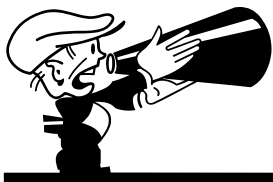


REMINDER

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New Bible Book Study Starts Tonight!

This evening, our Pastor will begin preaching verse-by-verse through the

Gospel of Mark

Written to show Christ as Servant and Prophet, the Gospel of Mark is an eye-witness account of Christ and His ministry as told by Peter and recorded by Mark. It records the fulfillment of Isaiah 40:3, which was written 700 years prior to the birth of Christ, and follows the earthly life and ministry of the Lord.

Be sure and be here every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock as we take a marvelous journey together through this wonderful book in the Bible!



Calling All Young Adults, Young Married's, & All Teens!

Next Week, We'll Begin A New Series During The Sunday School Hour Entitled -

HOW TO DISCIPLE YOUR FAMILY

Many Christian families suffer today because they fail to capture the hearts of their children. Too often they fail to communicate vision, convictions, and wisdom to their sons and daughters. In the battle between pagan culture and the Christian family culture, paganism often wins. To achieve victory, first you must seek it. In the battle for the family, this means making God-honoring and strategic choices which cultivate an environment of honor, faithfulness to Christ, and generationally-minded decision-making. *How to Disciple Your Family: A Plan for Generational Victory* is designed to give parents helpful tools to make this vision a reality.

We'll begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. NEXT SUNDAY in the Conference Room.

Don't Miss This!



Pastor's Corner

Todd M. White

Do You Really Understand What Is Happening To Our Country?

(Part 3)

These past two weeks, we've been looking at what is REALLY happening to our country: How that Humanism - which is a religion which teaches that human wisdom is the answer to all of mankind's problems - has taken over our:

- **GOVERNMENT**
- **EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**
- **MEDIA** (entertainment venues as well as news sources)

This week, we will continue to look at -

THE FIVE BASIC GOALS OF HUMANISM

1. Humanists want to replace religions based on supernatural beliefs (like Christianity) with a religion based only on natural beliefs. They believe *"that any religion that can hope to make a synthesizing and dynamic force for today must be shaped for the needs of this age. To establish such a religion is a major necessity of the present."* No less than eight of the fifteen articles of the first Humanist Manifesto explicitly describe the new religion of humanism.

The first manifesto affirms that **"religious humanists regard the universe as self existing and not created."** Humanists assert *"that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values."* They **"insist that the way to determine the existence and value of any and all realities is by means of intelligent inquiry and by the assessment of their relation to human needs. Religion must formulate its hopes and plans in the light of the scientific spirit and method."** They are convinced that the time has passed for theism. Therefore, *"religious institutions, their ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world."*

While the first Manifesto is plain spoken in its rejection of the supernatural, the second manifesto seems more hostile. It declares that *"traditional dogmatic or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species."* Humanists think that **"promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful."** Traditional religions and other ideologies are said to be **"obstacles to human progress."**

The new religion desired by humanists is intended as a foundation for social changes:

- **"In place of the old attitudes involved in worship and prayer the humanist finds his religious emotions expressed in a heightened sense of personal life and in a cooperative effort to promote social well-being."**

- **"Religious humanism considers" the goal of a man's life "the complete realization of human personality" in the here and now. "This is the explanation of the humanist's social passion."**

- **"It follows that there will be no uniquely religious emotions and attitudes of the kind associated with belief in the supernatural."**

- **"Believing that religion must work increasingly for joy in living, religious humanists aim to foster the creative in man and to encourage achievements that add to the satisfactions of life."**

- For humanists, **"religion consists of those actions, purposes, and experiences which are humanly significant. Nothing human is alien to the religious. It includes labor, art, science, philosophy, love, friendship, recreation - all that is in its degree expressive of intelligently satisfying human living."**

- The religion of humanism therefore need not necessarily include formal worship assemblies. Even so, it is important to emphasize that the religion of humanism wishes not just to influence, nor even to dominate, but rather to control every aspect of human life. In so doing, it desires to remove God and all supernatural beliefs from all human affairs.

If humanists successfully implement this goal, then they will have eliminated the relevancy of God and all other supernatural beliefs from all human affairs. This has already been accomplished in the area of law. One of the most knowledgeable men in America about humanism, Rousas John Rushdoony, declares in his book Christianity and The State, that

"At present, law has been severed from God and is in essence atheistic; it presupposes a sovereign man, not the sovereign God. Churchmen, by their acceptance of contemporary, non-Biblical law, have given assent to atheism as the religion of society. The result has been the virtual disappearance of atheism as an organized movement, because our antinomian churches advocate precisely what atheism worked to introduce, the supplanting of theocratic Biblical law with humanistic statist law. Atheism in the 20th century has conquered church, state, and school. The atheistic vision of a social order stripped of God's law has been realized."

In the field of medicine, humanism is the cause for over a million and a half babies being aborted annually. It is now moving to legalize euthanasia, infanticide, and suicide. In education, humanism has legally removed Bible reading and prayer from public school classrooms. In field after field, little by little, humanists are implementing this goal as they seek to transform, control, and direct all associations and institutions.

(continued next week)

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

❑ **NEW APE-MAN ANNOUNCED** - Evolutionary paleoanthropologists have announced the discovery of a new ape-man they are calling *Ardipithecus ramidus*. Supposedly 4.4 million years old, the first fossils of this creature were found 15 years ago in Ethiopia. A partial skeleton dubbed “Ardi” has been presented to the public by its founders, which include Tim White, who was also involved in the “Lucy” discovery. Ardi has an ape head, ape arms, ape hands, ape legs and feet, and is no compelling reason to say it is anything other than an extinct ape other than the extreme evolutionary bias of modern paleoanthropologists.

Having rejected the God of the Bible, they have been searching for the missing link for 150 years. This is in spite of the fact that evolutionary ape-men have repeatedly turned out to be either hoaxes or cases of mistaken identity (e.g., Neanderthal man, Java man, Piltdown man, Peking man, Nebraska man).

As was the case with previous ape-men, Ardi has her own drawings. She is depicted as an upright creature that has an ape’s head and feet, but otherwise looking like a hairy woman. This is purely mythical. Ardi doubtless looked nothing like a human being. Its founders claim that she walked upright, but, as is the case with Lucy, this is disputed even by other evolutionary scientists. Ian Tattersall, curator of the American Museum of Natural History, admitted to National Public Radio that “some people are even suggesting there’s not much evidence of bipedality at all” (“Researchers Unearth A Hominid More Ancient Than Lucy,” NPR, Science Friday, Oct. 2, 2009). I have observed rhesus macaque monkeys in Kathmandu, Nepal, walking upright for considerable distances, but they are neither “bipedal” nor “missing links.”

Seven years ago, Science magazine reported that “skeptics argue that the published fossils [of Ardi] are so chimplike that they may represent the long-lost ancestor of the chimp, not human, lineage” (Ann Gibbons, “In Search of the First Hominids,” Science, February 15, 2002). Time magazine reported that “looking at the evidence, different paleoanthropologists may have different interpretations of how Ardi moved or what she reveals about the last common ancestor of humans and chimps” (Michael Lemonick and Andrea Dorfman, “Excavating Ardi: A New Piece for the Puzzle of Human Evolution,” Time, Oct. 1, 2009). It is important to understand that the pelvis of Ardi was “found crushed nearly to smithereens and needed extensive digital reconstruction” (Time, Oct. 1, 2009).

We are reminded of the daring reconstruction of Lucy’s pelvis in such a fashion that it now wondrously fits its founder’s hypothesis that it was bipedal.

- David W. Cloud

❑ **IRREDUCIBLE COMPLEXITY EVERYWHERE** - The concept of “irreducible complexity” (IC) as an argument for “intelligent design” was invented by Dr. Michael Behe.

In the book [The Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution](#), he defined IC as “a single system which is composed

of several interacting parts that contribute to the basic function, and where the removal of any one of the parts causes the system to effectively cease functioning.” Among other things, Behe uses the example of the flagellum, a microscopic molecular motor with its own proton power supply, drive shaft, propeller, etc., which can operate at 17,000 rpm and can reverse directions.

The fact is that life is filled with irreducible complexity. The Nobel Prize for Medicine this year went to scientists who discovered *telomerase*, which protects the tips of DNA units. Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, one of the Nobel Prize recipients, said, “*Without telomerase we wouldn’t be here--it’s vital to life*” (The Wall Street Journal, Oct. 6, 2009, p. 14).

Everything about DNA is irreducibly complex, and the phenomenon of interconnectivity and symbiosis is evident throughout creation. The list is endless, from the self-replicating cell to the clock-like movement of the solar system. There are the countless interrelated things that make life on earth possible: water, atmosphere, the earth’s distance from the sun, gravity, the hydrological cycle, the carbon cycle, etc. All of these things work together in a mega example of irreducible complexity, and all of them point to an Almighty Creator.

The Bible says, “*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*” (Romans 1:20). The reason why the some cannot “clearly see” these things is because of spiritual blindness, and there is not a more frightful condition in human existence.

❑ **CANADA’S FOSSIL FOREST** - Axel Heiberg Island in Northern Canada is the closest point of land to the North Pole. The landscape is completely barren today but long ago a dense forest of large meta-sequoia trees grew there. At that time, the climate must have been like Florida today. The stumps of these ‘fossil trees’ have not mineralized and are still wood, that is, cellulose. They are claimed to be 45 million years old.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University studied the hydrogen and oxygen isotopes of the cellulose. These lightweight isotopes are normally quickly lost by evaporation from dead wood but to their surprise the researchers discovered an unusually high content. This means that their rate of evaporation was extremely low. In other words, not only did the trees grow in a humid climate but this climate continued a long time after the trees were destroyed.

Further, cellulose is quickly broken down by bacterial action if exposed to air so that the trees were buried rapidly, deeply and a lot more recently than 45 million years ago. A Creation Moments staff member was present when a sample of this wood was used to calibrate the equipment at a well-known Carbon 14 dating laboratory. Believing the wood to be 45 million years old it should contain no Carbon 14 **but in fact it did and dated at only 41 thousand years!**

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NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly
 Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly
 6:00 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Piper Martin
 Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White


AND THE PEOPLE CAME...


Week of October 4, 2009

Sunday School ----- 23
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 33
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 25
 Wed. Eve. Service, 10/07/09 ----- 23

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of October 4, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings -----  \$ 989.00
 New Hymnals Fund ----- \$ 30.00
 Total Received for Week of 10/04/09: \$ 1,019.00

Average amount of *Undesignated Offerings* needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

NEW HYMNAL FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 1,693.00

NEW PIANO FUND

Offerings Received To Date: \$ 574.00

PARSONAGE RENOVATION FUND

Total Received, To Date: \$ 449.00



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. Admit that you are a sinner.
2. Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.
3. Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.
4. You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).
5. By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today* - OK? Thank you.

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