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Adventists Help Initiate “Faith House,” a New Multi-Religious Church

Interfaith Movement Gains New
Strength

By Julia Duin
April 5, 2010
Washington Times

NEW YORK—When FaithHouse Manhattan has its twice-monthly interfaith gatherings, *the guest list is a carnival of religious belief and creed.*

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LA Times Promotes Sunday-Keeping

Remembering the Sabbath Can
Refresh the Soul

By Judith Shulevitz
May 9, 2010
Los Angeles Times

How many times have you vowed to build more downtime into your weekend schedule? How often have you done it?

So many things get in the way: deadlines, e-mails, children, chores. And although we long for unstructured time, in some other part of ourselves, we're also proud of how much we work and revel in our inability to stop doing so.

The question of whether to rest or not on the weekend didn't use to be so tortured. Only during the past half a century did Americans become free to disregard the ancient commandment not to work one day a week. Before that, people rested on one day, usually Sunday, often because it was the law of both church and state. *The American Sabbath* eventually evolved into a quasi-secular day when no one had to go to church, but even then stores were closed and - more

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Christian Preacher Vows to Fight After He's Arrested for Saying Homosexuality is a Sin

By James Tozer
May 3, 2010
Daily Mail, (England)

A Christian was arrested and treated like a 'common criminal' after saying that he thought homosexuality was a sin.



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Knowing the Time

By H.L. Rudy
Nov. 20, 1958
Review and Herald

The apostle Paul might well have addressed the following message to Seventh-day Adventists:

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Rom. 13:11, 12.).

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Top Cardinal, Tarcisio Bertone, Blames Pedophile Crisis on Homosexuals

By Ruth Gledhill
April 14, 2010
The Times, timesonline.co.uk

The Pope's right-hand man has blamed homosexuals for the clerical abuse scandals in the Roman Catholic Church, while denying any connection between pedophilia and priestly celibacy. Speaking on a visit to Chile, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State, said: “Many psychologists and psychiatrists have demonstrated that there is no relationship between celibacy and pedophilia. But many others have demonstrated, I have been told recently, that there is a relationship between homosexuality and pedophilia. That is true. That is the problem.”



Editor's Note: Cardinal Bertone is right. The pedophiles in the Roman Catholic church are due to the homosexual priests found therein. However, the Bible has already declared this system to be “the habitation of devils and a cage of unclean and hateful birds” (Rev. 18:2). This is the loud cry message, “Come out of her my people.”

Obama Meets with Adventists and Other Faith Leaders



March 12, 2010, President Barack Obama meets with members of his Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Adventists, Other Faith Representatives Share Ideas to Bolster Relationship Between Religious Groups, Government

By Elizabeth Lechleitner
March 12, 2010
Adventist News Network

A Seventh-day Adventist Church representative joined other faith leaders at the White House this week to share ideas on inter-religious cooperation with a government office launched last year to give community organizations -- including faith groups -- a voice in policy decisions. Faith groups can be “credible and reliable partners” in helping governments achieve goals within the sphere of appropriate church-state relations, the Task Force on Inter-Religious

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New Jersey Governor Draws Fire Over Sunday Law



Gov. Chris Christie's Bid to End Sunday Shopping Ban Draws Opposition

By John Reitmeyer/Statehouse Bureau
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NJ.com

North Jersey lawmakers are challenging Gov. Chris Christie's plan to lift the ban on Sunday shopping in Bergen County because it is based on a study provided by merchants who would benefit from the change.

Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff said the plan to end the “blue laws” is still “in our budget,” although the governor has predicted it may become

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Anchorless on the Sea of Ecumenical Diversity

—by Pastor Raphael Perez

It is absolutely shocking to see how far the Second Vatican Council's ideals of ecumenism have taken us. Take for example "Faith House," a new church in Manhattan [see page one]. *One of its founders and its leaders is a Seventh-day Adventist.* This "new" church is the epiphany of what the ecumenical movement is all about.

Faith House was created to celebrate the acceptance and promotion of all the different religious traditions—all in a single house of worship. You can pray to any God you want to. Whether it's Buddha, Allah, Jesus, or no-god because even atheists attend this church.

This is the union of "multiple religious traditions" into one body. Of course, the Bible calls this "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Rev. 17:5.

In this new church, everyone is accepted, everything is endorsed, all religious faiths are celebrated—Pagans, Christians, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, Eastern Religions, monotheistic religions [one true God], polytheistic religions [many gods], and even atheistic [no God]. Notice how this very union between atheists, pagans, and Christians was prophesied many years before, and notice who really is behind all of this.

"The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. *Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism.* Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. *Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world.*" Great Controversy, p. 588.

This interfaith, multicultural rationalization which has become the driving force of all the churches, sadly, including Adventism, has caused our people to lose focus on the true gospel commission to proclaim the last message of mercy [Rev. 14:6-12] to all the world.

Our early Advent pioneers saw the great importance of these truths. The precious truths found in the Three Angels' Messages carries with it the true joy and splendor of spiritual beauty and holiness. The founders of our movement saw in these messages the answer to all the problems permeating the different churches.

"The churches have become as described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation [a habitation of devils, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. Rev. 18:2] *Why are the messages of Revelation fourteen given? Because the principles of the churches have become corrupted.*" Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, p. 979.

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The revelations of Jesus Christ found in the book of Revelation demand that we live the truth found within its pages and to encourage others to do the same. Settling the difference between religious faiths is a good work, and even humanitarian works of mercy have their place; however, *the fullness of the gospel truth must be told.* By ignoring the precious "present truth" for this time, we will most certainly and thoroughly confuse the faithful as to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist people. The message at this time is, "Fear God and give him glory" (Rev. 14:7). "Babylon is Fallen" (Rev. 14:8.) And "Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins" (Rev. 18:4). We are to warn against the Mark of the Beast and His image (Rev. 14:9-11) and to encourage men and women to receive the seal of the living God—which means to reflect God's character perfectly and keep His commandments (Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14:12).

Thus, we find ourselves today in a situation in which the majority of God's people are unfamiliar with the mission, the message, and the vision of the historic Adventist faith. The present generation is being disconnected from our origin and heritage. Many leaders are causing the people to rebel against the true gospel commission. Notice the attitude of our Christian forefathers during the early days of the church.

"After a long and severe conflict, the faithful few decided to dissolve all union with the apostate church if she still refused to free herself from falsehood and idolatry. *They saw that separation was an absolute necessity if they would obey the word of God. They dared not tolerate errors fatal to their own souls, and set an example which would imperil the faith of their children and children's children.* To secure peace and unity they were ready to make any concession consistent with fidelity to God; but they felt that even peace would be too dearly purchased at the sacrifice of principle. If unity could be secured only by the compromise of truth and righteousness, then let there be difference, and even war." Great Controversy, p. 45.

The original basis for unity and spiritual and moral life has been lost today. The fullness of the gospel has been trivialized. It has been replaced by a social, multicultural gospel rather than the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. Unity is no longer based on a rational ethical and moral system truth—namely God's law. God's faithful minority will not sacrifice the glorious truths of Revelation 14:6-12 on the pagan altar of "togetherness" and "community" or "multiculturalism." This modern, Jesuit thinking has become an idol in Adventism. And if we adopt this mentality we too will become victims and slaves to the public opinions of multiculturalism. "Present truth" means nothing to these people. The devil has removed the testing truths by which man can be saved.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we're in for some rough weather. The storm is about to break. Let us pray that the ship is properly rigged and balanced.

"Imagine a ship on the great and broad ocean without a chart or compass by which to steer its course, and you have a fair illustration of a world without Bible truth." W. W. Stebbins, Nile, New York, Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, Feb. 4, 1862.

Letters

I am 92 years old and have been a Seventh-day Adventist since 1952. I have seen a lot happen in the church. You are doing a wonderful work with the billboards, newspapers, and everything else. God bless you all and stay humble. **Elizabeth Bair, Pennsylvania.**

Eternal Gospel Ministry, Christian greetings to you. May God bless you for all the wonderful work you are doing to get the Three Angels' Messages to all the world. Yours truly, **A. McDonald, New York.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, I sure do enjoy The Eternal Gospel Herald. Keep up the excellent work of keeping God's people informed of the events of these last days. The billboards are an amazingly, powerful way to spread the truth! Thank you and God bless, **Brad York, Tennessee.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Herald, Please subscribe me to your paper "The Eternal Gospel Herald." Just last week I was shown a first glimpse of it, and I appreciate what you are doing. I am a very concerned SDA living in California, and I am aware of the "Signs of the Times" and other prophecies being fulfilled right in our church. Thank you for what you are doing. **Brent Fjarli, California.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Church, I just finished reading your book "The Antichrist Identified." It was superb! Please send me any other material you may have. Sincerely, **Mark Ferrell, Arkansas.**

Dear Eternal Gospel Ministry, Thank you for The Eternal Gospel Herald. We certainly enjoy reading it every time we receive the latest edition. God Bless, **Harold Bezanson, North Carolina.**

Hello, I am contacting you to request a subscription of your wonderful and amazing paper called "The Eternal Gospel Herald." Please let me know what you need in order to begin receiving them right away. Thank you so very much! Kindly, **S. Goddard, Silver Spring, Maryland.**

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Street preacher Dale Mcalpine was held in a cell for seven hours and charged with a public order offence after telling a gay police community support officer that homosexuals were going against the will of God.

Mr. Mcalpine was talking to shoppers and handing out leaflets when he was allegedly warned he was committing an offence by PCSO Sam Adams, who introduced himself as his force's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender liaison officer.

When he continued preaching, Mr. Mcalpine was arrested while debating his views with a passer-by. “I think justice will be served and this will be found to be a ridiculous charge,” he said.

Mr. Mcalpine is just the latest preacher prosecuted for speaking out against homosexuality, and his arrest comes days after a top judge was criticized for ruling that Christian beliefs are not entitled to special protection by the courts.

Mr. Mcalpine, who works in the energy industry, was helping a full-time preacher in the center of his home town of Workington, Cumbria, when the confrontation took place last month.

Yesterday he told how he was speaking to a woman about behavior that he believed the Bible regarded as sinful, including blasphemy, adultery, drunkenness and homosexuality, while being watched by two PCSOs.

After she walked away, he claimed one approached to warn him that they had received complaints and that if he made any racist or homophobic comments he would be arrested. “I told him homosexuality is a sin, and he told me ‘I am a homosexual, I find that offensive, and I'm also the liaison officer for the bisexual-lesbian-gay-transsexual community,’ ” he said yesterday. Mr. Mcalpine responded to the officer by saying, ““I told him it was still a sin.” After the warning, Mr. Mcalpine preached for 20 minutes, although he claims he did not cover homosexuality. But while he talked to a passer-by the PCSO radioed for assistance and he was arrested by uniformed officers.

He was taken to a police station, had his pockets emptied and his mobile phone taken along with his belt and shoes, and was kept in the cells for seven hours where he sang hymns to keep his spirits up.

“They treated me like a common criminal,” he said. He was later charged with using abusive or insulting words or behavior which violated the Public Order Act 1986 and released on bail, appearing before magistrates last week.

The self-proclaimed born-again Christian, who is single, insists he has a right to express his views. “It’s not just my right I’m fighting for, it’s everyone’s,” he said.

Editor’s Note: Soon, we too will be treated like common criminals for preaching the truth about the Seventh-day Sabbath and about Sunday being the mark of the beast. May the Lord help to spread the message while we still can. Soon the doors for preaching our distinct message will be shut.

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a casualty of political outcry. The budget counts on the change bringing in \$65 million in revenue for Christie’s \$29.3 billion budget. That estimate comes from a report prepared by New York-based HR&A Advisors Inc., a firm that has done work for NJ Transit and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

But the study of Bergen County’s Sunday shopping restrictions, which have been in place for more than 50 years, wasn’t prepared directly for the Christie administration budget. Instead, Bergen County retailers who are seeking to have the ban lifted forwarded the study to the Christie administration before the budget was presented March 16.

The policy change would bring in \$56 million in sales tax revenue, \$8 million in corporate taxes and \$1 million by taxing the incomes of the estimated 3,250 new jobs that could be created, according to the study, obtained last week by the Record.

The blue laws have been upheld through several court decisions and two countywide referendums, and the Bergen County freeholders unanimously approved a nonbinding resolution last month that opposes a roll-back of the shopping ban, with Republicans and Democrats voting against the governor.

Editor’s Note: The Governor of New Jersey is fighting a losing battle by trying to overturn the State’s ban on Sunday shopping. What he doesn’t realize is that he is not fighting Republicans or Democrats; rather he is trying to undo what the dragon of Revelation 13, through the beast and its image, has sought to bring into this nation and the world—a national Sunday law!

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by custom than by law - people passed the day in one another's company, attending houses of worship if they wished, and taking walks or drives or meals together. Consider the experiences that Americans had a century ago when Sunday rolled around. As one psychologist put it in 1908, people enjoyed “freedom from all slavery of the clock, better and more leisurely ... meals, the hush of noise on the deserted street, the intensified charm of the sky, sunshine, trees, fields ... calls, visits, correspondence, as well as rest pure and simple, for body and mind.”

Today, when Sunday comes, “rest pure and simple” is elusive if not impossible. Given that more people than ever work nights and week ends, chances are good that one spouse will go to work while the other looks after the children. Nor is “the hush of noise” easy to achieve. Streets are much less likely to be deserted than they were in 1908, and of course, televisions, telephones and computers rarely fall silent. True rest, it turns out, is a group activity, not a solitary one; a restful atmosphere is the distillate of a society at rest, not the creation of a single person. This is a lesson we learn, belatedly, from the American Sabbath, even as it vanishes. We rested best when others rested with us, keeping us company and giving us something fun to do as well as moral reinforcement against the fear we'll fall behind. We rest poorly when the world around us hums with activity.

Many religious professionals have preached this message from the pulpit, but the Sabbath has had its nonreligious advocates too. The most eloquent among them was Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, who argued in 1961 that Sunday-closing - or “blue” - laws don’t breach the wall between church and state. Rather, he wrote, they protect a scarce public good - “community repose” - that derives from ecclesiastical tradition but is now a “cultural asset of importance.” Defending the midcentury American Sunday against those who felt oppressed by it, he said that a commonly kept day of rest promoted the orderliness of a society and the health of its people by providing “a release from the daily grind, a preserve of mental peace ... a time during which the mind and body are released from the demands and distractions of an increasingly mechanized and competition-driven society.”

Globalization, just-in-time manufacturing and electronic networks, among other things, have made it possible to synchronize production and communication around the globe, but they have also made it necessary to operate on a 24/7 schedule. This creates, in effect, something that Josef Stalin once admiringly called the continuous workweek. Meanwhile, mobile devices have annulled the rules that used to prompt us to stop working at regular times (5 p.m., say) and pushed us into a zone of frictionless activity without temporal boundaries. You may wonder what the Sabbath can do to help us counter these enormous social, technological and economic forces. The answer is, very little - but a little can be a lot. We are not likely to bring back blue laws, and that is, on the whole, a good thing. But the Sabbath is not just a day off. It is also an idea. Actually, it's three ideas, embedded in the Fourth Commandment, the one that talks of keeping the Sabbath.

The first is the idea that everyone, not just the idle rich, has a right to rest regularly. The second is the idea that a good society makes life better for its members by protecting that rest. The third idea, which is perhaps the most powerful of all, is simply to “remember the Sabbath.” That is something we all can do, whether or not we choose to honor it. We can simply think hard about it, trying to puzzle out all that this very old and once-venerable human institution has to teach us about work, rest, time, sanity and the good life.

Editor’s Note: What the Jesuit-infiltrated LA Times is saying in this article on Sunday laws is this:

1. This is an “American Sabbath” part of the American culture and heritage—not the “Biblical” Sabbath.
2. That Sunday laws are not a violation of church and state because the Supreme Court has said so. It’s interesting to note that we have a Roman Catholic majority on the U.S. Supreme Court today.
3. That if we don’t bring back Sunday laws we are going to be living under Josef Stalin’s 1950’s Russian Communist totalitarian state.
4. The misguided at the LA Times want to misguide us into thinking Sunday laws are not coming back. But we, as faithful Seventh-day Adventists, know that in the very near future Sunday Laws are going to be enforced as the “mark of the beast” here in America. Because of all this misinformation and propaganda, we must move forward with our work warning the world before it’s too late.

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Paul here speaks of the completion of our redemption. “The night is far spent, the day is at hand.” The darkness of night is almost finished; the glorious morning of God’s day is at hand. Christ is coming to complete our redemption. He is coming not as the evening star at the close of day, but as the bright and morning star, to usher in the new day, the day when the Prince of Peace will be crowned as the King of Righteousness.

Works that are in harmony with darkness are to be cast off, as a garment is put aside. The works of darkness are thought of, so to speak, as a night garment, of which the people of God are to divest themselves on the approach of day. “Put on the armour of light” is the order of God. Pressure brought to bear upon God’s people to conform and compromise must be resisted and withstood.

We are living in an age of compromise. Satan hopes to accomplish through compromise what he has failed to attain through persecution. His last great work of deception is “with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved” (2 Thess. 2:9, 10).

Revelation 14 and 18—God has raised up the Advent people to be a light in the world, where exists the moral and spiritual darkness described by the apostle. The three-fold message of Revelation 14:6-12 and the loud cry of Revelation 18:2-4 have been entrusted to God’s people to be given to a perishing world without fear or compromise. This is God’s answer to the great apostasy of the last days.

There are two great doctrinal errors on which last-day apostasy will be based: “Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deception. While the former lays the foundation of Spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome.” Great Controversy, p. 588.

The embodiment of these and other great errors is to be found in the spirit of the Papacy. “The papacy,” we are told, “is just what prophecy declared that she would be, the apostasy of the latter times.” Ibid. p. 571. Those who accept these errors unite in “the spirit of the papacy, the spirit of conformity to worldly customs, and the veneration for human traditions above the commandments of God. This is what is permeating the Protestant churches and leading them on to do the same work of Sunday exaltation which the papacy has done before.” Ibid., P. 573.

The Duty of Seventh-day Adventists—The position in which Seventh-day Adventists find themselves today, in relation to the other Evangelical churches, is both perilous and opportune. It is perilous because of the Evangelical Churches’ emphasis on compromising the vital truths that distinguish us from other Christian groups. It is opportune because divine power is promised to God’s people in the fearless but compassionate proclamation of these distinctive truths. These

truths belong especially to the message of Revelation 14, which brought into existence, and which constitutes the last merciful warning to a doomed world.

It is “high time” that we awake and put on the armor of light. God has given us the light of truth for these last days, and we are not at liberty to change the armor, or to remain silent. God’s people have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying, in the presentation of it, to all the world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There is no more to follow, no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work.” Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 206, 207.

“The Lord is testing His people to see who will be loyal to the principles of His truth. Our work is to proclaim to the world the first, second, and third angels’ messages. In the discharge of our duties we are neither to despise nor to fear our enemies. To bind ourselves up by contracts with those not of our faith is not in the order of God. We are to treat with kindness and courtesy those who refuse to be loyal to God, but we are never, never to unite with them in counsel regarding the vital interests of His work. Putting our trust in God, we are to move steadily forward, doing His work with unselfishness, in humble dependence upon Him, committing to His providence ourselves and all that concerns our present and future, holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.” Ibid., Vol. 7, pp. 107, 108.

The Image of Christ in Us—The apostle Paul sums up his message by appealing to the people of God to “put...on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof” (Rom. 13:14).

We know that we are sinful and have a natural tendency to sin, but we do ourselves and God a disservice if we continually harp on our sinfulness. We do greater good to honestly believe in and reckon with our spiritual capacity through Christ. Paul speaks of “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). As for himself, Paul said, “Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God” (Gal. 2:20). He then adds triumphantly, “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

It is our privilege as Christians to delight in our God-given capacity to live victoriously over sin. The divine nature reveals itself in the “fruit of the Spirit” (Gal. 5:22, 23). This real fruit, supernaturally produced, is reflected in the earthy life. Just as surely as human traits of character come out in our children, so surely will the likeness of Christ be exhibited in those who are God’s sons indeed.

Editor’s Note: We pray to God that leadership today would have this burden and sense of duty as did our predecessors. Where are the men and women today who will take hold of this work and in faith move forward? Sadly, there has been a change in our attitude today. May the Lord open our eyes so that we can see how we have drifted away from our calling, and may He help us to redeem the short time that we have.

Message Placed in Harrison County, Indiana

“The Sabbath is the Lord’s test...Those who are under the influence of a false religion, who observe a spurious rest day, will set aside the most positive evidence in regard to the true Sabbath. They will try to compel men to obey the laws of their own creation, laws that are directly opposed to the law of God.” Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 234.

In these pictures, we see an example of dedication by faithful Seventh-day Adventist believers. These precious, faithful souls have placed the message on a main road that passes through their property. We praise the Lord that they have dedicated their time and talents to be a lighthouse—announcing the truth for this time.

At present, we are also working with a nationwide advertising company which owns several sign placements throughout the major shopping malls here in the United States. We are praying to see that our message can reach as many people as possible before it is too late. We encourage you to pray also that in the major highways and byways as well as in other places, with God’s help, we can be used by Him to spread the final warning message.

Our desire is to see many precious souls in the kingdom as a direct result of the work which we are involved in.



Obama Talks Religion at Prayer Breakfast

Associated Press Tues., April 6, 2010

WASHINGTON - In openly personal terms, President Barack Obama on Tuesday honored the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, saying he draws inspiration from an eternal story of pain, suffering and redemption.

“We are thankful for the sacrifice He gave for the sins of humanity, and we glory in the promise of redemption in the resurrection,” Obama told Christian leaders from around the country at an Easter prayer breakfast at the White House.



“Such a promise is one of life’s great blessings,” the president continued. “As I am continually learning, we are, each of us, imperfect. Each of us errs, by accident or designs. Each of us falls short of how we ought to live. Selfishness and pride are vices that afflict us all.”

Obama’s comments provided a brief, uncommon opening into how he views his Christian faith. He told the religious leaders that their examples are followed by millions of people. He welcomed them warmly as “my brothers and sisters in Christ” and honored Christ as “our risen savior.”

The president spoke in particular of the story of Christ’s last words on the cross, quoting this phrase: “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

“These words were spoken by our Lord and savior,” he said, “but they can just as truly be spoken by every one of us here today. Their meaning can just as truly be lived out by all of God’s children. So on this day, let us commit our spirit to the pursuit of a life that is true.”

Obama has also held White House events honoring the Jewish and Muslim faiths.

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Cooperation’s report to the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships stated.

A White House spokesperson later stated that the council’s findings “will be given serious consideration across government.”

The task force’s recommendations fell under three broad categories: the role of religion in global affairs, advancing multireligious cooperation, engaging Muslim communities and integrating and valuing America’s religious diversity. Each recommendation hinges on the idea that faith groups can partner with each other and the government to achieve common objectives without muddying their distinct characteristics.

The Task Force on Inter-Religious Cooperation is one of six task forces that reported to the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships this week on issues ranging from economic recovery to climate change.

Some of the recommendations made by the Task Force on Inter-Religious Cooperation include:

- Partner with faith communities and other organizations that work across faith lines to expand respect for religious pluralism and freedom of religion or belief
- Increase partnerships with interreligious councils and women of faith networks to advance peace building and development
- Utilize the expertise of faith- and community-based organizations to train education and media professionals on Islam and Muslim communities
- Help build social cohesion by supporting efforts to ensure that Americans have opportunities to understand America’s increasingly diverse religious society

Obama and Billy Graham Share a Prayer

By Philip Elliott
April 25, 2010
Associated Press

President Barack Obama made a pilgrimage Sunday to Billy Graham’s mountainside home, concluding his North Carolina vacation with his first meeting with the ailing evangelist who has counseled commanders in chief since Dwight Eisenhower.



The 48-year-old president made the short drive to Montreat from Asheville, where he spent the weekend, to see the 91-year-old Graham and son Franklin, also an evangelist.

During the visit, which lasted about 30 minutes and included aides and advisers to both men, Obama had a private prayer and conversation with Billy Graham. The evangelist gave Obama two Bibles, one for him and one for the first lady, Graham spokesman Larry Ross said.

Obama was “extraordinarily gratified that he took the time to meet with him,” White House spokesman Bill Burton said. Franklin Graham said his father and Obama did most of the talking. They reminisced about their roots in Chicago — Graham went to Wheaton College and began some of his ministry in the region; Obama moved to Chicago after college and began his political career there. And they talked about golf.

“The conversation was very cordial, very nice,” the younger Graham said.

“When the president got ready to leave, the president prayed for my father, my father prayed for him,” Graham said his father prayed for the nation and that God would give Obama wisdom in his decisions. The president prayed to thank God for Billy Graham’s life, Franklin Graham said.

A Supreme Court without Protestants?

By Dan Gilgoff, May 10, 2010, CNN News

For most of American history, a Supreme Court with no Protestant Christian judges would have been unthinkable. Nearly three-quarters of all justices who’ve ever served on the nation’s high court have been Protestant. And roughly half of all Americans today identify themselves as Protestant.

But since Justice John Paul Stevens announced his retirement last month, legal and religious scholars have begun entertaining the unprecedented prospect of a Supreme Court without a single Protestant justice.

Besides Stevens, who is Protestant, the current Supreme Court counts six Catholics and two Jews.

President Obama plans to name Solicitor General Elena Kagan on Monday as his nominee to replace Stevens, two sources close to the process told CNN. Kagan is Jewish.

Editor’s Note: Can you imagine going back in time and telling the Founding Fathers of this nation that the day would come when there were no Protestant Christians on the U.S. Supreme Court, the highest Judicial system in America? This nation was started by Protestant Christians who were fleeing persecution from European nations.

Here we see that President Obama seems to give lip service to the Protestant Churches but then appoints Catholic and Jewish Supreme Court Justices. Former President Bush, an Evangelical Christian, appointed two Roman Catholics to the Supreme Court.

This is contributing to the undoing of our Protestant heritage—which is unique and distinct from both Roman Catholic and Jewish political philosophies. Whether these appointments are done intentionally or not, one thing is for sure. For now, there will no longer be anymore Protestants on the U.S. Supreme Court.

“The Roman Church is far-reaching in her plans and modes of operation. She is employing every device to extend her influence and increase her power in preparation for a fierce and determined conflict to regain control of the world, to re-establish persecution, and to undo all that Protestantism has done. Catholicism is gaining ground upon every side.” Great Controversy, pp. 565, 566.



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An Islamic Sufi dervish greets you at the door, but the program director, an Episcopalian, makes the announcements. A rabbi, a female Muslim and a Seventh-day Adventist share leadership of the meeting. The night's program at FaithHouse, in a posh office just off Fifth Avenue, was the Jewish holiday of Purim. Oranges, nuts, apricots and hamentaschen, a Jewish holiday pastry, were offered as snacks. Participants put on costumes to act out the biblical story of Esther.

“People who have a hunger for religious experience can have a taste of it here,” said Samir Selmanovic, the Adventist co-leader. Born in Croatia to a Muslim father and a Catholic mother, he helped found FaithHouse 18 months ago. Then he wrote a book, “It's All About God: Reflections of a Muslim Atheist Jewish Christian,” on the plethora of religions that Americans are increasingly sampling.

FaithHouse is probably the only multireligious church in the country, but its jumble of faiths and practices is becoming less unusual in today's religious marketplace.

In a world in which sectarian divisions fuel some of the most violent and dangerous confrontations, the interfaith movement — once thought as irrelevant — has emerged as a force in American religion like never before. The movement has made for some unlikely bedfellows, such as an emerging think tank for Jews and Mormons in Salt Lake City.

It involves unlikely alliances, such as when one of the most conservative Christian pro-life groups staged a news conference on Capitol Hill in September applauding a Muslim prayer service on the Mall. It involves unlikely allies, such as leading Christian “emergent” leader Brian McLaren, who was roundly criticized during Ramadan last year when he fasted the entire month out of solidarity with Muslims.

It involves unlikely support, such as that offered by the Obama White House, which has identified interfaith work as a public policy goal. President Obama's Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships has an “interreligious dialogue and cooperation” task force that includes a female Hindu priest, an Orthodox Jewish layman, a female Muslim pollster, a nondenominational evangelical Christian pastor, a pastor and black civil rights leader, and a Muslim youth worker.

It benefits from some unlikely backing. Some of the biggest movers and shakers in the interfaith movement are governments in Muslim states: Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kazakhstan. Heads — or former heads — of state are likewise involved. Soon after British Prime Minister Tony Blair retired, he founded an interfaith foundation in London to “promote respect and understanding about the world's major religions and show how faith is a powerful force for good in the modern world.”

Not since 1950, when the National Council of Churches was founded, has this much energy been aimed toward alliances across religious barriers.

Some say the lessening of fervor among evangelicals — the Southern Baptists, for instance, have been losing members several years in a row — is responsible. Others say the presence of the first U.S. president whose father was a Muslim is what's spurred interest. Others point to Sept. 11, 2001, a bolt out of the blue that was a wake-up call to Islamic leaders around the world.

“There has been a huge outpouring of interfaith effort since Sept. 11,” said Padraic O'Hare, director of the Center for Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass. “This is not a luxury. It's a necessity, whether there is a God or not.”

His center added the word “Muslim” to its title in October 2008, a sign that the nation is evolving from a Judeo-Christian society to a society based on the three major Abrahamic religions. Many say natural disasters, such as the 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia, Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Haiti earthquake in January, have thrown together disparate religious charities like never before.

Many point out that it's not American Christians but minority religious groups — Muslims, Mormons and Jews — who are providing the energy and creativity for this movement. Whatever the reason or cause, people are talking to other people like never before.

Jews and Muslims—One of the newest interfaith initiatives is the annual “twinning” of synagogues and mosques, an effort sponsored by the New York-based Foundation for Ethnic Understanding to build bonds between Jews and Muslims. About 100 mosques and synagogues in North America and Europe “twinned” in November, double the amount that participated in the first Weekend of Twinning in 2008.

Two local participants were Congregation Shirat HaNefesh in Chevy Chase and the Medina Center in Potomac, which brought together a group of immigrant Muslims and suburban Jews. They agreed to meet on a Sunday afternoon for a combined worship service at a private home that serves as an informal mosque. About 75 people turned out for the gathering, which had all the women clustered in the back. The Jewish women grouped themselves awkwardly against a wall and pulled on head scarves while the Muslim women gave them sympathetic smiles.

A speech by Rabbi Serotta suggested that Islamic and Jewish conceptions of God were basically equal.

“We don't understand why God has chosen more than one path for humanity,” he told the group. “God created different paths so you'd compete in goodness.”

After Saif Qargha, a teacher from Afghanistan, gave a short instruction on the five pillars (basic tenets) of Islam, everyone lined up to pray. At the chant of the muezzin, Muslim

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and Jew alike dropped to their knees, then touched their heads to the floor in a form of prayer in mosques.

Afterward, the participants shared a rice and chicken dinner. "This is a good idea," said Musood Rad, a Muslim from Hyderabad, India. "This brings our hearts together."

Daniel Spiro, one of the Jewish participants and a Department of Justice attorney, said such meetings are essential for world peace. He is a co-founder of the Jewish-Islamic Dialogue Society of Washington. "In an era where many people are turned off by God, Muslims are some of the most devout lovers of God I've found," he said. "It's like mining for diamonds, and you'll find diamonds in Islam."

Are Evangelicals buying in?—Evangelical Christians have been more resistant to interfaith dialogue but are slowly climbing on the bandwagon, especially with Muslims. Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., has had three such evangelical Christian-Muslim dialogues. The last one, an April 2009 gathering, attracted 30 scholars.

In August, the Rev. Brian McLaren, founder of Cedar Ridge Community Church in Spencerville and a leader in the "emergent church" movement among evangelicals, announced on his blog that he and some friends would fast during the Muslim month of Ramadan.

"We are not doing so in order to become Muslims: we are deeply committed Christians," he wrote. "But as Christians, we want to come close to our Muslim neighbors and to share this important part of life with them. Just as Jesus, a devout Jew, overcame religious prejudice and learned from a Syrophonecian woman and was inspired by her faith two thousand years ago, we seek to learn from our Muslim sisters and brothers today."

Six months later, he said, the 28-day fast, which involves going without any nourishment during daylight, was "very difficult."

"A few days into it, I remember thinking that I had huge respect for a billion people in the world who do this," he recalled. "It was the first time I had not drunk anything from dawn to dusk."

He kept e-mail contact with two Muslim friends during those four weeks, "which certainly enriched our friendship," he said. "For Christians who are interested in building interfaith relationships, this would be a wonderful step."

"What many Muslims feel about many Christians is a lack of piety and self-discipline," he noted. "When we want to build a bridge, we have to show some good faith."

Seminary Courses—Sometimes evangelicals and Muslims come together for a common cause, as happened in September when about 3,000 Muslims showed up on the Mall just west of the Capitol for a Friday afternoon prayer rally. While most evangelical outlets disparaged or ignored the gathering, the National Clergy Council, the Richmond-based Hillside Missions and the Christian Defense Coalition teamed up for a news conference to celebrate it.

"Our whole purpose," said Patrick Mahoney of the Christian Defense Coalition, "was to say Christians are not the enemies of Muslims and that the heart of Christ reaches out to all groups. We also want to celebrate the wonderful traditions of America that say no one — regardless of their faith — should be persecuted and harassed by the government."

One of the clergy at the FaithHouse gathering, Rabbi Justus Baird, directs Auburn Theological Seminary's Center for Multifaith Education. He said work with other religions needs to begin at the seminary level, where would-be clergy would be trained on how to interact with members of other faiths. Although some seminaries have put up barriers because of the extra course load, a number of them offer courses in other religions, according to a survey of 150 seminaries completed last fall.

The survey, conducted by Auburn Seminary, found that 49 percent of the surveyed schools offered five or more courses while 29 percent offered two or fewer. Islam and Judaism were the most studied religions. The leading institution, Luther Seminary in Minnesota, offered 43 courses.

"The narrative that America is one of the most religiously diverse countries in the world," Mr. Baird said, "is taking hold."



Special Appeal



Dear beloved brethren, I appeal to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to help us with the great need that we have in our Oklahoma Camp Ground. Maintaining the property has been very difficult, and without a tractor it becomes even a greater task. Ken and Fredi Williams and the entire Diaz Family have all been very helpful with the maintenance. However, we now have plans to expand the chapel and install a baptistery. In order to complete these additions, as well as to maintain the property, a tractor with attachments is desperately needed. If you know of one or if you would like to help us to secure one please contact our office.

—*Maria McGinty, Secretary for the Eternal Gospel Ministry*



Prime Minister Berlusconi kissing the Pope's hand.

Berlusconi: Don't attack the Pope, the defender of Christianity

Catholic News Agency, March 31, 2010—This is a statement by the Prime Minister of Italy, posted on the website of the Italian government. The message was posted following the release of the Letter to Irish Catholics last week, on behalf of the people of Italy. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi expressed all of the affection, closeness and solidarity to the Pope. Also President Renato Schifani of the Italian Senate condemns unmerited attacks on Pope Benedict. Schifani is calling the media blitz on Pope Benedict XVI unprecedented. The senate leader calls for recognition of the Pope's decisive measures against pedophilia, and said that his very rigorous positions deserve respect and appreciation.”

Editor's Note: Amazing! We see the fulfillment of Rev. 17:13. The kings of the earth will give their “power and strength” [support] to the beast—instead of the defenseless victims.



Over 2,000 Dead in China Earthquake

Associated Press, April 14, 2010—In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a car is buried under the rubble after an earthquake in Yushu County, northwest China's Qinghai Province. A series of strong earthquakes struck a mountainous Tibetan area of western China on Wednesday, killing over 2,000 and injuring more than 10,000 as houses made of mud and wood collapsed, officials said.



Leading Traditionalist Anglican Bishops Tell The Vatican They Are Ready To Defect

Reuters News, May 3, 2010—Leading traditionalist bishops in the Anglican Church have secretly told senior Vatican officials that they are ready to defect to Rome. In a move likely to raise tensions between the two Churches, a group of Church of England bishops met last week with advisers of Pope Benedict XVI to set in motion steps that would allow priests to convert to Catholicism en masse.

The End Time Events

“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.” Matthew 24:33



Polish President, Wife, and Staff Die in Plane Crash

Reuters News, April, 10, 2010—President Kaczynski, his wife Maria and 95 other mostly senior political and military officials killed in a plane crash one week ago in Russia. Thick fog is said to have been the cause of this tragic accident plunging the nation of Poland into grief.



Flooding Death Toll at 29

LA Times, May 5, 2010—The rain-swollen Cumberland River began to subside Tuesday, but not before the death toll from widespread storms and flooding rose to at least 29 in Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi as emergency crews slogged through receding waters.



Town Buried By Mudslide

Associated Press, April 9, 2010—Rescue workers clear debris after a landslide over around 60 houses at Vicoso Jardim neighborhood in Niteroi near Rio de Janeiro April 9, 2010. Rescue workers using heavy machinery dug for bodies and survivors on Thursday after a torrent of mud dislodged by heavy rain ravaged a hillside slum near Rio de Janeiro, burying dozens of residents. The worst rains in 40 years, which started on Monday, triggered close to 200 mudslides that pulverized shacks in hillside communities, killing at least 180 people and leaving thousands homeless.



Town Destroyed by Tsunami

April 3, 2010 Fox News—A huge glacier has broken off and plunged into a lake in Peru sparking a 75-foot high tsunami wave that destroyed a nearby town. The massive chunk of ice --called Hualcan glacier, it was around the size of four soccer fields -- tumbled into the lake in the Andes near Carhuaz, around 200 miles north of Lima. According to the Indeci civil defense institute, 50 homes have been destroyed. A water processing plant serving 60,000 local residents was also devastated when the wave struck on Sunday. Initially, six people were reported missing, feared dead under the debris -- but local governor Cesar Alvarez has said five of those have been found alive. Authorities evacuated mountain valleys, fearing more ice breakage after the tsunami, which are most commonly caused by earthquakes.



Over 200,000 Gallons of Oil Per Day

Reuters News, April 20, 2010—An offshore drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico exploded after a blowout and sank two days later, taking with it eleven lives and causing a massive oil spill threatening the coast of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Over 200,000 gallons of oil per day is leaking into the Gulf of Mexico.



Children's Medicine Tainted

April 10, 2010, CNNMoney.com—Lawmakers said Wednesday they have launched an investigation into the recent recall of Children's Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl and other over-the-counter drugs. The FDA's findings showed that the drug companies bought contaminated raw material that tested positive for bacteria.