FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MARXIST-INFLUENCED LOS ANGELES TEACHERS UNION CALLS FOR DEFUNDING THE POLICE



Teachers union calls for defunding the police.

A fundamental part of America's destruction is the radicalization of the public schools, which have become humanistic brainwashing centers. A major factor was the introduction of Darwinianism in the first half of the 20th century. The radicalization is illustrated by the United Teachers Los Angeles, a union of 35,000 teachers and administrators. They are making the following demands before the schools can reopen: charter schools must be closed (these totalitarians don't want to grant "minorities" a choice in education), police must be defunded, medicare-for-all and new taxes on the wealthy must be enacted (UTLA.net). We agree that the Los Angeles schools should not be reopened until those demands are met. Hopefully that will mean they will be closed permanently. We stopped supporting the public schools in America nearly 50 years ago, when the situation was not nearly as nutty and wicked as it is today. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Ephesians 5:11).

TRANSSEXUAL ANTIFA ACTIVIST SAYS THEY ARE ORGANIZING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE UNITED STATES

At a news event outside the federal courthouse in Portland, Oregon, an Antifa activist got applause from the crowd, including a Catholic priest, when she said she is organizing for the abolition of the United States. "My name is Lilith Sinclair, and I am an Afro-Indigenous non-binary local organizer here in Portland, organizing for the abolition of not just the militarized police state, but also the United States that we know" (@MrAndyNgo, July 19, 2020). (Non-binary refers to transsexualism.) Sinclair also identified herself as a "sex worker."



Antifa has been rioting night after night for two months in Portland, causing tens of millions of dollars in damage and many bodily injuries, including the vicious assault of a street preacher. Daryl Turner, head of the Portland Police Association, said, "The elected officials have condoned the destruction and chaos." The Democratic city government refuses to let the police arrest the leaders and shut down the riots, trying to shift blame to federal agents who are tasked with guarding federal property. Ultimately, Antifa is at war with God and His holy laws, and that is a no-win situation. We recommend repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus

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Christ before it is too late. The Bible describes the future of all evildoers. "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy

righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be (Psalm 37:1-10).

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM'S MARXIST PROPAGANDA AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

The following is excerpted from "Smithsonian Goes Full Marxist," PJMedia, July 15, 2020: "In June, while Americans were focused on the protests and riots that engulfed U.S. cities in the wake of the horrific

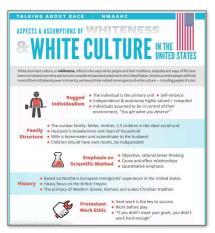
police killing of George Floyd, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) released an online 'teaching tool' called 'Talking About Race.' ... According to the infographic, 'whiteness' includes cultural aspects like 'Rugged Individualism' and the 'Family Structure' (including the nuclear family, the husband as the breadwinner, and the wife as homemaker and subordinate to the husband). An 'emphasis on the

scientific method' is supposedly part of 'whiteness,' including three bullet points: 'Objective, rational linear thinking,' 'Cause and effect relationships;' and 'Quantitative emphasis.' ... In the field of religion, the infographic claims that 'Christianity is the norm,' that 'anything other than Judeo-Christian tradition is

foreign' and that there is 'no tolerance for deviation from single god concept.' ... Under 'Justice,' whiteness allegedly involves following English common law, protecting 'property & entitlements,' and considering

the intent of an action. ... Even simple values like 'be polite' qualify as especially 'white,' according to the graphic. ... According to the [cultural] Marxist narrative, white males have oppressed blacks, Asians, women, transgender people, and others, and the key goal of 'social justice' is to dethrone the whites and empower the minorities. ... The Smithsonian carries a great deal of cultural weight and its decision to demonize many central aspects of American culture as relics of

'whiteness' will only add fuel to the movement to overhaul America's culture and founding principles. ... The federally-funded institution should be defending American culture, not demonizing the nuclear family, capitalism, the Judeo-Christian heritage, and science."



TURKEY SEEKING AN EXPANDED ROLE IN SPREAD OF ISLAM

The following is excerpted from "Turkey vows to 'liberate Al-Aqsa," The Jerusalem Post, July 11, 2020: "Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed to 'liberate al-Aqsa mosque' from Israel after 'resurrecting Hagia Sophia' as a mosque on Friday. The decision to change the status of the ancient Hagia Sophia church, which had been transformed into a mosque in 1453 and then into a museum in 1934, was made controversially last week. It follows an increasingly religious authoritarian agenda from Ankara that has made Turkey the world's largest jailer of journalists, seen dissidents imprisoned for 'terrorism' and witnessed increasing military invasions of neighboring countries by Turkey. The resurrection of Hagia Sophia heralds the liberation of the al-Agsa mosque, the Turkish Presidency website says. ... In Arabic the speech says that turning Hagia Sophia into a mosque is part of the 'return of freedom to al-Aqsa,' essentially meaning Israel should be ejected from controlling Jerusalem's Old City where al-Aqsa is located. Turkey's president linked the decision to reviving Islam from Bukhara in Uzbekistan to Andalusia in Spain. This terminology, linking al-Aqsa in Jerusalem to Hagia Sophia and Spain, is a kind of coded terminology for a wider religious agenda. In the Turkish translation, the same reference to Spain does not appear to be included as in the Arabic. ... Linking the major change at Hagia Sophia to Jerusalem illustrates that Ankara's ambitions are far larger than just reasserting Islamic prayers at the historic mosque and church in Istanbul; it is part of a larger Islamic agenda for the region."

TOO EAGER TO RECEIVE MEMBERS

The biblical pattern of a regenerate church membership was rejected by most Baptist churches by the early 20th century, and this is a fundamental reason why the average Baptist church is a spiritually-powerless mixed multitude. The following testimony is typical: "I have not been able to get the article about careful church membership out of my mind. It has concerned me when I consider the churches of which I've been a member over the years. When I joined a church as a teen, the leading men of the church inquired closely about my salvation. Since that time as I've moved, churches I have joined have taken for granted that a previous church has checked my salvation. I was never asked again. It does seem, especially in these times, silly to assume that another church has done some checking. We see middle-aged or older couples visit our current church. I think their old church finally became too worldly for them

in some area (probably music), so they visited us, liked our more conservative music, and were allowed



to join. They last for a short time, but then come up against some other Biblical standards, and leave. This is discouraging, but perhaps it is our

fault for being too eager to accept worldly Christians from other churches. We recently accepted a nice couple as members, but they have yet to attend Sunday School, Sunday night, or Wed night services. I'm concerned that we may be too eager to accept people, who, if they do stick around, will bring in worldly baggage."

NANOBUGS AMAZE SCIENTISTS

The following is from creationmoments.com, January 3, 2020: "A series of unlikely discoveries has scientists shaking their heads. They have discovered the smallest creatures ever seen three miles below the Earth's surface, happily living where the temperatures go as high as 338 degrees. The creatures were discovered as part of the Deep Subsurface Microbiology Program. This scientific effort is searching for subsurface microbes which might feed on and break down underground pollutants. At 20 to 150 nanometers in length, they seem too small to be alive. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter. The average human hair is 10,000 nanometers across. Atoms average 3-5 nanometers in size. So a creature only four or five times the size of an atom doesn't seem as though it should be alive. After all, a cell wall is five to seven nanometers thick. DNA alone is five to six nanometers thick. So, with just two cell walls and a little DNA, the smallest of these creatures-called 'nanobes'--seem too small to be living creatures. For this reason scientists decided they can't be alive. But after study, scientists have found that these creatures do indeed have DNA and are made of the elements of life--carbon, nitrogen and oxygen. And they do grow like other living things. Nanobes are another demonstration that nothing is too hard for God, nor is there anywhere He is not. This is a comfort for us since God has spared nothing, including the life of His own Son, to bring about our salvation. Notes: Discover, 1/01, 'It's a Small World After All,' p. 58."

LIVING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET

"Arthur T. Pierson likened certain preachers to the old woman who, when in court was questioned on which side of the street she lived, and answered, 'On both sides. On the right side when you are going up and on the left side when you are going down.' Modernism has enjoyed a large measure of success by the aid of ministers who live 'on both sides of the street called straight, and Fundamentalism has found in these same ministers a more effective opposing force than the Modernism of the left side of the street has ever been able to muster" (W.B. Riley, "Divinely-Ordered Divisions," Conservative Baptist Regional meeting, Chicago, October 1943).

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