

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MUSLIM JIHADISTS INTENDED TO CAPTURE EUROPE AND ALL OF “CHRISTENDOM”

The Muslim jihadists after Muhammad had the objective of conquering all of Europe and setting up a caliphate headquartered in Rome. Not knowing the difference between false and true Christianity, and not caring that there is a difference, they thought that by conquering Rome they would conquer “Christianity.” They attacked Europe almost simultaneously from the east and the west and were halted at the battle of Constantinople in 718 and at the Battle of Tours in 732. When the army of the sultanate of Cordoba invaded the territory of the Franks in 732, he “promised to stable their horses in St. Peter’s at Rome” (Serge Trifkovic, *The Sword of the Prophet*, p. 96). As they made their way north from Spain, the Muslims “burned churches and slaughtered the population” (Susan Bauer, *The History of the Medieval World*). They were stopped by Charles Martel (“Hammer”) and his army of Frank soldiers. In the East, when Mehmed II finally captured Constantinople in 1453, he took the title *Kayswer-i Rum* (*Caesar Romanus*) and intended to conquer Rome. His army invaded Italy, but withdrew after his death in May 1481. Mehmed’s son Suleiman

also took the title *Caesar Romanus*, but his advance into Europe was halted with a defeat at Vienna in 1529. The last major Islamic military invasion into Europe occurred in the 1680s and was again halted at Vienna when they were defeated by a Polish-German army. Today Islam is conquering Europe by immigration, and there are no “Christian armies” to stop them. At the same time, we know that Islam will not conquer the world, because Bible prophecy presents quite another picture.



Eva Brunne

LUTHERAN LESBIAN BISHOP CALLS FOR REMOVAL OF CROSSES

The following is excerpted from “World’s First Lesbian Bishop,” Breitbart, Oct. 5, 2015: “The Bishop of Stockholm has proposed a church in her diocese remove all signs of the cross and put down markings showing the direction to Mecca for the benefit of Muslim worshippers. Eva Brunne, who was made the world’s first openly lesbian bishop by the church of Sweden in 2009, and has a young son with her ‘wife’ and fellow lesbian priest Gunilla Linden, made the suggestion to make those of other faiths more welcome. ... The upper echelons of the Church of Sweden, much like other national churches across Europe, seem to be fully invested in the diversity mission. Back in February, a parish church in multicultural paradise Malmö declared it would be holding a service in solidarity with the local Muslim community as a protest against a march by

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RATIONALISTS AND THEOLOGICAL LIBERALS INVENTED THE TOLERANT ISLAM MYTH

The popular myth that Islam is fundamentally a peaceful and tolerant religion that created a “golden age” of learning and science beginning in the eighth century was invented by prominent rationalists and theological modernists more than a hundred years ago. Men such as Voltaire claimed that Europe fell into a dark age because of “Christianity” (Catholicism) and was rescued by an enlightened Islam. “In time, some scholars began to see almost all European science and learning as an Arab creation, or at least something that appeared only under the influence of the Arabs. This opinion took root in the nineteenth century, and by the early years of the twentieth century had become, in some quarters at least, part of received wisdom” (Emmet Scott, *Mohammed and Charlemagne Revisited*). A prominent historian in 1919 said that “Spain, not Italy, was the cradle of the rebirth of Europe” (Robert Briffault, *The Making of Humanity*, p. 189). This has always been complete nonsense. A “Golden Age of Islam” in Baghdad was not *because of Islam*, but *in spite of it*. Tolerant, educational-minded Muslim caliphs are not the rule in history, but the extreme exception, and they were tolerant and educational-minded by *not being strict followers of the Quran*. Further, most of the inventions that have been promoted as Muslim inventions were actually inventions of China, Persia, and India.

DEFENDING ALL OF THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD

The following statement by Sir Robert Anderson (1841-1918), from *The Coming Prince*, refutes the heresy of “non-essentials”: “When David reached the throne of Israel and came to choose his generals, he named for the chief commands the men who had made themselves conspicuous by feats of prowess or of valor. Among the foremost three was one of whom the record states that he defended a tract of lentiles, and drove away a troop of the Philistines (2 Samuel 23:11-12). To others it may have seemed little better

than a patch of weeds, and not worth fighting for, but it was precious to the Israelite as a portion of the divinely-given inheritance, and moreover the enemy might have used it as a rallying ground from which to capture strongholds. So is it with the Bible. It is all of intrinsic value if indeed it be from God; and moreover, the statement which is assailed, and which may seem of no importance, may prove to be a link in the chain of truth on which we are depending for eternal life.”

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anti-Islamisation movement PEGIDA in the city. ... As a major bottleneck into the region, with a single bridge and ferry route connecting the country to the rest of Europe, the arrival of these [Muslim] migrants has heralded an unprecedented level of criminality in the city, as explained to *Breitbart London* by a recently retired senior police officer last month. Describing the ‘no-go’ zones that have sprung up around the city and calling for greater border controls to get criminal migration under control, Chief Superintendent Torsten Elofsson said: ‘Years ago you could go with two officers, no problem. Now you have to send four officers and two cars--if the fire brigade want to go, they have to take a police escort. They throw stones and try to stop the fireman from putting out fires.’”

DOCTOR FIRED FOR VOICING THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY

The following is excerpted from “Leading U.S. hospital fires doctor,” LifeSite News, Jun. 25, 2015: “A well-loved and respected doctor with a background in sexual-risk behaviors has been expelled from one of the United States’ most prestigious and top-ranked medical centers after he raised evidence-based health risk concerns over the center’s decision to endorse and celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. Urologist Dr. Paul Church, a 65-year-old grandfather of 6, was expelled from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston, Massachusetts, in March ... Dr. Church, a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty, has worked as a urologist at the center for nearly 30 years, conducting research on prostate and bladder cancer. He has also offered his medical talents to the poor on numerous occasions during volunteer missions to Mexico and Africa. It was 11 years ago that Church began to experience censorship and suppression from BIDMC officials, reported *Mass Resistance*. At this time, Church and other like-minded colleagues repeatedly raised concerns with officials over the center’s decision to not only endorse the homosexual lifestyle by hosting an annual ‘Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Achievement

Award ceremony,’ but to involve staff in LGBTQ events including participation in Boston’s annual ‘Gay Pride Week.’ ‘The evidence is irrefutable that behaviors common within the homosexual community are unhealthy and high risk for a host of serious medical consequences, including STD’s, HIV and AIDS, anal cancer, hepatitis, parasitic intestinal infections, and psychiatric disorders,’ Church submitted to officials via the center’s communication system after receiving an LGBT-related communication. ... In April 2012, Church requested that BIDMC’s communications department not send him further notices regarding LGBTQ activities. His request was ignored. ... To one such communication received in 2013 he responded ... ‘Leviticus 18:22.’ To another that same year: ‘Romans 1:26-28.’ It is for these ... responses that the medical center decided to take action this year and expel Dr. Church. ... He told LifeSiteNews his case proves that what the LGBTQ movement wants is not simply ‘coexistence’ with the rest of society, but total affirmation without a single voice of dissent of what the movement not only believes, but also what it practices in the bedroom.”



“TRADITIONAL” SACRED MUSIC

The following quotes are from *Why I Left the Contemporary Christian Music Movement* by Dan Lucarini, 2002. Speaking as a former insider, the author said that he defended CCM primarily because he loved rock music. In chapter 17, Lucarini describes his part in moving two churches from “traditional” to contemporary. It was done incrementally, beginning with soft rock. “Traditionals are initially assured by the Contemporaries that the two

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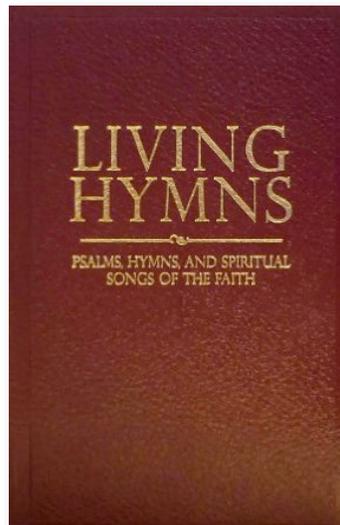
A CONTEMPORARY STYLE WILL ALWAYS CONQUER "TRADITIONAL" SACRED MUSIC ...continued from previous page

styles can co-exist peacefully. In reality, what happens over time is a steady slide down the slippery slope, away from all traditional music into the latest, 'edgiest' contemporary styles" (Lucarini, p. 119). "With blended services, we have created two sets of musicians with different skills. Now began the competition for the hearts of the congregation: the battle of the bands, so to speak. ... Contemporary always prevailed over Traditional, because it fed the sinful desire of our flesh. Add to that the veneer of respectability given to CCM by the leadership, and many believers gladly traded the old music for the new. ... the blended service is not a long-term solution ... Rather, it is quite simply a transitional phase to gradually move a church service from all traditional to all contemporary. ... even this separation of services [in those churches that attempt to have two different services, one traditional and one contemporary] will not remain sharp for long. Soon it will blur, and the blurring is almost *always* towards contemporary shades" (Lucarini, pp. 122, 123).

LIVING HYMNS HYMNAL

Several have asked for my opinion in regard to hymnals. I don't spend much time with English hymnals, but a couple of years ago I examined *Living Hymns* (second edition) and found a lot to like. It was first published by Al Smith in 1972 and is still copyrighted by Al Smith Ministries. The latest edition is distributed by Paul Chappell's Striving Together Ministries. It has a large selection, with 887 songs and hymns, which I appreciate. There is no author index, but I tried to look at the author of every song. There are two by the Gaithers but none by any of the other contemporary worship artists, as far as I can tell. It has hymns that are rarely seen, such as Charles Weigle's "No One Ever Cared for Me

Like Jesus." There are some little-known hymns by old-time fundamentalists such as R.A. Torrey, James Gray, and Lewis Sperry Chafer. Thousands upon thousands of sound sacred songs and hymns have been written just in the last couple of centuries, so any hymnal is just a sampling, and no one hymnal will meet every church's needs, but *Living Hymns* seems to be a good all-around English hymnal. It's too bad that Lancaster Baptist Church isn't content with the nearly 900 psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in its own hymnal and feels the need to mess around with contemporary worship and thus lead many other churches into those exceedingly dangerous waters.



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