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CHOOSING TO BE A MINISTER OF RELIGION.

<http://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/could-you-live-like-a-20something-priest-inside-the-lives-of-young-ministers/story-fnixwvgh-1226703519977> **Could you live like a 20-something priest? Inside the lives of young ministers** 24 August, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - In Australia “More of us than ever have no faith in religion. Young adults in 2011 were more than twice as likely as those in 1976 to have no religion (29 per cent to 12 per cent).” Yet “many twenty-somethings still take extraordinary religious vows. They pledge to ditch life's simple pleasures to become ministers and priests.” There is “Karl Sinclair, 26, is a Catholic priest-in-the-making. He's taken some very serious vows - and he's still "daunted" by it.” Then there is “**Kate Lohmann**, 25, is studying to become a minister in the **Baptist Church**.”

One wonders how 1 Timothy 3: 1 - 7 is so mis-understood. “1 This is a true saying, If **a man** desire the office of a bishop, **he** desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the **husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well **his own house**, having **his children** in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if **a man** know not how to rule **his** own house, how shall **he** take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride **he** fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover **he** must have a good report of them which are without; lest **he** fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”

CHRISTIANS AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF BIBLE DOCTRINE!

<http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?id=40024&ref=BPNews-RSSFeed0405> April 5, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - The Southern Baptist Convention’s “LifeWay Research study on ‘Doctrinal Positions,’ released April 5, shows 81 percent of churchgoers agree, in regard to salvation, that “When you die, you will go to heaven because you have confessed your sins and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior.” Yet at the same time “ 26 percent of church-goers concurrently believe that ‘If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity,’ while 57 percent disagree.” Also “the majority of churchgoers (75 percent) strongly regard the God of the Bible as not the same god worshipped in other world religions, 13 percent say the God of the Bible

is no different from the gods or spiritual beings depicted by world religions such as Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Another 12 percent neither agree nor disagree with the uniqueness of the God of the Bible.” Strangely “26 percent of church-goers concurrently believe that ‘If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity,’ while 57 percent disagree.” Sadly there are not many like “those in Thessalonica...that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so” Acts 17:11.

CIVIL RIGHTS?

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/blog/2013/09/obama-judge-hijab-ban-violates-muslim-civil-rights/> September 10, 2013 (Edited by DCB) A federal judge who was appointed by Obama “has handed the administration a major victory, ruling that a Muslim woman’s civil rights were violated by an American clothing retailer that didn’t allow her to wear a head scarf as required by her religion.” This judgement was against “retail giant, Abercrombie & Fitch” who was accused “of religious discrimination for firing 19-year-old Umme-Hani Khan for wearing a hijab at a northern California store. The company, which focuses on hip casual wear for consumers aged 18 to 22, has a policy against head covers of any kind for its employees.” Oh yes, this same judge’s husband “served as the DOE official overseeing Obama’s scandal-plagued green loan program that’s fleeced American taxpayers out of hundreds of millions of dollars.”

Proverbs 29:2 “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

EIGHT YEAR OLD BRIDE DIES!

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/sep/10/8-year-old-yemeni-girl-dies-injuries-sustained-her/> 8-year-old Yemeni girl dies from injuries sustained on her wedding night September 10, 2013, (Edited by DCB) - Hard to believe but “An eight-year-old Yemeni girl has died of internal bleeding sustained during her wedding night after being forced to marry a man nearly five times her elder”. Her husband was forty.

THE POPE BELIEVES WHAT?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/pope-francis-assures-sceptics-you-don't-have-to-believe-in-god-to-go-to-heaven-8810062.html> Pope Francis assures sceptics: You don’t have to believe in God to go to heaven September 11, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - Yes you read the headline correctly for “Pope Francis has written a long, open letter to the founder of La Repubblica newspaper...stating that non-believers would be forgiven by God if they followed their consciences.” The Pope said “Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience.” This Pope has also entered the homosexual issue stating “If someone is gay and is looking for the Lord, who am I to judge him?”

The Pope is wrong. It is not your conscience which is to be followed but the Gospel to be believed as Jesus said to Paul “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me” Acts 26:18 .

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