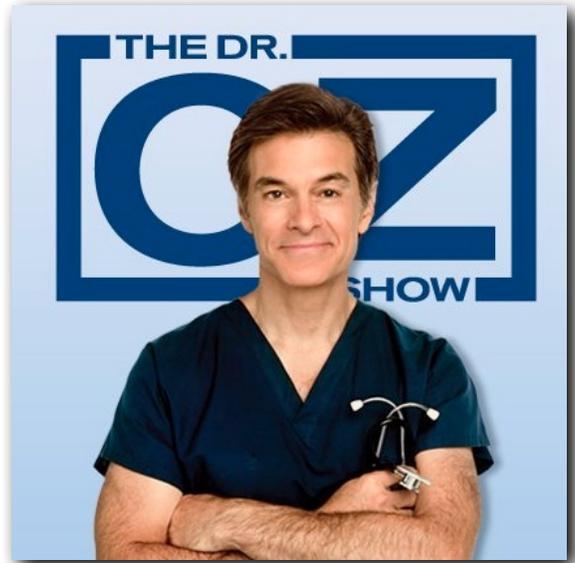

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

DOCTORS CALL FOR REMOVAL OF “DR.OZ”

Ten top medical doctors have called upon Columbia University to remove Mehmet Oz (“Dr. Oz”) from its faculty. Oz is vice chairman and professor of surgery, but in spite of his impressive credentials, he is a promoter of quackery. The open letter, issued by a group of doctors led by Henry Miller of Stanford University, says that Oz has “misled and endangered” the public and has “manifested an egregious lack of integrity by promoting quack treatments and cures in the interest of personal financial gain” (“Physicians Demand Removal of ‘Dr. Oz,’” *Fox News*, Apr. 17, 2015). Last year, a U.S. Senate panel accused Oz of endorsing products that are medically unsound and making claims that are not substantiated by fact. Mehmet Oz, together with Daniel Amen and Mark Hyman, have been highly promoted by Rick Warren in spite of their New Age principles. The three men created Warren’s *Daniel Plan*. Oz is not only a promoter of quack diets; he is a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg,



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MUSLIMS MURDERING CHRISTIANS ON LAND AND SEA

This week at least 28 professing Christians were murdered by Muslim jihadists. Muslim refugees traveling from Libya to Italy across the Mediterranean threw 12 Christians overboard and left them to drown (“Italian Police: Libyan Muslims Threw Christians Overboard,” *Breitbart*, Apr. 16, 2015). ISIS beheaded 15 Christians by the sea shore and shot another 15 in the desert (“You Will Not Have Safety Until You Accept Islam,” *Christian News Network*, Apr. 19, 2015). In Pakistan, a 14-year-old Christian boy was burned to death. He was asked by two masked men if he was a Christian, and when he replied that he was, they doused him with kerosene and set him on fire (“Burned Christian Boy Dies,” *Voice of the*

Persecuted, Apr. 18, 2015). We understand that these poor victims were probably Christian in name only rather than by regeneration, but the fact remains that they were targeted *as Christians* by Muslims who have a burning hatred for the Jesus Christ of Scripture, the Son of God who died on the cross to save men from their sin. In his video of the slaughter of the 30 Christians, ISIS said, “To the nation of the cross, we are now back again. ... You will not have safety even in your dreams, until you accept Islam. Our battle is a battle between faith and blasphemy, between truth and falsehood.” This video followed another one in February documenting the beheading of 21 Egyptian Orthodox Coptics.

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who entertained spirit guides and was deeply involved with Eastern mysticism ("Special Report," Lighthouse Trails, Jan. 11, 2011). Oz also promotes Reiki, an occultic practice that allegedly channels "universal healing energy." Amen teaches Eastern meditation, promotes Reiki, and deals in pop psychology and self-help. Amen's *The Brain in Love* and *Making a Good Brain Great* promote Hindu-style meditation through the vain repetition of the alleged primal sounds. Mark Hyman promotes meditation based on Buddhist principles. He claims that "diseases don't exist; their symptoms are related to effects" ("Rick Warren's Celebrity Health Plan Draws Thousands," *The Orange County Register*, Jan. 16, 2011). To say that disease doesn't exist apart from human causes is New Age nonsense.

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While it is true that diet and exercise can affect one's health, all diseases are not the result of lifestyle. We are fallen sinners who live in a sin-cursed world, and disease and death are realities that affect every individual regardless of his lifestyle. In the book *The Bible and Diet*, we warn that the alternative health care field is permeated with New Age philosophy. A friend observed that health food stores are New Age chapels. Beware! Although we know that it is wise and godly to take care of one's body, the Bible doesn't have very much to say about it. What the Bible does have a lot to say about is spiritual health and separation from paganism! "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils" (1 Corinthians 10:21).

AMERICAN MISSIONARY SHOT BY TERRORISTS

The following is excerpted from "Terrorists Shoot," *Charisma*, Apr. 17, 2015: "A Christian missionary is fighting for her life after being shot in the head in Karachi, Pakistan, in an apparent terrorist attack. Fifty-five-year-old Debra Lobo was hit twice when four men fired shots from motorbikes as she was leaving work. Lobo has lived in Pakistan for 30 years and is married with two children. She serves as vice principal of Jinnah Medical and Dental College. Lobo has been hospitalized with two bullet wounds, one in the chin and one in the arm. According to police, 'The initial investigation suggests that this was a pre-planned terrorist attack and was made over

the lady because of her national identity.' The gunmen, who escaped, left a leaflet in her car with her name on it saying they had targeted her because she was American. According to *The Guardian*, the English version of the leaflet read: 'Oh crusaders, we are the lions of Dualat al Islamia, the falcons of the caliph. Today we killed this Kansas lady Lobo, we shall lie and wait and ambush you and kill you wherever you may be and confine and besiege you in America and then God willing ... we will burn America.' The gunmen claim in the leaflet the attack was revenge for the death of five militant suspects who were killed the day before."



Debra Lobo

WICCAN PRAYERS IN IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following is excerpted from “Blessed Be, Aho, and Amen,” MRCTv.org, April 10, 2015: “Blessed Be, Aho, and Amen,’ aren’t the words members of the Iowa House of Representatives are accustomed to hear at the closing of the invocation marking the House’s opening ceremonies, but that’s just what happened yesterday when a Wiccan priestess delivered the prayer. ‘We call this morning to God, Goddess, Universe, that which is greater than

ourselves to be here with us today,’ said Deborah Maynard, who delivered the first prayer by a Wiccan in the assembly. ... A number of Christian lawmakers didn’t attend the opening ceremony to protest the priestess’ historic invocation. Others, like State Rep. Rob Taylor (R-Iowa), turned their backs during the priestess’ prayer. ... The peculiar ending to the witch’s prayer seems to be a weird hodgepodge of religions and cultures. ‘Blessed Be’ is a neopagan Wiccan greeting that means ‘you wish good and positive’ things upon the person greeted. ‘Aho’ is a Native American word that means ‘thank you’ and ‘Amen’ means ‘So be it’ and is used by Christians traditionally at the end of prayers.”

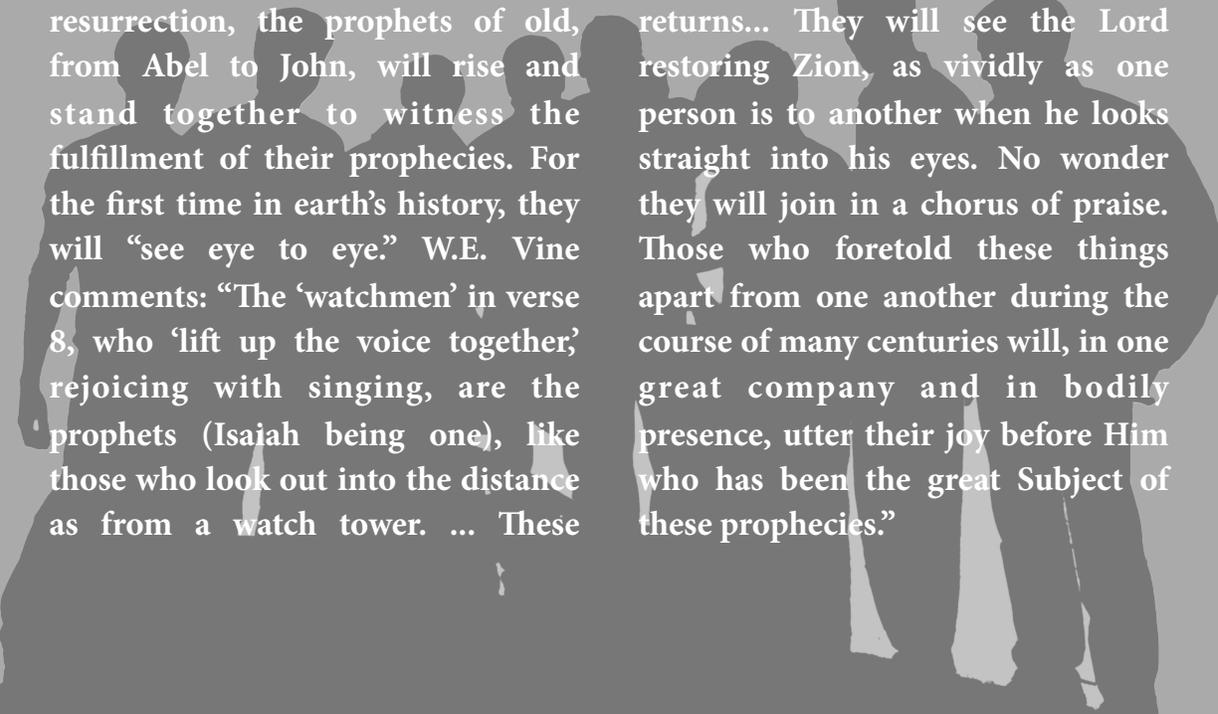
GOOGLE DEVELOPING “TRUTH-SEEKING ALGORITHM



The following is excerpted from “The ‘all-knowing’ Google now the discernor of truth?” OneNewsNow.com, Mar. 27, 2015: “With billions depending on the world’s iconic search engine for virtually every tidbit of information under the sun, Google is looking to take it one step further with its new ‘truth-seeking algorithm’ that will rank sites by what it considers to be truth. Many are concerned with the massive Internet information storehouse’s newest endeavor, especially with the left-leaning political bent it has demonstrated over the years. ... The significant alterations Google is making to its ‘PageRank’ project are geared to make it the ultimate assessor of truth around the globe. It will reportedly be changing over from its current system that ranks all pages according to search results, which are derived from the number of other websites that are linked to the particular page. ‘Google has come up

with a new truth-seeking algorithm [that] draws on Google’s *Knowledge Vault*--a collection of 2.8 billion facts [*sic*] drawn from the Internet,’ reports *CNN Money*. ... ‘By checking pages against that database, and cross-referencing related facts, the research team believes the algorithm could assign each page a truth score. Pages with a high proportion of false claims would be bumped down in the search results.’ ... ‘This is potentially very dangerous,’ Media Research Center vice president of business and culture Dan Gainor expressed to *LifeSiteNews*. ‘I know right now Google is just studying this idea, but the power Google has to impact results and determine what it considers to be absolute truth is 1984-ish.’ ... ‘In the first place, Google has a history of supporting the redefinition of marriage and the erosion of the traditional family,’ *LifeSiteNews* points out. ‘The tech giant came out against the Defense of Marriage Act in 2011 and, the following year, launched an international campaign to spread a homosexual agenda in countries it deemed “homophobic,” including Poland and Singapore.’ Showing many that Google’s truth will be geared toward its own political worldview, it has also been noted that the California-based technology giant is anything but a neutral bystander when it comes to the most heated social issues of our time.”

WHEN THE COMPANY OF THE PROPHETS WILL SEE TOGETHER



“Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion” (Isaiah 52:8). In the resurrection, the prophets of old, from Abel to John, will rise and stand together to witness the fulfillment of their prophecies. For the first time in earth’s history, they will “see eye to eye.” W.E. Vine comments: “The ‘watchmen’ in verse 8, who ‘lift up the voice together,’ rejoicing with singing, are the prophets (Isaiah being one), like those who look out into the distance as from a watch tower. ... These

faithful watchers, who saw future events from afar, are described in 1 Peter 1:10-12 (c. Is. 21:8, 11 and Hab. 2:1-3). The day is coming when they will ‘see, eye to eye,’ when Jehovah returns... They will see the Lord restoring Zion, as vividly as one person is to another when he looks straight into his eyes. No wonder they will join in a chorus of praise. Those who foretold these things apart from one another during the course of many centuries will, in one great company and in bodily presence, utter their joy before Him who has been the great Subject of these prophecies.”

CONCLUSION

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