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## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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# LYING ABOUT FIDEL

The death of Cuba's dictator Fidel Castro last week brought an outpouring of sympathetic lies from the leftist propagandizing "mainstream media." A report in Reuters was typical, and these are the type of reports that appear on popular Internet news sites and in newspapers throughout the world to brainwash the average ill-informed person. I read it in *The Himalayan Times* in a coffee shop in Kathmandu, Nepal. The spirit of the piece is that Fidel was a hero who thumbed his nose at the *oppressive* United States and created a congenial communist state that allegedly

improved the lives of the people. "He swept away capitalism and won support for bringing schools and hospitals to the poor" ("Former Cuban Leader Dies at 90," Reuters, Nov. 26, 2016). The truth is that he didn't *win* support; he *forced* support through terrorism and brutal oppression. While the report admits that Fidel had "legions of enemies and critics" who "saw him as a ruthless tyrant," these critics were not given a voice to express their concerns. An ill-informed reader is left to think that perhaps their criticism of good-ole Fidel was unjust. This Reuters report does not inform its readers of Fidel's brutality, the destruction of free speech, free religion, free press, and democratic elections, the destruction of the economy through Marxist principles, the tiny, dark, nightmarish prison cells filled with 500,000 "critics," the "highest political incarceration rate per capita on earth," the unspeakable torture and beatings, the 15,000 executions by firing squad, the forced labor. Reuters does not explain why hundreds of thousands of Cubans risked their lives to escape Fidel's communist paradise to flee to

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## SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND WATER "LURKING MUCH DEEPER" THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT



Scientists have concluded that minerals near the earth's mantle could hold massive amounts of water. "Scientists running complex simulations on the mineral brucite, which forms part of Earth's mantle, have concluded that **IT CAN HOLD WATER UNDER HIGH PRESSURE UP TO 595 KILOMETRES (OR 370 MILES) BELOW THE SURFACE**--much deeper than earlier estimates. ... geologist Mainak Mookherjee from Florida State University [says,] 'We didn't think water could be stored by hydrous minerals such as brucite at these

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*oppressive* America (tens of thousands drowning or being eaten by sharks in the attempt), while practically no one tried to immigrate to Cuba. Those people can tell you the truth about Cuba, but they were not given a voice by Reuters, *et al.* (They are given a voice in volumes such as *The Black Book of Communism* by Pascal Fontaine, *Fidel: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant* by Humberto Fontova, and *Against All Hope* by Armando Valladares, who describes the frightful 22 years of torture and imprisonment he personally endured for “merely raising the issue of freedom.”) Though Cuba’s socialistic health care system has been touted as one of the best in the world, the reality is there are two health care systems in Cuba, a very poor quality one for ordinary Cubans and a superior one for the Communist Party elite and medical tourists. “Testimony and documentation on the subject are vast. Hospitals and clinics are crumbling. Conditions are so unsanitary, patients may be better off at home, whatever home is. If they do have to go to the hospital, they must bring their own bedsheets, soap, towels, food, light bulbs--even toilet paper. And basic medications are scarce ...

finding an aspirin can be a chore. And an antibiotic will fetch a fortune on the black market. The equipment that doctors have to work with is either antiquated or nonexistent. Doctors have been known to reuse latex gloves--there is no choice. When they travel to the island, on errands of mercy, American doctors make sure to take as much equipment and as many supplies as they can carry. One told the Associated Press, “The [Cuban] doctors are pretty well trained, but they have nothing to work with. It’s like operating with knives and spoons” (“Does Cuba Have the Best Healthcare System?” May 22, 2016, quora.com). This Reuters report also failed to tell its readers that Cubans continue to stream out of Fidel’s communist paradise for America’s oppressive shores (“Surge in Cuban Immigration to U.S. continues,” Aug. 5, 2016, Pewresearch.org). We wonder why the leftist reporters don’t immigrate to one of the communist paradises instead of staying in oppressive America. For more truth about Fidel’s shocking reign of terror see <http://www.faithwire.com/2016/11/28/heres-a-handy-list-of-atrocities-for-everyone-glorifying-fidel-castro-today/>

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depths. But now that we know it’s there, we need to figure out how much water could be effectively stored inside it.’ Every year, billions of tonnes of water are pushed underground through the process of subduction, where one tectonic plate rides over the top of another. It’s just as important a part of the water cycle as rainfall and evaporation. ... And brucite is only part of the story: other hydrous minerals, such as mica, lawsonite, serpentine, could be involved as well. ... water could be found way underground--as

deep as 660 kilometres (410 miles)--through the mineral ringwoodite” (“Water could be lurking much deeper in our planet than we thought,” *Science Alert*, Nov. 24, 2016). This reminds me of a passage in the ancient book of Genesis, “In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day **WERE ALL THE FOUNTAINS OF THE GREAT DEEP BROKEN UP**, and the windows of heaven were opened” (Genesis 7:11).

# STUDENTS CANNOT DISCERN TRUE FROM FAKE NEWS

A study by Standard History Education Group has found that young people are unable to judge the credibility of online information. After testing 7,800 teenagers on “civil ability reasoning,” lead author Sam Wineburg said, “Overall, young people’s ability to reason about the information on the Internet can be summed up in one word: bleak” (“Stanford Study,” NewsMax.com, Nov. 22, 2016). “When it comes to evaluating information that flows through social media channels, they are easily duped.” A major reason for this is that few young people are being properly educated. They are not being taught to think critically. That is a failure of parents, churches, and schools. Another reason is that the average young person is too busy playing to be concerned with learning to think properly. The youth discipleship course *The Mobile Phone and the Christian Home and Church* offers practical help for parents and churches that want to disciple their young people instead of entertain them to death.



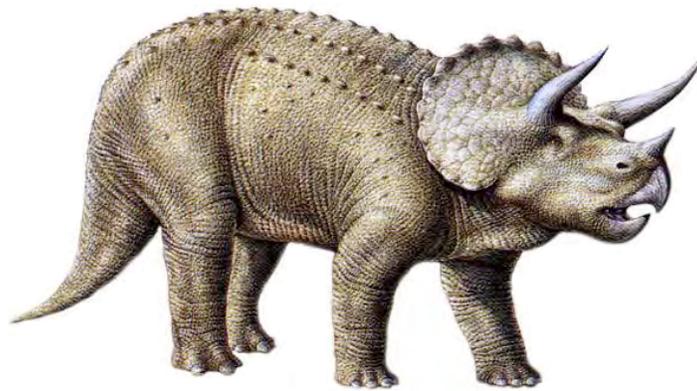
## JUDGE IN GERMANY RULES FOR SHARIA POLICE



On November 21, a German court ruled that “a group of Islamists did not break the law by forming ‘sharia police’ street patrols and telling people to stop drinking, gambling and listening to music” (“Sharia police are not illegal,” *The Local*, Nov. 22, 2016). The patrols wear orange vests emblazoned with the words “Sharia Police,” but the court found that the vests were not “threatening.” This report reminds us that a major Islamic objective is to put Western nations under Sharia law. They have long-range plans and accomplish their goals incrementally. If they suffer a defeat, they do not give up. Very few western political leaders understand these things, probably including Donald Trump. While he is concerned about keeping Islamic terrorists out of America, the more foundational issue is to understand and deal effectively with the fact that conquering the world for Allah has been a fundamental aspect of Islam since the days of Mohammed. The Jihadist is not an “extremist” or “ultra” anything. He is a true and obedient Muslim who is taking his Quran seriously. Political activity and worldly-minded political leaders cannot change hearts and minds, but prayer can.

# TRICERATOPS SOFT TISSUE

The following is excerpted from “Triceratops,” creation.com, Nov. 19, 2016: “Layers of soft and stretchable tissue were discovered in the brow horn of a *Triceratops*. When examined under a scanning electron microscope, bone osteocytes cells were seen together with extraordinary structural preservation of the cell. This even included the preservation of thin protein extensions from the cell membranes called filipodia. These filipodia measured less than 300 nm in diameter and were seen branching into the underlying bone matrix. Some skeptics in the past have tried to dismiss claims of soft tissue as mere biofilms left behind by bacteria. The iDINO project [carried out by the Creation Research Society] special report refutes the skeptics by demonstrating under a scanning electron microscope, that what we are seeing are not merely biofilms, but highly structured soft tissue in dinosaur bone. This argues strongly against the idea that the fossil is 65 million years old as many evolutionists claim. More recently, Brian Thomas and Vance Nelson carbon dated a number of dinosaur fossils including two specimens from



*Triceratops horridus*. The two specimens gave a date in years of  $33,570 \pm 20$  and  $41,010 \pm 220$ . ... the half-life of moa mitochondrial DNA is reported in the literature as 521 years. This only serves to compound the problem for evolution since DNA, red blood cells, bone proteins, etc. should not be present in ancient fossils if they were really that old. In the same issue of the iDINO project special report, Brian Thomas published a paper on original biomaterial in fossils, where he discusses the discovery of protein (e.g. collagen) and DNA in fossils from different strata. He also discusses mechanisms of preservation that skeptics have appealed to when trying to explain why biomaterial

is found in these supposedly ancient fossils. The idea that soft tissue can exist for 65 million years is highly problematic for evolution since we would expect soft tissue to have completely degraded in a far shorter period of time. Soft tissue preservation in dinosaurs fits very nicely with the Biblical understanding that dinosaur fossils are evidence of rapid burial by the global flood a few thousand years ago.”

## INFORMATION

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