

## Faith-based Election

By winning the big prize – the presidency of the United States – the Republicans prove again that the Democratic Party is out of step with the nation's core values. Its ultraliberal wing has consistently and ferociously attacked the moral bedrock of the nation, but it may finally come to realize after all they have pushed too far and some of their gains of the past may be contested again. Give President George W. Bush credit for running a strong and confident – maybe even brilliant – campaign, but it did not take a rocket scientist to see that there might be a backlash against some of the liberal advances. Hollywood should have gotten the message from Mel Gibson whose film, *The Passion of the Christ*, scored so well in theaters throughout the nation and around the world.



The most outrageous activity has been in the homosexual community, emboldened by their acceptance among liberals and in the entertainment field. Sadly, there seemed too little outrage from moderate Democrats. The party has in many ways become the party where everything is accepted or acceptable – same sex marriage, abortion, stem-cell research.

It is clear that most Americans still believe that abortion is wrong in most cases, that such issues as embryonic stem-cell research may prove to be a ticking bomb, and that marriage means a union between a man and a woman. Same-sex unions is not what God intended in marriage, and no amount of protestations of undying love between homosexual couples can change that.

Some elements of the Democratic Party – but by no means all – seem to relish stretching the moral envelope, voting down the Bush-proposed Constitutional marriage amendment and supporting the gay agenda. For years, many ultraliberals tried to link the gay issue with the black struggle for equality, but there is no comparison. Gays are seeking the right to have something that is morally wrong recognized as acceptable, while Blacks were struggling to have something that is morally wrong recognized as unacceptable.

Senators John Kerry and John Edwards should be congratulated for waging a formidable campaign, but their great mistake may have been that they did not recognize – as Bush did – that there was a divine dynamic at work in this election. It is those who hold on to the divine standard that ultimately come out on top.

Some months before the election Evangelist Kenneth Copeland shared a prophecy in which God said, "I have taken over the politics and the politicians." It was close, and at places during the election it became rather iffy, but the prophecy proved true. God is still on His throne.

## AFA Continues to Cite Procter & Gamble on Gay Issue



The American Family Association, which along with Focus on the Family has initiated a boycott of Procter & Gamble products, is charging that P&G actively "seeks out individuals who practice the ... homosexual lifestyle to ... work for the company. It is the only group P&G seeks to employ based on their behavior," says the e-mail report from the American Family Association Online.

The report states that P&G "is currently running a promotion on the homosexual website, gaywork.com, seeking employees whose sole distinguishing characteristic is sex with same-sex partners." One Christian employee of the company reportedly complained that they "had to go" to a diversity class and watch a movie on homosexuals. A priest in the movie said that "there was nothing in the Bible which says that homosexuality is wrong," the employee said.

According to past reports in the Cincinnati Post and the New York Times, the Cincinnati-based company's has attempted to repeal a 1993 charter amendment that bars the Cincinnati city council from enacting or enforcing special protections to homosexuals. P&G has reportedly given \$30,000 to "Yes on 3," a political campaign to repeal the law. That amount is more than any other contributor gave. "P&G said in a public letter that securing special rights for homosexuals was the 'right' thing to do, and that those who oppose the 'Yes on 3' efforts are 'out of step'," a subsequent e-mail report said.

Both AFA and Focus on the Family have urged Christians not to buy P&G products, especially the detergent Tide, Crest toothpaste, and Pampers baby diapers. However, the company has a very large number of popular household and personal-care products, including Cheer and Gain detergents, Ivory and Camay hand soaps, Scope mouthwash, Always minipads and maxipads, Tampax tampons, Charmin bathroom tissue, Noxzema and Old Spice toiletries, and many other well-known brand names.

In a related matter, the Ohio Supreme Court rejected a legal challenge to placing a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and the recognition of such unions on the November ballot. The Cincinnati-based group, Citizens for Community Values, gathered the signatures that allowed the issue to be placed before the electorate. The e-mail report said P&G has refused to endorse the Ohio Marriage Protection Amendment that defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.

## Kingdom Briefs

### Pastor Speaks Against Homosexuality; Goes to Jail

The first application of a law passed in Sweden in 2002 against offending homosexuals has resulted in a jail sentence for Pastor Ake Green of Borgholm Pentecostal Church in eastern Sweden. Green told his congregation is 2003 that "abnormal sexual practices are like a cancerous growth on the body of society." Finding him guilty of offending homosexuals, a Swedish court sentenced him to a month in jail.

The sentencing is only a part of a more alarming trend toward stifling religious freedom in Europe, Christians in the nation say. In August, prominent charismatic pastor Ulf Ekman was sued for "hate speech against homosexuals," but authorities decided not to prosecute the high-profile founder of Uppsala Word of Life Church.

Though defending Green's right to preach freely, most Pentecostal, charismatic and evangelical church leaders in Sweden have been reluctant to take a strong stand for their colleague. His sermon, some said, was "too unwisely phrased." (Source: **Charisma**)

### Gay Marriage Turns Out to Be a Hot Election Issue

The rapid rise of gay marriage as an issue of vital importance in choosing the next president was strongly demonstrated at the Mayday for Marriage rally at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Thousands of Christians converged on the Mall on October 15. The rally was organized by a coalition of Christian leaders, particularly the Rev. Ken Hutcherson, who heads a large church in the Seattle area. The demonstrators were heavily pro-Bush. Eleven states – including Ohio, Michigan and Oregon – have measures to ban same-sex marriages on the ballot for this election. (Source: **Los Angeles Times**)

### Three Chairmen Named to Billy Graham Crusade

Minister Lloyd Ogilvie, Kenneth Ulmer and Jack Hayford have been named chairmen of the Greater Los Angeles Billy Graham Crusade set for the Pasadena Rose Bowl November 18-21. "We believe that God has readied a spiritual harvest in every neighborhood and throughout every community, and we believe that He wants the message of hope and unity in Christ to reach all across Southern California," says Graham in the crusade brochure. Graham asks Christians to pray daily for an "outpouring of God's grace across this region" during the crusade. The Thursday and Friday meetings extend from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. A Saturday morning meeting is from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; the evening meeting from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The final meeting on Sunday begins at 3:30 and ends at 5:30 p.m.

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## Mel Gibson's Stance Against California's Stem Cell Proposition Applauded

WASHINGTON D.C. – Christian Coalition of America commended actor/director Mel Gibson for his stand against the \$3 billion human embryonic stem cell research referendum on California's ballot Tuesday. "For a state which has in recent times been near bankruptcy because of wasteful government spending to waste another \$3 billion on questionable research is an abomination," the Coalition said on its website.

On "Good Morning America" on ABC last week, Gibson came out strongly against California's Proposition 71 and urged California's citizens to vote no on the referendum. Earlier this year, Gibson – one of 11 children and father of six boys and a daughter – introduced a movie he produced and directed, *The Passion of the Christ*, which has had a worldwide gross of \$609 million (\$370 million in U.S. sales, one of the largest grossing films of all time). This past summer, the Republican Party of California voted to oppose Proposition 71 because they said California cannot afford the \$3 billion in interest payments on state bonds that would bring the true cost of Proposition 71 to \$6 billion.

The President of Christian Coalition of America, Roberta Combs said, "I agree with Mel Gibson's belief that destroying days-old human embryos on research which has virtually no hope of success is immoral. The Christian Coalition strongly opposes California's Proposition 71 and urges all California voters to vote no on this unnecessary and wasteful spending measure."

According to a national survey by Virginia Commonwealth University last month, 61% of Americans believe that scientific research doesn't pay enough attention to the moral values of society and over half say that scientific research has created as many problems for society as solutions. James Kelly in a National Review article last week said, "Christopher Reeve's recent death hit me harder than most. I have a spinal-cord injury having been rendered paraplegic by a car accident seven years ago ... Near the end of his too-short life, Mr. Reeve apparently began to realize that embryonic stem cells were not the magic bullet he had assumed them to be ... Far from claiming that this avenue offered 'biological miracles,' or was the best or only hope for patients like him, he now felt they were 'not able to do much' for him."

The Christian Coalition of America website may be referenced at: <http://www.cc.org>.

## Supreme Court to Pass Judgment on Ten Commandments Displays

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a display of the Ten Commandments at a public building violates the First Amendment ban on "an establishment of religion." Such displays as plaques and monuments are at the center of the dispute over the meaning of the U.S. Constitution.



Advocates on both sides in the long-running dispute are hoping for a definitive ruling on the constitutionality of displaying the commandments. "This is a critical opportunity for the high court to clarify one of the most confusing areas of church-state law," the Los Angeles Times quoted Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, as saying. "It is clear that the commandments have played a vital role in the formation of Western law."

"Religious symbols belong in house of worship, not courthouses, city halls and public schools," the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, told the Times.

The court has agreed to hear two cases, one involving a monument outside the main entrance of the Texas State Capitol in Austin. The other involving judges in three eastern Kentucky counties who decided in 1999 to post copies of the commandments in their courthouses. The American Civil Liberties Union sued and won that case, but the judges appealed and the high court has agreed to hear their case in *McCreary County vs. ACLU*.

A third case involving a monument featuring the Ten Commandments was recently dismissed by the U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City. That lawsuit challenged the public display of the monument in Pleasant Grove, Utah. The Supreme Court ruling may presumably override this decision.

The high court has been sharply divided on issues involving religious symbols on public property, with the four most liberal justices voting against such displays and the four conservative justices voting for them. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has generally been the swing vote. In cases where she feels the government's action endorses religion, she has voted to strike it down as unconstitutional.

## Legal Briefs

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### Mel Gibson Donation Will Aid Foreign Children

Actor Mel Gibson, flush with millions from his blockbuster movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, donated \$10 million to two Los Angeles-area hospitals – Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA and the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. The money is designated to help care for seriously ill children from foreign countries. The funds will aid children with medical conditions that cannot be treated in their own countries. The children who will benefit from the donation will be those recommended by an organization called Healing the Children. (Source: Associated Press)

### Archbishop Warns St. Louis Catholics on Voting

A few days before the Bush-Kerry debate in his city, St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke published a letter in the weekly archdiocesan newspaper and on its website telling Catholic parishioners that it was a "grave sin" to vote for politicians who supported same-sex marriage, abortion or stem-cell research. Archbishop Burke told voters that they are violating "the solemn duty to protect human life" if they support politicians who back those issues. "Procured abortion and homosexual acts are intrinsically evil, and, such can never be justified in any circumstance," Burke wrote. Earlier this year Burke said he would not give Communion to Senator John Kerry, who is Catholic, because of his support of abortion rights. (Source: Los Angeles Times)

### Christian Education in Growth Pattern

"...Christian higher education is exploding throughout America, both at mainline and nondenominational institutions," writes Strang Communications publisher Stephen Strang, in an article in *Higher Education Today*. "Enrollment at seminaries alone has increased by 22 percent in the last decade." Another article titled *Soar Higher With Christian Education*, offers six reasons "why faith-based schools have a distinct advantage over the mainstream counterparts." They have no liberal agenda, balance (between the spiritual and intellectual), specialized educational needs, responsible social life, lasting Christian friendships, greater focus on students. (Source: **Higher Education Today**)

### On the Trail of Good News

Hey, we're sniffing around for news and other uplifting information that might appeal to our national audience. If you know of a unique Christian business, ministry or personality, or of something happening on the news front, give us a heads-up. You might want to send a clipping from your local newspaper or invite us to track down a story from the details you provide. Remember, all our stories are Christ-based and nationally oriented, though they may cut across entertainment, business, lifestyle, political or other lines. E-mail us at [newsletter@tkog.biz](mailto:newsletter@tkog.biz) or mail us your clippings at The Kingdom of God, P.O. Box 1147, Claremont, CA 91711.

## Islam Finds an Open Door in the Tulsa School System

By REZA F. SAFA



The true Islam of the 7th century, the radical Islam, is on the rise in many nations around the world and that version of Islam considers America its sole enemy. The hatred against the infidels is the fuel that drove the Muslim armies across many borders conquering nation after nation, for several hundred years after the death of Muhammad. In AD 732 their move into the West was stopped in a great battle in France known as the Battle of Tours by a great French Army commander Charles Martel. That same hatred and spirit of violence, deception, fear, and terror is once again on the march. This time they are not marching with swords but rather with deadly and murderous acts of suicide bombings, and also with deceptions and lies.

In October I was invited to speak at KFAQ radio station in Tulsa, a part of Journal Broadcast Group. I have been on this secular station often, commenting on the subject of Islam. Two weeks ago one of the hosts of the show, Gwen Freeman, received a secret folder from a public school teacher that contained the curriculum for Islamic studies for the Tulsa Public Schools. The curriculum is called, "The Arab World Studies Notebook," by Audrey Shabbas, a joint publication of AWAIR (Arab World and Islamic Resources and School Services and Middle East Policy Council). Tulsa Public Schools is considering teaching a course on Islam from this notebook to sixth- and seventh-graders in the Tulsa county schools.

I took the 513-page book home to study it. I must tell you that I am shocked. It took only a few pages for me to recognize that Islam is on the march with deceptions and lies in America. In the name of freedom of religion it has already infiltrated our school system. This curriculum has been taught to 25 million kids across the U.S. and 10,000 teachers have been teaching it for the past five years.

The teaching of this curriculum is the same that I received as a child in my school in Iran. Its content could be the same as the kids in the Madrassas (schools of training in radical Islam) of Pakistan are being taught. It is anti-Semitic, anti-American, it teaches the concept of Jihad [holy war] and that the oppressed should fight in Jihad against the oppressor. It indirectly indicates that America is the oppressor and that the Muslims should fight it. It teaches that Mohammad was the last holy prophet. It teaches that Abraham, Moses, David, and Jesus were all Muslims! Over and over again it teaches that Jesus was only a prophet. It exalts Islam as a religion of truth, honesty, peace and love. It indoctrinates kids about the laws and practices of Islam. Students are encouraged to fast as a Muslim, repeat and memorize Quran verses, study the reasons for Jihad, learn the prayer of a Muslim in Arabic, and do a Hajj by visiting a local Mosque. It mocks, with great emphasis, Christian history and how it has been divided into many branches, some of which do not believe in the Trinity.

I am amazed that the school boards of America are allowing such studies. It is like teaching kids how they could one day poison their own country. How can that be? How far have the liberals succeeded in their attempts to neutralize this great nation that once used to believe "one nation under God."

With the knowledge I have about Islam, I believe this curriculum is dangerous to our very existence. I believe that if we do not wake up to the call of the hour, Islam will become a major stumbling block in our downfall. How long can the church sleep and allow the liberals to decide the fate of this great nation? We have blinded our eyes to the threat and Islam has now gained a strong foothold in the inner cities. Can we afford to remain silent while they are marching into the minds of our children?

I am picking a fight with Islam in this country as well as the Middle East, and I need your prayers. Do not be like that secretary of a massive church that we contacted to use their facilities as a meeting place.

"No, we do not use our church for such activities," she told us. "We pray for peace for everyone." Well, while you are praying for peace, Islam is converting your sons and daughters.

The fast-growing liberalism and secularism in this land have created a spiritual vacuum in the hearts of the younger generation. It is forbidden to teach the Bible in the schools, but Islam is being taught. They are being told that Islam is the only light that exists. Who do you think these kids, most of whom come from broken homes, will go to for refuge in a time of spiritual crisis?

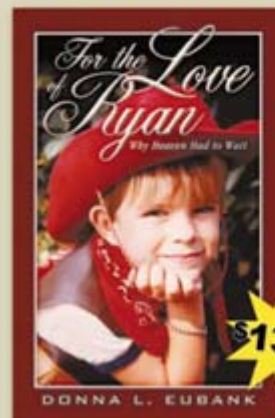
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