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εξέλθετε εξ αυτης ο λαος μου

To the Greater Glory of God

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Featured Greek Word:

ειλικρίνεα (eilikrineia i-lik-ree'-ni-ah)
from 1506; clearness, i.e. (by implication) purity
(figuratively)--sincerity
(1 Co 5:8, II Co 1:12, 2:17)

Featured Verse:

But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of YHWH by your tradition? -- Ma 15:3

(ο δε αποκριθεις ειπεν αυτοις δια τί και υμεις παραβαίνετε την εντολην του Θεου δια την παραδοσιν υμων)

The present active indicative of παραβαίνετε indicates that the transgression was occurring in fact at the time spoken. The contrast of εντολην with παραδοσιν sets an order of precedence but does not necessarily express that YHWH has disapproval of traditions. Instead in later verses Yahushua questions the motives of the Pharisees who were using tradition as an excuse to override YHWH's Law.

The Audacity of I

by Michael J. Ranck

I was created in the image of "I AM." Y.O.U. might not think much of me back behind the tracks sitting in my own urine drooling on myself. I may not seem beautiful but I am. I am loved and there is One who counts the hairs on my head and numbers everyone of them. Y.O.U. may give me a number but He gives me a name.

He stooped down on His hands and knees and made me from the dirt that we walk on. He breathed into that dirt and I became, what I am. I became His image. I became noble above all creation.

Y.O.U. may not have allowed me to grow more than three inches long before Y.O.U. ripped me from my mother and burned me with salt. Y.O.U. may call me the "F" word, as a disparaging term, meant to assuage your own guilt, though Fetus only means baby. I know what I am. I am beautiful.

Y.O.U. might not think much of me as I tremble in my Lexus cage desperate to keep Y.O.U. out. Y.O.U. might hate me and judge me. Y.O.U. may wonder why I can have so much and Y.O.U. so little.

I was born for passion and Y.O.U. for complacency. Where the collective voice of Y.O.U. threatens to dehumanize and disenfranchise with all of her lines, numbers, and paper trails. Where she scoffs with her statistics and prejudices. I maintain a voice beyond reason. This is the voice of Love.

For many Love no longer exists. Still others can look back through all antiquity, all time to come, and all that is now and not find Love. I AM LOVE. I AM the One who invites and empowers an individual to love his neighbor individually. I AM the One who enables an individual to Love his Creator independently. I AM the provider of choice and the maker of will.

I am not, I will. My existence is not dependent on will. I AM because I AM and not because I will. I can accomplish nothing and still be beautiful. I can accomplish everything and take no beauty from another. Y.O.U. mar your own beauty by disguising your hatred with the collective.

I to I there is no hatred. I am black. I am white. I am yellow. I am red. I am all that I am. Y.O.U. are white washed with the UN-color of blank and devoid of consciousness. Y.O.U. vainly prefer parroting what Y.O.U. hear. Y.O.U. revel in the

Sound of Silence. Y.O.U. cannot be martyred because Y.O.U. are not alive. Y.O.U. cannot Love because you cannot take a chance. Y.O.U. cannot feel or see or think. Y.O.U. will never know I AM.

I was the first word Martin Luther King Jr. uttered when he said, "I have a Dream." Only I can dream. Y.O.U. cannot. Y.O.U. can only kill, rob, and destroy.

Y.O.U. have no guilt, no shame, no conscience and so I am left to bear it alone on my bed, as I try to sleep, when I hear the screams, or when I remember. Y.O.U. sat mesmerized and watched the towers fall again and again. I was inside getting people out. I remembered their names and their faces. I prayed for them upon my bed.

When Y.O.U. dropped Xylon B inside the showers I was there hiding people in my closet. I held them inside the secret quiet chambers of my heart and home.

I must live in you individually or you will remain dead inside of Y.O.U. I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: No man comes to the Father but by Me.

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Fourth Amendment Amended



DPS Officer J. Mitchell smashes in window with glee

by Michael J. Ranck

In the South Western United States, Border Patrol Check Points have long been a reality. I have been through a check point myself once on a north bound Interstate in Southern California. I was driving late at night when I came upon a sign stating that there was road construction and the traffic would be reduced to one lane. After several miles this reduction to one lane occurred. Then the lane began to veer further and further from the main highway and this went on for what seemed several miles.

Suddenly I was jolted out of my sleepiness by bright lights everywhere and flashing red-blue strobes. A Border Patrol (BP) Agent strolled up to my window and blinded me with his flashlight and rapped on my window.

I talked to him through the small triangular window because my power window motor was broken. He asked me where I was headed and if I had anything in my truck that he should know about. I answered his questions politely and he sent me on my way. This was in 2004. Although the Patriot Act had been passed and the 1976 United States vs. Martinez-Fuerte had set its ugly precedent, I guess we were not yet feeling the full weight of its tyranny.

This recent April 14, 2009 a young pastor named Steven L. Anderson had an entirely different experience with BP on an east bound highway from San Diego to Tempe AZ. When he was stopped they immediately asked if he could be searched. He responded no and cited his fourth amendment right guarding against unreasonable searches and seizures. As anyone knows, it is not a good idea to allow anyone to search a rental car, as you have no idea what may have been recently transported in it.

The agent asked him to proceed over to Inspection Area Two. The pastor responded by asking for permission to continue on his way. This is reasonable as he was tired, on his way home, could not be reasonably suspected of any criminal activity, and was refusing the search. The agent would not allow this.

BP agents then explained to Anderson that a dog had indicated that either drugs or a person was in the trunk. Anderson stated that he had seen no indication from this dog such as a bark or sitting down. He requested that they bring the dog back over so that he could see the indication but the agents refused.

Anderson was then left to sit alone in his car for well over an hour until Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) arrived on the scene. They repeated the BP's demands. Anderson again requested the dog return and was again refused.

After this things began to move rather quickly. Officer J. Mitchell (Badge 3473) began to tap on the passenger side window and Officer R. Jones (Badge 2819) announced from the driver's side that Anderson should cover his face to shield it from the glass. When he did so the Officers simultaneously erupted through the side windows. They tazed the innocent pastor relentlessly. They then ripped Anderson from his vehicle and

stomped on his head with a boot pressing his face into the pavement covered in shattered glass. This resulted in the need for 11 stitches.

Although this father of four begged for mercy none was given him. Instead the Officers continued stomping on his head and tazing him until he fell silent. After a further period of violence towards this unarmed incapacitated man they finally cuffed him and led him into the office where he sat awaiting arrest. No contraband was found.

The latest update on the court proceedings is that the search was upheld as justified. Pastor Anderson will appear to face charges of Blocking a Public Highway and Failing to Obey an Officer's Order Directing Traffic. They are Traffic-related misdemeanors. He has not been charged with resisting arrest.

Pastor Anderson is a member of a group of pastors known as the "Black Regiment". This group was started by Constitutional Party's Chuck Baldwin who appeared on the ballot during the 2008 Presidential Election. The group consists of pastors who are willing to speak out against abuses of governmental power, moral decadence, and degeneracy. They are modeled after a similar group with the same name who spoke out from the pulpits against the tyranny of British occupation during the American Revolution.

Many of Anderson's political and theological views are being scrutinized throughout this ordeal. For this reason a section of the public is justifying this brutal and unprovoked attack upon him. This thinking goes against the whole principle of rights. Rights are not had because you are upstanding, well liked, have a certain color of skin, or practice a certain set of beliefs. Americans have rights because they are American. Americans have rights because they were bought with blood.

All could easily see the inhumane and Gestapo style treatment of Rodney King and rightly so. Why not so with Anderson? Because he's white? Because he's a fundamentalist? This is the quick conclusion but probably incorrect. More likely it is because the public has been desensitized to police brutality through repeated offenses and reality television shows such as Cops.



Proposed Billboard for Protesting BP Checkpoints. The Red Arrow directs the BP to the border 60 miles south.

Commendations go to our peace loving officers who work side by side with such goons as Mitchel and Jones. It must be very difficult indeed to uphold the constitution in the midst of a social political climate where so many politicians, judges, and officers hold it in disdain. Hopefully in the future citizens won't be attacked in America simply because a Dumb Dog didn't show up to bark..

Arrested for Giving Away Bibles in AMERICA

by Michael J. Ranck

For the last 11 years Brian and Doris Johnson have had a booth at the Twin Cities Pride Festival for the purpose of distributing free bibles. This Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT)

festival is the third largest in the nation and the organization rents the entire park for the event.

In the past the couple had been approved for a vendor booth at the event. Since there have been altercations in the past where angry event participants tore up the bibles the GLBT decided to disallow participation this year.

The Johnson's would not be deterred and as dedicated servants of YHWH were compelled to obey from their heart and not fear the dictates of evil men. They were therefore arrested for trespassing along with their 22 year old son.

Festival Manager Jim Kelley who performed the citizens arrest stated, "This is really about our community and feeling safe and secure and being able to relax and let down your guard and not having to explain who you are and why you're that way." He further explained that they were welcome to share the Gospel Message outside of the privately rented park.

Polycarp

by Michael J. Ranck

Polycarp was the teacher of Irenaeus who was last weeks featured Church Father. He was the Bishop of Smyrna (Now Ismir Turkey) and knew the Apostle John personally and in the flesh. He was born 69 AD and was martyred in 155 AD. His martyrdom is sure as one of the most well documented facts of antiquity.

Given the opportunity to escape martyrdom by declaring Caesar Lord and offering a pinch of incense to his statue, Polycarp refused. According to the Church at Smyrna's account of events he was strengthened by a divine voice from heaven encouraging him, "Be strong, Polycarp, and play the man." Polycarp stated, "Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and He never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" Following this statement the Romans were blocked from burning him at the stake by supporters so he was stabbed. The body was burned because the Jews of the day feared that the Messianics (Christians) would worship his bones.

We do not have the abundance of writings from Polycarp that we do for Irenaeus. We do have Polycarp's letter to the Philipians. This was attributed to Polycarp by his disciple Irenaeus who recorded it in his account of Polycarp's life. Several English translations of this text are available at <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com>.

The letter is basically a letter of encouragement to the Church at Philippi that was written upon the request of the church. Very significantly the letter reaffirms the Doctrine of Salvation by Grace. It further states that such Grace ought to cause repentance. It reiterates the same sins taught in the bible and that they are worthy of hellfire. It repeats the teachings of the Apostles regarding the offices of the church. It also echoes the concept that loving money causes evil. Polycarp also exhorted Saints to pray for world leaders as is the scriptures.

Civilian National Security Force?

by Michael J. Ranck

Many a blogger is expressing grave concern over comments made by Obama since 2008 in regards to a Civilian National Security Force. Most of these concerns stem from the fact that no one is really sure what it is. Some describe a doomsday scenario where the President begins a "Youth

Brigade" equivalent to Hitler's Brown Shirts or the Stasi that followed. It doesn't help that the official transcripts of the speech where Obama first revealed this concept do not match the public's memory. Those missing words that the public remembers were, "We cannot continue to rely only on our military in order to achieve the national security objectives that we've set. We've got to have a civilian national security force that's just as powerful, just as strong, just as well-funded." The truth is that President Obama has simply not revealed his plan yet.

In the July 7, 2008 issue of Defense News Obama elaborated his plans slightly. He stated, "I believe we can reconfigure our civilian national-security force. We still have a national security apparatus on the civilian side, in the way the State Department is structured and USAID, that harkens back to the Cold War." He further elaborated, "We need to be able to deploy teams that combine agricultural specialists and engineers and linguists and cultural specialists who are prepared to go into some of the most dangerous areas alongside our military."

It is possible that Obama is already implementing some of his plans through H.R. 675 which was promulgated by California Democratic Representative Bob Filner. The part of this bill that seems to be cause for much concern is, "The Secretary of Defense may authorize any law enforcement officer of the Department of Defense--(1) to execute and serve any warrant or other process issued under the authority of the United States; (2) to make arrests without a warrant-- (A) for any offense against the United States committed in the presence of that officer;" Did you catch that? It said, "Making arrest **WITHOUT A WARRANT** for **ANY OFFENSE** against the United States." The suggested bill also would extend the definition of Law Enforcement Officer to include Game Wardens and others. H.R. 675 flies in the face of the Posse Comitatus Act, passed on June 18, 1878, which limits the powers of feds and leaves police activity primarily to the states. A change that overturns more than a 100 year precedent should be weighed carefully indeed, especially if it suspends parts of the Bill of Rights.

Recently the President has also issued Defense Directive 1404.10. This directive defines Civilian Expeditionary Workforce as follows: "Members of the DoD Civilian Expeditionary Workforce shall be organized, trained, cleared, equipped, and ready to deploy in support of combat operations by the military; contingencies; emergency operations; humanitarian missions; disaster relief; restoration of order; drug interdiction; and stability operations of the Department of Defense in accordance with DoDD 3000.05"

This directive does not necessarily relate to the Civilian National Security Force but there is concern by many over language differences between this document and its Clinton Era counterpart. All thirty-three references limiting "emergency operations" to be exclusively "overseas" have been removed.

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