
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

HAWKING SAYS EARTH DOOMED, HUMANS MUST COLONIZE SPACE



Stephen Hawking, “British physics superstar,” says that it is a near certainty that the earth will be wiped out by some disaster and that it is imperative that humans colonize space. In reply to questions at the BBC Reith Lecture in January, the author of *A Brief History of Time* said, “Although the chance of a disaster to planet Earth in a given year may be quite low, it adds up over time, and becomes a near certainty in the next thousand or ten thousand years. By that time we should have spread out into space, and to other stars, so a disaster on Earth would not mean the end of the human race. However, we will not establish self-sustaining colonies in space for at least the next hundred years, so we have to be very careful in this period” (“Hawking: Humans at risk of lethal ‘own goal,’” *BBC News*, Jan. 19, 2016). Since Hawking is a self-declared atheist and evolutionist, none of what he is saying about the importance of human survival makes sense. If man is an accident of evolution, human existence has no meaning. None. Zero. Nothing matters. It is divine Creation that gives true meaning to human life. We pray for Mr. Hawking, that God would open his eyes to the beauty of the Creator and of the gracious salvation that He has purchased at great cost. *Twice* the Bible says, “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; 53:1

ATHEIST HAS A STROKE, RECOVERS, THEN TWITTERS MORE BLASPHEMY AGAINST GOD

Richard Dawkins, the infamous Oxford atheist, had a stroke on February 6 that forced him to postpone a speaking tour to Australia and New Zealand that was scheduled for later this month. A few days later, his manager said he was “already at home recuperating” (“Richard Dawkins stroke,” *The Guardian*, Feb. 12, 2016). He immediately used Twitter to push a book entitled *God: The Most Unpleasant Character in All Fiction*, for which he wrote the foreword. Dawkins called it “a wonderful book.” The man has gotten rich and famous by preaching naturalistic evolution and blaspheming God. His book *The God Delusion* has sold more than three million copies. “As he came forth of his mother’s womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand” (Ecclesiastes 5:15).



SOLOGAMY

Sologamy, or self-marriage, is another sign of the times. “Apparently Linda Baker was the first person to marry herself back in December 1993. Others have followed suit, including Sara Sharpe, who wrote about her self-marriage in *A Dress, A Ring, Promises to Self*. And there’s Nadine Schweigert, a thirty-six-year-old woman from Fargo, North Dakota, who was interviewed by Anderson Cooper after marrying herself in front of some forty of her closest friends. ‘I, Nadine,’ she said to herself, ‘promise to enjoy inhabiting my own life and to relish a lifelong love affair with my beautiful self.’ Jennifer Hoes is a Dutch woman who did the same thing in 2003. Her same-self marriage was the subject of a recent ten-minute documentary by *Aeon Magazine*. ... In some ways same-self marriage is the logical outgrowth of what cultural critic Christopher Lasch described in his 1979 bestseller *The Culture of Narcissism*. ... The Narcissus of Greek mythology was a handsome young man with whom all the beautiful girls fell in love. But Narcissus spurned their affections in favor of his own attractive self” (“Same-Self Marriage,” *First Things*, Nov. 2014). A 2,000-year-old Bible prophecy says, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy” (2 Timothy 3:1-2).

NASA BANS “JESUS”

The following is excerpted from Todd Starnes, “NASA bans the word ‘Jesus,’” *Fox News*, Feb. 8, 2016: “The name of Jesus is not welcome in the Johnson Space Center newsletter, according to a complaint filed on behalf of a group of Christians who work for NASA. The JSC Praise & Worship Club was directed by NASA attorneys to refrain from using the name ‘Jesus’ in club announcements that appeared in a Space Center newsletter. ... Liberty Institute, one of the nation’s largest religious liberty law firms, threatened to file a federal lawsuit unless NASA apologizes and stops censoring the name ‘Jesus.’ The *JSC Today* newsletter is distributed electronically and includes a number of Space Center events--from salsa dancing lessons to soccer camp. ... Since 2001, employees had gathered during their lunch hour to pray and sing and read the Bible. There had been no censorship issues until last year. ... The club’s leadership was told that ‘NASA would be censoring all future club announcements that featured the name *Jesus*.’ ... On Christmas Eve, 1968, the crew of Apollo 8 read the Creation story as they orbited the moon. Astronauts Jim Lovell, Frank Borman and Bill Anders took turns reading from the Book of Genesis. ... And astronaut Buzz Aldrin received communion on the lunar surface during the 1969 Apollo 11 mission.”

AMERICA ONLY FOUR PRESIDENTS OLD

“When President Obama was born (1961), President Herbert Hoover was still alive (1874-1964). When Hoover was born, President Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) was still alive. When President Johnson was born, President John Adams (1735-1826) was still alive. And just like that, we’ve connected the present day to the Founding Fathers” (*Washington Post*, Mar. 12, 2016).

WHAT AMERICA'S FOUNDERS THOUGHT ABOUT ISLAM

The following is excerpted from "What the Founders Thought," Keith Farrell, The Federalist Papers Project: "President Obama has continually asserted that Islam was 'woven into the fabric' of the United States since its founding. Obama claims that Muslims have made significant contributions to the building of this nation. The claim is laughable to anyone who has studied US history. Historian David Barton ... found the first real contribution any Muslim made was in 1856 (80 years after the founding) when then Secretary of War Jefferson Davis hired one Muslim to help train camels in Arizona. ... But Muslims did have an influence on early America, and that influence was one of a foe. ... American vessels [were] raided and plundered by Muslim pirates from the Barbary Coast. After agreeing to pay 10% of the new nation's dismal GDP in exchange for passage, attacks continued. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin were

sent as representatives to mediate the problem. It was there that they discovered that the Islamic law the pirates followed made it their duty to attack non-Muslims. ... Ben Franklin wrote of his experience: 'Nor can the Plundering of Infidels be in that sacred Book (the Qur'an) forbidden, since it is well known from it, that God has given the World, and all that it contains, to his faithful Mussulmen, who are to enjoy it of Right as fast as they conquer it.' John Adams, in his report to John Jay, wrote of the Muslim prophet Muhammad, and called him a 'military fanatic' who 'denies that laws were made for him; he arrogates everything to himself by force of arms.' By the time Jefferson became president the Barbary Coast was extorting 25% of US GDP and attacks were still occurring. Jefferson wasted no time in signing a war powers request which launched the US's entire naval fleet to wage war on the Barbary pirates."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH KEEPS NEIGHBORS AWAKE WITH ITS LOUD ROCK MUSIC



Rob Wilton, pastor of Vintage Church in New Orleans

Vintage Church of New Orleans is fighting an injunction by Jefferson Parish that requires that it not exceed 60 decibels of noise. The church is meeting in

a tent while constructing a permanent building, and after neighbors complained of the noise of their rock music, the local government issued the injunction. After a district court judge refused to lift the injunction, the legal battle has now moved to the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. One neighbor told the local newspaper, "My daughter's a nurse, works a 13-hour shift, and she couldn't get to sleep. This has been going on for four months. It's frustrating. I'm not the only one complaining. We all can hear it. [Other neighbors] are complaining, too" (*Time-Picayunes*, Dec. 15, 2015). If the church would forego its imitation of the world's music and sing hymns accompanied by non-electric instruments, it probably wouldn't be having this problem and wouldn't be offending its neighbors and having to spend money on legal fees.

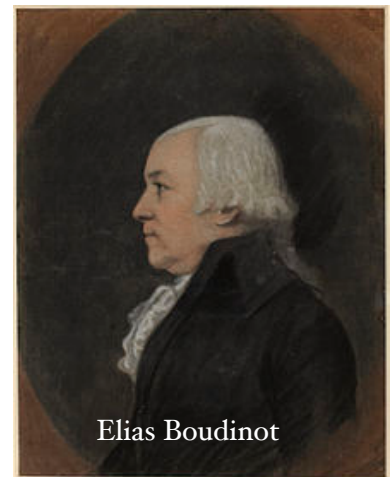
ONLY ONE IN TEN ISRAELIS THINK PRESIDENT OBAMA IS PRO-ISRAEL

In a 2015 poll, only 9% of Israelis surveyed believed that the Obama administration is “pro Israel” (Shmeul Rosner, “How bad do Israelis think Obama is?” *Jewish Journal*, April 28, 2015). That was down from 21% in 2012. The survey by Menachem Lazar of Panels Politics found that 81% of religious Jewish Israelis call the Obama administration “pro-

Palestinian.” When asked what American president of the last thirty years was “worst for Israel,” Obama won hands down (with 63%). Jimmy Carter was a very distant second with 16%, with other presidents (George H. W. and George W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton) were barely mentioned in the worst for Israel category.

THE BIBLE IS THE ALPHA AND OMEGA OF KNOWLEDGE

Elias Boudinot (1740-1821), President of the Continental Congress and framer of the U.S. Bill of Rights, wrote to his daughter as follows: “For nearly half a century have I anxiously and critically studied that invaluable treasure [the Bible]; and I still scarcely ever take it up that I do not find something new--that I do not receive some valuable addition to my stock of knowledge or perceive some instructive fact never observed before. In short, were you to ask me to recommend the most valuable book in the world, I should fix on the Bible as the most instructive both to the wise and ignorant. Were you to ask me for one affording the most rational and pleasing entertainment to the inquiring mind, I should repeat, it is the Bible; and should you renew the inquiry for the best philosophy or the most interesting history, I should still urge you to look into your Bible. I would make it, in short, the Alpha and Omega of knowledge” (*The Age of Revelation, or the Age of Reason Shown to Be an Age of Infidelity*, 1801, p. xv, from the “Dedication: Letter to his daughter Susan Bradford”).



Elias Boudinot

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