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Re: SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (BIBLICAL SCHOLAR OR NOT?) - posted by ccchhrrriisss (), on: 2008/4/25 0:36

Hi moe...

I think that I might have heard that "verse" somewhere in *An Inconvenient Truth*.

;-)

Re: SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (BIBLICAL SCHOLAR OR NOT?) - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2008/4/25 8:13

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Re:, on: 2008/4/25 11:25

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Ironically... among all the omissions in the NIV, the 5 books of Hezekiah are actually **only** found in the NIV! Strange, ver
y strange indeed...

(Some poor gullible soul is right now rifling thru his NIV looking for them... lol)

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Or what about this one from the book of 4th John (Lennon) chapter 1 verse 1: "*Imagine there's no Heaven; It's easy if you try...*" I've heard many a politician quote this verse.

And what about the verse that is demonstrated around the world -- especially in Pelosi's district of San Francisco: "*Do what thou want, shall be the whole of the Law.*" Oh wait, I think that was from the Book of Satan.

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Man you hit the nail right on the head and unlike Ms. Poloski you actually used scripture. This passage below so well describes Speaker Poloski and her followers about those things mentioned as well as other things that they promote and approve of.

Rom 1:24-28

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, **and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen.**

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done
(from New International Version)

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How does this sound like "mindless political babel?" In fact, this is not political at all. A woman, who happens to be a high ranking politician, quoted a verse that doesn't exist.

You said that it was a "positive statement." I agreed -- to the extent that we have a responsibility of being good stewards of this world (because it is a testament of God's greatness). However, I warned that environmentalism can sometimes wander into worshipping the creation rather than the Creator. PETA, GreenPeace, et al., spend millions of dollars and hours tirelessly campaigning on behalf of whales, dolphins, and trees. I am not saying that such a thing is necessarily wrong. However, it is hypocritical when a person does such a thing yet also proudly supports abortion because of "love for the planet" (since they are quite concerned with overpopulation).

This is not "mindless political babel." In fact, dear brother, it is not "babel" at all. We live in a world where people proudly campaign both for the protection of trees and wildlife AND for the slaughter of innocent unborn children. The merits and/or hypocrisies of such a thing can be discussed without dismissing it as "mindless babel" -- in the same way you can discuss your particular beliefs about "Christian non-resistance." I will respect your views...even if I don't completely agree with all of them. I would ask that you to do the same. We are all searching for what is pure and pleasing to our Father.

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Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 Cor. 1:18-24

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Cor. 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

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Amen you preach Jesus and we will too and when they are converted they will stand against evil with us. Amen.

Re: SPEAKER: Somebodies Bible! Save the Whales! White Rats!, on: 2008/4/30 8:20

This was actually written into the constitution of the sovereign state of Gommorah, and proclaimed every Spring, just before the Astarte worship began, and they began to experience the wonders of Nature...

Speaker Pelosi just forgot what testament she was reading. Save the whales!

Did you know that Adolph Hitler instituted a law, punishable by fine and prison, that stated the humane way to boil a Lobster. Really. I don't know if there was Satanic humor in it, or not. The SS , at the same time, threw Jewish infants alive

e, into vats of flaming Gasoline, as their mother's watched. You see, they did not rate as humans. The creation, though, was paramount in their ideology. The Devil warps thinking a little, EH?

Heavy metal strip mining in Colorado and the North West polluted many rivers, that could have solved So. California's water issues today, completely. Is abusing the Earth a wise idea? No. Of course, conservation of all resources are Godly, and wisdom. The question is, are they to be worshipped, or Exalted above the Creator, as has been discussed.

The answer, is up to you, and your inclination to love the Truth above all others.

Re: idolizing our "home" - posted by roadsign (), on: 2008/4/30 12:04

Quote:

----- "To minister to the needs of God's creation is an act of worship.

The "verse" in question may be Adam's call to tend the earth – included with the many biblical references to nature – how nature glorifies the Lord. A call to care for the earth is not in itself unreasonable, as it is our way of loving fellow humanity. These days our very existence as a human race is being threatened by environmental threats and so it is not surprising that the earth is given a divine attribute. What we trust in and what we fear is what we are inclined to worship.

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Let's admit, we are still reeling from the past tendency to confuse the Biblical meaning of "Church". Look at the far-fetched path that has taken many on – and causing our institutions to become idols. It has led to much bitter disappointment – yes, even anger and outrage, as the "idol" fails to provide as it was expected to.

Here we all are - on a "revival" site. As someone pointed out, it is easy to turn even the idea of revival into an idol of course based on biblical verses – or rather the interpretation of verses. You don't even find the word once in the NT.

Today many are seeking a revival of our earthly "home" – that is the turf that sustains all of life. Today there are those (yes, even evangelicals) who believe that Jesus died to save the earth (literally). There are those who have been putting their trust in a future utopia on earth – and they adjust all their theology accordingly. That is no different in my mind than the idolatry of our environmentalists.

Perhaps the real problem is that many love this temporal life more than the life Christ has called us into: eternal life, the Kingdom of God.

Diane

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oops - double...

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That's very true.

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Ah, that's a good parallel.

Re: ? - posted by roadsign (), on: 2008/4/30 14:36

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Moe_mac, I know you were trying real hard to say something important in response to my post. However, in spite of your large and bold print, I am still baffled. Did I say something you disagree with?

Diane

Re:, on: 2008/4/30 15:42

edited in attempt to take the redneck out!

I'm not sure that you made statements, that I did not agree with.

Whether I agree with your post or not is not the important thing.

Could I ask you if I said
anything that you didn't agree with?

As you said yes our home is heaven and yes we as Christians should not set our mind on worldly temporal things (sin). However, if we are to make any difference for his purposes and be salt that preserves and light that shines, we need to work on that project now, here on earth, not after we get to heaven, it will be too late then. We will be with the light then. Promoting his purposes now, we all know, is like a fish swimming upstream.

I have seen observed many posts that reflected the Bible said Christians should not get involved in the affairs of this world. I believe that is incorrect in is not biblical.

This may not be what you were saying, I don't know. The particular scripture reference that is always referred to when I see this attitude and mindset is not what that passage is saying when it is written not be entangled with the affairs of the world. The definition of entangled is: to make tangled; ensnarl; intertwine.

We are not be conformed to this world, in Rom 12 which means: To act or be in accord or agreement; comply.

If we don't comply or be in agreement with the world, there will always sparks fly.

If we are not in agreement that makes us in disagreement with the standards of the world, right. If we are not in agreement with the world, we are being set apart as salt and light.

If none of this applies to what you were saying, then we are in agreement with each other and in agreement with his word. If we are not in agreement, I am certainly not angry with you, but I must still speak this truth.

Side-note: I am not making excuses but I broke my glasses this morning and I went to walmart and got new frames. I cannot see very good without them and also I am keyboard and grammar challenged with glasses, let alone without. God Bless.

Re: Who's on first? Do we agree? or compare to disagree?, on: 2008/4/30 16:39

Abbott and Costello were a comedian duo in the 40s and 50s, who did a skit called "Who's on first!?"

It was endless double innuendo confusing names and positions on the baseball field; a kind of double-talk that might make sense. It was funny.

Forgive me, but this reminds me of that. I am giving you the benefit of the doubt, though, with due respect, that you are serious. What are you saying? Who's on first?

Re:, on: 2008/4/30 19:40

I will give you the benefit if the doubt that you don't understand. Summarized.

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Christian people sticking there head in the sand and not getting involved and not being salt and light in everything in this world and not making an attempt to make things better as we go is not scriptural.
By the way you never answered my questions on the post-trib thread. I think I know why.

Re: Watt's on second?, on: 2008/4/30 20:56

That indeed I agree with!

Re: on being vision-challenged - posted by roadsign (), on: 2008/5/1 7:36

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Moe_mac, I think your point here offers an important balance to my comments. Many thanks! Longing for heaven can be nothing more than just another means of escaping from our responsibility: to love one another and be concerned for their well-being, which includes our present global home. And that of course means getting our hands and feet in the "dirty" - one way or another.

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How remarkable! To replace your glasses so quickly! (Where would we be without Walmart - that remarkable institution that unifies all of civilization in an instant!)

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Thanks for the reply and God Bless
Gary