
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

LONDON ELECTS MUSLIM MAYOR



Sadiq Kahn

For the first time in history, a Muslim has been elected mayor of London. Sadiq Kahn, son of a Pakistani immigrant taxi driver, was elected by a wide margin and sworn in at an interfaith ceremony at the Anglican Southwark Cathedral. Instead of plainly condemning Islamic terrorism in his acceptance speech, Kahn took a swipe at Donald Trump for his reasonable stand against unvetted Muslim immigration, implying that this is evidence of Islamophobia. Kahn says, "I'll work with London universities to ensure that anti-Semitic or Islamophobic preachers of hate are not welcome" ("I know how discrimination feels," *Times of Israel*, Apr. 26, 2016). But there is no such thing as *Islamophobia*. It was invented by Muslim propagandists to harass and ultimately shut the mouths of their opponents. A *phobia* is an unreasonable fear, but fear of Islam is not

unreasonable, as its own history and most authoritative teachings prove. His talk of promoting interfaith harmony aside, by targeting "Islamophobia" as one of his chief priorities, Kahn demonstrates that he doesn't

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PARENTS STRUGGLING WITH TEENS' PHONE ADDICTION

The following is excerpted from Reuters, May 3, 2016: "Half of teenagers in the United States feel addicted to their mobile phones, with most checking the devices at least every hour and feeling pressured to respond immediately to messages, a survey released on Tuesday found. The majority of parents concurred, with 59 percent of those with children between ages 12 and 18 saying their kids cannot give up their phones, according to a poll of 1,240 parents and children by Common Sense Media. ... About a third of those polled said they argue every day about screen use, the San Francisco-based group said. 'It is causing daily conflict in homes,' Common Sense Media's founder and CEO James Steyer said in a statement. ... U.S. children between ages 8 and 12 report spending nearly six hours a day using media, while those ages 13 to 18 spend almost nine hours per day using media, according to the group." The book *The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church*, a new youth discipleship course, gives many tips for parents in protecting their families from moral dangers in the smartphone age. It is available in print and free eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org.



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want the British people to examine the truth about Islam. In contrast, former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill wrote the following in the 1899 two-volume edition of *The River War: An Historical Account of the Reconquest of the Soudan*: “How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries [followers]! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live. A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity. The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities ... but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing

NETANYAHU OFFERS TO EDUCATE UNITED NATIONS ON ISRAEL'S HISTORY



Benjamin Netanyahu

The following is excerpted from “Netanyahu offers to school UN,” *Israel Today*, May 8, 2016: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has invited all United Nations staff members to a seminar on Jewish history, particular in Jerusalem and atop the Temple Mount. The invitation, which appears to be genuine, came after the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) last month issued a resolution slamming Israel’s presence on the Temple Mount and totally

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THE SIN OF DIVIDING THE LAND OF ISRAEL

God gave the land of Israel to Abraham and to his seed, Isaac (Gen. 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:18-21; 17:7-8; 26:1-5), and then to Jacob who was renamed Israel (Gen. 28:12-15; 48:4). The land was given to Isaac, the father of Israel, not to Ishmael, the father of the Arabs. The United Nations thinks it can give the land to whomever it pleases, but this is a delusion by men who are in rebellion to God’s Word. Even a large number of the Jews themselves are willing to trade their God-given land for “peace,” such as when Moshe Dayan returned the Temple Mount to the control of the Jordanians in 1967 and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon gave Gaza to the Palestinians in 2005. The prophetic Scripture warns the nations that God will judge them for parting the land. “For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, AND PARTED MY LAND” (Joel 3:1-2). Note that God says that this land is “my land.” It has never been given to the oversight of the United Nations or to American presidents or to the European Union. It belongs to God, and He gave it to Israel as an everlasting possession (Gen. 17:8; 48:4).

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disregarding all Jewish ties to the holy site. 'It adopted a decision denying any Jewish connection to the Temple Mount, our holiest site,' read a statement issued by Netanyahu. 'It is hard to believe that anyone, let alone an organization tasked with preserving history, could deny this link, which spans thousands of years,' the prime minister continued."

OLD TESTAMENT MUSIC: LESSONS FOR TODAY

David organized the music worship program for the temple (1 Ch. 15:16-28; 16:4-6; 23:1-5; 25:1-31), and he did this by divine revelation (2 Ch. 29:25). It is obvious that God loves sacred worship music. These things are an example for the churches (Rom. 15:4). Notice some lessons from these passages. First, the instruments were harps, psalteries, cymbals (1 Ch. 16:16; 25:1) and horns or trumpets (1 Ch. 15:24). These four instruments are also mentioned in 1 Ch. 15:28 and 2 Ch. 29:25-26. These are not the type of instruments used to create raucous music with a dance rhythm. Notice that there were no drums. Second, the singers and musicians were skillful ("to excel," 1 Ch. 15:21; "skilful," 1 Ch. 15:22; "cunning," 1 Ch. 25:7). Third, they were trained (1 Ch. 25:7). Fourth, they were well organized; they submitted to God's order and to the authority God had put over them; they were assigned their places (1 Ch. 25:2, 6, 8). Compare 1 Co. 12:7; 14:40; Rom. 12:3-8; Heb. 13:17. Fifth, they sang and played with enthusiasm and joy (1 Ch. 15:16). God's people should follow this example in the churches, and the music leaders should teach and encourage it. I believe that congregational singing is a reflection of a church's spiritual character. Many of the Lord's people do not sing or sing so softly that no one can

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hear them, but the song service is not about me and whether or not I feel like singing or like to sing, and it's not a time to be entertained. It is about singing to God and edifying one another, and it should be done with exuberance. Sixth, they prophesied (1 Ch. 25:1, 2, 3). Compare 1 Corinthians 14:24 which says that all the saints should prophesy. This means that every believer participates in and responds to every part of the service from the heart: to the preaching and teaching, the singing, and the corporate prayer. In light of 1 Chronicles 15, the singing and playing of instruments should be done for prophesying, which is defined in 1 Co. 14:3 as speaking "unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."

When visitors see that the members are enthusiastically involved in the services, they understand that the believers really do believe what they say they believe and they are convicted of the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Seventh, they sang God's Words (1 Ch. 25:5). Compare Colossians 3:16. Worship cannot be heretical or frivolous but must be based solidly upon Scripture. Eighth, they gave thanksgiving to God (1 Ch. 25:3). This is the first and foremost purpose of the Christian life and church. The churches need to make sure that they sing songs and hymns of worship and thanksgiving and not only songs for the edification of the saints.



FASTEST TONGUE IN THE WEST

The following is from CreationMoments.com, January 6, 2016: “Considering the chameleon's slow walking speed, you might never guess that it possesses the fastest tongue of any creature. On second thought, it does make a lot of sense for a wise Designer to equip chameleons with a tongue that's actually longer than its entire body ... and lightning-fast so it can catch fast-moving insects. Using high-speed video and x-ray film, two Dutch biologists have calculated that the chameleon shoots its tongue out of its mouth at more than 26 body lengths per second. They found that the chameleon's tongue accelerates from 0 to 20 feet per second in only 20 milliseconds! So what's the chameleon's secret? By dissecting the chameleon's tongue, the biologists discovered a layer of collagen tissue that serves as a biological catapult that propels the tongue just similar to the way a drawn bow fires off an arrow. Can evolution explain how this catapult got there? Creationist and author Bruce Malone points out in his book *Censored Science*, ‘It is theoretically possible to make up a story of how the chameleon's specialized eyes, tongue, and catapult structures all just happened to develop independently in order to work in perfect concert. But given that there is no fossil evidence of any other creatures possessing such structures, it would seem to be a more logical conclusion that the features were created all at the same time, rather than developed by many small step-changes over huge periods of time.’”

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