

Tuesday, June 30. 2015

THE END OF JUDEO-CHRISTIAN AMERICA?

Disturbing article that contains much that is true and alarming about changes in American culture
<http://worldtribune.com/life/june-26-2015-marked-formal-end-to-judeo-christian-america/>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 17:15

Monday, June 29, 2015

THE PACE OF CHANGE IN USA ON MAJOR CULTURAL ISSUES

Major Cultural Changes in America

interracial marriage prohibition and its repeal women's suffrage abortion same sex "marriage" acceptance of non-medical marijuana

All of these issues [and others such as racial integration] met strong public resistance and then that changed with major social consequences for the Country. Lessons to be learned? This is article is helpful in answering that question <http://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2015-pace-of-social-change/>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 16:09

Saturday, June 27, 2015

PERSECUTION COMING?

One of the nation's most prominent evangelical leaders issued a dire warning for the nation in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's ruling on homosexual marriage.

"I believe God could bring judgment upon America," said Franklin Graham in an exclusive interview. Graham told me that Christians should be prepared for persecution in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's ruling on homosexual marriage.

"You better be ready and you better be prepared because it's coming," Graham said just moments after the court handed down its ruling. "There will be persecution of Christians for our stand."

<http://nation.foxnews.com/2015/06/26/exclusive-franklin-graham-warns-gay-marriage-ruling-will-lead-christian-persecution>

<http://www.robagnon.net/HomosexualAgenda.htm>

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 17:21

Friday, June 26. 2015

RESPONDING TO THE SCOTUS DECISION RE GAY MARRIAGE

We lost this one. We and many others made the case to our culture that traditional marriage is God's good design, that this institution, embodied by a man and a woman joining together, leads to social flourishing. But our culture is not convinced. Much to our disappointment, it is now the law of the land to permit other forms of "marriage." The temptation is to go off and sulk in our holy corner. Or to dig in our heels and fight harder. Or to lash out in anger. Or to despair. We can do better. Like taking to heart especially the Beatitudes: read the rest of this good article <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2015/june-web-only/6-things-to-do-after-supreme-court-gay-marriage-decision.html?>

Posted by Cal in Current Events at 11:38

Sunday, June 21, 2015

WHEN GOD DOES NOT ANSWER PRAYER

"Our Father...lead us not into [trials] and deliver us from Evil". Our Father God obviously did not answer this request for the members of the church in Charleston who were murdered last week. Does this make us very skeptical about prayer? Well, yes, it might do that! The need is for Christians to be realists: Evil is real and does attack us! We must accept that. We must heed the warning given by the Apostle Peter: 1 Peter 4:12 5:8-9 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

Elizabeth Elliot entered glory this last week. She and 4 other women missionaries experienced grief back in the 1950s when their husbands were murdered together in Ecuador. Christians are being massacred around the world even as I write this. All of them had prayed to the same Father God for protection from evil and did not get it.

Nevertheless, we should continue to pray for journey mercies. At the very least it makes us mindful that we do live in danger every day and need to be aware of our need for God daily and always. And we can't tell how many times he does answer positively. I'm sure there are many such times! But we must accept the fact that Satan, the lion, does occasionally strike us hard, sometimes fatally, and we suffer terribly.

Painful as that is, we also must take the long view. Ultimately, if not always obvious in the immediate, Romans 8:28 is true. We survive the horrors by faith in that promise. Absolutely marvelous and abundant good came out of the death of those missionaries. And we take the long view of Eternity and claim Rev 14:13 and redeem the time we do have right now.

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 19:43

Thursday, June 4, 2015

GLEANINGS FROM GENESIS 1-3

I have just posted my new study of Genesis 1-3 in 19 Parts on my website <http://www.reformedliving.org/>

Posted by Cal in Bible Topics at 15:28

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

SEXUALITY AND GENDER ISSUES

I wrote and posted a major essay with the title

Being Human: the meaning of person hood, sexuality and gender

It is very relevant to the current discussions of homosexuality and being transgender

http://www.reformedliving.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=475:being-human-the-meaning-of-personhood-sexuality-and-gender&catid=67:life-issues&Itemid=57

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