THE NONSENSE CONTINUES AT AZUSA

Unscriptural nonsense has been happening at Azusa since the birth of the Pentecostal “revival” there 110 years ago. The most recent outbreak was the Azusa Now conference on April 9 organized by Lou Engle. Its unscriptural character was evident in a hundred ways, not least of which was the call for ecumenical unity across all denominational lines. A Catholic priest asked for forgiveness for the “sin” of division and kissed Engle’s shoe, and Engle reciprocated. This is in the online Azusa Now video at about 6:56. Azusa Now’s ecumenism goes far beyond this, though. It encompasses all religious “spirituality.” A traditional Native American nature worship dance was performed at the event by a group called Broken Walls, the leader of which says that when God calls people from other religions, “He didn’t ask them to stop being who they were; he said just come and follow me” (”Azusa Now Pantheist Dance Earth Worship,” Apr. 11, 2016). Azusa Now featured a full cast of false teachers, including Paul Cain, the discredited soothsayer who long based his prophetic mystique on the lie that he had not experienced sexual desire since the Lord allegedly touched him when he was a young man (David...

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The following is excerpted from “PayPal, Apple, Coca-Cola Reject N.C. ’Bathroom Law,’” CNSNews.com, Apr. 13, 2016: “Although many large businesses, including PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola [plus Google, Levi-Strauss, Barnes & Noble, Kellogg, Twitter, YouTube, Reddit, Starbucks, Facebook, and others], have criticized North Carolina’s new locker room and bathroom law as ‘discriminatory’ to LGBT people, those same four corporations do business in Middle Eastern countries...

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BABIES CAN UNDERSTAND ANY LANGUAGE

Research has confirmed what we have known all along, that any healthy baby can learn any human language, in fact, can learn multiple languages at the same time. “Research shows babies begin to learn language sounds before they’re even born. In the womb, a mother’s voice is one of the most prominent sounds an unborn baby hears. By the time they’re born, newborns can not only tell the difference between their mother’s language and another language, but also show a capability of distinguishing between languages. Language learning depends on the processing of sounds. All the world’s languages put together comprise about 800 or so sounds. Each language uses only about 40 language sounds, or ‘phonemes,’ which distinguish one language from another. At birth, the baby brain has an unusual gift: it can tell the difference between all 800 sounds. This means that at this stage infants can learn any language that they’re exposed to. Gradually babies figure out which sounds they are hearing the most” (“Babies’ ability to learn two languages at once,” Business Insider, Apr. 15, 2016). For those who have ears to hear, these facts prove that Genesis 1 is true. First, the baby’s gift of understanding the incredible complexity of human language demonstrates that man is made in the image of God. Second, it demonstrates that man is not an animal. Animals communicate, but the gulf between animal communication and human communication is vast and unbridgeable.

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Pyeches, Some Said It Thundered, p. 41). He was exposed in 2004 as an alcoholic and a homosexual. Mike Bickle was there, who says that prophecies don’t have to be infallible (Growing in the Prophetic, p. 41). Jack Hayford was there, who claims that God spoke to him and told him not to judge the Roman Catholic Church (“The Pentecostal Gold Standard,” Christianity Today, July 2005). Lou Engle is painful to watch, as his head bobs back and forth as if he is physically afflicted. Former Pentecostal Hughie Seaborn observes, “I never saw that one in all my years in Pentecostalism. I saw just about everything else, and some things similar, but not the ‘Lou Engle Bob,’ which seems to have spread. God’s always doing a new thing, so they say, so we should be prepared for things we’ve never seen or heard about before.” Pentecostals and charismatics give lip service to holding to the Bible as sole authority, but in practice they exalt experience above Scripture, which is always a recipe for spiritual disaster. (For more about Azusa, the birth of Pentecostalism, the birth of Charismaticism, and the major events and figures in these movements, see The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error, available in print and eBook editions from www.wayoflife.org.)
ASSOCIATED PRESS COOPERATED WITH THE NAZIS

The following is excerpted from “Associated Press Willingly Cooperated,” Times of Israel, Mar. 30, 2016:
"The Associated Press news agency willingly cooperated with Nazi Germany, submitting to the regime’s restrictive rulings on the freedom of the press and providing it with images from its photo archives to be used in its anti-Semitic and anti-Western propaganda machine, a new report reveals. When Adolf Hitler’s National Socialists rose to power in 1933, all international news agencies but the US-based AP were forced to leave Germany. The AP continued to operate in the Third Reich until 1941, when the United States joined World War II. According to German historian Harriet Scharnberg, the world’s biggest news agency was only allowed to remain in Germany because it signed a deal with the regime. The news agency lost control over its copy by submitting itself to the Schriftleitergesetz (editor’s law), agreeing not to print any material ‘calculated to weaken the strength of the Reich abroad or at home,’ she wrote in an article published in the academic journal Studies in Contemporary History. ... Scharnberg’s research was first reported by the UK-based Guardian newspaper. According to the paper, the Nazis’ so-called editor’s law forced AP employees to contribute material for the Nazi party’s propaganda division. One of the four photographers working for the company in the 1930s was Franz Roth, a member of the SS paramilitary unit’s propaganda division. His pictures were handpicked by Hitler, the Guardian writes. ... The cooperation with the prestigious American news agency allowed Hitler to portray his 'war of extermination as a conventional war,' Scharnberg told the Guardian.”

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where homosexual conduct and cross-dressing are illegal. In Saudi Arabia, for instance, homosexual conduct is ‘punishable by death or flogging,’ according to the U.S. State Department. In Kuwait, practicing homosexuals can face prison terms up to 10 years; cross-dressers can go to prison for up to three years. PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, and Coca-Cola do business in both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Despite the anti-gay laws in those two countries, neither PayPal, Apple, Microsoft, nor Coca-Cola would tell CNSNews.com if they opposed those laws; whether they would publicly ask that those laws be repealed; whether it is hypocritical for them to oppose the North Carolina law while doing business in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait; and why, since they are committed to LGBT rights, they conduct business in countries where homosexual acts and cross-dressing are illegal."
THE MOST INTRACTABLE CONFLICT IN THE WORLD

The Arab-Israeli conflict has often been called “the most intractable conflict in the world.” For example, Avner Falk, in Fratricide in the Holy Land, wrote, “Most experts agree that the Arab-Israeli conflict is the most intractable conflict in our world, yet very few scholars have produced any psychological explanation—let alone a satisfactory one—of this conflict’s intractability.” The explanation isn’t found in psychology, but it is not difficult to understand if one simply believes the Bible. The conflict goes back to two brothers, Isaac and Ishmael. As an Arab guide told us recently on a visit to Jericho, Arabs trace their heritage to Ishmael. The Jews, on the other hand, trace their heritage to Isaac. The Bible says that Abraham’s blessing was bestowed upon Isaac, whereas the Quran indicates that it was bestowed upon Ishmael. The brothers were at odds, and their children have been at odds ever since. God said Ishmael would be a wild man, with his hand against every man (Genesis 16:12), and that is exactly what we see in history. Ishmael’s sons were wild men before the Quran came, and the Quran made them even wilder! The conflict is indeed intractable for man, but God will solve it as He has plainly prophesied in Holy Scripture.

68-MILLION-YEAR-OLD DINOSAUR DNA FOUND

The bone of a pregnant T-Rex dinosaur found in Montana is said to contain DNA. Researchers at North Carolina State University and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences say that the medullary bone is female-specific and was formed around the time of reproduction and that it is possible that DNA might be present. Researcher Lindsay Zanno says, “We have some evidence that fragments of DNA may be preserved in dinosaur fossils, but this remains to be tested further” (“Pregnant T. rex found,” Discovery News, Mar. 15, 2016). The dinosaur has been dated to an alleged 68 million years, which would mean that incredibly flimsy genetic DNA has an amazing lifespan! In reality, the presence of genetic material in dinosaur fossils proves that they aren’t millions of years old, but the committed evolutionist is like the man who was taken to a psychiatrist by his family because he was convinced he was dead. The psychiatrist says, “So you are dead?” to which the man replies, “Yes.” The psychiatrist asks, “Do dead men bleed?” to which the man replies, “No.” Fetching a needle, the psychiatrist pricks the man’s hand so that it begins to bleed and says, “What do you think now?” The man looks down at the blood and exclaims, “Dead men do bleed!”

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The News Notes remind us that the hour is very late, and we need to be ready for the Lord’s coming. Are you sure that you are born again? Are you living for Christ? “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof” (Rom. 13:11-14). This material is sent only to those who personally subscribe to the Fundamental Baptist Information Service mailing list. To SUBSCRIBE, go to http://www.wayoflife.org/wayoflife/subscribe.html. TO UNSUBSCRIBE OR CHANGE ADDRESSES, go to the very bottom of any email received from us and click “Manage My Subscription.” Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org.