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Truth = Creationism

When we speak of gravitation, we think of Newton. How, then, is it that when we study the works of God in creation, we stop short and do not think of God? It is from the error of the schools in having taught those subjects as accomplishments only and thereby separated the study of them from the Being who is the Author of them. . . .

The evil that has resulted from the error of the schools in teaching natural philosophy as an accomplishment only has been that of generating in the pupils a species of atheism. Instead of looking through the works of creation to the Creator Himself, they stop short and employ the knowledge they acquire to create doubts of His existence.

~Thomas Paine, 1787

The <u>debate between Creationism and Darwinism</u> is not new. In fact, this quote by Thomas Paine was written almost a hundred years before Darwin's *Origin of Species* was published. While Charles Darwin may have hypothesized the evolution theory, the lies and attacks against the evidence and faith in an Intelligent Designer have always existed. From the expulsion of the Bible to the forbiddance of prayer, schools have become victims to the era of 'tolerance' and 'acceptance' of all views. However, tolerance and acceptance have come with a price- the erosion of our heritage, principles, and biblical foundations. Science, while overflowing with evidence pointing to an Almighty Being, has been hijacked by the 'theory' of evolution. As seen in Ben Stein's documentary, "Expelled," the Academia of Science brutally shuns those who even question the authenticity or credibility of Darwin's theory.

While academia may be staunch in their agenda to push Darwin's theory into the minds of students, not all young American's are ready to accept an unproven theory as fact, nor are they ready to listen to the attacks and ridicule on evidence that cannot be disputed. Young Thomas Paine's are not sitting quietly and the U.S. public school system is lending an open ear to the truth that is being brought before them.

An Orange County, California, U.S. District Court Judge found James Corbett, a 20-year teacher at Capistrano Valley High School, in violation of a student's first amendment rights, when he <u>bashed Christianity</u> and Creationism in over 20 different remarks, many not even relative or appropriate to the subject he was 'teaching.' Corbett remarked that creationism was nothing more than, "religious, superstitious, nonsense," while leading a class discussion about a 1993 court case in which former Capistrano Valley High science teacher John Peloza sued the Capistrano Unified School District, challenging its requirement that Peloza teach evolution."

"Conservatives don't want women to avoid pregnancies – that's interfering with God's work" and "When you pray for divine intervention, you're hoping that the spaghetti monster will help you get what you want," were just a few of the other comments made by Corbett. Corbett also is reported stating, "When you put on your Jesus glasses, you can't see the truth."

While teachers and professors may try to hide the truth or deliberately confound truth with lies, it is encouraging to see that young Americans and Christians are unwilling to sit back and watch their freedoms and principles and most importantly faith be trampled upon. In a <u>CNN interview</u> with Congressman Mike Pence,

Chris Matthews drew attention to the theory that creationism is not science. While Mike Pence stood firm on his belief in an Intelligent Designer, Matthews practically mocked him by implying that the only reason Rep. Pence believed in creationism was because of his reputation and the image that his constituency had of him.

While Christians may be discouraged by the seemingly overbearing threat that so many of our leaders and national media are imposing on the Christian faith, their mission cannot be defeated. According to Philippians 2:15, Christians are to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. Christians are called to be a light, knowing that what faces them here on earth has already been defeated in the end.

"Marriage" in the States

As Iowans and others are jumping the fence to obtain same-sex marriage licenses, New Hampshire joins them as possibly the 6th state to legalize this form of "marriage." This past week the New Hampshire state senate passed legislation that will legalize the unions of same-sex couples, which will consider them as legal marriages. The bill will return to the House, where they are expected to agree with some important modifications, including conscience protection for clergy, as well as a change in the language on the marriage certificate. It will then proceed to Governor John Lynch's desk for a signature. Governor Lynch, a Democrat, has stood against same-sex marriage in the past, but it is unclear if the Governor will veto the bill. In statements regarding the issues, he expressed that same-sex marriage is an "intensely passionate and personal" issue which, "raises strong emotions from all sides." If the bill reaches the desk of the Governor and it is signed into law, New Hampshire will become the 6th state to allow same-sex marriages, as well as the 3nd state to do so by the Legislature.

On May 5, 2009, the District of Columbia council voted 12-1 in favor of recognizing same-sex marriages from other states. Plans to introduce legislation that would allow the District to legally perform the 'marriages' are also underway. The reality of the issue to be brought before voters is dismal. According to the <u>Washington Post</u>, "Attorney Mark Levine said his analysis of District law found that the same-sex marriage question cannot be put before voters. He noted that local election law forbids a vote on a matter that violates the District's Human Rights Act. The act states that the government cannot "limit or refuse to provide any facility, service, program, or benefit" to any individual on the basis of sexual orientation."

However, supporters for these unions are concerned the effect voters could have on this issue, if their voice is heard. According to council member Phil Mendelson, a supporter of gay marriage, "I have told the GLBT community that they have to make sure there is the public support for this. . . . If there is not, we can try all the maneuvering we want and still be in trouble." While the council may have voted, the residents of the District may demand a vote, in order to express their principles and beliefs.

Maine's governor signed into law this week legislation that will make Maine the 5th state to recognize and allow same-sex marriages. Governor John Baldacci, a Democrat who has previously opposed same-sex marriage, signed the bill stating, "It's not the way I was raised and it's not the way that I am, but at the same time I have a responsibility to uphold the Constitution. That's my job, and you can't allow discrimination to stand when it's raised to your level." The Governor, who due to term-limits cannot seek re-election, signed the bill minutes after it was placed on his desk. The fight has already begun for those who oppose the legislation, and an aggressive campaign is seeking 55,000 signatures to petition the bill and bring it up for a "people's veto". In order for the referendum to occur, all signatures must be submitted 90 days before the Legislature adjourns.

National Day of Prayer

I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that **God** governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this;

I therefore beg leave to move -- that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.

~Benjamin Franklin, June 28, 1787

Thousands gathered this week all across America to pray for the nation during the 58th annual National Day of Prayer. According to the <u>National Day of Prayer Task Force</u>, the mission was to "communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family."

The AACS Legislative Office attended the National Prayer Service on Capitol Hill, where speakers discussed the importance of prayer in the three branches of government, in the military, as in an individual's personal life. Glenn Shepherd of the National Prayer Committee urged Americans in the "absolute necessity to repent." He prayed that the "systems of education" and the "Halls of Justice" would repent of the unrighteousness that has been committed. Beth Moore, author and honorary chairman of the National Day of Prayer task force, was the keynote speaker at the event and encouraged Americans to persevere in prayers. She noted that success is not equal to results, but rather **success occurs the moment the will of God has been obeyed**. Speakers at the event included Michelle Bachmann of Minnesota; General James Amos, Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps; Shaun Alexander, NFL MVP player; and others.

Immediately following the Prayer Service, was a Press Conference promoting <u>House Resolution 397</u>, "America's Spiritual Heritage Resolution". H.RES 397 was introduced by Congressman J. Randy Forbes, Chairman of the <u>Prayer Caucus</u>, with the purpose "to affirm the rich spiritual and religious history of our Nation's founding' by recognizing the faith of our founding fathers and the numerous ways in which religious people have played a role both in and out of government in contributing to the greatness of our country."

The American Association of Christian Schools supports Congressman Forbes' resolution. Dr. Keith Wiebe, President of AACS, states, "On this National Day of Prayer, it is vital that we recognize the rich heritage of faith that makes America great, and that we offer thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on our country." In fact, He suggested, "Many Public officials today decry the recognition of the role of religion on American society citing 'separation of church and state' as at the dubious justification for such fervent antipathy. This attitude has greatly influenced American academia. However, students must learn about the religious history of America, so that they will value the motivation of religion on our founding fathers, beliefs about government and personal responsibility."

The White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs released a statement today in regards to the National Day of Prayer stating, ""I think the president understands, in his own life and in his family's life, the role that prayer plays, and I would denote that the administrations prior to the past one did proclamations. That's the way the president will publicly observe the national prayer day. But, as I said, privately, he'll pray as he does every day." While President Obama 'publically' observed the day 'privately,' he did sign a proclamation establishing May 7, 2009, as the National Day of Prayer.

FCC Regulations Upheld

April 28, 2009, the U.S. Supreme court ruled in favor of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), policy to penalized and fine, live broadcast networks that use a "fleeting expletive," or a slipup of one curse word, before the allowed time slot that begins at 10:00pm. The ruling came after the Fox Television Network appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. With a vote of 5-4, Justices agreed they could not find the policy unconstitutional. Fox Television networks challenged the policy, when well known celebrities stated "fleeting expletives" on an awards program in 2002 and 2003.

While some believe the policy interferes with first amendment rights and free speech, others are thrilled to know their children are protected from inappropriate and ill-mannered language and images. Tim Winter, President of Parents Television Council, applauded the decision, "Today's ruling by the Supreme Court is an

incredible victory for families. The Court has affirmed that the broadcast airwaves do indeed belong to the public, and not to the broadcasters who are granted a license to use the public airwaves for free."

To Read the Official Court Ruling: Supreme Court Ruling on FCC Regulations on Indecency

To read more about the history of this case: <u>Broadcast Indecency</u>

In Case You Missed It

White House Meets with Pro-Life / Pro-Choice Advocates

"The View" debates whether Schools Should Teach Creationism

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