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President's Report

Josh CruverKibi

Metacognition

How do I think? Do I know my strengths and weaknesses in memory and recall? Do you know the cognitive tools that are used for processing information? What is your ability to comprehend what you read, hear, and or watch on digital devices? Are you freely engaging consciously with your environment or are you reacting impulsively based on your learned experiences and habits? What are some strategies that you could learn to improve your ability to choose beneficial interactions with your environment? How do I improve my working, short-term, and long-term memory? How do I improve my recall of memories and my awareness for the accuracy of my memories?

To ask and answer these questions, is to increase your metacognition or awareness of how you think. Metacognition is your knowledge about your cognitive processes and your control of these cognitive processes, (Matlin, 2009). Metacognition requires conscious intentional tools of thought such as: critical thinking, mnemonic strategies, intentional practice of cognitive techniques, mindfulness, deduction, induction, and or general conscious engagement above emotional and habitual reaction and abductive reasoning. Unfortunately, as with many realities in life, we often do not know if something is necessary or needs to be improved unless we are first aware that there is a need or a problem.

Metacognition is an essential part of our whole psychological health. We need to know how we think to know what cognitive tools will help us in any particular situation and why. If we want to engage in strategic conscious thoughts that will be the most likely to result in positive outcomes with the environment, we must know ourselves and our potential cognitive biases. All brains engage in increased short cut thinking, or heuristic decision-making, and synaptic pruning over one's lifetime to make quicker and more efficient decisions, especially on repetitive tasks. However, the short cutting will also result in heuristic biases such as availability heuristics, confirmation bias, in group bias, belief-bias effect, anecdotal fallacy, racism, sexism, and the Dunning-Kruger Effect.

The Dunning-Kruger Effect is a particular bias found in people with low metacognition, low self-awareness and or subject knowledge. An important distinction between the effects of low metacognition and intellect is demonstrated by the Dunning-Kruger Effect. It is not the person's intellectual capacity, but the person's misperception of their cognitive ability that affects their overconfidence. A misperception of cognitive ability can happen at any measured IQ. In one of the studies by David Dunning, PhD, and Justin Kruger, PhD, they concluded that "those with limited knowledge in a domain suffer a dual burden: Not only do they reach mistaken conclusions and make regrettable errors, but their incompetence robs them of the ability to realize it." (Kruger & Dunning, 1999). They also found that those with higher metacognitive skills were more able to accurately predict their ability and test performance.

Metacognition is essential for knowing what cognitions we can improve in ourselves as well as actively

engaging in improving our cognitive functioning. Without metacognition, we would not know what or if we even need to improve our cognitive abilities.

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Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 77, 1121-34. DOI: 10.1037//0022-3514.77.6.1121

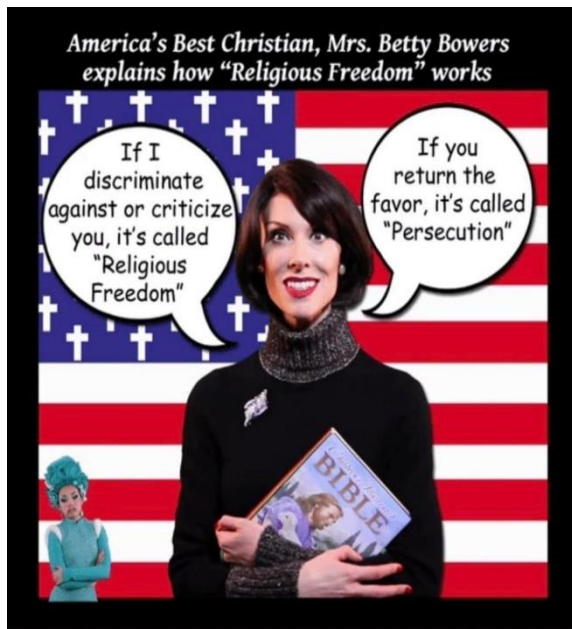
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Atheist News in Pennsylvania– The Nation – The World!

Satan Club Strikes Again

Keruffles over the Satanic Temple barely qualify as news anymore, but the Saucon Valley School District has banned the Satanic Temple After School Satan Club from using its facilities for a club for middle schoolers. According to lehighvalleylive.com, the superintendent, Jaime Vlasaty claimed that the club violated district policies. What did they do?

Turns out it wasn't exactly the Satan Club's fault. The district received an anonymous threatening voice mail that forced it to shut down all after-school activities one evening, and all the schools, the next day.



Vlasaty's statement read as follows:

"As a result of this violation, the educational programming and activities of the District has been significantly impacted and it has caused unequivocal disruption to the District's daily operations.

"Our community has experienced chaos. Our students, staff and teachers have had to endure a threat to their safety and welfare. The gravity of feelings of instability, anxiety and fear have been profound.

"Aside from my decision to rescind approval, I implore the Saucon Valley community to eliminate threatening, hateful and divisive language and behavior, and make a commitment in supporting our students and reinforcing the values of our community.

"I firmly believe that we can create a safe and inclusive environment within our District where everyone is respected and valued no matter their opinions and beliefs, but we must first model this within our homes, our community and with one another."

The website patch.com reports that, according to the Northhampton County District Attorney's office, the threatening call "expressed displeasure" that the Saucon Valley Middle School was allowing the club to use its facilities, and that he was going to "come in there and shoot everybody." It further reports the

police were able to trace the call to a man in North Carolina and arrest him, because the obviously highly intelligent caller used his own cell phone.

District policy conforms with the Supreme Court ruling that states if a school district opens its facilities to one outside organization, it must allow all outside organizations. Saucon Valley allows several outside groups, including the Christian Good News Club, to use its buildings.

The ACLU has threatened to sue the school district if it continues to allow other clubs while banning the Satan Club. The national campaign director of the After School Satan Clubs, June Everett, issued a statement explaining that the clubs do not promote devil worship of a supernatural Satan, but the ideals they believe Satan stands for, such as opposition to tyranny and individual rights.

Dan Regelean *The Original Church of Sarcasm Group*

Get Your Tickets!



April 29 is the date for Mountville's Dayspring Christian Academy's 13th Remember America Speaker Series! As one might expect from Dayspring *Christian Academy*, America will be remembered in a strongly Christian way.

According to its website, dayspringchristian.com, each year the series chooses a theme from "a verse from God's Word." The theme for 2023 is Ecclesiastes 4.12, "the three-stranded cord is not quickly broken."

"At Dayspring, we believe that education is a partnership between the home, the church, and the school," said Dayspring Headmaster Dan Stone. "The '3-stranded cord' was not our idea. It comes from God's Word. In Ecclesiastes 4:12, we read '...a cord of three strands is not easily broken.' The three strands, the website explains, represents "a partnership between the home, the church, and the school."

Pete Hegseth and Kirk Cameron will be the headline speakers. Hegseth is a co-host of Fox & Friends Weekend, and Cameron, is, of course, Kirk Cameron, 1980s sitcom star. As PANViews has reported, he has made himself into a Christian right star, most recently as part of American Campfire Revival: 100 Day Plan, which "urges the family of faith to return to the principles that will bring blessing and protection America."

Dayspring's website explains its pedagogical approach: it "enables us to discern the biblical principles of government upon which our nation was founded, thereby, empowering us to restore what has been systematically dismantled over generations."

Tickets are apparently still available, although the prices (\$45, \$85 for dinner) are hard to find on the website.

The Real “Women Talking”

The movie “Women Talking” won an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for author/director Sarah Polley. Based on a novel by Miriam Toews, according to Wikipedia it shows a group of conservative religious women who have discovered the men of their community have been using livestock tranquilizer to knock them out, and then rape them. The men have been arrested and taken to a nearby city. The women are left on their own for two days, and the movie shows them discussing what they will do.

Time Magazine, at time.com, published an article by a reporter, Jean Friedman-Rudovsky. Friedman-Rudovsky writes that she reported on the actual story on which the novel, and then the movie were based. She is concerned that people reading the novel or watching the movie will not realize the underlying story is true.

Friedman-Rudovsky was working as a reporter in Bolivia when the story of a local Mennonite community where men were accused of raping more than 100 women broke. She covered the trial for Time, and reported the men sprayed a cow anesthetic into bedrooms at night, and then raped the women. The women had no memory what happened, but awakened to bruised bodies and bloodstained sheets. The accused men claimed the evidence was actually figments of “wild female imagination,” or maybe the work of demons. The men were convicted.

The New Yorker



She went to the colony to see how the women had fared after the attacks were publicly acknowledged. What she discovered horrified her. The women were not provided counseling, because they were unconscious when the rapes occurred. They were told that they must forgive their attackers, or face eternal damnation. She found incest was common in the community, and that rapes continued even after nine men were arrested.

Friedman-Rudovsky was dismayed that the movie did not name the religion involved, Mennonite, or name where it actually happened, Bolivia. She quotes an interview where Sarah Polley explains she wanted the movie to “have broader resonance.” While Friedman-Rudovsky acknowledges the validity of that motive, her point is simple: She wants to make sure readers and viewers do not dismiss the story as a work of fiction.

Unintended Consequences of Ramadan

Colleen Dzwonczyk

Ramadan is the Arabic name for the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. It is considered one of the holiest months for Muslims and is marked by a period of fasting, considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam. These are five principles which Muslims believe are compulsory acts ordered by God: the other pillars are faith, prayer, charity and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

Ramadan falls on a different date every year, due to the cycles of the moon. In 2023, Ramadan will start on the evening of Wednesday 22 March, and will finish on the evening of Friday 21

April.

Muslims have an early morning meal before dawn, known as suhoor or sehri. They do not eat or drink anything - including water - until they break their fast after sunset for the evening meal, called iftar or fitoor.

Fasting should only be done by people who are in good health. Some Muslims are exempt:

- Those who are sick or ill and whose health will be affected by fasting
- Children who have not reached puberty - although some begin to practice fasting before then
- Pregnant and breastfeeding women
- Menstruating women
- Travelers

One would think that a natural consequence of all this fasting would be the shedding of a few pounds. However, all that fasting frequently leads to binge eating. Also, an increase in digestive concerns is documented by physicians such as indigestion, gastroenteritis and peptic ulcer disease.

Fasting can serve to exacerbate symptoms among those with an eating disorder and encourage binge purge cycles. Community and society-wide taboos mean that mental health illnesses are not given credence in the same way as physical sickness. That means those who choose not to fast due to mental health illnesses face “guilt and shame” from their communities and wider society.

Fasting can also cause dehydration and interrupted sleeping habits. An increase in the number of stress heat accidents linked to dehydration has been noted among Muslim construction workers, and vehicle accidents caused by fasting-related drowsiness increase. Low blood sugar can cause nausea, dizziness, and headaches. Many undiagnosed cases of diabetes come to light during Ramadan. Many of the devout forgo their medications during daylight hours which of course leads to a host of complications and medical emergencies.

Sources:

<https://www.cnn.com/2013/08/07/world/meast/ramadan-over-eating-eid/index.html>



Separation of Church and State

One of the few things most politicians give lip service to is the separation of church and state. They may have peculiar interpretations, but in theory, they support it.

Well, not New York City mayor Eric Adams, according to the *New York Times*, nytimes.com, spoke at a interdenominational breakfast. A close aide, Ingrid Lewis-Martin, introduced him by announcing the Adams administration “doesn’t believe” in the separation of church and state.

Not only that – Lewis-Martin, not coincidentally a chaplain, she told the audience he was “definitely one of the chosen.”

Adams didn't disagree. He said, "Don't tell me about no separation of church and state. State is the body. Church is the heart. You take the heart out of the body, the body dies." The *Times* reports there was scattered applause. "I can't separate my belief because I'm an elected official."

There was more. His success was divinely ordained, he said, and he tries to take a "godlike approach." And of course he thinks the Supreme Court was wrong to ban mandated prayer in public schools. "When we took prayers out of schools, guns came into schools."

Some of the attendees were horrified. Rabbi Abby Stein said that people at her table were appalled by what Adams said, which she described as "unhinged and dangerous." Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, described herself as "speechless."

Adams tried to clean up the mess on CNN's program "State of the Union," as reported on huffpost.com. "The last words I said after I was sworn in is 'so help me God.' On our dollar bill, we have 'In God we trust.' Every president touched a religious book when they were sworn in, except for three." He went on to say, "Faith is who I am, and anyone who takes those words as stated that I'm going to try to compel people to follow my religion, no. I'm a child of God, I believe that wholly. I'm going to follow the law. I'm not going to compel people who believe in whatever faith. It could be if you're in a synagogue, a Baptist church, a Buddhist temple, I'm in all of them. And that's what was in my service." Note that it does not appear to have occurred to him that some people do not have any religious faith at all.

When Dana Bash, the host pushed back, Adams answered, "No, what I believe is that you cannot separate your faith. Government should not interfere with religion, and religion should not interfere with government. But I believe my faith ... pushes me forward on how I govern and the things that I do."

According to Wikipedia, the three presidents who did not swear on a Bible were John Quincy Adams, who swore on a lawbook, Theodore Roosevelt in 1901, and Lyndon Johnson, who swore on a Catholic missal on Air Force One. Since Roosevelt's 1901 swearing in was conducted in the wake of William McKinley's assassination, and Johnson's in the wake of John F. Kennedy's, possibly no Bible was available.

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More Problems for Hasidic Schools

A New York *Times*, nytimes.com, investigation into New York's Hasidic Jewish religious schools revealed serious problems with the schools, known as yeshivas. The students often receive a substandard education, focused heavily on religion, with teachers who speak only limited English. The *Times* also revealed students in Hasidic schools were often hit, slapped or kicked by teachers. Now the *Times* report that New York lawmakers have introduced at least four bills that would ban corporal punishment in private schools.

Corporal punishment is banned in New York public schools, but not explicitly outlawed in all private schools. The measures are expected to pass, and are part of an overall effort to increase oversight of private schools, especially Hasidic all-boys schools. Hasidic schools have received over \$1 billion in funding from the state. Yeshiva representatives deny that their teachers regularly use corporal punishment; and if they do, the representatives claim, it is less frequent than it is in other private schools.

While the corporal punishment ban has drawn support, there is significant opposition to bills aimed at improving the level of education in religious schools. Eight Republican members of Congress from New

York state have written to Gov. Kathy Hochul asking that the state government refrain from interfering in religious schools.

Special Rules for Confession

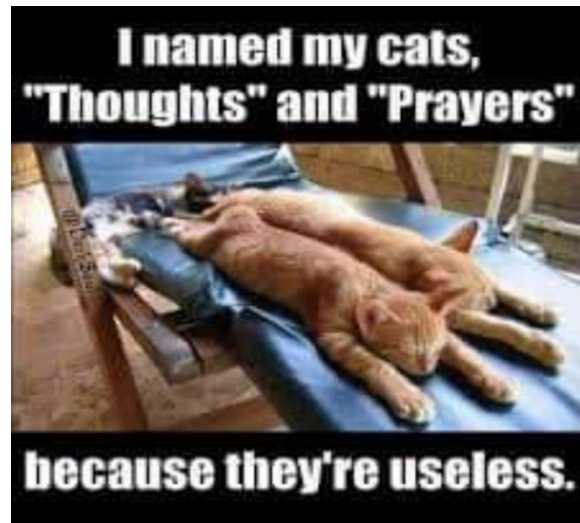
The Catholic Church has long maintained that priests cannot be forced to reveal crimes they hear about during the sacrament of confession. States have laws on the books that enforced this practice.

But the sex abuse scandal has changed many lawmakers' attitude toward the church, and toward the sanctity of confession. Religionnews.com reports that several states are changing these laws, and the Catholic church isn't happy. Three states – Vermont, Delaware and Washington – are considering removing the exemption in mandatory reporter laws. Abuse survivors point to times when abuse continued after a church member, or even another priest, confessed to being an abuser. The Church counters that if the exemption is removed, priests will have to choose between the law and their religion.

Catholic lobbyists are hard at work in the three states to keep the status quo. The Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, has called the exemption “nonnegotiable.” The Diocese noted that a priest who revealed what a penitent told him would “incur an automatic excommunication that could only be pardoned by the Pope himself.”

Although clergy-penitent privilege is closely associated with Catholics, it applies to other religions, as well. It dates to at least 1813, when the Court of General Sessions of the City of New York declined to force a priest to testify. In 1980 US Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger ruled that the privilege recognized a “human need” for confidentiality when dealing with a religious leader.

People are more willing to challenge that idea now. In 2016 a 14-year-old girl told a priest during confession that another parishioner was abusing her. The priest told the girl to “move past it,” as the parishioner continued to abuse her, and did not report it. The family sued, and the Church defended the priest.



In August, 2022 an Arizona court ruled that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints could not refuse to answer questions or supply documents in a child abuse case.

As of 2019, 29 states and US territories consider clergy mandated reporters in sex abuse situations, but 24 of them exempt clergy if they find out about the abuse during pastoral conversations. New Hampshire, West Virginia and Guam deny clergy privilege in cases of child abuse and neglect. Connecticut and Mississippi don't mention privilege at all. 16 other states and territories imply clergy as mandated reporters, and 4 states in this group – North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Texas deny clergy privilege in cases of sex abuse or neglect.

Washington is considering a bill that would make clergy mandatory reporters, but leave a confession carve-out. But some lawmakers are pressing to have the carve-out removed. The Washington State Catholic Conference agreed clergy should be mandated reporters - “everywhere else but the confessional.” Their statement continues, “When priests and bishops learn about child abuse, they can and should report it to the authorities. But when someone reveals their sins to God in confession, that is a sacred matter that priests must never disclose.”

Abuse survivors and their supporters disagree.

Don't Drink the Water!

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently appointed a new member to Reedy Creek Improvement District, which is the oversight board for Disney World's special tax district. The appointee, former pastor Ron Peri, is an interesting guy. Not only does he think homosexuality is evil. He thinks tap water may be making more people gay. According to cnn.com, Peri is the CEO of "The Gathering," a Christian ministry where, his biography page says, "faith and culture intersect". It also has the words "equipping the saints" after his name.

Peri is one of five new appointees. Disney had protested a Florida bill, signed into law by DeSantis, that restricted what could be taught about sexual identity and gender identity in Florida classrooms; the Florida legislature passed a bill that allowed DeSantis to replace the prior board members, most of whom had ties to Disney.



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Peri has a history of making hostile remarks about the LBGQT community. For example: "So why are there homosexuals today? There are any number of reasons, you know, that are given. Some would say the increase in estrogen in our societies. You know, there's estrogen in the water from birth control pills. They can't get it out. The level of testosterone in men broadly in America has declined by 50 points in the past 10 years. You know, and so, maybe that's a part of it...But the big part I would suggest to you, based upon what it's saying here, is the removal of constraint. So our society provided the constraint. And so, which is the responsibility of a society to constrain people from doing evil? Well, you remove the constraints, and then evil occurs."

CNN notes that testosterone levels have dropped in recent years, and researchers don't know why. The drop isn't 50%, and there's no indication that it affects sexual orientation. There's also no indication that estrogen in the water affects it, either, and even if it did, the amount of estrogen in water is statistically insignificant.

Peri has also described homosexuality as "shameful," and that LBGQT people "don't have a stake in the future" because many do not have children, and he called gay people "deviant." He has suggested that homosexuality lead to the fall of the Roman Empire, a view pushed by other Christian activists. "Homosexuality was praised," he said. "LGBTQ today is being emphasized everywhere, even on children's shows. And so ultimately the Romans had become weak." Peri has opinions on other topics, as well; he compares abortion to genocide.

While none of this would suggest he would have much to offer on a tax board, it turns out he was a successful businessman before he devoted his attention to religion. Bet his business acumen is not why DeSantis appointed him.

Theists Say the Craziest Things



Vatican Telescope
Colleen Dzwonczyk

Tucson Arizona may make you think of cacti, hot weather, retirees, The University of Arizona, but surprisingly it is also the home of a foreign government office for the Vatican. The Vatican Observatory office in Tucson is home to Jesuit priests who are studying astronomy for the Vatican. While they live in Tucson, and spend time doing research and teaching at the University of Arizona, they travel to Mt. Graham to do their observations at the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope or VATT for short.

So how did a telescope operated by the Vatican end up in Arizona? In 1891 Pope Leo XIII established a mission to show the world that clergy can do science. So, they established an observatory in Vatican City. However, light pollution prohibited the observatory from staying in Vatican City. In the 1930s, Pope Pius XI relocated the Observatory to Castel Gandolfo, southeast of Rome. By the 60s, light pollution forced the Vatican to look to the dark skies of Southeast Arizona. By 1993 and 4 million dollars later the Vatican had its own telescope on Mt. Graham. The Vatican telescope on Mt. Graham is well known by astronomers, but few people in Catholic parishes know about the telescope, and the dozen Jesuit priests doing research. Soon, the VATT will be going through a major upgrade. The telescope on Mt. Graham will be fully automated in 2024.

Automation will allow for multiple research projects to be done each night, instead of just one, expanding the usefulness of the Vatican telescope.

Very interesting that the church that persecuted Galileo for heliocentrism, the belief the planets orbit around the sun, operates a multi-million-dollar telescope. Can we call this progress?

Source:

<https://www.kgun9.com/absolutely-az/why-the-popes-telescope-is-in-southern-arizona>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vatican_Observatory

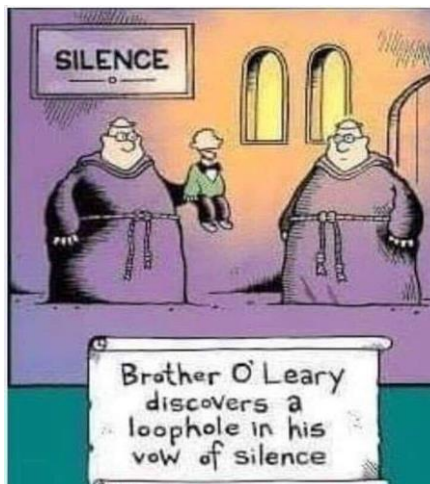
Religious Beliefs and Student Teaching

For the last 11 years, Arizona Christian University supplied student teachers to the Washington Elementary School District, the largest district in Arizona. Last month the Washington Elementary's board voted to discontinue the arrangement, due, the board said, to Arizona Christian's "strong" anti-LGBTQ stance.

Religionnews.com reports that the university filed suit, saying the board's motivation was anti-religious bias and that its decision violated the university's constitutional rights, and the Arizona Free Exercise of Religion Act. The suit claims that the district has hired at least 17 Arizona Christian graduates in the 11 years the program was in place, and has never made any complaints about the students or alumni. Board president Nikkie Gomez-Whaley issued a statement that said the decision was not motivated by religious discrimination. "While we recognize the right of individuals to practice their faith, public schools are secular institutions.

To that end, the board unanimously voted to discontinue its partnership with Arizona Christian University (ACU) whose policies do not align with our commitment to create a safe place for our LGBTQ+ students, staff, and community. This is not a rejection of any particular faith as we remain open to partnering with faith-based organizations that share our commitment to equity & inclusion.”

At the February board meeting, board members cited Arizona Christian’s religious mission, which includes among other things, its desire to promote “biblically informed values” like “traditional sexual morality and lifelong marriage between one man and one woman,” as a reason to cut ties with the university.



Board member Tamillia Valenzuela noted that three board members are members of the LGBTQ community. She said, “If we’re bringing people in whose mission ... is to influence people to be biblically minded, how does that hold space for people of other faiths? How does that hold space for our members of the LGBT community?” At the same meeting, Gomez-Whaley explained, “For me this is not a concern about Christianity,” Gomez-Whaley said at the February meeting. “For me my pause is ... this particular institution’s strong anti-LGBTQ stance and their strong belief that you believe this to your core and you take it out into the world.”

In the lawsuit ACU maintains that it treats everyone with love and respect, and that it instructs its staff and students to “respect and abide by the policies of the school districts it cooperates with.” The dean of ACU’s School of Education said, “We certainly hope we can continue our partnership with this district for the benefit of the elementary children in our community and for our student-teachers.”

What Did He Just Say?

In another example of people who seemed to have been asleep for at least the last 20 years, Texas Tech men’s basketball coach was suspended (and later resigned) for what the school called an “inappropriate, unacceptable, and racially insensitive comment.”

Per [espn.com](https://www.espn.com), Texas Tech was encouraging a player to be more receptive to coaching. He "referenced Bible verses about workers, teachers, parents, and slaves serving their masters." Sources claimed Adams apologized after he discovered the player was upset. The school originally reprimanded Adams, but then suspended him, it said, so that it could conduct a "more thorough inquiry of Adams' interactions with his players and staff."

A cynical observer might wonder if Texas Tech’s disappointing 16-15 record might have had something to do with the school’s decision. He signed a contract extension last year that runs through 2026-2027 and would pay him \$15.5 million over 5 years.

Adams contradicted reports that he apologized, telling the website Stadium, [watchstadium.com](https://www.watchstadium.com), that he was quoting scripture. He spoke to the team, he said, to explain himself, not to apologize.

According to [thecomeback.com](https://www.thecomeback.com), the quote was apparently Ephesians 6:5-9. Here is [the New International Version’s English translation](#) of that text:

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Can't imagine why basketball players, many of whom are black, would object to that.



New Version of Art History
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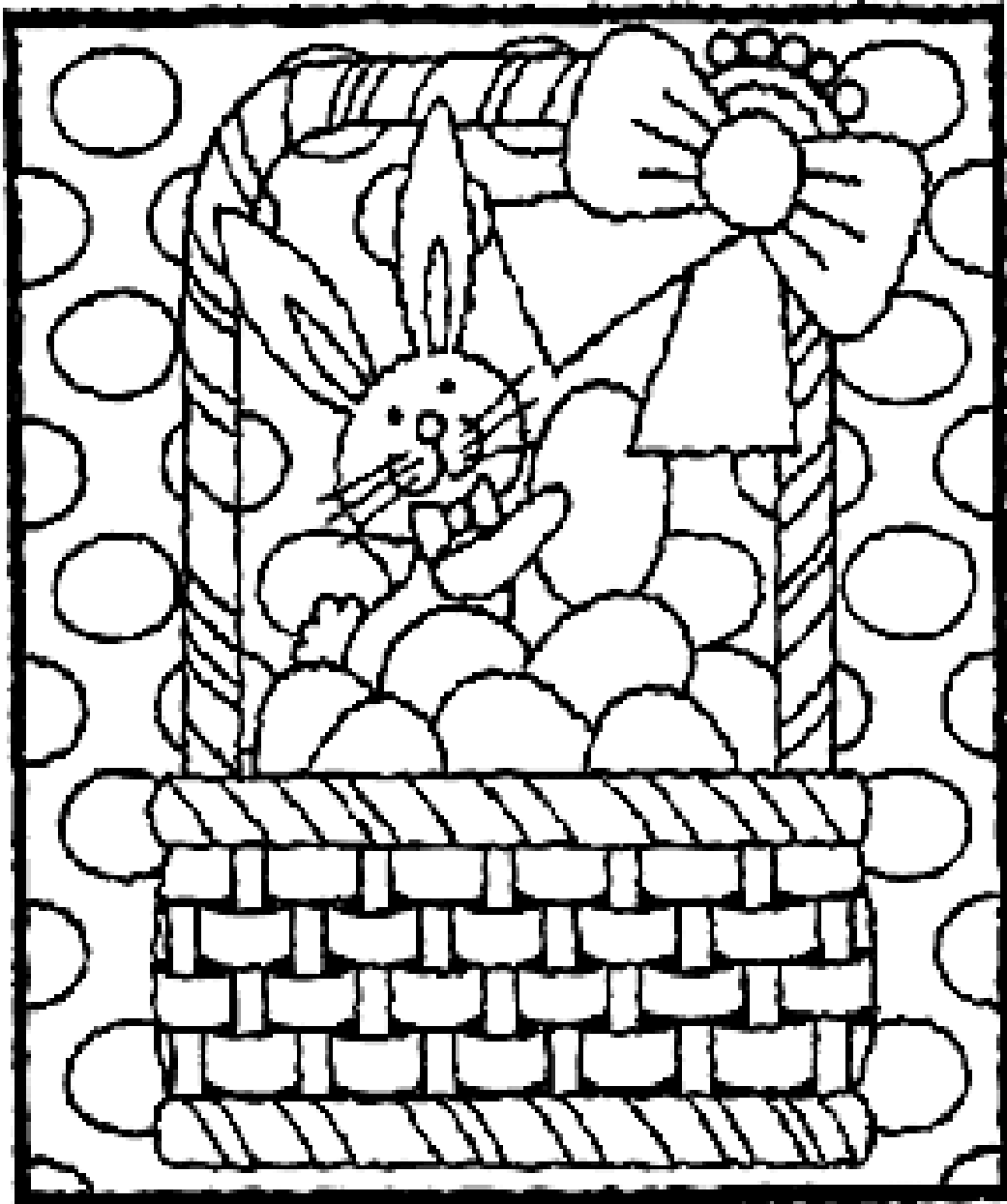
Hope Carrasquilla, a much beloved educator and principal, and the third one in three years at Florida's Tallahassee Classical School, finds herself on the outside looking in as of last week for distribution of pornographic materials. And, no, it's not the kind you might be thinking.

In the students' 6th grade art history classes, they were presented with Michelangelo's 16th century David. A Biblical figure, commissioned for a Catholic cathedral, done in the Renaissance. But, because he bears a little naughty part, and because there "was a series of miscommunications" that prevented a letter going to the parents before the shameful lesson took place earlier this month, school board chair (and clearly a man who has to close his eyes if he ever visits Italy or Greece) Barney Bishop demanded her head. This being the same person who refutes the use of pronouns, critical race theory, and omits the year 1619 from school curriculum and wants to move school decisions strictly to the hands of the parents.

Surprising to Carrasquilla, he managed to convince enough board members to go along with his decision.

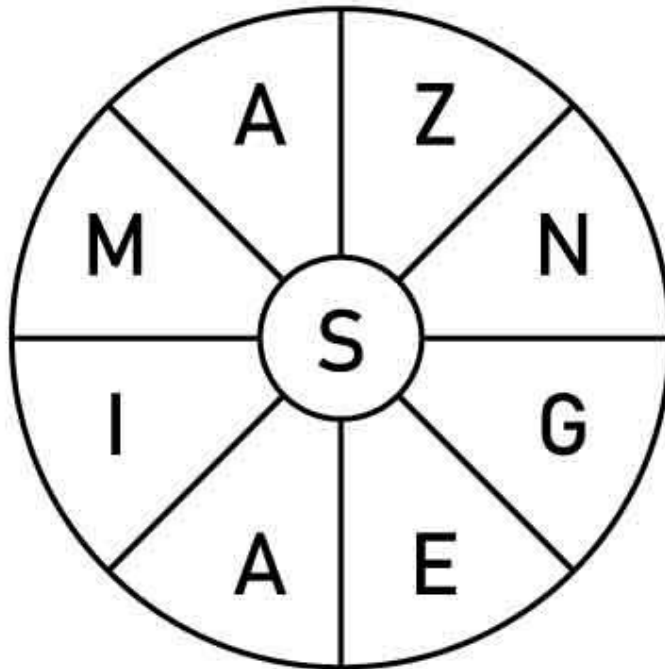
This has led to some contention between the two parties, as Carrasquilla has chosen to not silently take her sentence to the lion's den, especially from so few letters that drew ire in the first place. Many colleagues, students, and teachers came to her aide causing Bishop to accuse her of trying to raise "a lot of publicity." This story may continue to progress in the coming months if she chooses to challenge her firing. But then again, perhaps she's better off. Wait until they discover the Sistine Chapel!

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Answers at the end of PANViews.

WORD WHEEL PUZZLE 2



HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE WITH THESE LETTERS?
ALL WORDS MUST CONTAIN THE LETTER IN THE CENTRE CIRCLE.

PAN News & Update

Save the Date: Come picnic with PAN at Gifford Pinchot State Park, Sunday August 27. Details to follow!

Meetings – PAN holds in-person and online meetings. Locations, times, and dates below.

Online meeting: Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. We hope to split the meeting into an hour of chat and an hour of presentation or more structured discussion. Anyone with a book/movie review, discussion topic, or potential guest speaker should contact Dietrich

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Chambersburg – Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm, Sakura Japanese Restaurant, 1071 Wayne Ave

Cumberland/Mechanicsburg - Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm. Lovedraft Brewing, 165 Gateway Drive, Mechanicsburg (no children under 18)

Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, Zeroday Brewing Company Taproom, 923 North 3rd Street

Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd.

Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Hoss's - 1235 E Main St., Annville

Reading – Third Thursdays at 7:15pm, 3rd & Spruce Drafthaus, 238 S 3rd Ave, Reading, PA 19611

York Meeting – First Sunday at noon, Mexitaly Brick Oven Brewhouse, 2440 East Market St.

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Pennies for PAN - Finally, we are happy to take money the old-fashioned way. You can give your tax-deductible contribution to a Board Member at one of our meetings or events, you can donate via PayPal on our website, www.panonbelievers.org, or you can mail a check to us at PA Nonbelievers, Inc. PO Box 702, York, PA 17405. Remember when you donate you can indicate what fund you want your donation to go to, you can find the list of our funds on the PAN website in the Donate section.

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