

Monday, June 18. 2012

WHY THE EUROPEAN CRISIS MUST MATTER TO CHRISTIANS

Read the first article and follow the two links to other articles that give a good, understandable analysis of what is happening in Europe and why we as Americans must care. You can also find reasons to be thankful for our Constitution and American Federalism. That in turn, if you follow what I have written on my website, gives reasons to be thankful for the Biblical Heritage upon which the United States is founded. We ignore it to our peril.

<http://campaign2012.newamerica.net/content/0143-why-obama-and-romney-dont-want-talk-about-europe>

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/06/12/12_signs_of_the_europocalypse?page=0,4

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2012/06/10/niall-ferguson-on-how-europe-could-cost-obama-the-election.html>

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 19:29

CALVINBALL

Here is an explanation of the political game being played in Cairo

http://lynch.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/06/18/calvinball_in_cairo

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Saturday, June 16, 2012

NEW DEVOTIONALS POSTED

Four of my devotionals (QT Thots) are now available at
http://kudospress.com/serendipity/index.php?/pages/library/QT_Thots_June2012.html
Their Theme is Resurrection

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Thursday, June 14, 2012

Steve Saint in accident testing invention for missionaries

Son of martyred missionary Nate Saint invented flying car to advance indigenous missions. This is a fascinating story of a fascinating person and his fascinating testimony and . Read his letter below the fold here and on his FB page.
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2012/juneweb-only/steve-saint-partly-paralyzed-testing-new-missionary-tech>.

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 14:04

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

AMERICA'S MILITARY ACTIONS AND HUMANITARIANISM

"The invasion of Iraq proved that the actions of a democracy are not necessarily benign and can even be disastrous in terms of their effects on human lives. But all the available alternatives to American leadership -- which includes a large military footprint around the globe -- would be worse."

"America may not be pure. But if you want purity, you'll get anarchy. For a world without America as a great military and diplomatic power would be one far more violent than the present one. World peace is preserved daily out of sight and over the horizon, with American warships patrolling the high seas."

<http://www.stratfor.com/>

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SIGNS OF DANGER IN EUROPE

This article is a good explanation of what is happening in the European Union and the issues involved. Why should Christians be concerned? Because the Bible clearly and repeatedly warns of the evils of Totalitarianism. What could develop in Western Europe in the near future is a European Union in which all the sovereign Nations (and their citizens) could well surrender their political control to that of a economic Elite' under the control of one Nation, Germany. Furthermore, the Bible makes it very clear that someday there shall be a one world government and its titular head shall be the Anti-Christ. This idea is ridiculed by many Christians today as Fundamentalist nonsense. Well, keep reading your papers about the European Union with the possibility that the Bible is correct in mind. What is happening there before our eyes could well be prophecy fulfilled.

<http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/spain-debt-and-sovereignty>

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Monday, June 4, 2012

NEW ARTICLES ON WEBSITE

Bible Study on Gifts of the Spirit and Speaking in Tongues

Comparison of Types of Worship Services

The Juvenilization of the Church

Saving Christ's Substitutionary Death

The Need to Update Your Church Website

What Fruit Does Christ Expect from the Church?

<http://www.reformedliving.org/>

Please Note the buttons to link this and every Blog Post to FB and Twitter

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Sunday, June 3, 2012

DOMA RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY MASS COURT

"A federal appeals court ruled [last week] that the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) is unconstitutional. The First Circuit Court of Appeals, whose jurisdiction includes Massachusetts, said that DOMA imposes a burden on both states and couples without a legitimate federal purpose. The decision is expected to be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

"According to the court decision, DOMA affects more than 1,000 references to marriage in federal laws. As a result, same-sex couples who are married in U.S. states are denied substantial benefits from the federal government. Same-sex couples cannot file joint federal tax returns. Spouses cannot collect Social Security survivor benefits. Federal employees cannot share their health insurance with their spouses.

"The First Circuit ruled that the burden placed on the more than 100,000 same-sex couples could not be justified. It rejected the argument that the underlying purpose of DOMA was "hostility toward homosexuality." Support for traditional marriage, said the Court, did not mean moral disapproval of same-sex couples.

http://blog.christianitytoday.com/ctpolitics/2012/05/doma_decision_

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 21:08

CASHING IN ON BREAST CANCER

"A new documentary called Pink Ribbons, Inc., from filmmaker Léa Pool, explores how and why breast cancer awareness (also called "pink ribbon culture") became such big business, and whether heightened "awareness" is really making a difference in the lives of real women. The film's central thesis is that years ago, corporations and philanthropists discovered that fear, carefully cultivated, inspires passion, and that passion can be directed to their own financial gain.

"And so the launch of breast cancer awareness campaigns, and a month-long glut of products decorated with pink ribbons. Through interviews and research, Pink Ribbons, Inc., argues that American women have been told to take ownership of breast cancer, whether or not they have it or know someone who has, and this has created more a drive to purchase endless pink products than to find a cure.

http://blog.christianitytoday.com/women/2012/06/cashing_in_on_breast_cancer_

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Saturday, June 2, 2012

IS U.S. RIGHT IN SUPPORTING ISRAEL?

Does the Land of Israel belong to the Jews?

Granted that the borders of the "Land" have often changed, but do the Jews have a valid claim over the Arabs to the core area of Israel? Did God give it in perpetuity to the Jews. Is it inalienably their "Land"? Here is some History- God gifted it to Abraham and his descendents, through the line of Isaac and Jacob- Genesis 12:6-7, 13:14-17, 26:1-5, 28:13, et al [Note a People called Canaanites already occupied the Land]

Does this, should this, make a difference to American Foreign Policy?

Joshua (after the Exodus) led the 12 Tribes of Israel from Egypt into the occupied Land around 1250 BC and it remained in Jewish control until 588 BC and then it was conquered in succession by the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman and (Orthodox Christian) Byzantine Empires until 636 AD.

Muslim Arabs were in control from 636 until 1099. Muslims and Christians fought over the Land for 200 years (the "Crusades"). During this period, the Jewish population was decimated by the invaders or emigrated, mostly into other Mediterranean Countries and Europe.

The Muslim Mamluk peoples of south central Europe (Turkish Eurasian People groups) controlled it from 1291 to 1516 and then the Muslim Ottoman Empire was in control until WWI. The British Empire were officially in control from 1917 until 1948. British Foreign Minister Balfour pledged support in 1917 for establishment of a "Jewish national home in Palestine" but also gave civil and religious rights to non-Jews living there. Jewish immigrants began repopulating the Land. This would increase greatly as Jews became victims of virulent antisemitism and the Holocaust in Germany and Eastern Europe. In the Land, Terrorist acts began between both Jews and Muslim Arab groups in the late 20s into the 40s. The State of Israel was officially proclaimed in 1948. It was immediately invaded by 5 Arab States but successfully repelled them and signed Armistice Agreements with them all.

At the end of six days of fighting in 1967, previous cease-fire lines were replaced by new ones, with Judea, Samaria, Gaza, the Sinai peninsula and the Golan Heights under Israel's control. As a result, the northern villages were freed from 19 years of recurrent Syrian shelling; the passage of Israeli and Israel-bound shipping through the Straits of Tiran was ensured; and Jerusalem, which had been divided under Israeli and Jordanian rule since 1949, was reunified under Israel's authority.

There has been constant strife and conflict between Arabs and Israel ever ever since. Many Christian groups seem to be strongly biased towards the Arabs. Many of the latter (including the Nation of Iran) are sworn enemies of Israel and are officially committed to eradicating Jews from the Land and antisemitism is strong in the Region.

The Question remains: Does the Land known as Israel belong to the Descendents of Abraham (through the line of Isaac, not Ishmael)? If it does, according to the Bible, should Christians support an American Foreign Policy that favors Israel?

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THE CHRISTIAN WHO SPLIT HIS PANTS

Did I ever tell you about the young Zoad? Who came to a sign at the fork of the road? He looked one way and the other way too - the Zoad had to make up his mind what to do. Well, the Zoad scratched his head, and his chin, and his pants and he said to himself, "I'll be taking a chance.

If I go to Place One, that place may be hot. So how will I know if I like it or not. On the other hand, though, I'll feel such a fool if I go to Place Two and find it's too cool. In that case I may catch a chill and turn blue. So Place One may be best and not Place Two.

Play safe," cried the Zoad, "I'll play safe, I'm no dunce. I'll simply start off to both places at once." And that's how the Zoad who would not take a chance Went no place at all with a split in his pants.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/the-zoad-in-the-road->

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF AMERICAN CULTURE

1. Be a Success
2. Be Tolerant

3. Have Lots of Fun
4. Shop till You Drop
5. Just Do It
6. Get Tough, Don't Whine
7. Stand Up for Your Rights
8. Don't Waste Time
9. Think for Yourself
10. Work Hard

Which of these Commandments do you obey? Which ones are Biblical? Christian?

For a good description of each one see

<http://www.gmi.org/products/books/american-cultural-baggage/ten-commandments/>

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