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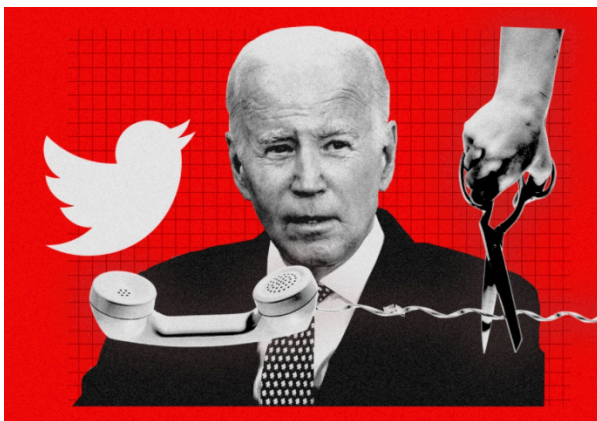
ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP SAYS CALLING GOD FATHER IS “PROBLEMATIC”

Unwittingly fulfilling Bible prophecy, an Anglican archbishop says that calling God “Father” is “problematic.” Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, made the statement in his keynote address before the Church of England’s General Synod. Calling for church unity, Cottrell said, “I know the word ‘father’ is problematic for those whose experience of earthly fathers has been destructive and abusive, and for all of us who have laboured rather too much from an oppressively patriarchal grip on life.” Feminist priest Christina Rees told the Synod that she agreed with Cottrell, adding, “The big question is, do we really believe that God believes that male human beings bear his image more fully and accurately than women? The answer is absolutely not.” These foolish people think they know more about God than Jesus Christ, who said, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Matthew 6:9). God is called “Father” more than 250 times in the New Testament Scripture. Since no one knows anything about God that is not revealed in Scripture, it is the height of arrogance and folly to dispute it. But the same book prophesied, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4).



Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

COURT HANDS DOWN RULING AGAINST GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP COLLUSION WITH SOCIAL MEDIA



President Joe Biden

The following is excerpted from “Court,” *PJMedia*, July 4, 2023: “On Independence Day, July 4, 2023, the forces of freedom won a major victory ... **In a landmark ruling in *Missouri v. Biden*, Judge Terry Doughty, Chief U.S. district judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, struck back hard against what he called ‘the most massive attack against free speech in United States’ history.’** Doughty even began his decision by quoting the most famous adage regarding the importance of the freedom of speech: ‘I may disapprove of

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what you say, but I would defend to the death your right to say it,' a statement that is often attributed to Voltaire but which Doughty credits to the early twentieth-century English writer Evelyn Beatrice Hall ... Doughty declares that 'in their attempts to suppress alleged disinformation, the Federal Government, and particularly the Defendants named here, are alleged to have blatantly ignored the First Amendment's right to free speech.' He noted that 'Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, through public pressure campaigns, private meetings, and other forms of direct communication, regarding what Defendants described as *disinformation*, *misinformation*, and *malinformation*, have colluded with and/or coerced social-media platforms to suppress disfavored speakers, viewpoints, and content on social-media platforms.' Specifically, Doughty noted: 'Plaintiffs allege that Defendants suppressed conservative-leaning free speech, such as: (1) suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story prior to the 2020 Presidential election; (2) suppressing speech about the lab-leak theory of COVID-19's origin; (3) suppressing speech about the efficiency of masks and COVID-19 lockdowns; (4) suppressing speech about the efficiency of COVID-19 vaccines; (5) suppressing speech about election integrity in the 2020 presidential election; (6) suppressing speech about the security of voting by mail; (7) suppressing parody content about Defendants; (8) suppressing negative posts about the economy; and (9) suppressing negative posts about President Biden.' All that is abundantly true, and there are plenty of other examples of the regime's hatred of dissent as well. ... **Doughty wrote: 'During the COVID-19 pandemic, a period perhaps best characterized by widespread doubt and uncertainty, the United States Government seems to have assumed a role similar to an Orwellian Ministry of Truth. The Plaintiffs have presented substantial evidence in support of their claims that they were the victims of a far-reaching and widespread censorship campaign.'** He added: 'It is quite telling that each example or category of suppressed speech was conservative in nature. This targeted suppression of conservative ideas is a perfect example of viewpoint discrimination of political speech. American citizens have the right to engage in free debate about the significant issues affecting the country.' Yes, they do, and in *Missouri v. Biden*, Doughty has done a great deal to protect that right. This decision prohibits the government from working with social media giants to censor American citizens."

U.K. EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL RULES IN FAVOR OF TEACHER WHO LOST HER JOB FOR CRITIQUING TRANSGENDERISM AND SEX-ED

The following is excerpted from "Christian Teacher wins appeal," *The Christian Post*, June 17, 2023: "A Christian teaching assistant in England won her appeal against a prior judgment that upheld her 2019 dismissal for sharing Facebook posts that critiqued transgenderism and compulsory sex education in her son's Church of England primary school. In the Friday ruling, President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal in London Jennifer Eady ruled in favor of Kristie Higgs, stating that **the 'freedom to manifest belief (religious or otherwise) and to express views relating to that belief are essential rights in any democracy, whether or not the belief in question is popular or mainstream and even if its expression may offend.'** Higgs was dismissed in 2019 from the Farmor's School in Fairford, Gloucestershire, after she took to social media to voice objection to her child's Church of England school planning to introduce books that promoted transgender identity. ... She was let go after an extended interrogation, during which she was told that her Christian beliefs, as expressed in her posts, were comparable to 'pro-Nazi right-wing extremist' views."

U.K. COURT SUPPORTS PARENT WHO WAS FIRED FOR VOICING CONCERNS ABOUT TRANS-AFFIRMING

The following is excerpted from “Parent wins back job,” *The Christian Post*, July 8, 2023: “A Christian parent governor at a local primary school in the United Kingdom has won back her position after being dismissed for voicing her concerns about the school’s trans-affirming sex education policy as the High Court ruled in her favor and reinstated her to the governing body. In a case that has significant implications for parents and school governors across the country, the Gateshead parent, known only as ‘Susan’ to protect her children’s identities, was removed from her position as a parent governor after she pointed out

potential legal errors in the school’s Relationships and Sex Education policy. The Christian Institute, which represents the mother, said in a statement that the High Court reinstated her after a legal settlement was reached with the school. ‘Susan conducted herself in a way that all parents would hope any good school governor would,’ said Ciarán Kelly, deputy director of The Christian Institute, a non-denominational charity dedicated to promoting Christian faith. ‘It’s her job to robustly question and challenge the school, not simply rubber-stamp whatever documents are placed in front of her.’”

GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED HINDU PERSECUTION IN NORTHERN INDIA

The following is excerpted from “Hindu Extremists,” *Morning Star News*, June 6, 2023: “In the month of April, churches were attacked in Ghazipur District [Uttar Pradesh] every Sunday,’ rights activist Dinanath Jaiswar told *Morning Star News*. ‘Local right-wing groups identified each church in the district and prepared a list. According to the list, they attacked churches and, levying false allegation of forced conversion, sent the pastors to jail. In this way they have been successful in shutting down the churches in the district.’ The number of incidents in Uttar Pradesh rose steeply following implementation of the state law against forcible or fraudulent conversion. The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, originated as Ordinance 2020 that came into effect on Nov. 27, 2020. From

December 2020 through May, 234 people have been arrested and jailed under the statute, none convicted, Jaiswal said, and this year he has recorded 115 anti-Christian incidents in Uttar Pradesh from January until June. ... **The hostile tone of the National Democratic Alliance government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, against non-Hindus, has emboldened Hindu extremists in several parts of the country to attack Christians since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took power in May 2014, religious rights advocates say.** India ranked 11th on Christian support organization Open Doors’ 2023 World Watch List of the countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. The country was 31st in 2013, but its position worsened after Modi came to power.”

LIFE FROM THE BLOOD

The following is from CreationMoments.com:
 “The Bible teaches us that our physical life is in our blood. It also teaches us that our spiritual and eternal life is dependent upon the blood of Jesus Christ. Your heart pumps blood at a speed of more than three feet per second. This means that any given red blood cell will make a full circulatory trip from your lungs and back in only about a minute. But your heart is not the only hard-working part of your circulatory system. Your red blood cells live only about 4 months. In that time, a red blood cell has made over 170,000 trips from your lungs to bring oxygen to every part of your body. That means your body must constantly replace red blood cells. So your body produces about 2 million new red blood cells every second. Your body does this most efficiently by recycling the iron from dead red blood cells into the new red blood cells. Iron, of course, gives the hemoglobin in red blood cells the ability to carry oxygen. As we learn more about our circulatory systems, we see that physical life is a daily gift from God. Yet, it was the life-blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, shed on the cross for us in His holy, innocent suffering and death that makes eternal life possible for us.

Notes: *Science News*, 6/3/06, pp. 346-348, Ben Harder, ‘Blood, Iron, and Gray Hair.’”

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