A large percentage of Contemporary Christian Music artists worship a rock & roll party Christ. The Eternal Jam Machine, which collaborated with Crystal Nicole in the newly released “I’m All Yours,” is built on the concept that heaven will be an everlasting rock party. Their first song, “Dancing in Heaven,” was advertised as follows: “God hereby invites you to the biggest welcome home party the world has ever known, with DJ Jesus in heaven. ... Eyes have not seen and ears have not heard a party like this before.” The party-dude Jesus is not the Jesus we see in Scripture. Jesus is indeed a friend of sinners. He came to seek and to save that which was lost, but Jesus is not worldly cool in any sense. Jesus’ disciples are not rock party dudes. There is no evidence that Jesus’ close friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were rock party people. When they were with Jesus, it wasn't party time; it was time to be discipled (Luke 10:39). The Jesus we see in Scripture warned all men to...

NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE SEPARATES FROM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA OVER ACCEPTANCE OF HOMOSEXUAL “MARRIAGE”

The following is excerpted from “34K Black and Latino Churches Cut Ties,” Breitbart.com, Mar. 29, 2015: “A coalition of 34,000 black churches has cut its ties with Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) in the wake of its recent vote to approve same-sex marriage. In a statement at Charisma News, Rev. Anthony Evans, president of the National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), wrote that PCUSA’s ‘arbitrary change of Holy Scripture is a flagrantly pretentious and illegitimate maneuver by a body that has no authority whatsoever to alter holy text.’ ... In 2012, Bishop Janice Hollis, head of the Covenant International Fellowship, joined Rev. Bill Owens, president of the Coalition of African-American Pastors (CAAP), at a press conference to condemn President Obama’s support of same-sex marriage. ... Owens and his group have called for the impeachment of Attorney General Eric Holder on the basis that he violated his oath of office by ‘attempting to impose same-sex “marriage” throughout the nation.’ CAAP was also highly critical of Obama's comparison of the same-sex marriage movement to that for civil rights during the president’s remarks at the 50th anniversary of the ‘Bloody...
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repent and “go and sin no more” and spent a lot of time describing the horrors of hell and warning men in the sharpest language not to go there, which would put a halt to any worldly party (Lk. 13:5; Mk. 9:43-48)! Rob Williams of the Eternal Jam Machine describes the philosophy as follows: “Just because you are a Christian does not mean that your life has to be boring as though everything cool about you should be held back or denied. The truth is that your life should be the complete opposite of boring. God has a desire for his children to know that they are made in HIS image which means you ARE cool. God created cool and He gave each of us gifts to use and not to keep hidden for ourselves. God’s ‘cool’ is limitless and as His children we can inherit the character of God. He wants us to have fun and celebrate life in relationship with HIM, our Creator” (“Vision behind Eternal Jam Machine,” eternaljammachine.com). We don’t see this in the New Testament, not in the life of Christ in the Gospels, nor in the book of Acts, nor in the Epistles. While the Christian life is anything but boring, it doesn’t have any element of “cool,” which is a concept derived from the world’s pop culture. Jesus never hosted a dance party for the disciples. The disciples didn’t celebrate Christ’s resurrection with a dance party. They didn’t have a dance party in the upper room while waiting for the coming of the Spirit. They didn’t celebrate Pentecost with a dance party. What we see in Scripture is the call to walk as pilgrims in a fallen world filled with spiritual and moral danger, to separate from the evil things of the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17), to avoid being a friend of the world which is called spiritual adultery (Jam. 4:4), to avoid even the appearance of evil (1 Th. 5:22), to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11), to live a life of self-denial (Mat. 16:24), etc. At the heart of the battle about music in the churches is the very character of God.
ATHEIST SON OF PRESIDENT REAGAN SAYS HE’S NOT AFRAID OF HELL

Ron Reagan, son of the late President Ronald Reagan, says that religion is a “delusion” and claims that he is not afraid of hell. In an ad for the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF), he concluded with the words, “Ron Reagan, lifelong atheist, not afraid of burning in hell” (“Son of President Reagan,” blog.godreports.com, Mar. 23, 2015). In an interview with the Los Angeles Times last year, Ron said that it’s “a very dangerous thing” to teach children that the earth is 6,000 years old. He and Bill Nye are following the same pied piper, both claiming they would rather go to hell than believe in God. They say that God doesn’t exist, and the Bible says they are fools. “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good” (Psalm 14:1). Time will tell who is right. Ron says that creationism is not scientific, but a great many Ph.D. scientists who have examined both sides of the debate are convinced that the scientific evidence is on the side of creationism and “intelligent design.” For example, John Cimbala, Ph.D. in aeronautics from California Institute of Technology, says, “My college years at Penn State were spent as an atheist, or at best as an agnostic. Fortunately, and by the grace of God, I began to read articles and listen to tapes about scientific evidence for creation. Over a period of a couple of years, it became apparent to me that the theory of evolution has no legitimate factual evidence and that scientific data from the fossil record, geology, etc. could be better explained by a recent creation, followed by a global flood” (In Six Days: Why Fifty Scientists Choose to Believe in Creation, pp. 200-201). President Reagan’s other son, Mike, is a Roman Catholic who believes in God. (See Scientists Who Believe the Bible, available in print and as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org. This contains the testimonies of 91 scientists and inventors of the 20th and 21st centuries who believe in a literal six-day creation.)

MUSLIM JUDGE IN ENGLAND CONVICTS STREET PREACHER FOR QUOTING BIBLE

The following is excerpted from “Judge Censors Bible for Public Preaching,” Christian Concern, Mar. 24, 2015: “A Christian street preacher has been convicted of a Public Order offence for using the wrong Bible verse in a public conversation with a man who identifies as homosexual. But the preacher was acquitted of two other Public Order charges. District Judge Shamim Ahmed Qureshi found that Michael Overd, who regularly preaches on the streets of Taunton, could have pointed to Leviticus 18:22 which describes homosexual practice as an ‘abomination,’ but that reference to Leviticus 20:13 was inappropriate because the chapter refers to the death penalty. Mr. Overd points out that in his use of Leviticus 20 he never referred to the death penalty. ‘I am being punished for words that never passed my lips,’ he commented. ... ‘I am amazed that the judge sees it as his role to dictate which parts of the Bible can and can’t be preached. I did not quote the full text of Leviticus 20 or make reference to the death penalty, but the judge is telling me that I should use other parts of the Bible. This is not free speech but censorship. The judge is redacting the Bible. I have been ordered to pay compensation for causing “emotional pain” to someone who approached me aggressively demanding to debate the issue. There was no harm, injury or theft, just a simple disagreement over theology which I have now been fined for. My motivation for preaching the gospel is my love for Jesus Christ and my deep concern for people who do not know His great love and are heading towards an eternity separated from God.” ... Judge Qureshi imposed a fine of £200 ($300) on Mr. Overd and told him to pay a total of £1,200 ($1800) in costs and compensation.” [Judge Qureshi, who according to a 2009 article in The Brief, chronicling the rise of Shariah law in Britain, serves with the Muslim Arbitration Tribunal, the overseer of the nation’s Shariah courts.]
INDIANA JOINS 19 OTHER STATES IN ADOPTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LAW

The following is excerpted from “19 states that have ‘religious freedom’ laws like Indiana’s,” Washington Post, Mar. 27, 2015: “Indiana has come under fire for a bill signed Thursday by Gov. Mike Pence (R) that would allow businesses to refuse service for religious reasons. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) has voiced its concern ahead of Final Four in Indianapolis next week, there are calls to boycott the state, and Miley Cyrus has even weighed in, calling Pence a name that we can't reprint on this family Web site in an Instagram post. But Indiana is actually soon to be just one of 20 states with a version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. ... Forty percent of U.S. states have something similar to Indiana, as does the federal government.” NOTE FROM BRO. CLOUD: The U.S. Constitution already has a “religious freedom” law, but it has been ignored by activist judges for the sake of social engineering and promoting moral license.

PROSTHETIC HAND WITH FEELING OF TOUCH

Dramatic progress has been made in making prosthetic limbs that can grasp objects, but now researchers have successfully tested a prosthetic hand that can perceive touch. Dustin Tyler and his colleagues at the Louis Stokes Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, have “found a way of transmitting longterm, realistic tactile sensations, such as the feel of a cotton wool ball, to two people who lost hands in industrial accidents” (“Prosthetic hand recreates feeling of cotton bud touch,” New Scientist, Oct. 15, 2014). The breakthrough was achieved by a very complex process involving connecting the prosthesis with human nerves by electrodes and a machine that provides a stream of electrical pulses. In spite of the fact that this is a very impressive feat of scientific engineering, it is a clumsy replacement for the real human hand. It is obvious that both the prosthesis and the human hand were designed and that one was designed by a vastly superior Engineer.

CONCLUSION

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