
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

NEW STUDY DEBUNKS MYTH THAT DRINKING ALCOHOL IS BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH



Selectively citing studies, the alcohol industry heavily promotes the idea that moderate drinking has health benefits, but a massive new study by the Institute for Health Metrics at the University of Washington has found that any benefits from drinking are outweighed by the harm. Dr. Max Griswold, lead researcher, says, “We have found that the combined health risks associated with alcohol increase with any amount of alcohol” (“Study shows women in Ireland have three alcoholic drinks a day,” RTE, Ireland’s national public service broadcaster, Aug. 24, 2018). “The scientists pooled together data from 592 studies with a total of 28 million participants to assess the global health risks associated with alcohol.” “Each year, 2.2% of women and 6.8% of men die from alcohol-related health problems including cancer, tuberculosis and liver disease. Other harmful consequences from drinking alcohol included accidents and violence. Worldwide, drinking alcohol was the seventh leading risk factor for overall premature death and disease in 2016, the study found.”

CHELSEA CLINTON IS WRONG THAT KILLING BABIES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE U.S. ECONOMY

The following is excerpted from Dennis Howard, “Chelsea Clinton,” LifeNews.com, Aug. 16, 2018: “At a recent ‘Rise up for Roe’ rally protesting the appointment of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Chelsea Clinton credited Roe v. Wade with adding \$3.5 trillion to the U.S. economy. In the years following Roe v. Wade, she said, ‘American women entering the labor force added three and a half trillion dollars to our economy. Right?’ Unfortunately, her answer is wrong. In fact, abortion has taken the lives of 61.4 million Americans since it was first decriminalized in 1967--an estimated half of them women. But instead of adding \$3.5 trillion to the economy, that loss of lives has caused a cumulative GDP deficit of \$62.6 trillion that continues to climb with each passing year. By 2040, that cumulative deficit will likely reach \$400 trillion. ... This is based on extensive research



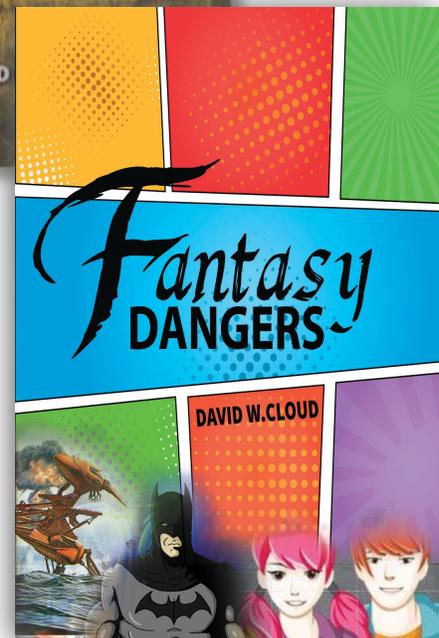
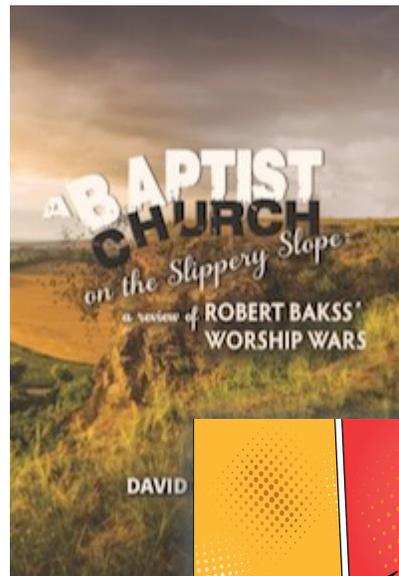
Chelsea Clinton

on the economic impact of abortion over the last 25 years, using my experience over the previous 30 years as a market researcher and consultant to major corporations. Basically, I use the same tools as government agencies such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and, yes, even data from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a subsidiary of Planned Parenthood. There is no smoke and mirrors about it. When you remove 61.4 million people from the population who would have lived productive lives for an average of 78 years, the losses pile up year after year.”

COASTLINE BAPTIST'S FAVORITE SUPER HEROES

The average Independent Baptist church is moving toward the world and a contemporary stance at a fast pace. We have been warning about this for a long time, but most preachers have their heads in the sand, and the problem grows worse by the year. Many men who should know better continue to support schools that are producing contemporary preachers who are starting contemporary churches, all the while pretending that they don't support a contemporary stance. Consider Coastline Baptist Church of Oceanside, California, which is pastored by Steve Chappell, the brother of Paul Chappell, senior pastor of Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster, California, and head of West Coast Baptist College. Paul's son Matt, who started the contemporary Rock Hill Church in Fontana, California, in 2017, was youth pastor at Coastline for a few years after he left Lancaster and was thus mentored both by Paul and Steve. Paul ordained Matt for the new church plant on April 25, 2016, and tweeted praise for the new work. In a blog at the founding of Rock Hill, Paul Chappell tweeted, "Thankful to hear from our son Matt tonight how the Lord is already working as they are planting Rock Hill Baptist Church in Fontana, CA." (The name "Baptist" rarely appears in connection with the church and appears to be trotted out for show.) Robert Bakss, an out-and-out rock & roll pastor with an emerging philosophy who has caused a lot of confusion in Australian Independent Baptist churches, spoke at Coastline on February 5 of 2017. (See *Baptist Church on a Slippery Slope*, available in print or as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org.) On Coastline's website under "Our Team," the ministers share their favorite super heroes. Worship Pastor Ryan Gass's is Wolverine; Assistant Pastor Jon Telles' is Captain America; Student Ministries Pastor J.J. Mordh's is Batman; Spanish Pastor Jairo Dominguez's is

Spiderman; Office Secretary Lisa Chappell's is Wonder Woman. This type of thing is a huge green light for church youth to immerse themselves in worldly, sensual things that are forbidden by God's Word (Ephesians 5:11; 1 John 2:15-16). No wonder most churches have thrown away godly, modest dress standards when the minds of the leaders are filled with such cheap garbage. (See also *Fantasy Dangers*, a free eBook available from www.wayoflife.org.)



RESEARCHERS DISCOVER THAT NEANDERTHALS COULD START THEIR OWN FIRES

Researchers studying the tools used by “Neanderthals” have discovered that they started fires using flint. Archaeologist Andrew Sorensen, of Leiden University in the Netherlands, said, “I recognized this type of wear from my earlier experimental work. ... Being able to make their own fire gives the Neanderthals much more flexibility in their lives. It’s a skill we suspected, but didn’t know for sure they possessed” (“Neanderthals could start their own fires,” UPI, Jul. 19, 2018). This is the latest finding debunking former Darwinist claims that Neanderthal was a grunting cave man. In 1907, Ernst Haeckel, Charles Darwin’s chief disciple in Germany, described Neanderthal as a pre-human and placed him between *Pithecanthropus* (Java man) and *Homo Australis*, which he called “the lowest race of recent man.” Prominent French paleontologist Marcellin Boule believed that Neanderthal was a branch of apemen that became extinct without giving rise to “modern humans.” He believed that Neanderthal walked stooped over, with a bent-knee shuffling gait, and had “only the most rudimentary articulate language” (*Fossil Men*, 1957, p. 251). In 1930, Frederick Blaschke modeled a Neanderthal family in a cave setting, based on Boule’s interpretation. They were stooped, half-clothed, clutching bones, and had very stupid expressions. This was set up as a permanent display in the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and was copied in countless textbooks, encyclopedias, journals, popular magazines and newspapers, and museums. This is the view that prevailed for nearly half a century, but it was not science; it was myth-making based on presumption and speculation. Since the 1960s, Neanderthal has gradually been humanized. Neanderthal has even been reclassified as *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis*, a type of “modern man.” It is now admitted that Neanderthals had a

sophisticated culture (cared for the sick and elderly, buried their dead, practiced religion), made medicine, used a wide variety of tools, used adhesive, made bone awls or needles, built walled habitations, made hearths for cooking and warmth, made ornaments and figures out of bone, teeth, ivory, and polished wood, and played flutes with the seven-note musical system found in western music (Marvin Lubenow, *Bones of Contention*, pp. 239-244, 254-257). Have evolutionists apologized for the error they perpetrated on the world? Not in the least. In fact, it was *two full decades* before the Chicago Field Museum corrected its influential but grossly misleading display. As Melvin Lubenow says in *Bones of Contention*, “It was not until the mid-1970s that the Field Museum removed their old display of the apish Neanderthals and replaced them with the tall, erect Neanderthals that are there today. What did they do with the old display? Did they throw it on the trash heap where it belonged? No. They moved the old display to the second floor and placed it right next to the huge Apatosaurus dinosaur skeleton where more people than ever--especially children--would see it. They labeled it ‘An alternative view of Neanderthal.’ It was not an alternate view. It was a *wrong* view. So much for the self-correcting mechanism in science as far as Neanderthal is concerned.”



THE PROOF OF GOD IS IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

The following is excerpted from Craig Beidler, “Proof of God in the Palm of Your Hand,” *The Real Truth*, Dec. 20, 2009: “Sir Isaac Newton once said, ‘In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence.’ ... In his book *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, Dr. Paul Brand, who was one of the foremost hand surgeons in the world, testifies to the wonder—the miracle—of the human body. Dr. Brand explained that although many people think that fat serves no significant purpose, it does on the hand. ‘Underneath the skin in the palm of the hand lie globules of fat with the look and consistency of tapioca pudding. Fat globules, so soft as to be almost fluid, cannot hold their own shape, and so they are surrounded by interwoven fibrils of collagen, like balloons caught in a supporting rope net...where stress occurs, such as on the palm of the hand, fat is tightly gathered and enveloped by fibrous tissue in a design resembling fine Belgian lace.’ When you grasp a hammer in the palm of your hand, each ‘cluster of fat cells changes its shape in response to the pressure. It yields but cannot be pushed aside because of the firm collagen fibers around it. The resulting tissue, constantly shifting and quivering, becomes compliant, fitting its shape and its stress points to the precise shape of the handle of the hammer. Engineers nearly shout when they analyze this amazing property, for they cannot design a material that so perfectly balances elasticity

with viscosity.’ The skin of the hand is also well suited to the task of gripping and handling different kinds of objects. Dr. Brand wrote, ‘If my skin tissue had been made harder, I might insensitively crush a goblet of fine crystal as I hold it in my hand; if softer, it would not allow a firm grip.’ ... Another remarkable feature of a normal hand is its sensitivity. Dr. Brand states, ‘A normal hand can distinguish between a smooth plane of glass and one etched with lines only 1/2500 of an inch deep.’ The fingertips have the ability to detect a difference of just three milligrams. How extraordinary it is that the hand should be so well-suited for its purpose through all of these amazing features and abilities. Was this the product of chance or the creation of God?”



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