
FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR SAYS SHE FELT NO SIN AFTER TWO ABORTIONS, CALLS ANTI-ABORTION TEACHING “TOXIC THEOLOGY”

The following is excerpted from “PCUSA pastor teaches on Psalm 139,” *The Christian Post*, Aug. 5, 2023: “A female pastor who is also a Planned Parenthood advisor delivered a sermon in which she said she felt ‘God’s presence’ when she aborted two pregnancies and blasted Evangelicals for their ‘toxic theology’ on the subject. ... [Rebecca] Peters is also a professor of religious studies and founding director of the Poverty and Social Justice Program at Elon University in North Carolina ... Peters claimed that ‘the Bible doesn’t say anything about abortion’ ... Calling Psalm 139 a ‘liberating message of justice and light,’ Peters then read from the text ... She revealed that as a mother of two, she had previously aborted two other pregnancies. ... ‘I can also attest that I felt God’s presence with me as I made the decision to end two pregnancies and I felt no guilt, no shame, no sin.’ ... Her sermon culminated in a stated theological position in which she suggested Bible-believing Christians can be both pro-life and pro-abortion.” **THE HOLY BIBLE SAYS**, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12).



Rebecca Todd Peters

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ABORTION

Abortion is wrong for the following biblical reasons: (1) Man is created in God’s image (Ge. 1:26). (2) God is in control of conception (Ge. 20:18; 29:31; 30:22). (3) God forms the child in the womb. “... thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made ... Thine eyes did see my

THE INFANT IN A WOMAN’S WOMB IS A SEPARATE BODY, A SEPARATE SOUL, A SEPARATE LIFE.

substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them” (Ps. 139:13-16). (4) God forbids man to shed innocent blood, and what is more innocent than an unborn child (De. 19:10-13; 2 Ki. 21:16)? (5) The unborn is not a “fetus”; it is called a “child” and an

“infant” in the Bible (Ge. 25:22; Job 3:16). (6) John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother Elizabeth’s womb at the voice of Mary (Lu. 1:41, 44). Though the unborn Jesus had only been conceived a short time, perhaps a couple of weeks, Elizabeth calls Mary “the mother of my Lord” (Lu. 1:43). (7) God’s law requires punishment if an unborn child is harmed (Ex. 21:22-23). (8) The Bible teaches that the unborn child does not belong to the mother, it belongs to the Creator (Eze. 18:4). The mother is the carrier, not the owner. The infant in a woman’s womb is a separate body, a separate soul, a separate life.

OREGON CLINIC DROPS WOMAN BATTLING BREAST CANCER OVER “TRANSPHOBIA”

The following is excerpted from “Oregon Clinic,” *PJ Media*, Aug. 3, 2023: “Marlene Barbera is an Oregon resident who is fighting breast cancer. Until recently, she was a patient at the Richmond Family Medicine Clinic in Portland and was scheduled for a mastectomy. She will now be forced to seek treatment elsewhere—if that is even an option for her. ... According to an article in *Reduxx*, Barbera noticed a trans pride flag in the reception room of the clinic. She is what is known as ‘gender critical.’ This means she rejects the notions of gender identity. She contacted her doctor via the medical app MyChart, stating: ‘I have been threatened on Twitter by trans activists with rape and death--so it is daunting to go for medical treatment with that banner proclaiming that what I am, an adult human female, is a mere opt-in category for any gender non-conforming male and not a reality. May I please have a telephone appointment to discuss how I may access your medical care without walking under a banner that seeks to negate all I am?’ ... The doctor, who had been her primary care provider for 12 years and had also treated members of her

family, refused to remove the flag. ... Not long after, Barbera received a MyChart message from Oregon Health Science University Practice Manager Stein Berger. She was informed that Richmond is an ‘all-inclusive clinic and we value and advocate for diversity.’ She was also told that her ‘transphobic’ remarks were ‘harmful’ to the staff. Later that day, she got an email from the clinic stating in part: **‘Effective immediately, you are discharged from receiving medical care at the Richmond Family Medicine Clinic. This action is being taken because of ongoing disrespectful and hurtful remarks about our LGBTQ community and staff ... Please note that you are also now dismissed from all OHSU Family Medicine clinics, including Immediate Care clinics.’** Her access to services ended on July 29. She told *Reduxx* that she has nowhere else to go. But she also said: ‘Gender ideology is a religion. I do not subscribe to that religion...’ The most chilling facet of this situation is that the clinic is more than willing to hand Barbera a potential death sentence over a difference of opinion.”

INSANITY AT ST. PHILIPS’S COLLEGE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



Dr. Johnson Varkey

The following is excerpted from “Professor fired,” *The Christian Post*, July 26, 2023: “A Texas biology professor fired for what attorneys say were ‘standard principles about human biology and reproduction’ has filed a complaint against his former employer. Dr. Johnson Varkey, a former adjunct professor at St. Philip’s College in San Antonio, filed a charge of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) after he was fired in January in response to what the community college said were ‘numerous complaints’ about a lesson he taught last fall on human biology, according to Plano-based First Liberty Institute. The complaint--which accused Varkey of ‘religious preaching, discriminatory comments about homosexuals and transgender individuals, anti-abortion rhetoric, and misogynistic banter’--centered on a student walkout in November 2022 after Varkey stated that biological sex was determined by chromosomes X and Y,

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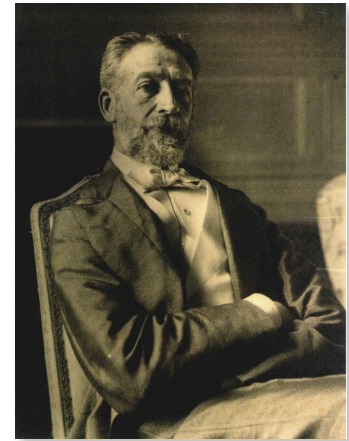
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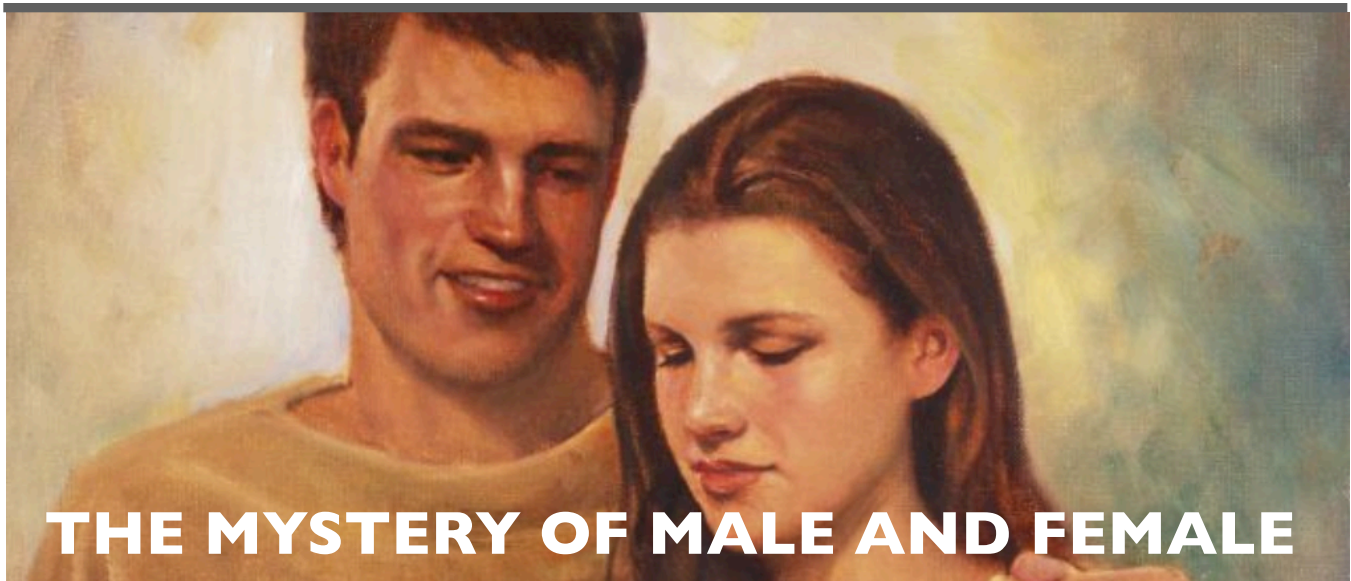
according to attorneys. ... Despite teaching the same 'basic scientific concepts' in Human Anatomy and Physiology to more than 1,500 students since 2004, attorneys say Varkey received positive student feedback and was never disciplined before last November. ... 'As a Christian, I also believe that God has ordained the sexual function for procreation, that children are a gift from God, and that, absent a compelling reason, one should not sterilize oneself,' he wrote. 'Although these are my religious beliefs, I never mentioned them in class. I did not preach any of my beliefs in class. Thus, the allegation that I conducted *religious preaching* is unsubstantiated.' ... Keisha Russell, counsel for First Liberty Institute, said the college clearly violated state and federal law. 'No college professor should be fired for teaching factual concepts that a handful of students don't want to hear,' said Russell."

BARON ROTHSCHILD WANTED TO BUILD THE THIRD TEMPLE

The following is excerpted from "Baron Edmond Rothschild," *Israel Today*, July 21, 2023: "Did you know that a prophecy-minded Jewish philanthropist apparently tried to build the Third Temple over 100 years ago? A rather obscure news item resurfaced some time ago on the Internet provides opportunity to address the matter of Baron Edmond de Rothschild and his efforts to build the Third Temple. The news item relates to an extremely rare book published in 1889, *The Temple of Jerusalem and the House of the Forest of Lebanon*. The book is the painstaking work of two French scholars, Charles Chipiez and Georges Perrot. ... Together, the two produced a comprehensive book that was a daring attempt to produce a kind of a blueprint for the Messianic Temple described by the prophet Ezekiel (chapters 40-42). ... Baron Edmond Rothschild's contribution to the Zionist project is immense and is beyond the scope of this article. Suffice it to say that by 1914, 56% of lands owned by Jews were bought with the Baron's money. Though many view him as a philanthropist, Edmond Rothschild was an avid Zionist who invested so heavily in the Holy Land because he believed Jewish immigration to this region was a realization of prophecy. ... unlike many of the early Zionists, Rothschild objected to the secular version of Zionism. ... he explained that his vision was 'to create the proper conditions that would allow the existence of Judaism and Jewish life ... such a thing is possible only in our Holy Land, where our Holy Law was given and where our prophets and spiritual teachers ... lived and worked.' ... We know for a fact that in 1887 he tried [unsuccessfully] to purchase the Western Wall."



Baron Edmond Rothschild
(1845-1934)



THE MYSTERY OF MALE AND FEMALE

The following is from CreationMoments.com, May 23, 2023: “God created them male and female.’ That simple phrase heaps a world of problems on those who believe in evolution. Evolutionists tell us that in the early stages evolution would have produced creatures that reproduce without the need for male and female. They then suppose that some mutation would have produced the gender differences, but what advantage would these differences offer? Quite the contrary, these differences would be a disadvantage and become quickly selected out. An even more serious problem is that, according to evolution’s history of life, the male and female sexes must have developed in different kinds of creatures *dozens* of times. No one has the slightest idea how one or a dozen mutations could have produced male and female. To change a creature from having no gender into a male or a female requires developing several new organs, changing some others, creating entire new hormone systems, and changing others. New organs and systems would have to be immediately integrated into the workings of the rest of the body. In addition, the independently developed male changes would have to work with the independently developed female changes. Changes would also have to be made in the brains of the new creatures so that they would want to mate with each other. And evolutionists tell us this must have happened dozens of times! Yes, that simple phrase ‘God created them male and female’ leaves evolution with an imponderable mystery. This mystery is solved easily by God’s Word. What a mistake it is to say that the Bible is obsolete in our modern scientific era! REF.: Ocvirek, Steven, ‘The gender gap,’ *Bible-Science Newsletter*, Dec. 1990, p. 5.”

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