FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

ROLLING STONES:
“SOMEBODY UP THERE LIKES US”

Four members of the original 1970s Rolling Stones rock band are still rocking well into their 70s (Ronnie Wood is 72, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards are 75, and Charlie Watts is 78), and they think that this is because “somebody up there likes us.” That is what Wood told the press recently, after lead singer Mick Jagger “bounced back” from a noninvasive heart valve replacement (“Rolling Stones’ Ronnie Wood reflects on sobriety, Mick Jagger’s ‘superhuman’ recovery,” The Sun, June 24, 2019). The band

GOOGLE INSIDER SAYS THE COMPANY IS TRAINING ITS ALGORITHMS TO PREVENT TRUMP REELECTION

The following is excerpted from “YouTube Pulls Project Veritas Video on Google Bias,” DailyWire.com, June 25, 2019: “A new Project Veritas video that includes testimony from a whistleblower, leaked internal documents, and undercover footage of a Google employee discussing how the company is working to prevent ‘the next Trump situation’ has been pulled by You Tube, a platform owned by Google, ‘due to a privacy claim by a third party.’ This is the second Project Veritas Big Tech exposé video taken down by the platform in two weeks. The video features clips of Project Veritas undercover reporters’ secretly recorded discussion with Jen Gennai—head of Google’s ‘Responsible Innovation’ team, which monitors the responsible implementation of A.I. technologies — in a restaurant in San Francisco. ... Another clip shows her discussing Google’s attempt to ‘prevent’ another 2016.

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is continuing its “No Filter” U.S. tour. Their longevity and worldly success has deceived them into thinking that all is well, but the accounting with the holy Creator is at hand. “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). The vast influence of the Rolling Stones has been extremely unholy. They helped set the theme for the licentious modern pop culture with their 1965 song, “I’m Free.” Thumbing their noses at God, they sang, “I’m free to do what I want any old time ... I’m free to choose what I please any old time.” They have mocked holy matrimony. Jagger has had eight children by five women. The Stones have exalted Lucifer in albums such as Their Satanic Majesty’s Request and Beggars Banquet and the song “Sympathy for the Devil.” Jagger dressed up as the devil for their 1969 tour, including for the concert at Altamont Speedway in which at least four died and hundreds were injured. The Hells Angels murdered a young black man named Meredith Hunter right in front of the stage as Jagger was prancing around in his Satan routine. In Hellhounds on the Trail, Gary Patterson gives many other details of the Rolling Stones’ occultic involvement. Many of their songs and stage antics are so filthy that neither the titles, the lyrics, nor the descriptions can be printed. Yet Wood says, “Somebody up there likes us.” He is right, but not in the way that he thinks. God loves the members of the Rolling Stones and would save them from their sin through the redemption that Christ purchased at Calvary (John 3:16), but there is no salvation without true repentance and faith. Jesus said, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). And perish doesn’t mean cease to exist.

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‘Elizabeth Warren is saying we should break up Google,’ she says. ‘And like, I love her but she’s very misguided, like that will not make it better it will make it worse, because all these smaller companies who don’t have the same resources that we do will be charged with preventing the next Trump situation, it’s like a small company cannot do that. We all got screwed over in 2016, again it wasn’t just us, it was--the people got screwed over, the news media got screwed over, like, everybody got screwed over--so we’re rapidly been like, what happened there and how do we prevent it from happening again,’ she says in another clip. ‘We’re also training our algorithms, like, if 2016 happened again, would we have, would the outcome be different?’ ... Two weeks ago, YouTube pulled another Big Tech expose video published by Project Veritas, likewise citing a privacy complaint. That video focused on alleged anti-conservative bias within Pinterest. ‘The established media and technology are so afraid of investigative journalism they need to censor it,’ O’Keefe tweeted in response.”
THE GETTY’S BIG TENT CHRISTIANITY

The Gettys are probably the most influential contemporary worship musicians among fundamentlist and Independent Baptist churches. The Gettys are promoted by Bob Jones University, Majesty Music, Crown College of Powell, Tennessee, and West Coast Baptist College, among a great many others. At least 8 Getty songs are in the latest Majesty Music hymnal Rejoice Hymns, and 29 are in Hymns Modern and Ancient, compiled by Fred Coleman, head of BJU’s music department. But the Gettys are “conservative” only by the corrupted standard of this hour. They are clearly and irrefutably a bridge to the one-world “church” with its endless variety of heresies. This is because of their syncretistic music, their big-tent philosophy, and their ecumenical associations. The Gettys “fuse the music of their Irish heritage with the sounds of Nashville, their newly adopted home.” They list the Beatles as a major musical influence. Consider the Getty’s Sing 2019 conference in Nashville. The video advertisement features out-and-out rock and roll, women worship leaders, female musicians dancing in incredibly tight and immodest clothing, and heresy-laden speakers. What is “conservative” about this? Sing 2019 conference speakers include John Piper (inventor of the heresy of Christian Hedonism, disciple of the heretic C.S. Lewis, and promoter of “Christian” hip hop), D.A. Carson (who supports inclusive language Bible translation and holds the heresy of redaction criticism of the Gospels, claiming that we have only the ipissima vox Jesu, the authentic VOICE of Jesus, rather than imissima verba Jesus, the authentic WORDS of Jesus, An Introduction to the New Testament, 1992, p. 44), John MacArthur (who teaches that a sinner must be born again before he can believe and who promotes “Christian” hip hop and Christian rock music at his youth conferences), Anne Graham Lotz (Billy Graham’s female preacher daughter who attended the enthronement of Pope Benedict VI, said she thinks Pope John Paul II is in heaven, and applauded that pope’s efforts “to bridge the gaps between Protestants and Catholics and Jews and Catholics;” CNN, Apr. 8, 2005), Stuart Townend (charismatic in theology and practice, supporting such heresies as spirit slaying, holy laughter, and gibberish “tongues,” and participating in the radically ecumenical Alpha program with strong ties to Catholicism), and John Lennox (theistic evolutionist). Missing from the lineup are the Getty’s Roman Catholic friends Matt Maher and Máire, but though Roman Catholics aren’t scheduled to participate at Sing 2019, they are most definitely part of the Getty’s big tent. Instead of promoting the Gettys and pretending that they are “conservative,” Bible-believing Christian leaders should be exposing them and educating their people of the great dangers inherent in the entire realm of contemporary worship. Instead of building bridges to this world, they should be clearly and determinedly separating. “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33).
SIX INFECTIOUS DISEASES YOU WON’T GET THANKS TO VACCINES

The following is excerpted from “Six Infectious Diseases,” Business Insider, June 14, 2019: “From the introduction of the smallpox vaccine in the 19th century to the mass availability of flu shots today, vaccines have helped millions of people develop immunity to some of the world’s deadliest illnesses. Thanks to vaccines, many infectious diseases--like smallpox and polio--no longer exist outside of laboratories in the US. Their lasting elimination has spurred researchers to work to develop new types of immunizations that could help people avoid other life-altering diseases. Here are six once-common diseases that you no longer have to worry about thanks to vaccines. SMALLPOX used to wipe out populations by the thousands. ... the virus attacks the immune system, causing rapid death. When European colonizers brought smallpox to the Americas in the 17th century, it became an epidemic, killing three out of every 10 people who got it. In 1796, physician Edward Jenner discovered that people could become immune to smallpox if they received an injection of a similar, less invasive strain of the virus. Jenner’s experiments led to the development of the world’s first vaccine. Over the next century, vaccinations became a routine practice in developed countries. In 1972, the US declared smallpox eradicated. ... POLIO is a viral infection that lives inside a person’s throat and intestines. One in four people who catch the disease develop flu-like symptoms that go away, but a smaller percentage suffer severe effects, including paralysis and respiratory failure. Some infected children would spend weeks inside giant machines called iron lungs, since polio made them unable to breathe on their own. According to NPR, 3,000 US children died from polio in the year 1952 alone. Polio deaths were so common, in fact, that companies sold polio insurance to the parents of newborns. ... But once a vaccine was introduced in 1955, polio rates declined rapidly. In 1979, the disease was considered eliminated from the US. ... DIPHTHERIA infections affected more than 200,000 people in 1921 and caused approximately 15,520 deaths that year, according to the CDC. ... The diphtheria vaccine was introduced in the 1920s, so natural outbreaks haven’t been an issue for nearly a century in the US. ... MUMPS is a respiratory disease caused by the paramyxovirus. ... Prior to the advent of the mumps vaccine, roughly 186,000 people in the US contracted the virus every year. ... Mumps cases in the US declined by 99 percent after the introduction of the vaccine in 1967, and there are now only a few hundred cases per year. ... MEASLES (also known as rubeola) attacks the respiratory system and other organs. ... If the infection is severe, it can cause serious complications like blindness, brain damage, and even death. An estimated 3 million people contracted the disease every year in the late 1950s, before the vaccine was available. ... The CDC announced measles was eliminated from the US in the year 2000. ... RUBELLA leads to brain damage and birth defects in infants. ... Vaccinations for rubella became available in the late 1960s. The New York Times reported in 2015 that rubella had been eliminated from the Western hemisphere.”