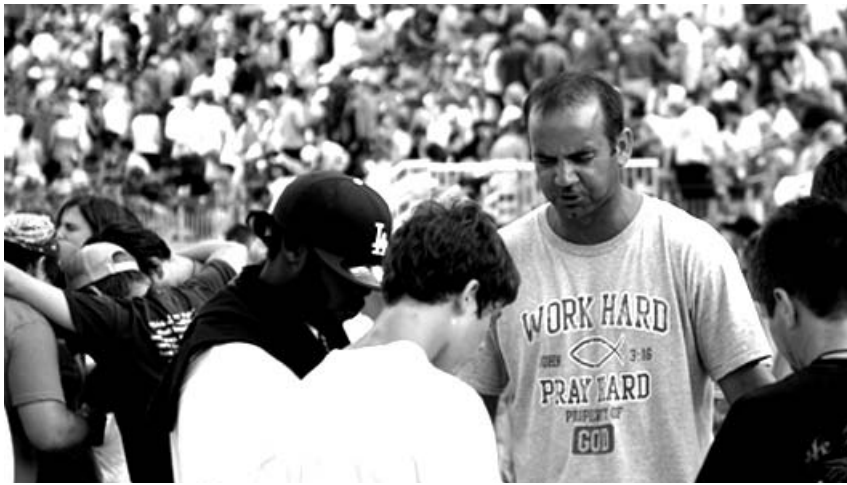


The Call of 07/07/07 Nashville

By Janis Nichols



Believers hold hands in worship during The Call in Nashville, TN.

The Call was a solemn assembly culminating 40 days of fasting and prayer with God's people coming together to seek Him and entreat Him, the one Holy True God, to cleanse us of our national transgressions and restore us back to Him. We, in agreement, called sin what God calls sin, and acknowledged

the dire consequences of our moral impoverishment. By humility, confession, and repentance, we sought reconciliation with Him and with one another, and declared a new day of dedication as a called-out holy priesthood unto Him.

spirit of Baal and to those things which come under Baal's



Those gathered dealt with individual and national sins, especially the 40 years of rebellion since 1967. That "summer of love," centered in San Francisco, launched into this nation a rebellion against authority, "Free love," drugs, and enthroned other gods and spirits

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CHRIST THE ULTIMATE SHIELD



"But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." Psalm 3:3/KJV

By Dorcas Komo, NNS

Reverend Dean

Pesnell is living his dreams two times over. Ever since he was a little boy he always wanted to be a police officer. He also knew that God had called him to be a pastor. The two dreams rolled into one the day he was requested to become one of the chaplain of Birmingham Police Department.

"My wife was so happy she was doing back flips," he said.

His wife had told him that he would become a chaplain but he did not believe her. Pesnell had always been shy as a child and

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Youth gather at "The Basement"



By Dorcas Komo NNS

Hearing the word of God from a reformed gang-banger is almost commonplace. Hearing it in a club like setting, with people pumping iron at the altar is almost unheard of in a church setting. That is, unless you are at 'The

Basement', a radical church movement reaching out to a younger audience..

Every Tuesday evening people of all ages gather outside the Cathedral of the Cross Church in Center Point, some driving from as far as Florida and Louisiana. The lines start forming as early as 6:00 pm although the service does not start for another 45 minutes. Flashing disco lights, fake smoke and the latest dance tunes blasting from speakers welcome you at the door. On entering the sanctuary, white T-shirts turn luminous, the low light dims physical features and glow sticks light up. Praise and worship accompanied by heavy music prompts the younger ones to dance. *Continued on page 4*



Fr. Riccardo



Rev. Andrew

Common Ground Project Outstanding

"That they may be one as we are one." John 17:21.

By Dolores Milazzo-Hicks, NNS-

I recently viewed the "Common Ground What Protestants and Catholics can learn from each other", with Pastor Steve Andrew, Kensington Community Church and Father John Riccardo, St. Anastasia Roman Catholic Church.

The pastors were quoted as saying, "We offer up this project in prayer that all Christians will grow in both faith and reason so that together, led by the Holy Spirit, we can rise to the contemplation of truth and be one as Christ so fervently prayed (John 17)."

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The Call 7/07/07

influence. These include the bloodshed of abortion, violence, and the epidemic of cutting among the young, the perversions of pornography and gender confusion, and the covenant breaking of divorce. Encouraged by Jeremiah 51:44, we determined to "divorce Baal," tear down his altars in this land, and take back the territory he has claimed. We expressed our heart's desire to covenant with God to "marry" Him once again and be faithful to Him.

As a visible sign and beautiful picture to all gathered, three couples were actually married there in the stadium before the entire assembly. As they pledged covenantal vows to one another, we were reminded that relationships which are sealed by covenant are permanent, exclusive, and based on mutual love and trust. The beautiful radiant brides reflected their profuse joy and we, the bride of Christ, still in preparation, rejoiced in our union with our heavenly Bridegroom. It was an encouragement to faithfulness, seeing before us the blessed reward of being united with the beloved in pure love and devotion.

We asked God to supernaturally restore a purity of love for Him and to restore the first commandment back to the church. He desires mutual love and has never ceased reaching out to us. The Call was our turning back to Him and releasing to Him our love which has been withheld and misdirected for 40 years. According to Song of Solomon 8:6-7, the speaker asked God to release this anointing upon the whole church, reminding us that God's seal of love for us is stronger than death and is as a fire that many waters cannot quench. It takes God to love God. Without His own power to love Him, we

cannot. The assembly sought God for an increase of His supernatural power to love Him and to take His seal of fire upon that anointing in us.

The Call was a launch of a revolution of radical devotion,



obedience, and the consecration of a generation anointed to war with supernatural spiritual weapons mighty through God. By repentance, prayer, praise, and pure worship, the ruling principalities and powers over cities and states will be swept away. It is time for the "priests," those who serve Him, to weep between the porch and the altar and rend our hearts that God would rend the heavens and pour upon us His power and love. We were called to return to fasting and prayer as a people and to "prepare ye the way of the Lord" in this land as well as other nations.

The purpose of the day was to launch a revolution greater in scope and power than the one birthed in San Francisco 40 years ago. This revolution will be one of God's real love, fueled by so much power of God that the damning counterfeit will be driven out of this land and will be replaced by the genuine. This day also sought the restoring of the children back to the fathers and the fathers to the children that the curse might be lifted from the land. Upon the generation commissioned to take this fight to the enemy's camp, there was prophesied and released a "Wilberforce" anointing. (I might add that, while this was particularly directed at those 30 and under, those of us over thirty also appropriated it and declared ourselves part of this

army, willing and determined to fulfill our part as the bride in combat boots!)

The leaders of The Call are under mandate to see this spiritual revolution spread from city to city across this land until

righteousness once again is established. I am reminded of Jeremiah 51:20, "You are my battle-axe and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in

pieces; with you I will destroy kingdoms..." The Call was a day of agreeing with God to be His weapon as well as submitting to Him for cleansing that we would be a bride without spot or wrinkle. Warfare in the spirit out of holiness and relationship is the key to supernatural victory.

There was a call for a Gideon's army: a core of sold out warriors willing to give themselves wholly to the defeat of the enemy. The event closed with 300 men blowing 300 shofars as Gideon's army had done. This signified that we are now an army on the offensive determined to retake and resanctify territory that the enemy has claimed for his own.

A renewed hope was birthed in me on 7/7/07. God, who works in cycles and in patterns, has mercifully spared us these 40 years and has brought that rebellious generation full circle to see the folly and consequences of sin. He has now given us a vision of restoration and called us together to agree and to come under His authority to receive His prescription for that restoration. I believe that God has begun a mighty work and, if God's people will remain vigilant and faithful, we can see a reversal of the disastrous evils which now plague us. May God find us willing and faithful in these days

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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Grosses 44 million first weekend.



Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his intrepid Hogwarts chums (Emma Watson and Rupert Grint) face an unexpected obstacle in their ongoing struggle with the malevolent Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes): a repressive teacher (Imelda Staunton) from the Ministry of Magic who won't allow the practice of hocus-pocus that they need to defend themselves against the evil forces. With director David Yates at the helm, this fifth installment is arguably the best yet with its excellent performances, superior special effects, coherent narrative and sensible balance between action sequences and human drama, not to mention a meaningful subtext about the power of love and personal choice in doing good rather than evil. Some scenes of peril, moderate fantasy violence and scary imagery may preclude very young viewers.

The fifth release in J.K. Rowling's durable franchise — "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Warner Bros.) — is scarcely less fresh than the very first, thanks to the ongoing quality of production, and the use of various directors.

As Harry's godfather, Sirius (Gary Oldman), explains, "We all have light and dark inside. What matters is what we choose to act on."

The film contains some scenes of peril, moderate fantasy violence and scary imagery, which may preclude very young viewers. The USCCB classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.- *Dark Movie*

Common Ground Project Outstanding

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This candid, open, and honest presentation of Christian

Apologetics proves that genuine, respectful and loving dialogue is not only possible but, in fact brings us closer to Jesus words in John 17, 'that they may be one.'

Not since 1994's joint document called, *Evangelicals & Catholics Together: Toward a Common Mission*, spear headed by Evangelical, Chuck Colson, and Catholic priest, Rev. Richard John Neuhaus has such clarity been made available to the general public.

This DVD produced by Kensington Community Church is a revealing and straightforward conversation between the leaders of two large churches in Troy Michigan, just North of Detroit. Seeking common ground, "the priest and the pastor" respectfully examine the similarities between the two great traditions they represent. Regardless of your religious background, you'll be intrigued by their open discussion about:

* Salvation * Holy Eucharist * The Virgin Mary * Confession * The Saints * Prayer & Worship * Evangelism * Christian Unity

What Catholics and Protestants hold in common

Fr. John listed the following as a few of the many things that both Catholics and Protestants believe: "created in the image and likeness of God, we're saved by His precious blood, by the Word made flesh, I'm saved by grace alone, I'm called to live a life that is one that clearly shows forth that we belong to Him; we're called to proclaim the gospel,...we as Catholics can say we're saved by faith alone, so long as we understand what we're talking about." Pastor Steve exclaimed, "It's exciting to know what we really share in common."

List other things that

EDITORIAL

If you listen you can hear the prophetic call of the Holy Spirit ...

If you listen you can hear the prophetic call of the Holy Spirit echoing through the highways and byways of America; a call for repentance, a call for prayer and a call for revival.

This call is being echoed throughout the land in pockets of prayer in homes, stadiums and churches, in villages and big cities. There are people calling out to God for forgiveness for the many grievances perpetrated against the innocent. God is responding by raising an army to fight in heavenly places the battles to release America from the bondage of the culture of death released upon this land which will spread around the world.

We have witnessed brilliant minds darkened and deceived into accepting the death of a child in the womb as good and the life growing within as evil. This insanity has persisted since the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision and has exploded to over 40,000,000+ babies being destroyed through the years in United States. For those who have been brought by the Holy Spirit to the conviction concerning the plight and destruction of millions of babies there is no turning away from the truth.

The average of 4000 scheduled abortions each day in the United States is more than all the Armed Forces who have been killed since the Iraq war began five years ago.

The Good News is that this evil has brought a unifying effect to the Body of Christ. The Church is working together through concerted group intercessory and individual prayer to end abortion. Attorneys, scientists, physicians, sidewalk counselors, homes for unwed mothers - through these various organizations much of the darkness has been brought into the light for prevention and healing. We feel wind of the Holy Spirit leading us to protect and pray for the mothers, fathers and children whose hearts and minds suffer from their devastating loss and emptiness, in some cases, for the rest of their lives.

From Nashville, Tennessee, the call went out and people filled the stadium. Many of you will be listening to and answering the call. I thank God for you. . . *Dolores Milazzo-Hicks*

Protestants and Catholics agree on.

The Second Vatican Council stressed common ground with Protestants, in its Decree on Ecumenism (Unitatis Redintegratio; bold emphasis added): Catholics must gladly acknowledge and esteem the truly Christian endowments for our common heritage, which are to be found among our separated brethren. It is right and salutary to recognize the riches of Christ and virtuous works in the lives of others who are bearing witness to Christ, sometimes even to the shedding of their blood. (4) Nor should we forget that anything wrought by the grace of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of our separated brethren can contribute to our own edifi-

cation. Whatever is truly Christian is never contrary to what genuinely belongs to the faith...(4)

The Christian way of life of these brethren is nourished by faith in Christ. It is strengthened by the grace of baptism and the hearing of the Word of God. This way of life expresses itself in private prayer, in meditation on the scriptures, in the life of a Christian family, and in the worship of a community gathered together to praise God. Furthermore, their worship sometimes displays notable features of a liturgy once shared in common. The faith by which they believe in Christ bears fruit in praise and thanksgiving for the benefits received from

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"The Basement"

Christian rap music and catchy tunes with Christian lyrics comes belting out of the speakers. In another time and place, in similar settings and different lyrics, this would have been the perfect club scene.

Hands go up in praise as bodies pulsate in response to the music. The message in the sermon is short and punctuated with sound effects and delivered with real life examples.

Issues affecting any young adult's life, ranging from a popular networking website to mood swings and peer pressure are at the top of the list. All senses are stimulated, from the altar decorated with gasoline cans and a gasoline barrel to the T-shirts sent sailing from the altar to the crowd.

"We are trying to reach a generation that has seen it all, heard it all and done it all," Matt Pitt a co-founder of 'The Basement' said. "We need to step out of the box."

'The Basement' began as a Christian meeting of four young



"We are trying to reach a generation that has seen it all, heard it all and done it all,"

people in the Pitt's basement. Over a period of two years, the crowd kept growing and soon the Pitt basement was standing room only.

The meetings then relocated to Cathedral of the Cross off Center Point Parkway.

Tiffany Acker, a UAB student heard about 'The Basement' from her friend. She has constantly attended the service for the last eight months because of the relaxed atmosphere and the youthful crowd that attends.



"It is a life changing experience," she said. "I love it." Tiffany said she liked the service on Tuesday evenings because it was geared more towards the youth. She said it was appealing to people who would otherwise not go to church.

Church officials estimated the age as anywhere from five to eighty years old and about five hundred in number. Don Roybal, an EMA officer with Jefferson County attended



Matt Pitt

the worship service with his daughter and two nieces from Panama City. He played in a Christian band and has no reservations about the radical expression of preaching the gospel. "This is where kids need to be," he said "It is a good way to praise God."

'The Basement' is a chapter of WhoSoever ministries. They hold assemblies in schools around Birmingham to educate the youth about Christ, peer pressure and drug abuse.

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Ultimate Shield

did not dream of speaking in public. He admits that taking the job was a giant leap of faith, which also became the best day of his career.

Before becoming an officer, he was a pastor for ten years. He remembers working the graveyard shift on Saturdays then preaching on Sunday morning and evening. He went on patrols just like any other police officer. He said that police work is not very conducive to religion because officers see the worst of the worst "which makes it difficult to have a healthy spiritual life."

"We see the worst that humanity has to offer," he said. "You are wound up eight hours a day and that drags you down."

As the chaplain, Pesnell works with Birmingham Police retirees, employees and their families. He maintains a department prayer list for employees who need help and visits the sick in hospitals and homes. He also attends family funerals and he is sometimes called upon to officiate them.

Pesnell is also a facilitator in community relations. Last year together with Mission Birmingham, he organized a tent revival in Birmingham's west side in order to get the gospel to people who otherwise would not have a chance to hear it. He said that religious organizations had to go "to the heart of the storm" by taking the gospel to the people. He said that these events helped show police officers as real people not monsters that are out to get you.

Pesnell recalls the hardest

day on the job as June 17, 2004 when three Birmingham Police officers died. Pesnell said that as a police officer you are not supposed to show emotions.

"I knew I had a place I could go weep and grieve,

It was like that poem about footprints in the sand because I knew that the Lord was carrying me through it. He was my ever-present help in times of trouble." he said.

Even after becoming a police officer, Pesnell still pastors at his local church, Katherwood Baptist in the greater Birmingham area. He said he feels just as called to be a pastor as he is called to be a police officer. "I am doing the two jobs I love at the same time," he said, "God gave me what I wanted but He put me where He wanted me first."

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the hands of God. Joined to it is a lively sense of justice and a true charity toward others. This active faith has been responsible for many organizations for the relief of spiritual and material distress, the furtherance of education of youth, the improvement of social conditions of life, and the promotion of peace throughout the world. (23)

Catholics and Protestants can benefit greatly from each other. We have in common such things as the Trinity, the Resurrection of Christ, the Incarnation, love for the Bible as God's inspired and infallible revelation, various philosophical arguments for the existence of God, belief in angels, the devil, heaven and hell, an eternal soul, salvation by grace

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Indecency and Television

by Chuck Colson

The most memorable moments during the 2002 and 2003 Billboard Music Awards on the Fox television network weren't performances: They were the remarks made by recipients and presenters.

Actually, in both instances it was a single word. In 2002, the singer Cher responded to her critics by using the "f word." A year later, Nicole Ritchie, who has no apparent abilities of any kind, used a similar word when talking about her show, *The Simple Life*. The Federal Communications Commission ruled that both utterances were "indecent," but it did not fine Fox. Nevertheless, Fox appealed the FCC's ruling.

A few weeks ago, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals sided with Fox. The three-judge panel, by a 2-1 vote, noted that the FCC had previously not cited or what it deemed were "fleeting" uses of profanity. It ruled that the FCC "had not adequately, or constitutionally, explained why it changed its mind" on the matter.

The panel also expressed doubts about fining shows for the use of words which both the President and Vice President use in public. Ouch! A good reminder of how important it for leaders to set a good example. The panel's majority then "ordered the [FCC] to retool its regulations."

FCC chairman Kevin Martin said that he was "disappointed" by the ruling. He said that he believes that the FCC "had done the right thing in trying to protect families from that kind of language."

Tim Winter of the Parents Television Council wasn't as diplomatic as Martin: He called the ruling "an insult to the American people." He noted that only a year ago, "the House by a 10-1 margin and the Senate unanimously authorized the FCC

to increase indecency fines ten-fold."

Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas doesn't intend to let the courts re-write the law. He has introduced two amendments to a Financial Services appropriation bill that would re-clarify Congress' intent and reinstate the FCC's ability to protect families during the time children are most likely to be watching.

One amendment would limit "excessively violent" images from being broadcast between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. If you "must" show a dead body being sliced open and its organs removed in a search for drugs, as a recent episode of *NCIS* did, wait until 10 p.m.

The other amendment would protect viewers of broadcast television from all indecent words or images, even if they are fleeting or only shown once during a broadcast. Again, if your idea of "creativity" "requires" the use of four-letter words or images, there are plenty of other mediums and times to express yourself other than on the air.

Brownback's amendments are necessary because the courts will seize on the slightest ambiguity to evade the will of the Congress and the American people. This is one instance where there's no such thing as "too explicit."

That's why we need your help. The votes on the proposed amendments are scheduled for July 12. Senator Brownback and I need you to call your senators on the tenth and eleventh.

Broadcasters are a powerful lobby on Capitol Hill. We need to remind our senators that, in our system, the people are more powerful yet. Insulting them isn't a winning political strategy.



Operation Save America Birmingham July 14 – 22, 2007

By Dolores Milazzo-Hicks, NNS

"Operation Save America will be on the streets in Birmingham, Alabama from July 14 – 22," said David Lackey local coordinator-organizer of the event. Flip Bynum national director of Operation Save America was last in Birmingham in 1994. Previously called Operation Rescue, Operation Save America (OSA) came to Birmingham when the city had eight businesses that provided abortions. Now there are two such businesses in operation - Planned Parenthood and The New Women's facility.

"We believe there will be 200+ coming from around the country to participate in this event. Two prominent names have surfaced; that of former Chief Justice Roy Moore and Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, both of whom will speak at the seminars," said Mr. Lackey. He also explained that a memorial service will be held for those babies that have been aborted in this area.

"The focus will be at the clinics at 7 a.m. where we will share the gospel and talk to people going into those businesses. We offer all types of help to ladies who decide not to have abortions and counseling is also available through various organizations in the city to meet each person's unique needs who have had abortions," stat-

ed Lackey. OSA is seeking a locating a park in the city to hold their rallies. Some of the events will be hosted at Doers of the Word Church, whose pastor is A.J. Johnson.

Operation Save America's purpose is to, "unashamedly take up the cause of preborn children in the name of Jesus Christ." The Bible is the foundation; the Cross of Christ is the strategy; the repentance of the Church of Jesus Christ is the ultimate goal. As the Church changes its heart toward unborn children, God Himself will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and bring healing to our land. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only answer to the abortion holocaust.

It is upon our active repentance in the streets of our cities that the Gospel is visibly lived out. We become to the church, to our city, and to our nation living parables, which rightly represent God's heart toward His helpless children. There are no cheap political solutions to the holocaust presently ravaging our nation. Like slavery before it, abortion is preeminently a Gospel issue. The Cross of Christ is the only solution.

For further information contact: David Lackey 205.914.1656; Operation Save America 972.200.4074 or Doers of the Word Church 205.595.9300.

From 1997 to 2007:

Full-Time Work Grows Less Attractive to Moms

Considering everything, what would be the ideal situation for you—working full-time, part-time, or not at all outside the home?

	---Working mothers---			---At-home mothers---		
	1997	2007	Change '97 to '07	1997	2007	Change '97 to '07
	%	%		%	%	
What's ideal for you?						
Full-time work	32	21	-11	24	16	-8
Part-time work	48	60	+12	37	33	-4
Not working	20	19	-1	39	48	+9
Don't know	*	*		*	3	
	100	100		100	100	
Number of respondents	317	259		140	153	

Note: Based on mothers with children under age 18.

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Philippians

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers[a] and deacons:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3 I thank my God every time I remember you.

4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.

8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Paul's Chains Advance the Gospel

12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served

to advance the gospel.

13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

14 Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!

23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be

with Christ, which is better by far;

24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,

30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy



I have you in my heart; for defending and confirming the God's grace

Filipenses 1

Saludo

1 Pablo y Timoteo, siervos de Cristo Jesús: A todos los santos en Cristo Jesús que están en Filipos, incluyendo a los obispos y diáconos:

2 Gracia a vosotros y paz de Dios nuestro Padre y del Señor Jesucristo.

Pablo ora por los filipenses

3 Doy gracias a mi Dios siempre que me acuerdo de vosotros,

4 orando siempre con gozo en cada una de mis oraciones por todos vosotros,

5 por vuestra participación en el evangelio desde el primer día hasta ahora,

6 estando convencido precisamente de esto: que el que comenzó en vosotros la buena obra, la perfeccionará hasta el

Filipenses 4-5



*For whether I am in chains or
the gospel, all of you share in
ce with me.*

día de Cristo Jesús.

7 Es justo que yo sienta esto acerca de todos vosotros, porque os llevo en el corazón, pues tanto en mis prisiones como en la defensa y confirmación del evangelio, todos vosotros sois participantes conmigo de la gracia.

8 Porque Dios me es testigo de cuánto os añoro a todos con el entrañable amor de Cristo Jesús.

9 Y esto pido en oración: que vuestro amor abunde aún más y más en conocimiento verdadero y en todo discernimiento,

10 a fin de que escojáis lo mejor, para que seáis puros e irreprochables para el día de Cristo;

11 Llenos del fruto de justicia que es por medio de Jesucristo, para la gloria y alabanza de Dios.

La vida es Cristo

12 Y quiero que sepáis, hermanos, que las circunstancias

en que me he visto, han redundado en el mayor progreso del evangelio,

13 de tal manera que mis prisiones por la causa de Cristo se han hecho notorias en toda la guardia pretoriana y a todos los demás;

14 y que la mayoría de los hermanos, confiando en el Señor por causa de mis prisiones, tienen mucho más valor para hablar la palabra de Dios sin temor.

15 Algunos, a la verdad, predicán a Cristo aun por envidia y rivalidad, pero también otros lo hacen de buena voluntad;

16 éstos lo hacen por amor, sabiendo que he sido designado para la defensa del evangelio;

17 aquéllos proclaman a Cristo por ambición personal, no con sinceridad, pensando causarme angustia en mis prisiones.

18 ¿Entonces qué? Que de todas maneras, ya sea fingidamente o en verdad, Cristo es proclamado; y en esto me regocijo, sí, y me regocijaré.

19 Porque sé que esto resultará en mi liberación mediante vuestras oraciones y la suministración del Espíritu de Jesucristo,

20 conforme a mi anhelo y esperanza de que en nada seré avergonzado, sino que con toda confianza, aun ahora, como siempre, Cristo será exaltado en mi cuerpo, ya sea por vida o por muerte.

21 Pues para mí, el vivir es Cristo y el morir es ganancia.

22 Pero si el vivir en la carne, esto significa para mí una labor fructífera, entonces, no sé cuál escoger,

23 pues de ambos lados me siento apremiado, teniendo el deseo de partir y estar con Cristo, pues eso es mucho mejor;

24 y sin embargo, continuar en la carne es más necesario por causa de vosotros.

25 Y convencido de esto, sé que permaneceré y continuaré con todos vosotros para vuestro progreso y gozo en la fe,

26 para que vuestra profunda satisfacción por mí abunde en Cristo Jesús a causa de mi visita otra vez a vosotros.

Luchando unánimes por la fe

27 Solamente comportaos de una manera digna del evangelio de Cristo, de modo que ya sea que vaya a veros, o que permanezca ausente, pueda oír que vosotros estáis firmes en un mismo espíritu, luchando unánimes por la fe del evangelio;

28 de ninguna manera amedrentados por vuestros adversarios, lo cual es señal de perdición para ellos, pero de salvación para vosotros, y esto, de Dios.

29 Porque a vosotros se os ha concedido por amor de Cristo, no sólo creer en El, sino también sufrir por El,

30 sufriendo el mismo conflicto que visteis en mí, y que ahora oís que está en mí.

Doy gracias a mi Dios siempre que me acuerdo de vosotros, orando siempre con gozo en cada una de mis oraciones por todos vosotros,

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That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believeth in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:9-13

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
John 3:16-17

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Minnesota couple refuses to abort children, six are born

Minneapolis, Jun 12, 2007 / 09:24 am (CNA).- For the first time in recorded history, a Minnesota couple has given birth to sextuplets. The new parents had been trying for a year to conceive a child, but were unable to do so naturally.

"We spent over a year praying and trying on our own. Eventually we came under the care of a clinic that had succeeded in helping some of our close friends conceive."

A few weeks later, when doctors learned that Brianna Morrison was carrying sextuplets, they advised the couple to opt for "selective reduction," in which the woman reduces the number of viable fetuses to two by a multiple abortion.

"However, we knew right away that this is not an option for us," the couple wrote. "We understand that the risk is high, but we also understand that these little ones are much more than six fetuses. "Each one of them is a miracle given to us by God." "

Although the couple's preparations for their newborns were not adequate, they are confident that God will provide for them. "Truly God [will] sustain us in this just as He has sustained us in everything we've ever experienced. He will bring the lives of these babies to full health and fruition and everyone will say, 'Look, God has done something amazing!'"

The Morrison's four boys and two girls were delivered after 22 weeks. Doctors at Children's Hospital listed them in critical condition Monday afternoon, with weights ranging between 11 ounces and 1 pound, 3 ounces.

More information can be found at their website:

<http://www.morrison6.com>

The Spirituality of Moms Outpaces that of Dads

(Ventura, CA) - Mothers inhabit many roles inside and outside the family. Within the household, they are often counted on to be the emotional compass, organizer, and multitasking manager of the family. Add to that list another common function: spiritual energizer.

According to a new Barna study, women who are raising children are among the most faith-minded and spiritually active segments of the American population.

The study shows that more than three-quarters of moms identify "family" to be their highest priority. At the same time, a majority of mothers strongly agree that their faith is very important in their life. In contrast, fathers also tend to list family as their top priority in life, yet they are much less likely to equally attribute importance to faith.

Men may enjoy advantages in physical strength, but they are less likely than women to exercise their spiritual muscles. This gender gap extends to the typical family unit: mothers outpace fathers in terms of spiritual activity and commitment. In fact, the Barna survey examined 12 different elements of faith behavior and perspective. Mothers were distinct from fathers on 11 of the 12 factors.

Three-quarters of moms said their faith is very important in their life, while this view was true among just two-thirds of fathers. Mothers were also more likely than fathers to be born again Christians.

Moms are also more religiously active. In a typical week, mothers are more likely than are fathers to attend church, pray, read the Bible, participate in a small group, attend Sunday school, and volunteer some of

their time to help a non-profit organization. The only faith-related activity in which fathers are just as likely as mothers to engage is volunteering to help at a church.

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U.S. House refuses to pass "clone-and-kill" bill

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives rejected a bill that would have allowed large-scale cloning of human embryos solely for purposes of research.

The White House issued a statement before the vote that said in part, "The Administration is strongly opposed to any legislation that would . . . permit the creation of cloned embryos or development of human embryo farms for research, which would require the destruction of nascent human life. Thus, if legislation were presented to the President that permitted human embryos to be created, developed, and destroyed simply for research purposes, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) condemned the measure as "a clone-and-kill bill," and strongly opposed it. After the vote, NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson commented, "The House Democratic leadership tried to ram through a bill to pave the way for cloned human embryo farms, but their scam failed."

While H.R. 2560 is titled 'The Human Cloning Prohibition Act' . . . in reality, H.R. 2560 does not ban any human cloning at all. It is in fact carefully constructed to encourage the creation of any number of cloned human embryos. It would allow development of these cloned human embryos (individual members, male or female, of the species *Homo sapiens*) in

the laboratory, perhaps even for weeks, so that they can be killed in order to harvest their stem cells or used in other research that will kill them — a practice opposed by about 75% of the public.

The House will vote on June 7 on a separate bill, S. 5, that would mandate federal funding of the type of stem cell research that requires the killing of human embryos. President Bush has already said that he will veto that bill.

Israel launches Gaza air strikes

Palestinians gather around a car hit by an Israeli air strike, Gaza

The first air strike hit a car in the southern town of Khan Yunis. Israel has launched three air strikes in the Gaza Strip, killing seven Palestinians, including a senior member of the Islamic Jihad militant group.

Three militants were killed in the first attack, which struck a vehicle in Khan Yunis. Four civilians were also hurt, rescue workers said.

A spokesman for Islamic Jihad, Abu Ahmed, said one of the dead men was the group's leader in southern Gaza.

Hours later, four Palestinians were killed in a second Israeli strike.

That air strike hit a metal workshop in the Maghazi refugee camp in central Gaza.

The owner was among the dead and two other people were wounded, medics said.

The third strike targeted the same workshop, Palestinian witnesses said, and at least four people were injured.

Rocket fire

Speaking after the first air strike, Israel said it had targeted militants who had planned terror

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attacks.

The strike came after a rocket was fired at Israel from Gaza but landed inside Palestinian territory, Reuters news agency reported.

The dead Islamic Jihad leader was Raed Ghannam, said to be wanted by Israel for rocket and other attacks, the agency said.

"This will not affect Islamic Jihad. We continue our path of resistance until martyrdom or victory," Mr Ahmed said.

Thousands ask Postal Service for 10 Commandments stamp

Washington DC, (CNA).- At a news conference today at the National Press Club, a coalition of groups headed by the Washington, DC based Faith and Action will publicly ask Postmaster General John Potter to issue an official Ten Commandments U.S. Postage Stamp.

Representatives of Faith and Action, the Christian Defense Coalition and others will unveil tens of thousands of petitions signed by citizens in all 50 states and several territories asking for the stamp, said the Christian Newswire.

U.S. Postal Service regulations do not require petitions or any number of requests before issuing a stamp. One citizen may request a particular stamp theme, but it must meet certain guidelines in its design and content.

Faith and Action was previously denied its request for a Ten Commandments stamp after the advisory commission responsible for evaluating stamp proposals deemed its content "religious." Yet, shortly after the denial, the Postal Service issued two stamps honoring Islamic religious feasts.

Rev. Rob Schenck, president of Faith and Action and chairman

of the committee on church and society for the Evangelical Church Alliance said:

"A Ten Commandments postage stamp is long over due. We have Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and even Star Wars stamps. The Ten Commandments are the most universal and enduring of all ancient law codes. Jews, Christians and Muslims all revere the Ten Commandments and virtually all religions acknowledge them as good for people to follow. The Ten Commandments also factor large in the history of our country and its culture."

Large posters of an artist's rendering of a possible Ten Commandments stamp will be displayed at today's news conference along with 30 boxes of petitions.

More than 100 foreign missionaries expelled by secret Chinese Government campaign

By Michael Ireland
Chief Correspondent, ASSIST News Service
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
MIDLAND, TEXAS (ANS) — In what looks like the largest expulsion of foreign missionaries since 1954, when the Chinese Communist government expelled all foreign religious workers after taking power in 1949, China Aid Association confirms that a central government-directed campaign to expel suspected foreign missionaries has been ongoing since February 2007.

According to reliable China Aid sources and collaborated reports by at least five different mission agencies, over 100 foreigners accused of being involved in illegal religious activities in China have been expelled or deported this year between April and June.

Expulsion program code-named 'Typhoon No. 5 Campaign'

Sources inside the Chinese government informed CAA that the Chinese government launched a massive expulsion campaign of foreign Christians, encoded Typhoon No. 5, in February 2007. This campaign is believed to be part of the "anti-infiltration" efforts to prevent foreign Christians from engaging in mission activities before the Beijing Olympics next year. ??Citizens from six countries working in Xinjiang, Beijing and Tibet targeted ?Most of those expelled are citizens from the United States, South Korea, Singapore, Canada, Australia, and Israel. They were expelled when they were either working or visiting in Xinjiang, Beijing, Tibet, or Shandong. ??According to an American who had been working in Xinjiang for 10 years and wants to remain anonymous because of the sensitivity of the topic, over 60 foreign religious workers were expelled from Xinjiang alone. Some of the workers had been serving the local people for 15-18 years before they were asked to leave in the past few months.

At least 15 Christian couples from the United States and other countries were expelled from Beijing in the month of May. Two American English teachers sent by the English Language Institute/China (ELIC) were expelled from Tibet. ELIC (www.elic.org), a California based Christian organization, is the largest English teacher-sending organization to China and has trained thousands of Chinese college and high school students since the 1990s. ??On May 31, 2007, one Israeli Jewish Christian and an American were arrested and expelled from Linyi City, Shandong province when they worshiped together with 70 House Church leaders. Only July

1, three American Christians from Indiana were detained in Beijing and then forced to leave China after their US passports were taken away for 3 to 5 days by Chinese security agents.?

Congressmen Question PBS on Film Censorship

Kudos to the six members of Congress who recently signed a letter calling on the inspector general of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to investigate the Public Broadcasting Service and WETA television station for their questionable practices in the airing of the taxpayer-funded film, "Islam vs. Islamists: Voices from the Muslim Center." Specifically, for reasons that have yet to be publicly explained, the national public broadcasting system failed to show this film, which was intended to be a segment of an eight-part series on Islam. Our colleague Frank Gaffney, Jr. co-produced the film and has some harrowing stories of censorship and harassment by WETA.

Gaffney and another co-producer documented in this film that Muslim radicals are pushing to establish parallel societies in America and Europe governed by courts applying Sharia law rather than civil courts. The film is clear-eyed about the ideology of radical Islamists but focuses attention on the views and activities of moderate Muslims who offer a path of reason and reconciliation. Senators Jon Kyl, Tom Coburn, James Inhofe and Representatives Trent Franks, Peter Hoekstra and Peter King are to be commended for their efforts to make sure that this film, which cost \$675,000 in tax dollars to make, is not swept under the PBS rugs but gets the American audience it deserves.

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It's RIP for PBA in Louisiana



Life just got a little safer for late-term unborn children in Louisiana. On Friday, Governor Kathleen Blanco approved legis-

lation that makes my home state of Louisiana the first state to outlaw partial birth abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court decision to uphold a federal ban in April. The new law criminalizes this gruesome procedure in all cases except to preserve the life of the mother. Doctors who practice partial birth abortion can be fined between \$1000 and \$10,000, and face prison terms of 1-10 years. The legislation, which was passed overwhelmingly by Louisiana lawmakers, strengthens the federal protection and sets a precedent for other states to follow. While there remains much more work to be done in protecting innocent life, this is a major victory that shows the ripple effect of the Supreme Court's decision.

America Becomes a More 'Adult-Centered' Nation

by Ben Arnoldy?The Christian Science Monitor
Kids just aren't as big a part of American life as they used to be. Americans' child-free years are expanding as empty-nest seniors live longer and more young adults delay – or skip – childbearing. In 1960, nearly half of all households had children under 18. By 2000, the portion had fallen to less than a third, and in a few short years it's projected to drop to a quarter, according to a report from the National Marriage Project.

Children are also taking a back seat in perceptions of marriage's purpose. Since 1990, the percentage of people who said children were very important to a successful marriage tumbled

from 65 percent to 41 percent. The findings were released in a Pew Research report last week.

For some child-free Americans, their growing numbers argue for greater equality with parents in government benefits, the workplace, and social esteem. That worries family researchers and child advocates who see in the same trends a move to a more "adult-centered culture" – one that threatens the strength of families and the social compact to provide for the next generation.

Terror's India Connection

by Mark Sappenfield and Mark Rice-Oxley?The Christian Science Monitor

When President George Bush visited this country of 150 million Muslims last year, he introduced his wife to the prime minister with a fact surely intended to amaze: "Not one Indian Muslim has joined Al Qaeda," he said.

At a time when Muslim nations from Algeria to Indonesia have emerged as incubators for anti-Western extremists, India – by some estimates the world's second-most-populous Muslim nation – has remained a unique case.

Yet reports from Britain suggest that, for the first time, an Indian Muslim is likely to be implicated in an act of international terrorism. Kafeel Ahmed, the man who police say crashed a Jeep into Glasgow's airport on June 30, is an engineer from Bangalore, a city previously known only as the high-tech capital of the new India.

Until now, Indians' disinterest in the global jihad had been largely taken for granted, experts say. In recent days, however, the nation has been left to try to piece together why a man who holds a PhD in aeronautics from India's golden city was driven to such rage against the West – and whether there will be more to follow.

Husband Supersizes Thank you Notes to Jesus



Ron and Patsy Tripodo standing near one of the seven billboards put up by Ron.

Photo by Bob Andres

By Bill Sanders- AJC.com

Drive either direction on Ga. 92 in Woodstock, drive south from Cherokee County on I-75 or head north up I-85 and you are likely to see the billboards with Patsy Tripodo smiling down on you.

"Jesus healed my wife: Patsysmiracle.com."

Who is Patsy, and what's with the billboards?

"I put them up as a way to say thank you to God for healing my wife," said Tripodo, a born-again Christian who lives in east Cobb County.

Patsy Tripodo, 58, suffered the onset of a rare virus that attacks the brain about 18 months ago. Herpes simplex encephalitis, which hits about 9,000 people a year in the United States, usually leads to a high fever, seizures, brain lesions — and often death.

Neither the Tripodos nor her doctors know how she contracted the virus.

Patsy Tripodo became disoriented while visiting her daughter in Chattanooga. One morning, she applied eyeliner to her cheeks and soon she was talking incoherently, as though she might have had a stroke, her daughter told Ron.

Tests at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. showed nothing and Patsy's odd behavior diminished. Just before they left for home, she changed dramatically.

"All hell broke loose," Ron said. "Her fever was high, she was oblivious and a spinal tap showed she had the infection on her brain. Doctors were telling us it didn't look good."

Duke doctors diagnosed the

virus and started treating Paty with antiviral medicine. She was eventually transferred to brain specialists at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

"I've maybe seen a couple dozen cases in 10 years, and very few as bad as Patsy," said Darryl Kaelin, medical director of Shepherd Center's acquired brain injury program. Kaelin has been surprised by Patsy's recovery.

"It's usually pretty catastrophic," he said. "Patients tend to struggle with short-term memory deficit and almost never become really independent again. Her recovery is remarkable."

Today, Patsy smiles a lot, communicates freely and, while not at 100 percent yet, is close, Ron said. That's the 5 percent or so that's still healing.

"I thought it was really sweet of him," Patsy said of the billboards. "I didn't really care that my face was up there. So many people have prayed for me. It's amazing."

Ron had the first billboard go up a year ago even though doctors were saying a full recovery was almost out of the question.

He has had up to seven billboards hanging at once at a cost that can easily run in the tens of thousands of dollars.

He never thought of the billboards as being an evangelical tool — at least not at first.

People have since logged on to the website and left encouraging messages or requested prayers for themselves or for their loved ones.

Today, Patsy pays the family bills on their computer, walks three miles a day and drives as far as Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport on her own.

Reprint The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

BarlowGirl finds a new platform



Speak Out is the result of Rebecca, Alyssa and Lauren Barlow's personal communication with fans since their music ministry began three years ago.

"Night after night fans pour out their hearts and we realize more than ever the hurt, abandonment, guilt, pain

and disillusionment this generation is experiencing," says Lauren. "We're standing up. We're not afraid to fight for what we believe in, and we're not going to back down. This is who we are. God has put so much in us; we can't shut up about it. How can we be silent when we have so much truth to heal a wounded spirit?"

In addition to the Speak Out campaign, Fervent Records is providing one of three free ringtones to fans that preorder *How Can We Be Silent* at www.barlowgirl.com. Each ringtone is featured on BarlowGirl's new project, including the radio single, "Here's My Life."

For more information on BarlowGirl and to sign up for email and mobile updates on the group, visit www.barlowgirl.com.

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Fervent Records' award winning three-sister rock band, BarlowGirl, is launching their online "Speak Out" initiative to raise awareness and encourage fans to take a stand in what they believe and become more active in their faith.

In support of their appropriately themed and titled, *How Can We Be Silent*, the Internet campaign is a call to action for fans to "speak about hope, truth and love to a world in need" by sharing their own stories of brokenness and healing. The Speak Out website and blog section is accessible through www.barlowgirl.com. In addition to inviting fans to "speak out," the campaign will offer complementary elements in the future including behind-scene-videos, devotionals and more.

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alone through Christ alone, and a host of other things. Many Christians cite the Nicene Creed on Sunday, and this unites most Christians in the world. Catholics can learn a great deal from Protestants (or even denominations) because they often excel (especially in practice) at particular aspects of the Christian life or theology.

If you are interested in learning more about what Protestants and Catholics can learn from one another this is a must. You can download a study guide from the website and also purchase the DVD:

<http://www.protestantcatholic.com/>
Endorsements from Catholic & Protestant Leaders

Here is an honest conversation between two deeply committed men of faith, an Evangelical pastor and a Catholic priest, about their shared faith in Jesus Christ. I recommend this resource to all who are interested in Christian unity, in keeping with a prayer of Jesus himself that his disciples be one as he and the Father are one, so that the world may believe.
—Timothy George, Dean-Beeson Divinity School
Christianity Today, Senior Editor

An astonishingly honest, lucid, and winsome conversation about what unites and divides Catholics and Protestants. Father Riccardo and Pastor Andrews exemplify the kind of encounter made possible and necessary by the fact that we are, in the words of "Evangelicals and Catholics Together," 'brothers and sisters in Christ.'
—Rev. Richard John Neuhaus
Editor in Chief, FIRST THINGS

Ratatouille



Movieguide Magazine CBN.com - Ratatouille is a wonderful, savory concoction from the incredible Pixar team. Long ago, the Pixar team decided to explore new territory in each of their movies. Ratatouille is a delightful exploration of food, fame, France and fantastic characters that at first seem unpalatable but turn out to be deliciously entertaining.

The

movie opens with Remy the rat narrating his story. He is a rat that most people would want to avoid, but Remy has high aspirations. He has a finely tuned taste and smell palette, has taught himself how to read, and wants to become a great chef like his hero, Auguste Gusteau.

When the mistress of the farmhouse where Remy's colony resides tries to blow them off the face of the earth with her shotgun, they all are carried away on the river, into the sewers to Paris of all places. When Remy wakes up after his harrowing escape, he is talking to Auguste who died recently. Remy recognizes that Auguste is a figment of his imagination, but his internal dialogue leads him straight to Gusteau's famous restaurant.

Since Gusteau died, the restaurant has fallen on hard times. The mean-tempered new chef, Skinner, now runs it.

In an unlikely scenario, Remy teams up with the new garbage boy Linguini, to take the culinary world of Paris, and Skinner, by surprise. The villains are set against Remy and Linguini, including Skinner, who tries to pry Linguini's secrets out of him by getting him drunk and



the fierce food critic Anton Ego.

As one might expect in Paris, this gourmet meal includes a touch of love, a lot of humor and some fantastic action. Ratatouille is a near great movie. It does have some issues, however. Linguini is plied with enough wine to get

The real Christian theology comes in the fact that the movie makes it clear that anyone can be a chef, although not everyone can be a great chef.

him drunk. The rats are not only difficult to embrace, but they also steal when told not to. Some of the cartoon violence also skews toward older children and teenagers. However, there are many mentions of moral principles to counteract this, and the overall storyline is very pro-capitalist, pro-individual, and supportive of the gifts that the individual has no matter what his background or genetic makeup. The movie also has a reference to godliness in that old non-biblical saying about cleanliness, and there is a reference to Heaven.

The real Christian theology comes in the fact that the movie makes it clear that anyone can be a chef, although not everyone can be a great chef. The movie suggests that God, who grants everyone the right to pursue personal happiness while in service to God's divine authority, creates all people equal. Whether the humanist pundits who believe in biological and economic determinism pick up on the radical nature of this premise is anyone's guess, but it is nice to see a movie taking the side of free enterprise and freedom to be who you want to be.

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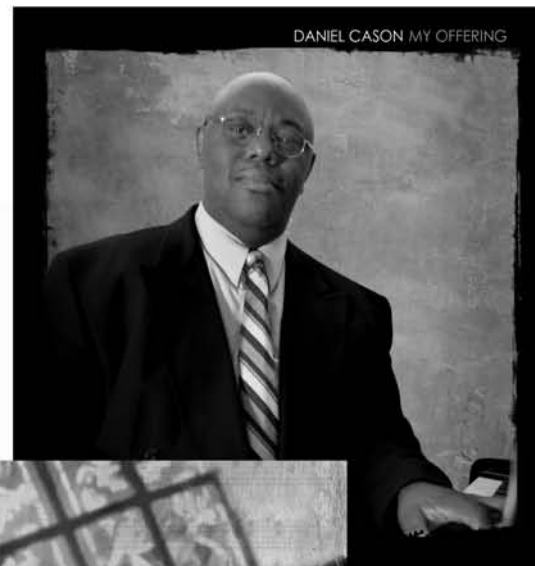
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