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THE MATTER OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

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Religion Today reported on the United Nations meeting of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. Ted Turner, owner of CNN and numerous other money making ventures and who, according to his own testimony, grew up in a strict religious household (but later said, “Christianity is for losers.”) was one of the speakers. He has given *billions* to the U.N. Turner said, “We are all one race, and there is only one God that manifests himself in different ways.” Turner is half right but wholly wrong! There is One God; He manifests Himself in Jesus Christ and in His Word! All else is false and soul damning. Turner went said the religions that have survived “don’t have hatred behind them,” he stated. “The ones that have done best have love behind them.” He said he remembers “intolerance” in his family’s Christian community and that he planned to be a missionary but turned away from the Church when he learned about other religions. Delegates to the conference gave an icy reception to the Patriarch of Ethiopia who urged protection for the unborn, and they were likewise cool to a Muslim speaker who urged recognition of marriage between a man and a women only. A Buddhist speaker received a standing ovation when he condemned all attempts at religious conversion. The truth is it really doesn’t matter what Ted Turner, or any of the others, think because they know nothing about God or truth. Turner just has more money than he knows what to do with and the liberals are willing to take it to promote their agenda.

The theme of their conference was “intolerance.” They are all for tolerance. Did you notice how intolerant they were with those who disagreed with them? These hypocrites are very intolerant of those who believe abortion is murder and that homosexual marriages are a wicked farce. There are none more bigoted than liberals, and none they hate more than Fundamental Bible believers. The one who received a standing ovation in effect said, let’s all agree to do our own thing without trying to get anybody else to change; lets’ all just agree to disagree. We are seeing more and more pressure upon those who do not take the “politically correct” view of things. But if we are going to be true to the Savior who bought us with his blood, we are going to have to take a stand. I truly believe that hard times are coming for Fundamental Bible believers. But we cannot tone down the truth or be silent, and be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and to those who need His Gospel. He is “**THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE,**” whether people believe it or not; whether they want it or not. He said God’s Word is truth! All else is error. Others may, but we cannot be silent on the vital issues. We cannot keep quiet about homosexuality, abortion, pornography, etc. We cannot refrain from efforts to convert people. Our Lord commanded us to do it! The world is wrong, and religion apart from that which is according to the Word of God is wrong. In fact, it is evil, for it leads people astray and into a false security. Marx was right on one score: “Religion is the opiate of the people.” Where are the Christians who will, like Daniel and his three friends, stand up for Christ and the truth when the ecumenical band starts playing? It’s one thing to believe the truth, but the faithful child of God must also make it known. Jesus said, “**For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in the Father’s, and of the holy angels.**” (Reprinted from the December 2000 *Challenge*)

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE

JULY 8 – 13, 2012

Sunday: 9:30, 10:45 & 6:00

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DEAD OR ALIVE? A pastor spoke with a man who had some time before made a profession of faith in Christ. “Have you been baptized?” he asked. “No,” said the man, “The dying thief never was baptized, and he went to Heaven,” was the man’s answer. “Have you joined with a local church?” The man said, “No, the dying thief never joined a church and still he went to Heaven.” “Have you spoken with others about their need of Christ?” He answered, “No, the thief on the cross never witnessed to his neighbors.” The pastor said, “Have you given so that the Gospel of Christ may reach others?” “No, the thief on the cross never gave to the church or missions.” Finally, the preacher said, “Well, my friend, there is only one difference that I can see between you and the thief on the cross is that he was a dying thief and you are a living one.”

HOW BIG A MAN DO YOU WANT? A western rancher had asked the superintendent of his church that a pastor be assigned to his community. “How big a man do you want,” asked the superintendent. “Well, Elder,” the wiry man replied, “We’re not overly particular about his size, but when he is on his knees we’d like to have him reach Heaven.” Sad to say, that the problem with many a Christian is that he doesn’t reach Heaven when he prays. God says, “...ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.” ~James 4:2,3.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

People don’t miss Church because the weather is hot, but because their heart is cold!

After all is said and done, usually there is more said than done.

The one thing that is worse than failure is the effort some people take in trying to excuse it.

Honesty is still the best policy but many people are satisfied with less than the best.

You can always tell an egotist, but you can’t tell him very much!

You can’t soar with the eagles if you hang around with the turkeys.

“For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” ~Mark 8:36

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

THOUSANDS GATHER FOR HINDU FESTIVAL IN UTAH.

Thousands gathered this year for the annual Holi Festival sponsored by the Lotus Temple of Spanish Fork, Utah. (It is pronounced “holy,” but it is anything but that in reality.) During this festival honoring the Hindu playboy god Krishna, participants throw colored powder on one another. Charu Das, the American founder of the temple, told CNN that it doesn’t matter that most of the people gathering for the festival know very little about Krishna. “Our reward is to see thousands of people chanting the names of god without consideration of religion or race or doctrine or dogma. During the time that people are here they have forgotten [their cares]. They go home having given it all up for the Lord, whether they have a conscious realization of that or not. We’ve gotten closer to God and we’ve gotten closer to our fellow human beings. Literally I’ve heard people say, ‘This is the best day of my life’” (“Celebrating the Festival of Colors, *CNN Belief Blog*, March 27, 2012). This is the type of blind emotional mysticism with no basis in reality that is drawing the world together in preparation for the Antichrist. Hinduism is accepting of any god and any faith, except for one, and that is the exclusive gospel of Jesus Christ. “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). -*FBIS* (3/29/12)

FEDERAL COURT REINSTATES TX BAN ON ABORTION FUNDING.

A Federal appeals court has blocked an order by a federal judge in Austin, Texas, to resume funding Planned Parenthood. Texas’ legislature voted last year to block use of tax dollars for medical services for poor women for any organization associated with abortion -- meaning Planned Parenthood lost funding. [On Monday](#), U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel, a George W. Bush appointee, ordered the state to resume funding Planned Parenthood, saying there is sufficient evidence that the law banning the abortion-provider from the state’s Women’s Health Program is unconstitutional. But Joe Poyman of the [Texas Alliance for Life](#) tells *OneNewsNow* the state appealed that order and won. “The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has just intervened and stayed that judge’s order,” he informs, “and the policy now will go into effect -- meaning that as of today, May 1, the Medicaid Women’s Health Program dollars will *not* go to Planned Parenthood... But this recent development... is very encouraging and, I think, gives the state more time to present our arguments, which I think are strong and persuasive,” states Poyman. “Basically our dollars should not be mixed with Planned Parenthood’s advocacy and providing of abortions.” The Fifth

Circuit’s order remains in effect pending outcome of the case. *OneNewsNow* - 5/1/2012

THEY WANT YOUR CHILDREN: NEW KIND OF CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

--On May 7-10 2012, in Washington, DC, Brian McLaren will be a speaker at the CYNKC Conference. Other speakers include Tony Campolo, Shane Claiborne, Samir Selmanovic, Jim Wallis, and Jeremiah Wright. Brian McLaren: “I’ve been saying again and again that we need a creative revolution in spiritual formation and Christian education for children and youth, and this is the gathering that I think will bring the right people together.” Shane Claiborne adds, “What I like about [CYNKC] is that the fine folks throwing this party are trying to figure out how we approach spirituality with young people in a post-flannelgraph-Sunday-School world.” The exciting ministry provided by Children, Youth and a New Kind of Christianity embodies the teaching of Jesus Christ in a new and refreshing way. The next generation is encouraged to see, appreciate and embrace other children of God as equals-all made in the image of God,” concludes Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., President Obama’s pastor. -*TBC* (5/5/12)

NC VOTES TO PROTECT TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE.

Traditional, biblical marriage is now constitutionally protected in North Carolina -- and President Barack Obama says he is “disappointed” about that. On Tuesday, 61 percent of voters approved a constitutional amendment defining marriage solely as a union between a man and a woman, making North Carolina the 31st state to protect traditional marriage. Thirty-nine percent voted against the amendment. ([Details from Associated Press](#)) Dr. Mark Creech of the [Christian Action League of North Carolina](#) tells *OneNewsNow* it was a more than eight-year struggle to convince the legislature to put it on the ballot -- and even then, he says, it was an uphill battle. Two presidents -- President Obama and former President Clinton -- erroneously came out against this amendment,” notes Creech. “Our [Democratic] governor, Beverly Purdue, expressed her displeasure and declared that she would vote against it. Celebrities have wrongly spoken against it.” Obama’s campaign says the president is “disappointed” with the result. -*OneNewsNow* (5/9/12). Ed. (The same day the vote was taken, Obama publicly endorsed homosexual marriage). What I particularly noted is that 31 state have now voted to consider marriage as only between one man and one woman. However, to the homosexuals, liberals and the media, that doesn’t count for anything.

HANKERING FOR A CHANGE

When Abraham Lincoln's nephew failed in farming in Illinois, he planned to sell his farm and move to another farm in Missouri. Lincoln, who possessed much wisdom, wrote him and inquired: "Is the soil any better in Missouri than it is in Illinois? Can you raise any crops in Missouri that you could not raise in Illinois? Is the climate any better in Missouri than it is in Illinois?" He went on to point out to his foolish nephew, "You do not need a change of location to succeed as a farmer; what you need is a change of heart." Many have the false notion that if they could just pack up and go somewhere else, they would then be able to succeed or have an easier time of it. The truth of the matter is, one of the traits of human nature is to seek for an easier place, and a companion characteristic is simply the desire for change. The grass always looks greener in the other fellow's field. This attitude is often seen among professed Christians. It is so hard here, the people are callused, the climate is not good, life would be easier over there, etc. I have seen this sort of thing hundreds of times over the years. They refuse to see it, but the real problem with these folks is themselves, not their surroundings, other people, etc. In the first place, where do believers get the idea that God has them here so that they can have an easy time and just enjoy life until Jesus comes. Yes, some places are harder than others, although that is not generally true. Doesn't God want somebody in the hard places? If this describes you, face facts and work for God where you are. Instead of seeking to have your own easy way, seek God's will and His way. Should you want anything other than His will? Your way will end up being the hard way! **"Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God and his righteousness..."**

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THE WRONG WAY!

Quite a few years ago two men and a teenage boy went to see friends in Bishop, CA. On the way home they decided to visit the famous El Capitan mine. However, they made a wrong turn and ended up in the barren Saline Valley. Their car broke down and they started to walk back to a ranch house they had seen twenty miles back. The oldest, 65 year old Arnold Dobson walked seven miles before he succumbed to the desert heat. The teen went ten miles before he fell and his father Harold Mast made it 13 miles before falling. The irony, according to searchers that found the bodies was that a spring-fed oasis in a willow grove was only one mile from their car – in the opposite direction. The men had walked the wrong way – to their death. This reminds us of an even greater tragedy. Millions of people are in a spiritual (though very real sense), traveling on the wrong road that will lead to an eternal death. Most of them have some form of religion. Some are atheists, and there are others of all sorts of belief. Many are very sincere! The vast majority hope to get to Heaven. But the tragedy is, they are on the wrong road! There is only One! Jesus Christ is the Way – the road to Heaven, there is not other. He said, **"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."** ~*John 14:6*. We are all lost sinners and need a Saviour. Many are trusting their own sense of direction. You may feel good about the way you are going. But God says, **"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."** ~*Proverbs 14:12*. Get on the right road! Ask Jesus Christ to save you from your sin. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~*Acts 16:31*