
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

WEST VIRGINIA'S HISTORIC PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOOLING LAW



If this spreads to other states, this type of legislation could have a significant impact in overturning the power of the public school system. The following is excerpted from “West Virginia Supreme Court overturns circuit court,” *Fox News*, Oct. 7, 2022: “The West Virginia Supreme Court reversed a previous circuit court injunction on the Hope Scholarship Program, opening the door for families across the state to access flexible educational opportunities. ... Back in July, Kanawha Circuit Judge Joanna Tabit shot down the scholarship program offering public money for private education, calling it unconstitutional. However, the West Virginia Supreme Court held that the program is indeed constitutional. Therefore, the program can provide money to students leaving the public school system for either charter, private, religious, or home-schooling. ... Benefactors of the scholarship program receive up to \$4,300 per year to leave the public school system.”

PASTOR CALLS ON CALIFORNIA GOV. TO REPENT AND BE SAVED

The following is excerpted from an open letter from Pastor John MacArthur, Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, California, to Governor Gavin Newsom, Sept. 29, 2002: “Almighty God says in His Word, ‘Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people’ (Proverbs 14:34). Scripture also teaches that it is the chief duty of any civic leader to reward those who do well and to punish evildoers (Romans 13:1–7). You have not only failed in that responsibility; you routinely turn it on its head, rewarding evildoers and punishing the righteous. ... The diabolical effects of your worldview are evident in the statistics of California’s epidemics of crime, homelessness, sexual perversions (like homosexuality and transgenderism), and other malignant expressions of human misery that stem directly from corrupt public policy. ... Nevertheless, my goal in writing is not to contend with your politics, but rather to plead with you to hear and heed what the Word of God says to men in your position. ‘Let all kings bow down before Him, all nations serve Him’ (Psalm 72:11). ... In mid-September, you revealed to the entire nation how thoroughly rebellious against God you are when you sponsored



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NEWSOM SIGNS BILL THAT REMOVES PARENTS WHO OPPOSE TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS

The following is excerpted from *Christian Headlines*, Oct. 3, 2022: “California Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed a bill into law [SB 107] ... which Newsom and supporters say would make California a so-called ‘refuge’ for children whose states restrict transgender treatments or whose parents oppose such treatments. ... Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) presented four possible scenarios in which the new law could harm families. First, ‘an unfit parent about to lose custody could travel to California with the child, give the child puberty blockers or cross-sex hormones, and in doing so win custody under SB 107, even if the home-state court has already entered.’ Second,

‘parents whose child visits a relative in California could lose custody of their child forever if the relative persuades the child to identify as a different gender during the visit.’ Third, ‘a state court actively involved in a custody determination could be deprived of jurisdiction by a California court if the case involved gender identity and the child travels to California, even if all of the evidence and parties involved in the case are located in the home state.’ Fourth, ‘parents of children who never travel to California could be denied medical information about their child if the child obtains puberty blockers from a doctor in California via telemedicine.’”

BARRINGTON DECLARATION DOCTORS SUING U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR CENSORSHIP

The following is excerpted from “Jay Bhattacharya: The Legal Case against Anthony Fauci,” *Unherd News*, Oct. 1, 2022: “In October 2020, the *Great Barrington Declaration* was published by three academics--Jay Bhattacharya, Sunetra Gupta and Martin Kulldorff--who appeared on *UnHerd* to break the story. It marked a watershed moment in the pandemic, but the authors found their criticisms of Covid policy were increasingly censored on social media. Now, alongside Martin Kulldorff and two other doctors, Bhattacharya is taking his case to the courts to prove collusion between the Biden administration and Big Tech to silence the signatories of the *Great Barrington Declaration*. **Talking to *UnHerd*’s Freddie Sayers, he lays out the evidence that social media companies were instructed to quell scientific views which opposed government lockdown measures. Who was responsible for this infringement? According to the legal case, the conspiracy extends to the highest levels of power in Washington, and primarily at fault is the**

Chief Medical Advisor to the President, Anthony Fauci. Bhattacharya tells *UnHerd* that ‘there was a debate going on inside the scientific community, and Tony Fauci and the federal government of the United States could not abide that [...] because they implemented an extraordinary policy that required absolute consensus.’ Further, they ‘suppressed and censored and smeared’ any reasoned but critical voices through social media and the mainstream press. Bhattacharya stresses, ‘My primary motivation here is to recreate or maybe regain an environment where active scientific work can happen.’ Joining Bhattacharya was Jenin Younes, a lawyer involved in the case ... Citing the constitution, she adds, ‘The First Amendment is pretty clear that the government can’t censor people based on their viewpoints,’ yet President Biden, Fauci and then-Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki made numerous public statements calling for tech companies to do more to stamp out any interrogation of federal pandemic management.”

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billboards across America promoting the slaughter of children, whom He creates in the womb (Psalm 139:13–16; Isaiah 45:9–12). You further compounded the wickedness of that murderous campaign with a reprehensible act of gross blasphemy, quoting the very words of Jesus from Mark 12:31 as if you could somehow twist His meaning and arrogate His name in favor of butchering unborn infants. You used the name and the words of Christ to promote the credo of Molech (Leviticus 20:1–5). ... My concern, Governor Newsom, is that your own soul lies in grave, eternal peril. ‘Each one of us will give an account of himself to God’ (Romans 14:12). One day, not very long from now, you will face that reality. Nothing is more certain. ‘It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment’ (Hebrews 9:27). ... When you look ahead of you and see that nothing awaits you but eternal misery—the just punishment for your sins—what will all the clever rationalizations and political talking points avail for you then? And by then it will be too late for any remedy or redemption. ... Please respond to the gospel, forsake the path of wickedness you have pursued all your life, turn to Christ, ask for forgiveness, and use your office to advance the cause of righteousness (as is your duty) instead of undermining it (as has been your pattern). ... Governor Newsom, ‘now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation’ (2 Corinthians 6:2).” The entire letter can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gracechurch.org/news/posts/3592>

IMAGINE: JOHN LENNON’S ANTHEM OF THE NEW AGE

The Bible prophesies an age of apostasy, blasphemy, unbelief, rebellion, and scoffing skepticism preceding the Day of the Lord, and we are observing that age nearing full bloom. See Psalm 2; 2 Timothy 3; 2 Peter 3. While rejecting the God of the Bible, mankind will strive to create a new Babel that will create religious harmony, produce communalism, and bring in world peace and prosperity. The Beatles frontman John Lennon wrote an anthem for this global pipe dream in his extremely popular song “Imagine” (1971). Powered by a haunting tune, the lyrics proclaim, “Imagine there’s no heaven, it’s easy if you try/ No hell below us, above only sky/ Imagine all the people living for today. Imagine there’s no countries; it isn’t hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too/ Imagine all the people living in peace. Imagine no

possessions; I wonder if you can/ No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man/ Imagine all the people sharing all the world./ You may say that I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one/ And some day I hope you’ll join us/ And the world will be as one.” This is precisely the world that New Agers, Marxists, Leftists, and Humanistic dreamers of all stripes are attempting to create. But man cannot achieve a New Age of peace, because he is a sinner who cannot get along with his own closest neighbors. When Lennon was dreaming of world harmony, his own son said, “How can you talk about peace and love and have a family in bits and pieces--no communication, adultery, divorce?” (Bill O’Reilly, *Killing the Legends*). As long as man is at war with God, he will be at war with man. John Lennon was murdered in December 1980 at age 40.

HUMMINGBIRD DINOSAUR

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Aug. 23, 2021: "Another day, another dinosaur! A recent article in *Nature* announced the discovery of a tiny dinosaur skull. The article starts with these words: Dinosaurs were big, whereas birds--which evolved from dinosaurs--are small. ... The smallest dinosaurs weighed hundreds of grams, but the smallest living bird, the bee hummingbird, weighs only 2 grams. The newly discovered dinosaur has been given the name *Oculudentavis khaungraae*. Its tiny skull was found encased in Burmese amber. Evolutionists have suggested a date of 99 million years old for this fossil. Pictures accompanying some articles show a tiny creature, looking a bit like a hummingbird, but with a long beak, filled with tiny teeth. The pictures show the creature's wings outstretched, covered with feathers. Interestingly,

the article keeps switching between referring to the creature as a dinosaur and as a bird. Although not stating the case as such, the article seems to suggest this fossil is some sort of missing link between dinosaurs and birds because evolutionists believe that birds evolved from dinosaurs. Sober judgment requires us to point out a few problems. The fossil does not have wings or feathers; it is just a fossil skull. And if the creature is a bird, then its evolutionary date requires it to have been living about 30 million years before dinosaurs are supposed to have died out. Instead, we should see this new creature as part of God's wonderful design. He made it for His good pleasure. Author: Paul F. Taylor. Ref: Rice, D. (2020), 'New species of tiny *bird-dinosaur* discovered trapped in 99-million-year-old amber,' www.usatoday.com, Mar. 11, 2020."



*Skull of Smallest
Dinosaur Discovered
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