



THERE IS SUCH A THING AS AN EUPHEMISM.

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It was probably 40 or more years ago, when a subject was being debated in the U.S. Senate. There was a great deal of duplicity going on or as we might say “double-speak.” After taking quite a bit of this, Sen. Everett Dirksen stood up. He was quite a speaker. He began by saying that he knew there was such a thing as an *euphemism*. (Roughly speaking, an *euphemism* is a good word or phrase substituted for one that has a bad or unwanted connotation). He said let me give you an illustration. Some years ago, there was a man desperately looking for work. He applied at a certain place and was given an application. One of the questions was “How old was your father when he died and how did he die?” Now, his father was a horse thief and had been hung for it. He knew if he put that down, he would never get the job. So, he thought for awhile and finally came up with an answer. He said, “My father was 48 years old and he died when the platform gave way during a public demonstration. Dirksen said that is an *euphemism* and we have been listening to a good many *euphemisms* today and need to get down to the truth.

We are living in a day when *euphemisms* abound. For example, in politics (and churches) many like to be known as “moderates.” If you look at the facts, you will find that “moderates” are in reality “liberals.” The plain truth is, though they often vote otherwise, the majority of people in this country are not liberal and the politicians know that. Then, there is the *euphemism* called pro-choice. Living in a free America (I don’t know for how long) in most situations, that sounds like a good idea. But in reality it is a term that indicates the promotion of abortion - the murder of an unborn child - that really sounds bad. There is another *euphemism* that is getting a lot of notice these days - “Fairness Doctrine.” That sounds like a good thing. We ought to be fair. The Democrats say that there ought to be fairness (or equality) in radio talk shows. A large majority of the shows take the conservative position. No question about that. So, the proponents of this doctrine say that an old discarded law should be brought back and liberals given equal time. Now, somebody is paying for the air time on these conservative shows. They are not free. But this doctrine says that the stations should be made to give the same amount of time - for free - to proponents of the liberal persuasion. Is that fair? After all, the liberals can buy the same amount of time as the conservatives. Nobody is denying them access. The problem is, they have tried a number of times to promote liberal talk shows and they have been miserable failures. Nobody (basically) listens to them. If this “Unfair Doctrine” is imposed upon the broadcasters, it will certainly limit, if not eliminate the conservative viewpoint publicly; even though the first Amendment to the Constitution says, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech.” Is that fair? My fellow Christian, be assured of this, if the Fairness Doctrine is brought back, it certainly will affect the preaching of the Gospel for we are considered ultra-conservative. Yes, there is such a thing as an *euphemism*, and you had better watch out for them. God knows about *euphemisms* - He says, **“Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil...”** Isaiah 5:20.

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WHAT IS YOUR HOPE OF SALVATION?

Someone has said that if you only believe what you want to about the Gospel, it is not the Gospel you believe but yourself. The Bible says, "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death." ~Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25. In knocking on doors and in other situations, the most frequent response I receive when asking people what is your hope of Heaven, is that I am good enough or whatever you believe, it will be all right, as long as you are sincere. But this is a grand delusion. God says you are not good enough! "There is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, and they are altogether become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good no not one." ~Romans 3:10-12. You cannot save yourself - you need a Savior! That is why Jesus Christ came into the world: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins." ~Matthew 1:21. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." ~John 14:6. Do not delay! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." ~Acts 16:31. Do it NOW!

TEN REASONS FOR DOOR TO DOOR VISITATION

1. It was done in the New Testament. It carried out the great commission.
2. It is one of the greatest needs of our day.
3. It is the best method to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ.
4. It pays great dividends in time and in eternity.
5. It puts GO in the Gospel.
6. It reaches those who could not be reached otherwise.
7. It will keep the blood of our neighbors and our friends off our hands.
8. It brings us face to face with lost souls for whom Christ died.
9. It's been proven that personal contact brings more people into the Church than any other thing.
10. If souls are going to be saved, they must be sought.

Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in..." Luke 14:23.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. ~Luke 19:10

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

ROME'S DUPLICITY. I have often said that the Roman Catholic Church has no concern for the truth but moves in which ever direction suits her goals. In late January the Pope restored an excommunicated Bishop, Richard Williamson, who denied that the Holocaust ever took place. Williamson espoused this for years and was in fact excommunicated 24 years ago. There was quite an outcry against his being restored. *Religion Today* (2/5/09) reported the Vatican has now said that Williamson "in order to be admitted to the episcopal functions of the church must in an absolutely unequivocal and public way distance himself from his positions regarding Shoah (the Hebrew word for Holocaust)." The statement continued saying Pope Benedict has said he was not aware of Williamson's denial of the Holocaust when he lifted the 20-year excommunication. He didn't know why Williamson was excommunicated? How then could he release him from it? So much for your infallible Pope. This is absolutely disgusting, but few if any Catholics will be disturbed by such shenanigans. Of course, we are not surprised for the Vatican has been doing this for 1,500 years.

SENATOR'S AMAZING REVELATION. Believe it or not, a Republican Senator, Mel Martinez of Fla. says it doesn't matter whether Obama is a natural born citizen or not - he is still the President. Martinez said: "Presidential candidates are vetted by voters at least twice – first in the primary elections and again in the general election. President-Elect Obama won the Democratic Party's nomination after one of the most fiercely contested presidential primaries in American history...And he has now been duly elected by the majority of voters in the United States. Throughout both the primary and general election, concerns about Mr. Obama's birthplace were raised. The voters have made clear their view that Mr. Obama meets the qualifications to hold the office of president." From *WND* 3/4/09. Ed. *This is amazing but in a way not surprising.* Mr. Martinez's name reveals he is from one of the countries from whence many, probably most of our illegals aliens come from. Mr. Obama's very liberal view on the subject (make them citizens) is well known. That is bad enough, but this man in high office is virtually saying that the U.S. Constitution is a meaning- less piece of paper. *If Mr. Obama is not a naturalized citizen, he knows it and should not have run for the office of President. America is in deep, deep trouble!*

ATHEIST RICHARD DAWKINS REJECTS DEBATE. Atheist Richard Dawkins has rejected an offer of \$10,000 for an hour-long debate with Christian author Ray Comfort, telling *WND* he would participate in the argument only on a list of conditions, including a \$100,000 donation to his foundation. Dawkins also is demanding that a staff member for his website be allowed to film the event and then distribute it as a DVD, "if he thinks it is funny enough." As *WND* reported Comfort offered Dawkins \$10,000 for a debate on creation, evolution and life. A spokeswoman for Dawkins' website earlier told *WND* Dawkins doesn't debate people from "the flat-earth society." The challenge from Comfort...wasn't taken seriously by Dawkins. "Ten thousand dollars is less than the typical fee that I am ordinarily offered for lecturing to a serious audience (I often don't accept it, especially in the case of a student audience, because I am a dedicated teacher)," he wrote in response to *WND*... "It is not, therefore, a worthwhile inducement for me to go all the way across the Atlantic to debate with an ignorant fool," he wrote. "You can tell him that if he donates \$100,000 to the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and...I'll do it." [Comfort said,] "Richard Dawkins is arguably the most famous living atheist, now that Anthony Flew doubted his doubts and backslid as an atheist," said Comfort. "Flew said that he simply followed the evidence. I would like to see Richard Dawkins follow his example."-*WorldNetDaily* (2/24/09). Ed. Anthony Flew was considered the world's most noted atheist/evolutionist until a year or two ago when he rejected it based on the evidence.

OBAMA TO RESCIND 'CONSCIENCE CLAUSE.' *RNS* reports the Obama administration announced... plans to rescind regulations that allow healthcare workers to abstain from performing medical procedures they object to on moral grounds. The Bush administration authored the rule shortly before leaving office last December, primarily to shield those with religious or moral opposition to abortion. It said healthcare workers cannot be discriminated against for refusing to participate in objectionable procedures, and facilities that did not accommodate employees with objections could lose federal funding. It is one of several abortion-related measures the new White House is seeking to overturn. Ed. This has very serious implications. *Religion Today* (3/3/09)

“...We ought to obey God rather than men...”~*Acts 5:29*

FOLLY OF PROCRASTINATION

Many years ago the steamship Central America, on a voyage from New York to San Francisco, sprang a leak in mid-ocean. A passing vessel seeing a signal of distress drew near, and seeing the danger the captain of the would-be rescue ship said, "What is amiss?" "We are in bad repair and going down. Lie by till morning." The would-be rescuer said, "Let me take your passengers on board NOW!" It was night and the captain of the America thought it best to wait until daylight lest some be lost in the dark, thinking they could stay afloat till dawn. So, he replied, "Lie by till morning." Once again the other captain called, "You had better let me take your passengers NOW!" Again came the word: "Lie by till morning." About an hour and a half later the lights of the Central America were missed. She had gone down and all on board perished, because it was thought they could be saved at a later time. Many perish because they put off receiving Christ as their Savior believing they will do it at a later time - a more convenient time. Delay is not only dangerous, it is deadly! There are many who know the Gospel and intend to be saved someday. Procrastination has been the ruination of many. If you are not saved, trust Christ NOW! **"Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."** If you are not saved, there is no better time than right NOW. **God says,"...NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation."** ~II Corinthians 6:2. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~Acts 16:31.

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"I do not want to know anything about peace and concord, when the Word of God is thereby lost; and the Word, and eternal life and everything else is forfeited. It is not right for me to draw back and give way out of love toward you or any other man; but before the Word everyone must give way, whether he be friend or enemy. For the Word has not been given to us for the sake of external or worldly concord and peace, but for the sake of eternal life. Don't talk to me therefore, of love and friendship if the Word and faith is to be compromised... We certainly desire to maintain external peace with others...but when doctrine and Christian fellowship are concerned, we do want to have anything to do with those who teach error or to regard them as brethren; we must look upon them as our enemies and fight against them with our spiritual weapons... It is therefore a devilish, deceptive, and fraudulent attack, whereby the Evil One desires to lead us away from the Word, when he demands that we should in something give way and suffer error for the sake of concord. If we would agree to this and accept that...he would soon have complete victory...Worldly things may go as they go; the devil has not yet gained anything by it. But if you err in such a way that he robs you of this Word, you have lost everything, and have no counsel and help left, for the main thing is then gone, and without it, no pious life and nothing you will accomplish will avail before God." - Martin Luther. Apply this to those who hold to or allow the use of modern bible versions! We think it is dangerous to correct the KJV with a modern version! **See Proverbs 30:5,6.**