

# PANViews



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## President's Report

Josh CruverKibi

PA Nonbeliever's is about to begin tabling for 2024. Our first event will be Dillsburg Picklefest two weeks from now. If you are interested in participating in any of these tabling events, please let us know. There will be a primary person in charge of organizing, scheduling, setting up, and breaking down each of these events. We will post specific details for our upcoming events on our website, Meetup, and Facebook. Please contact and coordinate with the person in charge of the tabling event, so that they can best plan for the event.

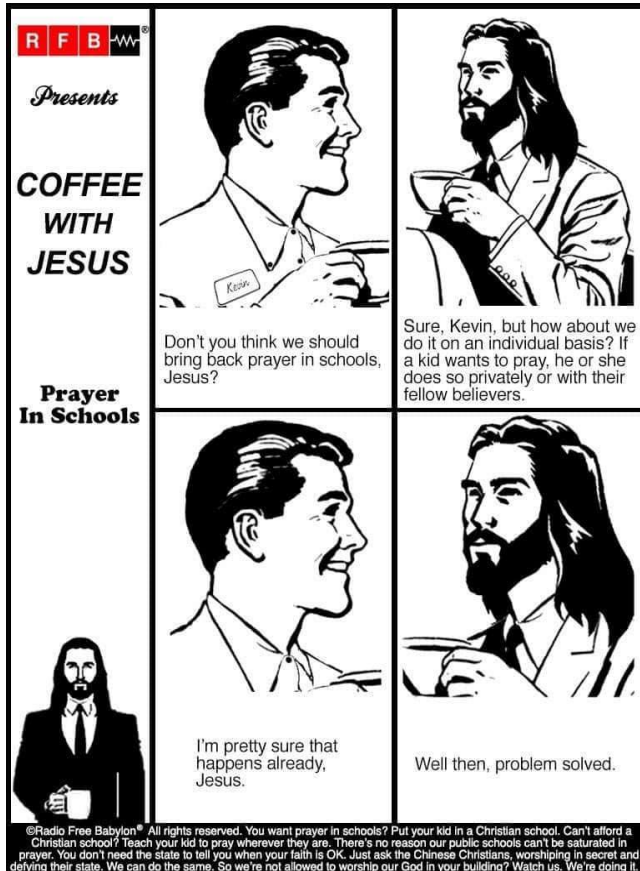
### PA Nonbeliever Tabling Schedule:

- 5/11/24 Dillsburg Picklefest, Saturday 8AM-3PM
- 6/8/24 Historic Old Annville Day, Saturday 9AM-2PM
- 6/15/24 Lancaster Pride (inside event), Saturday 12PM-7PM
- 6/20/24 Jubilee Day, Mechanicsburg, Thursday 10 AM-9PM
- 7/27/24 Harrisburg Pride, Saturday 11AM-6PM
- 8/10/24 Red Lion Street Fair, Saturday 9AM-4PM
- 10/12/24 & 10/13/24 Pumpkinfest, Enola, Saturday 9:30AM-5PM, & Sunday 11AM-5PM

If you have any suggestions or ideas for tabling events that you think that PA Nonbelievers should attend, let us know. We are open to suggestions.



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



**Update on ILC Expansion in York County**

Independence Law Center, a conservative law firm known for encouraging school districts to target LBBTQ students, continues to expand its influence in York County public schools. At least four school districts have signed contracts or begun talks with ILC about using the firm to review their policies. The York *Daily Record*, ydr.com, says ILC has helped “institute...a biblical worldview” in at least a dozen Pennsylvania school districts, including Central Bucks, the state’s fourth largest. The ILC’s advice, about bathroom restrictions, or book banning, have often resulted in federal discrimination complaints.

The latest fight involved the West Shore school district. According to pennlive.com, the school board voted to replace its current solicitor, the Stock & Leader law firm, with Kevin Hall of the law firm Tucker Arensberg. There were several odd things about this replacement. It came three weeks after the board met in private with ILC. The board claimed the meeting was about “curriculum transparency.” The board maintained the meeting could be private because the board did not deliberate.

Stock & Leader’s contract with the board was up for renewal later this year. For this new appointment, the board did not issue a Request for Proposal, as state law requires, and did not hold a public vote. The first Brooke Say, the Stock & Leader attorney who acted as solicitor, knew of the change came when Hall called her to discuss how information would be transferred from her office to his, in advance of the meeting where his appointment was announced.

The board apparently felt Stock & Leader would be reluctant to work with ILC. Many residents attended the school board meeting to object to the lack of transparency in the appointment, but the board was unmoved.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, inquirer.com, quotes the law center about its aims: “preserve religious liberty, promote marriage and the family, protect human life, and improve education and policy for our clients.” The article goes on to say that it is “the legal arm of the Pennsylvania Family Institute, a nonprofit that lobbies for ‘family values’ in Harrisburg.” Pennsylvania Family Institute is listed on the website of the Family Research Council as a state-level group. The Family Research Council’s goal is to promote “family issues that affect the nation from a biblical worldview.”

The Family Research Council is listed as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, which describes it as conducting a “defamatory campaign to link LGBTQ people with pedophilia” and other anti-LGBTQ myths based on “discredited research and junk science.”

The ILC has worked in conjunction with the Alliance Defending Freedom, the national conservative Christian legal group. The ADF was one of the firms involved in *Kitzmiller v. Dover*, the intelligent design case, and is the former employer of Mike Johnson, current Speaker of the House.

The only good news here is that residents of the affected school districts are aware of what is going on, and object at meetings, but the boards have the authority to make changes. Until they are voted out.

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### Churches Own the Roads

Bike lanes have become commonplace in most cities. Not everybody is crazy about them, but a particular problem has arisen in Philadelphia.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, *inquirer.com*, most Philly churches don't have parking lots. For years their members have been granted permits to park on city streets for Sunday services. What that means these days is they park in bike lanes.

Bike riders are fighting back. On a recent Sunday morning, a biking safety advocacy group, Philly Bike Action (PBA) staged a protest party outside Tenth Presbyterian Church in Rittenhouse Square. The city grants the church six blocks of parking on Sundays, including bike lanes.

The PBA brought coffee and churros to maintain a festive feel, but the group also placed bikes and parking cones in the bike lane to keep cars from parking there.

The PBA says there are seven religious locations where Sunday permits interfere with bike lanes, thus creating an unsafe situation for bikers. The PBA has had some success; last year it persuaded three organizations not to renew their Sunday permits.

Traffic fatalities are of concern in Philly. The Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia notes that 123 people died in car accidents in 2023, including 10 cyclists. At least 24 cyclists have died after colliding with cars or buses since 2020. Cyclists claim the city isn't safe for biking even when bike lanes are available; why increase the danger by taking bike lanes away, even for a few hours?

Tenth Presbyterian's Sunday permit covers more area than most other permits, which is why the cyclists are focused on it. The pastor has spoken with the PBA and hopes to find a mutually agreeable solution. However, 450 attendees need parking every Sunday.

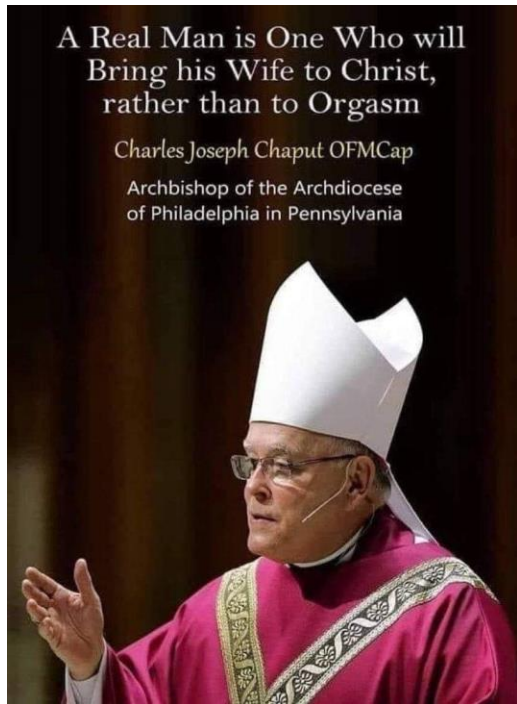
The PBA is circulating a petition requesting that the Philadelphia Office of Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability stop issuing permits that allow church attendees to park in bike lanes.

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

The Chaser | August 11th, 2022



Editor's note: This is a real quote.

### Vatican and Gender Issues

The Vatican is making its position perfectly clear: it is opposed to sex-change operations, gender fluidity and surrogacy.

The New York *Times*, nytimes.com, says the document (approved by that lovable guy, Pope Francis) states that a person's sex is an "irrevocable gift" from God. People who want to make "a personal self-determination, as gender theory prescribes," risk conceding "to the age-old temptation to make oneself God." Pope Francis recently upset conservatives by allowing LGBTQ Catholics couples to receive blessings from priests, and transgender people to be baptized and act as godparents. This document will mollify conservatives, while upsetting the LGBTQ community. It does condemn "unjust discrimination" against transgender people, but that community notes that in may be used as justification in countries (especially in increasingly Catholic Africa) where transgendered people are jailed, and sometimes executed.

Francis DeBernardo, the executive director of New Ways Ministry, a Maryland-based group that advocates for gay Catholics, says, "The Vatican is again supporting and propagating ideas that lead to real physical harm to transgender, nonbinary and other L.G.B.T.Q.+ people," adding that the Vatican's defense of human dignity excluded "the segment of the human population who are transgender, nonbinary or gender nonconforming." He further noted the document seems to believe that transgendered people are a purely Western phenomenon. The article points out that Francis has been trying to strike a balance between Catholic theology and protecting LGBTQ rights for years. He has repeatedly met with gay and transgender Catholics and has indicated he wants a less judgmental church. But he cannot ignore the Catholic teaching that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered."

What is even more surprising is that the document goes on to state the church is strongly opposed to surrogacy. This opposition exists whether the woman is forced into it, or does it voluntarily, because the child "becomes a mere means subservient to the arbitrary gain or desire of others." PBS.org reports Pope Francis has called for a universal ban on surrogacy, which he describes as "despicable," and the "commercialization" of pregnancy.

NPR.com notes that many Catholic couples use in vitro fertilization despite the Church's disapproval. Several commentators note the inherent contradiction between the Church's desire for married couples to have children, and its opposition to surrogacy. "The church takes motherhood very seriously," says Jamie Manson, president of Catholics for Choice, a group that advocates for abortion rights and other forms of reproductive health care, including IVF. "But the church also creates shame for the very people who are trying to do what the church says it wants them to do, which is have children and create families," she says.

The article points out a Pew Research survey in 2023 found that 55% of white, non-Hispanic Catholics say that they personally, or someone they know, has used fertility treatments. And a 2013 Pew survey reported only 13% of US Catholics believe that IVF is wrong.

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## Religion and Ukraine

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson surprised some observers with his determination to get the Ukrainian aid bill passed. To accomplish this, he had to defy a hard-core radical right group of Republicans, and some other Republicans who did not want aid approved without some kind of legislation about the border.

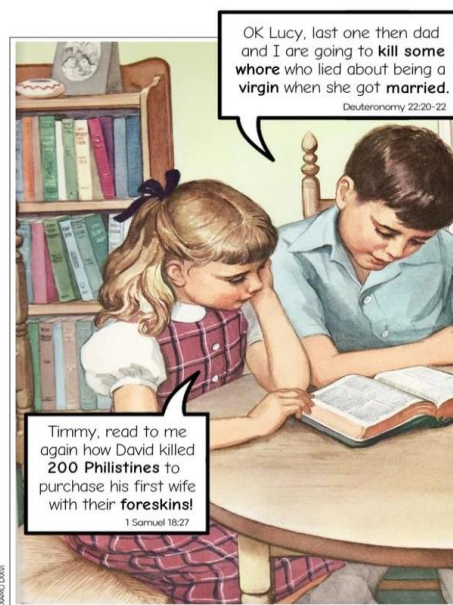
Johnson himself spoke about how he wanted to do the right thing. The internet provides another reason: his religion.

An article on notus.org, which agrees with postings on Christian websites, goes into detail about what happened. (NOTUS describes itself as “a new Washington publication from the nonprofit, nonpartisan Allbritton Journalism Institute.”)

Johnson prayed over the decision, according to House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Michael McCaul, who was with Johnson the night before he brought the aid package up for a vote. “He doesn’t wear it on his sleeve, but he got down on his knees, and he prayed for guidance and said, ‘Look, tell me. What is the right thing to do here?’” McCaul explained. “And he told me the next day: ‘I want to be on the right side of history.’”

Republicans who disagreed with Johnson understood that his faith underpinned his decision. Rep. Ralph Norman, who opposed the bill, said, “For Mike Johnson, that’s the truth. It’s a religious decision. He’s prayed about it. He said that when we met with him.”

The article noted that Johnson refused to answer a question about how religion guided his decision, and his office didn’t respond to a request for a comment.



There's nothing more beautiful than children sharing the word of the Lord

Johnson is a Southern Baptist. He received a letter from four prominent Baptists, encouraging Johnson to “consider the plight of Christians” in Ukraine. The letter said pastors in Ukraine have faced threats, torture and removal from their churches by Russian forces, and that “Despite Russian efforts to paint Ukraine as intolerant of Christians, it is the Russian government that has aggressively harmed peaceful law-abiding faithful Christians in the occupied areas of Ukraine. The Russian army has destroyed hundreds of Baptist churches where evangelical Christians once exercised their faith freely in Ukraine.”

One of the letter’s authors, Daniel Darling, director of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary’s center for cultural engagement, said the group sent the letter after seeing inaccurate reporting claiming that Russia is defending Christianity in Ukraine. For example, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Republican who opposed the aid, has said Russia “is not attacking Christianity. As a matter of fact, they seem to be protecting it.”

Brent Leatherwood, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), also urged Johnson to back Ukraine. Since Johnson served as a trustee of the ERLC, the article notes that their opinion probably held particular weight.

Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert, who opposed Ukrainian aid, doesn’t think Johnson is doing God’s will.

“It’s really, really unfortunate because this was someone that I was very excited to see become the speaker, mainly because of his faith. And right now, I see pride more than I see humility,” she said.

“That’s looking at your own abilities and your natural circumstances instead of relying on God’s ability and the people that he put you around to actually move forward with something aggressive, and that will be productive for America,” she said.

Rep. Byron Donalds, a Republican who voted against Ukrainian aid, was a bit more understanding. “Seeking God’s wisdom is a good thing, especially with some of the heavy decisions we make up here. At the end of the day, you seek his wisdom, and I think he’s also given us a measure of wisdom. That’s why we have minds and we have wills, and we go from there.”

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### Shrinking Methodism

The United Methodist Church is losing churches – and money. Per [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com), the church has lost more than 7,600 churches (about 25% of its total) in the last five years. This of course affects its finances; the spending plan proposed to the UMC General Conference, is \$23.8 million less than the last one, and more than \$140 million less than the one recommended in 2019. The pace of disaffiliation has increased in the last two years. In 2022, the total number of churches that had left was around 1,800.

What happened? Well, in 2019 congregations began leaving, because of the UMC’s position on LGBTQ+ rights. The General Conference is meeting this year for the first time in eight years. The 2020 conference was cancelled because of COVID.

The Associated Press, [apnews.com](http://apnews.com), explains that the church has been fighting for several years about the role of LGBTQ+ people, and the underlying theology. The UMC bans same-sex marriage and open LGBTQ+ ministers. But many individual churches defied these rules; conservatives broke away to start the Global Methodist Church.

This year’s General Conference reached a compromise, called regionalization, according to [npr.com](http://npr.com). Different geographic areas – North America, Europe, Africa and the Philippines – would be able to set different rules that would suit their region. Rev. Dee Stickley-Minor, who was involved in structuring this compromise, said she looks forward to being part of a denomination in which the United States isn’t the center of gravity. It is likely, attendees agreed, that the US church will lift the bans on same-sex marriage and LGBTQ+ participation.

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### Hajibs in Mugshots

New York City agreed to pay \$17.5 million in a class action settlement, as the result of a suit filed by two women who claimed police officers forced them to remove their hijabs when mugshots were taken of them.

The case, filed in 2018, stemmed from the arrests of Muslim American women Jamilla Clark and Arwa Aziz. In court records, they alleged New York City Police officers insisted they remove their headscarves, and the two felt ashamed after they did so. Their attorney said, “forcing someone to remove religious clothing is akin to a strip search.” Observant Muslim women often wear hijabs, which cover hair, ears, and neck, but leave the face exposed, when they are in the presence of men to whom they are not related.

The lawsuit claimed that the forced removal violated their First Amendment rights, along with other federal and state laws. The New York City Police Department changed its policy back in 2020, and now allows people to be photographed in religious clothing as long as their faces are visible.

Clark claimed she cried when her picture was taken with her hijab around her shoulders and pleaded to be allowed to put it back up. She was arrested for violating an order of protection by her ex-husband, which she claims is untrue. Aziz turned herself in for violating an order of protection against her sister-in-law, which she also denies committing. She too says she cried while the mugshot was taken, hijab down, in front of police officers and incarcerated men.

The city has prepared a list of people who had their religious head covering removed for a mugshot from March 16, 2014, and August 23, 2021. There are approximately 3,600 people on the list; they will be eligible for payments from between \$7,000 and \$13,000 each.

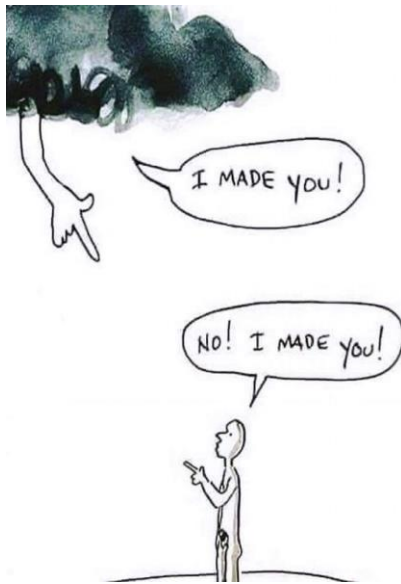
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### Religious Exemptions Can Cut Both Ways

Religious activists are quick to claim religious exemptions for laws they don't like. Now, in Indiana, a religious group is claiming an exemption – to allow them to practice abortion.

According to the Associated Press, apnews.com, the group, Hoosier Jews for Choice, challenged Indiana's near-total abortion plan. A lower court agreed that people with a religious objection to the ban should be exempt from it, and the Indiana Court of Appeals has upheld that decision. The losing side has 45 days to appeal to the Indiana Supreme Court. The ban originally went into effect last August, after the Indiana Supreme Court upheld it, in a different legal challenge.

Hoosiers Jews for Choice are represented by the ACLU. The ACLU claims the abortion ban violates Jewish teaching that “a fetus attains the status of a living person only at birth” and that “Jewish law stresses the necessity of protecting the life and physical and mental health of the mother prior to birth as the fetus is not yet deemed to be a person.” Their filing also cites other religious faiths, Islamic, Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist and Pagan, that allow abortion in some circumstances.



The appeals court panel agreed with the original judge that obtaining an abortion, when directed by their sincere religious beliefs, “is their exercise of religion.” The order continued, “They also have shown their sexual and reproductive lives will continue to be restricted absent the injunction.”

A group of Christian, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist leaders are seeking a permanent injunction against Missouri's abortion law. Their lawyer claims lawmakers are trying to “impose their religious beliefs on

everyone” in the state. In addition, three Jewish women have filed suit in Kentucky, claiming their state’s ban violates their rights.

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### **Thief in Disguise**

Last month *PANViews* ran a story about a man who pretended to be a minister, and married women throughout the US in that disguise. Now there’s a report about a man who pretends to be a priest so he can steal from churches.

According to the New York *Times*, [nyt.com](http://nytimes.com), the man, Malin Rostas, called himself “Father Martin.” He was arrested in California after a nationwide alert for him as a serial burglar. In October, while dressed as a priest, he stole \$500 from a rectory in Houston. He claimed he was a priest visiting from Chicago and had been living in the rectory. Six parishes in Dallas also reported seeing him, too, although it isn’t clear if he stole from them.

There were other sightings in California, Oregon and Ontario, resulting in an alert from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He popped up in New York City as well, where he is accused of stealing \$900. The Riverside County Sheriff’s Office is still investigating and thinks there may be more victims.

Right here in Pennsylvania we have another priest who puts “Father Martin” to shame. Lawrence Kozak has been arrested for stealing money from a Chester County parish. [6abc.com](http://6abc.com) reports he embezzled more than \$40,000 from his parish over three years.

Why did he want the money, you ask. To play cell phone games: Wizard of Oz slots, Candy Crush Saga, Cash Frenzy, Mario Kart Tour, and Pokemon Go.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, [inquirer.com](http://inquirer.com), adds details. Kozak claims he was confused about which parish account he was using, his own, or the general parish expense fund. However, the parish administrator noticed unauthorized withdrawals from the expense fund and spoke to Kozak about it. She says she warned him about another priest who had been arrested for misusing funds. The administrator told police she was sure Kozak knew what he was doing.

Kathy Kane is a co-founder of Catholics4Change, which pushes for accountability for priests accused of crimes, noted, “It’s good that it’s in the hands of the court and not just the archdiocese.”

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### **Religion and the Eclipse**

What do religions think about the eclipse? Lots of things, it turns out.

For example, according to Wikipedia, Luke’s Gospel seems to say there was an eclipse when Jesus died on the cross. Luke 23:44-45 (New American Bible Revised Edition) certainly seems to be describing an



eclipse: “It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun.”

Whether an eclipse actually occurred when Jesus died has been debated for years. The Salt Lake Tribune, sltrib.com, reports Sir Isaac Newton researched the possibility, according to John Dvorak, author of “Mask of the Sun: The Science, History and Forgotten Lore of Eclipses.” However, it’s apparently not possible. Brother Guy Consolmagno, director of the Vatican Observatory, explains that the Gospels state Jesus was crucified during Passover. Passover is celebrated during a full moon in spring. Since eclipses require a new moon, an eclipse could not have occurred.

There are religious interpretations of the eclipse, though. For example, encountertoday.com notes that the date of the eclipse, April 8, ties neatly to Exodus 4:8, as follows: “Then the Lord said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second.”



Okay, what does that mean? Well, encountertoday.com continues. There was a solar eclipse over the US in 2017. It entered through Salem, OR and exited through Fort Sumter. The 2024 eclipse will enter through Eagle’s Pass, TX, and exit through the northeast. These two trajectories, encountertoday.com breathlessly points out, mark an “X” over the US. “X”, the article explains, is God’s signature, and the two X lines intercept over an area in southern Illinois called Little Egypt, over a city named Salem.

Encountertoday.com triumphantly concludes: “Salem” in the Hebrew means a ‘peace’ that is ‘perfect’, and we know that Jesus is the Perfect son of God who is our Prince of Peace. Coincidence? Nothing is.”

It’s not only conservative Christians. The Forward, a Jewish publication, forward.com, writes that the Talmud and the Bible both seem to say that eclipses are signs of God punishing humans by turning away. It quotes the Book of Amos: “The hour of doom has come for My people Israel; I will not pardon them again. I will make the sun set at noon, I will darken the earth on a sunny day.”

The Forward also quotes the Talmud tractate Sukkah, in which rabbis say that an eclipse where the sun appears red means war is coming, while a black shadow predicts famine. But it’s not all gloom. Later in this tractate, the rabbis say solar eclipses can be “Heavens’ eulogy for someone who was not mourned properly.” They can also be punishment for people who chop down fruit-bearing trees, forge false documents, or not helping a woman who is being raped.

Although there were many warnings and “prophecies” it doesn’t appear that believers did anything in response. During past “apocalyptic” events, followers sometimes sold all their belongings, and waited for the end. Maybe people are getting a bit more skeptical.

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### Entertaining Christian Men

The Stronger Men’s Conference, organized by James River Church in Missouri, had the goal of “helping men to become all that God has created them to be.” That might get a little dull. So, as Newsweek.com reports, the conference hired Alex Magala to provide some entertainment.



What did Magala do? He took off his shirt, climbed a pole on stage, and swallowed a sword. Pastor Mark Driscoll complained, comparing it to an act in a strip club.

Magala took umbrage. Driscoll "failed to recognize the difference between a male strip tease and a stunt performance rooted in art and sport," Magala said. "Only an uninformed person would draw a comparison between my act and an inappropriate performance."

He said the act "is deeply rooted in a historical and cultural tradition that dates back over 1,200 years and has since become a respected discipline showcasing human strength and agility." He uses his talent, he said, "to inspire and entertain audiences in a way that respects my faith."

Magala wasn't done. His performance was supposed "to be a celebration of physical human achievements and is aligned with the James River Church's purpose in bringing others into the light of God. It's essential to approach such performances with an understanding of their intention rather than reducing them to mere entertainment."

Pastor Driscoll did not see it that way. He told the audience the "Jezebel spirit" had entered the conference. He described the performance: Magala "ripped his shirt off like a woman does in front of a pole at a strip club." He then "ascended" a pole, Driscoll said. He concluded, "Then he swallowed a sword and Jesus cried."

The event organizer, Pastor John Lindell, called out to Driscoll that he was "out of line." The audience objected, booing and yelling "bring him back." The pastor told the audience to stand up against the LBGTQ community, and then cited Matthew 18.

Virtualbiblestudy.com describes that verse as follows: "Humility is important to God and Jesus, and therefore, it needs to be important to us. In the Bible, Jesus teaches that it is impossible to enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless we humble ourselves as little children. Jesus seems to be focusing on the humility of children in the context of this scripture."

By the way, Mark Driscoll is no stranger to controversy. He co-founded Mars Hill Church in Seattle in 1996. According to Wikipedia, by March 2014, the church had 14,000 members in 15 locations over five states. He had founded several other church-related organizations and wrote regularly for the *Seattle Times*. However, he apparently is not a nice guy. His church boards rebelled against Driscoll's "abusive behavior", and he was forced to resign from church leadership. Without him, Mars Hill Church soon closed. Looks like he found forgiveness – at least until he opened his mouth at the Stronger Men's Conference.

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# FUN!



**Cinco de Mayo** (5th of May) is observed to commemorate Mexico's victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. In recent years, it has also become popularized in the United States as a general celebration of Mexican culture.

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**Word Search** (solution at the end of PANViews)

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



John Arnold, an original PAN member, died on March 26. John had an interesting progression to PAN: He earned degrees in Religious Studies from Susquehanna University and Princeton Theological Seminary, and then served as a minister. He eventually went to law school and practiced as a lawyer in York. John drew up PAN's IRS application for our 501(c)3 designation. John was a kind and gentle soul, and an excellent ambassador for nonbelief.

**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, 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.

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**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?

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