FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

FASHION REVOLUTIONARY MARY QUANT DEAD AT AGE 93



Mary Quant 1930-2023

Before men were wearing dresses, women were wearing pants, and the female pioneers of this phenomenon knew that they were creating a revolution that would eventually destroy biblical morality in western culture. Consider Mary Quant, the revolutionary British fashion designer of the Beatles era, who died on April 13 in England at age 93. In 2019, the Victoria & Albert Museum in London had a major exhibit on Quant, inventor of the mini-skirt, the micro-mini, and hot pants. Mary understood that fashion is a language. The exhibit was a clothing exhibit, but the focus was revolution, liberation from biblical sexual mores, and breaking down the barriers between the sexes (unisex, androgyny). There was no attempt to hide this. Quant put women in men's attire: pants, ties, suit jackets, and short hair. Mary Quant knew that trousers on continued on NEXT page

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The following is excerpted from "Walmart to Close Four Chicago Stores," *Disntr*, Apr. 12, 2023: "I am writing about this because I believe that it affects Christians and is demonstrative of the judgment of God on a nation that has abandoned a Christian worldview and instead embraced progressive Democrat politics. This is only the beginning of the decline of this nation due to moral decay and depravity. Under the harrowing reign of Mayor Lori Lightfoot and the malevolent rogue prosecutor Kim Foxx, Chicago has been thrust into a nightmarish inferno of gun violence and lawlessness in the midst of the pandemic. The city, suffocated by a horrifying 33% surge in serious crime since Lightfoot seized

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Walmart says the four locations that it's closing in Chicago were never profitable. Bruce Bennett/Getty Images

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women is not an issue merely of comfort and freedom of movement. Following are some quotes from the exhibition signage: "using fashion to question hierarchies and gender rules," "a rebellious approach to established gender norms," "mocking religion," "an independent style," "self-expression," "freedom." "The miniskirt became an international symbol of women's liberation." "[Quant's] provocative styles reflected increasingly relaxed attitudes in society towards sexuality in all its forms, reinforced legally by the decriminalisation of homosexuality in 1967." Observe that this clothing exhibit directly connects unisex fashion with homosexual rights. "Asked by the Guardian newspaper in 1967 if her clothes could be considered 'vulgar' because they were so revealing, Quant replied that she loved vulgarity and embraced it. 'Good taste is death, vulgarity is life,' she said, adding that the provocative poses of her models reflected the new sexual openness of the times, which was fueled by the development of the birth control pill" ("Mary Quant," Los Angeles Times, Apr. 13, 2023). The 1960s was a major changing of the times. Mary helped create the ME culture, the "lovers of their own selves" generation prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:2. The music, the fashion, the entertainment, the commerce, it all broadcasts the ancient Satanic lie, "It's your life; live as you please!" Mary Quant was smarter than those professing Christians who think that pants on women is a nonissue. It was a major issue in the 1960s, and it is a major issue today. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). The masculinization of women is just as evil as the feminization of men. Woe be unto pastors who are silent in the face of this revolution!

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power in 2019, has been brought to its knees with over 800 fatalities in 2021 alone and nearly 700 more the following year. ... The bloodcurdling specter of gang violence continues to terrorize the city, as brazen criminal syndicates audaciously pillage retail stores across a multitude of neighborhoods, including the once-proud primary shopping district. Carjackings, muggings, and shootings have become chillingly routine, with predominantly Black communities shouldering the heaviest burden of this chaos. In an eye-opening press release on April 11, Walmart unveiled plans to shutter four of its beleaguered Chicago stores in the wake of relentless financial hemorrhaging due to the constant crime and theft. ... The beleaguered stores, collectively hemorrhaging tens of millions of dollars annually, have witnessed their yearly losses nearly double within the past five years. ... the bottom line is that Democrat policies have caused decent people with a good work ethic to leave this city. Chicago has some of the strictest anti-gun laws in the nation, stripping innocent law-abiding citizens of their right to defend themselves in public. Nobody wants to risk their lives to step foot into a Walmart store where they may become the next victim of gun violence in one of the Democrats' gun-free zones."

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN CHICAGO

Chicago has become increasingly lawless because of the leftist city leadership and a DA who won't enforce the laws. They also have entertained a foolish defund the police program. Ultimately, it is a judgment on a nation that has rejected the Word of God, a nation of apostate churches. Recently I preached a seven-day Bible conference in a predominantly black church in Chicago. While we were eating breakfast one morning, a man attacked some women within a couple of feet of where we were sitting. The family had just arrived from Michigan to visit a grandchild and were planning to get breakfast before checking into their motel. As they were entering the restaurant, a man attacked them with a hammer and hit a young girl in the face before he was chased off by bystanders. It took the

police a long time to arrive. A few months ago, one of the preachers at my host church was held up at gunpoint when he stopped to pick up a church member on the way to services. The robber put the gun right up against his temple and demanded all his money. The young preacher said, "I don't have any money. You can shoot me; I know where I'm going; but I don't have any money." The robber said, "This is your lucky day," and ran off. It wasn't luck! We would emphasize that God's people have a multitude of promises that are true no matter the situation in this present world. The safest place on earth for a born-again Christian is in the center of God's will. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

A WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT "THE NEWS"

We want to be informed about what is happening, but we want to see everything through God's eyes. We have no intention to fret or worry, to be addicted to politics or to get wrapped in a political solution, to fill our minds with the latest conspiracy theory, or to get involved with any type of uprising. We intend to obey God's exhortations, such as these: "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" (Ps. 37:1-3). "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33). "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of

God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). Let unbelievers do the fretting, as their only hope is this present world. What we are doing in the face of end-time apostasy and rampant wickedness is simple. We are doing what God has told us to do, which is to immerse ourselves in Scripture, meditating in God's Word day and night (Ps. 1:1-3) and focusing like a laser on Christ's Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20), preaching the life-changing gospel as far and wide as possible, building good churches and good Christian homes, raising children and youth for the glory of Jesus Christ, training preachers, starting new churches, and lots and lots and lots of prayer, including prayer for those who are in authority that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

BRAIN DISAPPOINTS EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT

The following is from CreationMoments.com, Feb. 8, 2023: "According to evolutionary thought, humans came from apelike creatures. These ape-like creatures came from reptiles through many steps. Likewise reptiles ultimately came from fish, through many steps. Evolutionists



say that with each major stage, more parts were added to the brain. The final development, and the greatest of all, is the cerebral cortex. According to this theory, one of the oldest parts of the brain is the part deep inside. Evolutionists claim that this part of the brain, called the basal ganglia, comes from our reptilian past. They have described this part of the brain as 'primitive.' It controls such simple things as movement and spatial memory. These are basic functions needed by reptiles. Of course, the evolutionary view that the basal ganglia is primitive was never scientifically researched. Then researchers started to examine the workings of the basal ganglia. They have concluded that the deep structures of the brain that are supposed to be primitive are actually quite sophisticated. In fact, these so-called reptilian structures rival the cerebral cortex

in sophistication. These structures receive input from all parts of the cortex. And all the neurochemicals found anywhere else in the body are also found in these structures. In other words, there is absolutely no evidence of their being primitive. Once again scientific research has not found what evolutionists expected. The human brain has not developed by adding parts to reptile brains. It was specially created just for human beings. REF.: Miller, Julie Ann. 1985. 'Deep core of brain gains respect,' *Science News*, v. 128, Nov. 9. p. 297."

SAVING FAITH

"Saving faith may thus be defined as a voluntary turning from all hope and grounds based on self-merit, and assuming an attitude of expectancy toward GOD, trusting Him to do a perfect saving work based only on the merit of CHRIST"

(Lewis Sperry Chafer, True Evangelism, 1919).

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