
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

BARACK OBAMA AND HIS POLICIES ARE NOT GOING AWAY



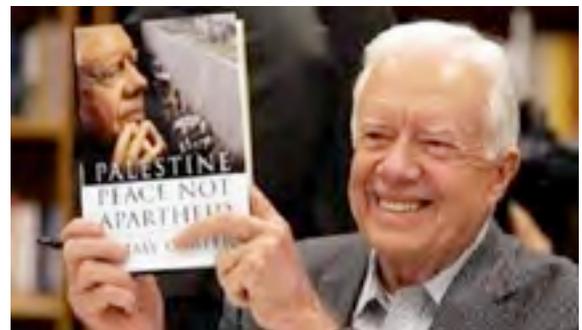
Obama and his policies have not been defeated by a Trump win. Any such thinking *is shortsighted in a spiritual sense*, for the election changed absolutely nothing on the spiritual front. America is a wicked nation; wickedness is the source of her ills; and wickedness can be defeated only by spiritual weapons, not by the carnal weapons of politics and “conservatism.” But this thinking *is shortsighted even from a political standpoint*. “Leftist” socialism and humanism are so deeply ingrained in American institutions that no amount of tinkering by conservatives will bring fundamental change.

They can endure temporary setbacks, knowing that, apart from a miracle, their policies will ultimately prevail. They control the public schools, the universities, the highest courts. They have wormed their way throughout the government and military. The nation has been psychologized, feminized, welfarized, homosexualized, pacified. The fear of appearing racist, misogynist, homophobic, and Islamophobic has crippled the thinking of a large

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JIMMY CARTER CALLS FOR DIVIDING ISRAEL BEFORE TRUMP’S INAUGURATION

In an op-ed published in the *New York Times* on Nov. 28, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter implored Barack Obama to formally recognize a Palestinian state before Trump’s election on January 20. In his 2006 book *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*, Carter falsely charged Israel of “depriving Palestinians of their human rights.” He foolishly blames Israel for the continuation of the conflict in spite of basic and irrefutable facts such as these: Israel is America’s only true friend in the Middle East and one of its truest friends in the world; the “Palestinians” are not America’s friends and have



consistently shown *no* desire for “peace” under *any* terms except the destruction of Israel; the UN’s 1947 offer of a Palestinian state was rejected by the Arabs who instead tried to destroy the fledgling state of Israel; Israel’s 2000 offer to give the “Palestinians” Gaza, most of the West Bank, and East Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state

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portion of the population. Obama is not defeated. Consider an excerpt from “Obama Plans to Rule America Outside the White House” by Daniel Greenfield, *Frontpage* magazine, Nov. 25, 2016: “Obama can no longer be commander-in-chief. Instead he’s plotting to become organizer-in-chief. The infrastructure for the organization was put into place long before anyone thought that Hillary might lose. Organizing for Action gave him his own organizing hub. ... Now that Trump won, it’s an axis to build a personal counterrevolution around. ... Obama is not a conventional politician. He’s an organizer and a campaigner at the vanguard of a radical movement that seeks to control traditional institutions, but doesn’t feel bound by them. ... The demoralization of the Democrats is, as Obama put it, an opportunity. Social chaos is a time for the left to overthrow and undermine traditional institutions. Fear, anger and despair are radicalizing. The left has always operated by throwing bombs and then profiting from the fallout. That’s Obama’s agenda. ... While the leftist rioters in the streets are garnering the most attention, the real threat comes from the network of staffers dubbed Obama Anonymous ... Obama isn’t going to retire. He’s not going to spend years puttering around with a presidential library. ... Obama believes that he can rule America from outside the White House. And he might be right. ... Obama is not done transforming America. And America isn’t done with him yet.” “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).

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was rejected; Israel’s 2008 offer to give the “Palestinians” most of the West Bank and put East Jerusalem under international control was rejected; a Palestinian state would place Israel in a nearly indefensible position; Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East and the only nation that actually gives Muslims basic “human rights”; and, chief of all, *Almighty God gave that land to Israel’s seed*. “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever” (Exodus 32:13). Jimmy Carter teaches Sunday School in a Baptist church, but he doesn’t believe the Bible. He grew up Southern Baptist and is a product of that denomination’s mixed multitude philosophy. Carter has criticized those who preach the gospel to Mormons (“Are Mormons Christians?” *Deseret News*, Nov. 15, 1997). He fought to keep evolution in Georgia’s public school textbooks (“Another Attempt to Deny Evolution,” *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Feb. 12, 2004). When running for president in 1976, Carter said that his favorite theologians were Barth and Brunner who deny cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith. In 1977, Carter appointed pro-abortion activist lawyer Sarah Weddington as Assistant to the President. In 1992, Carter agreed to serve as the honorary co-chair of the Human Rights Campaign, a homosexual advocacy group. Jimmy Carter was one of America’s worse presidents. If America were wise, not only would she not help Israel’s enemies, she would join hands with Israel to seek out and destroy Islamic jihadists. “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20).

FEMALE PREACHER AT TRUMP'S INAUGURATION RECOMMENDS PORNOGRAPHY

The following is from "Female Preacher," Pulpitandpen.org, Dec. 30, 2016). "Paula White, who has been selected as the presiding pastrix to deliver the prayer at Donald Trump's presidential inauguration, is an advocate of pornography. In August of 2015, her husband, Jonathan Cain [the third marriage for both parties], took the stage next to her while the two insisted that a wife should engage in watching porn with a husband who likes it in order to strengthen their marriage. The Bible is very clear that pornography is sinful and is equated to adultery. Matthew 5:28 says, 'But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.' This would most certainly include pornography. Donald Trump is also a staunch advocate of sexual immorality. This is the same Paula White that evangelical pro-family leader, James Dobson, insisted led Donald Trump to Christ. The well-known reverend Franklin Graham is also scheduled to be standing in unity with Paula White during the inauguration."

"THE SHACK" THE MOVIE

The movie for William Paul Young's *The Shack* is scheduled for release in March 2017. The powerful visual forum will doubtless indoctrinate many moviegoers with the heresies promoted in this novel. *The Shack*, authored by William Paul Young, is a fictional account of a man who is bitter against God for allowing his youngest daughter to be murdered and who returns to the scene of the murder, an old shack in the woods, to have a life-changing encounter with God. The "God" that he encounters, though, is not the God of the Bible. Published in 2007, *The Shack* was Number One on the New York Times bestseller list for 50 weeks. By 2012, it had sold 18 million copies internationally. William Young is not a member of a church and is even reticent to call himself a Christian, describing himself as "spiritual but not religious" ("After *The Shack*, a Crossroads: William Paul Young," *Publishers Weekly*, Sept. 21, 2012). Yet the novel has been endorsed by Pat Robertson's 700 Club, CCM artist Michael W. Smith, Gayle Erwin of Calvary Chapel, James Ryle of the Vineyard churches, Andy Crouch, a senior editor of *Christianity Today*, Gloria Gaither, Mark Lowry (former singer with the Gaithers), Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message*, many Southern Baptists, and others. Fundamentally, *The Shack* is about redefining God. In a 2007



interview, Young told of a woman who wrote to him and said that her 22-year-old daughter came to her after reading the book and asked, "IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I DIVORCE THE OLD GOD AND MARRY THE NEW ONE?" Young therefore admits that the God of *The Shack* is different from the traditional God of

Bible-believing Christianity. He says that the God who "watches from a distance and judges sin" is "a Christianized version of Zeus." In *The Shack*, Young depicts the triune God as a young Asian woman named "Sarayu" * (supposedly the Holy Spirit), an oriental carpenter who loves to have a good time (supposedly the Son of God), and an older black woman named "Elousia" (supposedly God the Father). (* The name "Sarayu" is from the Hindu scriptures and represents a mythical river in India on the shores of which the Hindu

god Rama was born.) Young's god is the god of the emerging church. He is cool, loves rock & roll, is non-judgmental, does not exercise wrath toward sin, does not send unbelievers to an eternal fiery hell, does not require repentance and the new birth, puts no obligations on people, doesn't like traditional Bible churches, and does not accept the Bible as the infallible Word of God. (For a more extensive review of *The Shack*, see "The Shack's Cool God" at www.wayoflife.org.)

A CAGE OF LIGHT

The following is from CreationMoments.com, December 21, 2016: "Ask any evolutionist, and he will tell you that the Venus Flower Basket is one of the least-evolved animals. This animal is actually a sponge that is made up of a colony of creatures, and it does some amazing things. The Venus Flower Basket builds a basket-like skeleton made up of glass-like silica covered only by a thin layer of cells. The intricate internal structure of this skeleton is reinforced to provide the greatest strength using the least amount of material. The resulting skeleton turns out to be a fiber optic network whose sophistication has been compared to modern fiber optics used for telecommunications networks. Symbiotic luminescent microorganisms make a home inside the base of the sponge, sending their light throughout the Flower Basket's fiber optic skeleton. The Flower Basket traps shrimp inside this skeleton, where they spend their entire lives. The food they drop feeds those luminescent microorganisms at the bottom of the basket. The purpose of the light pulses is to attract prey to feed the shrimp, who, in turn, feed the source of the light pulses! All of this is even more impressive, given the fact that the Flower Basket has no nervous system whatsoever. That this beautiful creature with no nervous system is designed and works in such an intricate manner is a powerful testimony to our Creator, the only One Who could design this."



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