
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MARY QUANT FASHION REVOLUTIONARY

Clothing is a language, and never has that been truer than today. Consider Mary Quant, the revolutionary British fashion designer of the Beatles era. This year, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London has a major exhibit on Quant, inventor of the miniskirt and hot pants and a major popularizer of trousers on women. The focus of the exhibit is revolution, liberation from biblical morality, and breaking down the barriers between the sexes (unisex, androgyny). There is no attempt to hide this. Quant put women in men's attire: pants, ties, suit jackets, and short hair. One display, entitled "Boys Will Be Girls," says that Quant "subverted menswear." "Trousers are considered inappropriate for women [but] Quant wears them anywhere she wants." Mary Quant knew that trousers on women in modern Western society is not an issue merely of comfort and freedom of movement. Following are some other quotes from the exhibition signage: "using fashion to question hierarchies and gender



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DEMOCRATS AT FOREFRONT OF PUSH TO ALLOW "ABORTION" AT TIME OF BIRTH



The following is excerpted from "America, Are We Really Questioning If a Baby Deserves to Live?" *Brown's Newsletter*, May 2019: "Several States across the United States have actively questioned whether a baby, born alive is a human being. At what point, does life begin then? In January of 2019 Virginia

Democrats dared to claim that a child, at the moment of birth could still be aborted. Again, according to House Bill 2491, which did not pass in Virginia, an abortion could be requested at the moment of dilation. Further, in New York, a similar piece of legislation did pass. Acting on what is acclaimed by Democrats to be for 'Women's Rights' the bill allows for a woman to abort her child at any point during pregnancy, including the moment of birth. In North Carolina, Pro-Life organizations are attempting to sway legislators to override the Democratic Governor's veto of a measure they say would ensure newborns delivered after a failed abortion are cared for like any other baby. The Republican-controlled Senate in North Carolina is

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rules,” “a rebellious approach to established gender norms,” “mocking religion,” “an independent style,” “self-expression,” “freedom.” “The miniskirt became an international symbol of women’s liberation.” “[Quant’s] provocative styles reflected increasingly relaxed attitudes in society towards sexuality in all its forms, reinforced legally by the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967.” Quant also broke down barriers between ages, dressing women in girl’s fashions. She said, “I didn’t want to grow up.” The 1960s was a major changing of the times, and the moral revolution was driven by a technological revolution. It was the dawn of the era of color television, color printing, international mass marketing, and global merchandising empires. Why were Quant’s fashions so popular? Why does a Quant exhibit at a major art museum draw thousands of eager visitors? She helped create the modern ME culture, the “lovers of their own selves” generation prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:2. The music, the fashion, the entertainment, the commerce, everything broadcasts the message, “It’s your life; live as you please!” and fallen man has loved that message ever since Mamma Eve believed the devil’s tale, “Ye shall be as gods.” It’s all a terrible lie. No one gives himself life. We own nothing; we are God’s creatures in God’s world. “Behold, all souls are mine ... the soul that sinneth, it shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). The Good News is that an atonement is available in Jesus Christ to fully satisfy my sin debt against God and I can be saved, but the Bad News is that if I die without Christ I will spend eternity settling an account with God that will never be settled.

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planning to vote on Tuesday to override the veto and forward the legislation. To accomplish such, the action will require several Democrats and Republicans from the House and Senate to complete the override. The ‘Born-Alive Abortion Survivors’ bill would further protect children who survive botched abortions. To support the bill, Pro-Life organizations included stories of children who were born alive after botched abortions and otherwise left to die. Legislatively, bills across the country from Democratic members of State’s respective Houses and Senate’s are working to pass legislation which calls into question, when does life actually begin. In response to abortion bills and the question of when does life actually begin, some Republicans are working on drafting legislation that could challenge all forms of abortion after a heartbeat is detected. Medically, a heartbeat determines the end of life, and some states are working to claim that, medically a heartbeat determines the beginning of life. ... In the South, states across the board have passed legislation which makes abortion illegal after a heartbeat is detected. Further, a heartbeat can be identified as early as two weeks, rendering the majority of abortions illegal.”

MILLIONS OF GIRLS MISSING

The following is excerpted from “Millions of girls are missing,” Fox News, Aug. 18, 2019: “Indian baby girls are being aborted simply because of their gender. For a family living in poverty, a house full of sons is deemed more profitable, since they are considered the main breadwinners. Afraid of what a daughter will cost, many families choose to simply never have one. Despite the fact that gender-selective abortions were outlawed by the Indian government in 1994, the practice still occurs. This is why so many baby girls were ‘missing’ from those northern Indian villages. And it’s just one example of a much larger trend across the country. While many other nations have either a balanced gender ratio or one that tips in favor of females, India’s population is skewed. As of 2018, there were only 92 females for every 100 males in the country. According to the data, India is home to 63 million fewer women than it should be.”

CHINA’S HORRIBLE FORCED LABOR CAMPS

The following is excerpted from “She Survived China’s Forced Labor Camp; Now She’s Urging Americans to Reject Socialism,” *The Stream*, July 8, 2019: “Jennifer Zeng grew up admiring the Communist Party of China and adhering to its stringent rules. But her life changed forever when she embraced religion and was swept up in a government crackdown on Falun Gong. Arrested four times as a young adult and held in as a prisoner in a labor camp, she quickly woke up to the horrors of living in a socialist state. After being subject to brutal torture, Zeng managed to escape China and now tells about the evils of socialism and communism. At a time when more Americans are embracing Karl Marx’s teachings, Chris Wright has helped Zeng share her story as part of a network called the Anticommunism Action Team. They recently spoke to *The Daily Signal* along with Darian Diachok, who escaped from Soviet-era Ukraine as an infant and has helped former Soviet satellite states democratize and overcome their failed communist systems. ... Jennifer Zeng: ‘I was arrested, like you said, four times and sent to the Beijing Female Labor Camp for practicing a spiritual practice called Falun Gong. It is a spiritual practice based on truth, compassion, forbearance, and plus five sets of gentle exercises, including meditation. Because it’s very obvious health benefit, within seven years, there were more Falun Gong practitioners in China than Communist Party members. At that stage, in 1999, the party decided to crack down on it. So, I ended up in the Beijing Female Labor Camp. The first day was feeling like going directly into the hell. For the first moment, we were forced to squat under the baking sun for 15 hours, and whenever someone couldn’t endure it and fainted away, they were shocked by electric batons so that they could wake up. Every day, in the camp, it was a battle between life and death. ... While I was in the camp, apart from torture every day, apart from hard, forced labor, we were also given repeated physical checkups so that if anyone need an organ we could be killed on demand if we were a match. Fortunately, I told the doctor I had Hepatitis C before I practiced Falun Gong. I was able to be exempted from becoming a victim of organ harvesting. ... The torture I experienced and I saw was beyond description.’”

THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE

“And they shall see his face” (Re. 22:4). Under the law, Moses was not allowed to see God’s face (Ex. 33:20), but the redeemed saints in the New Jerusalem will see it. The face they will see is the face of Jesus. The knowledge of the glory of God is seen in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Co. 4:6). Jesus is the express image of His person (Heb. 1:3). Christ’s face is the face of the Creator God, the face of pure holiness, the face of unfathomable love, the face of infinite wisdom, the face of prudence and witty inventions (Pr. 8:12), the face of almighty power, the face of the one “whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (Mic. 5:2), the face of the Ancient of days (Da. 7:9, 13, 22). The human



face is an amazing creation. It is the face of the individual soul. Even “identical twins” are not

identical. Martin Schoeller, a portrait photographer who has photographed more than 100 identical twins, says, “Once you see them side by side in the same light and the same camera angle, you come to realize how different most twins look” (“Why identical twins look different,” *The Globe and Mail*, Apr. 30, 2018). The face reflects the individual’s intelligence and character and feelings. It has been called “the organ of emotions.” Knowledge of the face (“reading people’s faces”) is an important law enforcement tool. The face has a set of about 20 flat muscles, called the mimetic muscles, that enable it to reflect the full range of human emotion. They are controlled by the facial nerve which is in turn controlled by the mind and spirit. They are the only muscles that insert into the skin. A study by electrical and computer engineer Aleix Martinez found that the face makes 21 emotional expressions that differ according to the muscles involved (“Human Faces Can Express at Least 21 Distinct Emotions,” *Time* magazine, Mar. 31, 2014). The saints know God in Christ and long to see His face. The hymn “Face to Face” says, “Face to face with Christ, my Saviour, face to face—what will it be, when with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ who died for me? ... Face to face! O blissful moment! Face to face—to see and know; face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so.”

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