
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

HOMOSEXUAL DEAN OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

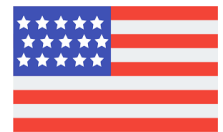


David Monteith

The new Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, David Monteith, is a homosexual who is in a “same-sex civil partnership.” Previously, Monteith was Dean of Leicester. Monteith’s nomination was approved by the late Queen Elizabeth (“New Dean of Canterbury,” Oct. 11, 2022, Englishcathedrals.co.uk). Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, said, “I’m delighted by David’s appointment. ... We will benefit greatly from David’s experience and perspective, not least from his work in helping diverse faiths and cultural communities to live well together.” Canterbury Cathedral is the location of the throne of the Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England. The Dean heads up the team in charge of the day-to-day management of the cathedral under direction of the archbishop.



FREEDOM OF SPEECH: U.K. VS U.S.A



The following is excerpted from John Hinderaker, PowerLineBlog.com, Oct. 19, 2022: “It is easy for Americans to forget how rare, and how precious, our guarantee of free speech is. Even the United Kingdom, the country from which we inherited most of our historic freedoms, does not recognize anything like our First Amendment. This fact was brought home by the recent declaration of a ‘safe zone’ in Bournemouth, England. Rod Dreher has the story. It has to do with the sacrament of abortion, the last ideal, it seems, to which many liberals subscribe. ... What is with the word ‘safe’? A lot of people are not safe in today’s world, with murders, aggravated assaults, carjackings and the like spiraling out of control. But that isn’t what liberals have in mind when they say people are ‘safe.’ They mean that any expression of opinions different from theirs has been suppressed. ... Under the First Amendment and existing U.S. law, a ban on protesting, ‘engaging in an act of disapproval,’ offering ‘prayer or counseling,’ ‘displaying text or images’ on one side of a controversy, and praying, reciting scripture, or crossing oneself in a defined geographic area, would be unconstitutional. Does that mean it can’t happen here? No. The Constitution cannot eternally guarantee the



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right of free speech if that right is not supported, generally, by our populace. And major segments of our society, including those who now control the Democratic Party, are bitterly hostile to free speech. They subscribe to the idea that it is 'unsafe' to 'allow' speech with which one (a liberal, not a conservative) disagrees. And they view the First Amendment's free speech guarantee as minor and subservient to more important 'rights,' like the right to an abortion free of any exposure to disapproval."

THE HISTORY OF ISLAM'S SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS

The following is excerpted from "Why Concessions to Islam Never work," *PJMedia*, Nov. 19, 2020: "Thus, before Islam violently conquered eastern Anatolia (Asia Minor) in the eleventh century, Armenia was significantly larger than today. Beginning a thousand years ago, however, Turks chipped away at and absorbed ethnically Armenian territory. What is happening today is simply part of that continuum. The *Chronicle of Matthew of Edessa* (d. 1144), an Armenian historian who lived close to the initial conquests, makes all this clear. According to this valuable historical resource, in 1019, 'the first appearance of the bloodthirsty beasts ... the savage nation of infidels called Turks entered Armenia ... and mercilessly slaughtered the Christian faithful with the sword.' Three decades later the raids were virtually nonstop. In 1049, the founder of the Turkic Seljuk Empire himself, Sultan Tughril Bey (r. 1037–1063), reached the Armenian city of Arzden, west of Lake Van, and 'put the whole town to the sword, causing severe slaughter, as many as one hundred and fifty thousand persons.' Other contemporaries confirm the devastation visited upon Arzden. 'Like famished dogs,' writes Aristakes (d. 1080) an eye witness, the Turks 'hurled themselves on

our city, surrounded it and pushed inside, massacring the men and mowing everything down like reapers in the fields, making the city a desert. Without mercy, they incinerated those who had hidden themselves in houses and churches.' Eleven years later, in 1060, the Turk's laid siege to Sebastia (which, though now a Turkish city, was for the preceding 400 years Armenian). Six hundred churches were destroyed, 'many and innumerable people were burned [to death],' and countless women and children 'were led into captivity to Persia.' Between 1064 and 1065, Tughril's successor, Sultan Muhammad bin Dawud Chaghri--known to posterity as Alp Arslan, one of Turkey's unsavory but national heroes--laid siege to Ani, the fortified capital of Armenia, then a great and populous city. The thunderous bombardment of Muhammad's siege engines caused the entire city to quake, and Matthew describes countless terror-stricken families huddled together and weeping. Once inside, the Islamic Turks 'began to mercilessly slaughter the inhabitants of the entire city ... and piling up their bodies one on top of the other. ... Innumerable and countless boys with bright faces and pretty girls were carried off together with their mothers.'"

ABANDONED AT COLDWATER

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Sept. 29, 2021: "Coldwater Lake in Washington State looks so pretty, nestled between the mountains. This scene of tranquility is very popular among the fishing community. A better view of Coldwater Lake can be had by climbing the steep trail up to Coldwater Ridge. As you reach the top, you look back at the magnificent views of the Mount St. Helens with its gaping crater, forever marred by having lost such a large portion of itself in the violent eruption of May 1980. In the other direction, you see the lake, which did not even exist before the eruption. The devastation caused by the volcano blocked Coldwater Creek so that the valley filled with water. So you keep walking along the ridge, and you espy a

different sort of devastation. Huge pieces of rusting machinery can be seen. This machinery was there to aid with logging processes because this ridge used to be covered with forest before the eruption. The blast from the volcano had a speed of up to 350 mph as it hit the ridge, knocking down the trees and sending the logging machinery into a spin so that it landed in its current position. If the eruption had occurred on the Monday or the Saturday, one can imagine that this machinery would have been operated by many loggers, causing far more deaths than actually occurred on that Sunday morning. Out of that violence has come the tranquility of the lake scenery, just as out of the violence of the worldwide Flood, God brought a message of hope and mercy to a

SAUL ALINSKY'S RULES FOR RADICALS

Saul Alinsky (1909-1972), atheist labor activist, has been a major influence in radicalizing generations of university students and in transforming the Democratic party. Hillary Clinton wrote her senior college thesis on Alinsky. Barack Obama taught workshops on the Alinsky method and spent four years as a community organizer in Chicago with the Developing Communities Project. Clinton and Obama followed the Alinsky method by working "within the established system" to stir up revolution from within. Alinsky's 1971 *Rules for Radicals* begins with a shout out to Lucifer, "the first radical who rebelled against the establishment and did so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom." In *The Purpose*, Alinsky wrote, "In this book we are concerned with how to create mass organizations to seize power and give it to the people." Other quotes from *Rules for Radicals* -- "The **disruption** of the

present organization is the first step toward community organization. Present arrangements must be **disorganized** if they are to be displaced by new patterns. ... **All change means disorganization of the old** and organization of the new. ... An organizer must stir up dissatisfaction and discontent. ... The organizer must first **rub raw the resentments** of the people of the community; **fan the latent hostilities** of many of the people to the point of overt expression. He must **search out controversy** and issues, rather than avoid them, for unless there is controversy people are not concerned enough to act." Alinsky praised America's liberties and contrasted them with the totalitarianism of Marxist states. He did not advocate America's overthrow, but Marxists are using his satanic methods of disruption and division and fanning hostilities for the nation's destruction.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ABANDONING OPPOSITION TO ABORTION AT HIGHEST LEVELS

The following is excerpted from “Mother Earth, Pregnant Mothers,” FrontPageMag.com, Sept. 29, 2022: “A high-ranking Vatican official stunned Catholics during a recent television interview by inadvertently confirming the Catholic Church’s retreat from one of its fundamental moral positions ... The official in question said on Italy’s national network Aug. 26 that the church had no interest in opposing that nation’s law allowing abortion. Enacted in 1978, Law 194 legalizes abortions in the first trimester and permits them afterward only if the mother’s life is in danger or if the fetus displays ‘serious abnormalities or malformations,’ the law states. That official even had the audacity to say that Law 194 represented ‘a pillar of our social life.’ ... Astonishingly, the Vatican official who made those remarks was Cardinal

Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, which Pope John Paul II founded specifically to oppose abortion. Tommaso Scandroglio, reporter for the Catholic newspaper *La Nuova Bussola Quotidiana*, perfectly described the impact: ‘It is as if the president of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League is declaring himself in favor of the Holocaust.’ ... In May 2021, the Vatican’s leading theological authority after the pope discouraged American bishops from withholding Communion from Catholic politicians who support abortion. In issuing that letter, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, contradicted both his own church’s catechism and canon law. ... The Catholic catechism describes abortion a ‘moral evil.’”

INFORMATION

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