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More than Just Headlines

...Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.
--Jesus (Matthew 16:3)

In the next few days, newsmakers will tell us what we already know—their idea of the top stories of 2007. It's a given that the war in Iraq would place first were it not for the good news that American casualties are now decreasing while enemy casualties are increasing. More likely to win the newsmaker sweepstakes is the comeback of Al Gore, the “global warming” prophet who collected an Emmy and a Nobel prize this year for identifying the cause of global warming—the United States.

At the beginning of the year, we too, paid attention to the subject of global warming—but for different reasons. News headlines like “Eco-Evangelism” caused us to wonder why certain evangelical leaders would use their national platform to call for a halt to global warming. We uncovered information that compelled us to warn pastors that “global warming” is really a religious movement. In a newsletter, we discussed the movement's embrace of the concept of Original sin while rejecting Christianity's salvation from it—transforming Man sinning against God into Man sinning against the Earth—a primitive form of animism.

In local headlines, also earlier this year, we noticed that our state senate launched a directive (SB 5063) to remove “hurtful gender references” from certain laws. Wondering what that was about, we discovered, for starters, that references to “fireman” and “policman” would be stricken from our public pension laws. We informed our members what was not mentioned in the headlines—the senate bill will likely now force the Office of Code Reviser to review thousands of state statutes that might contain other so-called “hurtful gender-specific references.”

We also wrote about SB 5336, concerning rights and benefits in *Domestic Partnerships*, a pretend marriage in Washington State. We opposed the measure in testimony before the House Committee on the Judiciary. Since the sponsoring homosexual legislators made no attempt to conceal the true purpose of the bill, the *Christian Coalition* submitted copies of medically and scientifically accurate studies on the negative health effects of homosexuality and arranged for two lovely born-again former lesbians to testify as well. Not appreciated!

We made known our opposition to SB 5297, a bill forcing schools utilizing an abstinence-based sex ed curriculum to accept a state mandated curriculum incorporating other manners of disease prevention and sexual expression. It is far too graphic for children.

This year we took Governor Gregoire to task for trolling Indian casinos for political “contributions” and later rewarding them with lucrative new gambling compacts. Tribal profits are expected to exceed last year's record net of \$1.2 billion, making Indians high-stake players in state politics at all levels. In the past, we have furnished legislative committees with studies that conclude that when the state begins to partner with an entity it is supposed to regulate, corruption is inevitable. Our message to the Governor:

“It is evil when government promotes gambling, when it sanctions homosexuality, when it provides free condoms for prison inmates, and when it mandates all forms of sexual expressions to be taught to innocent minds in public schools.”

We paid close attention to national issues as well. When congressional Democrats pushed for a vote of no confidence in our military and our Commander-in-Chief by stripping from appropriations funding for the war in Iraq—you were notified. We shared how President Franklin Roosevelt prayed on national radio for our troops at the commencement of D-Day operations during World War II—back when partisan politics stopped at the water’s edge.

This year we publicly criticized President Bush for saying he supports border security while proposing what would amount to a blanket amnesty for millions of illegal aliens. We were especially concerned when the President said conservatives are trying to “frighten people” into opposing his bill and that those who “want to kill the bill” are not concerned about “what’s right for America.” We called for a pardon for two border patrol agents who were convicted of pursuing and wounding a well-known drug smuggler in a border incident. Three judges in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals are currently reviewing the case and could free them from their 11 year sentence.

In July, we shocked many supporters with news that the President has opened the White House to a myriad of religious celebrations including the Islamic observance of *Eid-ul-Fitr* and *Diwali*, the Hindu “festival of lights.” Many wrote to say they had not heard such reports but that they would write to the President (and pray more earnestly for him). We are further troubled that the President patronizes his guests at such “religious” occasions by assuring Imams, for instance, that he believes God and Allah are one.

Visitors to Washington, D.C. cannot help but conclude that previous generations considered God America’s national treasure. Our monuments bear witness to His providential blessings upon this land. But, in October, we pointed out attempts by various federal authorities to remove God from our monuments, coins, national cemeteries, and even our public prayers. History demonstrates that liberty does not exist where public recognition of our triune God is disallowed or disavowed.

We also covered economic and trade issues in our publications this year because we believe they can be prophetic indicators of a time for which we are to prepare. Concerning recent developments in global oil exports and imports, we reported that J. Robinson West, chairman of PFC Energy, thinks the tiny oil-producing countries simply cannot absorb the amount of wealth they are currently generating. He says, “We are seeing a transfer of wealth of historic dimension.”¹

Our interest in details beyond news headlines also extends to U.S. foreign policy—especially where it concerns Israel. Last month, we urged political leaders meeting in Annapolis to consult the Word of God before scheming with other nations to divide up the Lord’s portion (Joel 3:2). We believe America is in peril for even hosting such a meeting.

Although we “see through a glass darkly,” *Educating and Activating Christians for Social, Political, and Spiritual Action* is what the Christian Coalition is equipped to do. We hope you will continue to share our materials with those who “discern the signs of the times.”

Blessings for a prosperous New Year!

Rick Forcier

¹ Oil Producers See the World and Buy It Up, Steven R. Weisman, *The New York Times*, 11/28/2007