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Editorial

Someone once said, *“There are only two things in life that are certain - death and taxes.”* Thankfully, while those two things may be certain, there are other certainties that we can announce to the world.

With the death in the last month of our mother/mother-in-law and a very good friend, Charles Francis QC, we have had to think again about life after death which is, of course, another of those certainties. Although people generally, and even some in the church, do not seem to want to talk about this ‘fact’ these days, we need to.

The whole Christian gospel hinges on Christ’s death and resurrection and the great commission to “stop people going to hell”.

Well, no, that is not quite how Jesus put it but it is clearly what he meant. Go into all the world and preach the good news that He died in our place, bearing our sin, whatever those sins may be. That Jesus, regardless of our failings, offers us eternal life.

How good is that? We can celebrate not just a life but also a death when we know that those people are now with Christ - in a better place, often relieved of the suffering that so often precedes death today.

How much more this should make us think about those who do not know Him and who will spend eternity separated from Him? With all the time in the world to reflect on the opportunities they were given to make a choice they did not take - as long as they were given the choice.

There are many reasons why people do not choose God’s offer of salvation, sometimes it’s because they have been convinced by the spirit of this age that promotes evolution and ‘God is dead’ - if He ever lived, that is.

Sometimes it is because they have a false picture that God wants to rule their

lives with a rod of iron and spoil their ‘fun’, or they have a strong desire to live their own life and not be ‘controlled’ by someone else’s ‘rules’.

Sometimes it is because the people in the church seem no different to the people outside or because they are so confused by the ‘variety’ of messages and attitudes that today’s church offers.

All too often, and the saddest of all, though, it is because they never heard that they had a choice - nobody told them the Good News in the way Jesus shared it when He was on earth, with love and compassion; through the hand of friendship rather than condemnation and judgment.

Yes, there is a place for rules, and even condemnation and judgment, but it is so important that we know when and how to use them.

So often we are thought of as ‘judgmental’ because people see and hear us speaking against the acceptance of abortion, homosexuality and IVF or suggesting that children need discipline and young people need boundaries, so we must always remember to separate the personal from the public. Our personal attitude should be one of grace because we are all sinners - none of us are worthy to receive that Good News. We all need the loving forgiveness of Christ.

Yet in the public/political arena a very different dynamic is at work. Rules/values that have been handed down for good reason by God, and followed by countless generations, are being changed. However, they are there for good reason and we need to do all we can to speak against the social engineering that will only encourage people away from eternity with God toward total and eternal separation from Him.

Yours, in the service of Jesus the King
Peter & Jenny Stokes



God's Judgment on Our Nation(s)

by Murray Adamthwaite PhD

Back in February, in the aftermath of the "Black Saturday" bushfires, Danny Nalliah pronounced that the fires could be connected to Divine judgment on Australia for various national sins, especially the passing of the Act to legalise abortion in Victoria. In an ethos which denounces any such idea as "unloving" and "censorious" he was, of course, castigated for it on all sides. Many of the critics, however, had not seen the prediction on his *Catch the Fire* website last November which warned of just such tragedies.

Now, it is not the purpose of this article to defend or condemn Danny. Rather, I mention it only to highlight how the very notion of Divine judgment is now almost universally attacked and censured, even from those who profess to be Christianity's friends. "Christianity is all about love", comes the objection.

Harmonising with this outlook is the widespread belief in universal salvation: all people – everyone – both are saved, and will be saved. Hell, if there is such a place, is empty (except, of course, as a convenient destiny for someone who happens to commit some dastardly crime!). God is, after all, supremely loving and inclusive. Indeed, all those nasty "judgment" passages should be carved out of our Bibles, and for that matter the entire book of Revelation. Such seems to be the theological consensus.

Judgment and Justice

If Hell is empty, and Heaven is all-inclusive, then immediately we have a problem: the sincere and penitent believer, who through life hates sin and loves righteousness, must spend eternity with all the impenitent

monsters of history: Nero, Diocletian, the Inquisitors, Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, and a host of others. All of a sudden Heaven has ceased to be Heaven. And why bother being so devout and holy in this present world? The Preacher rings the changes on this dilemma: "It is the same for all. There is one fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the

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good, the clean – and for the unclean ... As the good man is, so is the sinner ... This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men." (Eccl 9:2-3)

So if there is no Hell to shun, and no Heaven to gain, why bother being righteous? That is a dilemma which secularists have never been able to answer. They can talk all they like about altruism and building a better world (whatever that is), and in

a former generation they did just that, but the reality is that the present generation has gone 'all out' for unbridled hedonism, that is, "Take care of Number One."

By contrast, just as Divine wrath and judgment are real, so also the human heart cries out for justice. When secular courts continually give out lenient sentences for horrific crimes, when politicians ignore the pleas of constituents for just laws, and instead pursue their own ideologically driven agendas, and when international leaders dally with ruthless gangster regimes (like Iran), the cry for justice goes up. It is implanted in the human heart, and no amount of altruistic moralising from leftists will stifle it. That inner yearning for justice comes from the image of God in man, as expressed in the Old Testament

Hebrew verb *shaphat*, an activity which is predicated of God some 56 times in the OT.

Leon Morris observes:

“[The word] implies a passion for the right, an existential concern that justice be done...He who does mishpat [the noun] seeks out the wrongdoer to punish him, and the righteous to vindicate his cause.”¹

Therein lies the root problem in our modern world: there is no real concern for the right, for justice, equity, and hence just punishment on one hand, and vindication of the righteous and innocent on the other. The gushy notions of love and tolerance predominate; so the baby of justice goes out with the bath water of judgmentalism, and “tolerance” is the moral plug-hole down which both go.

Principle & Manner of Judgment

One vital principle to grasp first of all concerning Divine judgment is that of *retributive punishment*. In our modern world this has become almost completely obscured through the “penal reform” philosophy which came in half a century ago. In the modern outlook criminal justice is a reformatory and corrective exercise: crime is a psychological disease from which the sufferer must be “cured”; whereas the older concept was that a criminal had by an act of will committed a crime for which he should be held responsible and punished. Divine judgment clearly presupposes sin, moral guilt, and consequent punishment. Only this is truly ‘justice’: “every transgression and disobedience receives a just penalty” (Heb 2:2).

Judgment has two aspects: it is both a present reality, and a future certainty. In regard to the first there are judgments through history, both of nations at large (below) and of individuals. Although we

must avoid the notion that every sinful deed is visited with equivalent Divine retribution in this world, an error which the Book of Job corrects (see also Eccl 8:14), it is still the case that God’s wrath is manifest in the lives of transgressors.

The classic passage here, particularly relating to promiscuity and homosexuality, is Romans 1:18-32. God’s wrath – not has been, nor will be but *is* revealed in the present time (v 18). Three times in this powerful indictment of human sin is the declaration, “God gave them up...” (vv 24, 26, 28). If people live the homosexual lifestyle (vv 26-7) two consequences follow:

(i) They are hardened in their choice. Passions predominate such that no amount of reason or evidence has any effect, and in turn they are on the inexorable path to misery. “If that’s the way you want things”, God says in effect, “then go right ahead! Have it! But remember, it’s a package deal: the homosexual lifestyle, *and* all that goes with it.” Here we have the mystery of God’s sovereignty and human responsibility, as expressed in another passage, “Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, *so that* they all may be condemned... who had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thess 2:11-12, emphasis added). God gives men up to sin, but in such a way that they still remain culpable and guilty.

(ii) A penalty in their own bodies (v 27, literally “in themselves”). This, in the ancient world, almost certainly entailed syphilis, herpes, and other sexually transmitted diseases; while in our modern world we have in addition the AIDS phenomenon. In Australia, more than 80% of those who have contracted AIDS are homosexuals. Some Christian scholars try to evade the clear implication of this

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text, and in a concern to be “nice” suggest that we cannot say any such thing; but the pronouncement is too clear.

While God in His grace may, and does, suspend the outworking of misery, the law of life remains: “Whatever a man sows, this he shall also reap” (Gal 6:7). If a council, for example, decrees that undergrowth and dry timber must be left in place, then they must expect that a fuel-laden forest will, given hot conditions, burst into a firestorm!

Judgment of Nations

The Old Testament has many long passages on the judgment of nations: all those of antiquity have long since passed away - Philistia, Edom, Ammon, Phoenicia, Assyria, Babylon, Pharaonic Egypt (see Isaiah 13-23; Jeremiah 47-51; Ezekiel 25-32). However, on an historicist reading of Revelation, with its series of judgments symbolised in the seals, trumpets, and bowls, the nations of the Gospel era will also disappear, if they have not already done so: Rome, Byzantium, the nations of Western Europe, Islamic nations. Finally, there is the climax in the judgment of Babylon (Rev 18). However we may interpret this, it clearly envisages the judgment of earthly powers and nations. All these are judged in this present world, except for the final antichrist, for the simple reason that nations are not enduring entities, they have no ‘soul’. They are groups of people, held together by common assumptions, culture, purpose, philosophy and religion. When they lose these unifying bonds, they lose integrity and coherence and their civilization disintegrates, usually quite quickly. History, both ancient and more recent, is strewn with examples.

Hence, a nation will climb to a certain height of power, influence, civilization and culture, but after reaching that high point that nation

will collapse. According to Biblical teaching all this comes about by Divine Providence: He raises up; He casts down. When a nation fails to follow God’s commands, or forsakes the living God whom she once revered, He will in His wrath bring that nation to oblivion. Hence also Christ speaks of Capernaum, a Lakeside town, “Will you be exalted to Heaven? You will be brought down to Hades!” (Luke 10:15) Significantly, all the towns against which the Lord pronounced woe disappeared completely from the landscape in the years following His time, and Capernaum is only to be seen today because the Franciscan order procured the ruined site in 1894.

In this light Western nations are ripe for judgment. Over 100 years ago their academic institutions forsook the Scriptures as the Word of God and adopted destructive criticism, first of the Old Testament, then of the New. One thing led to another: Christian theology was disbelieved and abandoned, then morality went by the wayside. Now we have the horrendous killing of defenceless children in the womb, tolerance and even promotion of the homosexual lifestyle - which God calls an abomination, casino gambling in every capital city, teenage violence and suicide out of control, to mention a few evils, while what passes for the Christian church in large measure sits silently by. If the nations of the ancient world suffered God’s wrath, modern nations – and the professing church - cannot hope to escape either. “The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether” (Psalm 19:9).

The Last Judgment

The main thrust of the New Testament, indeed the culmination of the whole of salvation history, is the final Judgment at the end of time, when the Lord Jesus comes in

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glory (Matt 25:31, Acts 17:31; Jude 6). It is a staggering scenario, and no-one knows how He will accomplish this, but we are here dealing with the all-powerful and all-knowing Triune God, who commands the end from the beginning. What is essential to grasp, however, is that this final, great event settles all accounts from the beginning of human history to its end, when all secrets and motives will be revealed, and justice done to all. Even the Old Testament alerts of a coming judgment: the ancient patriarch Job warns his counsellors, “wrath shall bring the punishment of the sword, that you may know there is a judgment” (Job 19:29); while the Psalmist announces the prospect that the LORD will come to judge the world in righteousness (Psa 96:13; 98:9). Although the vast majority of sins and misdemeanours will have been forgotten by men, the Living, all-knowing God will have forgotten nothing, and will bring to light all the secret things of men (Rom 2:16).

Therefore the reality, and nearness (Rev 1:3), of Christ’s coming and the Last Judgment must constantly be held before our modern generation, even if it does invite sneers, scoffing, and rejection. Against the unbelieving world which invokes – as never

before - the absolute uniformity of nature to repudiate any Divine intervention, we should remind ourselves of Peter’s advance warning of just such a scenario (2 Peter 3:3-4). In opposition to religious liberals who tell us that God is too loving to exercise wrath, we must tell them plainly that God is a God of justice as well as love, and to play one off against the other is deluded theological juggling. Then there is a more recent error: while it affirms in theory that Judgment is coming, it postpones the event into the far future such that it can safely be ignored. Meanwhile, we need to get on with the job of building a “kingdom of God on earth”.

On the contrary, we must like Paul to Felix (Acts 24:25), reason with people “about righteousness, self-control, *and judgment to come*” (emphasis added). The fact that two millennia have gone by and we still await it should not deter us one whit.

1. Leon Morris, The Biblical Doctrine of Judgment, Tyndale Press, 1960, p.17

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Sexualisation of babies

The sexualisation of children continues unabated. Lingerie, TV programs and advertising all promote sexualised images. Sleazy slogans on adult clothes are bad enough. Putting them on babies and toddlers’ clothing is even worse.

Cotton On Kids, a clothing store, is selling tops for babies with slogans such as “The condom broke”, “Pardon my nipple breath” and “I’m living proof my mum is easy” (and even more blatant ones!) These slogans have an adverse effect on other children - as well as on adults who read them.

When challenged by Julie Gale, the Director of *Kids free 2B Kids*, *Cotton On* lamely replied that they were supposed to be “funny”. They don’t seem funny to us...

We should be asking: “Where have basic standards of decency gone?”

ACTION: Please write to **Cotton On**. Ask them not to sell tops that exploit babies and children by using sleazy sexual messages. Cotton On, 14 Shepherd Court, North Geelong, Vic, 3215. Or use the web: <http://www.cottonon.com.au/contact>



News & Action

Tasmania: Lesbian parents

On August 20, the Tasmanian House of Assembly passed legislation to allow the lesbian parent of a lesbian birth mother to be recognised as a parent. The Bill then went to the Legislative Council in the last week of August.

Queensland: Surrogacy

The Queensland government has announced plans to legalise surrogacy - including for same-sex couples.

ACTION: If you live in Queensland, please object to this move - write to your local MP. Also write to Premier Anna Bligh and Leader of the Liberal National Party, John-Paul Langbroek. Send letters to Parliament House, Cnr of George and Alice Streets, Brisbane, QLD, 4000.

Review of TV 'Code of Practice'

There is currently a review of the 'Code of Practice' for commercial television.

Free TV, the umbrella organisation, has suggested some 'amendments' to the Code and is asking for 'input'! One of the changes in the draft Code is to alter the MA guidelines - which no longer require implied sexual activity to be "discreet". Reality TV guidelines will be tightened - a good thing. However TV stations want to "tighten" complaint procedures. The new draft Code still prohibits complaints to TV stations via email - we need to have this removed! A new restriction is that you are not allowed to complain unless you personally have viewed the program yourself.

ACTION: Send submission by 25 Sept to 44 Avenue Road, Mosman NSW 2088 or email to code@freetv.com.au Let them know your concerns about content on TV,

the rating system and so on. Full details: see 'Campaigns' section of our website.

Alcopops tax

The Senate passed the 'alcopops' legislation on August 13. The legislation increases the tax on pre-mixed drinks by 70%.

The legislation was defeated in March but the Liberals eventually agreed to support the legislation. Senator Fielding and The Nationals voted against it.

Old and NSW: Abortion

Former Labor MP Bonny Barry is continuing to push for abortion to be decriminalised. She recently told *The Australian* that she has draft legislation 'waiting'. She is encouraging Labor MPs to put the legislation into the parliament.

NSW Labor MPs are also calling for the decriminalisation of abortion in NSW.

ACTION: If you live in Queensland or NSW please be vigilant about this - contact your local MPs - ask them to oppose the decriminalisation of abortion.

Review of family law

There are currently three reviews of family law being conducted in Australia. Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland has asked the **Australian Institute of Family Studies** to review the 2006 reforms of the Family Law Act - especially dispute resolution and shared parenting.

In July he asked **Professor Richard Chisholm** to review the law to consider the 'harmonisation' of domestic violence law and family law. The Attorney-General also asked the **Australian Law Reform Commission** to analyse the law relating to violence against women and children with respect to the interaction of Commonwealth and State laws. This may result in raising the threshold for mandatory reporting of child abuse in the Family Law Act.

More Details: 'Latest News' on our website.
Ref: Media Release, Speech, A-G, 24/7/2009

Is anyone truly good?

by Kerrie Ternes

"...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Phil 4:8

When we look around us, how far are we from this ideal? In the article, I want to concentrate on the issues that are particularly affecting our children, teens and young adults, in the school environment. Recently, I saw an advertisement in *The Age*, by the Department of Education and Training, calling for submissions for an Inquiry into the *Role of Schools in Promoting Healthy Community Living*.

It struck me that schools, I believe, should promote healthy living, in all aspects – physical, mental and emotional – and so I decided to write a submission, hopefully broadening the terms of reference of the Inquiry. Nicole, our newest Salt Shakers employee, also wrote a submission on behalf of Salt Shakers.

The Inquiry listed items such as healthy eating and physical exercise. I wanted them to also consider: smoking, alcohol, drugs, sex education, bullying and relationship discussions; to also cover mental and emotional issues. My belief is that schools should be a safe place – physically, mentally and emotionally – for the students (and staff) since it is compulsory for them to attend to at least age 16.

To keep students safe and to instil "safe" habits for life, schools and teachers must research and understand the influences on their students. To this end, up-to-date research on the influences surrounding smoking, drinking alcohol (particularly "binge" drinking), experimenting with

illegal substances (being aware of the effects of drugs like GHB), pressures to be promiscuous and the effects in terms of self-esteem, relationships (pregnancy and abortion) and the incidence of STIs (and their effects), dangers of the homosexual lifestyle and bullying – physical and emotional/psychological (including on the internet). We at Salt Shakers encourage schools to have a *Zero Tolerance* policy on all of these issues.

My attention was drawn to a newspaper article, entitled "*Puffed Up*":

"Smoking in movies encourages children to take up the habit regardless of whether the smoker is a "good guy" or a "bad guy", new research says.

A US survey of 6500 adolescents, who had watched recently released movies, showed that positive or negative smoking portrayals had the same effect on a teenager's decision to start the habit."

Past generations were influenced by the "good" guys in the movies, or life in general. We wanted to be like Robin Hood, Superman, Batman, Mother Teresa or Fred Hollows. According to the survey reported in "*Puffed up*", Gen Y are equally influenced by good or bad behaviour. So, some of our young people will emulate Corey Delaney (16 year old bad boy of Narre Warren party fame, January 2008).

Is it because behaving well hasn't produced the financial (or "fun") rewards that it appears behaving badly does? After all, newspapers and magazines are sold on stories of people behaving badly. And the proliferation of reality shows on TV



are often predicated on the portrayal of bad behaviour, the more exaggerated the higher the ratings it seems. So, instead of our teens and young adults having positive role models, too often there are negative role models. I believe there is a loss of hope and increase of cynicism and anger resulting from a disappointment in Gen X (or the Baby boomers).

A generation ago, most 'vices' were not readily evident on TV – we have to admit this is one of the greatest influences on our young people. Swearing, drug taking, the sex act and others were not seen on TV and consequently, were not in general discussion in society, or schools. Some of these issues, including suicide, began to be discussed as part of English classes, due to it being a theme of a text being studied. Now, it seems, there is nothing so private that it shouldn't be discussed loudly over the mobile phone on the train!

Suicide was always a particularly sensitive subject, as no-one wanted to be responsible for putting the possibility into the mind of someone who otherwise may not have thought of it. The case of the 13 year-old student who recently committed suicide due to a case of cyber bullying thus becoming the fourth student from that school to do so, is particularly concerning. Not only must intensive counselling be provided to everyone at that school but the staff need to examine the reasons for the atmosphere there which says to the students that suicide is a viable option. We, and they, must promote a message of "choose life" and help them to choose it.

Zero Tolerance does work. In some cases, it has been called 'prohibition' and it does reduce the incidence of the banned substance occurring. While modesty was considered important and the sex act not promoted as being acceptable between

any two consenting adults, the incidence of teenage promiscuity was far fewer than today. The consequent incidences of abortions, STDs and AIDs were also fewer.

As the advertising and marketing people know very well "any publicity is good publicity" - to our detriment. I would much rather return to a society in which some things are "out of sight" and hopefully, "out of mind". How can we do that without being seen as people who just wish to "spoil their fun"? We need to pray, as never before, for our young people – our own children and grandchildren. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to surround and protect them; pray that, in the midst of this permissive society, they will remain innocent (unsullied) by the world, yet wise.

We need to pray for schools – their staff, students and curriculum – that they will be kept safe and learn what they need to become responsible citizens. We need to pray against satan and his deceptions which are being made manifest in society. We

also need to remain aware of the latest issues and research affecting our young people. The Salt Shakers monthly Journal can help with that – see the website (www.saltshakers.org.au) for subscription details - encourage your friends to subscribe. As part of the submission Nicole prepared a comprehensive Fact Sheet on STD statistics.

The submission and Fact Sheet are both on our website.² If you would like us to send you the Fact Sheet, please send \$1-65 of stamps (ie 3 x 55c stamps) and your address for mailing. Help young people be correctly informed by being correctly informed yourself – know the truth of the issues – and above all, PRAY!

1. *Puffed Up*, Sunday Herald Sun July 5, 2009 p33

2. <http://www.saltshakers.org.au/issues/sex-contracepn-a-stds/255-stds-australian-statistics>



40m condoms destroyed

Instead of people attacking the Pope and blaming him for the spread of HIV and AIDS, may I suggest you do your sums on the issue of condoms.

USAID, UN agencies and many NGOs have sent billions of condoms to Africa over the past years with little effect in reducing the transmission of this deadly disease.

What has been successful in reducing this scourge is abstinence and monogamy.

Prominent Ugandan AIDS activist Martin Ssempe, in supporting Pope Benedict's statement, said that in August 2004 more than 40 million condoms made in China were found to be defective and were recalled to be destroyed.

This was after many people had used them and so may have been exposed to HIV.

Madge Fahy, Ashwood

Herald Sun 3/4/2009



Meaningless Numbers

The article, (Advertiser 21-5-09), about a fossilised mammal found in Germany recently, dates the fossil as 47 million years old. Why 47 million? Why not 48 million, or 46 million, or 37 million, or 57 million? The numbers are so far back as to be meaningless.

How are these numbers arrived at? By the length of time it takes rock to fossilise the skeleton?

The fact that the skeleton still has fingernails and the contents of its stomach, would indicate that it is nowhere near as old as 47 million years. Fossils don't need that amount of time to form.

A miner's hat left in a Tasmanian mine in the 1830's was found in the 1960's fossilised into rock. That's only 130 years. And there is a waterwheel at Cape Leeuwin, WA, which was entombed in solid rock in less than 65 years.

Margaret Lineage, Golden Grove
The Advertiser 22/5/2009

Reverse decline in morals

I would like to comment on the story '*It's Time to Get Tough*', (Sun January 28).

As a person who lives on the Gold Coast and has witnessed over these last 40 years the decline in moral standards Australia-wide. It definitely is something that can be reversed and given the three generations that it took to get to this point of immorality, I can only say that we have deserved what we have got. Since the abolition of discipline in schools in the '70s and the drug-added political decisions made in the '60s, I can see the product of impotent politicians of the day who passed laws that offend society and denigrate humanity.

It seems that everyone is doing only what is right in their own eyes, not what is right for the good of society as a whole. I find it offensive when the politicians we elect and pay for, fiddle while Rome burns.

No one has the guts to say enough is enough. Why, as a society do we allow a deviated wisdom to rule our youth?

Give kids enough rope and they'll hang themselves for sure, and no one can stop them.

We need leaders to stand up for what is right, condemn what is wrong and discipline our society in a manner that reflects a higher standard than the pussy-footing that goes on now in the name of law and order.

Impotent politicians, impotent law makers, impotent education, and impotent role models, it's no wonder we can't give birth to respectful youth. It's time we reflected on a society that cares for each other.

W Williams, Oxenford
Gold Coast Sun

Play it straight

Mr Rudd, if your commitment to your marriage and wife is good enough for you, it is good enough for all Australians.

There is simply no need or reason to amend or change the Australian Marriage Act. Please leave it as one man, one wife for life and watch families, society and this great nation be strengthened.

Judith Bond, Glen Alpine, NSW
Sun-Herald Sydney 9/8/2009

Congratulations, Judith...

This is the **50th letter** that Judith has had printed during 2009. Well done!

Writing letters to local papers

Have you written a letter to your LOCAL newspaper? It is often easier to get a letter printed in a local paper. Sometimes they will print a much longer letter - especially if they don't have many for that week. [For the main newspapers, we recommend about 150 words.]

The following letter, written by Craig Ryan was printed in a Bairnsdale paper. It contains a lot of information on the 'climate change' issue...

Climate Sense?

Firstly I am not a "denier" due to the fact, from the dawn of time the climate has changed and will forever change, that is for sure whether we like it or not. Natural disasters will happen, don't know if I could stop a volcano erupting or prevent the tectonic plates from moving about causing earthquakes and tsunamis or clouds banging together forming massive storms, so I don't think reducing the (unconfirmed theory) CO2 causing emissions will prevent such things either.

Declaring CO2 as a pollutant is like declaring photosynthesis illegal.

To be labelled a "skeptical" these days, is that supposed to be a bad thing? I believe that all scientists are supposed to be skeptical, is it not their job to question a theory, after all a theory is an educated guess, right? It does not take much of a web search to find out that there is indeed a significant alternative view.

The IPCC estimates that Australia's share of greenhouse gases is 1.5%.

Now the percentage of all the CO2 in the atmosphere is roughly 0.038%. Out of this 0.038% let us generously assume that 5% of that is caused by humans, which is 0.0019%. So if the numbers are right, Australia's share comes to the alarming figure of 0.0000285%, or alternatively an eye drop of water into a Olympic pool, once a year, immeasurable.

For the fact that everything and anything has an impact on climate such as, oceans, seas, volcanoes, flora, fauna, land fill, clearing, planting, waste, gassy animals, man's breath, radiation, reflection, absorption, solar, evaporation, conduction, humidity, earth's rotation, sun, moon, stars, tectonic plates, tsunamis, earthquakes, air movement, ice, snow, rainfall, water vapour, droughts, clouds, cars, trains, jets, boats, construction, agriculture, and on it goes. To think we (man) have all the answers, know how everything works, let alone be able to control it, very misguided or

just plain arrogant.

An ETS will reduce CO2 to a \$ paper value (a commodity) to be traded on the world and national markets, controlled by a select few, paid for by us, sounds like a good scheme to me, if I am the one selling the permits. (A pay to pollute system) I would prefer monies directly targeting pollution reduction of all types and a better use of resources because that's the healthy thing to do, be smarter in the use of what we have and look

after it better, we are only care takers of this world after all.

The amount of money, spent so far, could have eradicated, not mitigated, but eradicated starvation in a number of countries by now surely, where are the priorities?

A manmade theory, based on manmade models, on manmade assumptions, creating a manmade solution - flawed written all over it !

Craig Ryan, Nicholson
Bairnsdale Advertiser, 12/7/2009.



Made to feel guilty

Whilst I agree with Jane Schaper, who rightly states that much of the hype surrounding global warming is a myth, I must take exception to her statement "thousands of US scientists have now put their signatures to a paper that calls it just that".

Whilst she is right, it must be pointed out that thousands of non US scientists, including Australians, have also put their names to documents like the 'Manhattan Declaration' which, in my opinion, rightly states "Global warming" is not a global crisis'.

Sadly, while already wealthy people like Al Gore strut the stage making millions out of this 'scare', ordinary families in this country will have to pay more for their basic needs and thousands of poor people in Third World countries who lack modern technology like electricity and running water are being made to feel guilty for wanting the things we take for granted.

Peter Stokes Melbourne
Whitehorse Leader 29/07.2009

The Parliament of The World's Religions

The Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR) will be held in Melbourne from 3 - 9 December 2009. This event, which occurs every five years, brings together people of all religions from across the world. The organisers are expecting 10,000 visitors and are planning 450 activities. There is a particular emphasis on working together for 'peace' and there is also an 'environmental program'. Many well-known Australians - including some well-known Christians - are involved with the events. The Parliament has been financially supported by the state and federal governments (\$2 million each) and the Melbourne City Council (\$500,000).

Our major concern with such interfaith events is that they attempt to create a level playing field. All religions are said to be 'equal'. Evangelising - or saying your faith is the 'only way' is frowned on at such gatherings. The uniqueness of Jesus' claims is denied.

The Acts 4:12 Committee was formed by Christians concerned about the growing Interfaith movement and especially the Parliament of The World's Religions. The Committee has a website with information and articles about the interfaith movement and the PWR: **www.pwrdeception.com** The Acts 4:12 committee can be contacted by phone on 0409 236 981 or by email: admin@pwrdeception.com

Several brochures have been prepared by the Committee to help people understand what the PWR is about. Over the next three months we will re-print them - they are posted at **www.pwrdeception.com** in a 3-fold brochure format - please print them and distribute widely! The following article is a brochure intended for *non-Christians*.

Details of the PWR are on our website at <http://www.saltshakers.org.au/issues/interfaith/210-parliament-of-the-worlds-religions>

A Parliament of The World's Religions? What does this mean to Aussies?

What is the PWR?

The *Parliament of the World's Religions* (PWR) began in Chicago in 1893. Its stated aim was to improve understanding between representatives of all religions, by periodic gatherings, but without any legislative agenda.



the World's Religions meets in Melbourne. It is heavily subsidized by government funds. The organizers expect thousands to attend from many countries. The Dalai Lama is to open the event. Jews and Christians will mix with Muslims Hindus Buddhists and people of other religions in

what is probably the biggest inter-faith event in Australian history.

What does this mean to Aussies?

From December 3 - 9 the *Parliament of*

This shows how far Australia has forsaken

its Christian origins. Also how Australia has moved toward being a polytheistic, pluralistic society. ('Polytheism' means the worship of many gods).

When Australia was founded few questioned the reasonable, historic belief that all things were created by One God, Who had made Himself known to man in Jesus Christ. The Parliament of World Religions denies these truths — and prompts the question: Is God One or many?

Is there a hidden agenda in all this?

Could the PWR assist the legislative climate today, which seems to aim at restricting religious freedom in Australia - especially the freedom of Christians?

The Melbourne PWR meetings are being co-ordinated by Gary Bouma and Des Cahill, two of the authors of the Discussion paper for the Australian Human Rights Commission Freedom of Religion and Belief Inquiry! The recommendations of this Inquiry will influence government policy on social and religious freedoms.

What the big question is

None of this grew in a vacuum. The false idea accepted by many people, that everything is relative, that there are no absolutes and everybody is equal is fertile soil for Inter-Faith gatherings.

But remember how Orwell said in his book, 1984, that while all things are equal, some are more equal than others! So the modern notion of equality is full of problems many fail to see. All things are not equal—certainly not in religion.

If a man believes in a god of some sort, can he also believe in many gods? If there are many, who is the chief god? If one is greater than others, why would he share his

power with other deities? Did he make the lesser gods, or did they all just evolve out of something else? So who really is God?

Some religions believe in many gods. Some worship animals or inanimate objects—and some have no concept of a personal god at all.

The Bedrock of Western Civilisation

Yet the faith which has been the bedrock of western civilisation affirms the truth of the Bible: "I am the Lord, and beside

Me there is none else." (Isaiah

45:18). It is this faith which

declares "In the beginning

God created the heavens

and the earth". (Genesis 1:1)

This faith also declares that

the One True God of Scripture

has done something amazing—He has

revealed Himself to man in His Son

Jesus Christ, Who said, "*He who has*

seen Me has seen the Father" (John's

Gospel 14:9)

What the *Parliament of the World*

Religions stands for challenges you to

answer the question : who do you think

Jesus is?

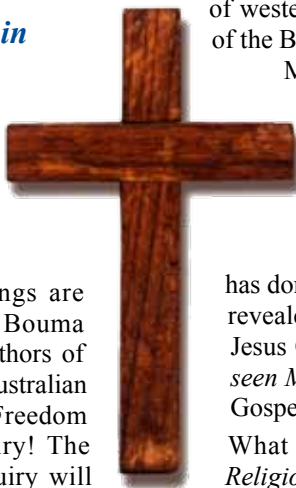
The Bible teaches that God has revealed Himself to the world, by His Son, Jesus Christ.

It teaches that Christ came to earth to die in the place of all who believe in Him, to save them from their sins and their guilt.

Jesus plainly said: "*I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father (God) but by Me.*" (John 14:6)

Jesus' apostles said the same: "*there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*" than Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

No wonder the apostle Paul declared: "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.*"



Saul hated Christians. As a proud Pharisee he was responsible for the death of many Christians. Then he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. His life was changed. His name was changed — from Saul to Paul, and from then on, he lived to win men to faith in Jesus!

Jesus said: *“He that hears my word and believes on Him (God) who sent me, has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but passes from death to life”*. (John 5:24)

Why not believe in Jesus NOW?

Cry out to Him, confessing your sin, and accepting His free and total forgiveness and cleansing! John’s Gospel tells us, *“To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the power to become children of God”*. (John 1:12)

The Parliament of The World’s Religions and Christianity compared:

The PWR reduces all religions to the same

level - but Christianity says Jesus is Lord of All.

The PWR says all religions share in the truth - while Christianity says it is the truth

The PWR is polytheistic which means it believes there are many gods. Christianity says there is only one God, the Creator of all things.

Jews, Muslims and Christians all believe in only one God - however Jews

do not believe Jesus is their Messiah. Muslims do not believe Jesus is God. The PWR denies Jesus is either Messiah or God.

Christians do not regard Allah as God – in view of all this, while all must respect the right of another to believe what he will, they all cannot be true.

One faith, does however have all the hall marks of truth – that faith which rests in the Person of Jesus, Who said, *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to God except through Me.”* (John 14:6)



Bushfire Support - Thank You!

We received this letter from **Remar Australia** - they ran a Christian drug rehabilitation centre in Kinglake which was destroyed in the bushfires. Some of the donations sent for bushfire relief were passed on to them. They have written to thank those who gave so generously.

“We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the donations that you have so generously given to Remar Australia after the recent bushfires that devastated the Kinglake area. As you know, the property that we occupied in

Kinglake West was completely destroyed by the fire and cannot be rebuilt. Several weeks after the bushfires, we were allowed the use of a property in Nyora, Gippsland. It has a lot of potential for the work we do and it is our hope, God willing, to purchase it in the near future. It has been a difficult time for all of us, but the support of the community and you, in particular, has made a big difference.

“God has been very good and we are confident that with His grace we will accomplish what has been set before us.”

ALP Conference - Same-sex 'Marriage'

by Peter Stokes

In our article *'Beyond same sex marriage'* last month we mentioned the protests planned to coincide with the recent ALP Conference.

Despite the spin from some organisations suggesting Mr Rudd did not change his position on marriage, the ALP certainly did.

It is possible that Mr Rudd held back the tsunami, but nevertheless he had to allow a tidal wave instead and the result was a negotiated compromise which meant another step forward for the pro-homosexual lobby.

Since 2004, when the Marriage Act was changed to include the words 'Man and Woman', the ALP has accepted that position and it was written into their policy document, NOW, as a result of changes made at National Council, IT ISN'T.

The ALP policy now states... *Amendment 166A – Chapter 7 "Labor supports the enactment of legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's sexual orientation or gender status, and the removal of such discrimination from Commonwealth legislation."*

"Labor will ensure that all couples, whether married or de facto, do not suffer discrimination."

Tacked onto the end is *"Note: These reforms are to be implemented consistently with Labor's commitment to maintaining the definition of marriage as currently set out in the Marriage Act."* NOT a 'Policy', simply a 'NOTE' that doesn't mention 'man and woman'.

As Fred Nile stated recently, "This policy change provides an opportunity for the future amendment or repeal of the Commonwealth Marriage Act definition of Marriage..."

Another change involved the ALP 'preferred option' of "State-based Relationship

Registers" - it has also GONE and in its place the ALP policy now states...

"Labor will take action to ensure the development of a nationally consistent framework that provides:

- *The opportunity for all couples who have a mutual commitment to a shared life to have their relationship officially recognised.*
- *Equal rights for all couples in federal and state laws*

"Labor will review relationship recognition arrangements to ensure national consistency."

"National consistency" shifts the ground from Relationship Registers to Civil Partnerships because they already exist in the ACT. We all know the ACT will not change, in fact they are still attempting to 'up the ante' to a Civil Union, so "national consistency" becomes an earthquake term dramatically shifting the 'perception', even though there is little difference between a civil union and a relationship register.

Another recently changed policy regarding same-sex marriage will concern members of *Amnesty International*. Once Amnesty campaigned for the release of political prisoners. In recent years they adopted a pro-abortion stance. Now they are supporting same-sex marriage.

Their new policy calls for an end to *"discrimination in civil marriage laws on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity"*. The NSW/ACT branch of *Amnesty* has a 'special interest network' - the 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Network' - which is working with homosexual lobby group *Equal Love* to campaign for same-sex marriage in Australia.

Prayer Update

Governments

Federal and state governments have returned from their winter breaks. Please pray for all MPs, that they might be refreshed and ready for the next session considering legislation.

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Please pray for Kevin Rudd and his Cabinet as they make decisions about the future of Australia. Pray that they will put the best interests of Australians ahead of any political ideologies they follow.

Premiers / State governments

Pray for the premiers, Cabinet and the Opposition leaders in each state. Pray for them to have God's wisdom and discernment.

Vic - Exceptions

Pray that the Victorian Parliament's Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee will recommend that the government retain ALL religious exceptions - as well as those allowing clubs to have only male or only female members - that are currently in the Equal Opportunity Act.



Same-sex 'marriage'

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee is considering a Greens' Bill that proposes changing the Marriage Act to allow homosexuals to marry.

Pray that the Committee will reject the Bill and recommend against allowing same-sex 'marriage'.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chr. 7:14

Mark your diary NOW!

NaCl Dinner

The Annual Dinner for the National Alliance of Christian Leaders is held in Canberra on the Saturday before the Prayer Breakfast. A number of Christian ministries speak about their work.

Date: Saturday November 14, 2009.

Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St Barton ACT.

Time: 5:30 for 6:00 PM

Contact Graham McLennan for details:

nacl@colourcity.com or phone

National Prayer Breakfast

The Parliamentary Christian Fellowship - made up of Christian MPs in the federal parliament - holds an annual Prayer Breakfast.

Date: Monday November 16, 2009 - 7 am.

Venue: Parliament House Canberra.

More details - contact anpb@bigpond.net.au or phone 02 94999310

Join us for Prayer and Breakfast
Pray for our nation, its leaders and Salt Shakers
6.30 am every Thursday morning at SALT SHAKERS Office

Book Review: United in Hate



United in Hate: The Left's Romance with Tyranny and Terror, Jamie Glazov.*

Reviewed by
Murray Adamthwaite.

Once upon a time, in my undergraduate days, I would never have believed that the radical Left was in love with totalitarian regimes for their own sake. I believed their sanguine rhetoric that they just wanted a better world, without despotism and tyranny, and that they were sincere in holding to pacifist and democratic principles. I simply rejected their view that Communism was the path to their imagined Utopia: the facts of life around the world spelled the lie to that goal.

No longer! In more recent years I have been forced to the opposite view: that the Left is totalitarian at heart; its devotees delight in such regimes, and really want to see the entire world under the thumb of their fascist-style programme.

Hence when I saw this book advertised on the Internet I snapped it up immediately, and fairly consumed it. Glazov's preface says it all, "Throughout the twentieth century the Western Left supported one totalitarian killing machine after another. Prominent intellectuals...venerated mass murderers such as Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Castro, and Ho Chi Minh, habitually excusing their atrocities while blaming America, and even the victims, for their crimes.

This book is dedicated to exploring the reasons why."

Crucially important in his quest is Chapter Two, "The Believer's Diagnosis", which explains the psychology of the Leftist. He begins with a sense of alienation, a spiritual emptiness, for which he seeks non-spiritual

solutions, ie a secularised Christianity. It is a political faith, yet one whose ramifications fail to concern him: all must fall down before its onward march, even if that means extermination. The believer subjects his total person to this totalist cause: there is no room for individual expression, the collective must lord it over individuality. Furthermore, there is a veneration of death. It is no accident that our world is riddled with death cults, since the Left sincerely believes that blood and fire alone will cleanse the world of its present corruption, and lead to the utopia built upon its ashes. Since radical Islam, with its suicide bombers and terrorism, is also a death cult, the Left has now embraced that with the same devotion it formerly gave to Marxism.

Another piece of Leftist mythology is that of the noble savage: Third World countries and their inhabitants show the pristine innocence which Western civilization has corrupted: hence the preoccupation with 'primitive' peoples such as the Indians of North America or the Aborigines of our own country.

Also in this Leftist, utopian world, be it Marxist or Mohammedan, there is no room for love, or sexual pleasure. But here there is no distinction between love and lust; both are excluded. Hence in Stalinist Russia such was "counter-revolutionary", while Islam wages war on this expression with equal zeal.

In any battle the first rule is, "Know your enemy!" This is an important book to read if one is to understand the mentality behind the present Leftist onslaught.

* United in Hate, Jamie Glazov, WND, 2009.

Available from: <http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=94172>

Success - Brothel & Bar Refused!

Residents of Elsternwick in Victoria have been successful in stopping the opening of a bar next to a brothel and also in the opening of a new venue for 'adult entertainment' including sexually explicit acts.

In the first instance, John Trimble wanted to open a bar in the building next door to the *Daily Planet* brothel.

He is the chief executive of the company that owns the brothel.

In Victoria, brothels cannot serve or provide alcohol so this would have been a sneaky way of getting around the regulations of not having alcohol onsite.

The Liquor Licensing Commission rejected Mr Trimble's application for a liquor licence.



The second case involved Mr Graham Harvey, who had been convicted in 1996 of 'inducing child prostitution' and 'causing child prostitution to take place'.

Mr Harvey had applied to turn a former brothel into a licensed 'adult entertainment' venue. Glen Eira Council had rejected his proposal - he appealed to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and VCAT has just rejected his appeal.

The Elsternwick residents had organised themselves as a group to oppose the two proposals and spent a lot of money on legal fees to assist in their case.

These successes show that such proposals can be defeated! Well done!

UK: Pagan police - Pagan holidays

Police in Britain who follow 'pagan' religions have been given permission to take eight pagan holidays a year - including Hallowe'en and the solstices.

A *Pagan Police Association* has recently been established by pagan police officers to represent police officers who follow pagan religions. The Association officers immediately set out to lobby the Home Office for 'change' and 'recognition'!

The Home Office responded by agreeing that local police forces could allow police officers to take 'pagan' holidays. The pagan holidays will be deducted from the officers' annual leave.

However Superintendent Simon Hawkins of the Hertfordshire police said that "While balancing operational needs, the force's religion and beliefs policy gives all staff the choice of **re-allocating the traditional Christian bank-holiday festivals** to suit their personal faith. This has been very well

received from a number of faith groups, including Muslim and Jewish."

So, in addition to allowing the officers to take 'religious holidays' out of their annual leave, it seems that officers of all faiths - other than Christianity - can now **choose** which public holidays they will take and are able to have set holidays depending on their individual religions. It seems that the Christian holidays have been superseded.

In other 'pagan' developments:

* Last year the British Home Office allowed the use of *pagan oaths in court!*

* Another Pc, Andy Hill, recently set up the *Pagan Police Group UK* website for pagan police officers - he is offering 'spells' to fellow officers to help with exam preparation and healing!

How long will it be until these things happen in Australia?

Ref: *The Telegraph, BBC, 16/7/2009.*

World News

USA: Professor of Sexuality

Harvard University has just established a new Chair with a professor of sexuality!

The Chair, in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies, has been funded by a US\$1.5m gift from the university's 4,600-strong caucus of homosexual men and lesbians.

The Chair is named after former Harvard literary professor FO Matthiessen.

Officially called the "FO Matthiessen visiting professorship of gender and sexuality", it will provide for visiting scholars to teach at Harvard on a rotating basis. [*Guardian*, 3/6/2009]

USA: Obama Healthcare

The proposals made by President Obama to provide healthcare for Americans have caused a great deal of controversy.

Public 'townhall meetings' across the USA have been loud and vocal in opposition.

The new health care program was proposed because of the high cost of health care. Americans have to have health insurance to cover medical expenses - and many poorer people can't afford it.

Here in Australia, we have become used to a system where Medicare provides basic medical and hospital services, so it might seem unexceptional.

However many Christians were concerned that the new health care system would provide funding for abortions, would impose 'end-of life' decisions and thus potentially relate to euthanasia and also mean government committees decide what treatment would be provided.

The Case For Early Marriage

A very interesting article appeared in *Christianity Today* last month. It was called *The Case for Early Marriage* and was written by **Mark Regnerus**, associate professor of sociology at the University of Texas, Austin and the author of *Forbidden Fruit: Sex and Religion in the Lives of American Teenagers* (Oxford, 2007).

He notes that we taught our young Christian people about purity pledges and chastity - but we forgot to tell them how to "tie the knot". He goes on to make a case for young Christians who have met the person they plan to marry to go ahead and marry in their early twenties.

Read the full article: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2009/august/16.22.html?start=1>

Gardasil Deaths

There are an increasing number of deaths and adverse events such as blood clots in the USA connected to the drug **Gardasil** - which has been given to teenage girls to try and prevent HPV because some HPV strains cause cervical cancer. As a result some US doctors have stopped using the drug. **Why are we injecting Australian teenagers with it?**

UK: Schools get 'Darwin' DVD

Every school in England and Wales is being sent a free DVD about Darwin by the British Humanist Association. The DVD is *Growing Up in the Universe*. It was produced by Richard Dawkins during the 1991 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures for children.

The *Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science* is providing funding for the project. Of course they are 'celebrating' 2009 as the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species*.



Ministry News

Life continues to be busy! With state and federal parliaments resuming after the 'winter break' there is an increasing amount of legislation to monitor.

The new website is still being revised but it is operating well. Please use it to look up MP contacts and information on issues. If there is something you want to know and it isn't there, please ask! We often find that, after researching the matter, it is ideal for posting on the website so that more people can benefit from it!

Peter and Jenny had a holiday during August - they enjoyed a time of rest and relaxation but still managed to take their computers and send out emails!

We appreciate the prayers and support of you, our readers. Without that we couldn't do what we do. So thank you for the support and encouragement you give us.

Speaking engagements

Peter and Jenny will be in Western Australia from October 30 to November 11 this year. If you'd like them to speak to your church or group, please contact the office to arrange it.

Peter and Jenny will also be speaking at the Australian Christian Nation Association Conference in Sydney on Saturday 21st November 2009 on the topic "The Dangers of the Parliament of World Religions and Interfaith Movement".

Those attending the worldview school in Bendigo in August said they really enjoyed the day! Please contact the office to invite us to speak at your church or run a worldview school.

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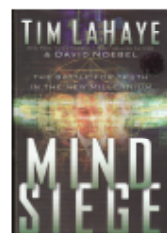
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How will the Church respond to Islam?

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Highly recommended\$7 each - CD 1 CD 2 CD 3 **SPECIAL OFFER - Purchase all THREE Islam CDs for just \$17** **Mind Siege** - Tim LaHaye & David Nobel*"The Battle for Truth in the New Millennium"*

While Tim LaHaye is listed as No 1 author of this book David Nobel was largely responsible for the text.

The book is highly recommended by Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, Dr James Kennedy, Josh McDowell and many others.

It is not new, but is very readable and educational for understanding worldview issues.

We have some copies at a very special price, **ONLY** while stocks last.

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