

# PANViews



*Newsletter of PA Nonbelievers, Inc., affiliated with American Atheists, Atheist Alliance International and the Council for Secular Humanism.*

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## President's Report

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PA Nonbelievers tabled at the American Atheist conference in Philadelphia last weekend. It was a great time and opportunity for building community! There were not many big-name celebrity speakers but there appeared to be more focus on atheist community leaders and projects. I saw several members of PAN from central Pennsylvania as well as someone who had moved from central PA to Philadelphia recently. I enjoyed talking to everyone and appreciated all the help from our volunteers at the table. We displayed our new large background banner, designed for inside events, and it looked great!

PA Nonbelievers has been an affiliate of American Atheist for many years, but our collaboration has not been very good for several years. This was in part due to not being sure we were going to survive and were doing what we could to keep some form of community going locally. I think we have been building back a bit, but it is tenuous without volunteers and community help.

We plan on collaborating more in the upcoming year by promoting AA at our tabling events and helping with networking and collaboration between atheist/humanist/secular/freethought groups in Pennsylvania.

The conference themes, speakers, and attendees appeared to be focused on building community and multileveled approaches to accomplishing AA goals. Nick Fish, the president of AA, gave a strategic planning speech at the beginning of the conference laying out the needs and aspirations for the community for the next several years. AA would like to invest in and collaborate more with local and community groups so that we can work together more efficiently, create more effective communication, and not duplicate efforts. I think this is the right approach especially since most of us charity organizations are running on volunteer skeleton crews without much if any compensation. We should all do what we can do within our individual work life balance.

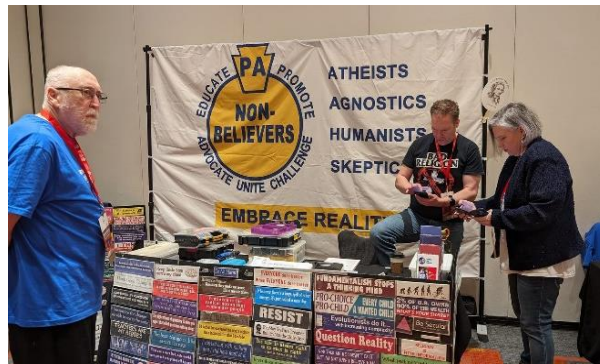
I think the community, as well as society, has been struggling over the past 15 years to adjust to social media's monetizing and competition between ideas in the social media market as well as the effects of

monetized platform audience capture. Nick made points about increased collaboration, and I think this is a particular need in the atheist activist community. I think the atheist and humanist community needs to adjust to not viewing each other as rivals and enemies competing for attention, and instead focus on our greater mutual goals of church state separation, equal rights for all, and the right to be free and autonomous in America.

Nick noted the incredible monetary advantage the religious entities and groups have in promoting their agendas versus our groups. Their monetary power is enhanced by religious people tending towards groupthink and compliance, which empowers their alliance where they should logically and philosophically be divided. Like lemmings, the different religious groups can be put in line on issues such as anti-abortion, despite the religious origin being a Catholic idea. Many religious groups had varied opinions on when they thought abortion was alright until the 70's when the anti-abortion agenda was incorporated into the southern strategy to get the religious groups (groupthinkers) to vote similarly. We often find in discussions with these groupthinkers that they have not read their religious textbooks to know that there are no explicit anti-abortion statements. Nor do they know there is an explicit abortion story in Numbers 5 sanctioned by their priests and their god with the overarching theme of men being justified in taking women's choice and autonomy away. A major theme of the bible, but not abortion.

But we atheists tend to be independent thinkers, are resistant to complicit blind following, and tend to remember slights, statements, and inconsistencies for years and decades after they occur. Our community has steadily fractured into several smaller factions and groups of philosophies and absolutes. Divided in opinions, actions, and popular audience capture on small to significant differences. We have increasingly become small, dispersed sea level islands to the point of being of little threat to the combined efforts of the global warming groupthink tide controlled by monetized and strategic algorithms. I do not know if our attention to detail and tendency to hold grudges is just genetic or from living years in a society that judges us to be least of its citizens, but it is our weakness in the bigger game being played. We may not be able to ignore the inconsistencies of people in the atheist and humanist community. But we could instead focus on our mutual goals for the greater good, while giving people space to grow towards a more consistent scientific, philosophical, and logical self. After all, if you think you have the high ground and you trust in science, the Socratic method, and mutual discourse, the better fit idea will eventually evolve into the community and individuals within it. We are trying to affect normalizing change in the greater society, so we should be asking why we are struggling, what we need to change, and how we can affect growth within our own community as well?

On the horizon, be on the lookout for our upcoming tabling events and group meetings. We are also working on continuing to expand and develop our website to be a more essential crossroads for resources and our activities. I would like to in particular, develop its usefulness for finding resources for atheist groups, meetings, counseling, and information about our interests. I hope to see you at our future events or monthly PAN project day.



***Atheist News in Pennsylvania– The Nation – The World!***



**"How DARE you teach my children that many of the inequities of today are caused by a history of enslavement and racism?!? It's not their fault and they don't need to know about it!!!"**



**"Now children, let me tell you all about how the sins of Adam and Eve mean you're born inherently sinful and must do exactly what we say or burn forever in the eternal lake of fire."**

**Independence Law Center and York County Schools**

Several York County School districts have signed agreements with Independence Law Center, ILC, to be their "special counsel." What's so special about ILC? According to the York *Dispatch*, yorkdispatch.com, it's a right-wing law firm that promotes far-right evangelical policies. The ILC is anti-LGBTQ and encourages the banning of books. It drafted the policies Red Lion passed last year that restricted transgender students from playing on teams or using bathrooms that align with their chosen identity. Parents will have to provide a child's birth certificate if the administrators ask for it, submit legal forms to change a child's name and gender.

So far, the Dover, Northern York and South Western districts have signed agreements with ILC, and Central York's superintendent worked with them during that district's effort to ban books. Eastern York has discussed hiring them. By the way, the school districts are retaining their current solicitors; the ILC is being hired to handle specific, religious-based issues.

An amazing side note: ILC's chief counsel, Randall Wenger, was one of Dover's lawyers during their pathetic fight to allow the teaching of intelligent design. That folly cost the Dover school district \$1,000,000, yet Dover is working with Wenger again. Wenger blames the Dover school board for the intelligent design debacle, saying the board members shouldn't have brought religion into the discussion. He was quoted in a 2005 Lancaster Online story: "Give us a call before you do something controversial like that...I think we need to do a better job at being clever as serpents." Interesting that his version of religion doesn't consider honesty a virtue.

York County residents have awakened to this situation. Approximately 100 people recently protested at a West Shore School District meeting where ILC's hiring was discussed. The *Dispatch* quotes the West Shore school board president as saying, "she believes the ILC will help the district protect itself from legal liability and increase trust with parents." Last year two sets of parents sued West Shore over its "empathy-based curriculum." West Shore wound up settling, allowing the kids to skip learning about empathy, and paying the parents' legal costs. Apparently, the board thinks ILC would help them avoid such issues.

ILC explains that its goals are to "preserve religious liberty, promote marriage and the family, protect human life, and improve education and policy for our clients." The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, inquirer.com, says it is the legal arm of the Pennsylvania Institute, a nonprofit that lobbies for "family values" in Harrisburg.

Several West Shore protestors explained they were Christians, but ILC is not their idea of Christianity.

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### Scary Drag Queen Story Hour

Some people apparently find the idea of a drag queen story hour scary. What, exactly, frightens them is not entirely clear, but the Lancaster Public Library knew holding a story hour would upset some people.

What it did not realize was how scary the opponents' reaction would be. The Associated Press, [apnews.com](http://apnews.com), reports that the event was canceled after a suspicious package was found in the library. Police evacuated the library. After additional threats were reported, two more blocks were evacuated.



Although the bomb squad found no danger at the library, the additional threats, via email, caused the order evacuating the blocks to remain in effect for several hours. No bombs or other dangers were found. It turned out the suspicious package contained coloring books.

Lancaster Pride organized the event. It posted on social media that the “Drag Story Hour with Miss Amie” had been canceled, saying “the safety and well-being of our community are of utmost importance to us.”

Residents had objected to the planned story hour at two prior county commissioners' meetings. Republican commissioners opposed the event, calling it “inappropriate.” Commissioner Josh Parsons wrote that libraries “should be places for kids to safely read and learn, not politicized social laboratories for woke ideology.” Commissioner Ray D’Agostino posited a link between children being more “confused, anxious and stressed” than ever and people “trying to push adult themed issues at such an early age.”

Lancaster Online, [lancasteronline.com](http://lancasteronline.com), described a protest event held on the Friday evening before the Drag Queen story hour was supposed to happen. More than 100 people prayed for divine intervention to stop the story hour. Matthew Kroll, pastor at the Lord’s House of Prayer, said, “Father, today, we ask God that the agenda of the evil ones that perverts your truth will be brought down low.” The group then performed a “Jericho Walk,” which meant they walked around, asking God to stop the event. Some of the protestors stopped in front of the library, putting their hands on the windows and doors.

The library’s executive director, Lissa Holland, said she was “really sad, very disappointed and angry” about the cancellation. She noted, “The library should be a place of safety. ... And as I’ve told people numerous times this week, like every book in the library is not for every person, every program is maybe not for every person. But we don’t censor.”

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### Joe Biden Hates Easter

*Ally Consoli*

President Biden found himself facing a sea of red faces from his compatriots to the right for daring to acknowledge two holidays that happened to occur on the same day: Easter and Transgender Day of Visibility. In an ironic turn, Republican officials tried to silence the day of visibility for infringing upon their more sacred holiday. The Transgender Day of Visibility is always recognized on 3/31. This year, the convoluted date that marks Easter happened to fall on the same day, as it has once before and as it will again in 2086.

Some of our nation’s top conservative voices were incensed that Biden dared to make two separate statements, one honoring Easter, and one honoring transgender persons.

Karoline Leavitt, a spokeswoman for former President Donald J. Trump, said Mr. Biden should apologize to people who believed Sunday was “for one celebration only — the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” The House speaker, Mike Johnson, said Mr. Biden had “betrayed the central tenet of Easter.” Senator Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee called his proclamation “an intentional attack on religion.”

Biden was also the target of controversy for banning religious paraphernalia from the egg decorations at the White House Easter Egg Hunt, even though this has been a long-standing tradition from both parties for years in an effort to be more inclusive.

Sadly, this is yet another attack on the transgendered community where lawmakers can focus on something extraneous and bury their erasure of the trans community with questionable laws making access to transition care rarer and more costly and encouraging bans of inclusive bathrooms and sports.

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Calvin and Hobbes



### Faith and Liberty Discovery Center

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center has closed, after less than three years on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, per the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, [inquirer.com](http://inquirer.com).

The Museum was opened by the American Bible Society in June 2021. It’s a Christian, nonprofit organization that translates Bibles and ships them all over the world. The organization has apparently had a lot of problems, with layoffs and funding issues. It’s had five CEOs in the last two years.

The major problem was apparently financial. The latest CEO, Jennifer Holloran, sent an email to employees stating, “Despite the valiant efforts of our FLDC leadership and team, we have not been able to achieve the long-term sustainability that an experience like that needs to be successful.” She paraphrased Ecclesiastes 3: “Everything that happens in this world happens at the time of God’s choosing.”

The Center issued a statement claiming, “structural limitations” and the pandemic as reasons for the closing. The *Inquirer* quoted tax documents published by ProPublica that showed the museum’s total revenue after expenses went from \$29.6 million to less than \$4 million by June 2022.

The American Bible Society had been based in New York for almost 200 years before it sold its \$300 million complex and moved to Philadelphia in 2015. At the time the organization explained that Philly’s lower cost of living was the main reason for the move. It rented space for about \$1.3 million a year. At that point it was called a center, not a museum.

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center didn’t open for more than 5 years. It described itself as “Philadelphia’s most immersive museum” intending to show how religious faith shaped freedom in the United States. The former executive director explained, “We’ve created a massive digital platform,

disguised as a museum. It feels like a museum — we've got artifacts and all that, but really it's a digital platform that is ripe for the way people are learning today. They want to learn from the media. They want to learn from a story. And they also want to collect things, and they want to create. That's why we created the maker space." The museum had a collection of historic Bibles, including William Penn's.

Not everyone shared their vision. At its opening, Jonathan Zimmerman, a professor of education history at the University of Pennsylvania, said, "The story they're telling is essentially a fairy tale."

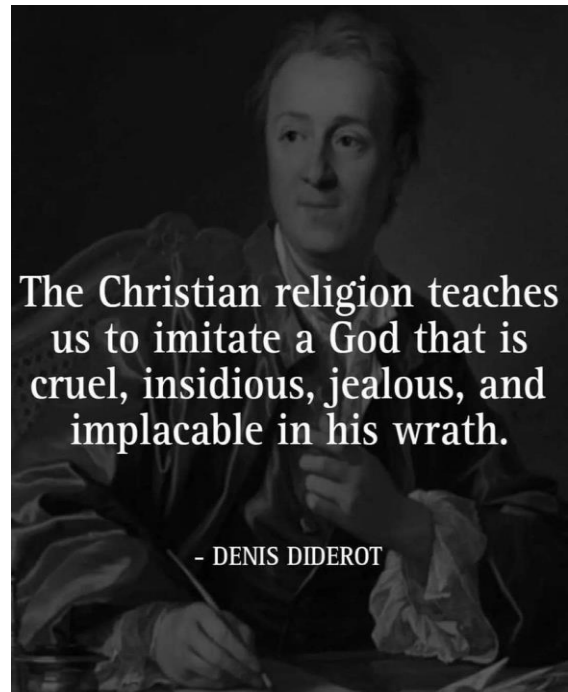
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### French Continue To Battle Over Laïcité

The French struggle to maintain its tradition of laïcité in its schools. According to info.gouv.fr, the website of the French government, the following is a simple definition of the term: *Laïcité implies the neutrality of the State and imposes the equality of all beliefs without distinction between religion or conviction.*

That doesn't sound so different from the U.S. separation of church and state. But since 2004, French students have been forbidden to wear "ostentatious" religious symbols, such as a cross, skullcap – or head scarf.

This has become a flashpoint with the French public and the Muslim community. Many in France are concerned about what they perceive as an encroachment of Islam in the public school system. This concern was exacerbated by the killing of two French teachers by Islam extremists in the last few years.



A Paris school principal recently decided to retire after he received online death threats over a dispute involving a Muslim girl's head scarf, according to the New York *Times*, nytimes.com.

The principal of the Lycée Maurice-Ravel asked three students to remove their head scarves. Two complied, but the third did not, which led to what the *Times* called an "altercation." The student claimed the principal pushed her and hit her arm, but the Paris prosecutor dropped her complaint, claiming lack of evidence. The principal filed suit against the student, accusing her of intimidating a public official. The government and politicians of all political stripes have sided with the principal. The student subsequently dropped out of school.

The principal then decided to resign, citing concerns about his own safety, and the school's security. France's Prime Minister, Gabriel Attal, got involved, saying the threats against the principal were "unacceptable." In addition, he said the government would file its own complaint against the student, claiming she wrongfully accused the principal of violence, which has generated online death threats against the principal. The Paris prosecutor is also investigating, which has resulted in the arrest of three people.

Prime minister Attal, who in his previous position as education minister had worked to ban the abaya, a loose-fitting, full-length robe worn by some Muslim women, in schools, stated that government would fully support "all of those who are on the front lines of these attacks on laïcité."

A Belgian based-group, Collective for Countering Islamophobia in Europe (the French government has disbanded a similar group in France) distributed a video in which the student said the principal shouted at her to remove her scarf as she was putting it on. Before she could, the principal “pushed me violently” and “hit me hard on the arm.” He was trying to pull her into his office, she said, but another student intervened. The Collective condemned the death threats against the principal but went on to accuse the French government of “fueling a climate of conflict within schools, pitting teachers, pupils and families against each other.” It added, “We want to reiterate our commitment to the fight against all forms of harassment and discrimination, especially toward Muslim students, who are under undue pressure in the current climate.”

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Evangelical Christianity in a nutshell.



### Liberty Strikes Again!

Liberty University just can't seem to stay out of trouble. Liberty University was, of course, founded in 1971 by the late televangelist Jerry Falwell, who wanted to create a Christian university for evangelicals. His son, Jerry, Jr., took over as president after Jerry, Sr., died. Jerry, Jr., flamed out in spectacular fashion, resigning his post in 2020 after it was reported he and his wife had a sexual relationship with a hotel pool boy.

This time, according to NPR.com, the U.S. Department of Education has fined the school \$14 million, the largest penalty it has ever issued, for non-compliance with a federal campus crime-reporting law.

This fine was actually part of a settlement. After investigating, the government found many violations of the Clery Act, which requires colleges to record campus crimes and dangerous situations and warn their campus community about them.

The department's report (more than 100 pages long) details what it called “serious, persistent and systemic violations” from 2016 to 2023. It claims the Christian college discouraged students from reporting crimes, did not respond appropriately to incidents of sexual violence. It further states the college did not tell people about dangerous situations – for example, gas leaks – and did not keep an accurate list of crimes.

In addition to the fine, Liberty agreed to spend \$2 million over a two-year monitoring period, which will end in April 2026. Liberty issued a statement about the settlement: "Liberty is firmly committed to Clery Act compliance and the safety and security of our students and staff without exception." However, the university continued, "While the university maintains that we have repeatedly endured selective and unfair treatment by the Department, the university also concurs there were numerous deficiencies that existed in the past. We acknowledge and regret these past failures and have taken these necessary improvements seriously."

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## Orthodox Jews Exemption From Military Service

Ultra-Orthodox Jews have long been exempt from military service in Israel. This has caused some grumbling in the past, but the current war has exacerbated it, according to reuters.com.

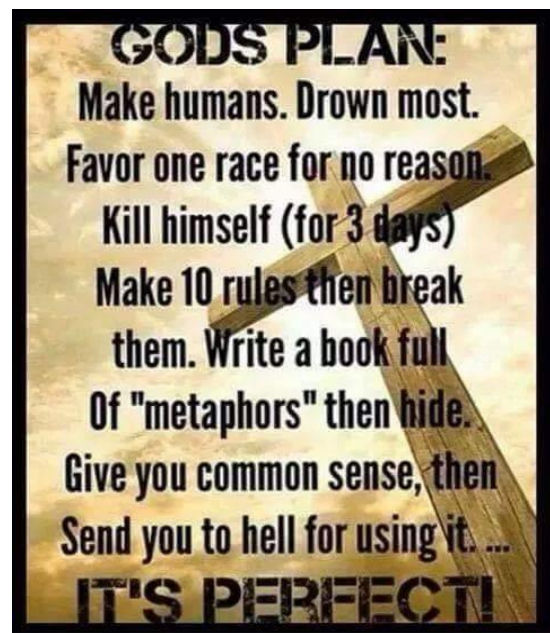
As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu works to maintain his political coalition, he's feeling pressure to spread the responsibility to defend the country across all parts of society. Originally March 31 was the deadline for the government to present a solution, but the Supreme Court granted Netanyahu a 30-day deferment. But the Court also suspended state funding for seminary students during the deferment.

The deferment policy for the Haredi, or ultra-Orthodox, began when Israel began in 1948. David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister, exempted about 400 students from the military so they could continue studying religion, to keep alive the beliefs and practices almost obliterated by the Holocaust.

The Haredi currently comprise about 13% of Israel's population, but, because of a high birth rate, is projected to reach about 33% in the next 40 years. Haredi families are concerned that their sons' strict devotion to religion would be weakened if they served in the military. They tend to live in Haredi neighborhoods and the men spend their lives in religious study. The women may work, but generally not at high-paying jobs. Because of that, the large families often live off donations and state benefits.

Secular Israelis, who, male and female, face mandatory military service, resent seeing their taxes supporting people who are exempt from service. This resentment has only grown since the Gaza war began.

Public opinion supports eliminating the service exemption. Netanyahu's problem is that his coalition government includes two Haredi parties whose support he needs to remain in power. The two parties have opposed the Supreme Court ruling and are determined to fight to keep the exemption in place.



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## The Bible and the Constitution

Want to understand how the Bible is part of the US Constitution? Well, now there's a course to help you.

The course is a series of video classes, which are being offered by some churches, or at home. Here's a description, from audithevotepea.com, as well as a Facebook post from a church offering the program:

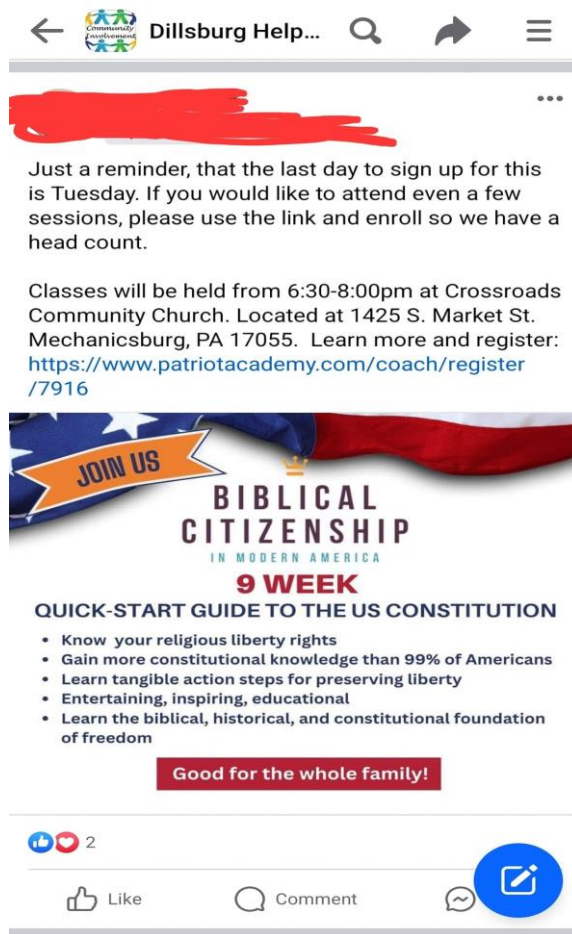


*Biblical Citizenship in Modern America!*

*Now more than ever, our nation is in need of Biblical citizens who grasp the dynamic unity of citizens of the Kingdom of God and citizens of this great nation!*

*This course offers the quick-start guide to the the longest standing Constitution in history, complete with an overview of all the Articles, and Amendments. What sets this apart from other U.S. Constitution courses is the interactive, fast-paced presentations; the fabulous locations of Independence Hall and the Wallbuilders' Library; and finally our Biblical heritage intricately woven throughout the entire course!*

*You will learn how the founders relied on their Christian moorings and Biblical worldview to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. You will also be treated to encouraging historical facts and inspirational true stories that are not taught in our educational institutions today. All in all you will be edified and equipped to operationalize your faith and practice.*



The organization mentioned above, Wallbuilders, describes itself as follows on its website, wallbuilders.com. *Our name is taken from the Old Testament story of Nehemiah, who led a grassroots movement to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore its strength and honor. In the same way, WallBuilders seeks to energize people to become involved in strengthening their communities, states, and nation. WallBuilders has been nationally recognized for its work in education, history, law, and public policy, integrating the elements of Biblical faith and morality throughout all aspects of American life and culture.*

If the name Wallbuilders rings a bell, it might be because of its founder, David Barton. Several years ago, Barton wrote a biography of Thomas Jefferson so replete with errors (mostly dealing with Jefferson's supposed devotion to religion) that the publisher recalled it. Just the guy to create a Biblical citizenship course.

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**Why Are We Not Surprised?**

Michael Voris, leader of the Detroit based Church Militant, an ultra-conservative Catholic movement which particularly attacked the LGBTQ community, resigned in November. Why did he resign? According to The Daily Beast, thedailybeast.com, because he was sending sexually suggestive photos to staff members.

The church board said the resignation was due to a morality clause. Voris – who frequently claimed all of his social or political opponents were gay – was sending shirtless photos of himself to staff. At one point

in 2023, he posted the pictures with “racy” text messages, on the organization’s database. Finally, staff members of the Church Militant started to complain.

A Church Militant webcast host commented, “I’ve learned Michael has been in the habit of sending shirtless selfies to multiple men inside and outside the apostolate. They reveal an unhealthy obsession with his physique, not to mention the terrible optics—particularly considering his former lifestyle.”

It turns out Voris had admitted in 2016 to having lead an “extremely sinful” life as an LGBTQ man but maintained he had overcome it.

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***"People can't change genders" insists man that believes Jesus can be a biscuit***

The Chaser | August 11th, 2022

**Starting At The Top**

The Christian Union, a nonprofit evangelism ministry, has conducted annual “CU Rise” events for the last two years. This year, CU Rise has an ambitious project: it will conduct an eight-week evangelism tour at elite secular universities, hoping to preach the gospel to 75,000 students.

The Christian *Post*, christianpost.com, provides details. This year’s theme is “Jesus Disrupts.” Matt Bennett, founder and president of Christian Union, says the goal is “to introduce students to how radical Jesus is.” The campaign will preach at Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale, and Stanford.

Bennett explains why these universities were chosen: “Jesus ministered among the downtrodden as well as the influential, and these nine universities produce a disproportionate number of future leaders for the nation and the world.” He continues, “Also, students at these schools are, on average, less exposed to the Gospel message than college students elsewhere. God loves all people and wants them to be saved if possible.”

The campaign will be multi-media, using social media as well as on campus events. It will include what CU calls “student-on-the-street” interviews, asking students about Jesus and religion in general, and will then combine these interviews into videos that will be posted on social media. There will be flyers, posters, stickers and shirts promoting the Jesus Disrupts message.

Later on in the article, Bennett returns to the idea that these students aren’t religious because they don’t know enough about Jesus. “Students today at the nation’s most rigorous schools are largely unaware of the most important message in the history of humanity. Jesus Christ has brought more good into the world than any other person, and these students deserve to know.”

It apparently has not occurred to Bennett that many of the students may come from non-Christian backgrounds. Or that they may be familiar with Christianity and have decided they just aren’t interested.

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**What’s Keeping Him?**

Why hasn’t Jesus returned yet? After all, many early Christians expected him to return shortly, and Christians in 1000 AD thought he would pick that nice, round number.

Per labible.com, the reason is simple: Jesus hasn’t returned because people just aren’t giving enough money to their churches.



Evangelical pastor Jesse Duplantis was speaking at a four-day event called Victorython, televised on the Victory channel. He urged his viewers to call the number on the TV screen and make a donation. Then he said, "I really believe this, if people would call this number, and put this Victory all over the world, every available voice, every available outlet - the Father would say, 'Jesus, go get 'em'."

"Because you see, He wants to see us as much as we want to see Him. Do you see what I'm saying? And what is hindering all these things is because people are not doing - in the financial realm, because we're living in an economic world - what God's called them to do. You know? He's called us to do that. I don't have a problem with giving, I don't have a problem with receiving - it doesn't make any difference, I just made up my mind, I want Jesus to come."

Interestingly, Duplantis mentioned later on that he is a multi-millionaire. Presumably he could make a dent in the payment God is extorting? He also has a jet, which he said he'd get rid of "the day after the rapture." (Big deal. Why would he need a jet after the rapture?)

His talk was posted on X (formerly Twitter) where it has shocked – and embarrassed – some Christians. One person wrote: "Right now I'm embarrassed not just because of what he said but because there are people who will actually believe it." Another person commented: "These people have no shame, using the name of God to make money off of poor people, ignorant people, elderly people." Which is how a lot of churches make money, of course.

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### The Marrying Kind

In the above story, a pastor uses his religion to make money. But Orlando Coleman had another goal: to get married. A lot.

The New York *Times*, nytimes.com, tells Coleman's story. He visited small black churches around the country, where he would introduce himself as a pastor or bishop. Law enforcement has found no evidence that he was either but say that he used the claim to establish his bona fides with women church members – and he married at least 10 of them over the last 20 years.

Coleman has been sentenced to three years in prison after marrying a woman in Kentucky. That marriage violated the conditions of his probation on a bigamy charge. Prosecutors think his first marriage was in 2001 and that the marriages were for money. His marriages have been traced to Delaware, Texas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Iowa, North Carolina, Virginia and other states. He apparently used the marriage proposal to reinforce the idea that he was a godly man; the women were flattered that a man of the cloth wanted to marry them. If the woman accepted, he would move in, and let her support him.

After he left, some of the women filed for divorce. His con began to fall apart in 2021, when his current wife, in Houston, discovered that he was receiving money from a woman in Virginia. The Houston woman contacted the Virginia woman over Facebook to compare notes. The Virginia woman provided a copy of her marriage certificate and told the Houston woman that they had never divorced, although they had separated. In fact, after the separation, he moved to Houston, where he married again after only living there for two weeks. The Houston woman turned him in, and he was charged with bigamy. Coleman

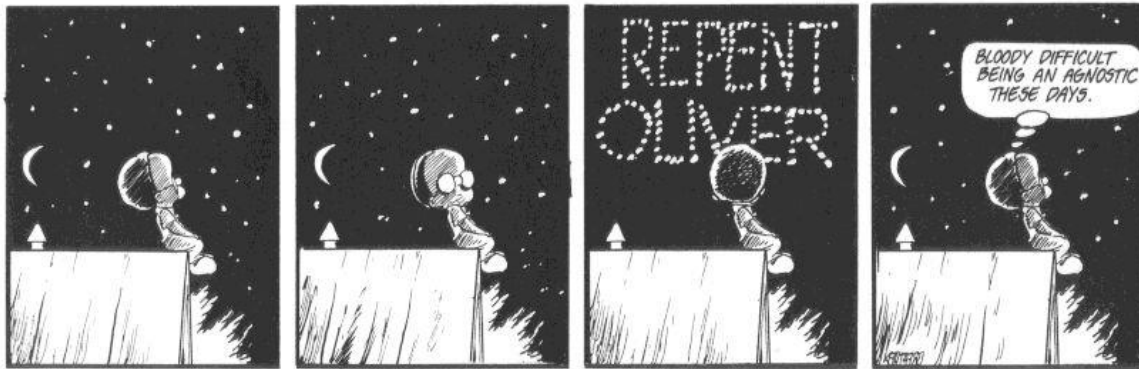
pleaded guilty and received three years' probation. But two weeks later, he married a woman in Kentucky. The prosecutors found out and moved to revoke his probation. A judge agreed and sentenced him to three years. Coleman sent a handwritten letter to the judge before sentencing, asking for his probation to be continued, and that the court "not only judge my case but my heart." He maintained he thought the Houston marriage had ended in an annulment or divorce.

He signed the letter with the initials "PhD, ThD, DD," indicating he held degrees as a Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Theology and Doctor of Divinity. Prosecutors said there was no evidence that Mr. Coleman held any advanced degrees.

His victims supported the revocation of his probation. The prosecuting attorney noted, "From my conversations with them, they were very upset," she said. "They wanted him to go prison because they felt this person abused their trust based on a title and they believed he would do it again."

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*Bloom County*



# FUN!



## Riddles! Answers at the end of PANViews

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

2. You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.

3. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

4. What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

5. You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?

## ***PAN News & Updates***

**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 Dellinger @ [guyinnagorillasuit@gmail.com](mailto:guyinnagorillasuit@gmail.com)

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

Cumberland/Mechanicsburg –Third Thursday of the month, Gather Your Party Gaming & Hobby, 219 North Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA. This group plays board (atheist) games!

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 - This meeting is currently on pause.

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.

### ***How to Contribute to PAN***

**Giant Cards** - We will have Giant grocery store cards available for purchase at PAN meetings. You pay face value for the card and use the face value at the store, but Giant lets PAN have 5% of that face value. If you shop at Giant, anyway, use the cards in lieu of cash and help PAN. What could be easier?

**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](http://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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1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind.  
What am I? Answer: An echo

**2. You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. Answer: A candle.**

**3. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I? Answer: A map.**

**4. What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month? Answer: The letter "R."**

**5. You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why? Answer: All the people were married.**