

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## FARMERS WIN VICTORY OVER DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL NUTTINESS

The following is excerpted from “Dutch Government Reconsiders Green Agenda Following Farmer Victory,” *The European Conservative*, Mar. 22, 2023: “Members of the Dutch government called for alterations in the Green Agenda after the recent victory of the pro-farmer party BoerBurgerBeweging (BBB) in the provincial elections. The BBB, which based its support on fighting damaging environmentalist policies, will now become the biggest party in the provinces as well as the Senate. ... In the regional governments, the BBB said it will not enforce any anti-farmer laws. **The BBB's rise is the result of policies that threatened to close thousands of farms, as the Dutch government followed EU plans to halve nitrogen emissions by 2030.** This provoked an outbreak of farmer's protests, leading to the BBB's electoral landslide on March 15th. The BBB will also be the biggest party in the Senate—which is elected by the regional governments—giving it serious sway in the law-making process. The BBB chairman, Erik Stegink, insists that the government's environmentalist policies must be dropped, especially its plans to buy and close farms, saying that ‘2030 must be off the table and expropriation is also not an option.’”



The Dutch farmer's protest party shakes up the Senate in the Netherlands. SEM VAN DER WAL/ GETTY IMAGES

## THE RELIGION OF THE LEFT: GRETA THUNBERG AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE OF THEOLOGY



Greta Thunberg

The following is excerpted from “Yes, Leftism Is a Religion,” *PJMedia*, Mar. 20, 2023: “[Q]ueerness, along with the rest of the Left's agenda, including climate hysteria, the vaccines, race obsessions, and every other aspect of the Left's obsessions, are for them a god. Leftism today is a religion, a sad and tatty substitute for genuine religion, but a religion nonetheless, an all-consuming preoccupation and a prism through which the devotee sees and understands all things. The University of Helsinki confirmed this anew on Monday by announcing that it was giving climate hysteric Greta Thunberg an honorary doctorate...in theology. ... Nor are the solons of the University of Helsinki by any

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## RECOMMENDATION OF THE WAY OF LIFE BIBLE COMMENTARIES



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## FROG PHARMACISTS

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Feb. 10, 2023: “Some frogs are regular little drug factories. Their skins produce a wide range of powerful alkaloids, are a large family of chemicals usually produced by plants. Familiar alkaloids include quinine, caffeine and morphine. Different alkaloids have different effects, usually on the nervous system. The poison-arrow frog may be the most famous alkaloid-producing frog. South American natives simply rub their arrows or darts on the frog’s back. One species of this frog contains enough poison to kill about a 100 people! Another frog, native to Ecuador, produces an anesthetic more powerful than morphine. South American natives rub another frog on their wounds. Researchers discovered that the frog’s skin makes a powerful antiseptic. Yet another frog alkaloid will change the colors on parrot feathers. Some of the alkaloids produced by frogs are so complex that it takes years of study, using modern science’s most sophisticated equipment, to discover the active chemical. Researchers in this field are only beginning to learn about the alkaloids produced by frogs. They have yet to research a frog that natives claim to use to heighten their senses for the hunt. What puzzles scientists who believe in evolution is that the frogs’ exotic skin chemistries don’t follow the patterns they anticipated based upon expected evolutionary relationships. This means that these frogs have one more exciting purpose. They provide evidence against evolution and for the Creator. REF.: Pennisi, Elizabeth. ‘Pharming frogs,’ *Science News*,



## GOD'S PEOPLE DEVOTED TO TRIFLES

The following by F.W. Grant (1834-1902), *The Numerical Bible*, is a perfect description of the average Bible-believing, "King James only," hymnbook-singing, conservative church today: "I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name' (Ps. 86:11). This is indeed what is everywhere the great lack among the people of God. How much of our lives is not spent in positive evil, but frittered away and lost in countless petty diversions which spoil effectually the positiveness of their testimony for God! How few can say with the apostle, 'This *one* thing I do!' We are on the road, but we stop to chase butterflies among the flowers and make no serious

progress. How Satan must wonder when he sees us turn away from the 'kingdoms of the world and the glory of them,' and yet yield ourselves with scarce a thought to endless trifles, lighter than the thistle-down which the child spends all his strength for, and we laugh at him. Would we examine our lives carefully ... how should we realize the multitude of needless anxieties, of self-imagined duties, of permitted relaxations, of 'innocent' trifles, which incessantly divert us from that alone in which there is profit! How few, perhaps, would care to face such an examination of the day by day unwritten history of their lives!"



Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee

## TENNESSEE BECOMES FIRST STATE TO PASS LAW LIMITING DRAG SHOWS

The following is excerpted from "Tennessee Passes," *Christian Headlines*, Mar. 7, 2023: "Tennessee has become the first state to explicitly ban drag shows in public places. Gov. Bill Lee signed the provision into law prohibiting 'adult cabaret performances' that include 'male or female impersonators' in areas where minors could watch. Similar laws have been introduced in at least fourteen other states."

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means the first Leftists to make a religion out of their delusions. ... New York Governor Kathy Hochul (D-Planned Parenthood) revealed in September 2021 that the COVID vaccines were a kind of sacrament: 'I prayed a lot to God during this time, and you know what--God did answer our prayers. He made the smartest men and women, the scientists, the doctors, the

researchers--he made them come up with a vaccine. That is from God to us and we must say, thank you, God. Thank you. And I wear my *vaccinated* necklace all the time to say I'm vaccinated. All of you, yes, I know you're vaccinated, you're the smart ones, but you know there's people out there who aren't listening to God and what God wants."



# THE ANTICHRIST AND THE MAHDI

The world, including the Muslim nations, will accept the Antichrist as a brilliant saviour. The Muslims will possibly receive him as their long-awaited Hidden Imam. The following is an excerpt from the *London Telegraph*, January 14, 2006: "As Iran rushes towards confrontation with the world over its nuclear programme, the question uppermost in the mind of western leaders is 'What is moving its President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad\* to such recklessness?' ... The most remarkable aspect of Mr. Ahmadinejad's piety is his devotion to **the Hidden Imam**, the Messiah-like figure of Shia Islam, and the president's belief that his government must prepare the country for his return. One of the first acts of Mr. Ahmadinejad's government was to donate about £10 million to the Jamkaran mosque, a popular pilgrimage site where the pious come to drop messages to the Hidden Imam into a holy well. All streams of Islam believe in a divine saviour, known as **the Mahdi**, who will appear at the End of Days. A common rumour--denied by the government but widely believed--is that Mr. Ahmadinejad and his cabinet have signed a 'contract' pledging themselves to work for the return of the Mahdi and sent it to Jamkaran. Iran's dominant '**Twelver**' sect believes this will be Mohammed ibn Hasan, regarded as the 12th Imam, or

righteous descendant of the Prophet Mohammad. He is said to have gone into 'occlusion' in the ninth century, at the age of five. His return will be preceded by cosmic chaos, war and bloodshed. After a cataclysmic confrontation with evil and darkness, the Mahdi will lead the world to an era of universal peace. This is similar to the Christian vision of the Apocalypse. **INDEED, THE HIDDEN IMAM IS EXPECTED TO RETURN IN THE COMPANY OF JESUS.** Mr. Ahmadinejad appears to believe that these events are close at hand and that ordinary mortals can influence the divine timetable. The prospect of such a man obtaining nuclear weapons is worrying. The unspoken question is this: is Mr. Ahmadinejad now tempting a clash with the West because he feels safe in the belief of the imminent return of the Hidden Imam? Worse, might he be trying to provoke chaos in the hope of hastening his reappearance? Western officials [suspect] that Iran's president actually relishes a clash with the West in the conviction that it would rekindle the spirit of the Islamic revolution and--who knows--speed up the arrival of the Hidden Imam." \*Ahmadinejad was president of Iran from 2005-2013 and is still a member of the government. He is a major supporter of Iran's nuclear program, which is covertly designed to produce a nuclear bomb.

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