how you can help. Plan now to invite your friends and family.

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became antagonistic toward her, blaming her for practicing the dark arts and telling her that she couldn't see the truth because her

eyes had been blinded by Satan.

"Those close to the couple sensed that the real reason she was con-

cerned was that it threatened her control over John's life. If he

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2010 TAX TERRORISM SEASON

By Michael LeMieux

Each year about this time the federal government and most notably the Department of the Treasury and the IRS start what some in the Tax Honesty Movement call the Tax Terrorism Season. In the interest of fair credit I did not coin that phrase and first heard it from a friend of mine named Dave Champion (www.originalintent.org - www.nontaxpayer.org).

During the first few months of the season, up until April fifteenth, we start to hear stories of high profile individuals being taken to court for one reason or other dealing with taxes. All in an effort to frighten the people into voluntary compliance; although I think the mob used to use that same tactic on the shop owners in Brooklyn and many of them went to jail.

On the IRS's own web page they have a document called the "IRS Strategic Plan." This plan outlines the new administrations' goals for 2009-2013 in the operation of the IRS. On the cover are lots of smiling faces to soften the real goal of the IRS - the removal of your money from your bank account. The commissioner of the IRS has a message at the beginning of the document stating the two goals of this "strategic plan:"

1. "[T]o make voluntary compliance easier."

Hmm, there is that term again - voluntary compliance. So what does voluntary compliance mean? Well most of

us know that voluntary means "proceeding from the will or from ones own choice or consent." (Webster's) and Compliance means "The act or process of complying to a desire, demand, or proposal or to coercion." Let's take a look at how these two terms interact - it could be that I want to give away 40% of my hard earned money for government by my own choice or consent for them to waste but what if I really don't want to? Well that's where the compliance part comes in its called coercion. And to coerce means: "To compel to an act or **dominate by nullifying individual will.**" Ah ha - if you don't voluntarily pay up they send men with guns to nullify your individual will.

2. The second goal falls right in line with the coercion part is states: "Our second and equally important goal is to enforce the law to ensure everyone meets their obligation to pay taxes." Even though they

the tax. In fact I have letters from Congressmen that state such but that is for another article.

So this is the grand "strategic plan" of the IRS to make it easier for the IRS to take your money and if you dare question them they will send men with guns. And how do I know they will send men with guns? Well I'm glad you asked - The Federal Business Opportunities (fedbizopps.gov), a section of the Treasury Department on February 2nd, 2010 issued a request for bids stating "The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) intends to purchase sixty Remington Model 870 Police RAMAC #24587 12 Gauge pump-action shotguns... The Remington parkerized shotguns, with fourteen inch barrel, modified choke, Wilson Combat Ghost Ring rear sight and XS4 Contour Bead front sight, Knoxx Reduced Recoil Adjustable Stock, and Speedfeed ribbed black forend, are designated as the only shotguns authorized



Steve Hempfling and Joe Banister (former Special Agent of the Criminal Investigation Div. of the IRS) with 100 V protesters after the government's failure to answer "Redress of Grievance" request.

will not tell you what that law is or what law makes you liable for

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inventory, certified armorer and combat training" Well I'm certainly comforted to know that our IRS agents are fulfilled their "combat training" in order that they may make "voluntary compliance easier" for the American targets, I mean public. I find that on a nice spring day I become much more compliant when I look down the barrel of a 12 gauge shotgun.

And to make all this happen our Dear Leader Chairman MaoBama increased the budget of the IRS by 5.2 percent to 12.1 billion dollars with 890 million dollars going for tax enforcement alone.

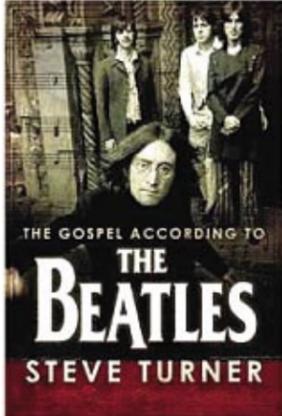
But the one thing that I did not find throughout the new "strategic plan" was where they will answer the questions that many in the Tax Honesty movement have been asking for years - What law, specifically, makes the average individual making domestic source wages liable for a tax? Many have asked and have been told it is a frivolous question. Oh Really?

The IRS tells us that they wish to enforce the tax law on all liable taxpayers yet they will not tell you the law that makes you liable for the tax. But they will tell you that they are buying sixty brand new shotguns to assist you in volunteering to comply during this years' Tax Terrorism Season.

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became a follower of Jesus he would no longer depend on her and the occultists. During long, passionate arguments she attacked the key points of his fledgling faith. They met with a couple of Norwegian missionaries whom Yoko questioned fiercely about the divinity of Christ, knowing that this was the teaching that John had always found the most difficult to accept. Their answers didn't satisfy her, and John began to waver in his commitment. "In an unpublished song, 'You

Saved My Soul,' he spoke about 'nearly falling' for a TV preacher' while feeling 'lonely and scared' in a Tokyo hotel. This must have referred to a trip to Japan at the end of May when he stayed at the Okura Hotel for over two months while Yoko visited relatives. Feeling isolated because of the language barrier, he locked himself away in his room for



long stretches of time. At night he suffered terrifying nightmares. According to John Green, who makes no mention of the born-again period in his book, John told him, 'I'd lie in bed all day [in Tokyo], not talk, not eat, and just withdraw. And a funny thing happened. I began to see all these different parts of me. I felt like a hollow temple filled with many spirits, each one passing through me, each inhabiting me for a little time and then leaving to be replaced by another.'

evil spirits without taking in the good. He says that an unclean or evil spirit, finding nowhere to rest, will return. 'And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.'



John Lennon

"Whatever happened in Tokyo, it marked the end of his personal interest in Jesus."

Starr and Lennon were not the only Sixties music icons to embrace religion. In 1978, Bob Dylan became a born again Christian, but by 1983 this period appeared to end and the singer reportedly reverted

to his roots in Judaism. Those close to Dylan, however, say that he has never publicly renounced his faith in Christ and they point to his recent Christmas album as proof that he is still fascinated with Christianity.

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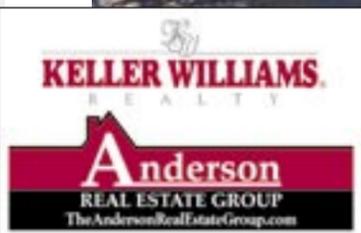
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one constant: the unholy marriage between a supranational government and Big Religion. If Jehovah God made anything clear in the Mosaic model of government, it was the fact that--until Christ Himself comes to occupy both offices--the offices of Priest and King were to be eternally separate. At least one Old Testament Jewish king learned that lesson the hard way.

Yet, Big Government and Big Religion have always come together for the purpose of enslaving the masses. The devilish duo of Big Government and Big Religion killed the Old Testament prophets. They hung Jesus on the cross and persecuted the early Church. They murdered masses during the Dark Ages; they managed the Holocaust; and their obnoxious offspring are still at work today. This criminal cabal has been the bane of genuine faith and personal liberty since the beginning of time.

When Colonial America fired that shot heard around the world and fought their way to independence, they broke free, not only from the political domination of the Crown, but also from the religious domination of a State Church. No longer would citizens be required to join a particular church in order to hold public office. No longer would citizens be required to financially support churches and institutions they deemed to be offensive to their spiritual convictions. No longer could a religious institution use the power and force of civil government to subjugate men to its tenets and, yes, tentacles. Indeed, the apostate kingdom created by Constantine's spiritual whoredom ended at the eastern shore of America!

And dare I say that I am proud of my Anabaptist forebears for helping to embed the principle of religious liberty into American law and jurisprudence? Indeed, I am! What many Americans do not know (and what many militant secularists refuse to acknowledge) is that it was the influence of the Colonial Baptists--most notably, the Baptist minister John Leland--that was most responsible for the First Amendment being added to

the US Constitution.

Therefore, it is more than disturbing when I see evangelical Christians being seduced by the ancient Big Government/Big Religion whorish union today. How can any true Gospel preacher accept federal Faith-Based Initiative monies, except that he has either lost all understanding of what freedom truly means, or is willing to sacrifice the sacred principles of liberty upon the altar of his own selfish interests? How can any true



Gospel preacher not realize that Big Religion has always conspired with tyrannical governmental forces against the true Gospel message? Why are they so blind to these devilish conspiracies? At the highest levels of virtually every major religion, the conspiracy to hijack truth and enslave the masses is constantly at work, whether it is Catholicism, Judaism, or Protestantism.

This is what the Apostle Paul warned about in Ephesians 6:12. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Of course, the "rulers of the dark-

Big Government and Big Religion is as evil and sinful today as it ever was

ness of this world" are demonic. But it is also an absolute certainty that these demonic forces accomplish their devilish deeds through evil men who are given to "spiritual wickedness in high places."

Was not the spiritual netherworld complicit in helping to construct Nimrod's Tower of Babel? Was not spiritual wickedness at work when Pharaoh murdered the little children of the Hebrews? Were not dark principalities at work when Nebuchadnezzar ordered everyone to bow to the image of the Babylonian leader? When the Lord Jesus called Jewish King Herod a "fox," was not He acknowledging Herod's complicity with evil? Were not spiritual powers aiding and abetting the Jewish Sanhedrin when they moved the crowd to crucify the Son of God? When

the early Church was being persecuted, was not spiritual wickedness at work? When nonconforming Christians were thrown to the lions and sawn asunder, were not their tormentors influenced by these same rulers of darkness? Of course they were!

Then, why is it so difficult for modern Christians--especially our pastors and preachers--to understand that this unholy union of Big Government and Big Religion is as evil and sinful today as it ever was? Why are they unwilling to recognize that the same devilish system that plagued the Church throughout the ages--suspended only temporarily by the successful revolution for American independence--is rearing its ugly head again? Why are they unwilling to believe that many of America's leaders (from both parties) routinely give themselves to luciferian rituals, such as those annual dances around the fire at the Bohemian Grove? Why is it so hard to believe that we have leaders (from both parties) who have given themselves to dark, secret societies, such as Skull and Bones? Why are they not suspicious when certain religious schools and institutions repeatedly produce many of the leaders (from both parties) who seem to universally take America down the same path of globalism?

As most Christians should know, The Beast of Revelation is as much a SYSTEM as it is a person. As the Apostle John warned, the "spirit of antichrist... even now already is it in the world." (I John 4:3) He also warned, "Even now are there many antichrists." (I John 2:18)

Any Big Government/Big Religion system that seeks to bring nations into global unity, enshrine a politically correct theology of universalism, establish Church/State uniformity, and marginalize independent, nonconformist ideology is nothing more than the emergence of another Tower of Babel or Beast-like system! And, dear Christian friend, has it occurred to you that our central government in Washington, D.C., is currently engaged in all of the above?

Both political parties--including most of our national leaders and news media--actively promote globalism; universalism is, without a doubt, the unofficial--but clearly understood--national religion; and anyone who holds nonconformist views (i.e., pro-life, Jesus-only theology, anti-UN, anti-illegal immigration, questioning official government explanations of national tragedies, etc.) is being viciously ridiculed, impugned, and marginalized by virtually everyone in the national press corps and central government. Yes, I am saying it, THE BEAST IS EMERGING IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!

The powers that be in both Big Government and Big Religion want to control both our hearts and our minds. They cannot tolerate dissent. Mind you: they do not care if one is Republican or Democrat, because at the national level, both major parties are marching in the same beastly direction. They do not care if one is conservative or liberal, because the leaders of both

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camps are, likewise, marching in lockstep to the tune being played by The Beast. They do not care if one is Jewish, Catholic, or Protestant, because at the highest levels, these religions are committing whoredom with The Beast.

If a pastor or preacher is going to be true to his calling today, he must be willing to adopt the philosophy of the late, great Charles Haddon Spurgeon, who said, "The more prominent you are in Christ's service, the more certain are you to be the butt of calumny [slander]. I have long ago said farewell to my character. I lost it in the earlier days of my ministry by being a little more zealous than suited a slumbering age. And I have never been able to regain it except in the sight of Him who judges all the earth, and in the hearts of those who love me for my work's

sake." Any desire for promotion, pleasure, riches, or fame will quickly make one a servant of The Beast. And, I'm afraid, that is exactly what many of today's pastors and preachers have become.

The fight for independence was as much for the freedom of the heart and mind as it was for the freedom of a State or nation. In fact, one cannot enslave the latter until he first enslaves the former. And this is what is currently at stake: the freedom of the heart and soul to be governed by God and no other! And this battle will never be won--at least not nationally--as long as Christians and pastors are unwilling to recognize the enemy for what it is: "spiritual wickedness in high places."



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A new report from the public policy group America's Survival, Inc. (ASI), headed by veteran investigative reporter Cliff Kincaid, explores how and why the Pope's call for a "World Political Authority" plays into the hands of those demanding a "New World Order" and increased power and authority for the United Nations. Author Lee Penn says, "The question is not whether there will be a New World Order. The question is who will control it, and for what ends." The Vatican, he argues, is determined to be a major global player.

Kincaid comments, "This report, with almost 300 endnotes, examines in detail how and why the

The Religious Face of the New World Order: From the Vatican to the White House to the United Religions Initiative

Vatican has abandoned its resistance to a New World Order. This is a major sea change in world events and the global political order." Penn, who previously wrote the book, *False Dawn*, about global religion, notes in this report that "When the Pope agrees with Mikhail Gorbachev, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Henry Kissinger, the new President of the European Union, and other secular leaders on the need for global governance and a new world order, we can know that the world has indeed experienced a 'harmonic convergence' and entered a new age." Kincaid's introduction to the report goes into substantial detail about the

roles being played in this unfolding international drama by the Obama Administration and financial hedge fund operator George Soros, who is pouring large sums of money into various politically active "Catholic" groups.

Penn observes the significance of what is happening: In the past, the proponents of "global governance" have faced Papal skepticism or opposition. With the publication of *Caritas in Veritate*, Benedict XVI has himself come out strongly for a new world order. He might wish to put a new international system to different uses than those supported by Mikhail Gorbachev, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Henry

Kissinger, or others -- but he agrees that a new international system, "a true world political authority," must come into being.

In the explosive report, Penn offers his own provocative theory of what is happening and why. World government, he argues, depends on a global religion. ASI President Kincaid adds, "On a basic level, this can be viewed as an attempt to bring together the world's Eastern and Western spiritual traditions. It is not clear how Islam will be inte-



Pope at the UN

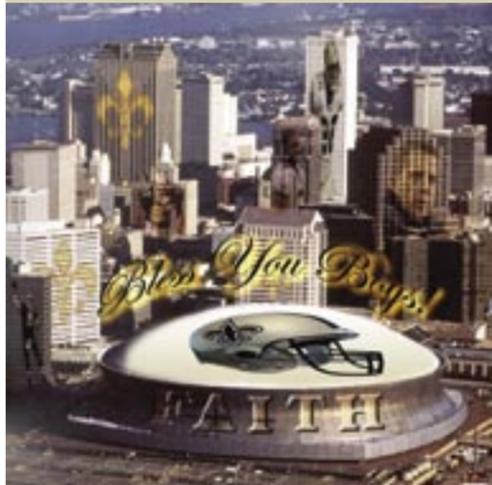
grated into this global system but the United Religions Initiative (URI) seems designed to accomplish this goal. As Lee Penn documents,

the URI even included practitioners of Wicca (witchcraft) as well as an Islamic cleric convicted of rape."

While much of this seems inevitable, Kincaid says that opposition is emerging from traditional Christians, most especially conservative Catholics. The 84-page report is available at www.usasurvival.org.

Sports

Saints' win stirs seminary's heart for city



By Gary D. Myers

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--It was a Super Bowl parade 43 years in the making. The unbelievable had happened. The once-hapless, underdog Saints won the big game.

With confetti and Mardi Gras flair, the Saints and their fans basked in a victory parade the evening of Feb. 9 that was epic even by New Orleans standards.

Described by many as a "sea of humanity," an estimated 500,000 to 800,000 fans lined downtown streets to celebrate the 31-17 Super Bowl victory over the Indianapolis Colts two days earlier. Fans sang along as bands played "When the Saints Go Marching In." Spontaneous "Who Dat" cheers rang out over and over during the tribute to the team that spanned more than four hours.

People from all walks of life and all backgrounds -- young and old alike -- came together to enjoy the spectacle that featured floats from many of the most famous Mardi Gras "krewes." In the crowd, people talked about the game, their favorite players and where they were when Tracy Porter intercepted Peyton Manning's fourth quarter pass, sealing a Saints victory.

During the lean years, fans often wore brown paper bags over their heads at games in the Super Dome. But the team once known as "The Aints" are "Aints" no more.

The joyous scenes of the parade were in stark contrast to the photo-
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tographs and videos of downtown New Orleans in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Landmarks on the parade route like the Super Dome and the Convention Center were places of anguish and pain.

But on this day when the Saints were celebrated as kings for a day, the people of New Orleans also were cheering for the rebirth of their city. For those who asked, "Will New Orleans ever recover?" in the days following the storm, the city's residents answered with a resounding "Yes."

Since Katrina, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been an active partner in the city's rebuilding process. Countless students, professors and staff members have wept and worked alongside those who lost everything in the storm. And they have shared their faith throughout the neighborhoods of New Orleans.



The seminary's MissionLab program mobilized volunteers in tandem with Southern Baptist churches that sent thousands of their members to New Orleans to rebuild homes and assist local churches with ministry and evangelism. Many students, staff and faculty at NOBTS saw the city's crisis as a chance to connect with the people of New Orleans in an incarnational way. Through the work of local churches, the seminary, the North American Mission Board and volunteer teams, Baptists have a stronger voice and a more visible presence in the city.

When NOBTS doctoral student Rhyné Putman and his wife Micah

returned to New Orleans following Katrina, the couple decided they would spend more time outside the gates of New Orleans Seminary. They have since become students of the city, learning to understand its rich culture. Their love for the people of New Orleans keeps them in the world, but not of the world.

Tuesday's celebration was an opportunity to identify with his wife's coworkers, said Putman who, understandably, also was excited to see the Saints players.

"I went to the parade because I was excited about the Saints winning," Putman said. "I really wanted to see Drew Brees. But it really was exciting to be a part of what the city is doing."

Many have described the Saints' season with its comebacks and overtime victories as "magical." But, what seems like "magic" or even divine intervention came through hard work, discipline and character. Coach Sean Payton, now in his fourth season, emphasized those qualities to his players.

And the team, marked by men of faith like Super Bowl MVP Drew Brees, Mark Brunell, Heath Evans and Jon Stinchcomb, has responded. These and other players have become heroes on and off the field using their influence to benefit the city and bring glory to God.

Early in the season the Saints became the feel-good story of the National Football League after posting a 13-0 record. People in the sports world quickly made the connection between the team's on-field success and off-field commitment to the city, as the players and coach often talked about the area's ongoing recovery. On the NFL's biggest stage before and after the game, Brees and Payton openly voiced their love for New Orleans and its people. Brees, Payton and other Saints player have given away thousands of dollars to assist the city.

Vanee Daure, a longtime staff member at NOBTS, could not

attend Tuesday's parade but had a chance to see the television coverage.

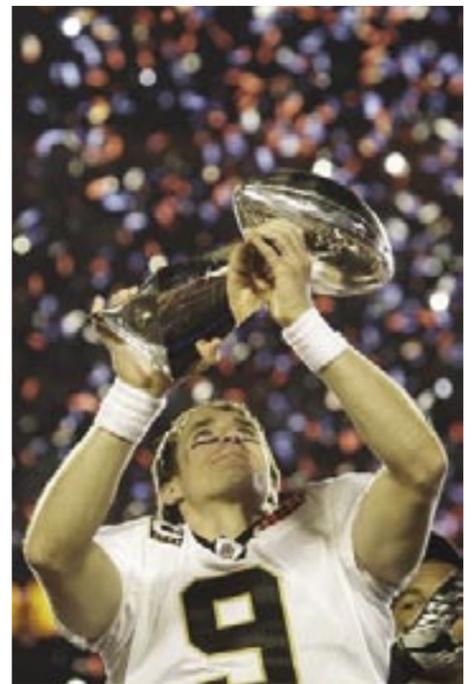
"Watching it on TV was great. It's not that I didn't want to be there, I just had a prior commitment," Daure said. "[The celebration] meant a lot to me, because it made the city come together. I've been a Saints fan since they started."

Daure sees other benefits in the Saints' big win.

"I think [the win] is doing a lot for the economy of New Orleans. I think it is going to help the city recover," she said. She hopes the spotlight on the city will help more displaced residents return and rebuild. Economic development leaders agree. They believe the national exposure of the Super Bowl will create a boon for business in New Orleans.

The Super Bowl win did not solve the problems that still plague the city -- poverty, blight and crime. But while the recovery is not complete, the city has come a long way since Hurricane Katrina.

The celebration was a good reminder of why New Orleans Seminary was placed in the city, Putman said. With many people in the city and the region needing to hear of the hope found in Jesus



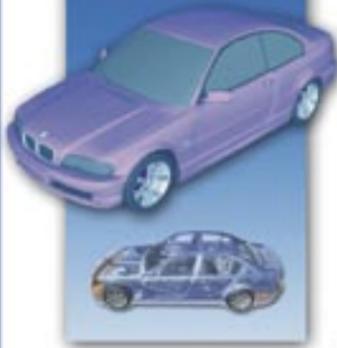
Drew Brees Superbowl Trophy

Christ, Putman hopes to see the city of New Orleans come together for the glory of God.

"Ultimately, it's not about football, it's about something bigger than football," Putman said. "I saw people getting excited about football players and the Vince Lombardi Trophy. What if people had that kind of vision for the Lord and the glory of God? What if we could somehow move the people of this city to that sense of excitement about things that really are significant?"

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Roger Williams

American Minute with Bill Federer

Guilty of preaching religious liberty in England, Roger Williams fled to Boston, in February of 1631. He pastored briefly before being banished by Puritan John Cotton, who himself had been persecuted by Anglicans in England.

Roger Williams befriended the Narragansett Indians, who gave him land for Providence Plantation, Rhode Island—the first place where church government was not controlled by the state government. In 1639, Williams organized the first Baptist Church in America.

His “notorious disagreements” with Cotton led to his publishing “Mr. Cotton’s Letter Lately Printed, Examined and Answered,” in 1644. Roger Williams wrote:

“The church of the Jews under the Old Testament in the type, and the church of the Christians under the New Testament in the anti-type, were both separate from the world; and when they opened a gap in the hedge or wall of separation between the garden of the church and the wilderness of the world, God hath ever broken down the wall...

therefore if He will ever please to restore His garden and paradise again, it must of necessity be walled in peculiarly unto Himself from the world.”

In 1802, Jefferson referred to Roger Williams’ “wall of separation” in his letter to the Danbury Baptists.

Sincerity

By Dick Evans

2 Corinthians 2:17 *We are not like the many hucksters who preach for personal profit. We preach the word of God with sincerity and with Christ’s authority, knowing that God is watching us. (NLT)*

Have you ever tried to do something with someone looking over your shoulder? Try adding up a column of numbers with someone watching over you. It is harder to do than when you are by yourself. When I was teaching and showing the students a live demonstration, I would find myself making typing errors for all to see. I had thirty students looking over my shoulder.

As far back as I can remember I have known God knows all. He is with me all the time looking over my shoulder. And yet, this has never made me watch what I am doing and make mistakes like having a

Dear Friends,

I’m not sure how he arrived at his decision to leave the political arena, but I find myself wanting to say thank you to Patrick Kennedy. The people of District # 1 Rhode Island may now have the representation they deserve. This is not to impugn Mr. Kennedy or his efforts, though our political views are football fields apart,

but rather to reinforce what I have been saying all along. Patrick Kennedy’s personal trials have affected, and would continue to affect his ability to appropriately represent his constituency, and I suspect he may have finally realized this fact. Say what you will, but the stresses of what was sure to be a bruising re-election campaign on the heels of the loss in Massachusetts, would certainly have taken their toll on him.

Like any job you or I would apply for, there are requirements and/or standards that must be met. In the case of the United States Congress at this moment in history, there is simply too much in play and at risk to be wondering when Mr. Kennedy would suffer another episode that might influence his decision making process or ability.

Personally, I wish him the best in his ongoing battles and I would

encourage him to seek the help of his family, friends and the Lord moving forward. That said, it is now time for someone else to step in and do the business of the people of District # 1, as well as play a role in what will certainly be a very consequential next couple of years in United States politics.

Fred Comella
Barrington, R.I.

Global Warming Fraud, the Bible, and Politicians

By Bill Wilson

After the Lord God destroyed the earth with the great flood, He said in His heart as recorded in Genesis 8:21, 22 “I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” This is a promise from God that he will not again destroy the earth as in the days of Noah. And the Lord outlines what He will not do. He says that while the earth remains cold and heat shall not cease.

The latter days, Jesus Christ says, will be times of deception. He warns in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” He warns four times in this chapter to not be deceived. He warns against man deceiving, against false Christs deceiving, against those coming in His name deceiving, and against false prophets deceiving. In verse 24:11 Jesus says, “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” This means that deception can come from many different areas of human society—from men in general; from those claiming to be the Christ; from those in the church coming in the name of Christ and from false prophets. False prophets likely can be either those in the church or those who are secular.

Now the headline is blasted like hot air around the globe from the world’s most prestigious and highly regarded research center on global warming and climate change—the University of East Anglia’s Climatic Research Unit—that there has been no global warming since 1995. Indeed, the men in charge of the scientific studies on global warming and climate change are now admitting that they falsified data, made it up, and once exposed, tried to destroy the so-called scientific research. These “scientists” now have been accused of “scientific fraud.” In fact, the disgraced professor who headed up the global warming research, Phil Jones, now says that it may have been warmer in medieval times than today.

So what of Al Gore, who has made millions on global warming fraud? Or of the man who occupies the Oval Office who said in his State of the Union message “I know there are those who disagree with the overwhelming scientific evidence on climate change. But here’s the thing—even if you doubt the evidence, providing incentives for energy efficiency and clean energy are the right thing to do for our future?” The politicians want a global society and that was at the political bottom of global warming. But the Bible has the answers, just as it had told us that God would not destroy the earth by cold or heat, 2 Timothy 3:13 says, “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

Nazarene Pastor Fired For Fighting Emergent Ideology

By Manny Silva

Pastor Joe Staniforth joined Concerned Nazarenes - a group of Nazarenes troubled by false teachings in many of our academic institutions and churches in the Western world. These teachings can be summed up as “emergent ideology.”

In September 2008, Pastor Joe and his wife Claudia answered God’s call to work as missionaries, evangelists and church planters on the Texas-Mexico border. Although they’ve witnessed the Lord at work - especially in ministries in Matamoros, Mexico - Pastor Joe became increasingly concerned about emergent teachings in the Nazarene denomination. In obedience to the Lord’s leading, he began preaching against the ideology and practices of the emergent movement.

As a result of his stand, Pastor Joe met heavy opposition. He was rebuked by Nazarene pastors who promote emergent teachings, had certain preaching dates cancelled, and was cautioned not to speak out against the emergent church.

In September 2009, the district leadership of the Church of the Nazarene removed Pastor Joe from his missionary position because of his stance, but allowed him to remain as pastor of the new church plant in Brownsville, Texas.

Although he knew his pastoral position was on the line, Pastor Joe

still strongly sensed God’s leading to speak out against the emergent movement. He sent information to local pastors, warning them of the dangers of the emergent church. Three days before Christmas, the Nazarene district leadership dismissed him from his pastoral position on the grounds of “insubordination.”

Pastor Joe says: “The Lord placed a passage on my heart before I met with certain authorities. It was about Balaam’s insubordinate donkey. Remember? Balaam’s donkey was considered insubordinate by his owner, because he would not budge. However, his donkey could see the danger ahead (Numbers 22:22-40). I’m just a vessel that the Lord has chosen to speak through. But He has shown me there is great danger ahead for this denomination, if we continue on the emergent path.”

Pastor Joe would be happy to send you one of two excellent books - “Faith Undone” (also available in Spanish) and “A Time of Departing.” We’d also be happy to send you a free copy of “The Emerging Church” DVD produced by Concerned Nazarenes.

If you would like Pastor Joe to share his heart with your church, he would be happy to do so. He remains an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene and an evangelist, and is eager to help people and churches learn more about the emergent movement so they can make informed decisions.

Finally, Pastor Joe and Claudia believe this is a time to rejoice. We rejoice because our Lord has brought us into the light. The Lord is gathering His remnant! (Psalm 14:7).

For more information on the emergent church movement and the mission of Concerned Nazarenes, please visit www.concernednazarenes.org.

can’t do math. How do I know this? Because these are the only people who play the lottery!

- Dave



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person looking over my shoulder.

If we could just fully grasp the concept that God is watching, perhaps we would be more careful of the words out of our mouth or the decisions we make. Instead we push on toward our goals even if they may not be His goals for us.

This also speaks to the many hucksters preaching for profit. Twenty centuries later we see the same kind of “men of god”. It is not only on television, it is in many of our local churches. Many are driven by money instead of by the Holy Spirit. They come to get instead of to give out of an abundance of a Christ centered life.

When we live with sincerity out of the Word of God, directed by the Holy Spirit, the authority He has given to us as born again believers allows us to stretch forth our hands and see His signs and wonders manifested. Ministry is not about balancing the budget it is about

Playing the Lottery

By Dave Ramsey Author, *The Total Money Makeover*
Dear Dave,

I’ve been playing the lottery a bit lately. I’m a Christian, and I was wondering what your views are on this. We’ve been struggling financially, and it seems that a chance to win millions is worth a buck or two. Your advice and opinion on this would be cherished.

- Dawn

Dear Dawn,

You’re kidding. Do you really want my opinion? I don’t think you do, but here goes. I’ll tell you ahead of time—it’s not going to be pretty!

Basically, you’ve told me that obeying the Holy Spirit. Do you know that God is watching?

you’re having money troubles and at the same time you’re throwing money out the window. You can tell yourself that it’s only a buck or two if you want, but that little bit of money represents a lot of financial irresponsibility in your life. You’re thinking somebody has to win, right? Well, let me tell you something. You’re more likely to be hit by lightning five times and survive than you are to win the lottery. Five times! How many people do you know who have been hit *once* by lightning and survived, much less five times?

You’re not going to win, Dawn. Think I’m just being negative? No, I’m not. I’m being positive. I’m positive you’re not going to win! Stop placing your hope in the wrong things.

Honestly, as a Christian, ask yourself if you believe God thinks this is a good use of your money. The lottery is a tax on poor people and people who

Inspiration

A Corridor of Portraits

By Bryan Hupperts

While praying, the Lord opened a beautiful vision to me. I found myself in a very long hallway and at the opposite far end of this hallway was a fireplace burning in a room. I began to walk down the corridor and saw blank canvases hanging in a row all autographed by an artist named Jesus.

EMPTY CANVASES

I was fuddled and wondered why anyone would hang up empty canvases autographed by the artist as if they were works of genuine art. As I progressed down the hall I began to see a few lines here and there on some of the paintings but could not make out any figures or face.

As I continued down the corridor the paintings began to take shape. I began to see faces and outlines and figures of people. All were lovingly autographed with the signature of Jesus.



At last, magnificent charcoal sketches began to appear and I could make out whole faces. These sketches were stunning in their detail and beauty. I kept walking; pausing to admire the masterpieces when suddenly colors began to appear in the paintings. There were a few splashes of color

here and there but the amount kept increasing with each step. These half-finished paintings were even more haunting in their beauty than the charcoal sketches.

A FEW BRUSH STROKES MISSING

As I neared the end of the corridor the paintings were almost complete. Some merely lacked a few brush strokes to be finished and all were indescribably exquisite. They had all been painted by a Master.

Then I entered what I immediately understood to be the family room. There were glorious completed portraits of people from every kindred and tongue, people and nation hanging everywhere. They made up a mural of the grace of God

and, by comparison, made the Mona Lisa look like bad street graffiti. Over the roaring hearth was a life-size portrait of Jesus that seemed to glow, lighting up the room.

What really struck me was how every painting in the room (and those nearly completed ones in the hall) could look so different from each other but still look like Jesus. There was a definite family resemblance in each portrait that looked like Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT QUIETLY

JOY'S WINDSOCK MINISTRY TIP

By Rev. Doug Forbes

Crafts can be great learning tools and young people love to make them. One craft that my children enjoy making are windsocks.

To make Joy's Windsock you need various colors of heavy 12-by-18-inch construction paper, colored crêpe paper streamers, string, a stapler, a single hole punch, glue sticks, glitter, crayons, markers, clear contact paper and colorful stickers.

Begin your project by laying out your construction paper lengthwise and having the children write, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Write Hebrews 11:1A under the Bible quotation. This should be in the center of the paper about six-inches square. Then have them draw pictures around

the verse that remind them of God. Each child can add glitter and stickers according to taste. Leave one-inch on the right hand side undecorated for your overlap.

Cover the outside of the construction paper with clear contact paper to strengthen it, and roll the construction paper lengthwise into a tube overlapping one inch, and put three staples at the top and bottom. Add 20-inch streamers by stapling them to the bottom 2 inches up the inside of the tube an equal distance from each other. Take your hole punch and punch two holes in the top of your windsock one inch down on opposite sides. Take an 18-inch piece of string and tie an end to each hole.

To make an outdoor windsock, substitute pieces of white sheeting for construction paper and colored sheets for your streamers. Sew in

a circle of bailing wire at the top and bottom of your windsock to help it keep its shape. Sew your seams, and use indelible markers for all your decorating. Punch four holes one inch down from the top of your windsock. Take two pieces of 18-inch string and tie an end to each hole.

Tie a string end to each hole. Gather the tops of the strings together and tie a third 18-inch string at the top. Use your loose end to tie your windsock to a tree, house or garage.

The children have drawn pictures of things that remind them of God. Tell them that every time they see their windsock blow, it will remind them to have faith in God. We can't see the wind, but we can see and feel the effects of it. We can't see God, but we can feel His love and see the effects of His presence in our lives each day if we try.

ASKED ME A QUESTION

As the vision ended, I felt the Holy Spirit quietly ask me a question: Child, where would you like your portrait hung?

Then I understood the vision. Those at the beginning of the hall were those who had trusted Jesus as Savior but then wouldn't let him touch them again. The whole hall was a picture of people who had progressed to various places of their sanctification and then stopped and refused to go any further with God. Some were hung so close to the family room it was a heartache to see them outside in the corridor. They were almost redone and transformed into the image of Jesus.

ALL PORTRAITS BELONGED

TO JESUS—EACH WERE HIS

All the portraits were indeed autographed by Jesus and each was his. Those in the family room were those who had fully yielded their lives by always saying "Yes" to him when he asked - whatever he asked. This is not a picture of salvation by works but of the people bowing their wills to God and walking his narrow way - who had lived their lives to please Him alone.

The Lord was asking me if I would go all the way and let him paint his masterpiece in me. He calls us to be transformed into the image of his dear Son. The Christian landscape is littered with what Jesus referred to as 'half-finished towers', people who started well but then somewhere along the way

got hurt, offended, or just began to drift away.

I looked at the blank canvases, the babes in Christ who wouldn't grow up, and realize that I have indeed let God touch me many times. A holy fear fell on me as I contemplated being hung up as a half-finished or even nearly finished masterpiece. I've grown faint and weary with trials and have been tempted to just quit. After seeing the faces of those who had quit in the portraits, I determined anew to run the race set before me, finish the course, and hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." I want my finished portrait hanging in the family room so I can dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Child of God, where do you want your portrait hung?

The glue that holds us together

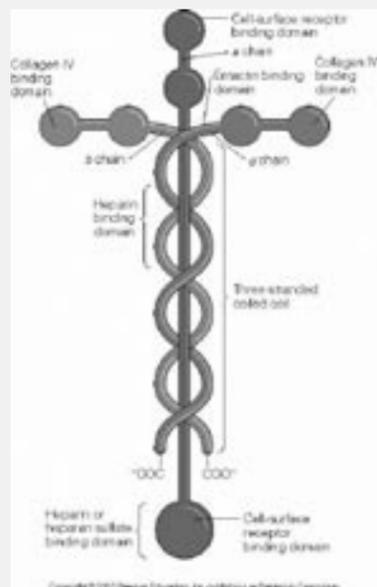
A doctor-friend wrote: A couple of days ago I was running (I use that term very loosely) on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio...and I was BLOWN AWAY! He (Louie) was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is... how He spoke the universe into being...how He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire...etc.. etc. Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint, you know.)and I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork. I remember so many times thinking... 'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this???' Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart...how our loving Creator is also our sustainer. And then I lost my breath. And it

wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either!!! It was because he started talking about laminin. I knew about laminin. Here is how Wikipedia describes them: 'Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see.... laminins are what hold us together.... LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. And I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what laminin LOOKED LIKE.

But now I do. And I have thought about it a thousand times since ...Here is what the structure of laminin looks like...AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it... if you look up laminin in any sci-

entific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see...

Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing. The glue that holds us together...ALL of us....is in the shape of the cross. Colossians 1:15-17 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.



Call me crazy. I just think that is very, very, very cool. Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together... one cell to another...by the cross. You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator

who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam even breathed his first breath!!

God whispers in our souls and writes his word upon our hearts. He proves to us everyday that we were fearfully and wonderfully made. Have you been ignoring His whisper? The bible says; **Come unto me, all [ye]** that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Mat 11:28 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

I know it sounds to simple to be true, but it is. Only believe and you will be saved. Say a simple prayer something like this:

Jesus, please forgive me. I know I

haven't done everything that I should in my life and I regret it. 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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Abbott: Your computer?
Costello: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.
Abbott: Mac?
Costello: I told you, my name's Lou.
Abbott: What about Windows?
Costello: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?
Abbott: Do you want a computer with Windows?
Costello: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?
Abbott: Wallpaper.
Costello: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.
Abbott: Software for Windows?
Costello: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?
Abbott: Office.
Costello: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?
Abbott: I just did.
Costello: You just did what?
Abbott: Recommend something.
Costello: You recommended something?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: For my office?
Abbott: Yes.
Costello: OK, what did you recommend for my office?
Abbott: Office.
Costello: Yes, for my office!
Abbott: I recommend Office with Windows.
Costello: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?
Abbott: Word.
Costello: What word?
Abbott: Word in Office.
Costello: The only word in office is office.
Abbott: The Word in Office for Windows.
Costello: Which word in office for windows?
Abbott: The Word you get when you click the blue "W".
Costello: I'm going to click your blue "w" if you don't start with some straight answers
Abbott: What about financial bookkeeping?
Costello: You have anything I can track my money with?
Abbott: Money.
Costello: That's right. What do you have?
Abbott: Money.
Costello: I need

THE JEWISH GUIDE TO GOOD HEALTH

Contributed by Greta Sheppard

So much is being written about diets, exercise and obesity nowadays, it is impossible to know what to eat and what to abstain from. It is enough to make you ill. That said, Jews have always placed a premium on health. If you have your health, you are a rich man. If you are a rich man but do not have health, you have nothing.

Q – I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A – Your heart is only good for so many beats and that's it ... don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q – Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A – Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q – Should I cut down on meat, and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A – You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your

system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable).

Q – How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A – Well, if you have a body and you have body fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q – What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A – Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: no pain ... good.

Q – Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A – You're not listening. Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q – What's the secret to healthy eating?

A – Thicker gravy.

Q – Is chocolate bad for me?

A – Are you meshugah? Cocoa beans – another vegetable! It's the best feel-good food around!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. Now go have a biscuit ... flour comes from wheat, which is a vegetable! And finally, if swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

had to play golf. So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time,

Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with

The Reverend

Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just



money to track my money?
ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.
COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?
ABBOTT: Money.
COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?
ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.
COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?
ABBOTT: One copy.
COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?
ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.
COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?
ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT! (A few days later)
ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?
COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?
ABBOTT: Click on "START".....

Spring is in the air

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
 A. Spring-time!

Q. When do monkeys fall from the sky?
 A. During Ape-ril showers!

Q. Can February March?
 A. No, but April May!

Q. What flowers grow on faces?
 A. Tulips (Two-lips)!

Q. Why is the letter A like a flower?
 A. A bee (B) comes after it!

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Why do dogs sit in the shade?
 Because they don't want to be HOT DOGS! Mason 7

What do you get when a row of rabbits takes one step backwards?
 A receding HARE LINE

What do you call a cow who lies on the floor?
 Ground beef! Caleb Age 11

Why did the boy throw butter out the window?
 To see the butter fly! Cheryl 49

What do you call a two knee fish?
 A twoneefish Roland Age 6

Why did Tigger stick his head in the toilet?
 He was looking for "Pooh" (poo)! Jordan

What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
 Nacho Cheese :) Timmy Age 7

If I have a bee in my left hand and a bee in my right hand, what do I have in my eye?
 Beauty (beauty is in the eye of the bee-holder!) Tyler Age 8

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?
 He couldn't find no body to go with him !!! Ralph 52

How do you talk to a shark?
 Long distance !!!

Knock-knock, Who's there?
 Doris. Doris who?
 "Doris" open, come on in!
 Bobby

Knock-knock, Who's there?
 Howard. Howard who?
 "Howard" you like a bite of my sandwich! Ronnie 49

this, are you?"

"Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked,

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March 8 • 2p.m. The New England Historical Rally Meet at Greater RI Baptist Temple 671 Greenville Ave, Johnston RI. and at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church of America 75 N. Main St, Providence. Guest speaker: Dr David Gibbs, founder of the Christian Law Association. For more info: 401-231-4796/401-231-4419

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3 Wednesday

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7 Sunday

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11 Thursday

9:30a.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

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14 Sunday

Daylight Savings Begins

18 Thursday

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10a.m. ~ Senior Saint Bible Study (65 & older) 3rd Thursday of the month at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA. (508)-324-4500

19 Friday

7-9p.m. ~ Recovery Class every Friday at New Hope Christian Church, 1436 G.A.R. Highway Swansea, MA.(508)-324-4500

20 Saturday

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28 Sunday

Palm Sunday

30 Tuesday

Passover Begins

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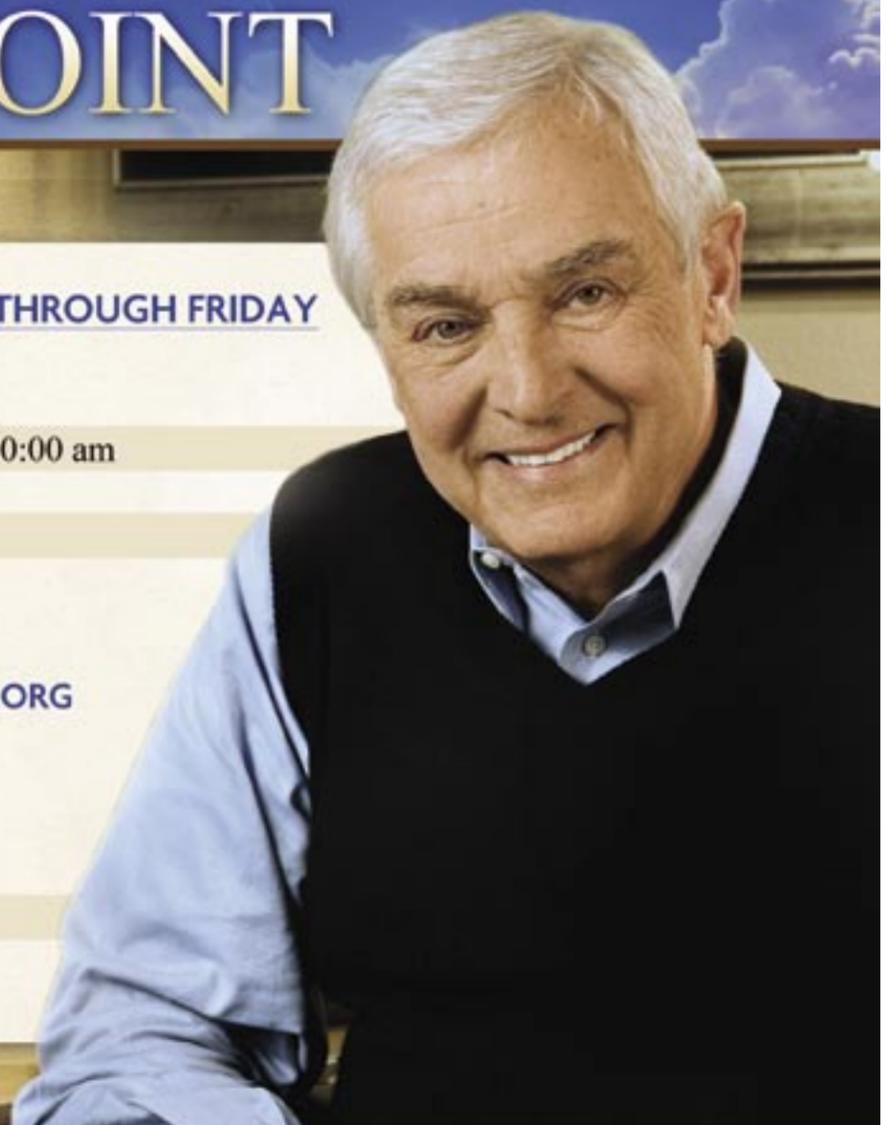
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