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"A monitor is anything that reminds or cautions"

Beloved friends,

Welcome to the first edition of the Michaelsen Ministries Monitor!

New Webster's Dictionary defines a "monitor" as "anything that reminds or cautions." That definition very much speaks to the primary purpose of Michaelsen Ministries: To remind God's people of the absolute sufficiency of the inerrant Word of God and to caution those who would base their theology on feelings, opinions, imaginations or experiences, rather than on sound doctrine (2 Timothy 3:16- 4:4).

Some of the key synonyms of the term "monitor" describe another key aspect of our Ministry: to observe, watch, track, keep an eye on, keep under observation, keep watch on, keep under surveillance, surveil, record, note, oversee. One of our current personal favorites is the informal: to keep tabs on...

At least once a month we will alert you to some of the key issues relating to Biblical prophecy, Israel, current events and trends, matters affecting the Church, etc., that we've been "keeping tabs on." Sometimes it will be through articles we write. Generally, it will be through links to insightful and relevant articles written by others, both Christian and secular. All of it will be offered with the prayer that you, our Beloved Friends, will be as the Sons of Issachar, godly men and women who understand the times (1 Chronicles 12:32). We are all of us called to be as the noble Bereans, who were unafraid to search the Scriptures and challenge even the Apostle Paul himself when it came to matters of sound doctrine and protecting the flock (Acts 17:10-11).

We will also, of course, be updating you on our activities and ministry opportunities as they present themselves.

Signs of the times

From the beginning of the Church 2000 years ago, God's people have lived in godless, idolatrous lands where everyone did what was right in their own eyes... where evil was called good and good, evil (Isaiah 5:20-21). Until recently we at least lived in a land that had respect for God, the Bible and those who sought to walk by faith.

It would seem those days are at an end. Since the 1960's, God has been ignominiously and systematically evicted from our schools, the military and the public arena. The wholesale slaughter and unspeakable, brutal butchery of unborn babies is vociferously defended and protected by law. (See article by A. Spreeman "Third Planned Parenthood Expose Most Shocking yet" bereanresearch.org) <http://bereanresearch.org/third-planned-parenthood-expose-most-shocking-yet/>



According to British Education Secretary, Nicky Morgan, children who say homosexuality is ‘wrong’ or ‘evil’ are likely to be flagged by teachers as “potential extremists under Government guidelines intended to prevent Islamist terrorism...Traditionalist Christians said Mrs. Morgan’s remarks implied that anyone who raised their children in line with conservative religious teaching on sexuality would now be viewed with suspicion.” (John Bingham, Religious Affairs Editor, “Children Who Say Homosexuality is ‘Wrong’ Could be Viewed as Extremist Threat,” U.K. Telegraph, 30 June, 2015)

That perspective is increasingly becoming a trend in our own schools across the country, as our children, even in kindergarten and the first grade, are desensitized and, in effect, indoctrinated on the issue of same-sex marriage through the school curriculum as well as through cartoons such as “The Bravest Knight Who Ever Lived,” based on a previously published children’s book by Daniel Errico, in which the young hero rescues a lovely princess and prince, and then weds the handsome prince, who also happens to be an older man.



A 9 foot bronze statue of the Baphomet - Satan - flanked by two wide-eyed children, was unveiled by the Satanic Temple on July 27, 2015 at a ticketed private event in Detroit. The Satanists have threatened that any State Court that has the temerity to publicly display the Ten Commandments will see the erecting of said satanic statue on the same venue. ACLJ Attorney, Jay Sekulow has pointed out, however, that it is an “utterly false narrative...being advanced in Arkansas and elsewhere that if a government body displays a privately donated Ten Commandments monument for historical reasons, it is legally required to accept and display any and all other monuments by a private individual or group, even those

honoring Satan.” Unfortunately, many States appear to be unacquainted with this fact and are falling over themselves in their eagerness to avoid legal entanglements with the Satanists and the Atheists by removing the Ten Commandments from their premises. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/07/27/for-one-night-devil-is-in-detroit/> For further reading see “Decoding the symbols on Satan’s statue” by James Morgan, BBC News, Washington, D.C., 1 August 2015 <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-33682878>



It appears that the United States has negotiated a treaty with Iran that commits us to protect Iran against any “sabotage” or attack against their nuclear facilities. In other words, it seems as though the United States has essentially declared it’s allegiance to Iran and has quietly declared war on Israel. (For further reading see “So the U.S. will help Iran fight...Israel?” by Chad Groening, Monday July 27, 2015) <http://www.onenewsnow.com/national-security/2015/07/27/so-the-us-will-help-iran-fightisrael>

Clearly, neither Iran nor the White House is familiar with Zechariah:

“It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it...And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem” Zechariah 12:3, 9

“For thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.’ ” Zechariah 2:8.



Another profoundly significant event for the future of the United States of America took place June 26, 2015. On this date, five individuals in the Supreme Court of the United States essentially declared that God is an unloving, narrow-minded, behind-the-times bigot who clearly doesn't care as much about people as they do. With the stroke of pen, five breathtakingly arrogant, unelected lawyers legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states, thereby changing the definition of marriage that has been the foundation of society for over 5,000 years.

All those who take God and the Bible seriously now find themselves officially on the wrong side of political correctness and in danger of legal sanctions and financial ruin. We have yet to see the ramifications and impact this will have on those committed to a Biblical faith, but hints of what is likely in store have already been made clear through the Government's recent dealings with Hobby Lobby, The Little Sisters of the Poor, bakers, wedding planners and photographers. It is becoming increasingly clear that the freedom of Religion guaranteed to all Americans in the First Amendment is not something that will readily be extended to Biblical Christians, including Pastors, Churches, and religious organizations, in any significant fashion. We suspect it won't be long before we hear demands to ban the Bible as "hate speech."

Please understand: the objection many Christians have to the Supreme Courts' redefinition of marriage is not a matter of hating anyone. Jesus certainly was the personification of genuine love. He did not shun or condemn the prostitute. He had dinner with sinners and the Jewish version of IRS. He did not shame or call for the stoning of the woman taken in adultery. Yet His word to her was "Go and sin no more."

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 3:23; 5:8).

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..." (1 Timothy 1:15)

Recommended articles:

- Joel C. Rosenberg's Blog "What are the implications of the Supreme Court's Marriage decision? Four key things to consider." In Uncategorized on June 27, 2015 at 6:09 p.m.
<https://flashtrafficblog.wordpress.com/2015/06/27/what-are-the-implications-of-the-supreme-courts-marriage-decision-four-key-things-to-consider/>
- Pastor Jack Hibbs "Response to the Supreme Court Decision on Marriage"
Make sure you also watch his Sunday morning message (June 28) on same link!
<http://reallifewithjackhibbs.org/response-to-the-supreme-court-decision-on-marriage/>
- Caryl Matrisciana's article "Homosexual Marriage" July 16, 2015
<http://caryl.tv/blog/homosexual-marriage/>

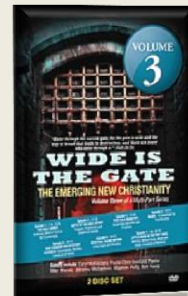
Update on June and July radio and speaking

We want to extend heartfelt thanks to all of you for your encouragement, prayers and financial support these past two months! It has been an exciting and fruitful time!

In addition to our usual study, prayer and research time, Randolph and I have had several opportunities in the last two months to counsel with various individuals, in person and by phone and through electronic media, who had been involved in the occult and with aberrant Christian groups. It is always a joy to see someone take hold of the Word of God and return to the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ! "The Son of God appeared for this purpose; that He might destroy the works of the devil!" (1 John 3:8).

- Johanna's June 20, 2015 live internet radio interview on TMRadio.com with Constance Cumbey, a brilliant practicing attorney in Michigan and author of the classic expose' of the New Age Movement, *The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow*, was decidedly lively and informative.

Video-Journalist and author Caryl Matrisciana was also a guest and the three of us discussed the disturbing level of twisted doctrine, syncretistic practices, and the profoundly demonic deception that is infiltrating the church. Caryl has documented much of this deception in her brilliant must-see three-volume, multi-part DVD series entitled: "Wide is the Gate" available at <http://caryl.tv>



Constance Cumbey hosts a blog called "My Perspective—What Constance Thinks" at: <http://cumbey.blogspot.com/> I highly recommend the work of both these brilliant and godly women!

- I was scheduled to do a radio interview with Cindy Hartline (www.loveforthe truthradio.com) on June 22, but their town got hit with a tornado...a small one, but still big enough to cause some serious disruption to our broadcasting plans. We rescheduled for July 10th and spent an intense hour discussing *The Beautiful Side of Evil* and why it so vital that the Church be alert to spiritual deception and syncretism. Most importantly, we touched on what the Word of God has to say about these matters. Cindy is a thoughtful and knowledgeable interviewer and it was a joy to do this program with her! You can listen to our interview, entitled "Occultism in the Church?" on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xm9N-p4JEzQ&feature=youtu.be>
- Saturday June 27, I had the privilege of speaking to the ladies of Breakwater Church in Redondo Beach, CA. I shared part of my personal testimony with them, focusing especially on how easy it is for a sincere, devoted Christian to get involved in beliefs and practices straight out of shamanism and the occult. All that is needed to find yourself inadvertently embracing doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1) is the profoundly un-Biblical inclination to accept "experience" as your measure of Truth over and above the revealed written Word of God.

RESIDENT AARDVARKS

Jesus warned us that massive spiritual deception, especially among Christians, is the key sign of the end of the age (Matt. 24: 4, 11, 23-25; Luke 21:7-38; Matt. 7:15-23, etc.). If He was right about this, and I tend to think He was, the subject of spiritual deception is one the Church chooses to ignore at her peril.

In Matthew 24, Jesus was asked by His disciples to tell them what would be the sign of His coming, and of the end of the age (vs. 3). Jesus then spoke of things which the world has experienced for millennia, but which He said would be seen

on a global scale in a greater intensity and frequency than ever before: wars and rumors of wars, famines, plagues and earthquakes. He warned that His followers would face great hatred, treachery and persecution, even from those who had once been brothers but who had fallen away from the faith (vs.10). He spoke of lawlessness and people's love growing cold. Rather like the subject of hell, all of these signs in Matthew 24 decidedly fall into the kind of subject matter that most in the Church would likely dismiss as "unpleasant" and "negative" and therefore unworthy of any significant consideration.

Yet the one sign of the end of the age that Jesus spoke of not once, nor twice but three times was spiritual deception:

"Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many." Matthew 24:4

"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many." Matthew 24:11

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe Him. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance. So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them." Matthew 24:23-27

Randolph and I are well aware that discussion of these matters tends to make one about as popular in the church as an aardvark at an ant convention. Actually, "Resident Aardvarks" might as well have been part of our job description for the last 40 or so years. Yet the job of a true shepherd has always been to warn and protect the sheep, especially the ones who insist on wandering off to camp out in the pastures filled with spiritual loco-weed and tended by wolves in sheep's clothing.

Our collective inclination in the Church may well be to ignore the subject of deception all-together, but true disciples of Jesus Christ understand that we have been commanded to be alert and discerning!

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1

"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons..." 1 Timothy 4:1

"Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears." Acts 20:26-31

How many Pastors or elders today can honestly stand with the Apostle Paul in making that assertion?

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The theme this year is ISRAEL: APPLE OF GOD'S EYE and features some of the key experts in the field of Biblical Prophecy, including Jack Hibbs, David Hocking, Thomas Ice, Paul Wilkinson, Mark Hitchcock, and David Reagan. We have attended this conference for over 15 years and highly recommend it!

THERE IS NO COST FOR THE CONFERENCE AND NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:9-11

PRAYER REQUESTS

As we move forward in our Ministry, please pray Philippians 1:9-11 for us. It is the theme verse for Michaelson Ministries and our constant prayer for you, Beloved Friends.

We would also appreciate your prayers as Randolph prepares to minister on two Sundays in September at Belmont Village Assisted Living! Services will include a short devotional Bible teaching and Communion. Johanna and Randolph are looking forward to praying for and ministering to the Residents.

Johanna would be grateful for your prayers as she continues her work editing the last chapters of The Beautiful Side of Evil! She is also preparing 4-5 messages for a Women's Retreat scheduled for the end of September. We'll give you more information on that as the time draws close!



If you would like to share your prayer requests with us in private, please know we would be honored to be able to come alongside you to intercede for you. You can reach us at:



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AN ENCOURAGING WORD

We are living in the end days. The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is surely at hand, and as the Lord warned us, in these last days difficult times will surely come (2Timothy 3:1-13). They are here now and and more fearsome in the days ahead. That is the bad news.

But, Beloved Friends, remember the words of our Lord to us in Matthew 24:6,

“See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place!”

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:35-39:

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written,

“For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!”

The Lord holds us in the palm of His hand. He will never leave us or forsake us. Look up, for our redemption draws near!

May His Grace and Peace be with you as you continue to look to Him in faith.

Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!

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