

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

A WARNING ABOUT BOB JONES UNIVERSITY AND IMMODESTY



The following is slightly edited from information I received recently, which is confirmed from other sources: “Bob Jones is changing for the worse in the matter of dress. The girls are allowed to wear pants

after 5pm now, so a large percentage of the girls on campus in the evenings are wearing skinny jeans or worse--just tights. I don't think that leggings are technically allowed, but no one really enforces the rules anymore. The school publishes pictures in their promotionals of the girls volleyball team in short shorts, so I don't think that they are really taking it seriously. The Getty music is used consistently in the chapel services now, and lots of textual criticism is being taught.” **NOTE FROM BROTHER CLOUD:** Pants on women in Western society is contrary to the biblical teaching on clothing in two major ways. First, it was clearly designed in modern history as a unisex fashion. The pantsuit was created by homosexual fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent in 1966 as part of the rebellious rock & roll culture. Feminist Linda Grant

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST MILITARY CHAPLAIN CONDUCTS “TRANSGENDER POLICY BRIEFING”

The following is excerpted from “Southern Baptist Military Chaplain,” Sonny Hernandez, barbwire.com, Jul. 1, 2017: “The US military is unequivocally constructing and implementing change. Same-sex marriages, and policies on gender identity (confusion) is a recurrent trajectory for the Department of Defense (DOD) that will certainly cause contemporary challenges to Christians in the Armed Forces. While homosexual advocates are lauding this as diversity, many Christians are loathing this as diabolical--since same-sex matrimony and the DOD's policy on transgenderism are



Military Chaplain Sonny Hernandez

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observed that the pantsuit “put women on an equal sartorial footing with men” and “is what fashion gave to feminism” (“Feminism Was Built on the Trouser Suit,” *The Guardian*, June 3, 2008). Second, pants are immodest, highlighting the woman’s figure in a sensual way, and the tighter the pants the greater the sensuality or “hot” factor. Tight pants were created by Calvin Klein, a bisexual

fashion designer. When his pants appeared in 1974, they sold 200,000 pairs *in the first week*. Tights worn as pants (leggings) were created by Gianni Versace, a homosexual fashion designer who was murdered by a homosexual in 1997. Godly pilgrim women who have set their affection on things above refuse to be conformed to this world and do not follow its sensual fashions.

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contrary to God’s indissoluble design for marriage, and creation. Recently, *World Net Daily* (WND) published my article about an Army soldier who filed a religious accommodation request, so that he could avoid attending a ‘transgender policy briefing.’ Despite this soldier’s plea to avoid being subjected to a transgender briefing that he felt would violate his religious tenets--the request was denied by his commanding officer, LTC Kim Wilson, 304 MP BN Commander. The most vexing news is not that this soldier was forced to attend an Army mandated transgender briefing; instead, the most troubling news is about the one who facilitated the training. Who conducted the transgender policy briefing? It was not the commander, public affairs, or equal opportunity personnel. Sadly, it was an ecclesiastical endorsed Southern Baptist military chaplain who conducted the training--who told the soldier that he did not believe the ‘transgender policy brief’ would violate his sincerely held beliefs, per the soldier. ... Chaplain (Capt.) Erick Barrett, 304 MP BN, is a confirmed representative of The North American Mission

Board, or NAMB--which is an ecclesiastical endorsing agency of military chaplains for the Southern Baptist Convention. ... Chaplain Barrett’s ‘transgender policy briefing’ was godless. There was no reference of Scripture, God, Jesus, repentance, or faith, which would be expected of an ecclesiastically endorsed evangelical who claims to be a Christian. For almost an hour, Chaplain Barrett pontificated about the Army’s policy on transitioning from male to female, or female to male, and reiterated innumerable times how soldiers’ gender is determined--while God was not included in this determination. Despite Chaplain Barrett’s exposition on the US Army’s policy on gender confusion, there are two notable quotes that he made which would not be expected from someone who professes to affirm Holy Scripture—but homosexual sin. First, ‘How many gender identities are there in the world today? There are 42 genders (9:25-9:45).’ Second, ‘Ladies and gentlemen, we live in a world where truth is defined by the individual. That’s a reality. It’s not something that’s up for discussion. That’s just the world we live in’ (9:47-10:10).”

ANGLICAN CHURCH TO OFFER SPECIAL SERVICES FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

The Anglican Church's General Synod has voted in favor of "offering special services to welcome transgender people to the Anglican faith" ("Anglican Church set to offer," *The Guardian*, Jul. 9, 2017). The motion passed by a margin of 284 to 78. Proposing the motion, Chris Newlands, from Blackburn, Lancashire, said: "I hope that we can make a powerful statement to say that we believe that trans people are cherished and loved by God, who created them, and is present through all the twists and turns of their lives." The God who created man created him male and female, so a transgender person is rebelling against God's created order. Gender is not an accident of nature. Psalm 139 says God creates the individual in the mother's womb according to His plan. The Anglican Church has never been a biblical church, and in recent times it has grown ever more doctrinally apostate and morally reprobate. Already in 1953, Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple, in his book *Nature and God*, said, "... there is no such thing as revealed truth." (For more on this see the report "Fifty Years of Anglican Liberalism" at the Way of Life web site.)

WILLIAM PAUL YOUNG'S CHRISTLESS "SHACK"

The following is excerpted from "William Paul Young's Christless 'Shack,'" by Warren Smith, Lighthouse Trails, Jun. 12, 2017: "The Holy Bible makes it clear that Jesus Christ is the one and only Christ. He is the anointed one. He is the Messiah. He is the Savior. There is no other. This one and only Jesus Christ is referred to as Christ more than 500 times in the New Testament. In fact, the name Jesus Christ bookends the whole New Testament. The Bible's Jesus is clearly identified as Christ in the first line of the first chapter of the Book of Matthew and in the last line of the last chapter of the Book of Revelation. But *The Shack's* 'Jesus' is never identified as Christ. In fact, the word 'Christ' cannot be found anywhere in the whole *Shack* story. William P. Young's 'Jesus' is not ever described--not even once--as the Jesus who has 'a name which is above every name'--the full and complete name of Jesus Christ: 'Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father' (Philippians 2: 9-11). Excluding the name of Christ from *The Shack* is pretty much what you would expect from a self-professed universalist like William P. Young. If Young had clearly identified *The Shack's* 'Jesus' as Christ, his universal 'Jesus' would have lost his universal appeal. And that is because the 'Jesus' of other religions and New Age teachings is 'another Jesus' who is not Jesus Christ. In one example alone, Young's 'Jesus' proves himself to be 'another Jesus' when he teaches *Shack* readers the New Age lie that God is 'in' all things. Using *The Shack's* 'Jesus' as his mouthpiece, Young falsely teaches, 'God, who is the ground of all being, dwells in, around, and through all things.' But God is not *in* all things. This is pantheism. This is universalism. This is heresy. It totally contradicts the teachings of the true Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul warned the Corinthians--and all of us--to beware of men like William Paul Young who come preaching and teaching about 'another Jesus' who is not Christ. Paul said we might just go along with him--we 'might well bear with him.' 'But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him' (2 Corinthians 11:3-4).

POLLINATION

The pollination system is a finely-tuned symbiotic process that involves countless different types of flowers, insects, and birds, all perfectly integrated to maintain life. The yucca plant depends on the yucca moth for fertilization, and the moth's larva depend on that particular plant for food. The voodoo lily raises its temperature by 25 degrees and releases a scent that smells like rotting meat to attract a certain beetle. As it crawls around inside the flower looking for food, it is covered with pollen, which it spreads from flower to flower. Consider the orchid. "In many cases the development is such that the flower and insect fit each other like glove and hand. In some cases the device is so ingenious that the bee or other insect is attracted by the fragrance and nectar into a



Voodoo Lily

chamber from which there is only one way of escape, and in escaping the insect must first touch the stigma and then the stamen, and as it passes to the next flower it carries the pollen to the next stigma. But the devices are almost endless.

There are over seven thousand different species known..." (Robert Broom, *The Coming of Man: Was It Accident or Design?*). Bucket orchids, for example, attract two kinds of bees that are drawn to its liquid because it attracts female bees for mating. Since the surface of the orchid is slimy, the bee slips into a tunnel that collapses, trapping the bee and attaching pollen sacs to it, before releasing it. The same bee falls into the same trap in a second orchid, but instead of attaching more pollen sacs, this orchid unhooks the sacs, thus completing the pollination process (Geoff Chapman, "Orchids ... a Witness to the Creator," *Creation Ex Nihilo*, Dec. 1996-Feb. 1997). Blind evolution had to "create" the DNA for each one of these amazing devices; and not only that, it had to "create" the perfect interrelatedness between the plant and pollinating insect. How did this happen when there was no designer, when the flower was incapable of studying the insect and the insect was incapable of studying the flower, yet each is dependent upon the other for survival and each is perfectly fitted for its role in the intricate process? "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:20).



Cypripedium
Orchid with bee
pollinator

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