

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

JEWISH YOUTH IN SEARCH OF GOD



A report in the March issue of *Israel Today* describes widespread departure of young people from Ultra Orthodox Judaism. One of these said, “My God is a new God; He walks with me and has nothing to do with the god of Orthodoxy. For me, god used to be a kind of master whom I was not allowed to contact on my own. Today I speak to Him directly” (Benny Boliak, cited in “In Search of God,” *Israel Today*, March 2016, p. 40). Another said, “We are on a kind of journey: We are trying to murder god, namely the threatening god, the angry god, the god of texts and laws. We are searching for a greater God, a God with more love” (Avishalom Shiloah, *ibid.*). This rebellion is against a false god that was created by religious men who have hidden the truth of God’s Word under layers of vain human tradition. The God revealed in Scripture is

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MCDONALD’S PROMOTING MORAL RELATIVISM/TOLERANCE

McDonald’s has joined the frenzy by major international corporations to promote acceptance of homosexuality. An ad in Taiwan features a boy “coming out” to his father in a McDonald’s restaurant. When the boy writes “I like boys” on a McCafe coffee cup and slides it across the table, the father initially seems upset and walks away, but he quickly returns and writes on his own cup. “I accept that you like boys.” “Music swells and the boy cries tears of joy. The spot closes with the tag, ‘Let there be more warmth in conversation’” (“McDonald’s Ad,” *Fox News*, Mar. 10, 2016). The fundamental theme is non-judgmentalism, tolerance, and moral relativism, which is a major doctrine of the New Age. Those who resist the doctrine are considered enemies of man’s evolution and of world peace. “Love” and oneness and unity must prevail, while “intolerance” must be rejected. This is a major theme in Israel today as witnessed by the Tolerance Monument in Jerusalem. The sculpture is a broken column with the two halves held together by an olive tree. The explanation says, “Between the branches of the olive tree a new seed is sprouting, a golden grain of tolerance.” It was reported in February of this year that Jerusalem’s Zion Square is being renamed Tolerance Square in memory of Shira Banki, a 16-year-old stabbed to death during the 2015 Gay Pride parade. Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat says the redesigned space “will be used as a place of tolerance and meeting, a place that will exemplify the values and beliefs of Banki” (“Zion Square to be memorial,” *Times of Israel*, Feb. 15, 2016). A new \$100



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indeed a God of law and judgment; He is a holy God; but He is the most compassionate, merciful Person imaginable. He is love, and He is the Fountain of all true love. He Himself paid the price demanded by His holy law in order to redeem those who rebelled against Him and who deserve nothing but punishment. There is no greater love than this. God invites all men to come to Him through Jesus Christ and to know Him personally and intimately as Saviour, Father, and tender Shepherd. The harsh dictator God is a lie of the devil. It is a creation of God haters like Richard Dawkins and false religionists like the Pharisees. "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

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million Museum of Tolerance is also being constructed in Jerusalem. (For more about the New Age emphasis on tolerance see *The New Age Tower of Babel*, available in print and eBook formats from www.wayoflife.org.)

KUWATI WRITER TELLS MUSLIMS TO STOP CURSING JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

The following is from an article by Kuwaiti journalist Al-Sarraf in the Kuwaiti daily, *Al-Qabas*, as translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute, Apr. 5, 2016: "Allah, punish the Shi'ites, the communists, the Jews, and the Christians. Allah, punish the tyrants. Allah, disperse them, weaken them, and bring disasters upon their heads. Allah, facilitate our mujahideen brothers and help them behead them.' This is part of a prayer to Allah delivered a few days ago during Friday worship that was attended by tens of thousands of prayer-goers and took place before dozens of TV cameras. ... I am intrigued by his curse beseeching Allah to also enable our 'mujahideen brothers,' or more accurately, 'ISIS and Al-Qaeda,' to behead the Jews and Christians. It is [the Jews and the Christians] who gave this preacher the prayer mat on which he stands, who invented the microphone through which his curse is heard, who provided him with the [heater] that warmed him so he could [stand there] and say what he said, who made the vehicle that drove him to the mosque and will drive him back home, who created his bed and his bathroom, the doors of his home and the locks on his safe, his bath soap, his shoes, his silk clothes, and his wives' jewelry. It was they who also invented and produced the most complex medical instruments and discovered the best serums and drugs, which have healed hundreds of millions of Muslims, and without which they could have died due to lack of care. It is these [Jews and Christians], whom [preachers] beseech Allah to enable our 'mujahideen brothers' to behead as one would behead a sheep, who discovered our oil and extracted it from the ground, transported it, refined it, and purchased it from us, paying us hundreds of trillions of dollars, so that we can then be condescending and arrogant, deluge them with horrible curses, and beseech Allah to enable our mujahideen brothers to behead them. ... No one--not even the greatest misanthrope--can deny [the Jewish and Christian] advantage and superiority [over us], [or deny] their discoveries and inventions, and, more importantly, their humanism. It is they who, in the course of one single year, have treated and provided shelter for over one million Muslim refugees in their countries--while we refused to accept even a single refugee."

SCIENTISTS PROVE THAT EVOLUTION IS BUNK

A team of computer scientists and electrical engineers representing the University of Washington and Microsoft have unwittingly proved that evolution is nonsense by their new system to encode, store, and retrieve data using DNA molecules. The molecules are so efficient that they “can store information many millions of times more densely than existing technologies for digital storage--flash drives, hard drives, magnetic and optical media” (“UW team stores digital images in DNA,” *UW Today*, Apr. 7, 2016). Yet they would have us believe that while data storage systems such as flash drives are products of high intelligence, the DNA molecule and the living cell, though *vastly* superior as “technology”--and living, to boot!--is the product of blind chance. Luis Ceze, UW professor of computer science and engineering who is working on the project,

says, “Life has produced this fantastic molecule called DNA that efficiently stores all kinds of information about your genes and how a living system works.” The fantastic molecule was produced by “life.” It just happened. The fine-tuned, organized universe exploded out of nothing; life leaped out of non-life; intelligence arose from non-intelligence. And they have the gall to say that it is the Creationist who exercises “blind faith”!



Luis Ceze and research scientist Lee Organick in the lab

PRAY THAT YOUR FLIGHT BE NOT IN THE WINTER

“But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day” (Matthew 24:20). In this verse, Christ is speaking prophetically to exhort and instruct the Jewish believers in Jerusalem who will be living at the time when the Antichrist will desecrate the Third Temple (verse 15). The context is “the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world” (Mat. 24:3). In verse 20 we see the great mystery of prayer. God knows exactly when that day will occur, yet He exhorts His people to pray for specific things and to expect an

answer. God is omnipotent and omniscient, but prayer changes things. This is a lesson for us today. Our prayers for the nation in accordance with 1 Timothy 2:1-5 might not bring national or even regional revival, but the prayer of faith *will* change things. God *will* do something through it. Scriptural prayer is never in vain, and the more persistent we pray and the more earnest we pray, the more we can expect God to work, since those are two of the elements of effectual prayer most emphasized in Scripture.

AN UNHOLY TEENAGE CABAL IN CHURCH

Young people should not be allowed to sit together in church unless they are spiritually-minded and serious about seeking the Lord; otherwise they will distract one another as well as others. We have many spiritually-minded young people in our church who sit together and encourage one another to listen carefully and take notes from the preaching, but when young people are only in church because they are forced to be and don't have a heart for the truth, they should not be allowed to sit together. This is for their sake, for the sake of the other young people who are influenced by their example, and for the sake of the entire congregation. One reader wrote about teenage boys who sit together and play with a video game during the

service. "As one plays, the boy on either side watches until it is their turn." This is a sad thing, and one wonders where the parents are. And why doesn't the pastor put a stop to it? The adults might be afraid of "losing them," but they have "lost them" already. Their bodies might still be in church, but their hearts are solidly in the world, so at least the adults can break up this unholy cabal and make the service conducive for others to hear God's Word without the distraction of these silly boys and their games. And who knows, if this cabal were broken up and these teenagers were required to sit quietly during the preaching, God might get hold of some of their hearts and they would repent of their disrespect of holy things.

PALESTINIANS SAY AMERICA IS NUMBER ONE ENEMY

The following is excerpted from "US: Israel Is Our Ally; Palestinians: We Hate the US," *Israel Today*, Apr. 6, 2016: "Rep. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, was in Israel this week, and reiterated that the Jewish state is one of America's closest and most important allies. In an interview with *Times of Israel*, Ryan, who was Mitt Romney's running mate in the 2012 US presidential election, said that with the rise of Islamic terror, Washington needs to bolster its ties with Israel now more than ever. ... Several days earlier, Jamal Muhaisen, a member of the central committee of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' ruling Fatah faction, insisted that America is 'the number one enemy of the Palestinian people.' 'The American people in the US are under Jewish-Zionist occupation,' claimed Muhaisen in an interview on official Palestinian Authority TV. 'I reiterate: the number one enemy of the Palestinian people, and of the Arab and Islamic nation, remains the US.'"

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