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## **President's Report**

*Josh CruverKibi*

We are in the middle of another busy summer, and I hope that our community is having an overall good summer. June was PA Nonbeliever's busiest tabling month. We attended four events: Old Annville Day, Lancaster Pride, Jubilee Day, and York Pride. That was a lot of outreach time! I am thankful for the several volunteers who helped at the booths during these events.

For July, PA Nonbelievers will be having a summer potluck on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> at Gifford Pinchot Park in York County from 10:00 – 2:00 pm and tabling at Pride Festival of Central PA, Harrisburg on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Let us know if you are interested in attending either of these events by email, contacting a board member, or on the posted meetup or Facebook for the event.

Also, if you are interested, I will be starting an in-person SMART Recovery group in July. I will send out an email when I have a definite day and time established. SMART Recovery is a secular scientifically based therapy group for any form of addiction, from alcohol, to drugs, to food, to digital or social media addiction. This is a secular alternative to religious addiction programs and aligns well with non-theist's beliefs and ways of processing and thinking. Alcohol Anonymous (AA) is not scientifically based and requires members to state repeatedly or believe in a god or spiritual existence as well as required to give up personal power. For members who are legally required to attend AOD (Alcohol and other Drug) treatment programs, the SMART Recover group would be the clearly preferred superior scientifically based program for secularists and atheists. SMART Recovery group sessions teach members how to design individualized interventions as well as expand critical thinking and coping skills through cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT), and Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET). I am very excited to start a SMART recovery group for our members as well as planning to help run a SMART Recovery group online with Recovering from Religions online therapy groups.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer and we hope to see you soon at an event or monthly meeting.

### **Calvin and Hobbes**



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

### **Good News!**

From Oklahoma, of all places. The Associated Press, [apnews.com](https://apnews.com), reports the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled that a religious charter school cannot be funded with public money.

The St. Isidore of Seville Virtual Charter school would have been the first publicly funded religious charter school in the United States. The Oklahoma Supreme Court's opinion noted that funding would violate the Establishment Clause of the US Constitution, as well as the Oklahoma constitution, and state law.

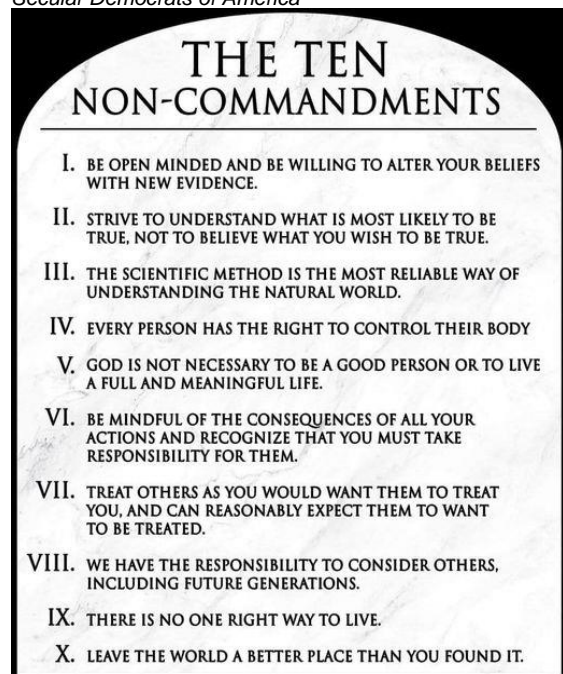
Oklahoma's Statewide Virtual Charter School Board voted 3-2 last year to approve the application of the school, from the Catholic Archdiocese of Oklahoma. This case is generating a lot of interest, because it appears the US Supreme Court – where it is surely going next – is more open to funding religious institutions with public money than has been true in the past.

While many Republican politicians in Oklahoma supported funding the school, the case against it was argued by the Republican Attorney General, Gentner Drummond, who praised the court's decision: "The framers of the U.S. Constitution and those who drafted Oklahoma's Constitution clearly understood how best to protect religious freedom: by preventing the state from sponsoring any religion at all."

But wait. Oklahoma hasn't completely seen the light. Ryan Walters, the state superintendent of schools has declared all public schools must teach the Bible, including the Ten Commandments. The New York *Times*, [nytimes.com](https://nytimes.com), quotes Walters as describing the Bible as an "indispensable historical and cultural touchstone."

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*Secular Democrats of America*



### **Louisiana Law**

As has been widely reported, Louisiana public schools (from kindergartens to universities) will be required to display the Ten Commandments in all classrooms.

According to [cnn.com](https://cnn.com), the law leaves nothing to chance. The display must be poster-sized, at least 11 by 14 inches, with a "large, easily readable font." The exact language is specified; unsurprisingly, the law requires the Protestant version of the Ten Commandments.

Several commentators have noted that this law would have more impact if Louisiana students were better readers. A recent press release from the state, at the website [louisianabelieves.com](https://louisianabelieves.com), proudly notes that US News & World Report is raising Louisiana's Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade educational rating – from 41<sup>st</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>. The press release also brags that Louisiana's 4<sup>th</sup> graders' reading skills have jumped this year, too, from 46<sup>th</sup> to 42<sup>nd</sup> in the United States.

People are lining up to challenge the law, since, obviously, the first amendment to the US Constitution states forbids the establishment of a religion. The American Civil Liberties Union, Americans United for

the Separation of Church and State, and the Freedom From Religion Foundation issued a joint statement noting the bill's unconstitutionality, and that "many faith-based and civil-rights organizations oppose this measure because it violates students' and families' fundamental right to religious freedom."

The law's defenders claim the 2022 Supreme Court decision in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District* allows for the posting of the Ten Commandments. In that case, the Court backed a football coach who prayed with his players on the field. The Court said the coach's prayers were private speech, protected by the First Amendment. The Court further explained that a government entity does not violate the constitution by allowing religious expressions in public.

Some religious groups have raised objections. According to [cbs42.com](https://www.cbs42.com), the Hindu community has proposed posting ancient Sanskrit scriptures in public school classrooms. Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism, describes the Bhagavad Gita as a "treasure that should be displayed in public school classrooms." The Hindu community would pay for the posters, Zed noted, adding that increasing knowledge of other religions would lead to "well-nurtured, well-balanced, and enlightened citizens of tomorrow."

[Religionunplugged.com](https://www.religionunplugged.com) focused on the use of the Protestant Ten Commandments. Catholics (including Gov. Jeff Landry) make up the largest religious group in Louisiana, comprising 26.8% of the population, with Evangelical Protestants at 25%, according to the Association of Religion Data Archives. Catholics don't have a commandment against graven images, and have two "covet" commandments, one about a neighbor's wife, and the other about a neighbor's goods. The Jewish version of the Commandments is different, too; their first Commandment requires them to remember the God who delivered their ancestors from Egypt.



This is just the latest step in Louisiana's march to theocracy. One new law requires that transgender students be addressed by the pronouns indicated by the gender on their birth certificates because, according to Gov. Jeff Landry, "God gives us our mark." Louisiana recently became the first state to classify abortion pills as "dangerous controlled substances." Finally, Louisiana is following Texas' lead by letting public schools employ chaplains. Gov. Landry explains the practice as, "A great step for expanding faith in public schools."

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### Catholic Prayer For Trump

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito was recently quoted as supporting the idea that the US should be returned to a "place of godliness." Newspaper reports state that he made the remarks to an undercover reporter at a Catholic event at Mar-a-Lago on March 19. What "Catholic event" was that?

Per the National Catholic Reporter, [nconline.com](https://www.ncreporter.com), an event called "Catholic Prayer for Trump" was held at Mar-a-Lago on March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph. Speakers described a dystopian United States where "cultural Marxists" in government try to jail Christians who try to tell the truth about "stolen elections, sexuality, gender, abortion and COVID-19 vaccines."

Apparently, the organizers wanted to invoke St. Joseph because Pope Pius XI invoked him in a 1937 encyclical *Divini Redemptoris* ("On Atheistic Communism." So, we have him to thank for that?)

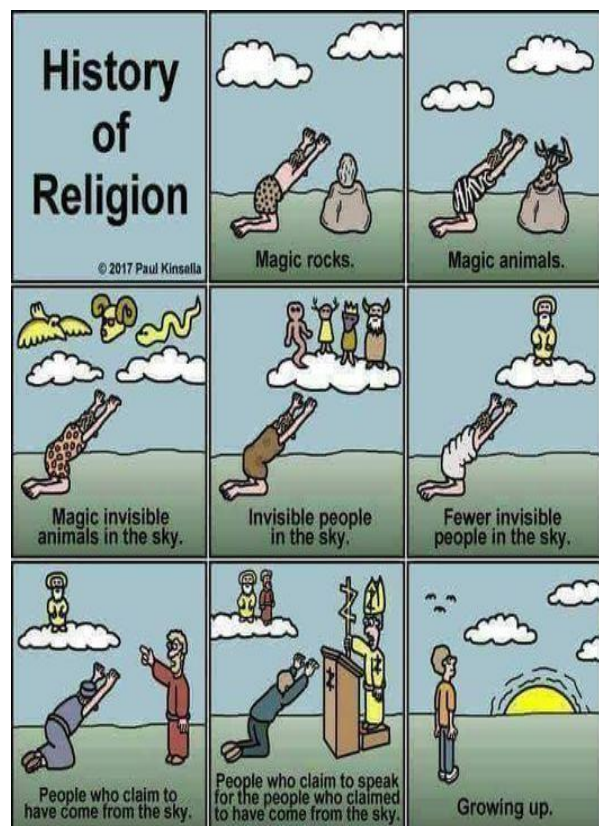
One speaker called Donald Trump “the only Catholic option” who will “restore” the United States, and defeat, wait for it, “atheistic communism.” The organization Catholics for Catholics charged \$1,000 per ticket for the event. Catholics for Catholics was incorporated in 2022 and has worked to align itself with right-wing nationalistic political leaders.

Speakers at the event included Roger Stone, famed as Trump’s “dirty trickster,” and retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who was briefly Trump’s national security advisor. Flynn quoted Psalm 23, to tell the audience the United States is in “the valley of the shadow of death.” Flynn also said, “This nation was built on a set of judeo-Christian principles and values, and we have to be fearless about that.”

The event was broadcast live by Real America’s Voice, a right-wing media outlet the article describes as promoting conspiracy theories, including QAnon. The audience was treated to a video of Trump reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, with an audio of the “J6 Prison Choir” singing the national anthem. The J6 Prison Choir is composed of individuals jailed as a result of their activities on January 6.

The Catholics for Catholics website, cforc.com, is a bit vague on exactly what it wants. It states the organization is “committed to America’s prosperity and well-being. Our collective voice echoes to the four corners of our country, demanding justice and change.” The website does suggest that participants fill out an online form requesting a Catholic mass be dedicated to Donald Trump and send it to their pastor. The goal is to have 2,024 masses dedicated in 2024!

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## Dying for Hajj

Islam’s annual pilgrimage, the Hajj, recently ended. Unfortunately, it wasn’t a happy ending.

The BBC, bbc.com, reports that hundreds of people died during this year’s event. The pilgrimage ends in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, where temperatures reached 123 degrees Fahrenheit. An Arab diplomat was quoted as saying 658 Egyptians had died, Indonesia reported more than 200 deaths, and India, 98. Pakistan, Malaysia, Jordan, Iran, Senegal, Sudan and Iraq’s autonomous Kurdistan region have also had deaths. The United States thinks Americans have died, according to the Wall Street Journal, although there isn’t a firm number. People are checking with hospitals and posting online messages to track down their relatives.

Islam requires all Muslims who are financially and physically able complete the pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime. Saudi Arabia estimates about 1.8 million people participated this year. More than half of the deaths were attributed to unregistered pilgrims who did not go through official channels, which meant they were unable to use the air-conditioned buses and tents Saudi Arabia provided. Pilgrims without the required documentation sometimes avoid authorities, making the situation worse.

There are repercussions from all the deaths. Egypt has revoked the licenses of 16 tourism companies and referred their managers for prosecution for facilitating illegal pilgrimages to Mecca. Jordan has also detained travel agents who set up unofficial travel to Mecca, and Tunisia fired its minister of religious affairs after 49 Tunisians, many of whom were unregistered, died. Saudi Arabia is facing criticism in the Muslim world for not

doing enough, in particular for unregistered pilgrims. Critics claim that facilities were not well managed, that they were overcrowded without adequate cooling and sanitation. Pilgrims had to walk long distances.

It is not unusual for there to be deaths during Hajj. Many pilgrims are older, because they have saved their entire life to afford the pilgrimage. To die during Hajj and be buried in Mecca is considered a blessing.

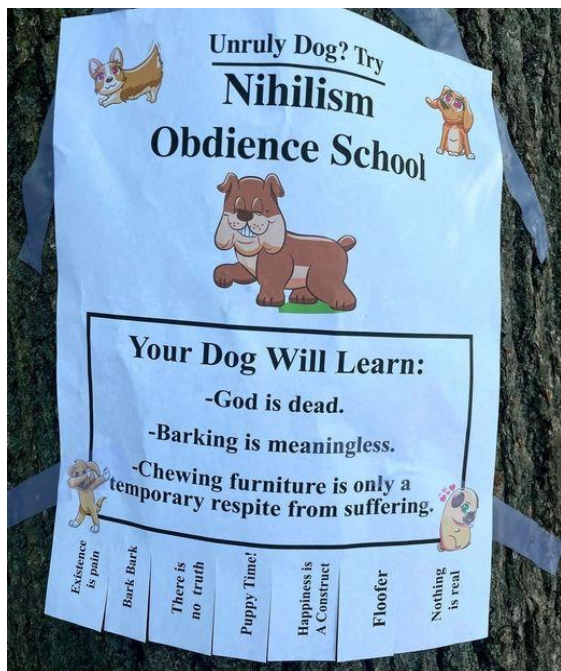
The dates of Hajj are calculated by the Islamic calendar. It goes back by about 10 days each year, so next year's will be earlier, and perhaps not so deadly.

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## Another Vote Against IVF

In vitro fertilization continues to be a hot topic in religious circles. The Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the US, has voted to oppose the use of the process. The New York *Times*, [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), describes the vote as an "indication that evangelicals are increasingly open to arguments that equate embryos with human life, and that two years after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, fetal personhood may be the next front for the anti-abortion movement."

The vote occurred at the SBC's annual meeting in Indianapolis. The resolution asked the SBC "to reaffirm the unconditional value and right to life of every human being, including those in an embryonic stage, and to only utilize reproductive technologies consistent with that affirmation, especially in the number of embryos generated in the I.V.F. process." Later on in the resolution it described human beings, "which necessarily includes frozen embryonic human beings."



While most Southern Baptists oppose abortion, IVF is popular. Church members don't see a conflict, because the goal of IVF is to create new life, even though unused embryos are often destroyed. Its 13 million members make it a potent political force. But in May the head of its public policy arm wrote to the US Senate, asking for restrictions on the use of IVF, claiming it harms children and women, saying they may not understand the "complications and moral concerns."

The resolution is not a ban, and Southern Baptists are not forbidden from using IVF. It offers sympathy for families who have been unable to have children, but it does criticize the destruction of embryos.

At the same conference, the SBC surprised observers by voting against a crackdown on women as pastors.

It was a loss for a conservative faction that has been trying to increase its influence. The rejected amendment to the SBC constitution explicitly stated only men could serve "as any kind of pastor or elder as qualified by Scripture." This language is similar to the language in the denomination's statement of faith. Opponents pointed out it was therefore unnecessary and could be alienating. In fact, churches with women pastors are already being ousted by the SBC, including two large and popular congregations, Saddleback Church and Fern Creek Baptist. Fern Creek, in Louisville, KY, has been led by Linda Popham for more than 30 years, and Saddleback, founded by Rick Warren, is the largest church of any denomination in California.

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## Religious Rules for Foster Care

There have been several instances over the last few years of social service agencies disallowing foster or adoptive parents because they are gay. Now, in Vermont, a couple who adopted and fostered children is in trouble because of their religion.

According to Alliance Defending Freedom, [adflegal.org](http://adflegal.org) (yes, the group who lead the fight against intelligent design in Dover and employed House Speaker Mike Johnson) Brian and Katy Wuoti have been Vermont foster parents since 2015 and have adopted two of the children they fostered. A supervisor with the Vermont Department for Children and Families said she “could not hand pick a more wonderful foster family.” Brian is a Baptist pastor and math teacher, and Katy homeschools their five children.

In 2021 Vermont added a new policy which stated foster parents needed to “support children’s identities even if it feels uncomfortable.” The state added that foster parents would be expected to use the pronouns the child wanted, even if they were not the pronouns that matched the child’s gender at birth, and let the child participate in activities like gay pride events. According to the ADF, “In essence, the policy requires foster parents to agree to lie to children and tell them that they can change their sex.”

The Wuotis pushed back. They would commit to loving and supporting any child placed in their care, but they could not go against their religious beliefs, which do not allow for gender fluidity or gay sexuality. According to the Wuotis, the Department of Children and Families said it was sure the Wuotis would continue to be fine foster parents, but their foster parent license would not be renewed, because, the Wuotis say, of their religious beliefs. The ADF describes another similar case where a couple was not allowed to foster or adopt a baby, because they could not affirm they would accept the baby’s sexual orientation.

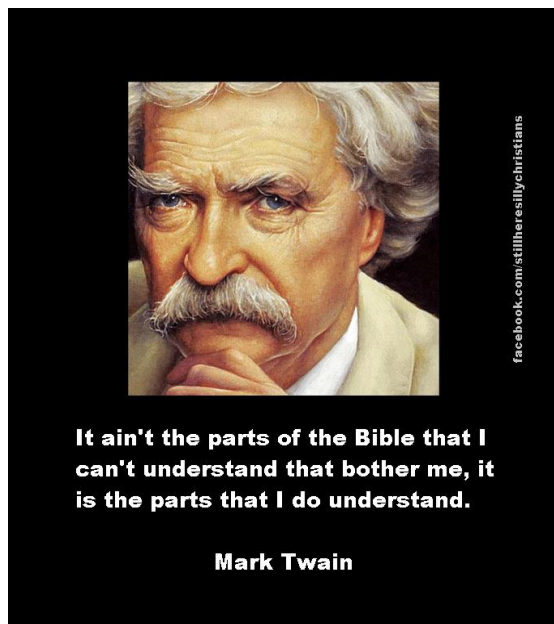
The ADF has filed suit against Vermont in both of these cases.

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## Pope Francis Talks Dirty

Good ol’ Pope Francis shocked people when it was reported he used an offensive Italian slang term for gay men in a private meeting with 250 bishops.

According to the BBC, [bbc.com](http://bbc.com), Francis had been answering questions on a variety of issues when someone asked him about whether openly gay men should be admitted into Catholic seminaries. He apparently said gay men should not be allowed in seminaries, because there was already an “air of frociaggine” in the schools. (“Frociaggine” roughly translates to “faggedness.”) After the comment was widely reported, Francis apologized, saying he didn’t mean to offend anybody. Some commentators defended him, saying he was not a native Italian speaker and may not have realized how offensive the word was. Others pointed out that although he was raised in Argentina, his family was Italian, and he has spoken Italian his whole life.



The use of the slur was surprising, because Francis has a reputation for tolerance, famously answering “Who am I to judge?” when asked about gay people early in his papacy. However, progressive Catholics have noted that while Francis may have dialed back open hostility to gay people, little has actually

changed. Gays cannot marry in the Catholic church, and gay teachers who marry are fired from Catholic schools. Francis did say that priests can bless same-sex couples in certain circumstances, but, when conservatives rebelled, he quickly reiterated the ban against gay marriage.

The episode also struck some observers as odd, since it has long been assumed that many Catholic priests are gay, as the bishops and the Pope must know. There are no firm figures on the percentage of gay priests. Wikipedia quotes a 2002 Los Angeles Times survey where 15% of priests identified as gay. When asked in the same survey if a "homosexual subculture" existed in the priest's diocese or religious order, 17% said "definitely", and 27% said "probably"; 53% of priests who were ordained in the 20 years before the survey (1982–2002) affirmed such a subculture existed in the seminary they attended.

A 2019 story in the New York *Times*, [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), said: "But gay men probably make up at least 30 to 40 percent of the American Catholic clergy, according to dozens of estimates from gay priests themselves and researchers. Some priests say the number is closer to 75 percent. One priest in Wisconsin said he assumed every priest was gay unless he knows for a fact he is not. A priest in Florida put it this way: 'A third are gay, a third are straight and a third don't know what the hell they are.'"

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### Sectarian Battles in India and Pakistan

Narendra Modi, India's Prime Minister, has built up his Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP, in part by vilifying non-Hindus. The New York *Times*, [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), reports that a band of activists are trying to fight back by encouraging communication and unity for all Indians. The article says, "More than three dozen human rights defenders, poets, journalists and opposition politicians face charges, including under antiterrorism laws, for criticizing Mr. Modi's divisive policies, according to rights groups." The government hasn't much to say about the charges.

The anti-BJP groups use posters and pamphlets, a tradition dating back to the fight for independence from Britain. The BJP and other right-wing organizations have taken over social media with anti-Muslim screeds. Modi denies that he and the BJP attack Muslims.

Activists were especially mobilized after the government build a large Hindu temple in the town of Ayodhya. A Hindu mob had destroyed a centuries-old mosque at that location, claiming it had originally been the site of a Hindu temple. Fierce riots erupted, resulting in many deaths. Thirty years later, in this past January, the new Hindu temple was dedicated. Modi attended the dedication, which Hindus regard as a triumph.

Pakistan has similar issues. According to the Associated Press, [apnews.com](https://apnews.com), more than 100 men were arrested as terrorists for attacking a Christian man and his son in the Punjab city of Sargodha. The mob alleged the father and son had desecrated pages of the Quran. The mob attacked after Muslims said they saw burnt pages of the Quran outside of the Christians' house. The house was set on fire, as was a shoemaking factory which was apparently connected to the house. Police rescued the father and son, who were injured, and put out the fire. The Punjab police have increased security at churches.

Police also aided 10 other Christians who had been surrounded by a mob. Several police officers were wounded while fighting off the rioters.

Pakistan has strict anti-blasphemy laws. Anyone found guilty of insulting Islam can be sentenced to death, although no one has ever received that sentence. Accusations have started riots, and incited mob violence, including lynchings and killings, in the past. In August 2023 thousands of Pakistanis set churches and homes of Christians on fire in Punjab – because Muslim residents claimed they saw two men desecrating a Quran.

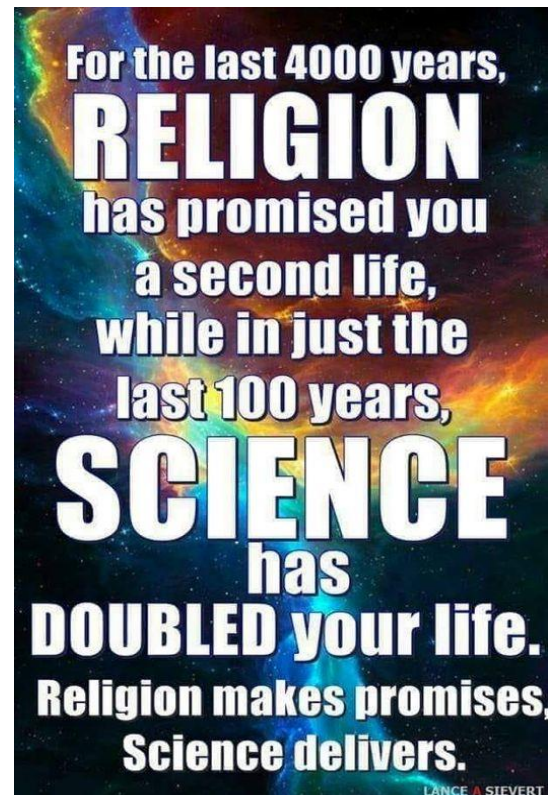
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## Back to the Past

The World Health Organization, WHO, [who.int](https://www.who.int) has battled female genital mutilation (FGM), a religion-inspired practice, all over the world. Now, however, it's making a comeback in Gambia.

WHO describes FGM as comprised of “procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. The practice has no health benefits for girls and women and cause severe bleeding and problems urinating, and later cysts, infections, as well as complications in childbirth and increased risk of newborn deaths.”

According to [thinkglobalhealth.com](https://thinkglobalhealth.com), FGM is practiced mostly in Africa and the Middle East on girls younger than 15, and in some countries between the ages of 5 and 9. These girls are considered marriage-eligible, and the procedure, which makes sex less enjoyable, will, it is hoped, discourage premarital sex. Non-virgins are less desirable to potential mates.



The practice is part of some religious traditions, such as the Dogon in Mali. Many African Muslims perform it as well, although there is nothing in Islamic texts (or Christian texts, for that matter) that supports or requires the custom. Women are often the ones who actually perform FGM on young girls.

Three women were recently criminally charged in Gambia. A religious leader, angered by the charges, paid the women's fines. This led to a movement in Gambia to reverse the ban on the practice. A bill to overturn the FGM ban was overwhelmingly passed by Gambia's parliament; 42 voted to overturn, four voted to preserve it, one member abstained. It now goes to a committee for final consideration, but it is expected to pass, and FGM will once again be legal.

Gambia's ban was passed in 2015. But the article states the ban was mostly for an international audience, and there was little effort to enforce it. At least 75% of girls in Gambia have undergone the procedure in some form; in Somalia, the figure is 99%. The United Nations has called FGM a violation of human rights but proponents in Gambia and other countries cite religious tradition to continue the practice. Support for FGM is tied to an increase in gender violence and a rollback in gender equity laws in many of these countries. Gambian lawmakers are already discussing ending a ban on child marriages. Time magazine, [time.com](https://www.time.com), describes how religious leaders in Gambia are fighting to overturn the ban. Muslim leaders "believe that the practice would not be considered mutilation if done properly." Followers of another Muslim cleric, Abdoulie Fatty, demonstrated outside the National Assembly chanting, "Female circumcision is my religious belief, Gambia is not for sale."

Approximately 230 million women in 30 countries have undergone the procedure world-wide according to WHO. The number is increasing because the countries where FGM is most common also have the highest rates of population growth.

The practice has reached into the United States. According to Wikipedia, in 2016 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a report with data from 2010-2013. The report estimated 513,000 women in the US had been subjected to, or were at risk, for FGM, with one third of them under age 18. This is an increase, due primarily to an increase in the number of immigrants from countries where FGM is common.

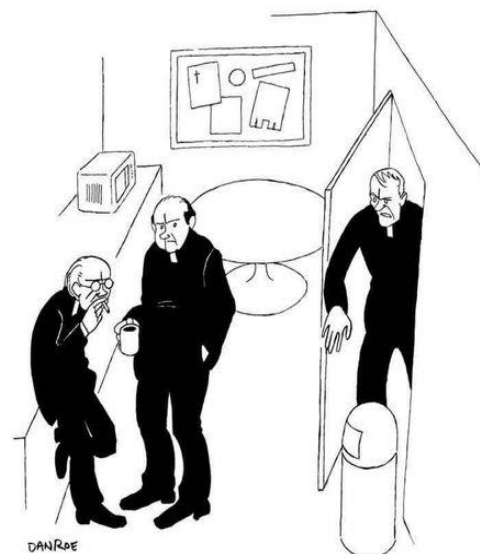
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## About Time

US Catholic bishops have apologized to Native Americans for any trauma the church may have inflicted on them, according to Reuters, reuters.com. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for listening sessions with local Native American leaders, an effort to incorporate tribal customs into Catholic rites, and to improve access to Catholic schools, among other things.

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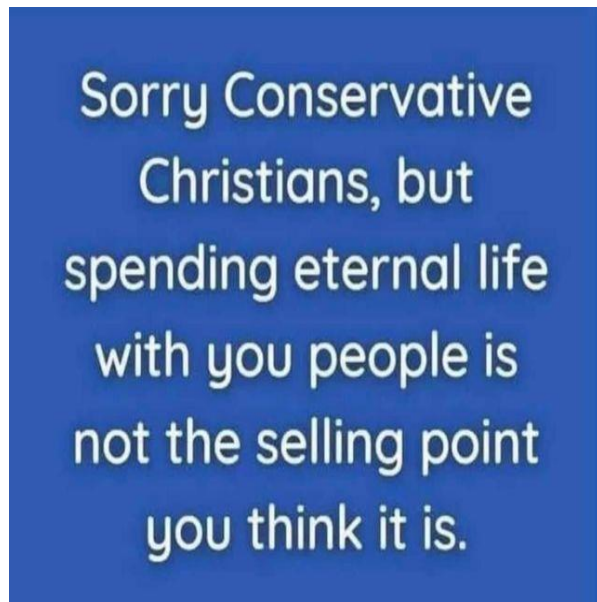
*"Back to work, boys. Those mysteries of the Trinity aren't going to grapple with themselves."*

The schools lasted 150 years, removing Native children from their homes, forcing them to speak English, and giving them English names. Government investigations discovered physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, along with hundreds of unacknowledged deaths.

The documents called on church members to cooperate with investigations into any Catholic involvement in "ethnic abuse," including, but not limited to, the schools. The bishops hope to bridge and distance Native Americans feel exist between their Native American identity, and their Catholic faith.

The document says, "For Native Catholics who feel this tension, we assure you, as the Catholic bishops of the United States, that you do not have to be one or the other. You are both. Your cultural embodiment of the faith is a gift to the Church."

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### Justice for Bling Bishop

USA Today, [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com), reports Brooklyn Bishop Lamor Miller-Whitehead has been sentenced to nine years in prison for a bunch of financial fraud schemes. The "Bling Bishop" stole millions of dollars from a parishioner, and tried to extort a businessman, according to federal prosecutors. He was convicted of two counts of wire fraud, one count of attempted wire fraud, one count of attempted extortion, and one count of making false statements to law enforcement agents. There were apparently three separate schemes.

He was a bishop at Leaders of Tomorrow International Ministries in Canarsie, Brooklyn – which he helped found after serving five years in prison for identity theft and grand larceny.

Like a lot of independent ministers, he reveled in an extravagant lifestyle, with a \$1.6 million mansion in Paramus, NJ, and several apartment buildings in Hartford. He was previously in the news in July 2022 when armed intruders robbed him and his wife during a live-streamed church service. Police said the robbers got \$1 million worth of jewelry.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams had some involvement with him, as well; he promised favors to Adams in exchange for lucrative deals. (Adams hasn't had much to say about the bishop recently, except that he's in his prayers.)

Miller-Whitehead convinced a parishioner to give him \$90,000 of her retirement savings, telling her he would use it to help her buy a home. He spent the money on his own personal expenses. He managed to convince a businessman to lend him \$5,000, and later on tried to get the man to lend him another \$500,000, promising favors from Mayor Adams. Miller-Whitehead fabricated bank statements as part of a fraudulent application for a \$250,000 loan. Finally, he provided false statements to the FBI during the investigations of his criminal activities.

It will be interesting to see if he can still convince suckers to give him money, after he's released.

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*Puzzle solution at the end of PANViews*

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

**Tabling Events** – Harrisburg Pride, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Soldier's Grove, located behind the State Capital.

**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 Wednesday 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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