
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

NEW AGE MYSTIC SPEAKS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, PRAYS TO “MOTHER MYSTERY”

Kaitlin Curtice spoke at Baylor University chapel on February 12 and prayed to “Mother Mystic.” Baylor, the world’s largest Baptist university, is affiliated with the Texas Baptist Convention at the state level and the Southern Baptist Convention at the national level. Curtice is a practitioner of New Age contemplative mysticism. She defines “contemplation” as “listening to the Divine/Mystery/Higher Power/God, and letting the overflow of that love stretch into other realms of life” (Curtice, “A Shared Vision of Contemplative Activism,” *Sojourners*, Sep. 4, 2019). She is an environmental activist and nature worshipper. In her speech at Baylor she said that she dipped a tobacco leaf into the water of Lake Michigan and “Mother Earth spoke to her” (“BU speaker’s prayer sparks campus controversy,” KWTX television, Feb. 13, 2020). Baylor University has been welcoming heretics since the early 20th century. In 1921, Baylor professor Grover Dow was teaching the evolution of man from apes with the textbook *Introduction to Sociology*. “As

to his body we have very little exact knowledge, for the skeletons left by him are fragmentary, seldom amounting to more than one or two bones. But from these, by the use of our imagination, we have come to the conclusion that he was a squat, ugly, somewhat stooped, powerful being, half human and half animal who sought refuge from the wild beasts first in the trees and later in caves, and that he was half way between the anthropoid ape and modern man.”



Kaitlin Curtice

PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS TO CELEBRATE MASS TOGETHER IN CALVIN’S CATHEDRAL

The following is excerpted from “Protestants and Catholics,” *Reformation Charlotte*, Feb. 17, 2020: “Ecumenism is ripe and real and many apostate Protestant denominations and churches are headed right back to the harlot they were born from — Rome. On February 29 in Calvin’s Cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland, Protestants and Catholics for the first time will celebrate mass together after the mass has been banned from the Cathedral for centuries. The following was translated from protestinfo.ch. In August 1535, the mass was abolished in Geneva after iconoclasts devastated Saint-Pierre cathedral by breaking statues and slashing images that were

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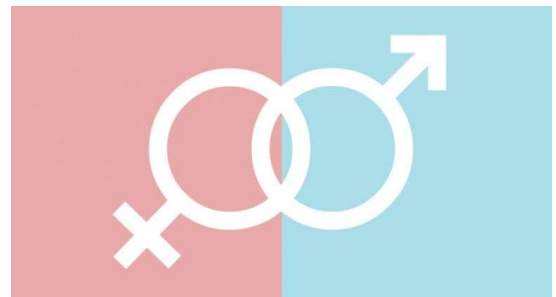
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not in accordance with the newly reformed 'cult.' Since then, no mass has taken place in the building, used for Protestant worship. [This] long dearth will end on Saturday, February 29, 2020, with a mass celebrated, at 6.30 p.m., by Pascal Desthieux, episcopal vicar for the canton of Geneva. ... 'There was no opposition, which is significant. The idea appealed because it corresponds to our desire to make the cathedral a meeting place for all Geneva Christians. A space that transcends confessional boundaries,' says Daniel Pilly, president of the Parish Council. ... 'It is a signal that the climate in Geneva is extremely favorable and fertile with the Roman Catholic Church. We have made notable progress in terms of ecumenism, in particular with the Joint Declaration, signed in 2017, which recognizes our respective ministries,' specifies Emmanuel Fuchs, president of the Protestant Church in Geneva."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: NO SEX "SPECTRUM" BEYOND MALE AND FEMALE

The following is excerpted from "WSJ: No Sex 'Spectrum,'" Breitbart, Feb. 14, 2020: "The *Wall Street Journal* has issued a throwdown to the gender lobby, insisting in an op-ed Thursday that sex is binary and there is no 'spectrum.' 'In humans, reproductive anatomy is unambiguously male or female at birth more than 99.98% of the time,' note biologists Colin M. Wright and Emma N. Hilton. ... 'No third type of sex cell exists in humans, and therefore there is no sex *spectrum* or additional sexes beyond male and female. Sex is binary,' they assert. As the American College of Pediatricians concurred in 2016, the exceedingly rare disorders of sex development 'are all medically identifiable deviations from the sexual binary norm, and are rightly recognized as disorders of human design. Individuals with DSDs do not constitute a third sex.' The WSJ writers are responding to what they call a 'dangerous and anti-scientific trend toward the outright denial of biological sex,' which sees male and female as 'arbitrary groupings.' While sexual ambiguity does occasionally occur, the authors note, 'intersex individuals are extremely rare, and they are neither a third sex nor proof that sex is a *spectrum* or a *social construct*.' The WSJ essay echoes concerns increasingly being voiced that modern society has rushed into a dangerous social experiment based on less than flimsy scientific foundations. 'The concept of changing one's biological sex is, of course, nonsense, as sex is determined by unalterable chromosomes,' wrote researcher Jane Robbins for *Public Discourse* last October. 'An individual can change his hormone levels and undergo surgery to better imitate the opposite sex, but a male on the day of his conception will remain a male on the day of his death.' ... The American College of Pediatricians has pulled no punches in condemning this behavior, calling hormone treatment and surgical operations on children with gender dysphoria 'child abuse.' 'The time for politeness on this issue has passed,' the authors conclude. 'Biologists and medical professionals need to stand up for the empirical reality of biological sex.'"



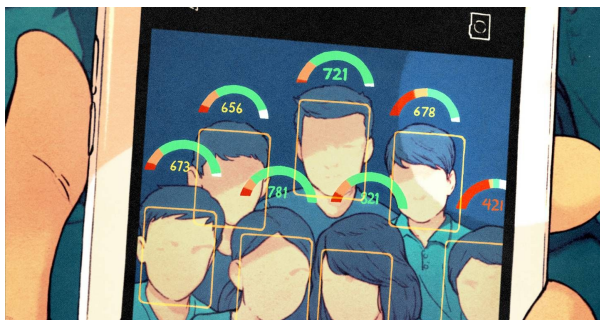
PASTOR WHO HOSTS FILTHY SECULAR ROCK PRODUCTIONS TO SPEAK AT SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE 2020

David Hughes, pastor of Church by the Glades in Coral Springs, Florida, is scheduled to speak at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference 2020. Church by the Glades is a Southern Baptist congregation that used to be First Baptist Church of Lake Worth. They have performed a variety of filthy secular rock productions, including the "Stormtrooper Dance," "Calling All the Monsters" by A.N.T. Farm, "Freedom" by Beyonce, scenes from the sexually-explicit television show *Games of Thrones*, and the wicked song "Bad Guy" by Billie Eilish, the lyrics of which are too vile to quote. All of this filth was performed live during Sunday services in a Southern Baptist church by the church members. David Hughes is not qualified by God's standards to be a pastor. "For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God ... sober, just, holy, temperate" (Titus 1:7-8).



David Hughes

SILICON VALLEY BUILDING A CHINESE-STYLE SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM



The following is excerpted from "Silicon Valley Is Building," FastCompany.com, Aug. 29, 2019: "Have you heard about China's social credit system? It's a technology-enabled, surveillance-based nationwide program designed to nudge citizens toward better behavior. The ultimate goal is to 'allow the trustworthy to roam everywhere under heaven while making it hard for the discredited to take a single step,' according to the Chinese government. ... It aims to punish for transgressions that can include membership in or support for the Falun Gong or Tibetan Buddhism, failure to pay debts, excessive

video gaming, criticizing the government, late payments, failing to sweep the sidewalk in front of your store or house, smoking or playing loud music on trains, jaywalking, and other actions deemed illegal or unacceptable by the Chinese government. ... Punishments can be harsh, including bans on leaving the country, using public transportation, checking into hotels, hiring for high-visibility jobs, or acceptance of children to private schools. It can also result in slower internet connections and social stigmatization in the form of registration on a public blacklist. ... A parallel system is developing in the United States, in part as the result of Silicon Valley and technology-industry user policies, and in part by surveillance of social media activity by private companies. ... Airbnb—a major provider of travel accommodation and tourist activities—bragged in March that it now has more than 6 million listings in its system. That's why a ban from Airbnb can limit travel options. Airbnb can disable your account for life for any reason it chooses, and it reserves the right to not tell you the

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reason. The company's canned message includes the assertion that 'This decision is irreversible and will affect any duplicated or future accounts. Please understand that we are not obligated to provide an explanation for the action taken against your account.' The ban can be based on something the host privately tells Airbnb about something they believe you did while staying at their property. Airbnb's competitors have similar policies. It's now easy to get banned by Uber, too. Whenever you get out of the car ... the driver now also gets an invitation to rate you. Under a new policy announced in May: If your average rating is 'significantly below average,' Uber will ban you from the service. ... you can be banned on WhatsApp if too many other users block you. You can also get banned for sending spam, threatening messages ... Not being allowed to use WhatsApp in some countries is as punishing as not being allowed to use the telephone system in America."

TIGERS ARE CATS

The following is from creationmoments.com, January 22, 2020: "It might seem obvious to people today to suppose that tigers are cats. We classify them as part of the cat family. But what does this mean in practice? Genesis 1 explains that all animals were created according to their kinds. In creation science, we refer to these kinds as *baramin*--a word made from the Hebrew words for 'created kind.' God brought two of each *baramin* to Noah for the Ark, and after the Flood, these animals would have multiplied according to their kinds. The cat family comprises of two subfamilies--small cats (*felinae*) and big cats (*pantherinae*). Small cats include domestic cats, lynxes and cougars--the largest of the small cats. *Pantherinae* include lions, leopards and tigers. We know that if animal species can interbreed, then they must be part of the same *baramin*, and, hence, had common ancestors on the Ark. There are numerous hybrids existing within the *felinae*, and well-known big cat hybrids--such as the liger, a lion-tiger cross. Hybrids between the two subfamilies are rarer--possibly because of physical size differences--but they do exist. One of the best known is a cross between a cougar (*felinae*) and a leopard (*pantherinae*); the biggest small cat with one of the smallest big cats! Taken altogether, this evidence of hybridization tells us that all cats--big and small--are part of the same *baramin*--the cat *baramin*--and are all descended from a single pair of felines that were on the Ark. Ref: Lightner, J.K. (2012), *Mammalian Ark Kinds, Answers Research Journal* 5 (2012):151-204."



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