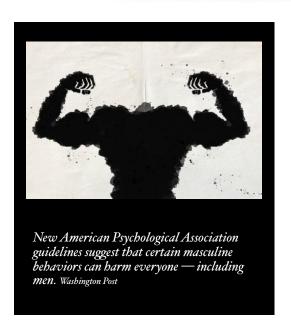
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION DECLARES MASCULINITY "PSYCHOLOGICALLY HARMFUL"



The following is excerpted from "American Psychological Association," Jan. 8, 2019, frontpagemag.com: "That cultural revolution is moving forward so quickly that it's rapidly running out of rails. In the last five years, the Left has embraced racial supremacism, denied biology, endorsed anti-Semitism, and declared that science was a white patriarchal conspiracy. What's left? The APA now claims that 'traditional masculinity is psychologically harmful. 'The main thrust of the subsequent research is that traditional masculinity-marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression—is, on the whole, harmful,' the APA claims. Its new guidelines insist that, 'gender refers to psychological, social, and cultural experiences and characteristics associated with the social statuses of girls and women or boys and men.' If gender is just a state of mind, then masculinity easily becomes a mental illness. That is what happens when the inmates run the APA's asylum."

ABORTION THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH WORLDWIDE

19, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from "Abortion kills 42 million," *Christian Headlines*, Jan. 2, 2019: "The leading cause of death in 2018 around the world was abortions, according to LifeNews. The news site and data site Worldometers reported that 42 million abortions

took place in the world in 2018. Officially, the 42 million abortions are not included in the total death count worldwide, which was 59 million for last year. With abortions counted, the death toll is 101 million from 2018, according to CBN News. ... Pro-life supporters are pushing President Donald Trump to defund Planned Parenthood. During his presidential campaign, he vowed to defund the organization. 'It's very simple. Abortion is not health care,' Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life, told CBN News last year in an interview. 'Planned Parenthood is not an institution where women go to get a flu shot or a check-up. Planned Parenthood is an institution where women go when they feel like they have no other choice. When they have to choose to pay someone to kill the very life they helped to create."



FORMER FACEBOOK MANAGER LIKENS FACEBOOK TO A CULT

The following is excerpted from "Former Facebook Employees," Breitbart, Jan. 8, 2019: "Former Facebook employees compared the company to a 'cult,' in interviews with CNBC ... In 2016, former Facebook product manager Antonio Garcia Martinez also likened the company to a cult, comparing CEO Mark Zuckerberg to Jonestown cult leader Jim Jones. 'Facebook is full of true believers who really, really, really are not doing it for the money, and really, really will not stop until every man, woman, and child on earth is staring into a blue-bannered window with a Facebook logo,' he claimed. 'Zuckerberg founded the church of a new religion."



Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg with Facebook employees.

CALIFORNIA CHURCH PROTESTED FOR A SIGN SAYING HOMOSEXUALITY IS A SIN



The following is excerpted from "California Church Enrages LGBT Community," *The Stream*, Jan. 7, 2019: "Protesters demonstrated against a church in northern California, demanding its pastor remove a church marquee message they believe is hateful toward the LGBT community. The marquee message, posted by Trinity Bible Presbyterian Church pastor Justin Hoke, reads 'Bruce Jenner is still a man. Homosexuality is still sin. The culture may change. The Bible does

not.' The sign angered LGBT citizens of Siskiyou County, who gathered outside the church Sunday to demand the pastor take the message down and keep such beliefs within the church's walls. Hoke, however, contended the sign was not hateful and that it expressed Biblical teaching about gender and sexuality. '... that's very offensive to call that sign hateful,' Hoke said. 'There is no hate at all in that sign.' People are getting upset because we're saying this is wrong, it's always been wrong, it still is wrong according to our God," Hoke added. ... Hoke said, in light of the protests, he plans to keep the sign up until the demonstrations stop. Kalayjian and other lead protesters accepted the challenge, however, saying they would protest outside the church every Sunday until the pastor removes the message." FOLLOW-UP: Pastor Hoke resigned the pastorate of Trinity Bible Presbyterian after members of the church threatened to leave. He said, "As of today, I am no longer the pastor of Trinity Bible Presbyterian Church. ... it was determined that it would be in the best interest of the local body for us to part ways. I would like to aadd this, I did not want to leave, I did not quit, and I was willing to stay." He turned down offers of financial support, saying he didn't want to "use this 5 minutes of fame as a chance to capitalize on the sympathy and good will of others." He added, "The Lord has taken care of my needs. Please pray that God would open more doors for me to preach the gospel, that is all I want or need."

FACEBOOK STALKING IS A MASSIVE, GLOBAL PROBLEM

Facebook has provided wicked men an unprecedented forum for stalking women. It has reached epidemic proportions, and it is a global issue. According to a report in The Himalayan Times for Dec. 10, 2018, twenty Facebook stalking crimes are reported to the the Kathmandu Metropolitan Police's Cyber Crime Unit every day. There are nearly one million Facebook users in this backwards country, a number which represents the large majority of the nation's youth. An example of the social media stalking is a 17-year-old nursing student who was the target of attempted blackmail by a man who created five fake Facebook accounts in her name and posted obscene photos with morphed images of her face. He offered to take down the accounts if she would meet with him. Another young woman accepted a "friend" request from someone posing as a woman, but it turned out that it was a male stalker who tried to force her to send him obscene photos. When she refused, he created a fake Facebook account and posted vile photos using morphed images of her face. Nepal police inspector Lila Raj Dangi said that Facebook's office in Hong Kong has turned down multiple requests for help in protecting these women and identifying the offenders. The global pop culture, with its fundamental principle of "live young and free," has made young women exceedingly vulnerable to the malicious, duplicitous advances of wicked men. It has "liberated" young women from the close protective oversight of fathers, brothers, and husbands. Facebook doesn't care two cents for these women. They are just dollar signs. It has been said that if a company doesn't sell something (e.g., if it offers "free" services), it sells you, and no two companies have been more effective at commercializing its users than Facebook and Google. (Duckduckgo is an alternative to Google that doesn't commercialize its users by collecting data. I've been using it for a few months and have found it to be a good search engine.)

THE PREACHER'S DEVOTIONAL TIME

The effectual preacher will treat his morning Bible study/prayer closet as the law of the Medes and Persians. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "I have felt always, and increasingly with the years, that one of the great rules for a preacher is to safeguard the mornings. Make an absolute rule of this. Try to develop a system whereby you are not available on the telephone in the morning; let your wife or anyone else take messages for you, and inform the people who are telephoning that you are not available. One literally has to fight for one's life in this sense!" (Preaching and Preachers, pp. 166, 167). John Henry Jowett commented, "With all my heart I give this counsel: be as systematic as a businessman. Enter your study at an appointed hour, and let that hour be as early as the earliest of your businessmen goes to his warehouse or his office. ... I can see and hear my businessmen as they start of early to earn

their daily bread. And shall their minister be behind them in his quest of the Bread of Life? Shall he crouch and loiter into the day, shamed by those he assumes to lead, and shall his indolence be obtrusive in the services of the sanctuary when 'the hungry sheep look up and are not fed'? Let the minister, I say, be as businesslike as the businessman. Let him employ system and method, and let him be as scrupulously punctual in his private habits in the service of his Lord, as he would have to be in a government office in the service of his country. And to regularity let him add proportion. Let him estimate the comparative values of things. Let first things be put first, and let him give the freshness of his strength to matters of vital and primary concern. Gentlemen, all this will pay, and the payment will be made in sterling good" (The Preacher: His Life and Work).

GECKO PHYSICS

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Dec. 19, 2018: "For 75 years, scientists have been trying to figure out how the gecko can walk across a ceiling. Scientists ruled out suction or glue. Then it was thought that perhaps the tiny hairs on its feet were able to grasp microscopic imperfections in the surface in which it walks. However, the gecko can not only walk across a polished glass ceiling, it can even hang by just one toe. Geckos have tiny hairs on their feet called setae. From these tiny hairs grow even tinier hairs called spatulae. These spatulae are so tiny that there are about a billion of them on each foot. Researchers have found that these tiniest hairs are so small that they contact the molecules of a surface so closely that they actually use the very forces that hold the molecules together! Scientists have tested the strength of these forces, called van der Waals forces, for the first time. They found that these forces are much more powerful than first thought. As the gecko walks across a surface, it unrolls its toes, bringing the spatulae into contact with the surface. Then it gives a tiny tug that aligns the spatulae parallel to the surface, increasing their hold by ten times. As the gecko lifts its foot for the next step, it levers the spatulae off the surface, breaking the bond. Based on this research on the gecko's trick, scientists are working to develop glues based on the same principle. While geckos and chance evolution know nothing about van der Waals bonds, the Creator Who made them both has left His signature in this unique and elegant design. Ref: Science News, 7/15/00, p. 47, 'Gecko toes tap intermolecular bonds." Photo: Courtesy of Pixabay. (PD)."



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