FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

TWITTER CENSORS U.S. PRESIDENT’S WARNING TO VIOLENT PROTESTORS

The following is excerpted from "Again Twitter Censors President's Tweet Calling for Law and Order," Reformation Charlotte, June 23, 2020: “Twitter has once again censored the president of the United States by citing violations of the ‘Twitter Rules about abusive behavior.’ Earlier today, President Trump tweeted that violence, vandalism, and destruction would be met with the full force of the law if rioters came to Washington, D.C. to attempt their destructive behavior in the nation’s capital. ‘There will never be an ‘Autonomous Zone’ in Washington, D.C., as long as I’m your President. If they try they will be met with serious force!’ Who would have known that a warning to criminals against their criminal behavior would violate Twitter’s rules? Anyone in their right mind would agree with the president that it’s time continued on NEXT PAGE

COMEDY WRITER BANNED FROM TWITTER FOR SAYING “MEN AREN’T WOMEN”

The following is excerpted from “Comedy Writer Banned,” Pulpit and Pen, June 28, 2020: “TV sitcom writer Graham Linehan has been permanently banned from Twitter after he tweeted ‘men aren't women tho’ in response to a Women's Institute post that wished a happy Pride Month to men who think they are women. Twitter said Linehan, who has hundreds of thousands of followers and wrote and created Father Ted and The IT Crowd ‘has been permanently suspended after repeated violations of our rules against hateful conduct and platform manipulation.’ This is not the first time Linehan has run afoul of Twitter, as he’s posted extensively about Trans issues in the past, with a particular focus on discussing children who transition and the parents that enable them. In 2018, during an interview with Resistance Radio, Linehan stated that the medical transition of children is functionally no different than Nazi experiments on children, saying: 'If you were around the time of something terrible happening like Nazism, would you be one of the people who said, This is wrong, despite being opposed?’ Twitter has a long history of banning people who state scientific facts on sex and gender, with the social media giant recently taking a more aggressive approach to enforcing their nonsensical policies. Linehan is the most recent casualty, but he won't be the last.”
to put a stop to this chaos that is wreaking havoc all over the nation--but especially in the city that would put the nation’s leader in physical danger. Twitter issued the following statement: ‘We’ve placed a public interest notice on this Tweet for violating our policy against abusive behavior, specifically, the presence of a threat of harm against an identifiable group.’ Last month, Twitter censored the president’s tweet when he warned that looters and criminals would be met with the full force of the law if city officials did not step up their game to stop the chaos in their cities. … Twitter later acknowledged that the tweet did not violate any of the Twitter rules, but continued to censor him anyway.”

BLACK LIVES MATTER FOUNDERS ARE TRAINED MARXISTS

In a 2015 interview with Real News Network, Patrisse Khan-Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matters, said, “We actually do have an ideological frame. Myself and Alicia in particular are trained organizers. We are trained Marxists. We are supervised on sort of ideological theories” (“We are trained Marxists,” The Washington Times, June 25, 2020). Cullors was referring to herself and Alicia Garza. In an interview with Martha MacCallum on Fox News, Hawk Newsome, president of Greater New York Black Lives Matter, said, “If this country doesn’t give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it. All right? And I could be speaking figuratively. I could be speaking literally. It’s a matter of interpretation. … I don’t condone nor do I condemn rioting” (Fox News, June 24, 2020). This is nonsense, of course. If you don’t condemn rioting, you condone it. These people cannot call for burning down the system and then stand back while others do exactly, literally that, and claim no guilt. Antifa has been conducting violent demonstrations in Portland, Oregon, for four weeks, vandalizing, looting, and destroying property (@MrAndyNgo, June 26, 2020). They have been trying to establish an occupied area like the one in Seattle, unsuccessfully so far, though police have allowed the crowds to rampage unhindered at times. A large banner reads, “Every city, every town, burn the precinct to the ground.” They chanted, “No good cops in a racist system!” Graffiti calls for the murder of police. Protesters were allowed to tear down the American flag at the Justice Center, burn it, and replace it with a BLM sign. In 2014, BLM protesters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, chanted, “What do we want? Dead cops. When do we want it? Now” (“Black Lives Matter,” Snopes.com, Jul. 18, 2016). In 2015, Black Lives Matter activists in Minneapolis chanted, ‘Pigs in a blanket, fry ’em like bacon,” referring to the bodies of dead police officers in body bags (Townhall, Sep. 2, 2015). At a BLM protest in Dallas in July 2016, 12 police officers were shot and five died. Black Lives Matters is in open rebellion to the Bible’s teaching about morality. The following is from the BLM website under “What We Believe:” “We make space for transgender ... to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift ... trans folk, especially ... trans women ... We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement ... We foster a queer-affirming network ... with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).”
PARLER A NON-CENSORED ALTERNATIVE TO TWITTER

The following is excerpted from “Parler surges,” *Washington Times*, June 25, 2020: “The aggressive crackdown on content by social media giants Twitter and Facebook have motivated droves of President Trump’s supporters to find an alternative. About 100,000 people joined Parler on Tuesday alone, said Parler CEO John Matze, bringing its total daily active users toward 1.5 million on Thursday. The surge in interest is an accomplishment, but it falls short of the hordes gathering on Twitter and Facebook. By comparison, Twitter reported having 166 million daily active users in the first quarter of 2020. Facebook boasted 1.73 billion daily active users during the same time frame. Mr. Matze called Twitter and Facebook ‘techno-fascists’ and vowed to dethrone them. The Parler platform is not strictly for conservatives and castaways from other platforms but for people who believe in the principles of free speech and data privacy, the company says. Mr. Matze describes the platform as ideological and not political.”

MAJOR CORPORATIONS BOYCOTTING TO FORCE FACEBOOK TO EMPLOY EVEN MORE EXTREME CENSORING OF CONSERVATIVE VIEWS

The following is excerpted from “In growing boycott, Coca-Cola, Hershey, Honda pledge to hit pause on Facebook advertising,” *Just the News*, June 27, 2020: “Coca-Cola, Hershey and Honda have agreed to roll back advertising on Facebook through July, part of a coordinated campaign to force the tech giant to enact stricter content-moderation policies on its platform. The ‘Stop Hate for Profit’ campaign argues that Facebook has ‘turned a blind eye to blatant voter suppression,’ ‘allowed incitement to violence against protesters fighting for racial justice in America,’ partnered with conservative news outlets with ‘records of working with known white nationalists,’ and in general promoted ‘hate, bigotry, racism, antisemitism and violence.’ Dozens of businesses have also agreed to the boycott including Mozilla, North Face, REI and Verizon. The boycott, a project of the Anti-Defamation League, offers several tips it argues will help Facebook ‘provide more support to people who are targets of racism, antisemitism and hate.’”
GOD LAUGHS AT MAN’S REBELLION

The Bible prophesies an unprecedented rebellion in the last days and says God laughs at it. A 3,000-year-old prophecy describes exactly what is happening today. There is a global frenzy at the highest levels of society to reject God and His moral rule. The prophet described rulers taking counsel against the Lord and calling for the breaking of his “bands,” referring to His laws about marriage, the distinction of the sexes, etc. We can see this part of the prophecy fulfilled before our eyes on this earth, but the prophecy goes much farther and higher and tells us what God does in response. God laughs at puny man’s ridiculous rebellion against his Almighty Creator, man who enters this world as a helpless infant, lives a few years, then tumbles out into eternity by means of a death that he cannot control. God loves man and has provided his salvation at great cost, but He laughs at man’s conspiracy against the Almighty. Christ will return to judge sin and to establish God’s kingdom on earth, and nothing can stop it. The prophecy ends with a call for men to put their trust in Christ before it is too late and with the promise of salvation for those who trust Him. Here is the prophecy: “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in apieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” (Psalm 2:1-12).

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