FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

ALPHA MALES REPLACE PAJAMA BOYS

Dr. Sebastian Gorka, a professor of military strategy, likes what he sees in the new administration that is preparing to take power when Donald Trump is inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States in January. Gorka, who previously taught at the Marine Corps University, says, “The message I have is a very simple one, it’s a bumper sticker: the era of the Pajama Boy is over January 20th and the alpha males are back” (RealClearPolitics.com, Dec. 17, 2016). No doubt, alpha males are replacing pajama boys at the top echelons of America’s government, and I’m very glad. In fact, not only are alpha males going to be in charge, but high finance deal-maker males are going to be in charge. But we must not forget that Trump and his alpha males will not bring God’s blessing on America. They might help the economy, but wealth is no measure of God’s blessing. In fact, it can be an evidence of His curse. The United States today sounds an awful lot like Ezekiel’s description of Sodom with its “pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness” (Eze. 16:49). The alpha males will bring welcome change, but there are many important things that they won’t or can’t change. For example, the alpha male Secretary of Defense will hopefully bring a measure of good sense back to such things as strategy,

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY’S SPEECH POLICE

Oxford University’s student union has distributed a flyer urging students to use “gender neutral” pronouns such as “ze” instead of “he” or “she” in order not to offend “transgender persons” and to “cut down on discrimination.” “Deliberately using the wrong pronoun for a transgender person is an offence under the university’s behaviour code. It is hoped the use of ‘ze’ may also be used in lectures and seminars, as well as socially. Human rights campaigner and LGBT activist Peter Tatchell welcomed the notion, adding: “This issue isn’t about being PC. It’s about respecting people’s right to define themselves as neither male nor female.” ... Cambridge University is moving in the same direction” (“Oxford University students,” The Independent, Dec. 14, 2016). For the sake of not offending the feelings of a few, everyone else’s freedom of speech and freedom of religion is destroyed.
PREACHERS WHO PREACH TOO LONG

Some preachers preach too long. It has been said that it is better for the people to wish you had preached longer than that they wish you had stopped long before you did. I love preaching and delight in Bible study, but there are very few men I can listen to for more than 60 minutes with pleasure and profit. And most people have a much shorter attention span than I do. If you are a truly great preacher, that is a different story. Consider Lawrence Chaderton, one of the translators of the King James Bible. As a young man Chaderton began a series of afternoon sermons at the church of St. Clement's, Cambridge, that continued for 50 years. “Sermons were timed by an hour glass, which stood beside the pulpit. Chaderton’s biographer tells how once having preached for two hours, he feared he had worn out his listeners’ patience and stopped. But the entire congregation cried, ‘For God’s sake, go on! We beg you, go on!’ Chaderton continued for another hour” (Olga Opfell, The King James Bible Translators, p. 47). When Chaderton announced that he was retiring from the lectures, forty of the clergy, who said they owed their conversion to his preaching, begged him to reconsider. Chaderton died in the year 1640 at age 103, and it is said that to the end he could read a small-print Greek New Testament without glasses.

ALLOW DEFRAUDING

“But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?” (1 Corinthians 6:6-7). The following is from John Phillip’s commentary on 1 Corinthians: “Years ago I fell into the hands of an unscrupulous businessman who persuaded me to invest money in what he knew to be a worthless enterprise. He gave me some equally worthless documents as security. When the first interest check was returned by the bank I knew I had been duped. I took the worthless check to him and demanded an explanation. It was a mistake, he said, he had meant to cover the check. I should redeposit it. It was the beginning of a long trail of lies and evasions. At last I took legal counsel. ‘A clear case of fraud,’ the attorney said. ‘Let me have the case and I’ll see the man in prison.’ The man was a professing believer. He went to the same church as I did. I knew his wife and little children. After some agonizing heart searching, I decided to let the matter rest. The sum of money involved was considerable (at least for me it was), but it was not worth a lawsuit. I decided to ‘suffer myself to be defrauded.’ ‘Ah!’ the worldly wise would say, ‘then this brother was able to use 1 Corinthians 6 as a way to get away with fraud!’ Well, yes and no! In actual fact the case was simply referred to a Higher Court. The man did not get away with his dishonesty, as I learned later. He paid in other ways. Nor was I the loser. A wealthy businessman friend of mine heard what had happened. He approached me one day and said, ‘I should have warned you about that man. I didn’t know you were a potential victim. The Lord has put it on my heart to help you. Sell me those securities. Don’t you worry about my taking a loss, I can absorb it easily enough. Anyway, I have more leverage than you have and I know more about him than you do. Leave him to me.’ The man was as good as his word. Within a few weeks he handed me a check for the full amount. Doubtless it does not always work out like that. But it will always work out—in the end.”
The Directory of Contemporary Worship Music, which we publish as a free eBook, contains extensive documentation proving that Contemporary Christian Music is a jungle of end-time apostasy and that it is led by “another spirit” (2 Cor. 11:4). When you consider the fact that CCM has an illicit relationship with the world, which the apostle John plainly stated is “not of God” (1 John 5:15-17), that CCM represents the charismatic movement in all of its dangerous heretical weirdness (e.g., gibberish speaking, spirit slaying, holy shaking, holy laughter, holy drunkenness, word-faith name-it-and-claim-it, latter rain miracle revival, fourth dimension prayer, end-time prophets and apostles), that CCM is ecumenical through and through and closely affiliated with Rome, that most CCMers love Dietrich Bonhoeffer and C.S. Lewis and a galaxy of other rank heretics, that CCM is permeated with Roman Catholic contemplative prayer mysticism, that CCMers love wretchedly corrupt “Bibles” such as The Message, that large numbers of CCMers love The Shack and its idolatrous “just not” female god, and that CCM is widely infiltrated with homosexuality -- it is obvious that we are dealing with “another spirit” rather than the Spirit of God who is the Holy Spirit of Truth and Righteousness (John 4:23; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 4:6). We have provided extensive documentation of these serious charges in the Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians. “For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth” (Ephesians 5:9). See http://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/
HURRY UP, BLOOD CELLS!

The following is from CreationMoments.com, November 21, 2016: “Over the years, Creation Moments has presented many interesting facts about blood, but a new study from the University of Rochester Medical Center may be the most amazing one of all. As reported in ScienceNews, researchers have now discovered that when the brain runs low on oxygen, ‘red blood cells sense the deficit and hurl themselves through capillaries to deliver their cargo’ (Laura Sanders, ‘Red blood cells sense low oxygen in the brain,’ ScienceNews, Aug. 4, 2016). The science journal also noted that this research on mice suggests that the cells ‘can both detect and remedy low oxygen.’ So how exactly do red blood cells remedy an oxygen deficit in the brain? According to Jiandi Wan from New York’s Rochester Institute of Technology, when oxygen levels run low, ‘red blood cells pick up speed by becoming more flexible.’ This ‘bendiness’ allows the cells “to squeeze through narrow capillaries faster.” Only when the researchers used chemicals to stiffen the red blood cells did the cells slow down. Study coauthor Maiken Nedergaard of the University of Rochester Medical Center said that these findings might ultimately be applied to treating disorders where the link between neural activity and blood flow is damaged, including Alzheimer’s disease. This is exciting news but isn’t good news for evolutionists. How can they explain this amazing property of red blood cells? They can’t. Creationists, however, have no difficulty explaining it. But even we are at a loss for words when we consider that Jesus willingly shed His own blood to save the lost.”

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