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OUT WITH CHRISTIANITY AND IN WITH ISLAM

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Articles/Article.aspx/14152#.UpT6YeIViO4> **Islamic Cannon vs. Christian Sparrow** November 25, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - It seems “not only anti-Semitic because of its Islamist population, it is also having its public face Islamicized.” In Norway Christianity is being forced out while Islam is being welcomed. Nrk “the Norwegian public television, qualifies itself as a ‘multicultural container’, a ‘symbol of inclusion’ in the country stunned by the massacre perpetrated by Anders Breivik in the island of Utoya. The television station began to transmit the Islamic prayer of Eid every year, the prayer which closes the Ramadan, from the Islamic Center of Oslo. It is part of the policy decision to abolish the ‘Christian monopoly’ of the festivities and to open the television to other beliefs.” But this is occurring all over Europe. “Wallonia, the French-speaking southern region of Belgium, has renamed four major Christian holidays on the school calendar with secular names to accommodate a burgeoning Muslim population. The Christian holiday known as All Saints Day (Congés de Toussaint) will now be referred to as Autumn Leave (Congé d'automne); Christmas Vacation (Vacances de Noël) is now Winter Vacation (Vacances d'hiver); Lenten Vacation (Congés de Carnaval) is now Rest and Relaxation Leave (Congé de détente); and Easter (Vacances de Pâques) is now Spring Vacation (Vacances de Printemps).” Oh yes, “Christmas has just been banned in Berlin's Kreuzberg, one of the most Muslim-colonised parts of Germany. Christmas' celebrations are only allowed at home, so that ‘the religious feelings of others are not injured’.”

ISRAEL AND THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/42024-israel-releases-jews-for-jesus-evangelist-on-bail> **Israel Releases Jews for Jesus Evangelist on Bail** December 9, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - UK citizen, Barry Barnett, is also a staff member of Jews for Jesus and was in Israel as “part of a team serving on the ‘Behold Your God’ Israel campaign in the Beer Sheva region. He and other team members, who were all Israeli, were holding up the sign with an evangelistic message and cellphone number printed on it when they were approached by six immigration officers on Nov. 20.” The sign was taken and Barrett “was held for several hours at an immigration office before being moved to the prison in Ramle, near Tel Aviv.” He was “held for four days and nights” before being released. The

Jews for Jesus director in Israel said “that according to Israeli law, an expulsion order is less severe than a direct deportation.” The director said “that Barnett had every right to express his faith, stand with a banner and talk to others about his faith in Jesus even while in the country on a tourist visa. Appealing the expulsion order will press the government to ensure that religious freedoms continue for both citizens of Israel and visiting tourists.”

GIVING PRAISE TO MANDELA ON THE LORD’S DAY

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/denver-multicultural-megachurch-pays-tribute-to-nelson-mandelas-message-of-forgiveness-equality-110346/> **Denver Multicultural Megachurch Pays Tribute to Nelson Mandela's Message of Forgiveness, Equality** 9 December, 2013 (Edited by DCB) - In spite of Mandela’s Communist ties “The Potter's House of Denver dedicated their Sunday services to Nelson Mandela's memory as members gathered to praise and worship while they heard an inspiring message on Mandela's legacy.”

1 TIMOTHY 3 AND THE BAPTIST UNION OF AUSTRALIA

<http://canbap.org/our-community/our-ministers/> **Our Ministers** (Edited by DCB) - “Rev Belinda Groves is the **Associate Minister at Canberra Baptist Church**. Her role includes...**preaching** and worship services...” 1Timothy 3:1 “This is a true saying, If **a man** desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.”

CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

<http://www.godofevolution.com/an-unexpected-journey-the-dangerous-enterprise-of-learning-ab-out-evolution/> Here is the sad two part testimony of a man who said he was brought up in churches affiliated with “the independent fundamental Baptist movement (IFBM)” and that he is grateful “for the many biblical things I learned and the godly men and women I met, whose examples helped to shape” him. He was “led to Christ by” his “IFBM mother and baptized by an IFBM pastor” so he “will always have a place in my heart for those churches.” Then there is that word “However” which always follows the buildup to the eventual beat-up. He finally parted company with the IFBM “for greener pastures in the Reformed tradition.” Now to make a long testimony short this man still claims to be a Christian but one who believes in evolution. He says he “was comforted to discover that there were more respected orthodox Christians who accepted evolution than I had imagined, including C.S. Lewis, B.B. Warfield, J.I. Packer and even Billy Graham.”

EVOLUTION & BILLY GRAHAM

<http://evanevodialogue.blogspot.com.au/2007/09/billy-graham-on-evolution.html> “I believe that God created man, and whether it came by an evolutionary process and at a certain point He took this person or being and made him a living soul or not, does not change the fact that God did create man. ... whichever way God did it makes no difference as to what man is and man's relationship to God.” Billy Graham: Personal Thoughts of a Public Man, 1997. p. 72-74.”

“Keeping” the faith,
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