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Posted by Cal at 13:30

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

This is the time of year for many Denominations to have their national conventions. That does not mean what they accomplish is good. There was one here in our Civic center last weekend. It featured challenging messages about God and spreading His Word and carrying on the work of His Kingdom. There was much Bible study and prayer time. Thousands of Believers had wonderful fellowship. Sounds good, right? Many Christians would say Yes. With all this going on the convention had to be good. But these Believers were "Jehovah Witnesses" who are not, in any sense, evangelical Christians. Having a convention with preaching, prayer and Bible study does not make any convention of any Denomination good. Before evaluating these activities, we must evaluate the doctrines of the group that undergird the activities. What do the speakers and the "Believers" believe? Is what they say the Bible says really what the Bible says? The Theme for this particular convention was "Guided by God's Spirit." That sounds so good, it is the theme of many groups. It is a very popular motto (mantra) these days in church circles. "Come, let us listen to the Spirit. Let us listen to what the Spirit is telling us." This, too, sounds good doesn't it? But what "Spirit" is meant? And how does the Spirit speak? We must not be naïve. We must not make assumptions. In the case of the local JW convention the theme is not about the Holy Spirit at all. The "Jehovah Witnesses" are not Trinitarian. They do not believe in the person of the Holy Spirit. In fact, they deny the Trinity and to them the "Spirit" of God is simply the impersonal power or energy of God at work. The Spirit is the spirit (lower case). I don't know how an impersonal energy speaks or guides. The Holy Spirit speaks and guides through the Scripture (and I do not mean the so-called "New World Translation" of the Scripture!). Buyer beware! Everything that glitters like gold is not gold. This warning is appropriate for every church convention out there.

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 18:45

Saturday, June 21, 2008

BEWARE "ISLAMOPHOBIA"

In the post below, about the negative consequences of the legalization of so-called "Gay Marriage" for society over time, I linked to articles that spelled out the potential threat to both freedom of Speech and Religion: woe to any who dare criticize or disagree with homosexual behavior. The language of Civil Rights will be used to deny those very Rights on behalf of special interest groups. Elsewhere on this Blog I have written against the danger of the steady increase of laws against so-called Hate Crimes- some Authority, representing the Civil Government, reading the thoughts and determining the intention in the mind of the doer of specific actions. This raises the specter of "The Thought Police" common in much fiction and many movies. Ironically, the "hate crime" may well be in the thought and intentions of those who bring accusations of hate crime against those who disagree with them. A very chilling example in the current news is the attempt by Islamic groups to make it illegal for anyone to criticize Islam. This, they say, would be the hate crime of "Islamophobia", which is compared to Homophobia. This attempt, if successful, is another threat to our freedoms of Speech and Religion. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121382874218086413.html?mod=djemEditorialPage>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 17:56

Thursday, June 19, 2008

THE DANGERS IN LEGALIZING "GAY MARRIAGE"

My concern here is not with the subject of "same sex marriage", but with the consequences for society of its legal and social acceptance. The consequence is disastrous. Our newspaper editorials frequently celebrate the growing legal and social acceptance of "gay marriage", first here in Massachusetts and now in California. Letters to the local paper love to indicate that the world has not stopped turning. The sky has not fallen. There have been only salutary consequences for society. There is nothing to fear. All will be well. Here are two articles that argue the contrary. Not only is the entire concept of traditional "Marriage" itself endangered, but so are the freedoms of Speech and Religion. <http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-stern17-2008jun17,0,5628051.story><http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=ZGNmODNiMjI0MTQ1MTQwNGM4N2YyNmVhY2UyZTE0OWY>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 21:16

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

FATHERS AND POVERTY

A friend went to a conference recently. It was about seeking solutions to the problem of poverty in America. When I see him I will ask if they addressed the issue of children growing up without their biological fathers in the home. There are at least 24 million children (one out of three) in this situation today. This is one of the major predictors of poverty.- Children in father-absent homes are five times more likely to be poor. In 2002, 7.8 percent of children in married-couple families were living in poverty, compared to 38.4 percent of children in female-householder families. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Children's Living Arrangements and Characteristics: March 2002, P200-547, Table C8. Washington D.C.: GPO, 2003.- During the year before their babies were born, 43% of unmarried mothers received welfare or food stamps, 21% received some type of housing subsidy, and 9% received another type of government transfer (unemployment insurance etc.). For women who have another child, the proportion who receive welfare or food stamps rises to 54%. Source: McLanahan, Sara. The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study: Baseline National Report. Princeton, NJ: Center for Research on Child Well-being, 2003: 13.- A child with a nonresident father is 54 percent more likely to be poorer than his or her father. Source: Sorenson, Elaine and Chava Zibman. "Getting to Know Poor Fathers Who Do Not Pay Child Support." Social Service Review 75 (September 2001): 420-434.- When compared by family structure, 45.9% of poor single-parent families reported material hardship compared to 38.6% of poor two parent families. For unpoor families who did not experience material hardship, 23.3% were single-parent families compared to 41.2% of two-parent families. Source: Beverly, Sondra G., "Material hardship in the United States: Evidence from the Survey of Income and Program Participation." Social Work Research 25 (September 2001): 143-151.3Excellent resource on this subject:https://www.fatherhood.org/father_factor.asp

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 13:51

LESSONS FROM THE POOR

"Government aid impedes success and creates dependence, while entrepreneurs create success and independence." "Listening to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton repeat stories they claim to have been told by the poor and the unemployed, who are unable to pay for food and medicine and feel miserable about it, is enough to make one think we are living in a Third World dictatorship and not the United States of America. But victimhood and a "can't do" spirit is what the Democratic Party has mostly been about since the Great Depression. A more positive narrative comes from a new book, "Lessons from the Poor: Triumph of the Entrepreneurial Spirit," edited by Alvaro Vargas Llosa and published by the Independent Institute." <http://jewishworldreview.com/cols/thomas061008.php3>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 13:48

CAL THOMAS QUOTES:

[Government mandated] "wealth redistribution [is] an economic philosophy at the center of the former Soviet Union. [Some politicians] wish to embrace it now in order to make more people dependent on government, rather than encourage people to rely on themselves and the opportunity America offers to most citizens, even illegal aliens. Guaranteed equal outcome is socialism." "America was built on and sustained by a "can do" spirit. Today, too many are taught a "can't do" spirit. They are told that because of factors over which they have no control - race, class, poverty - it is impossible for them to do anything for themselves and so they must increasingly rely on government. Government doesn't cure poverty. It merely sets up barriers that ensure that too many poor people will remain locked in poverty." <http://www.calthomas.com/index.php?news=2294>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 13:44

JUST WONDERING...

If anyone is choosing to repent of their sins and turn to God because of the devastation caused by the current floods and

tornadoes in this country? Whether tough economic times is leading anyone to permanently cut back on their materialistic, hedonistic lifestyles? If people have learned that greed and overextending their reach is foolish and won't do it anymore? Whether teens who can't find jobs because they do not have the proper education because they dropped out, will go back to school to learn the skills necessary to qualify for the jobs that are available? If the price of fuel oil will become and remain high enough to make people choose to live and work closer to family, church and local community? If so, all these so-called hardships may turn out to be a blessing in disguise!

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 13:40

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPENS WIDE

One parachurch organization my wife and I are glad to regularly support is Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham and his team seems to be doing an excellent work. His impressive current newsletter describes the generous and very timely relief work being done in both China and Burma, as well as ongoing efforts to share the Gospel. Samaritan Purse provides a solid testimony to the Grace and compassion of God <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 13:37

Saturday, June 14, 2008

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

I believe in God and I believe that God has revealed Himself and His will and that this Revelation or Word from God comes generally through His Works, i.e.- Creation and in a special way in the form of Scripture- all Scripture. I understand folks who just want to follow a part of the whole Bible and want to be known as New Testament Christians only. Others want to follow the first three Gospels or a part of them, often the Sermon on the Mount. A few specialize in the Gospel of John. Still others major in the Book of Acts and particularly what they believe it teaches about the Church. Some focus on the letters of the Apostle Paul. According to many these days, all we must do is listen to Jesus and follow him and live as he did. Never mind that we do not have a complete biography of him. We have material that covers maybe only 100 days of his 33 years and most of that material is about his last week on earth.

The entire Bible, all Scripture, is inspired by God. All of it is His Word, not just a few portions and certainly not just a few sentences that some versions print in red. All of it is Revelation from God and authoritative. Realizing this made a huge difference in my faith and life. I seek now to be a whole Bible Christian. Instead of asking "What would Jesus do?" or even, "What is the Christian thing to do?", it is far better to ask, "What is Biblical?" "What is the Biblical perspective?" Based on the entire Bible approach, here is the answer to the question: "How we are to live as a disciples of Christ?" To live as Christ did when he walked among us, means to live a life totally centered in God and in obedience to His revealed will in all areas of life, no matter what the price. That is what a Disciple of Jesus does. Nothing less. Briefly. I will repeat here again what I have often written on this Blog. There are seven Biblical Principles. All are essential and the order in which they are achieved is also essential. A Disciple of Christ's first passion and commitment is Evangelism. This means promoting and spreading the Gospel of Grace (as explained in the posts before this one.) This involves seeking, before all else, the Redemption of as many people as possible. It means seeking Biblical Conversions and the assimilation of those new Believers into the life of the Church. Second, the Disciple of Christ is committed to being Pro-Life and passionate about promoting and preserving the dignity and value (the health and well-being) of every human being, every Person, as well as the human community. Third, a Disciple of Christ is Pro-Environment and passionate about responsible stewardship and development of the natural world, the Creation of God. Fourth, a Disciple of Christ is Pro-Marriage and Family, promoting life-long partnerships of husbands (men) and wives (women) and the multigenerational, extended families. Fifth, the Disciple of Christ promotes Economic Development, meaning promoting opportunities for all to own and care for property, as well as developing private industry and business. Sixth, the Disciple of Christ is committed to constitutional civil government with Laws and Justice for all. Seventh, the Disciple of Christ will work to establish and protect the economic and political freedoms necessary for all of the above to be achieved. What does it mean to follow Christ? All of the above! But, in describing what a Disciple of Christ does, we must always keep in mind who a Disciple is. A Disciple of Christ is a sinner who has heard and personally experienced the Gospel of Grace and who is in love with the God of Grace. The well spring of his (or her) life of discipleship is worship and prayer. S/he is a person filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit and saturated with the Scripture. Discipleship is a life for others grounded and rooted in a deep spiritual life within. A Disciple will be motivated and energized in what s/he does by a heart for God and the heart for others that comes from that.

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 16:02

WHICH JESUS DO WE MEAN?

Many Southern Baptist Bloggers are weighing in with their thoughts about their recent Annual Convention. One of them, whose site is labeled as "Downshore Drift", writes a sentiment that I have read on several Blogs- "Southern Baptists are strongest when we focus on Jesus and ALL work together to carry out His mission." I can't believe people say this. Sounds good, but what does this actually mean? "Let's just focus on Jesus" is a bromide. Presbyterians say the same thing. So do Episcopalians and Lutherans! Both Liberals and Conservatives! Can the slogan have the same meaning for each of these groups?

For it to have meaning, we must clarify "Who Christ is" and the answer to that is usually determined by "Who's Christ?" Each group assumes that the Christ in question refers to the One in whom they believe. "What is there to question," they might say to me, "we know who Christ is!" But in his book, *Jesus through the Centuries*, Jaroslav Pelikan describes 18 different historic views of the one called Jesus. Jesus himself may be the same, yesterday and forever, but at various times, each of the 18 views has been held by groups convinced that their view was the true one- their Jesus was the real Jesus who abides forever. The Baptist blogger said Baptists "are strongest when we focus on Jesus". Which Jesus? Which of the 18 popular views is the Southern Baptist view? Even that is an inadequate

question because there are different views among Southern Baptists. Without descriptive modifiers, the Blogger's statement is vacuous. All this applies also to the admonition to "carry out (Christ's) mission". Exactly what is that mission? Again, the Blogger assumes his readers both know and agree about what it is. But do we? There are very different ideas about the mission of Christ among Christians. Different views of Christ lead to different views as to what his Mission might be. Without defining the phrase, "His Mission", the Blogger's exhortation is really void of meaning.

Posted by Cal in Theological Issues at 09:42

WHAT IS THE FAITH THAT SAVES?

It was once common for churches to use the slogan: "The Blood, the Book and the Blessed Hope". There is a reason why we rarely hear this Motto today. Self-professing "Evangelicals" do not give much importance or attention to these three "Bs". The Blessed Hope is, of course, the Hope of Christ's imminent Return- the Second Coming. The Book is the Bible understood as God's Word (Revelation) written, inerrant and infallible and the ultimate authority for our faith and practice. The Blood is the full and complete Atonement that Christ offered on the cross by his death, a penal substitution sufficient to cover the sins of the world. The intentional death of Christ both expiates our sin and guilt (appeases or satisfies the demands of God's Law or Justice) and propitiates God (removes the cause of His wrath toward us, thus gaining His favor) once for all. This is why Jesus came to earth. This was his primary mission. It was necessary for both our salvation and the defeat of Satan.

It is not essential to Salvation that one believe in the Book or the Blessed Hope, although study will reveal that they are connected. It is essential to believe in the Blood. This is very basic, yet I have come to realize that many who say, "Yes, I believe in Jesus" do not mean, "I believe in Jesus' death or that his death was a necessary sacrifice for my sins." But that is exactly what faith in Jesus does mean. For many, following Jesus and being his disciple (which usually means practicing a lifestyle of compassion, especially toward the poor and marginalized) does not have anything to do with faith in a doctrine about a blood sacrifice to satisfy the Law of God and propitiating His wrath. There simply is no connection. I need to make this clear. People who do not believe in the classic Gospel of Grace promulgated by Paul, M. Luther, J. Calvin and T. Cranmer (Anglican Reformer), are not saved, as those men understood Salvation. In fact, I have come to realize that "Disciples only" or so-called "Red Letter Christians" (those for whom being a Christian is living a life according to the words of Jesus printed in red in many New Testaments, which they interpret in terms of social ministry) have a very different understanding of the Gospel and Salvation and of Christ, than those 16th Century Reformers had and that this Calvin has. Increasingly, people speak about believing in Jesus, having a personal relationship with Jesus, following Jesus, being a disciple of Jesus. Jesus, they declare, is their Lord and Savior, their Teacher and Model. He is their Friend, Comforter and Guide. They share how Jesus has changed their life, made them a new or different person. He has given them meaning, purpose, peace. He is everything to them. It is possible to speak this way and still not have saving faith. None of this is the same as the faith that saves. The true (Scriptural) Gospel is "The Gospel of Grace" and that includes five key doctrines in its definitive expression: "Sinners are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone to the Glory of God alone. This is based on Scripture alone." "Faith in Christ alone", by which sinners are saved, primarily means faith in the saving work of Christ alone, not faith in Christ himself alone or being a disciple of Christ or having a personal relationship with Christ. It has become necessary to spell this out because so many today are projecting a Jesus of their own making, professing faith in that projection and claiming such faith saves. By locating the object of saving faith in the Blood of Jesus, we are prevented from falling into this error. Again, faith in the person of Jesus alone without any reference to his blood sacrifice is not saving faith. The noun, "Faith" (pistis) means assent, but it also must mean trust, reliance, commitment. This is particularly clear with the verb "believe" (pisteuo) accompanied by the preposition "into" (eis) indicating motion: believe into or rely on or commit to Christ. In John, the object of saving faith is the person of Jesus or the fact of who Jesus is, i.e. - the Christ. The Gospel of John assures us that all who come to Jesus have eternal Life. However, it makes clear, that "coming to Jesus" means coming to his atoning sacrifice, eating and drinking (appropriating, receiving) his flesh and blood given for the life of the world (Chapter 6). Believing in Jesus means believing in his sacrificial death. Believing that Jesus is the Christ is believing in the work of the Christ as the Servant of God who suffered and died for the sins of the world. This is not at all the same as coming to Jesus' teaching about servant love and leadership and committing oneself to follow Jesus' example and obeying that teaching. We must not substitute the latter for the former. In Paul, saving faith is intellectual assent to the truth of the Atonement accompanied by personal trust in or reliance on that Atonement alone for salvation (Romans 3:25) or in the Promises of God alone that those who believe in the Atonement are saved (Romans 4:16-22). That is saving faith. Believing that Jesus is the Son of God and the Model for how we are to live is not saving faith. Commitment to be his disciple and to attempt to live as he lived is not saving faith. Saving faith is faith in the saving work of Jesus, i.e.- in the "Blood". Trust in Jesus is total personal reliance, not on Jesus himself, but on His saving work alone for salvation. Trust in the Blood alone for salvation is not meritorious. It is a gift given to the Elect by God who has chosen them to have it. It proceeds from His work of regeneration in their hearts upon their hearing the Gospel.

That rebirth sets their will free from its bondage to the sin nature within, inherited at birth. Thus the will is free to make the choice to trust Christ, relying on His Death alone to atone, which it otherwise would not. (The unregenerate always chose to save themselves.) Having been regenerated and having received the gift of saving faith, the new Believer also has received the gift of repentance. That means s/he has a new mind, a new perspective on what life is about. S/he now wants to live for the One who died for her or him. Saving faith has led to union with Christ and justification in Him, which is the forensic imputation (not impartation) of Christ's (external) righteousness and a standing or position in grace before God as well as adoption as a son of God. Adoption means that God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to indwell the Believer. That indwelling Spirit motivates and empowers the Believer to obey and serve Christ. Thus begins the life-long process of sanctification or holiness or becoming like Christ. This sanctification is the evidence that the profession of saving faith is genuine. [This paragraph is loaded with Scriptural doctrine and needs to be unpacked.]

Posted by Cal in Theological Issues at 09:34

Thursday, June 12, 2008

DISCOVERING WHAT CAL HAS WRITTEN

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Posted by Cal at 18:27

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

KING HEROD AND THE PRICE OF GAS AT THE PUMP

Here's another side to the high price of gas at the pump that we rarely hear and another example about Civil Government overstepping its boundaries- and that, under pressure from the public to do so.http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2008/06/04/no_profits_no_oil/Another area of concern is Civil Government and Universal Health Care And Housing, especially now the problem of Foreclosures And Education And Marriage And ...Generally speaking, the Civil Government has the God-given responsibility of protecting its citizens from crime and violence and threats to life, i.e.- Law & Order. It does not have a God-given responsibility to provide Welfare and Social Services from cradle to grave for everyone or to solve all our problems and troubles. We citizens are not entitled to all of that, though many believe they are. Those latter matters are the responsibility of individuals themselves and/or Parents, extended Families, Churches, Businesses and local Communities, i.e.- the Private Sector. "Beware Big Brother Big Government" is not just a simplistic bumper sticker slogan of paranoid Right Wingers, but is based on Biblical admonitions. The God we worship, trust and obey is not Civil Government! The latter is meant to serve Him, too, on His terms.Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body; ... they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. The people kept shouting, 'The voice of a god, and not of a mortal!' And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. -Acts 12:19-23

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 08:55

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

A MAJOR DANGER IN DEALING WITH GLOBAL WARMING

"An unprecedented radical government grab for control of the American economy will be debated this week when the Senate considers saving the planet by means of a cap-and-trade system to ration carbon emissions." What many Christians are missing is the Biblical teaching about Civil Government. All government derives from God. The ultimate Government is on His shoulders. All valid power and authority belongs to Him. He has delegated some of His authority to rule to Husbands and Parents (within a Marriage and Family), other authority to the Church, still other authority to Civic Organizations (for organizing and maintaining the educational, economic, civic and cultural activities of a Community and then to Civil (State and Federal in America) Government itself. Each Sphere has its boundaries and is not to get cross over or interfere with the others. This is known as Sphere Sovereignty. In God's Plan, Civil Government has its purpose, but it is always seeking more- control over the other Spheres. When it does it is on the way to Totalitarianism and Citizens are on their way to Idolatry. All this means Christians should be very wary of civil government and its reach into our lives. Instead of doing that, many Christians welcome and seek an ever larger role for Civil Government over our daily lives (the other Spheres). We must be ever vigilant against Socialism. This is one of the major reasons we all should be very leary about the involvement of Civil Government in the matter of Global Warming. That there is climate change is true. How much of it is caused or even effected by Human Beings is debatable. That many people and organizations are into exploiting this issue for their own agenda and personal gain is undeniable. That Civil Government can use this issue for more control over our lives is very possible and probable. That is what George Will is writing about in this column. Read his column here <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/05/30/AR2008053002521.html>

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 21:53

RELIGION WITHOUT POLITICS?

A local TV news program was interviewing people on the street tonight. The Question: Should Religion be kept out of Politics? The unanimous reply: Absolutely! Religion is private, they said, and should not be mixed with politics, economics or even social issues. What kind of Religion, we may ask, would that be? It would be a Religion without values, principles to live by or morals. Or are those also private matters having nothing to do with living our lives in society? Does Religion have nothing to say about character and human relations? Does it offer no guidance about social justice and the care of the marginalized and oppressed? What kind of Religion has no connection with health and wealth? Has it nothing to offer to counter greed and selfishness, not only in our private lives, but in our national lives as well. Our Nation has the world's largest Prison System with more people incarcerated than any other country in the world. What kind of Religion has nothing to say about that or about terrorism or war or violence? These people interviewed must think Religion is confined only to mystical inner feelings and maybe to events like weddings and funerals. They certainly do not know anything about Biblical Christianity! There is an increasingly popular twist on this scenario. There are many young "Evangelicals" who also insist that the Religion they believe in should be kept separate from politics and cultural issues. This is strange because they are very concerned, even passionate, about changing the world, including its Politics and cultural issues. Turns out what these young Evangelicals mean is that Religion should be kept separate from what they perceive the Religious Right and the Republic Party stand for. In practice their Religion is more compatible with the Religious Left and the Democratic Party. I really wish I had the opportunity to show them what the Bible actually says about Politics and social, economic issues. They have a lot to learn! http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/01/us/01evangelical.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

Posted by Cal in QT Thots at 18:54

THE RELIGION OF ENVIRONMENTALISM

"The largest threat to freedom, democracy, the market economy and prosperity," warns Czech President Vaclav Klaus, "is no longer socialism. It is, instead, the ambitious, arrogant, unscrupulous ideology of environmentalism." "For a century, an ambitious, arrogant, unscrupulous knowledge class -- social planners, scientists, intellectuals, experts and their left-wing political allies -- arrogated to themselves the right to rule either in the name of the oppressed working

class (communism) or, in its more benign form, by virtue of their superior expertise in achieving the highest social progress by means of state planning (socialism). Two decades ago, however, socialism and communism died rudely, then were buried forever by the empirical demonstration of the superiority of market capitalism everywhere ... [and that it has] lifted more people out of poverty more rapidly than ever in human history. Just as the ash heap of history beckoned, the intellectual left was handed the ultimate salvation: environmentalism. Now the experts will regulate your life ... in the name of Earth itself. Environmentalists are Gaia's priests, instructing us in her proper service and casting out those who refuse to genuflect. (See Newsweek above.) And having proclaimed the ultimate commandment -- carbon chastity -- they are preparing the supporting canonical legislation that will tell you how much you can travel, what kind of light you will read by, and at what temperature you may set your bedroom thermostat."Read the entire article by Charles Krauthammer here-<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/05/29/AR2008052903266.html>

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