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Who is JESUS?

Easter is Sunday, March 31, 2013

What does all this have to do with
YOU?

Can we still have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ today?

Is Jesus still interested in us? What does it mean to have a personal relationship with Christ, and in what way does it impact our lives? And how does someone go about making that kind of commitment?

Those are good questions, and typical of someone who understands the significance of Jesus. Here is some information to help answer these and other questions you may have about Jesus.

Because of Jesus' resurrection, his followers do not honor a dead founder.

They have a vital, personal relationship with him. Jesus Christ lives today and faithfully enriches the lives of all those who trust and obey him. Throughout the centuries, multitudes have acknowledged the worthiness of Jesus Christ, including many who have greatly influenced the world. French physicist and philosopher Blaise Pascal spoke of people's need for



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Jesus when he said, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man, which only God can fill through his Son Jesus Christ."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY?

You can! Because of God's deep love for you, he has already made all the necessary arrangements. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you can enjoy a personal relationship. Jesus made it possible to bridge the chasm which separates us from God. The following four principles will help you discover how to know Jesus personally and experience the abundant life he promised.

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In observance of the 76th Annual Sunrise Service, it is fitting to review some of its tradition and history. This service is unique in that it is thought to be the oldest continuous Easter Sunrise Service in the Northwest. This year's service will begin at 7:15 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time) on Sunday, March 31, 2013 with a special guest speaker. Those who attend will still need to dress warmly as well as bring a blanket to sit on and wrap around them.

The history of this service is also quite unique. Lizard Butte is located east of Marsing, Idaho on the banks of the Snake River and is one of Idaho's "natural wonders." Geologically, the butte is a half crater, and reminder of pre-historic days when the entire area was a seething mass of lava beds. Early pioneers named the formation Lizard Butte because of its resemblance to a huge lizard.

76th Annual Sunrise Service

Sunday March 31, 2013

7:15 a.m. (DST)

In the spring of 1937, Ray and Marion Stafford attended an Easter Sunrise Service while on vacation. After they returned to Marsing, Mrs. Stafford was looking out her window at Lizard Butte and thought it would be a great place for a Sunrise Service. She shared her thoughts with a friend, Mrs. Thomas Harris, and they in turn projected the idea to Mr. D. D. Ulrich. Together this small group sent messages to all the surrounding communities and asked each to send a representative to a planning meeting. On February 14, 1938, they met and made plans for a Sunrise Service. During the planning for a community Sunrise Service, Lizard Butte Sunrise Association was organized and Mr. Ulrich was elected as President. Mrs. Harris was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. The first service on Lizard Butte was held April 17, 1938 with approximately 1,000 people.

For the first service, a temporary platform was erected and the hill terraced for seating (the original terracing marks can still be seen today). Also, a wooden cross was designed and built by Mr. Ulrich and put on the highest peak. The cross was burned by vandals two years later and was replaced by one constructed of reinforced concrete. For its construction, work crews transported the materials for the new cross, with the aid of a horse drawn sled, to the platform where the cement was transferred to buckets and hand-carried to the

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Fiscal Cliff? What about our Spiritual Cliff?

From the Desk of Franklin Graham –

December 27, 2012 - My hope and prayer is that the Lord will once again move in our land. It can happen, and we are trusting that a fire of revival will ignite as tens of thousands of homes are opened up this year to share the Gospel through My Hope with Billy Graham.

Dear Friend,

As we come into the new year, America is facing many challenges. For the past few weeks, the media has been focused on what has been termed as the nation's "fiscal cliff."

Our country's financial problems, however, are nothing compared to the spiritual and moral cliff that is far more destructive to our nation than any economic concerns.

Since the recent election, we've seen same-sex couples lining up at courthouses in several states to receive their marriage licenses, and hundreds of people gathering in public places to light up marijuana cigarettes in the states where it has just been decriminalized.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. The moral decline we see on television programs – blatant immorality, senseless violence, media-friendly gay and lesbian behavior – is just a reflection of the moral corruption that has infected our entire nation. These are indeed dark days... but there is hope.

The Bible says, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3, ESV). No question our country's foundations are being destroyed, but I am reminded of an era in the Old Testament where the Lord moved in a dramatic way to bring godly change to a spiritually dark and depraved nation like Judah, whose moral foundations had been seriously eroded.

Manasseh was the wickedest king to rule over Judah. Throughout his 55 years of evil reign, the land had been defiled with innocent blood. He led Judah into witchcraft, sorcery, and the worship of false gods and idols, including the fertility goddess Asherah. He even sacrificed his own son in the fires of idolatry.

Not many years later, God worked in an extraordinary and unexpected way to bring national revival.

Josiah, Manasseh's grandson, became king at age eight. Ten years after becoming king, Josiah asked his high priest, Hilkiah, to collect funds to repair the temple that was in disrepair. As they worked, they uncovered the book of the law (the first five books of the Bible). Apparently it had been lost and neglected for a number of years. When Josiah heard the books read aloud by a scribe, he tore his clothes and said, "Great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do accord-

ing to all that is written concerning us" (2 Kings 22:13).

When the Word of God was then read aloud to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, it pierced their souls and the stage was set for national repentance. Idols were smashed, spiritists and mediums forcibly removed, and the worship of the one true God reinstated. Once again, righteousness ruled.

For far too long, as a nation we have neglected – and even rejected – the Word of God and His commands. Yet the Scriptures are mighty, able to penetrate even the most hardened and darkened hearts with convicting, life-giving power. They are God-breathed, and any new season of repentance and revival in America can only come through a renewed focus on the great truths of God's Word.

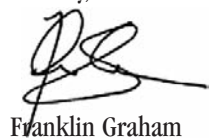
Just as the Lord used an 18-year-old king to begin revival in a corrupt nation more than 1,500 years ago, He can use us as we earnestly seek Him, stand for His truths, and pray for America. This is the only cure for a sin-sickened country that is about to slip into a moral abyss, and it is why we must proclaim the Good News.

My hope and prayer is that the Lord will once again move in our land. It can happen, and we are trusting that a fire of revival will ignite as tens of thousands of homes are opened up this year to share the Gospel through My Hope with Billy Graham. It will be a tremendous outreach across our country, the most extensive we have conducted in the history of this ministry, and we need your prayers and financial support as we put this massive evangelistic effort together.

Only the Lord Jesus Christ knows what lies ahead of us in the coming year, but I do know that He promises to be with us every step of the way, "even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Thank you, and God bless you. We appreciate you.

Warmly,



Franklin Graham

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NEWS BRIEF

The video game desensitization link... was it a factor?

Russ Jones, Jody Brown (OneNewsNow.com)
December 19, 2012

An expert on the influence of violent video games believes such alleged "entertainment" may have played a role in the December 14th massacre of children and adults at a Connecticut school.

Adam Lanza killed 20 kindergartners at Sandy Hook Elementary School and six adults in Newtown, then turned his gun on himself. He was thought to have been a fan of warfare video games.

Al Menconi, a Southern California-based family advocate who lectures on the influence of media, believes there is significant relationship between violent gaming and aggressive behavior.

"When did you ever think that the most popular game is killing people?" he asks. "You can't point at video gaming and say video gaming made my child pull that trigger – no, you can't – and I'm not saying that. But I can say this, and research has backed me up: it has desensitized a whole generation of young people."

Menconi points to research that reveals a direct physiological occurrence during a first-person shooter game and the gamer. "There's a little thrill that goes with the fact of killing – and in fact, it hits the same mental synapse of the child as actual killing," he explains. "And after it is done over and over and over and over and over, that little rush needs a bigger rush. It's kind of like drugs."

Al Menconi Ministries also focuses on the negative influence of anti-biblical values portrayed in music and, in contrast, the positive effect Christian music can have. His "Christian Music Diet" – which encourages individuals to listen exclusively to Christian music for 30 days – kicked off January 1, 2013.

Dr. Ted Baehr, a Hollywood-based media expert and family and child advocate, concurs with Menconi on the impact of violent video games on behavior.

"We are breeding a generation of murderers with no moral conscience and no self-control," he states in a press release. He cites a recent study from Ohio State University that found "the negative effects of playing violent video games" are cumulative.

Ted (Movieguide) Baehr, who is founder and chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission, observes that reports indicate the perpetrators of past massacres at Columbine (Colorado) High School in 1999 and, more recently, at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, were frequent video game players.

"None of these evil killers went to church or synagogue on a regular basis," he says. "Modern society's rejection of Christian, biblical faith and values clearly leads to social chaos and mass murder."

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper also wonders about the negative influence of video gaming. He said Sunday [December 16, 2012] on CNN that "violent video games and a 'culture of violence' found in the media could be contributing factors to mass shootings."

Statement of Faith

Intermountain Christian News is nondenominational in attitude and emphasis.

We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons, - FATHER, Son (JESUS), and The HOLY SPIRIT. The Bible is the totally sufficient resource for learning how to live a Godly life.

We believe in the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His sinless life, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that only God The Son (Jesus) is the mediator between man and God The Father and The Holy Spirit. Jesus alone can save us from our sins, permit people entrance into Heaven, and is the only Savior and hope. Only a personal relationship with Jesus will bring true healing to people.

We believe that only Jesus is to be regarded as our spiritual Teacher and Father. We do not look to ungodly counselors for wisdom.

We believe our salvation is by grace through faith, in His shed blood, which is evident through our works.

We believe that Humans are a special creation of God and not as a result of evolution.

We believe in the sanctity of life and therefore oppose abortion and euthanasia.

We believe only in the Biblical view of marriage which is between one man and one woman.

We trust in JESUS to give us wisdom, courage, strength and protection from evil.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW JESUS PERSONALLY?

PRINCIPLE 1

God LOVES you and created you to know Him personally.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

What prevents us from knowing God personally?

PRINCIPLE 2

Man is SINFUL and SEPARATED from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God].

Romans 8:6-8 "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God."

A great gulf separates man from God. Man is continually trying to reach God and establish a personal relationship with Him through human efforts, such as living a good life, philosophy, or religion. But he inevitably fails.

The third principle explains the only way to bridge this gulf...

PRINCIPLE 3

Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love.

Romans 5:8 "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet

sinners, Christ died for us."

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 "Christ died for our sins... he was buried... he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures... he appeared to Peter; then to the twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred..."

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

God has bridged the gulf that separates us from Him by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross in our place to pay the penalty for our sins.

But it is not enough just to know these truths...

PRINCIPLE 4

We must individually RECEIVE Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; then we can know God personally and experience His love

John 1:12 "As many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name."

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith. This does not depend on anything you have achieved, it is the free gift of God; and because it is not earned no one can boast about it."

Receiving Christ involves turning to God from self (a spirit of repentance) and trusting Christ to come into our lives to forgive us of our sins and make us what he wants us to be. Just to agree intellectually that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he died on the cross for our sins is not enough. Nor is it enough to have an emotional experience. We receive Jesus Christ by faith, as an act of

our will.

Jesus Christ is waiting for an invitation to come in to your life. In fact, he says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3:20).

Perhaps you can sense Christ knocking at the door of your heart. You can invite him in by faith right now. God knows your heart so it doesn't matter exactly what words you use. Here's a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to you and ask you to come in as my Savior and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.

If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, pray it right now and Jesus Christ will come into your life just as he has promised. Once you invite Christ into your life, he promises to never leave you.

Hebrews 13:5 "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

To know God personally is the greatest decision you will ever make. If you've just asked Jesus Christ into your life, please contact us and tell us about it. We would love to hear from you. For those in N. America, call toll free 1-800-226-4051 to talk with someone now.

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top of the hill by bucket brigade. The large white concrete cross, now 64 years old, looms strong and stately above the valley where it brings hope and promise to many busy lives below.

The program has followed a similar pattern from the beginning. As the sun rises, the service commences with a bugle call and the appearance of two angels at the foot of the cross. The Old Rugged Cross is sung and a scripture reading from Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20 is read.

In order to ensure that the Sunrise Service would continue to take place for a long time to come, the Association decided to buy the Lizard Butte property. Attempts to purchase the property directly from its owner Martha Dugdale failed to materialize, and she sold her entire farm holdings to Charles and Eula Taylor. The Taylors however, in 1942, split the original property and sold the 40 acre Lizard Butte portion to the Association for \$400.00.

As we look back over the years and think about the services, how wonderful it is that through a faith in a Risen Christ and with the cooperation of many people of different faiths from the community, the story of the Lord's resurrection has sounded forth from this lava outcropping to inspire and bless the thousands who have attended the services through the years.

The hope of the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association is that the One who gave His life for us, who arose from the tomb on Easter Sunday, who later ascended into Heaven, and who will one day return to this earth, continues to bless our future Easter Sunrise Services, and that His blessing and inspiration will touch many lives as the community comes together for the annual Lizard Butte Sunrise Service this Easter morning.

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Vision Beyond Borders *Update*

Bozeman, Montana

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Philippians 1:22a says, “If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me.” Paul understands his purpose, and has given himself completely to the work of God’s kingdom. He has no question of his purpose or responsibility. He understands that as long as he is present on the earth, he has been given a responsibility, a duty, an obligation, and an honor. He has an opportunity to encourage and spur other Believers on, to encourage them to live a life worthy of the Gospel.

Paul has no consideration of his own desires, he understands it would be better by far for him to depart and be with the Lord. He had seen heaven, he knew and understood what was awaiting him. However, he did not seek ease, he did not seek his own desires, for he also understood God had given him a great responsibility while he was still on earth - fruitful labor.

The thing that will keep us from being effective in God’s kingdom is a consideration of self. God knows and understands what our obedience will cost. He knows our own desires may have to die, but as we shut out every other consideration and determine to be absolutely and entirely for Him and Him alone, we become tools in His hands; useful in His kingdom. May we be people who, like Paul, can say we will follow you Lord, whether that means life or death, it does not matter, but as long as we are alive, we know and understand our purpose is fruitful labor. May we surrender our will to Him utterly and completely!

Praise the Lord for the encouraging report about the gratitude for the Word of God and Bibles that have been received in China. They said the Bibles were received as a great gift from God! Praise the Lord His Word continues to go out around the world.

Praise the Lord for the encouraging updates we have received from the Children’s homes we work with in Nepal and around the world. It is encouraging to receive the reports and pictures of the children, who seem joyous and healthy!

Praise the Lord for the encouraging reports that came from the teams who traveled to SE Asia for Bible delivery and to a closed country in Latin America! The team who went to Latin America was able to attend services and spend time with the Believers there. One team member wrote, “The beauty of the persecuted church is beyond description. The presence of the Lord was so powerful that I was reduced to tears.” Please continue to pray for the Persecuted Church! Many Bibles were delivered in SE Asia, and God gave great favor to the team to get through borders and with overweight charges! Please pray the Bibles will accomplish the purposes God has for them in these countries! As a team member wrote, “We have seen miracles as we go forth carrying His name, and I am so grateful we are

receiving a kingdom which can not be shaken!! Glory to the One to whom all glory is due!!”

Update from our contacts in Nepal:

“I am so much thankful for the Lord while I remember what the Lord did in and from us during last year!

We want to reach the unreached of South Nepal where people do not dare to go. About four hundred thousand people live in south of Sarlahi district and from them we have about 150 Christians. So the challenge and need is very big. We know many children marry in age of 10-14 in our areas and many daughters-in-law are being killed because of dowry. The solution for this is true Gospel and only Jesus can change people’s heart. In praise, we celebrate that: We could reach about 700 people with the gospel of Jesus in 25 villages; Twenty-eight people in our areas accepted the Lord and gave their life to the Lord; We could give water baptism to 9 people this year and start 2 branch churches. We ask for prayer as: We need more laborers to work in harvest field; People need to be free from so many bondages. The killing of daughters-in-law in south Nepal must stop and child marriage must also be stopped. The cold season started. Each year many people die in south Nepal as many of them do not have clothes or anything they need to cover their body. Many of our church members and leaders in church cannot send their kids to school. We tried to help some but need is big. Many of our children in church cannot go to school.”

From the Bible Delivery team that returned from SE Asia:

“We were about twice as heavy for weight as we were allowed to be. When we arrived at the airport we gathered as a team and asked the Lord for favor with the airlines. The airlines were very gracious, charging us no overweight. They even told us one bag was too heavy and asked if we could put some of the weight in another bag. This was just the beginning though, because when we landed at the airport the scanners weren’t even running. The team walked right through. The delivery also went very smooth!!

Thank-you for interceding for us!! In the village outreach portion of the trip four of us got a little bit of a late start heading up to the town we were going to spend the night. After a short time on our motorbikes, one of the group had a wreck and laid his bike down. Though he was skinned up and had a bruised shoulder, we decided to continue. We journeyed on without incident, but it was starting to get dark. Then someone had a flat tire. Even in this though, we saw the Lord’s care for us because the tire shop, OK, village tire place was not very far off, and the terrain was downhill. We were unable to ride the bike, but were able to guide the bike down the hill to the tire place. There were not many villages close together after this. We continued on, but thought we were running low on fuel... in the dark, with a road with potholes that were more like minefields for our tiny bikes. All of a sudden – as the group is stopped, a fellow comes along and wants to help us. He leads us to a village that has fuel. The time now is 8:00 p.m. and our guesthouse is 26 km away. At this point some of the bike’s lights weren’t working well either. Meaning some of the bikes with good lights had to try to ride right behind the others to give them light to see. We decide to press on and try to make it to the guesthouse – and we do – at 9:30 p.m. This first part of the trip felt like punches were being thrown at us to keep us from going to the village area; we would take one punch, and then another one would come. As my team member and I prepared to leave the next morning, we were praying for the Lord to open the way for us, and for intervention. And, as we went out of town, the road literally opened up before us to a wide road with very few holes. We made it up to our next town very quickly! The following day was filled with finding the villages and making drops. Three villages were very receptive and at one of the villages we saw three people all reading the picture/with script tracks as we left.”

“I will adhere to the faith of the Gospel, however hazardous and difficult the profession and practice of it may be.” Jonathan Edwards.

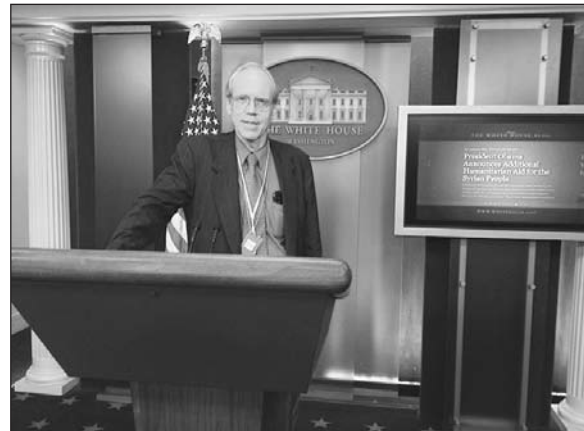
God’s Word “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.” Habakkuk 3:17-19.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

God Bless You! Patrick and VBB Staff

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FROM the Publisher



Pictured above: Rev. Anthony Harper, PhD at the White House James S. Brady Press Room to ask the question Wednesday, January 30, 2013 (photo by Clarence Miller).

Praise GOD for arranging President Obama’s press secretary Jay Carney to call upon me at the White House Daily Briefing January 30, 2013 to ask a question. That question was concerning the moral decline of our nation and about our rights to Life and Liberty stating that JESUS is the one who gives us those rights. See detailed story at the following link:

www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/01/30/jay-carney-had-absolutely-no-idea-how-to-answer-this-question/



Pictured above: on trip with White House Press Corps for President Obama’s trip to Las Vegas January 29, (photo by Eddie Gross).

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Christians need a prominent voice with President Obama, other White House officials and the secular press corps. On Monday, November 19, 2012, I was approved for travel with the White House Press Corps and President Obama and other White House officials on their international and domestic trips. I would appreciate your prayers for protection, that a door would open for me to be directly on Air Force One with President Obama on his trips, to be a great Christian witness, to be called upon and that I will ask questions that represent our Christian concerns, for the Glory of GOD.

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We look forward to serving you. Pressing on toward my Prize JESUS my Beautiful SAVIOR and KING,

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Why Am I Here? How Do I Beat This Lifestyle? What Makes My Life So Hard? Where is That One Special Relationship?

JESUS is GOD the SON (CREATOR of the Universe and all Life!)

Hebrews 1:2-3 NIV

2 ...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 3:3-4 NIV

3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

THE SAVIOR (GOD in human form) born of the Virgin Mary

Matthew 1:23 NIV

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

John 8:23-24 NIV

23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. 24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 14:6 NIV

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

No other person can save you or give you hope and eternal life.

How to know JESUS as your personal Savior:

If you would like to know JESUS as your personal Savior from sin, pray the following prayer followed by studying The Holy Bible and get involved with a local Christian church.

Pray this sincere prayer, meaning it with all your heart, and God will give you eternal life, right now!

"Dear Lord, I am a sinful person who needs You. I turn from my sins and surrender my heart and life to You, right now. Save me dear God and make me Your child. Thank You for coming to Bethlehem, and for dying for me to pay for my sins. Help me to live for You all the rest of my life." Amen

If you have accepted JESUS as your personal SAVIOR from sin, obey Him and get involved with a good Bible believing church, study the Bible daily, seek Him with all your heart daily and share The Gospel with all those around you. We must be doers of the word, not hearers only.

For more info on sharing your Christian faith, visit the website: www.wayofthemaster.com.

www.NeedHim.org

Religious Liberties Update –

As told to IMCNews



City Ordinances Infringe Free Exercise of Religion; Alliance Defending Freedom is Ready to Help.

Michael S. Oswald, J.D., Boise, Idaho

The City of Boise, Idaho has adopted an ordinance (#O-36-12) making it a crime to discriminate in employment, housing and public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

From the Mayor's 11/09/12 Press Release:

"If passed, enforcement of the ordinance would be handled with an emphasis on mediation and education. If mediation is unsuccessful, violations would be prosecuted as misdemeanors, though prosecutors would have the option to reduce the charge to an infraction if the defendant takes remedial steps. Misdemeanor convictions are punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months of jail time. Infractions would cost \$156.50, including court costs."

"As required by federal and state law, the ordinance would not apply to religious organizations, certain private associations whose expressive associations would be burdened by the ordinance (such as the Boy Scouts), government agencies with offices within the City and some specific housing situations."

As is the case with the Federal mandate that employers provide health insurance that pays for abortion-inducing drugs, the Boise ordinance provides no exemptions for owners of for-profit businesses (e.g., Christian bookstores) who object on religious grounds. Nor does it exempt individual citizens who attempt to live out their religious and moral beliefs in the private sector.

Similar ordinances have already had real-world consequences such as:

- A Christian photographer in New Mexico was cited for violation of just such an ordinance when declining – on religious grounds – not to celebrate a same-sex commitment ceremony through her photography.
- Christian bed and breakfast owners in Vermont and Hawaii were prosecuted under just such an ordinance for declining – on religious grounds – not to rent their home out to same-sex couples.
- A Christian owner of a Colorado pastry business is being prosecuted under just such an ordinance for declining – on religious grounds – not to celebrate a same-sex marriage through his contribution of a "wedding cake" for the couple.

The U.S. Constitution protects the religious liberties of EVERYONE.

The 1st Amendment protects our liberties from infringement by the Federal Government: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*"

The 14th Amendment, Section 1, prohibits the states from infringing our freedoms: "*All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.*"

These liberties belong to every person, not just "religious employers."

People of faith don't give up their religious liberties when they enter the public square. That would defeat the whole purpose of having the Constitutional protections in the first place.

Neither do we give up our liberties when we become for-profit employers. Newspapers are for-profit corporations, and they fully exercise their First Amendment freedoms every day.

We, not the government, get to decide how we will love our neighbors. Some do it by opening orphanages or feeding the poor. Others do it by operating businesses that provide needed good and services, which also happen to employ people and keep them from becoming poor. Those profitable businesses are also the source of the funds that pay for the orphanages, food banks, etc.

The Alliance Defending Freedom will provide free legal assistance to Believers who are sued or prosecuted under the Boise ordinance or any similar ordinance. Contact ADF at 800-835-5233 or www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/legal-help.

ADF Staff Attorneys Bradley Abramson and Joseph La Rue contributed significant content to this Religious Liberty Update.

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Reflections on FIGI Meeting December 6, 2012

By Rick Deighton, Nampa, Idaho

Winston Tilzey introduced our speaker, Dr. Dennis Swift, with the now commonly accepted description of him as "the Indiana Jones of the Creation Movement."

Besides being the preaching/teaching pastor of a local congregation (Church of the Nations) in Beaverton, Oregon, Dennis is now also a widely recognized authority concerning the evidences and anomalies of Peru, such as The Ica Stones and Nazca Lines. They are powerful evidences for the Biblical account of creation and at the same time frustrating anomalies for the evolutionist distortions of true science.

So what do the evolutionists do about the amazing archaeological evidences for creation? Dennis effectively demonstrated three tactics that the proponents of humanistic religion (evolutionism) use repeatedly: 1. Ignore the evidence. 2. Distort the evidence. 3. Invent an explanation for the evidence which fits their worldview (In other words, they think and work hard to find a way to leave God out of the picture).

Dennis is not only a pastor, an adventurer, and an archaeologist; he is also a capable stand-up comedian and expert communicator. Not only did he show excellent documentation for his points, he also interspersed his serious points of controversy with evolutionists with humorous cartoons and spontaneous plus planned humor. The net result was an enjoyable and valuable learning session for both kids and adults.

FIGI has more interesting experts in Christian worldview issues and evidences, so you may want not want to miss hearing Stan Lutz, field paleontologist, in January, Dr. Thomas

Kindell in February, Dennis Petersen, author of Unlocking the Mysteries of Creation in March, and Eric Hovind in April.

For more information about Foundations in Genesis of Idaho, visit their website www.figionline.com or call the following numbers: Stan Lutz (208) 466-9812, Rick Deighton (208) 284-7425, Brent Carter (208) 375-9592, and Kathy Harris (208) 642-9207.



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Table Rock Cross History

Boise, Idaho

In 1956, the Boise Jaycees (Boise Chapter of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce), led by the vision of Glen Lundgren, built a symbol of hope, peace and inspiration upon a rock overlooking the city of Boise, a symbol we know today as the Table Rock Cross. The Cross, which stands 60 feet high and weighs 4500 lbs., can withstand winds up to 75 mph. The Cross is illuminated year round by fluorescent lights and can be seen for miles. The original dedication bronze plaque, stolen approximately 1997, had the following inscription: "May this Cross inspire those who see it to better Citizenship, Higher Ideals, and Happier Living."

Presently, the Table Rock Cross and immediate surrounding property is owned and cared for by the Table Rock Cross of the Idaho Jaycees. It has become a respected landmark and inspiration for many Idahoans.

On 11-6-99, a "well-known" atheist activist and Internet personality from Chicago was invited to speak at Boise State University by local atheists. He publicly announced that he would be pursuing a course of action to have the Table Rock Cross removed regardless of public opinion. He further boasted that he had been very successful in removing other crosses from other locations around the United States and had won several cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Since the media attention received by this individual, the public outcry for support of the cross has been tremendous. In response, the Idaho Jaycees organized a "Walk for the Cross" that took place on November 27th 1999, from the Boise Train Depot to the steps of the Capitol Building. Over 10,000 people attended, including U.S. Senator Larry Craig, Lt. Governor Butch Otter, Boise Mayor Brent Coles, and State Auditor J.D. Williams.

In addition, Governor Dirk Kempthorne, although unable to attend, pledged his support to the Jaycees and declared in a formal proclamation November 27, 1999, to be Table Rock Cross Day.

During an upgrade to the cross in August, 2011, new LED lights were installed, which are estimated to save close to 80% of previous electricity costs. Repairs to the structure and a fresh coat of paint were also made. The lights will only be on during the night, but the new bulbs will burn brighter than the old bulbs. Other than the purchase of the new bulbs, local community members donated the labor and other materials to the refurbishing project. A new plaque and other items to explain the cross history are included in future plans.

Table Rock Cross of the Idaho Jaycees, Inc.
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NEWS BRIEF

Pastor being held in abusive Iranian prison

Charlie Butts
(OneNewsNow.com)
December 20, 2012



Work continues to free an American citizen in prison in Iran. The man who has been imprisoned is a Christian pastor and former house church leader there.

Saeed Abedini and his wife converted to Christianity from Islam and immigrated to the United States. He has made frequent trips to his homeland to visit with family who are also Christian converts. According to Jordan Sekulow of the American Center for Law & Justice, Abedini had been imprisoned before.

"He has had a dust-up before there and agreed to stop his house church movement, which had hundreds of churches around Iran," Sekulow tells OneNewsNow, "but Saeed Abedini has been in prison now in Iran since September." Abedini's wife and two children remain in the U.S.

The United States has had no diplomatic relationship with Iran since the revolution in 1979, and Iran considers Abedini to be an Iranian citizen. The situation is dire, says Sekulow.

"He is in a prison cell. He's been beaten and tortured. His family in Iran is under house arrest," he describes. "He was placed in a cell with individuals who are saying they are al-Qaeda, and they're in jail in Iran for being extremists there and they're beating him because they found out he was a convert [and] a pastor."

The 32-year-old pastor is charged with national security crimes. Abedini has made nine trips to Iran since coming to the U.S. because he is setting up a non-sectarian orphanage in Iran.

Sekulow urges Christians to circulate the story, sign an online petition, and generate prayer as ACLJ works to free Abedini.

IMCNews publisher note: Online petition at: <http://aclj.org/iran/save-american-pastor-iranian-abuse-imprisonment>.

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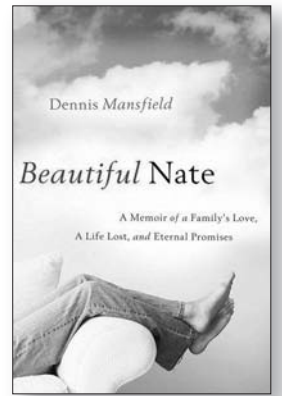
BOOK REVIEW

Beautiful Nate

by Dennis Mansfield

Review by
Chad Estes, Boise, ID

www.chadestes.com/2012/11/beautiful-nate/



I don't normally read a book twice before writing a review but this story is different; this is one I partially lived through.

I consider Dennis one of my best friends, a man who stands by me and works hard to understand me when others more easily cast me aside.

Dennis wasn't always this way towards me, nor was I towards him. Pain in both of our lives has made us different and better men. In a conversation today he told me, "Though I was the birth father of Nate, Nate was the birth father of the reborn Dennis."

I mentioned that I walked through parts of their story: – I was in Dennis' home within hours of him and Susan hearing that their 27-year-old son was dead.

– I was at the viewing where family and friends gathered. – I met with Dennis before the funeral, just to let him spill his heart and cry with him.

– I was at the funeral with my entire family. – I was at the graveside service, holding Dennis' grandson. I walked and cuddled with Cole, as his uncle, whom he never met, was placed in the ground.

I read the book the first time when Dennis was looking for feedback about the story, the flow, and how his message came across. The second time was with the finished manuscript, which will be released in March of 2013 www.amazon.com/Beautiful-Nate-Familys-Eternal-Promises/dp/1451678517.

Both times I called Dennis when I was finished and said, "I don't know how you will ever get over Nate's loss." Both times we cried together.

But *Beautiful Nate* isn't a book about grief or losing a child; though the themes of both are present. It also has themes about intentional child rearing – although not in a How-To outline. Dennis and Susan went into parenthood with purpose. They sought out mentors, they read books, they listened to Focus on the Family – Dennis even worked for the Idaho Family Forum for a decade.

The Mansfields chose to home-school their kids, being involved in every part of their children's education. They followed all of the conservative instructions, yet Nate's life didn't fall into line with their desired plans and goals. Our children aren't born with a printed guarantee or a warranty plan.

Nate made some hard choices in this life – with the friends he chose to hang out with and the drugs he chose to take. These decisions landed him in a county jail and later a prison in Missouri. The toll this took on Nate's family can't really be measured – drug addiction is an ugly monster with tentacles that touch everyone in proximity. Dennis is open about how it affected him, even his career.

Still, this book is not a How-To keep your kids from drugs, or what to do if your kids do become addicted. More than anything, this is a story about a father and a son, who both dearly love each other, who have some significant ups and downs, and whose time together on this side of eternity was cut way too short.

I sat in a meeting last week in Dennis' home, his living room full of unique men that Dennis has made his friends. In a moment of humility and wonder Dennis says, "Gentlemen, what if we've been wrong..." The question lingers and no one easily addresses it because there are no simple answers to that devastating inquiry. We want to be right. We strive to know. It is a huge part of our identity and it is the measuring stick that we use to draw lines in the sand about who is on whose side.

Being right can be its own addictive, crippling drug. When we think we have life all figured out and have all of the answers, we put ourselves at risk; if our experience doesn't meet our expectations then what? We usually find ourselves imprisoned by our own judgments – and we try to escape with excuses while the inner turmoil and shame just drags us further into the cell. The only freedom comes from the realization of our own brokenness and the ability to humbly admit we don't know it all. Dennis is a free man and that is of more value than being right.

Beautiful Nate is a beautiful story; yes there is tragedy, but there is also new life. And Dennis honors his son by sharing their journey together in this book. I hope you take the time to read it. Get to know beautiful Nate, and get to know reborn Dennis.

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How to Spot the Emergent Church

... every truth-seeking Christian needs to be aware of the “new” liberalism ...

THE LIBERAL ROOTS OF THE EMERGENT CHURCH

Over a century ago, spiritual liberalism swept through the once-sound mainline denominations, wreaking theological havoc on anyone in its path. Once solid and fundamentally based seminaries became infested with the liberal teachings of the so-called “German Enlightenment” and before long heretical intellectualism, which doubted the authority of the Bible, quickly spread to the leaders of the denominations, into the pulpits and finally to those in the pews.

Today, one doesn't have to look far to see the spiritual disrepair that liberalism has left the denominations in. Because of the longstanding apostasy of the spiritual liberals, untold millions have already entered eternity without Jesus Christ - having previously believed that those entrusted with teaching them the Christian faith were doing so faithfully and authentically.

Using much the same modus operandi, Satan is now out to destroy the Evangelicals of our times. It worked well 100-150 years ago in the mainline denominations and it's working again now. So, with the predicted falling away of the end-times in full swing (2 Thess. 2:3), every truth-seeking Christian needs to be aware of the “new” liberalism - The Emergent Church.

WHAT IS “THE EMERGENT CHURCH?”

This short piece is not meant to fully educate on Emergent error. Nor will I go into the secondary issues of Rick Warren's “Purpose Driven” philosophy or the “Seeker Sensitive” ideas of Bill Hybels and Willow Creek. There are many fine resources from trustworthy apologetics ministries and others that are shedding light on these troubling teachings as well as on Emergent thought. The DVD our ministry produced called *The Errors of the Emergent Church* is one such tool. However, for the sake of those who may have never heard the term “Emergent,” let me offer a quick definition.

The Emergent Church Movement takes its name from the idea that the culture has changed, and a new church should emerge in response. It apparently grew out of discussion groups inside the Young Leadership Network in the 1990's.

To Emergents, Christianity should be:

- * Experience over Reason
- * Spirituality over Doctrine and Absolutes
- * Images over Words
- * Feelings over Truth
- * Earthly Justice over Salvation
- * Social Action over Eternity

Put bluntly, the Emergent Church Movement is a complete redefinition of Christianity. It is unquestionably the new Liberalism. However, don't wait for Emergent teachers to use the term “Emergent.” Learn how to spot it for yourself.

HOW TO SPOT THE EMERGENT CHURCH IN YOUR CHURCH

Here is a short list of authors, teachers and areas of concern that may indicate that the leadership of your church is being influenced to varying extents by Emergent Church philosophy.

* Are books or videos by teachers such as Brian McLaren, Rob Bell, Doug Pagitt or Tony Jones being recommended or used in classes, home groups or church services? These men began by simply questioning the authority of the Bible and the orthodox nature of Christian doctrine and have now redefined what they call Christianity into a completely cultic, yet loosely defined and identified, religion.

It is a genuine oxymoron that the wildly unorthodox ideas taught by these men could be as readily accepted as they are in supposedly “Evangelical” churches, seminaries and even entire denominations.

* Have biblical doctrines such as salvation by grace, repentance and the reality of a literal Hell been marginalized or abandoned? Is there a constant insistence that the Church must abandon history and orthodox teaching and change our methods in order to be relevant to the postmodern world?

It is a completely flawed concept to believe that postmoderns are somehow different than all generations before them and that if we are to reach them then we must change. Sin in the hearts of men is still the problem and the Cross is still the antidote! God has entrusted us with the ONLY message that can cure the sickness of sin. Who are we to change the message? We must lovingly and accurately deliver the whole Gospel regardless of how it may be accepted and remember that it is the Holy Spirit's task to draw men to Jesus - not ours. To edit the Gospel - regardless of how well-intentioned - is to thwart the Holy Spirit's work and merely assures the eternal damnation of those we seek to reach. (Romans 1:16)

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* Is Contemplative Prayer/Spirituality being introduced and practiced? Is there talk of “Spiritual Formation” centering prayer and something called “lectio divina” which, in a nutshell, is leading Evangelicals directly into the mystical and sometimes occult-based practices of the Roman Church? Have you heard the term “labyrinth”? (An unusually intricate maze to meditate in, with basis in Greek, Egyptian and Cretan Mythology and used in Tantric Buddhism.) Mystics contend that utilizing a labyrinth will supposedly bring a relaxed mental attitude and end the search for life's meaning! In reality, this road leads to New Age mysticism and even the occult, as does the popular Emergent practice of Yoga.

A few popular contemplative adherents are Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Leonard Sweet, Thomas Keating, Richard Foster and Frank Viola.

* Have buzzword phrases like “Missional Christianity,” “Incarnational Christianity,” “Conversational Christianity” and “Relational Christianity” been attached to the identity of your church?

* Have the teachings of Open Source, Open Theism or Process Theology been embraced? (Open Theism teaches that God knows the past and lives in the present but has no idea of what the future holds. Obviously, this destroys every prophetic passage in the Bible - including the blessed hope of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.)

* Is there a new, uncanny identification with saving planet Earth? Has environmentalism become common pulpit rhetoric? (Emergent author, Brian McLaren contends that it is Earth - and not unregenerate humans - that Christ came to save.)

* Perhaps the most important question to ask is about the authority of the Scriptures. In your church, is the Bible held in utmost regard by those in leadership? Is the inerrancy of the Bible preached faithfully? Is there a complete and unapologetic dependence on God's Word by those in leadership? The growth of liberalism and Emergent ideas is directly proportionate to the value placed on the Scriptures by individuals and church leaders. Without an unwavering accountability to the Word of God, every individual Christian, as well as every local church and denomination, will soon find themselves in jeopardy.

WHAT TO DO IF EMERGENT IS IN YOUR CHURCH

- * Prayer (conduct Spiritual Warfare!)
- * Dialog (ask questions)
- * Confront (Matthew 18)
- * Warn Others!
- * Flee! (when all else fails)

What we see happening in the Church today is no shock to those who study prophecy. The Scriptures are replete with warnings about false teaching and false teachers. Jesus alone warns of this an amazing 14 times; Paul and Peter, too. A great end-time apostasy is indeed going to sweep through the Church preceding the return of the Lord. I believe that before the spirit of Antichrist is finished, error will be the norm in allegedly “Christian” circles and orthodoxy will be the oddity. But as overwhelming as it may seem, I guarantee that you are not alone!

If you are alarmed at even the subtle Emergent influences at work in your church, so are many others who are battling for the very life of their local churches and even their denominations. Many biblical Christians are making the same stands that you are faced with making. God will indeed lead you as you hold faithfully to His Word, as you witness and as you pray. Great is the reward for those who walk with Jesus and follow the command to contend for the authentic faith (Jude 3). Don't quit!

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IMCNews Publisher Note: We've been exposing the Emergent Church influence in two mainline Christian denominations in this and previous issues of IMCNews. The Emergent Church influence has infected many main line Christian denominations including some Nazarene, Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Episcopal and other churches. It is so sad to see the Christian churches falling for deception. In the book of Revelation in the Holy Bible, there is a warning from JESUS CHRIST to the church of the Laodiceans [the Laodicean church is likened to the Emergent (Emerging) church today with its false teachers of William P. Young, Rob Bell, Brian McLaren, Dallas Willard, Oprah Winfrey and many others (see ‘Deceptions in The Church Today’ at: www.imcnews.org/paper/faith_undone.php) Here are some important scriptures below that address false teaching and teachers:

KJV 1 Timothy 4:1-2:

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;...

KJV 2 Timothy 4:3-4:

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

KJV Revelation 3:14-22:

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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Christians & Porn – Is there really a problem?

Porn addiction among Christians, especially Christian men, is a problem rarely spoken about, yet it is rampant and destroying families and individual lives every day. Both those who view porn, and those in the industry, are trapped by pornography's painful and abusive grip. Literally thousands of men and women struggle daily with pornography and its effects.

Are you a Christian struggling with pornography addiction?

It is a sad statistic, but Christian porn addiction is an epidemic today among both Christian men and Christian women. Tempted by the lure of erotic images, and the promise of intimacy and sexual excitement and satisfaction, many have been led into unhealthy sexual behaviors that they long to escape.

The widespread availability of pornographic material to the average Christian today, through the Internet and television, means that temptation to view and partake of porn is right there on our doorstep. Enticed by its availability, millions of otherwise honest men and women are practicing the secret sins connected to pornography every day.

- The #1 search term used at search engine sites is “sex.” Users searched for “sex” more than other terms such as “games,” “travel,” “music,” “jokes,” “cars,” “weather,” “health” and “jobs” combined. “Pornography/porno/porn” was the fourth-most searched-for subject. (“Alexa Research finds ‘sex’ popular on the web” Business Wire, February 14, 2001).

- Pornography in many forms is invading people's homes and is available 24 hrs a day. In a short period of time the Internet has become the most exploited instrument of perversion known to man. In August 2006, a survey reported 50% of all Christian men and 20% of all Christian women are addicted to pornography. 60% of the women who answered the survey admitted to having significant struggles with lust; 40% admitted to being involved in sexual sin in the past year (reported on Marketwire.com, 2006). Of course, this is an old statistic, and the numbers are astronomically higher today.

- The largest group of viewers of Internet porn is children between ages 12 and 17 (Family Safe Media, December 15, 2005), with the average age of first exposure to porn being only 8 years old.

Christians and Porn Addiction

The horrible effects of Christian porn addiction are felt in families and by individuals as their conscience is compromised and they fall further and further into the grip of sexual habits that soon become addictions. Marriages and relationships break down, sexual dysfunction and dissatisfaction in marriage increases, and debilitating guilt and shame eat away at the soul of the perpetrator. Help for the Christian trapped in pornography and masturbation addiction. Fortunately, the Christian porn addict (or anyone with sexual addictions) is not without help.

Help for the Christian porn addict

Solid, tested and successful Christ-centered resources exist specifically to help Christian men and women tackle this destructive problem, and to overcome! Freedom is within reach of those who will commit to do what is necessary, and who realize that the price of continuing in bondage to pornography, masturbation-addiction, and sexually addictive behavior, is far greater than the price to be paid to get free. You can break free from sexually destructive habits!

Tremendous testimonies exist of those who have broken free, and now enjoy wonderful relationships with their wives and husbands, and enjoy satisfying sexual activity within the bounds of their sanctified and God-sanctioned marriage bed. Single men and women too, whose sex drive has pushed them into the spiral of sexual addiction and porn, also stand today free and clean their conscience delivered from the burden of guilt and secret sin that harassed and condemned them. Some of the best of these resources are highlighted on this site, and come with unreserved recommendation to anyone struggling in the areas of pornography and sexual addiction, especially Christians.

The cost of not dealing with these problems now is so much greater than the cost of investing in a program that will lead to your future freedom. Make the decision today that it is for freedom that Christ has set you free, and that you refuse to be bound any longer.

Christian porn has no place in the life of believers.

Do not waste another moment! Take the opportunity right now to opt in for free trials of these resources, and take control of your destiny. You are so valuable to God, and His hand is upon you right now to boldly step into a new future. “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Gal. 5:1

There is an answer to pornography and masturbation addiction! We are glad to tell you that you can overcome Christian masturbation addiction and Christian porn addiction.

God has not forsaken you, He is not rejecting you and cutting you off. Together with Him, and with the right help, advice and resources, you can break free and enjoy a quality of life and relationships you may never have thought possible.

Breaking free from porn addiction

There are many courses and programs to aid your recovery from pornography addiction. We believe, however, that Christ centered and God honoring resources offer the greatest and most lasting results. After extensive research we have found two courses in particular that powerfully bring together spiritual and natural solutions for the Christian porn addict.

An Answer to Christian porn addiction

What is the answer to Christian porn addiction and Christian masturbation addiction? The answer is very simple, yet requires complete commitment. With God's powerful help though, you can be free and rejoice again in the wonder of Christian freedom!

Some practical steps to freedom include:

Confession –

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

The devil will always want you to keep your sin secret, using shame and fear or reprisal to keep you in bondage. Once a sin is brought to the light however it immediately begins to lose its grip. Be encouraged that you are not alone, and that many others have struggled with the same behaviors, habits and addictions you are experiencing, and that through confession and accountability have walked free of them. You can too!

Accountability –

Make yourself accountable to a trusted friend, your pastor/church minister, or ideally your wife or husband. Commit to tell them when you have experienced temptation, or fallen into behavior patterns that you know contravene your sense of what is appropriate or right for a Christian man or woman. Programs like the excellent Covenant Eyes Accountability program and Internet Filter can help with this tremendously.

Remove Temptation –

Matt. 5:29-30 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

These dramatic statements are not advocating self-mutilation. Instead, Jesus is making as clear as He can that sometimes drastic and aggressive measures are necessary if we are to free ourselves from the destructive grip of sinful habit patterns.

If your sin includes the use of a computer at the very least install strong content filters to prevent access to unsavory Internet content, such as that available from Covenant Eyes. Remember, you are not just protecting your surfing experience, you are protecting your family, your relationships, your happiness and your future.

If necessary you may even need to cut off the source that feeds and entices you to sin by literally removing it from your presence. This of course includes getting rid of mobile phones with web access.

You may also want to consider only having a computer in a family or public room, where your browsing will be witnessed.

Similarly, if the television is a problem area, remove any packages with inappropriate content and set viewing restrictions if available. If necessary, get rid of the TV!

God has designed you to be a person of passion and purity.

Surveys show at least 70% of men and 21% of women struggle with online pornography.

It is a fact that pornography has played a large part in the breakdown of intimacy in many marriages, and the sexual wholeness of individuals everywhere. Too many men and women become ensnared in a process of addictive destructive behavior that eventually prevents them from approaching sex and intimacy in the way God intended; as a blessing reserved for the sanctity of the marriage bed alone.

The following resources are recommended for those who wish to protect their marriage from these dangers, and for those who need to find recovery and freedom from compulsive and destructive sexual behavior, whether married or single.

The Two Best Courses for Christians addicted to Porn

We have seen significant change and victory for both men and women through both of these programs, and unreservedly recommend them to any Christian struggling with masturbation or porn addiction in their lives and families.

- The X3 Pure Pornography Addiction Recovery Program
- The Candeo Pornography Addiction Recovery Program

The Candeo Program is a ground-breaking online training system that teaches people how to successfully progress down the path that leads to a life free of pornography addiction.

It is now available to you in a safe, private, anonymous environment. It is helping to change the lives of individuals who are reclaiming their intimacy, relationships and lives. From the privacy of your home you can take this course at your own pace. It will give you the understanding, the tools and the support to successfully begin the process of overcoming your personal Pornography Addiction.

X3PURE – 30 Days to Freedom

Another powerful and successful Online Recovery Workshop is the X3PURE 30 Days to Freedom Course. This online workshop has been instrumental in helping literally hundreds of thousands of men and women break free from destructive porn habits, and walk in Freedom. It is entirely Christ centered and draws from God's grace and power to help you walk free from addiction into a glorious future. Don't waste another moment before taking a look at what is possible!

Want to be free of porn addiction?

Covenant Eyes Accountability & Filtering Software

Surveys show at least 70 percent of men and 21 percent of women struggle with online pornography. Escape the temptation of Internet pornography by removing the secrecy of the Internet with Covenant Eyes Accountability software.

Once Covenant Eyes software is installed it monitors and records all web activity and scores all sites according to maturity of content. This information is presented in a customizable Accountability Report that is emailed to the Accountability Partner(s) of your choice.

Protect your family with the Covenant Eyes Filter service, which is only compatible with Windows PCs. Different filter settings may be created for each username, even if several usernames are used on the same computer. For instance, choose more restrictive settings for your child's username and less strict settings for your own username. Covenant Eyes is flexible and grows with the preferences you request. Or simply use the Covenant Eyes Filter at its standard settings for outstanding family protection. The CE Filter may be used with the Accountability service or by itself.

Save Your Christian Marriage

Maybe your marriage is not where it should or could be. Perhaps it is even headed for divorce. You may be in great pain, feeling the constant agony of a crippled relationship. It may be that you see the writing on the wall, or perhaps your spouse has even said it: your marriage is headed straight into the ground! You may have given up all hope. Maybe you are terrified, but still hopeful.

In his powerful book, *Save Your Christian Marriage*, Dr Lee H. Baucom tells you that it can change. In fact, your marriage can not only be restored, but can actually become the marriage of your dreams!

IMCNews Publisher note: In my ministry experience as a Marriage and Family counselor and in my research on the topic of human sexuality, I have witnessed the damaging effects of pornography on families and individuals. Please pray that all will be freed from this harmful influence and that our minds will be solely devoted to JESUS, Who alone can set us free and give us hope. For more info: www.christianpornhelp.com.

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Pictured above left to right: Kevin Miller and Idaho Senator Russ Fulcher. Photo by KIDO Radio (www.kido.net).

Idaho Chooses Life Christmas Banquet 2012

By Gloria J. Hansen, Boise, Idaho

580 KIDO's Kevin Miller was the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Idaho Chooses Life Christmas Banquet. Everyone that was there supported the cause of ProLife. There were great speakers and an Auction.

State Legislator from District 22, Russ Fulcher, was one of the guest speakers of Idaho Chooses Life annual Christmas Dinner and fund-raiser December 7, 2012 at the Eagle Christian Church in Eagle, Idaho. His message was based on a very personal experience which he shared so that we would know why unborn babies are precious.

In March of 1995 Russ and his wife Kara were expecting their third child, whom they talked to daily and looked forward to her birth. After seven months in the womb Baby Nicole was "not happy" and a trip to the ER was necessary. Both the mother and baby were in distress as the placenta detached from the uterus wall and major surgery was necessary to save their lives.

While Kara was in recovery, Russ attended to their newborn daughter who knew his voice and strained toward him leading to very tight bonding. At less than two pounds she was so tiny that only two fingers were needed to rub her tummy. She validated to their family that life is a precious gift. "Life is a fight, but it is well worth fighting. Babies are people long before they are born, starting at conception," he said.

A summary of other statements he made follows. These values are based in the unchanging foundations of the Christian Faith which values life. He, also, said that another world view of life has evolved that rationalizes killing of unborn children and calling it "choice."

Servitude versus freedom was an issue in this country on September 17, 1777 when 39 men of faith laid the foundation for rule of law based on the Christian Moral View. "They all pledged to give their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor for the Republic that was to become the United States of America," he reminded us. Historically this country has produced greater wealth than has been created in the entire history of the World. We were created on a morally and economically sound foundation. Such a formula for success is not easy, but when we recognize weaknesses and repent, we are able to go forward again.

Starting with our own families and dedicating ourselves to Godly principles, we can succeed once more. Churches need to become primary providers of council supporting these families. This kind of foundation gives hope for all babies to be valued and to live out long, blessed lives as Nicole has done for the past seventeen years. She is now a beautiful young woman with a 4.0 grade point average at her high school, and she is a joy to have around.

"Our faith is not a result of freedom... liberty and prosperity are a result of faith," were Rep. Fulcher's closing remarks.

He left us with encouragement to keep defending the weakest in our society, and "for Idahoans to continue to "Choose Life."

For more information about Idaho Chooses Life, visit their website at: www.idahochooseslife.org.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Christmas carols = bullying?

Bob Kellogg (OneNewsNow.com) - December 21, 2012

A Christian attorney says some Montana parents are taking the "war on Christmas" to a whole new level.

The complaining parents in Missoula, who refused to be identified, want "Joy to the World" and "Good Christian Men Rejoice" replaced with secular songs. They say the traditional carols are a form of bullying and need to go.

But Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel thinks their claim is ridiculous.

"This takes the war on Christmas to a new level. To call Christmas carols 'bullying' is just unbelievable," he submits. "The problem is that this is absurd; not one second of legitimacy should be given to this alleged complaint."

The attorney says Christians should not be afraid to push back against such anti-religious attacks, doing it in a godly, civil manner.

"We need to make a stand. If we don't, we ultimately will lose our liberties, lose our right to speak, and the only viewpoint will be a secularist, anti-God viewpoint," Staver warns. "And we certainly don't want to live in an environment like that - nor do we want our children inheriting that kind of hostile environment."

Superintendent Alex Apostle says he is taking these complaints seriously and is moving forward to address them.

Marriage in Montana

Charlie Butts (OneNewsNow.com) - December 20, 2012

Montana's constitutional amendment protecting marriage has been upheld, though it was a split decision by the state's Supreme Court.

Jeff Laszloffy, head of the Montana Family Foundation (MFF), reports that the court on Monday rejected an attempt by same-gender couples to obtain the same benefits enjoyed by heterosexual couples, in spite of the 2004 vote to amend the Montana Constitution to declare marriage as between one man and one woman.

"Justice [James] Rice said because of the Montana marriage amendment, we now have what's called an expressly constitutional classification for marriage, and that makes it extremely difficult for the other side to be able to pass same-sex 'marriage' benefits," Laszloffy reports.

He explains that the justices ruled the challenge was too broad, which means homosexual couples can file more narrow lawsuits in an attempt to obtain the benefits.

"There are over 400 benefits in Montana law that are granted to married couples, and so to take these laws, find someone who is actually injured so that they have standing, and then challenge these laws law-by-law starting at the very beginning in the district court will take decades," the MFF president details. "And so this isn't the big victory that the other side is claiming."

The voter-approved marriage amendment declares that those benefits are only for legally married couples. The Montana Family Foundation stressed to the court that it could not tell the legislature what to do, which is what the plaintiffs were asking.

IMCNews Publisher note: Montana Family Foundation website is: www.montanafamily.org, phone number (406) 628-1141.



Photo by youth pastor Ken Aragon of Pueblo, Colorado.

Dare 2 Share "FOLLOW" Conference

By Camilla Dekan, Casper, Wyoming

The crowds arrange themselves after cars line up. Bus loads of kids are dropped off. High energy sets the stage. Excitement and anticipation rule the air with laughter. Youth frolic with iPods and silly dance while a few youth pass the time with extreme ninja and frolicsome conversation.

Two teenagers exclaim, "I've been to **Dare 2 Share** before, but I am expecting to be strengthened in my walk with God. I wonder what God has planned. I know I'm gonna have so much fun and take back a lot of information to my youth group." Chrissy comments, "My desire is to be impacted to impact."

The crowds appear friendly with smiles and close proximity to each other. Finally, at 6:00 p.m. the doors open.

Dare 2 Share, a gathering of Christian youth leaders and youth, convened at the Budweiser Convention Center in Fort Collins, Colorado, February 1-2, 2013. Greg Stier, President of **Dare 2 Share**, Zane Black, and Boogalu impacted the weekend through persuasive teaching with a doable plan to follow Christ. Outreach for the teenagers became a point of transformation. Breakout sessions empowered youth leaders to contemplate their call to ministry.

High volume music by Boogalu and Moral One began and ended each session as the crowd performed what comes naturally for a teenager. Dance circles exploded with tag team choreography. Hearts were captivated and hands were raised as Everfound led the worship. Teaching challenged all too passionately pursue Jesus Christ, to know the reality of who Jesus is, and to pour out one's life to disciple others. Mentoring challenged all too recklessly abandon hopes and dreams, relationships and our "stuff" that keep us from passionately following Christ.

A youth group from Pueblo, Colorado known as S.W.A.T. wore T-shirts and participated with the **Dare 2 Share** staff in drama skits. This mobilized team of teens came from a wide range of backgrounds and life stories. One girl became so transparent and stated that this was her chance to regain confidence and build upon the character of Christ. Honey, you are my hero. Youth back home will also be impacted by the life changes experienced at **Dare 2 Share**.

Dare 2 Share encountered so many lives. For information, go to DARE2SHARE.ORG/FOLLOW or call toll free at 1-800-462-8355.



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Patrick



Patrick entered the New Life Program with physical and emotion wounds. His time at Harvest Farm healed him and brought him back to Jesus.

My story is not unlike many others that have traversed the alcoholic path: parents were absent, encouragement toward anything was weak and I ended up finding out most things on my own. It is sad and unfortunate, but it is what it was. I spent a good deal of time rebelling, and the grand outcome of such turned into addictive behaviors bent toward inward isolation, however, that was not always the case.

I met Jesus when I was still a teenager, prior to any addictive outbreak. It was a wonderful moment, but did not last as I honestly did not know what had happened, nor what I was getting into. Not long after that point, less than a week actually, I was quickly seduced into the world of booze and smoke. It had the semblance of comfort and through them (and those that provided it) offered a sense of being and relationship. Oh how I was duped. I spent years “on,” then years “off,” and the cycle of addiction worsened each time I returned.

Everything that I held dear became worthless and I found myself alone, heartbroken and hungover. There was no other avenue to turn to: save one. I had known a friend from church who had joined a place through Denver Rescue Mission called Harvest Farm that featured the New Life Program. I quickly called and got on the waiting list, patiently abating my time while a place opened. Within that period of time, God began to mend some of the cosmetic wounds and deal with the act of consuming harmful substances: alcohol was the first, cigarettes were next, etc. Finally, a place opened on the Farm and I, entirely wounded but completely loved, entered the NLP. This then, is where the new road began...

Within the first few weeks, my paradigm slowly began to change and my outlook on the world and life was not so distorted. I had made it a practice to rise early and spend time with Jesus, watching the sun come up and singing to Him. It became one of the most intimate times I have had in His company. The slow but steady re-acclimation into ‘reality’ did not come easy, but it did come.

The time that I spent on the Farm was life changing, educational and empowering. There were excruciatingly tough times, and absolutely glorious moments that have permanently changed my outlook on myself, on the love of Jesus, and those around me. Had this not occurred, I do not believe that I would be alive right now. This is not to say that everything was mended and that life hasn’t thrown boulders at me since, not in any sense. I can, however, rest in the fact that I love the Creator who adores me without pretense. It was a privilege to grow in life and relationship with the folks on the Farm, and am grateful that as an entity, it serves to function for those searching for a way out of the bondage and hopelessness of addiction.

For more information visit www.DenverRescueMission.org or call (303) 297-1815. Follow us at twitter.com/denverrescue.



The Opportunity To Succeed

Thanks to you, our generous donors, when Sue found herself without a home, Boise Rescue Mission Ministries was able to offer hope!

Eight years ago, the unthinkable happened in Sue’s life: her husband, who was an alcoholic, was involved in an accident that resulted in a fatality. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison and Sue found herself struggling to provide a home for herself and her daughter. “I eventually got a job at a local hamburger place and tried to hold my head up, but I just started getting farther behind on bills and ended up losing both my job and the place we were staying.”

Once that happened, Sue and her daughter moved from place to place, living on her tax return for as long as they could while Sue searched for a new job. They often stayed with acquaintances or in hotels, but were frequently unable to be together. Sue was afraid of exposing her teenage daughter to an unsafe environment.

“I thought it was better for her to stay with the family of one of her friends, and I found different places until I finally ran out of money. At that point I had no other choice than to come to the

mission.”

Looking back at that time, Sue believes that coming to City Light Guest Services was the point when things started to turn around for her. This is also the part of her story that she really wants to tell.

“I think it’s important that people understand that Boise Rescue Mission is so much more than just a safe place to sleep, a hot meal, and maybe a change of clothes. I wonder if people know that the staff at City Light gave me a caseworker who worked hard for me, helped me find a place to live and connected me with the resources I needed, help I never knew was out there for people like me. They helped me with my daughter’s education and even had me see a doctor. That’s when I found out that I was diabetic. I never would have known.”

Even more important to Sue, “They believed in me! Not just my caseworker, but everyone on staff. They truly cared about connecting me with things that lifted me up, that helped me get back on my feet.” Sue thinks that a lot of people do not take advantage of what the Rescue Mission has to offer, but those who do find all the support they need.

Sue came to City Light a little over four years ago in the



middle of a crisis she couldn’t recover from on her own. She was a guest for just a few weeks, but during her stay, she volunteered to help in the kitchen. Her commitment to hard work impressed the staff and once they helped her find a place to live, they also offered her a job. Boise Rescue Mission Ministries gave her the opportunity to change the course of her life and Sue rose to the challenge.

We are happy to report that, four years later, her story is much different. She was homeless, now she is house hunting and on her way to home ownership. She was jobless, now she has taken on the responsibility of managing the kitchens for both City Light and River of Life facilities. She works very hard and we are extremely proud of her.

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Spotlight Testimony

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Chuck Fidroeff, Executive Director

My name is Scott Lunsford and last year I was active at my church, K2 - The Church. I was a reliable volunteer helper with the middle school group at K2 and also helped run the college-age ministry there. My wife was pregnant with our second baby girl, we had a nice house in Sandy and I had a good job with the local pipefitters union making \$30 an hour. From the outside it probably seemed like an ideal Christian life. But by January 2012 my wife had kicked me out of the house, my hidden life was exposed to my entire church, I was banned from visiting my kids and I was homeless. It was only after losing everything that I made the decision to walk through the doors of the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake, where I hoped that God could restore my life.

I grew up in Memphis after being adopted shortly after birth. I was blessed with great adoptive parents who loved and cared for me. When I started school I didn't do well. I couldn't focus in class and I dropped out in 10th grade, but passed my GED test. I went to work but still hung out with my friends from high school. When I was about 17 my friends and I started experimenting with alcohol and pot and I began a life-long addiction to marijuana.

My life in Memphis was what you might expect for an everyday pot user. I would get jobs and then get fired after failing a drug test. I had my share of girlfriends and ended up having two kids with two different women, but in each case the relationships deteriorated and I wasn't able to be a father to my kids.

I joined the pipefitters union, received good training and started securing some decent jobs, even as I would sometimes get suspended for failing drug tests. But then, in 2006, a woman who had previously rejected my request to get married asked me to visit her in Salt Lake where she had moved for work. We rekindled our relationship and within a couple of months we were married at Thanksgiving Point and purchased a house.

One of the conditions my wife put on our relationship was that I had to quit smoking marijuana. I loved my wife so much I thought it would be easy to quit pot for her. But after quitting for just three months I started smoking again. Over the next five years I smoked pot almost every day, all the while hiding it from my wife. She caught me three times over those years but each time I persuaded her to forgive me, convincing her I wouldn't do it again. We had both grown up in homes where our parents took us to church and once we were married we became active at K2 The Church, despite my secret marijuana use.

Moving to Meth and Homelessness

But last year, when my wife was pregnant with our second child my life unraveled. She caught me smoking pot again and I once again pledged to quit. I was successful at giving it up for a while but after a really hard day at work I asked a coworker of mine if he had any pot we could smoke together. He said he didn't have any pot but he had something else we could smoke. He pulled out a pipe and put something inside of it that we smoked together. It turned out to be meth and I was hooked. Soon I started buying it and smoking it myself. At first it was amazing. I found that I had energy to go to work, come home, clean the yard, read books to my daughter, clean up the house and be a good husband. It was like a wonder drug.

Then my personality started to change. The meth made it hard for me to sleep and I became more and more anxious. I started fighting with my wife and one day I blew up at her and punched a picture on the wall. It was gut wrenching because I could see that my wife was afraid of me. I wanted my wife to know that the person who had scared her was not the real me, it was the person I had become because of drugs. So I decided to tell her about my meth use.

After my confession she asked me to leave the house. The first night I spent at my drug dealer's house. All that night a couple of guys from my church Bible study were calling me but I just ignored their calls. Finally in the morning I took their call. They met with me and asked me if I was willing to take a year to save my marriage and change my life. I said I would. They took out a sledgehammer and crushed my meth pipe. Then they promptly took me to the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake and I was enrolled into the New Life Program.

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A Shock that Changed a Life

Coming to the Rescue Mission on January 9, 2012 was a shock. I had never been on the streets and being around homeless people was new to me. I was used to living in my suburban house with my wife, who had just given birth to our second daughter. I was so angry about my situation. I realized, after being sober for a while, that I had been angry my whole life. I was angry at myself for not finishing high school. Angry at myself for not being a good father to the two children I had when I was a young man. Maybe, I thought, I used drugs so that I didn't have to deal with all this anger.

But as I stayed sober at the Rescue Mission I felt more anger building up inside of me. After a month it boiled over. I was disciplined for violating a Mission rule and in retaliation I punched a wall. I was asked to leave the Mission for 48 hours so I could decide if I really wanted to be there. With nowhere else to go I got a bed at the public housing shelter across the street from the Gateway Mall. As I sat in front of the shelter I was surrounded by drug dealers, street addicts and what I felt were the dregs of society. I looked across the street at the Gateway and saw people shopping at the same mall my wife and I once shopped at. I really was on the other side of the tracks. I thought: "My wife has disowned me, I can't see my kids, I'm not even doing well in a drug treatment program, is this really my life?" I wanted to fall into a ditch and die.

That night, sitting in my bunk at the public shelter, I opened my Bible to the book of Proverbs. It seemed like every verse I read was about anger and how destructive it is. That night God changed my heart in regards to anger and I haven't felt the overwhelming anger that I used to. God also showed me that He answered a prayer I used to always pray, even when I was in the midst of using meth. I would always pray that God would protect my wife and kids from evil and make me the husband and father I should be. Well, God showed me that the evil my wife and kids needed protecting from was me. I truly believe he took me out of my house as an answer to my own prayer and through the Rescue Mission's New Life Program made me into the husband and father He wanted me to be.

When I returned to the New Life Program God helped me to make Him No. 1 in my life. Previously, there were many things in my life I put ahead of God. I put myself, drugs, my wife, my kids, money, possessions and countless other things before God. Through the Bible studies, one-on-one counseling meetings, chapel services and prayer I was able to put God ahead of everything else. Today I have been sober for 11 months, the longest time I have been sober since I was 17.

When I moved to the job phase of the New Life Program I got a good job with the local pipefitters union and started making good money again. In November I graduated from the New Life Program and my wife allowed me to move back in with her and my now 3 and 1-year-old daughters. My daughters are so excited to have daddy back and I believe my wife respects me again. Still, my actions have not been without consequences for my family. Because I didn't work for six months while on the New Life Program, we had to do a short sale on our house and my family moved into an apartment. We also had to give away our two dogs because we couldn't afford them anymore and we amassed credit card debt.

God is helping us get back on our feet. A few days ago I sat on the couch for the first time in many months and held my daughters, one on each leg, as they played with each other. It was awesome! Also, with my new job we have cut our family credit card debt in half. The people and leadership at K2 The Church have also blessed me tremendously. Instead of turning their backs on me and my family, they got me the help I needed and have been with me every step, checking on me, holding me accountable and loving me, even when they knew what was happening in my life.

Really God gets all the credit for changing me, saving my marriage and restoring my family. Please ask God to continue to be the leader of our home, pray that He would continue to make our marriage stronger and keep me sober. God bless you and thanks for supporting the Rescue Mission so people like me have a place to turn when we have nowhere else to go.

My name is Raymundo.

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Life is hard enough for those who leave behind their families in another country in search of a better life without having to be concerned about the bad habits of others. I will never forget when I was told "if you like, you can spend the night here." I have to admit that I thought twice about staying in a Mission, but I was running out of options so I accepted this proposal. Knowing I must provide for my family, I could not pass up the opportunity that God put in front of me; stay here at the Mission, save up some money and start my new life.

I am thankful to have overcome my addiction to marijuana. I started to smoke in my teens and it was only when the Holy Spirit came into my life that I was able to quit. I say this because I have witnessed how God works through the Good Samaritan Mission. Shortly after I arrived here, the Director played a song on his guitar that went "at the Good Samaritan Mission, where I found my Jesus today."

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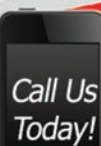


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LETTER To the Editor

By Margaret Thompson, Virginia

After seeing the story on Glen Beck's 'The Blaze' about your question to Jay Carney (www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/01/30/jay-carney-had-absolutely-no-idea-how-to-answer-this-question), I decided to contact you. I am hoping you will help us spread information to fellow Christian Daughters of the American Revolution.

I am a member of National Society Daughters of American Revolution and am one of the Daughters in a dispute with the President General and the Executive Committee over their deletion of the name of Jesus and Christian references in a revised Ritual and Missal book used by chaplains to initiate new members and officers. FOX News did a segment on January 3. Afterwards, the NSDAR issued a public statement and emailed all 170,000 members claiming the report was false. Their statement is very misleading and the proof is in the books. A comparison chart of the old and new books is attached, along with scanned pages. We are attempting to let Christian members know the truth. I am hoping that you will help us, and I am attaching some information that will explain what we are fighting against.

When some members tried to alert chapters and members as to what was done, state and chapter regents immediately put a gag order in place and would not allow the matter to be discussed. Keep in mind, this is an organization of descendants of men and women who fought for freedom of speech! The reason given for the changes in the Ritual and Missal was to be more "inclusive," but the Ritual and Missal has always had alternate prayers and rituals for non-Christian members. There are so many chapters and members who are still not aware of what has happened. The more elderly members who do not use computers or social media have no way of knowing. The changes are so insidious that they even unethically changed the title of one of Helen Steiner Rice's poem "A Christmas Meditation" to "New Year Meditation." I'll let you draw your own conclusions as to why they eliminated the phrase "women of faith" from a prayer. Poems written by a former President General were deleted, one of which spoke of white crosses in reference to soldiers' graves.

We have established a Facebook page where you will find scanned pages from the book. The Facebook page is titled DAR Daughters for Tradition (www.facebook.com/DarDaughtersForTradition). I urge you to visit the page and read a letter from Gail Nash, which explains things in detail. You might also want to visit the official DAR Facebook pages. There are two--the one with the building and cherry blossom is the official page. The other one with the large, blue DAR flags is managed by a very liberal group. Both pages have banned people who do not agree with their views. It is very disheartening to read comments on these two pages. It is so clear that there is an attempt to change the historical fact that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and the lack of knowledge of this fact is astounding! We also have a petition on CARE2 (www.thepetitionsite.com/820/102/062/dar-recall-the-ritual-and-missal-books-printed-in-december-2011) and would greatly appreciate people signing it. They do not need to be members to 'Like' the DAR Daughters for Tradition page or to sign the petition. Any help you can give us to let Christian Daughters know the truth will be greatly appreciated.



An Armed Man

By Pastor Jordan Hall,
Lead Pastor of Fellowship Church of Sidney, Montana

What do we say to this? What can you say to this? We need not be caught in the mix of many who have no answers and nothing to say. There is much to say. And it is, precisely in a time like this, that it must be said. We've been told by some in the Christian community that now is not the time to have the answers, but to be honest and to say, "we have no answers; we simply grieve with you." We certainly grieve, but we do have some answers to the overarching questions.

When Jesus was ministering in Luke 13, the crowds are gathered and a group runs into the crowd, back before the days of Twitter and CNN, to share the news that would have been fresh to the crowd. It had just been reported that Galileans – people from Jesus' home area – had been making sacrifices in the temple. Pilate had slaughtered them. And just as tragedies always bring to mind one terrible scene, like that of children lying in their classroom overnight where they fell, they provide to Jesus one picture of the carnage to be seen; the blood from the innocent people massacred in the temple had mingled on the ground with the blood from the sacrifices. It was brutal.

We live in a society unlike any in the past, a world of email, satellite news, overexposure to constant photographs and videos. We're not isolated from anything that happens in the world. Every tragedy everywhere comes across our television sets. We see them replay it again and again on the nightly news.

And when tragedies strike, the question always arises as to what it means. And if there's a God, why does it happen? And people ask, "How could God let this happen?"

Here's what we learn from Jesus' answer.

First, Jesus did not get bogged down with an explanation of what could have prevented this tragedy. Jesus didn't blame Roman culture. Jesus didn't say "had the temple guard been better armed, this wouldn't have happened." Neither did Jesus complain about the Roman government infringing upon the Jews' religious expression or right to pray.

Some (who I'm sure have the best of intentions) have

claimed "taking God out of the public school" is partially to blame. I bristle at this kind of talk. God is omnipresent and sovereign. God is not prohibited at the front doors of the school because of legislative fiat. Little men in our Towers of Babel and capital buildings cannot tell God where He can and cannot go. I don't know when we started to think that God is subject to American laws.

Next, so long as there is a Christian child or teacher in the school, prayer will be in the school. Try to stop them. Furthermore, where on Earth did we get the idea that it's the secular government's job to teach my kids about God or to pray with them? Quite frankly, I don't trust the school system with that task and neither do I want to outsource my God-given responsibility to a government agency.

Secondly, Jesus points out that death is coming and it comes indiscriminately. What Jesus is saying is that this cannot be seen as the consequence of anything in particular. Were the Galileans sinners? Yes. Jesus asks the crowd "are the ones who died worse sinners than you?" The answer was an obvious "no."

My wife and I recently had two nephews die in the womb. Tragedy comes in many forms and death waits for no one, which is what Jesus was pointing out in Luke 13. We live in a world under the curse of sin, which is death.

In Genesis 3, the consequence of sin spreads to all men. Life is tough. It is hard. And then, from dust you came, to dust you return. We're told in Job 14:1 that life is short and full of sorrow. Ecclesiastes 2:23 says, "All

his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is fleeting." Jeremiah says "Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?"

God has been clear with us. Life is short. Psalms 90:10 says the old die at 70 and you're blessed if you get to live until 80. Until recently, most human beings didn't make it past the age of 3 and that's true today for much of the world. This is a brutal planet because the entire Earth is under the curse of sin.

In short, no one has promised us anything except death. In fact, I would say that through both the testimony of the natural world and the testimony of scripture, God has made it abundantly clear that death not only can, but will come to you at any time and through any means.

The message of the Gospel is that where there was death, there can be delivery. Where there was ruin, there can be resurrection. Where there was sacrilege, there is a Savior. Where there was crying, there can be comfort. Where there was pain, there can be peace.

You see, what we're experiencing in the media and social networking and personal conversations is the longing that exists in the human heart, crying out for a life that is everlasting – a life that cannot be taken away. There is one coming who will restore to the world to the way it should be. His name is Jesus Christ. And through Him, the curse of death is taken captive.

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Two broken marriages. Separation from his son. Run-ins with the law. "My behavior became deliberately self-destructive. People around me started to die because of my lifestyle," he says. He once even tried to end his own life. He was arrested after stabbing another man in a bar fight. He claimed it was self-defense, but he was sentenced to prison.

"When I got out I moved to Casper to be near my son," he says. "My father had given me some money to make a fresh start, but I drank it all away. I was living on the streets." Needing food and a safe place to sleep, he called a homeless hot line and they told him about Central Wyoming Rescue Mission.

"My first thought was that I didn't want to be in a Christian environment," George shares. "I was mad at God. But I reluctantly went to the Mission for help. I met some of the people in the Residential Recovery Program. Their stories were like mine, yet they seemed so happy and that made an impression on me. Still I made excuses not to join the program."

But one of our case managers wouldn't give up. He continued to encourage George to take the next step. "He must have seen something in me despite my stubbornness," George says with a smile. "I did enroll in the program and things started to really resonate. I was changing from the inside out. For the first time, I finally had hope. I realized there was more to life than what I was allowing myself to have. I reconnected with Jesus and began going to church."

As he completed the program, a front desk position at the Mission became available. "I felt an urge to fill that position that I just couldn't ignore!" George recalls. So he began an internship to become part of our staff. "I feel like I am now living the life that God had for me, instead of the self-destructive lifestyle I had for myself."

From addiction and homelessness... to reconciliation and hope, George has been on an incredible journey he feels called to share with others. Visit www.CWRM.org to read an update on George's life as he continues his walk with the Lord.

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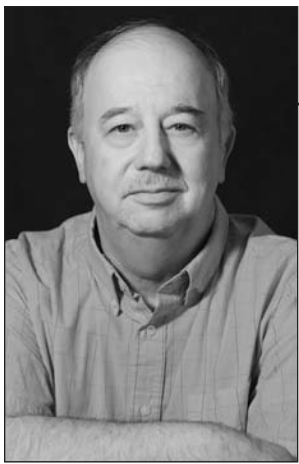
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The GOP Political Establishment Fiscal Cliff Sellout

By Christopher G. Adamo, Wheatland, Wyoming

Apparently Republican career politicians inside the Beltway have a collective death wish. Faced with what they believed to be political impasse, they opted to completely abandon their conservative base and give their full

support to the abhorrent and fiscally reckless policies of Barack Obama and the Democrats.

Of course Republicans would argue that since Obama won reelection in November, they must acquiesce to his uncontested leadership. Sadly, they give no thought to the possibility that perhaps it is their constant inexcusable capitulation to the liberal establishment which has, more than any other factor, empowered the left as the dominant political force in Washington.

The grim reality of the nation's current financial debacle is that each and every year the government spends in excess of a trillion dollars more than it can afford. And while deficits have been a fact of life since the nation's founding, the current levels are unsustainable, and portend an eventual economic implosion if the situation is not shortly corrected. But rather than addressing the real needs of the nation, and weighing them against its inability to continue operating on the current basis, liberal politicians see an opportunity to bolster their dominance in Washington by promising even larger handouts to favored constituencies.

Such reprehensible behavior by Democrats reveals a complete abandonment of their constitutional responsibilities, and should result in thorough censure from the right. To the ongoing shock and dismay of the conservative grassroots, nobody in the Republican "leadership" appears willing to carry that torch. Hence, liberals continue their devastation of the nation's finances with total impunity for their corrupt actions. In fact they publicly laud themselves as the saviors of Middle America while they systematically plunder it.

Such blatant and shameless liberal propagandizing makes it difficult to comprehend the actuality of the "fiscal cliff" situation. Yet for that very reason, the present degree of distortion and misrepresentation needs to be addressed by recalling the original premise of this whole debate, and holding to account everyone on both sides of the aisle who have allowed it to be so flagrantly distorted.

Throughout 2009 and 2010, as Americans grew increasingly concerned with the profligate squandering of the nation's resources by the Obama Administration, the people demanded that his reins be tightened before he was able to completely

bankrupt the country. In 2011, with the nation approaching its \$14.3 trillion debt limit, mechanisms were ostensibly put in place to ensure that the criminally irresponsible spending spree would be brought into line. The imaginary "fix" to which Republicans agreed mandated federal spending cuts in exchange for Republican relaxation of the debt limit. This was the essence of naive GOP expectations for good faith Democrat reciprocation when Republicans caved on that occasion.

Now, with the arrival of that deadline, congressional Republicans are amazed to find themselves once again on the

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defensive, facing an intransigent Obama White House and blind partisanship in the Democrat controlled Senate. Instead of sincerely addressing the raging excesses of government spending, Obama continually upped the ante, imposing tax hikes that will punish the so-called "rich" (his most disfavored constituency) while bolstering his redistributionist schemes for those who worship at the altar of "the state."

In his latest exhibition of brazen fraud, Obama advances a statist ploy as his "fix," while challenging his critics to "do the math." However, even a cursory examination of the numbers inarguably proves that he and his cabal of political supporters are in no way interested in factual accounting. The advancement of their anti-capitalist agenda is simply too important to be bothered with the inconveniences of reality.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the bogusly named "American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012" contains \$600 billion in tax increases, while conceding a mere \$15 billion in "cuts." Even if these figures were genuine, they would represent a fiscal atrocity. Yet even the occasional mention of reducing expenditures is once again only a cruel mirage. Liberals regularly "cut" their financial outlays by initially proposing deliberately inflated numbers, and then claiming to do some token "trimming" of those amounts.

With deficits projected to exceed four trillion dollars in the next ten years (a number that will be vastly exceeded), absolutely no effort to reduce the depredation of America's pocketbooks will be attempted. In short, from both sides of the aisle, Washington disclosed an intention to continue its rapacious spending, with no end in sight.

Not surprisingly, House and Senate Democrats jubilantly supported Obama's sinister plan, exhibiting callous indifference to the col-

lateral damage it inflicts on our once-great nation. Just as abhorrently however, the Republican acquiescence and compliance that ultimately made it a reality constitutes a wholesale betrayal of the American people.

The seditious strategy of the Obama Administration and its leftist collaborators is based on the perpetual expansion of the government and a relentless encroachment on the private citizenry. Yet Republicans abetted this effort. No longer is either side of the political aisle concerned with steering the nation away from the true fiscal pitfall that it faces on account of its inexorable lurch into socialism.

Many among the conservative punditry claim that Obama will enjoy a significant political windfall from this debacle since the Republicans, by abandoning their core principle of opposing tax increases, are once again alienating their conservative base. However, to any who have observed the flailing attempts by the philosophically bankrupt GOP Establishment to posture and pander its way into a position of leadership, this latest treachery comes as no surprise. With the exception of a few conservative stalwarts in its midst (many of whom Speaker Boehner vindictively purged from leading positions) the core of the Republican Party inside Washington is made up of morally and ethically rudderless political players.

Real conservatism has too often been squandered, even after such significant grassroots victories as the 2010 mid-term elections, because its key players were persuaded to align themselves with those they believed kindred in the GOP. In the wake of the "fiscal cliff" fiasco, and the needless and cowardly Republican acquiescence to Barack Obama, it has become painfully clear that conservatism must be unabashedly established and advanced as its own force for societal change if it is ever again to be taken seriously in the political world.

The primary stronghold of liberalism lies within the modern Republican Party. Until it is dismantled, attempting to turn the tide on the leftist onslaught will prove an exercise in futility.

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Picture above by Thea Adamo inside the Wyoming Capitol Rotunda, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

WyWatch Family Action is a non-profit organization working within the state of Wyoming, and has a specified agenda. Their goal is to promote and educate not only the people of Wyoming, but those in the state lawmaking apparatus known as the Legislature on the important issues of ensuring the rights of parents; protecting the unborn; upholding the sanctity of marriage; and maintaining constitutional integrity. Prayer and communication are the primary tools used to tackle this endeavor.

With a firm belief that God directs His people and guides them into achieving His Will, WyWatch Family Action works throughout the year with citizens and elected officials to preserve what is good in our system and change what is not, always using the Word of God and prayer to discern where those actions should take place.

Over the past several years

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WyWatch Family Action has hosted a prayer rally in January at the beginning of the Legislative Session. This year's event took place on Tuesday, January 8th and began at 10:00 a.m. in the rotunda of the beautiful Wyoming Capitol building. It is this organization's firm belief that the government of the people of Wyoming should be upheld in prayer for many reasons. First and foremost, that it is God who governs the affairs of men and His hand is needed not only in the institution and its process, but also in the individual lives of those entrusted with decisions for the whole.

The new Chairman of WyWatch Family Action, Frank Eathorn, MC'd the ceremony which was attended by a gathering of people from all around the state. Some traveled from our northern most border to take part in joining together with others representing different de-

WyWatch Prayer Rally 2013

By Thea Adamo, WyWatch Board Member, Wheatland, Wyoming

nominations of the Christian faith and bringing a clear request before God to bless and uphold the session and the Wyoming legislative body as it embarks on this year's journey of lawmaking and budget development.

Becky Vandeberghe, who now serves in an official capacity as Executive Director, gave an inspiring speech concerning the state of our country and our responsibility as Christians/Citizens in our service to God and to our fellow Wyomingites. A copy of her dissertation will be made available on the WyWatch Family Action website WyWatch.org under the opinion section; along with information on legislators and current legislation moving through the process for the next eight weeks.

The prayers were led by pastors and church leaders who are deeply concerned with the condition of our government and the Church's responsibility to "pray for those in authority over us". They included Deacon Vernon Doblemann of Chey-

enne Catholic Diocese, Pastor Shaun Sells of Calvary Chapel of Cheyenne, Mike Schneider of Cheyenne Church of Christ, Pastor Rep. Nathan Winters, and Rep. Kendell Kroeker.

Several attendees also stepped up to the microphone to publicly pray for our legislators and our state, as they felt led by the Spirit of God. Prayer continued within small groups and for individuals around the rotunda following the dismissal of the official event as there was a

general feeling of unity that bound us together for God's purpose.

Afterward WyWatch prayer cards of Wyoming's elected Senators and Representatives were made available to those gathered and were provided to legislators for their own personal distribution.

The prayer rally was an encouraging event, open to both the public and the entire Wyoming legislature. It was attended by over 50 citizens and numerous legislators, both past and presently

serving.

Wyoming Family Action is thankful to God for the ability to pray for, and work with those who serve in the Wyoming state government to promote and guard the faith, families and freedoms of fellow Wyoming citizens; and also to those who make that work possible by their support to the organization. For more information about WyWatch Family Action, the organization's events and the current Wyoming Legislative Session, visit WyWatch.org.



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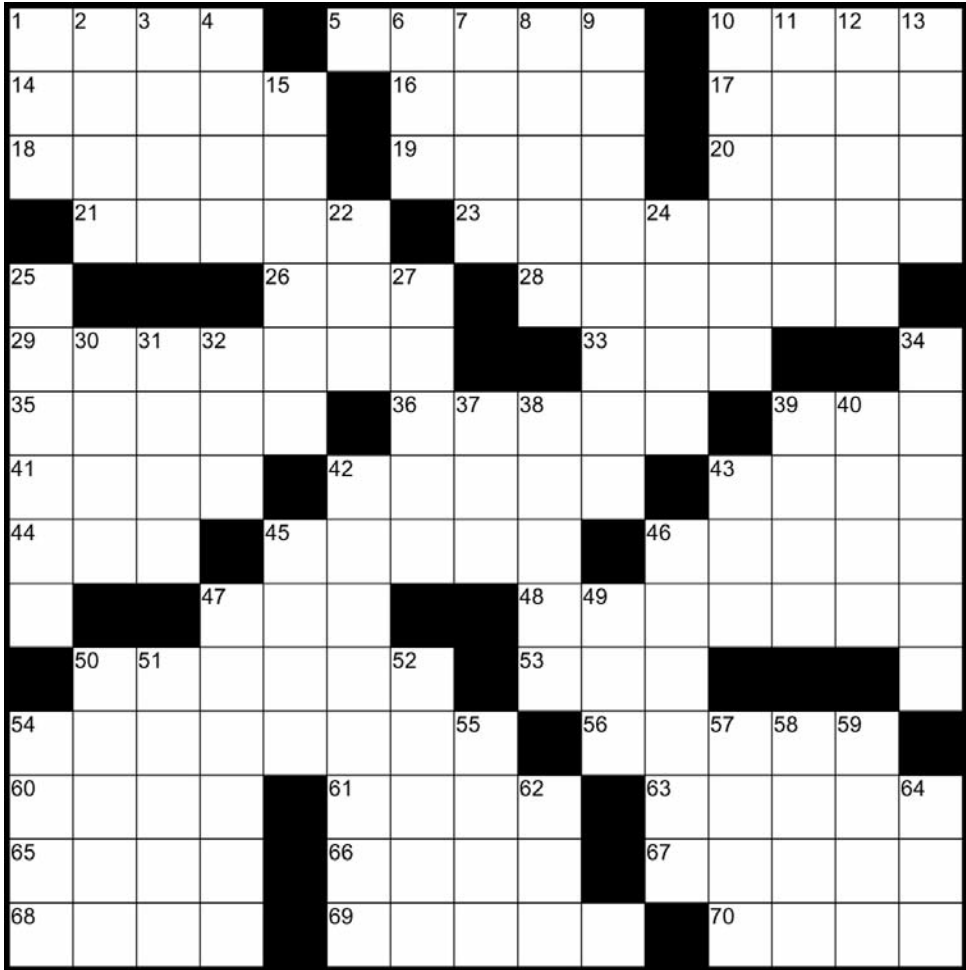
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10. ye lawyers! for ye ____ men with burdens (Luke 11:46) KJV
14. to Joppa, where he found ____ bound for that port (1,4) (Jonah 1:3)
16. upon the camels, upon the ____ , and upon the sheep (Exodus 9:3)
17. hurling stones and shooting arrows out of ____ (1,3) (1 Chr 12:2)
18. In ____ of all this, they kept on sinning (Ps 78:32)
19. captains over fifties, and captains over ____ (Deut 1:15)
20. and loose his ____ from off his foot (Deut 25:9)
21. they dropped four anchors from the ____ and prayed (Acts 27:29-30)
23. bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his ____ wisdom (Ps 105:22)KJV
26. Jesus, walking by the ____ of Galilee (Matt 4:18)
28. cakes mixed with oil, and ____ spread with oil (Ex 29:1-3)
29. the doe in the field deserts her ____ fawn (Jer 14:5)
33. Therefore, ____ yourselves of all malice and all deceit (1 Pet 2:1)
35. when she was risen up to ____ , Boaz commanded his (Ruth 2:15)
36. ____ Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister (Rom 16:15)
39. your lightning ____ up the world (Ps 77:18)
41. sent me from Kadesh-barnea to ____ out the land (Josh 14:7) KJV
42. The ____ receive sight, the lame walk (Matt 11:5)
43. for a good man some would even ____ to die (Romans 5:7)
44. He trusted in God; ____ him deliver him now (Matt 27:43)
45. there are certain men ____ in unawares (Jude 1:4)
46. Andrew, ____ Peter's brother (John 1:40)
47. But unless you repent, you ____ will all perish (Luke 13:3)
48. ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an ____ robe (Luke 23:11)
50. joy will overtake them, and ____ and sighing will flee (Isa 35:10)
53. where two seas met, they ____ the ship aground (Acts 27:41)
54. Honest scales and ____ are from the LORD (Prov 16:11)
56. they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six ____ (2 Sam 6:13) (KJV)
60. very dry (Luke 11:24)
61. lest he ____ thee to the judge (Luke 12:58)
63. The Egyptians you see ____ you will never see again (Ex 14:13)
65. the sea ____ up the dead which were in it (Rev 20:13)
66. to whom be glory for ____ . Amen. (Romans 11:36)
67. soar like the ____ and make your nest among the stars (Obad 1:4)
68. Light is ____ upon the righteous and joy on the upright (Ps 97:11)
69. and they ____ fig leaves together (Gen 3:7)
70. a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the ____ (Isaiah 25:6)

DOWN

1. God ____ raised this Jesus to life (Acts 2:32)
2. the poison of ____ is under their lips (Rom 3:13) KJV
3. I have made a man every ____ whole on the sabbath (John 7:23) KJV
4. the vulture, and the ____ after his kind (Lev 11:14)
6. I desire mercy, ____ sacrifice (Matt 12:7)
7. third of a shekel for sharpening forks and ____ (1 Sam 13:21)
8. they will ____ the ruined cities that have been devastated (Isa 61:4)
9. the wicked are ____ by the work of their hands (Ps 9:16)
10. the siege ____ so long that a donkey's head sold for (2 Kings 6:25)
11. They ____ me, they flee far from me, and spare (Job 30:10)
12. At once all the prison ____ flew open (Acts 16:26)
13. female sheep (Gen 33:13)
15. Anyone who kills a ____ is to be put to death (Num 35:30)
22. Abner son of ____ , the commander of Saul's army (2 Sam 2:8)
24. send him away by the hand of ____ man (1,3) (Lev 16:21) KJV
25. The two ____ arrived at Sodom in the evening (Gen 19:1)
27. son of Uzai worked opposite the ____ and the tower (Neh 3:25)
30. Above all ____ , guard your heart (Prov 4:23)
31. By the rivers of Babylon we sat and ____ (Ps 137:1)
32. at the north ____ of the salt sea (Joshua 18:19)
34. present ____ of that tithe as the LORD's (1,5) (Num 18:26)
37. they will tear me like a lion and ____ me to pieces (Ps 7:2)
38. ____ not into the path of the wicked (Prov 4:14)
39. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, ____ sabachthani?" (Mark 15:34)
40. It had large ____ teeth; it crushed and devoured (Dan 7:7)
42. gold jewelry of all kinds: ____ , earrings, rings (Ex 35:22)
43. if a man shall ____ a pit, and not cover it, and an ox (Exodus 21:33)
45. they laded their asses with the ____ (Gen 42:26) KJV
46. the council together, and all the ____ of the children of Israel (Acts 5:21)
47. Dedan ____ in saddle blankets with you (Ezek 27:20)
49. gathered thereof wild gourds his ____ full (2 King 4:39)
50. Abraham and ____ were old and well stricken in age (Gen 18:11)
51. Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear ____ berries? (James 3:12)
52. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and ____ the spider's web (Isaiah 59:5)
54. Joseph gave orders to fill their ____ with grain (Gen 42:25)
55. to kill (Ps 78:34) KJV
57. They would put out the only burning ____ I have (2 Sam 14:7)
58. the ax is dull and its ____ unsharpened (Eccl 10:10)
59. sold your people for a pittance, gaining nothing from their ____ (Ps 44:12)
62. LORD, how long will it be ____ thou be quiet? (Jer 47:6) KJV
64. affirmative response (Acts 22:27)

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BOOK REVIEW

Hells Best Kept Secret

by Ray Comfort

*Discover the crucial key
needed to unlock the
unbeliever's heart.*



How many souls have you won to Christ? How many are still walking with the Lord? All, some, a few?

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If you're experiencing evangelical frustration over lost souls, unrepentant sinners, and backslidden "believers," then look no further. This radical approach could be the missing dimension needed to win our generation to Christ.

About the Author – Ray Comfort is the best-selling author of more than 60 books. He is also the co-host of an award-winning television program (with actor Kirk Cameron) which is seen in 70 countries. He has spoken on the subject of atheism at Yale and other prestigious universities, debated on ABC's Nightline, written *God Doesn't Believe in Atheists*, *The Atheist Test* (booklet - over one million copies sold), *You can Lead an Atheist to Evidence But You Can't Make Him Think*, and, *Evolution: A Fairy Tale For Grownups* (Bridge Logos). He was a platform speaker for American Atheists, Inc., at their 2001 National Convention.

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Adventures of an Intern

by Bret Haidle, Pocatello, Idaho

Pictured: Chi Alpha Students pose for an after-games picture at Fall Retreat near Ketchum, Idaho

I want to tell you a story about my friend Brian. Brian became involved in a campus ministry called Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship soon after he started attending Idaho State University in 2004. Brian soon caught onto relational discipleship, which is simply experiencing a journey toward Jesus through friendship. It is also one of the strengths of Chi Alpha. As such he started reaching out to a young man in his English class.

Brian would talk and hang out with this young man on campus before or after class, while sharing lunch, or even at the dorms. Pretty soon Brian invited this guy to the small group Bible study he led with his roommates at his house every Tuesday, and the weekly Chi Alpha meeting on Thursday night. The young man experienced true friendship through Christian community. This young man was baptized at a Fall Retreat and his relationship with the Lord spring boarded forward from this point in his life.

The young man in the story is me. Brian had helped me come closer to Jesus just by being a friend. I really felt like God was telling me He really loved and cared about me by sending me Brian and other friends in Chi Alpha. God told me I no longer needed to believe the lies about my identity and self-worth that I had believed for years. I thought I wasn't worthy of true friendship and acceptance, but in fact I am worthy of both!

I wasn't pursuing God when Brian started reaching out to me. I was living my own way on my terms like many students in college do. I grew up in a Christian home, but the first two years of college became more about me becoming a part of a group of friends who thought pursuing Jesus to be unnecessary. Beyond that, I felt purposeless in life and soon was struggling in classes, put on academic probation, and failed out of engineering school!

My story reminds me of Jesus' words in John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." I believe the thief of our soul, Satan, was trying to push me away from God those two years when I basically ran my own life. Jesus longed to show me a better way, and when I finally told Him I would lis-

ten, He gave me a much better plan than I could have imagined. He filled me with the abundant life that only can be found in Jesus!

I found friendship in an encouraging and challenging community of people who looked to God first, not themselves. I graduated from ISU in Electronic Systems Technology and knew God had wanted me to put Him above my academic success all along. I was given purpose again and found joy in living instead of simply trying to survive day to day. My mourning was replaced with rejoicing! I believe God rescued me during that time period because our God is a God of life change. He changed me!

There are many students who are like me when they come to college. They are establishing friendships and building philosophies that will dictate the remainder of their life. Like me, they are often pursuing a community that will allow them to belong and show them unconditional love. Like me, some have a spiritual background. However, their view of Jesus may not be tested until they leave the shelter of their hometown and the protective wing of their parents and youth group. This time of life can be very formative in how the rubber meets the road for them spiritually.

Please pray with me that:

- Students coming to Idaho State and universities across our nation would find a community of believers to share abundant life with this semester. That community doesn't need to be Chi Alpha, but it does need to seek Jesus first and be established on biblical principles.
- Those students' eyes would be opened to the reality of Jesus and the freedom He offers and that they would embrace the free gift of grace He gave us by dying for us on the cross.
- The staff, interns, and student leaders of Chi Alpha at Idaho State would be active and intentional with the students they disciple.
- For students to continue to hear clearly from God on His will for their life.

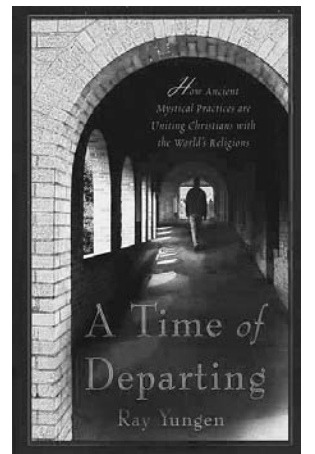
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BOOK REVIEW

A Time of Departing

by Ray Yungen

A book review by
Allen Marsh,
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"Christian yoga, spiritual disciplines, spiritual formation, the silence, sacred space, and contemplative prayer – do any of these sound familiar? If you haven't heard of them yet, chances are it's just a matter of time before these terms start showing up in your own church. And very possibly you will not realize the implications such concepts have."

With this paragraph in *A Time of Departing*, Ray Yungen introduces his exposition of how Buddhist/Hindu religious theology and practices have infiltrated much of American Christendom. His purpose is to help the followers of Jesus "to recognize the subtle teachings of deceiving spirits – spirits that are reinventing Christianity by introducing Eastern mystical practices."

Yungen shows how Eastern theology and practices, originally called New Age in America and an anathema to Christians, are now being incorporated by many Christian churches and colleges.

The basis for everything is the belief in Pantheism. Pantheism believes God IS all things; pantheism believes God is IN all things, including all people. Man is God, and all religions are equally valid.

The desire to experience God – to "feel" God – has led many Christians down an unbiblical path of prayer that has several names: centering; the silence; meditation; contemplation; stillness; and breath prayer, but they don't mean what you think. For example, most of us think of meditation as deep, continuous thinking about something, like Scripture. The Eastern (New Age/Emergent) definition is "ridding oneself of all thoughts in order to still the mind by putting it in the emergent equivalent of pause or neutral." This is done by concentrating on (repetition of) one word or phrase, called a mantra. The "Christian" mantra is often "the Jesus prayer": "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner," usually shortened to "Jesus."

Throughout the book, Yungen discusses the people involved in promoting these Eastern religious beliefs and how evangelical ministers have, even unwittingly, promoted them. Contemplative spirituality often includes practices that pre-date Christ like the labyrinth, usually called a prayer walk today. Numerous churches and Christian colleges have these.

A Time of Departing shows that we must study God's Word so we will not be deceived by the "wiles of the devil." Our hope – our life – is in Christ Jesus, our only Savior and path to the Father.

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NEWS BRIEF

Federal court won't allow government to slide

Charlie Butts (OneNewsNow.com) - December 20, 2012

A federal appeals court has intervened in the Health and Human Services mandate, effectively holding the government's "feet to the fire" for promises it has made.

The controversial HHS mandate requires free coverage of contraception, abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization in ObamaCare health insurance coverage. Belmont Abbey College and Wheaton College sued, arguing the mandate violates their religious beliefs. Both schools are represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

Becket Fund general counsel Kyle Duncan tells OneNewsNow that lower courts dismissed the lawsuits, noting that the government promised to fix the mandate.

"The courts essentially told the colleges you just have to wait and trust the government," Duncan explains. "Well, the DC Circuit reversed that decision and reinstated the cases and said, no, there is jurisdiction over these."

The court went beyond that, says the attorney, pointing out that the justices are holding on to the cases and requiring the federal agency to provide the court with a progress report every 60 days on rule changes to protect religious liberty. The first report is due in mid-February.

"If the government doesn't follow through, we think the strong implication is these cases are going to go forward," concludes Duncan. "So it's a very encouraging result."

At least 41 lawsuits have been filed against the mandate by Christian organizations and Christian-owned businesses. Duncan believes this ruling by the DC Circuit is a victory for all non-profits who have challenged the mandate.

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2013 Roe vs. Wade Speech

By Rev. Rusty Lee Thomas, Elijah Ministries

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January 22, 2013 is the 40 year anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision known as Roe vs. Wade. Biblically, the 40 year epoch carries significant revelation. Theologians have recognized the number 40 in Scripture as an important number. Mainly, they agree that the frequency of its occurrences and the uniformity of its association with periods of probation, trial, and judgment establish a consistent Biblical pattern. Likewise, I think the 40 year of Roe v. Wade holds tremendous implications for our nation as it pertains to these same Biblical themes manifesting in our day. In fact, it was the approach of the 40 year anniversary that provided the inspiration for the States of Refuge campaign.

On that day, 40 years ago, black robed judges denied true science, broke our national covenant which states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The greatest violation, however, breaks the 6th commandment, which states, "thou shalt not kill." In this, we should all add an amen to the Psalmist who stated, "It is time for You to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as void."

It was on that day the American Holocaust was unleashed through the sin and crime of abortion. As a result, 1/3 of an entire American generation has been exterminated with the approval of the state and the silent consent of the majority of the Church of Jesus Christ.

It is this national sin which has wrought national calamity. God's judgments are here and are increasing with frequency and intensity. Bloodshed touches bloodshed; it breaks out like a plague. Violence in the womb leads to increased violence in

our society.

The history of Roe vs. Wade started with Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade. The abortion industry was looking for a case to decriminalize abortion and Miss Norma fit the bill and became the poster child for the merchants of death. She lied to a Dallas court stating that she was raped by five black men. Sara Weddington carried that lie all the way to the Supreme Court and the rest they say is history. Mercifully, Norma repented, came to Christ for forgiveness of her sins, and the Lord redeemed her soul.

In this, however, we recognize the enemy of God, the enemy of truth, and the enemy of life. Jesus stated that there is an enemy that comes to kill, steal, and destroy. Jesus called Satan a liar and the Father of all Lies. When the Devil opens his mouth, he speaks his native language, which is lying.

Jesus also reminds us that Satan was a murderer from the beginning. Thus, lies and murder are the two main works of the Evil One. True to form, the lie of abortion unleashed unprecedented murder that runs rampant in our nation today. The good news is Jesus Christ, our Lord, was made manifest to destroy the works of the Devil. And we, His Church, should continue our Lord's mission in our day.

It would be prudent this day as well to remember another holocaust that took place during World War II, when the Jews were exterminated by a demonic mad man called Adolph Hitler.

At the end of the slaughter, the Jews vowed, "Never again, Never again, Never again." Unfortunately for America, "never again" has happened again.

Dr. Leo Alexander, who

studied the Nuremberg trials, stated Nazism occurs whenever a government or a culture chooses death to solve its economic or moral problems. Proverbs 8:36 concurs, "All those who hate me love death." In other words, what we fought to defeat 60 years ago is now alive and well and polluting our beloved land today. We may have won World War II, but Hitler won the ideological battle.

Amongst its many violations, Roe vs. Wade betrayed government's sacred trust. God established civil government, first and foremost, to stop the shedding of innocent blood and to protect life. Genesis 9:6 declares, "Whoever sheds man's blood, (the criminal) by man (civil government) his blood shall be shed; (why) for in the image of God He made man."

Our founding fathers agreed with this Biblical world view of civil government. Thomas Jefferson stated, "The care of human life and not its destruction is the one and only object of good government." Therefore, any politician who dares claim to be pro-choice is not Biblically or morally qualified to serve in public office.

Roe vs. Wade reveals the battle of the ages in our generation, a conflict between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). The seed of the serpent sounds something like this, "My body, my rights, my choice, I do what I want, when I want and my one commandment is thou shalt not judge me." While the seed of the woman sounds something like this, "Not my will, but thine be done!"

The seed of the woman promotes the gospel of life, while the seed of the serpent promotes the culture of death. It is a clash of world-

views.

One view states, "Life is sacred and needs to be welcomed into life and protected by law." Human beings are made in the image of God and possess intrinsic worth. The other worldview speaks of "quality of life." Human life finds its worth only in its usefulness, if found unwanted or inconvenient, human life may be discarded with the evening trash. The truth is human dignity is found in who we are, human beings, and not in what we do, human doings.

It is this battle that has brought us to the very gates of hell this day and I am here to remind us of our Lord's precious promise. Jesus promised that He would build his church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

Tophet, (drum) the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, is where Israel set up the altar of Moloch and sacrificed their children unto devils.

This cruel, wicked place was also known as Ghenna or hell. Literally, the place where children were sacrificed was hell on earth.

This reveals abortion at its core is a Kingdom, Gospel issue. This is why our good friend, Rev. Flip Benham, proclaims the self-evident truth, "Abortion will come to an end, when the church of Jesus Christ decides it will come to an end and not one second sooner."

The gates of hell will always prevail against the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court, but they will never prevail against the one institution that God ordained to take this enemy on and take him out and that is the church of the living God!

By God's grace I join my voice, my faith, and my love of God and His little ones with yours. And let us, with one voice, declare to these gates, "Be thou lifted up so

the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord Mighty in Battle. He is the King of Glory." (Psalm 24:7-10)

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TESTIMONY OF NORMA MCCORVEY, THE FORMER ROE OF ROE v. WADE, BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE JUNE 23, 2005 (Edited version)

I am the woman once known as the Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade. But I dislike the name Jane Roe and all that it stands for. I am a real person named Norma McCorvey and I want you to know the horrible and evil things that Roe v. Wade did to me and others.

I never got the opportunity to speak for myself in my own court case. I am not a trained spokesperson, nor a judge, but I am a real person - a living human being who was supposed to be helped by my lawyers and the courts in Roe v. Wade. But instead, I believe that I was used and abused by the court system in America. Instead of helping women in Roe v. Wade, I brought destruction to me and millions of women throughout the nation.

In 1970, I was pregnant for the third time. I was not married and I truly did not know what to do with this pregnancy. I had already put one child up for adoption and it was difficult to place a child for adoption because of the natural bond that occurs between a woman and her child. And after all, a woman becomes a mother as soon as she is pregnant, not when the child is born. And women are now speaking out about their harmful experiences from legal abortion.

To read Norma McCorvey's entire testimony, visit the following website and type in the 'Search' box Norma McCorvey: www.judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.

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