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## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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### NETFLIX TWISTS ANNE OF GREEN GABLES INTO A “QUEER SOIRÉE”



The following is excerpted from “Netflix Twists,” *CBN News*, Jul. 21, 2018: “The new Netflix adaptation of the 1908 novel *Anne of Green Gables* has been revised to include multiple homosexual characters, according to the series creator, Moira Walley-Beckett. In the Northwood Entertainment-produced series, ‘Anne with an E,’ the beloved character Great Aunt Josephine Barry is the first of many LGBT characters in the series. ... Aunt Jo revealed in Season 1 that she was grieving over the loss of a character known as Aunt Gertrude, Josephine’s partner. IndieWire reports their relationship is what’s called a ‘Boston marriage,’ when two women live together without being supported financially by a man. The term didn’t exist during the time period of the show. ‘And so we touch on that in Season 1, and in Season 2 we get to expand upon it in a way that allows her to provide a forum of acceptance,’ Walley-Beckett continued. That ‘forum of acceptance’ is known as a ‘queer soirée.’ In Season

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### UK ETHICS COUNCIL SAYS GENETIC ENGINEERING OF CHILDREN PERMISSIBLE

The following is excerpted from “UK Ethics Council,” *Science Trends*, Jul. 30, 2018: “The Nuffield Council on Bioethics, a UK-based independent charitable body located in London, has seen fit to grant a green light to the use of gene-editing technology to alter the characteristics of unborn children. The bioethics council stated that there was nothing objectionable about the use of DNA altering technology that enables parents to give their child certain characteristics, with a few major caveats. The council says that the DNA is only ‘morally permissible’ if it doesn’t exacerbate already existing social inequalities. The report released by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, titled ‘Genome Editing and Human Reproduction: Social and Ethical Issues’, says only that the use of [DNA editing](#)



technology could be ‘morally permissible’ and urges a larger conversation on the issue along with much more research into the effectiveness and safety of the

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2, Aunt Jo holds her first queer soirée since the passing of her partner. ... IndieWire goes on to say that one of the artists attending the soirée is the show's creation of the real-life pianist and composer, Cécile Chaminade. ... The media outlet reports the show also features two homosexual male characters. One is Anne's good friend, 'Cole.' ... And it doesn't end there. IndieWire goes on to report that the series creator also pictured the children's teacher, Mr. Phillips, as gay. ... A contributing writer for *Movieguide*, *The Family Guide to Movies and Entertainment*, spoke out against all the prominent homosexual story lines depicted in 'Anne With an E.' 'The creators of the series have carefully manipulated the classic story with an agenda that fits their worldview,' wrote Tess

Farrand. 'ANNE WITH AN E's attempt to also push LGBT in programming that would normally attract more faith-based audiences is utterly unnecessary. Moreover, focusing attention on the sexuality subplot of the series detracts from the moral redemptive nature of the story. Obviously, the minds behind the series are jumping onto the ideological bandwagon that already has concerned parents even more worried. The discussion of gender and sexuality are in fact discussed ad nauseam. People in 2018 don't need or want to see political/social debates take place on 'family' TV shows; they see enough of it on social media or see it on the 5 'o clock news. Rather, we should be turning to the ultimate resource for clarification on these pressing topics: the Bible.'"

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technology, as well as the potential social impact of the technology. The report does not call for any changes to current UK law that would make the altering of a child's DNA legal, merely stating that the use of such technology is not inherently immoral. Currently, any modified embryo has to be destroyed by the time the embryo is two weeks of age, and similar restrictions are found in the US. ... Karen Yeung, the chair of the NCB ... [explains] that the first uses of genome editing technology will likely be used to eliminate the risk of certain diseases and genetic disorders. However, in time the technology will become

more sophisticated and likely become available for use to parents who want to achieve a wider range of goals. The NCB report makes direct reference to germline modifications. Germline modifications are those that can alter the characteristics displayed in future generations. Germline modifications are distinct from somatic gene therapies, which are administered to an organism after birth. The germline modifications are given to a parent, but they can be passed down to offspring. The alterations are permanent, so it's very important that genetic engineers get the alterations correct."

# EZEKIEL 4:9 BREAD

*Ezekiel 4:9 Bread* is a commercial product “inspired by” its namesake Bible verse, which says, “Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.” The producer of the bread states, “We discovered when these six grains and legumes are sprouted and combined, an amazing thing happens. A complete protein is created that closely parallels the protein found in milk and eggs.” I don’t have any reason to doubt that *Ezekiel 4:9 Bread* is healthy. It is rich in proteins, vitamins, minerals, natural fiber, and has no added sugar or fat. **The problem is its claim to have a biblical basis.** The diet that God commanded Ezekiel to eat *was not for health; it was a siege diet.* Consider the context: “And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight. ... I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity” (Eze. 4:10-12, 16-17). Ezekiel was to use various kinds of grain and lentils to make

his bread, because in the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem the people had to scrape together whatever was available. It was a famine diet. Twenty shekels of bread was about eight ounces, and a sixth of a hin of water was about two-thirds of a quart. Jeremiah, an eyewitness, described the horror of the famine during the year and a half siege. Elderly people died of starvation (La. 1:19). The people gave their most valuable things for food (La. 1:11). Children fainted in the streets (La. 2:11-12). The wealthy dug through dunghills and trash heaps in search of food (La. 4:5). The people were reduced to skin and bones (La. 4:8). The pain of hunger was so great that death was to be preferred (La. 4:9). Some ate their own children (La. 4:10). **For *Ezekiel 4:9 Bread* to be a “biblical food,” it should be eaten at a rate of no more than eight ounces a day and be cooked with human dung fuel!** Many quack diets claim to be based on the Bible. There is the God Diet, the Maker’s Diet, the Genesis Diet, the Daniel Diet, the Edenic Diet, the Hallelujah Diet, the Seventh-Day Adventist diet, and others, but in truth there is no such thing as a Bible diet beyond some basic principles that can be gathered from various passages, which we have set out extensively in the new book *The Bible, Diet, and Alternative Health Care*. But if we are going to aim for a Bible diet, why not the milk and honey diet? Forty-eight times the land of Israel is called a land “flowing with milk and honey.” That sounds like vanilla ice cream to me! (It’s a joke, folks!)



# THE TRILOBITE'S AMAZING EYE



*Trilobite (photo by David W. Cloud)*



*Trilobite's eye (photo by David W. Cloud)*

The following is excerpted from *Seeing the Non-existent: Evolution's Myths and Hoaxes*, David Cloud, copyright 2011: "The trilobite is an extinct arthropod, a hard-shelled, segmented sea creature. The name 'trilobite' means 'three lobed' and refers to the creature's three *longitudinal* lobes. It existed in a bewildering number of varieties, with fifteen to twenty thousand known species, ranging in size from one millimeter to over two feet in length. Evolutionists place the trilobite in the earliest stages of life, in the so-called Cambrian layer. The earliest trilobites supposedly lived 570 million years ago and the creature is thought to have gone extinct 240 million years ago. It is considered one of the signature creatures of the Paleozoic Era. Evolutionary writings are filled with accounts of the trilobite, of how it 'evolved,' 'modified,' 'developed eyes,' and such, but there is no evidence for this. The scientific evidence that it evolved from some other creature or that its complex eyes and other organs evolved is non-existent. This proposition is based upon evolutionary assumptions and wishful thinking and not on the actual evidence. Consider the trilobite's compound eye, which gives every evidence of being a marvelous design. Clarkson and Levi-Setti (1975) of the University of Chicago did spectacular work on the optics of the trilobite eye lenses. "It turns out that each lens is a doublet, that is, made up of two lenses, while the shape of the boundary between the two lenses is unlike any now in use--either by animals or humans (Shawver 1974). However, the lens shape and the interface curvature are nearly identical to designs published independently by Descartes and Huygens in the seventeenth century. Their design had the purpose of avoiding spherical aberration and was known as the aplanatic lens. Levi-Setti pointed out that the second lens in the doublet of the trilobite eye was necessary in order that the lens system could work under

water where the trilobites lived. Thus, these creatures living at the earliest stages of life used an optimal lens design that would require very sophisticated optical engineering procedures to develop today' (Ian Taylor, *In the Minds of Men*, p. 164). Some of the trilobites had 15,000 lenses per eye, and all of these worked together in perfect harmony to provide exceptional vision for this 'simple' creature. In spite of evolutionary claims that 'trilobites developed one of the first sophisticated visual systems in the animal kingdom,' there is no evidence that the trilobite eye or any other eye evolved. The eye is found intact on countless fossilized creatures reaching back to the supposed earliest stages of the fossil record, and the eye appears fully formed in countless varieties, with absolutely no evidence that one type of eye evolved from another. To lay out a display of eyes from 'simple' to more complex is not evidence for evolution. That could just as well prove that each particular eye was designed by God for that particular creature."

## INFORMATION

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