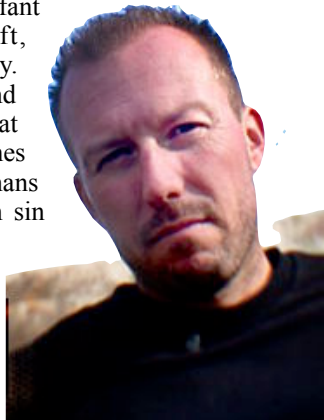


# Friday Church News Notes

## ***The Many Errors of the Emerging Church*** **EMERGING CHURCH LEADER DENIES ORIGINAL SIN**

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In his "New Christians" blog for February 6, emerging church leader Tony Jones calls the doctrine of original sin "a depraved idea." He says, "I have come to reject the notion of Original Sin. I consider it neither biblically, philosophically, nor scientifically tenable." Jones testifies that he first began to doubt this doctrine while studying the "church father" Augustine. Jones calls him "the great father of Western theology," but in reality Augustine was the great heretical father of apostate Roman Catholic theology. Many have been led into the steps of unbelief and even into the arms of Rome herself through studying the so-called church fathers. They are the ones that presumptuously introduced such heresies as infant baptism, veneration of relics, priestcraft, hierarchicalism, sacramentalism, and Mariolatry. As for the doctrine of original sin, philosophy and science are irrelevant. The only question is what saith the Scripture, and Scripture plainly teaches that mankind fell through Adam's sin (Romans 5:12-19) and that all men are therefore born in sin (Psalm 51:5), spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1-2), unrighteous (Romans 3:10), with a darkened and deceitful heart (Jeremiah 17:9). For more about the emerging church see *What Is the Emerging Church?*, which is available from Way of Life Literature.



## **ATHEIST AD CAMPAIGN SPREADS**

The advertisement campaign promoting atheism on city buses is spreading. It began in England with advertisements stating: "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life." The Atheist Bus Campaign raised \$190,000, enabling them to put ads on 800 buses throughout Britain, plus posters in London's Underground. In Washington, D.C., the American Humanist Association placed ads proclaiming, "Why believe in a god? Just be good for goodness' sake." Similar campaigns have appeared in Barcelona, Spain, and in Genoa, Italy.

In Genoa the signs read, "The bad news is that God does not exist; the good news is that we do not need him." The Bible, on the other hand, says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good" (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). If the atheist is right, it matters not what one believes or how one lives, because we are the product of blind chance and there is nothing beyond the grave. Therefore, if the atheist is right, the Bible-believer has lost nothing, because CONTINUED, next page

## **FORMER AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER SAYS GLOBAL GOVERNMENT THE ONLY WAY OUT OF CRISIS**

In a recent interview, former Australian prime minister and treasurer Paul Keating said that a one-world government is the only way out of the present financial crisis. He said: "It's way worse than it appears. The top 200 financial institutions in the world have suffered an average loss of value of 74%. What we need is a completely new global political and economic settlement. ... If this goes on for a couple of years, there will be the serious question of an American default, a default by the United States treasury. This is what we are dealing with. ... Until we get to a representative world structure of power that is a global political power and global financial power, that's the only way, I think, that confidence will return" ("Paul Keating Joins Lateline," Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Feb. 2, 2009). Our friend Hughie Seaborn comments: "If I didn't know better I would say he must have learned his ideas straight from the pages of the Book of Revelation. Although he didn't recommend a one world religious system, he certainly did recommend that a one world money system and a one world government was needed to fix the problem."



## PERSECUTION REPORT

In Burma, authorities are clamping down on churches in the capital city and surrounding areas. In January, the government ordered churches meeting in “unauthorized facilities” to close, even though it has not issued permits for new churches since the late 1990s (*Compass Direct News*, Jan. 21, 2009). In China, an elderly preacher who is near death was denied a final meeting with his imprisoned Christian wife (*Worthy News*, Jan. 29, 2009). In Bangladesh, a pastor’s wife was gang raped by a group of eight Muslims. There have been several other violent incidents of persecution in Bangladesh in recent weeks. In Minsk, the capital of Belarus (bordering Russia), authorities have ordered New Life Church to vacate its building. “Baptists running street libraries have reportedly had literature confiscated and received court warnings for ‘singing songs of a Christian nature without permission’” (*Worthy News*, Jan. 30, 2009). In Eritrea, three Christians have died in military confinement camps since October. All three were tortured (*Mission Network News*, Jan. 30, 2009). In Saudi Arabia, 28-year-old Hamoud Bin Saleh was arrested after he posted the testimony of his conversion from Christ to Islam on a blog. The Saudi government also blocked Hamoud’s blog, which is hosted by Google’s Blogger (*Voice of the Martyrs*, Jan. 30, 2009). In Sudan, the U.S. aid group Thirst No More, which drills and repairs water wells, was ordered to leave the country after officials found thousands of Arabic-language Bibles stacked in its office (Yahoo News, Jan. 31, 2009).

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he at least pursues a wholesome, compassionate way of life in this present world that is superior to the path of dissipation and lawlessness in many practical and measurable ways. If, though, the Bible is right, the atheist who dies without Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour will wake up in eternal hell fire and have all eternity to reflect on his ridiculous atheistic campaign.



## CHUCK COLSON PRAISES CATHOLIC PRIEST

In a recent issue of his publication, Chuck Colson praised the late Catholic priest John Neuhaus and restated support for his ecumenical ventures. Colson said, “... one of his most important legacies will be the way he brought together orthodox believers--particularly evangelicals and Catholics--in order to begin to seek common ground” (“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant,” *BreakPoint*, Jan. 22, 2009). Neuhaus and Colson were the movers and shakers behind Evangelicals and Catholics Together of 1994, which stated, “We together, Evangelicals and Catholics, confess our sins against the unity that Christ intends for all his disciples.” Neuhaus and Colson also led the team of ecumenists that published “The Gift of Salvation” in 1997, which pretended that Roman Catholics now agree that salvation

is by grace alone. At the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the declarations of which are still in force and were quoted extensively by the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, the Roman Catholic Church formally condemned the biblical doctrine of salvation through the grace of Christ alone. “If anyone says that justifying faith is nothing else than confidence in divine mercy, which remits sins for Christ’s sake, or that it is this confidence alone that justifies us, LET HIM BE ANATHEMA” (Sixth Session, “Canons Concerning Justification,” Canon 12). Colson became affiliated with Neuhaus through ecumenical anti-abortion endeavors.



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## UNITED METHODISTS TRYING TO INCREASE PRESENCE OF WOMEN IN PULPITS OF LARGEST CHURCHES

The United Methodist Church has always ordained female pastors, but it is concerned that only a tiny percentage of women pastor the denomination's largest churches. Roughly 25% of its 44,000 "clergy" are females, but only 85 women lead churches with more than 1,000 members, as opposed to 1,082 men in such positions. The liberal denomination has launched a program called "Lead Women Pastor Project" in an attempt to correct this ("Methodist Women Seek to Pastor Large Churches," *Christian Post*, Jan. 21, 2009). Feminists and their male disciples are destined to be perpetually frustrated, because they refuse to acknowledge that the differences between men and women are divinely-ordained and innately ingrained in mankind and no amount of social engineering and handwringing can change this. "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isaiah 3:12).

**HiRho Park, facing camera, hugs a fellow pastor at the conclusion of a United Methodist Church gathering of female pastors in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 16, 2008. Park is leading the campaign to place more women in lead roles within the Methodist Church.**



## Rapper Violence

Earlier this month four men were stabbed at a nightclub in New York during the "official" after-party of the film premiere of "Notorious" about rapper Notorious B.I.G. (Associated Press, Jan. 17, 2009). One 21-year-old was stabbed numerous times and was in critical condition. Notorious B.I.G. (a.k.a. Biggie Smalls; real name Christopher Wallace) was shot to death in 1997 at age 24, only three years after the release of his debut album "Ready to Die." Filled with cursing, violence, and immorality, the album featured a cut entitled "Suicidal Thoughts," in which the rapper sang, "When I die, -----, I wanna go to hell." Other rappers that died violently and/or young in the last 20 years include Scot La Rock, King Tubby, The Mac, MC Rock, Trouble T-Roy, Brandon Mitchell, Michael Robinson, Charizma, Deah Dame, Eazy-E, Mr. Cee, Hitman, Stretch, 2Pac, Yaki Kadafi, Seagram Miller, Rappin' Ron, JoJo White, DJ Caravan, Dion Stewart, Fat Pat, Crazy Rak, Papo Deschamps, Malcolm Howard, MC Big L, MC Ant, Bugz, Freaky Tah, Matthew Roberts, Q-Don, Yusef Afloat, Big Pun, Johnny Burns, Chip Banks,

DJ Screw, Eclipse, Hussein Fatal, Mooseman Roberts, Prince Ital Joe, Tonnie Sheppard, Coughnut, Left Eye Lopes, Jam Master Jay, Sabotage, Camouflage, Speedy Loc, B Brazy, Double D, Lil Bo, Soulja Slim, Freako, Holy Quran, Russell Jones, Dr. Dre, Fat Tone, Proof, Big Hawk, Stack Bundles, Skee 64, Woodie, G Spider, Big Moe, Pimp C, Karizma, Plan B, Black Cee, Black C, DJ Co V C of Funxsouljaz, 4-1-So-Sicc-Ass-Rell of Cold World Hustlers, Lil' Bo, and Billboard of Black Wall Street. Rap music has done incalculable moral and spiritual harm to the black community as well as to society at large, and its influence is worldwide. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Cor. 15:33). "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. ... My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood" (Proverbs 1:10, 15, 16).



Notorious B.I.G.

# ANT GENIUS

The following is excerpted from Creation Moments,  
<http://www.creationmoments.net/radio/transcript.php?t=2177>:



“Picture this: The setting was the scientist’s weekend cottage. The scientist had placed a saucer of chocolate on a wooden stool inside a bowl partially filled with water because ants hate water. And to further hinder the ants, the scientist painted the outside of the bowl with a coat of very slow drying glue. He was sure that when he returned to his cottage the next weekend, the chocolate would be untouched. When he returned, six days later, ants were swarming all over the chocolate. How did they do it? Well, the ants had crossed the glue because of the sacrifices of some of their heroes. It seems that a few ants had given their lives to form a single-file bridge of their bodies across the glue. Then they used pieces of grass and tiny pieces of wood to build a floating bridge to a leg of the stool, where it was an easy climb to the chocolate. The scientist also noticed that other daredevil ants were crossing the ceiling, stopping over the saucer of chocolate, and then dropping right into their prize! Proverbs 6:6 and 30:25 mention ants as examples of wisdom suggesting that those who are wise will learn from them. Wisdom is a gift of our Creator. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom while Jesus Christ is the depth of His wisdom!”

## SARAH PALIN’S CHURCH SET TO RESUME SERVICES AFTER DANGEROUS ARSON FIRE

The Wasilla Bible Church in Anchorage, Alaska, has recovered after an arson set a fire to its auditorium on December 12, 2008, causing one million dollars in damage (“Wasilla Bible Church Received Overwhelming Support,” KTUU-TV, Jan. 22, 2009). The church was possibly targeted because of Sarah Palin’s attendance there. It had also hosted a conference for ex-homosexuals not long before the fire. According to *The Collins Report*, the fire was set when five adult women and a teenage girl were inside the church building. Accelerant was spread across all the exits in an apparent attempt to create a wall of fire between the victims and escape, and the wires were cut to the phones, fire alarm, and water sprinkler system (Kevin Collins, “Exclusive interview reveals: Palin’s church fire was attempted murder by a professional,” Jan. 29, 2009). The evidence, therefore, points to attempted murder. Palin, the governor of Alaska, was John McCain’s vice presidential running mate. Her politically conservative stand and opposition to abortion and homosexual marriage produced a fierce onslaught from the liberals who control the mainstream media.

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