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# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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## HILLSONG WOMEN'S CONFERENCE FEATURES A NAKED COWBOY

The following is excerpted from "Hillsong NYC," NowTheEndBegins.com, May 25, 2016: "Hillsong United has been on a roll lately, and all of it bad. For quite a few years now, we have been reporting classic Hillsong events to you like the gay worship leader, the ultra sleazy 'Silent Night' mockery, complete with Roaring Twenties flappers

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in a nightclub setting, and the image of Baphomet laced into their women's conference marketing. Now they have kicked things up to a whole new 'low-vel.' In a world saturated with sex and sexual images, the Church is supposed to be the place where that is not allowed to enter. Not at Hillsong. Take a look at the following smartphone video of the closing night of the first-ever Hillsong Women's Conference in NYC. It's quite the eye-opener. ... Now where do you see Jesus in any of this slop?

Answer, you don't. Look at the stage, and what do you see? A naked cowboy, scantily-dressed 'cheerleaders,' an Elvis impersonator, a bearded male Statue of Liberty, various humans wearing furry animal costumes, and for good measure they get everyone all jacked up waving the American flag and shouting 'USA! USA! USA!' ... Hillsong United and their various tentacles have made a mockery of Christianity and the Bible with worldly 'shows' like these. They should be ashamed of themselves, but sadly, they are quite proud of what they have accomplished. ... This is what passes for 'church' in our Laodicean end times 'christian' gatherings. It looks more like John Bunvan's word picture of the godless 'Vanity Fair' so well illustrated in his classic *The Pilgrim's Progress*."



## TWO APOSTATE "CHURCHES" UNITING

The Church of England and the Church of Scotland have agreed to unite. Both are apostate, so it is a good fit. They deserve each other. Both are dying, so they can die together in liberal bliss, clueless about what is happening. They will doubtless welcome the Antichrist to Britain's shores one day, and possibly not so far in the future. Some media sources made the point that the Church of Scotland "allows ministers who are in same-sex marriages and the Church of England does not" ("Church of England and Scotland," Christianheadlines.com, May 25, 2016). But the Church of England is filled with homosexual "ministers" who live with their partners. In fact, in 2013, it dropped its ban on "gay clergy in civil partnerships." The Church of England's Archbishops of Canterbury have been uttering rank unbelief for more than 60 years. In 1953, William Temple, in his book *Nature and God*, said, "... there is no such thing as revealed truth." In 1961, Michael Ramsey said, "... heaven is not a place for Christians only. ... I expect to see many present day atheists there" (*London Daily Mail*, Oct. 2, 1961). In 1982, Robert Runcie said he was an agnostic as to why Jesus suffered on the cross (*Sunday Times Weekly Review*, London, April 11, 1982). I was in London that day and read this unbelieving nonsense in the newspaper that morning over breakfast. In 1996,

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George Carey lashed out at fundamentalists who place the Bible "above and beyond human inquiry" (*Christian News*, Dec. 9, 1996). On September 14, 2008, the Church of England officially apologized to Charles Darwin for rejecting his theory of evolution, and on May 16, 2009, the bells of the Anglican Cathedral of Liverpool thrice pealed out John Lennon's atheistic anthem "Imagine."

## **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SHAMEFUL HIROSHIMA SPEECH**

The following is from "Congress Must Censure President Obama over Hiroshima Speech," Breitbart, May 27, 2016: "President Barack Obama told the world on Friday in Hiroshima that the American decision to drop nuclear bombs on Japan in 1945 arose from humanity's worst instincts, including 'nationalist fervor or religious zeal.' ... The speech--delivered on the eve of Memorial Day weekend--was billed by the White House as anything but an apology, but Obama's words betrayed his true sentiments. Obama, a native of Honolulu who grew up near Pearl Harbor, said nothing about the fact that Japan started the war; nothing about the fact that the Japanese were responsible for the slaughter of millions of civilians throughout Asia and the Pacific; nothing about the fact that the Japanese refused to surrender after hundreds of thousands had already been killed in conventional bombing. Obama implied that Americans had not yet considered the human cost of the atomic bomb: we had to 'force ourselves to imagine the moment the bomb fell' and 'force ourselves to feel the dread of children confused by what they see,' he said. He described the moral dilemmas of nuclear warfare as if no president, and no American, had considered them before. But he left out the moral case for ending the war, and the hundreds of thousands of deaths avoided because of Hiroshima. The contrast to President Harry S. Truman could not have been clearer. Reflecting on the decision to bomb Japan years later, Truman declared: 'That bomb caused the Japanese to surrender, and it stopped the war. I don't care what the crybabies say now, because they didn't have to make the decision.' As he has done before, Obama cast a moral equivalence between different civilizations, implying that Americans were just as bad as the Imperial Japanese, or anyone else."

## **ATHEIST LOSES LAWSUIT AGAINST CHURCH**

The following is excerpted from "Atheist Loses," Breitbart, May 24, 2016: "Atheist activist Patrick Greene lost his lawsuit today against Abundant Life Fellowship Church in Corpus Christi, Texas--a church represented by First Liberty Institute--admitting that his lawsuit was 'baseless,' and submitting to a court order never to bring such a frivolous lawsuit in the future. ... Greene's lawsuit claims that a church's erecting of a cross on private property is unconstitutional because a local mayor and city council members attended the church's groundbreaking ceremony. ... As detailed in the previous report, Greene has a record of repeatedly bringing lawsuits that many consider 'vexatious,' meaning predatory lawsuits that have no merit, but are designed to threaten and harass defendants into abandoning actions that are perfectly legal in order to avoid or end the lawsuit. During a court hearing on Tuesday morning before Judge Missy Medary of the 347<sup>th</sup> District Court of Nueces County, Greene entered into a court-approved settlement agreement. ... He is bound by the court's order to stop bringing frivolous lawsuits in the future, lawsuits which are designed to prevent Americans from freely exercising or expressing their faith."



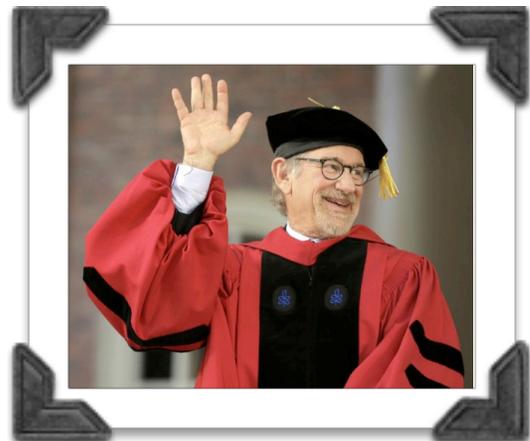
## TEENS SPENDING MOST OF THEIR TIME ONLINE

According to a study by Common Sense Media, teens are spending nine of their waking 15 hours consuming media online. That is nearly double the time that adults spend online (“A study says,” *Business Insider*, May 27, 2016). Children eight to 12 spend nearly six hours a day online. Psychologists are discovering manifold problems with this scenario, such as impeding the ability to concentrate and build a large vocabulary, but the moral and spiritual dangers are even greater. The book *The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church*, a new youth discipleship course, gives many tips for parents in protecting their families from moral dangers in the smartphone age. It is available in print and free eBook editions from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

## STEVEN SPIELBERG URGES HARVARD GRADS TO “CREATE A WORLD THAT LASTS FOREVER”

Speaking at Harvard University’s graduation service last week, Hollywood director Steven Spielberg urged graduates to “create a world that lasts forever” (*Business Insider*, May 27, 2016). No one but God can create a world that lasts forever. Harvard grads cannot make *themselves* last forever, let alone create an eternal world. Only the Creator God is eternal, and only those who know Him in Jesus Christ by the salvation He has so graciously purchased will enjoy an eternal world. Harvard was founded upon this principle, but it has left this great wisdom far behind. Today it foolishly ridicules the truth it once believed. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into

the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16-18).



*Steven Spielberg Harvard 2016*

# AN ASTRONAUT FOR BIBLICAL CREATIONISM

Colonel Jeffrey Williams (b. 1958), U.S. astronaut who has spent many months on the International Space Station (ISS), is an unabashed believer in biblical creationism. He has captured more photographs than any astronaut in history and has published a selection in *The Work of His Hands: A View of God's Creation from Space*. The author says that in this book he reflects on the “vivid lessons about the meticulous goodness of divine providence, God's care for His creation, and His wisdom in ordering the universe.” On his current mission, Williams is scheduled to surpass the record of 520 cumulative days in space set by Scott Kelly. In a 2015 interview with the Institute for Creation Research, Col. Williams said, “I came to Christ in the late '80s. I've studied the Scriptures since 1988. I didn't want to jump on a bandwagon; I didn't just want to be a follower of a religious organization. I wanted to understand what the faith was, and all of my life, since 1988, every day I study the Scriptures to try to understand [them], and one of the things that I've found is the complete internal consistency within the overall Scriptures



Colonel Jeffrey Williams

and that the truth of Scripture is affirmed by every other piece of extra-biblical evidence. ... I don't find a conflict with true science--genuine science with integrity--and the Scriptures. I have found that in all cases where there is a conflict, it's not a conflict with the science, it's a conflict with the presupposition going in. So it's more of a philosophical thing.

If you study those things, philosophy, science, and religion have always intersected. The lines dividing them have never been clear, and they often get blurred. If somebody perceives science to be in conflict with, for example, the early chapters of Genesis, it's not the science, it's the presupposition that goes into it. If you have a presupposition that excludes the possibility of a God, that excludes the possibility of supernatural acts, and that [believes] everything has to be explained just with natural processes, then you've basically limited what you can let the objective observation of science tell you. That's where the issue comes in. I presuppose God. And I presuppose the truth of the Scripture” ([www.icr.org/article/above-all-earth/](http://www.icr.org/article/above-all-earth/)).

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