

# Friday Church News Notes

## Famous Atheist Says the World Might Have Been Designed by Aliens

In an interview with Ben Stein in the documentary *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, the self-proclaimed atheist Richard Dawkins admits that there might be “intelligent design.” Dawkins, author of *The God Delusion*, is an atheist on a ridiculous rampage against the Almighty. He calls the God of the Bible “the most unpleasant character



in all fiction” and a “capriciously malevolent bully.” Ben Stein asked Dawkins, “Who did create the heavens and the earth? How did it start?” Dawkins replied, “No one knows how it started. We know the kind of event it must have been for the origin of life. It was the origin of the first self-replicating molecule.” Stein asked, “What do you think is the

possibility that intelligent design might turn out to be the answer to some issues in genetics?” To this Dawkins gave the following amazing reply: “It could be that at some earlier time somewhere in the universe a  
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## DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEK “NEW WORLD ORDER”

Meeting in Egypt July 11-16, the leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement called for a new world order. The organization represents 118 countries, including India, Pakistan, Cuba, Egypt, and most African nations. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said the summit “aimed for a new international order” (AFP, July 16, 2009). The conference symbol was a dove with a fig leaf in its mouth. The Bible says that a “new world order” is definitely coming, and its head will be the antichrist. He will come to power through a deceptive peace program, but afterward he will set himself up as God (1 Thess. 5:3; 2 Thess. 2:3-4). He will control the global economy with an iron fist (Rev. 13:16-17).

## WALTER CRONKITE WAS GLAD TO SIT AT THE RIGHT HAND OF SATAN

Walter Cronkite, who died on July 17, wielded a vast influence as “the most trusted newsman” in America in his position as CBS News anchor from 1962 to 1981. I recall watching him with my parents and grandparents when I was in junior and senior high school in the 1960s. He covered such dramatic events as the assassination of President John Kennedy in 1963, the Tet Offensive in Vietnam in 1968, and the first landing on the moon in 1969. On his final broadcast he signed off with his signature conclusion: “And that’s the way it is: Friday, March 6, 1981.” After his retirement as news anchor he continued to operate as a special correspondent on CBS and CNN until recent years. What is not commonly known is that Cronkite was a radical one-worlder who believed that America should give up her power to the United Nations. He wanted the UN to have an executive to make law and “the military forces to enforce that law,” but he did not explain how a sorry institution such as the UN, with its history of rabid anti-Semitism and deep-seated greed and corruption, could be trusted to rule over the world. In his speech at the United Nations in 1999,

when he accepted the Norman Cousins Global Governance Award from the World Federalists Association, Cronkite even said he was glad to sit at the right hand of Satan if it meant the establishment of one-world government. He said, “Pat Robertson has written in a book a few years ago that we should have a world government, but only when the Messiah arrives. He wrote, literally, any attempt to achieve world order before that time must be the work of the devil. Well, join me. I’m glad to sit here at the right hand of Satan” (“Meet the Real Walter Cronkite,” WorldNetDaily, July 18, 2009). In “For Many Shall Come in My Name,” Ray Yungen reveals that Cronkite joined  
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civilization evolved by, probably some kind of Darwinian means, to a very, very high level of technology and designed the form of life they seeded on to this planet. That is a possibility and an intriguing possibility, and I suppose it is possible that you might find evidence for that if you look at the details of biochemistry and molecular biology you might find a signature of some sort of designer. And that designer could well be a higher intelligence from elsewhere in the universe. That higher intelligence would itself have had to have come about by some ultimately explicable process. It couldn't have just jumped into existence spontaneously." So Richard Dawkins admits that life couldn't have just jumped into existence, that there is evidence for an intelligent designer, but since he has rejected the God of the Bible, he launches out into the never-never land of "aliens." And this is the same man that mocks those who believe in God. No man is blinder than he who *will not* see. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts" (2 Peter 3:3).

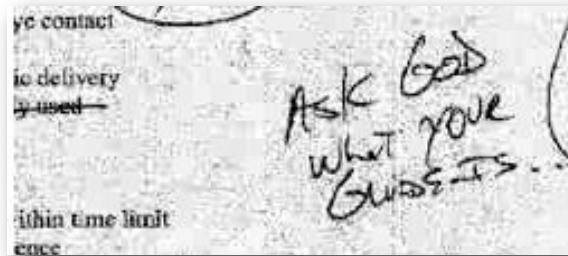
**CRONKITE**

New Ager Marianne Williamson in pushing for a cabinet-level Department of Peace in the U.S. government. In her book *A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles*, Williamson says, "Jesus and the other enlightened masters are our evolutionary elder brothers" (p. 42), and, "To remember that you are part of God, that you are loved and loveable, is not arrogant" (p. 30). Cronkite was an Episcopalian, but it is obvious that he lacked spiritual discernment and did not take the Bible literally. Sadly, this is par for the course for the mainstream media that supplies the average person with "trusted news." Wise people do not depend on such entities as CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, AP, Time, Newsweek, etc. If these love someone or something, you can almost bet that it is ungodly by Biblical standards.

**CHRISTIAN STUDENT WINS FREE SPEECH CASE AGAINST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE**

The following is excerpted from "Christian Students Fights Prof, Wins Big," WorldNetDaily, July 14, 2009: "A California court has ruled in favor of a student who was insulted for defending traditional marriage and has ordered the college to strike from its website a sexual harassment policy that censors speech deemed 'offensive' to homosexual people. As WND reported, Jonathan Lopez, a student at Los Angeles City College, was delivering a speech on his Christian faith in speech class when professor John Matteson interrupted him, called him a 'fascist -----' for mentioning a moral conviction against homosexual marriage and later told him to 'ask God what your grade is.' The professor also warned on his evaluation of Lopez's speech, 'Proselytizing is inappropriate in public school,' and later threatened to have Lopez expelled. Represented by attorneys from the Alliance Defense Fund, Lopez sued the Los Angeles City College District, the largest community college system in the U.S., with over 135,000 students. The lawsuit not only targeted the school over the professor's comments, however, but also sought removal of a campus sexual harassment and speech policy that court documents allege 'systematically prohibits and punishes political and religious speech by students that is

outside the campus political mainstream.' ... In a ruling handed down last week, U.S. District Judge George H. King [called] the campus policy 'unconstitutionally overbroad' and ordered it to be stricken from the college's website. ... Judge King ruled, 'By using subjective words such as 'hostile' and 'offensive,' the policy is so subjective and broad that it applies to protected speech.' He further quoted court precedent, stating, "It is firmly settled that under our Constitution the public expression of ideas may not be prohibited merely because the ideas are themselves offensive to some of their hearers. ... While it may be desirable to promote harmony and civility, these values cannot be enforced at the expense of protected speech under the First Amendment."



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## AL-QAIDA MURDERS U.S. CHRISTIAN AID WORKER IN MAURITANIA

The following is excerpted from WorthyNews.com, June 26, 2009: “An American aid worker has been shot and killed in Mauritania by suspected Islamic militants of the Al-Qaida network because he was involved in spreading Christianity in the African nation, several Christian groups confirmed Friday, June 26. Christopher Leggett ‘was confronted’ Tuesday, June 23, ‘outside the language and computer school that he ran’ in the capital Nouakchott, said Middle East Concern (MEC), which has contacts with Christians in the region. ‘He resisted what appeared to be an attempt to kidnap him and was then shot in the head several times by his two assailants,’ MEC told BosNewsLife. Al-Jazeera Television, the Arabic news channel, said Al-Qaida’s North Africa branch claimed responsibility Thursday, June 24 for the killing. The network added that it had received an audio statement from al-Qaida of the Islamic Maghreb in which the group claimed it killed 39-year-old Christopher Ervin Leggett for allegedly trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. ... Reverend Jim Gibson, co-pastor of First Baptist Church of Cleveland, said in published remarks that Leggett was a church member and attended on return trips, but worked independently in Mauritania. Gibson said Leggett had lived for six years in Africa with his wife and four children.”

## THE EVOLUTIONIST’S DILEMMA: ORDER AND DESIGN

A National Geographic documentary on the disappearance of honeybees reminds us of the evolutionist’s dilemma, which is order and design. Called “The Silence of the Bee,” the documentary describes the dramatic disappearance of bees in America and some other countries since 2006. It begins with a look at the bee itself. After stating that the bee evolved, the documentary contradicts this by showing how perfectly the bee is designed for its work of pollinating flowers and making honey. Scientists who study bees even speak of their “design,” but this is contrary to blind evolution. Notice the following language from the documentary: “The bees are doing a job they’ve done for 100 million years, since they evolved along with flowering plants and FORMED A PERFECT PARTNERSHIP. Bees forage for high protein pollen in the flowers and the plants reward them with a sugary liquid called nectar. Some bees developed SPECIALIZED ANATOMIES to efficiently harvest nectar. Chief among them was *Apis mellifera*, the honeybee. AN ARCHITECTURAL MARVEL, the honeybee’s DESIGN is AN ELEGANT FUSION OF FORM AND FUNCTION. A proboscis for ferreting out nectar stored deep in a flower’s folds and powerful mandibles for eating, feeding young, and manipulating wax. Two compound eyes are each comprised of 6900 lenses and covered with sensory hairs for detecting wind speed. Three additional eyes [on top of the bee’s head] receive light signals for orientation. Four wings clasped together with tiny hooks beat over 200 times per second. For defense, [the bee has] a double-edged serrated sting which she can use only once at the cost of her own life. Hind legs are broadened into special baskets for carrying a heavy cargo of pollen to the hive. Feathery hairs coat the body and build up a static charge as the bee flies. When the bee lands on a flower, pollen literally jumps onto her body. They’re just this MAGNIFICENTLY ENGINEERED THING, JUST

PERFECT FOR ALL THE THINGS THEY CAN DO, and as they go through life and change their tasks, these different anatomies come into play” (“Silence of the Bee,” National Geographic Channel, 2007). Observe that the bee could not possibly be the product of blind chance. It is far too complicated and it operates in synergy with the flower. The bee would have had to have “evolved” fully formed at precisely the same time as the flower arrived, also fully formed. There is “irreducible complexity” here. A honeybee without a perfectly formed anatomy would not be able to pollinate flowers, and imperfectly formed flowers would not be able to provide the material required by the bee. Further, both the flower and the bee are able to reproduce through an incredibly elaborate genetic code. None of this speaks of evolution, but it does speak loudly of divine creation for those who have eyes to see.



## THE PRACTICE OF LOVE IN CHILD TRAINING

The following is excerpted from *Training Your Children to Turn out Right*, an excellent book by David Sorenson (Northstar Ministries, 1820 W. Morgan St., Duluth, MN 55811, 218-726-0209, [www.northstarministries.com](http://www.northstarministries.com), [dhs.northstar@charter.net](mailto:dhs.northstar@charter.net)) -- "Another concept endemic to godliness is the matter of love. ... The New Testament fairly overflows with references to God's people being people of love. Curiously, the Bible has little to say about parents loving their children. I believe the reason for this is that God has created within us a natural instinct to love our children. ... Nevertheless, it is important that our homes be an aquarium of love. In all your teaching, discipling, and admonishing of your children, always season it liberally with love. See that your children have no doubt whatsoever that you love them. Tell them you love them. Show physical affection in an appropriate fashion such as hugs and discreet kisses. Always be there when they need you. Never be too busy for their school functions or programs. Love them even more than you love yourself. Not only is it right to love your children, it will enable you to most effectively teach and train them. When they unquestionably know you love them, they know that you have their best interests at heart" (*Training Your Children to Turn Out Right*, 1995, p. 136).

**THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST** (Friday Church News Notes, July 25, 2009, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:11-15).

## BAPTISTS IN AMERICA OPPOSED SLAVERY IN THE 18TH CENTURY

In 1789, at the dawn of America's history as an independent nation (the first president was elected in 1788), the Baptists of Virginia adopted the following resolution. "Resolved, That slavery is a violent deprivation of the rights of nature, and inconsistent with a republican government, and therefore recommend it to our brethren, to make use of every legal measure to extirpate this horrid evil from the land; and pray Almighty God that our honorable legislature may have it in their power to proclaim the great Jubilee, consistent with the principles of good policy" (Robert Semple, *History of the Rise and Progress of the Baptists in Virginia*, 1810, p. 62).



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