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# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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## RIGHTNOW MEDIA: A PATH INTO THE DANGEROUS WORLD OF CONTEMPORARY EVANGELICALISM

RightNow Media advertises itself to pastors as “the world’s largest library of video-driven Bible study resources, used by more than 24,000 churches, schools, and organizations.” A church membership



gives the members “access to thousands of inspirational videos anytime, including kids content.” That which is advertised as a spiritual help and blessing is actually a window into the very dangerous world of modern evangelicalism, a world filled with heresy, an ecumenical path to “the greater church,” which is nothing less than the end-time one-world church. The two great dangers of the internet are moral pollution (e.g., pornography) and spiritual pollution (heresy). These are great dangers to any Bible-believing individual, family, and church. Never was there a time when God’s people more urgently need to be educated about heresy so as to be protected from its onslaught. A few of the dangerous

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## AUSTIN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HOST “PRIDE WEEK” FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Texas is one of the “red” (Republican) states that citizens of more leftist-dominated states are relocating to, but the following report proves that the problem is not in politics, it is in the school house. As long as the public schools are humanist, leftist, homosexualized propaganda institutions, it is only a matter of time when the Old America will be no more. The following is excerpted from “Austin School District,” *PJMedia*, Feb. 26, 2023: “LGBTQ+++ ‘Pride Month’ occurs every year in June. Austin Independent School District’s academic year ends on May 25, though, which means it loses out on the opportunity to groom the children in its care at that time. No matter: the school district just moved its

‘Pride Celebration’ to March 20-25, a time during which its captive audience is in class and ready to



absorb the propaganda. Via the district’s website: ‘Every year, to celebrate LGBTQIA+ students, staff and families Austin ISD hosts its own Pride Week, a time to highlight the district’s commitment to creating a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

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This year’s weeklong celebration is March 20-25, 2023, which aligns with the National LGBT Health Awareness Week. ... Pride Swag--Students and staff, during the week of March 20-24, please visit your campus front office to pick up Pride and Ally stickers, posters, flags, pronoun buttons and more!’ ... It’s unclear how many drag shows the children will be subjected to during the week.” We would also note that Austin, Texas, has participated in the asinine, super nutty business of defunding the police. Those who put their hope in conservative politics and Red States are bound to be disappointed. “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. ... His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay” (Edward Mote, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less,” 1834).

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERTS DECEIVED BY A FAKE

On March 1, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced the discovery of an ostrakon (an inscribed potsherd) featuring the words in Aramaic “Year 24 of Darius” (498 BC). This was announced with much fanfare and media focus as the first written evidence of Darius the Great found in Israel. The ostrakon was discovered in the ruins of Lachish by Eylon Levy, adviser to Israel President Isaac Herzog. He turned it over to the Antiquities Authority and the piece was examined for some weeks by the advanced Analytical Laboratory under direction of Saar Ganor of the Israel Antiquities Authority and Dr. Haggai Misgav of the Hebrew University. Finally, Levy received the following

statement from Ganor: “We’ve put it through three scanners. This is authentic. No modern hand could do it, and it’s from two and a half thousand years ago, from before the story of Purim.” Yet it turns out that the ostrakon was created in August 2022 by a teacher of archaeology as a visual aid to a group of students at Lachish and was left behind accidentally. This is an important reminder of the fallibility of the highest scientific experts. Man’s science is not fallible and should never be an absolute authority. In fact, man’s science, including archaeology, is shot through and through with the gross error of Darwinian evolution (i.e., the myth of the big bang, natural selection, long ages, the stone age).

## TOP SCIENTIFIC STUDY: MASKS MAKE LITTLE TO NO DIFFERENCE



The following is excerpted from “The Covid mask controversy could have been answered two and a half years ago,” *Fox News*, Mar. 5, 2023: “A major controversy throughout the pandemic was surrounding the efficacy of face masks against the spread

of COVID-19. However, a recent study supports that masks may have done little, if anything at all, to stop the spread of the virus. The study published by Cochrane Library, ‘Physical interventions to interrupt or reduce the spread of respiratory viruses,’ where esteemed researchers dug into the impact of physical interventions, like masks and hand washing, on the spread of COVID. Dr. Marty Makary joined *Sunday Night in America* to address this recent study and the vacillation on the

effectiveness of masks since the start of the pandemic. ... ‘What public health officials did is they hedged on the wrong side of the issue. They had the wrong hypothesis. And when overwhelmingly strong evidence came out time after time, 65 studies on masks, 160 studies on natural immunity. Study after study, they didn’t evolve their position. They dug in,’ Makary said, who went on to say that **these health officials were ‘intellectually dishonest’ and ‘at that point you’re basically putting out misinformation,’** explaining how the studies coming out of Sweden of schools that were masked vs. unmasked had ‘no difference’ in transmission. ‘If Dr. Fauci and all of those who pushed masks so fervently would have simply done their own randomized control study with good methodology, they could have answered the controversy two and a half years ago, but they chose to rule by dogma rather than scientific data,’ he added.”

## U.S. SENATE PASSES BILL REQUIRING DECLASSIFICATION OF WUHAN LAB LEAK

The following is excerpted from “Entire Senate Passes Bill,” *PJMedia*, Mar. 2, 2023: “The Senate voted unanimously--at the behest of Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio)--to pass a bill known as the COVID-19 Origin Act of 2023. ... Sens. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) reintroduced the bill on Monday **after the Department of Energy (DOE) as well as the FBI admitted that COVID ‘likely’ originated in a laboratory, not a ‘wet market’ as the Chinese first claimed.** Hawley released a statement that included: **‘For nearly three**

**years, anyone asking whether COVID-19 originated as a lab leak outbreak was silenced and branded as a conspiracy theorist. Now, these prudent skeptics stand vindicated.** The Biden administration must immediately declassify all intelligence reports pertaining to the origins of COVID-19 and the Wuhan Institute of Virology. The American people deserve to know the truth.’ Mike Braun tweeted, ‘The American people deserve transparency, free from government censors or media spin.’”

## THE STRANGER THAT ISN'T A STRANGER

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Feb. 10, 2023: “Social insects seldom, if ever, tolerate other species within their communities. Strangers are generally identified by their smell, rather than by their appearance, since those insects that aren’t actually blind have very poor eyesight. It is common for social insects to unite to destroy even one stranger who invades their nest. Like most social insects, termites don’t tolerate strangers. However, the *Trichopsenius frosti* beetle likes to make its living within the nest of just one species of termite. These termites produce a very specific mixture of 21 compounds that are mixed into a unique scent by which they identify nest mates. The unique scent includes a compound that is a third of the total mix while other compounds are included as less than one percent of the mix. As unlikely as it sounds, the *Trichopsenius* is able to make the same mix of compounds so perfectly that its presence in the termite nest goes unquestioned. Notes: ‘Bombardier Beetles and Fever Trees,’ p. 46.”

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