FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

APOSTLE JOYNER VISITING HEAVEN AND GIVING NEW REVELATIONS



Rick Joyner of Morningstar Ministries, one of the slew of men and women who falsely claim to be apostles and prophets today, stated recently that he has been visiting heaven and receiving new revelations. On Aug. 6 he tweeted, "I know many many critical events are going on in the world, but I've been visiting heaven, where it seems no one is worried, so I'm not either. I have been getting what may be the most revelation yet about what the Lord is doing, and is about to do." Obviously the Bible is not the sole authority for faith and practice with these people contrary to what Paul taught in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In their lust for new revelations and acceptance of fables (such as latter-day apostles and visitations to heaven), they are fulfilling 2 Timothy 4:3-4. Joyner promotes the Latter Rain Manifest Sons of God heresy, which anticipates a revival of miracles whereby "anointed" believers will usher in the return of Christ. It is also called Joel's Army, Dominionism, the New Breed, and Kingdom Now. In

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A CHURCH THAT IS STANDING FIRM AND RESISTING THE WORLD'S INFILTRATION

The following is excerpted from the video series A Biblical Philosophy of Music by Nathan Searle, Session 4, "Music that Honours the Lord." The church is Southern Cross Baptist Church, Engadine, New South Wales. "We have to be people of discernment. It really is a theological issue. The musicians of the ages past were theologians. They wrote these doctrinally rich hymns, such as the one we are going to sing tonight with the choir, "Arise, My Soul, Arise." That is a beautiful hymn. It is well written musically and is doctrinally amazing! It has about two months of sermons in it. Incredible! The men and women who wrote these hymns, they knew God and they knew music. And they wrote in such a way that their doctrine was pure and their music was pure. And how we need a call for musicians that they will know their God well that they might write music that is pure and in keeping with the character of God. We want to know how this music is getting into the churches. We want to be equipped. When the trumpet

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his books *The Harvest* and *Mobilizing the Army of God*, Joyner claims that a great company of prophets and apostles will be raised up with the spirit of Phineas to take rule; the appearances of angels will be common; the Lord Himself will appear to councils of apostles; miracles will exceed the most spectacular ones recorded in Scripture, with the "anointed ones" not only walking on water but also "walking on air." All of this is supposed to occur before the return of Christ and the Millennium. (See the report "Rick Joyner" at the Way of Life web site.) Joyner believes that contemporary charismatic praise music is at the heart of the end-time miracle revival. He says, "... a mighty army of Christian musicians will capture the attention of a generation to usher in the end-time revival" ("The Prophetic Power of Music," *Charisma*, August 1992). The Lord commended the church at Ephesus for exposing false apostles. "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars" (Revelation 2:2).

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sounds, I don't know about you, but I want to be a part of a local church that is standing firm, that is resisting the temptation to change, resisting the world's infiltration, one that is ready and pure at His coming" (www.scbc.org.au/music.aspx). CONCLUDING NOTE FROM BRO. CLOUD: It is so refreshing and encouraging to see these remnant churches that are standing firm and wisely on the music issue, going up stream, refusing to follow the crowd. They aren't just "using the hymnal" in the typical manner merely as tradition. They are busy educating all of the people, young and old, on the music issue. They are getting increasingly wise about the choice of hymns. They are studying hymns. They are using great hymns to theologically educate the people. They are reaching back to a time of revival and bringing treasures from that time to enrich individual lives, homes, and churches in these times.

CHALLENGE TO PARENTS ABOUT VIDEO GAMES

We received the following from the Netherlands: "A couple of years ago I gave my testimony on video games which you used in some of your literature. ... Sadly games get worse and worse and no sin known to man is shunned anymore by developers. I'd like to make a suggestion which could provide a wake-up call to Christian parents. Maybe it's a good idea to ask parents through your website to just play the games their children play and watch the in-game advertisements as well. After this they can send you the results of their experience through email. My guess the likely result is that a lot of parents are going to be in for a shock. Most parents never watch gameplay videos on YouTube to see for themselves what a game is like or read the 'name of the game' fandom.com pages for information on the game. The website fandom.com is a website that collects fan pages of games, movies and series. Seriously, the vast majority of (Christian) parents don't know what their child is playing nor do they know about the harmful effects of playing video games. They just read the description, which usually is marketing a pack of lies, and think the game is okay."

PUSH BACK AGAINST TRANSGENDER CONVERSION AGENDA

The following is excerpted from "The Cost of Rejecting God's Design," Standing for Freedom, Aug. 6, 2024: "The pervasiveness of truth-rejecting ideology has been on full display at the Paris Olympics, from the perverse opening ceremonies to 'opponents with XY chromosomes' (males) allowed to box biological women. ... No matter your worldview, men and women everywhere should be outraged that this pervasive agenda that panders to sexual perversion and delusion is being platformed and enabled--at the expense of society at large, but especially children. ... When the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus sang, 'We're Coming for Your Children' in 2021, or last year when LGBTQ activists in a New York City parade chanted, 'We're here! We're queer! We're coming for your children!' they weren't kidding. ... Minors are subjecting themselves to treatments that will render them as lifetime medical patients who will continue to suffer and who will never, no matter how hard they try, succeed in 'transitioning' to the opposite sex. ... Sex is determined at conception and is immutable; no amount of hormones, surgery, or 'treatment' will alter the DNA ingrained in every cell. ... The darkness of this atrocity is finally coming to light, thanks to the bravery of whistleblowers like Dr. Eithan Haim and nurse Vanessa Sivadge, who exposed Texas Children's Hospital's undercover transgender operations on minors, and the work of investigative journalists like Brandon Showalter. 'Detransitioners' who woke up to the lies they were fed are now coming out and warning others not to make the same mistakes they did. While states like California are now officially banning teachers from telling parents if their child is identifying as a different gender while at school, over half of states in the U.S. have used the legislative process to protect children from transgender activism. Currently, 26 states ban puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and

mutilating surgeries for minors (though 4 states are currently blocked from enforcing those laws amid legal challenges), while 25 states have made it illegal for biological males to participate in female sports (with 7 states now blocked due to Meanwhile, 15 states regulate legal challenges). classroom instruction on gender/sexual orientation, 13 states mandate the use of publicschool restrooms based on biological sex, and 18 states have codified giving parents the 'fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education, and care of their child.' Eight states have laws defining 'man' and 'woman,' and six states ban public adult performances (drag shows) for minors (with three of those states currently blocked)."

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MUSK SAYS TRANS CHILD FIGURATIVELY "KILLED BY WOKE MIND VIRUS"



The following is excerpted from "Musk says," Fox News, July 22, 2024: "Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk said he was 'tricked' into giving consent for his child to go on puberty blockers, adding that he believes 'the woke mind virus' figuratively killed his son. Musk made the comment in an interview with Dr. Jordan Peterson on Monday after he was asked about his thoughts on doctors performing sex change procedures on children, a practice both Musk and Peterson described as 'evil.' ... [Musk said,] 'I was essentially tricked into signing documents for one of my older boys, Xavier. This is before I had any understanding of what was going on. COVID was going on, so there was a lot of confusion and I was told Xavier might commit suicide if he doesn't...' 'That was a lie right from the outset,' Peterson interjected. 'Incredibly evil, and I agree with you that the people that have been promoting this should go to prison,' Musk responded. ... 'I lost my son, essentally. They call it deadnaming for a reason,

Musk said. 'The reason it's called deadnaming is because your son is dead. My son Xavier is dead, killed by the woke mind virus.' After an extended pause, Musk added, 'I vowed to destroy the woke mind virus after that.' Vivian Musk came out as transgender in June 2022. Around that same time, the then-18-year-old filed a request to change names from Xavier to Vivian and take her mother's last name, the Daily Mail reported. 'I no longer want to be related to my biological father in any way, shape or form,' Vivian said at the time." CONCLUDING NOTE: This is a very sad account. We sympathize greatly with Mr. Musk and we are glad that he is on the warpath against woke, but we also know that the woke virus will not be destroyed by Musk or the woke swamp drained by Trump. Woke is a perverse mind. It is, in the words of Scripture, a reprobate mind. The nation as a whole and these men in particular need the new mind that can come only by repentance toward God and saving faith in Jesus Christ. Only spiritual weapons can defeat spiritual enemies (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). Unless God hears the effectual intercessory prayers of His redeemed people in the Bible-believing churches, churches that are currently far too prayerless, woke will only increase, not only in California but also in Texas and Florida and every other part of the country. The Republican Party itself is moving more toward woke every year, with its growing acceptance of feminism, the homosexual and abortion agenda, etc.

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