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"BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!"

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"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him!"
(Matt. 25:6)

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." (Matt. 25:5) It was this particular cry, *"Behold, the bridegroom cometh!"* that woke up the five wise and the five foolish virgins in the parable of the kingdom, told in a mystery. The mystery of the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins has been locked to man's understanding. The only reason I'm attempting to unlock this mystery is because I'm living at the right time, *"the time of the end."* (Dan. 12:9)

Word of prophecy closed up and sealed

Daniel, even in his day, would inquire of the Lord, *"O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?"* God answered Daniel by instructing him, *"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."* (Dan. 12:8-9) We are living in "the time of the end," and gross darkness is coming upon the world. Will the church return once again to the Dark Ages where Romanism's religion once again rules the world? What did Jesus mean when He said, *"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"* (Jn. 9:4)?

Nancy Pelosi is coming! It must be midnight! Will Nancy Pelosi invoke the so-called "Fairness Doctrine" to silence the voices of talk radio, and in particular the "man on loan from God", Rush Limbaugh? Pelosi, a professed Catholic, is targeting freedom of speech for the little guy.

Pelosi Targets Grassroots Freedom of Speech

by Amanda B. Carpenter

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House Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi (D.-Calif.) has pledged to take up a lobbying reform proposal that would impose new regulations on speech by grassroots organizations, while providing a loophole in the rules for large corporations and labor unions.

The legislation would make changes to the legal definition of "grassroots lobbying" and require any organization that encourages 500 or more members of the general public to contact their elected representatives to file a report with detailed information about their organization to the government on a quarterly basis.

The report would include identifying the organization's expenditures, the issues focused on and the members of Congress and other federal officials who are the subject of the advocacy efforts. A separate report would be required for each policy issue the group is active on.

"Right now, grassroots groups don't have to report at all if they are communicating with the public," said Dick Dingman of the Free Speech Coalition, Inc. "This is an effort that would become a major attack on the 1st Amendment."

Under the bill, communications aimed at an organization's members, employees, officers or shareholders would be exempt from the reporting requirement. That would effectively exempt most corporations, trade associations and unions from the reporting requirements—but not most conservative grassroots groups, which frequently are less formally organized.

Larger, well-funded organizations are also currently eligible for a "low-dollar lobbyist exemption" that Pelosi's bill does not give to grassroots organizations. If an organization retains a lobbyist to contact lawmakers directly at a cost of \$2,500 per quarter or less, or employs a full-time lobbyist at a cost of \$10,000 per quarter or less, the organization does not have to report to the government.

Public Citizen, a liberal "government watchdog," is taking credit for helping Pelosi craft the legislation and expects the final draft of the bill to closely resemble Pelosi's Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2006, which contains these provisions.

Craig Holman, a lobbyist for Public Citizen, said the changes would help "streamline" how grassroots organizations are regulated by the IRS and other laws. Public Citizen would like Congress to adopt the IRS's definition of "lobbying," which includes communication that encourages the general public to contact a member of Congress on pending legislation or public policy.

"The IRS has a definition that requires all organizations, including non-profits, to file as a part of our tax returns," Holman said. "When it comes to the election code and the lobbying disclosure act, they have no definition of grassroots lobbying. It's excluded from everything. The IRS has a definition of grassroots lobbying, but their information is not publicly reported. It's just our tax returns to the IRS."

Suzanne Coffman, director of communication for Guidestar.org, which makes IRS 990 forms available on the Internet, said any secular, non-profit organization that has more than \$25,000 in income per year is required by law to make the last three years' worth of tax forms available upon request. "We get them directly from the IRS, and we have more than two million 990s online" said Coffman. "For non-charitable organizations, like private charities or private foundations, we have fewer because the IRS began scanning those only in April 2005. They focused on charitable organizations, which make up the bulk of exempt organizations, because those are the ones that accept tax-deductible contributions. The need for accountability is much higher with them than with other types of organizations which are sort of subsidized by the taxpayer because they federally are tax exempt, but not like a charity is.".....¹

Santa Claus is coming!

The world of religion on TBN is singing all about "Santa Claus is coming, Santa Claus is coming, Santa Claus is coming to town!" As a Christian, I am more concerned about Nancy Pelosi coming to be the next Speaker of the House. The Democrat Party, playing the part of Santa Claus, gave you an amenity, or entitlement, with the increasing of the minimum wage as your Christmas present. But Christmas is soon over, and Nancy Pelosi is coming to town to give you her own personal present in January 2007.

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Nancy Pelosi's present will be long remembered whether you've been naughty or nice. She is going to shut the mouths of those on the right. I trust whatever it is you had to say, you've already said it. For *"the night cometh, when no man can work."* (Jn. 9:4)

The midnight cry, *"Behold, the bridegroom cometh,"* is made when the world is the darkest. Do you know when gross darkness envelops the earth, the flickering of a candle can be seen for miles? *"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matt. 5:14-16)

"The night cometh, when no man can work" (Jn. 9:4)

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!" How do you get across to religious zealots that no man is holy enough to own God's house? We need some Patrick Henry's in our pulpits to scream, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Is there any polite way to tell the government to get out of the churches?

If there is any foundation at all for the separation of church and state, it was for the purpose of keeping the government out of religion. Government invariably builds a state religion. We have one in America today; it is called "Secular Humanism." Secular Humanism, as a religion, was birthed by the Warren E. Burger Supreme Court with the passage of Roe vs. Wade. War against Christianity was declared by the passage of that one bill, and it has been raging ever since. It is an unfair war because Christians are the only ones who do not know such a war is even going on in America! Somebody needs to wake them up! Christians are all slumbering and sleeping as to the reality of the war raging against them.

Due to liberal legislation, any attempt made by the church to defend itself is declared political. The entire Bill of Rights was taken from the Bible, but because of government intrusion into the church, it is now interpreted as political by the IRS. Out of fear of losing their non-profit status by the IRS, the church is silenced. The Bill of Rights as originally intended by our founding fathers, represented those inalienable rights given to man by his Creator. Ever since Roe vs. Wade, the new religion of Secular Humanism denies the existence of God, therefore anything Christian must be destroyed. In this all-out war against Christianity, the ACLU is their chief gladiator. The change from a once Christian nation to a secular humanistic state is so gradual that over time the Christians are all put to sleep by the secular humanistic news media.

Left Behind?

The entire church *"slumbered and slept."* May I please ask you, What put the entire church to sleep? The Bible clearly tells us why. *"While the bridegroom tarried."* (Matt. 25:5) The bridegroom failed to appear according to the prophetic timepiece of Charles Larkin's charts, C.I. Scofield's predictions, and John Darby's knowledge of end time events. How could these Calvinites know when the bridegroom cometh? *"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but MY FATHER ONLY."* (Matt. 24:36) Jesus Christ doesn't even know when His Father will allow the bridegroom to leave heaven. *"Whom the heaven must receive (hold) until the times of restitution of all things* (all things

in the tabernacle should be restored in the church), *which God hath spoken BY THE MOUTH of all his holy prophets since the world began.*” (Acts 3:21)

When you were in the world, you believed a big lie called evolution. Now that you’ve become a Christian, do you really believe the devil has ceased lying to you? Jesus met the devil in the wilderness and had to confront him on his scriptures that he quoted. (Matt. 4:1-11) The devil knows the Bible better than we do. If you don’t *“search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life (why?): and they are they (the scriptures) which testify of me.”* (Jn. 5:39) *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY the sprits whether they are of God.”* (1 Jn. 4:1) You ask, How does one TRY the spirits? By the Word of God.

In this world of religion, a lie spreads faster and further than the truth. The Left Behind series of books became a best seller, and later became a movie. Presently, the producers are preparing a second movie entitled, Left Behind 2. You’re right, they have video games for your children, as well. All of this perpetuating Darby-Scofieldism theology.

In the world, you had evolution jammed down your throat through our secular humanistic public school system. Once you become a Christian, the devil has Darby-Scofieldism to jam down your throat. If you don’t read and believe your Bible, you will believe a lie and be damned. *“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* (2 Thes. 2:11-12)

I am unable to recommend any book that man has written, other than John Bunyan’s The Pilgrim’s Progress. Pilgrim is on a highway that leads to the Celestial City. Religion is either on the right side or the left side of the highway. *“And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.”* (Isa. 35:8) In today’s society, we have the Southern Baptists on the right side, and the Assemblies of God Pentecostal on the left side. God instructs Pilgrim to stay on the King’s Highway. It will lead you to the Celestial City. There are 46 scriptures that warn the believer to “turn neither to the right hand, nor to the left hand.” This is why in the early church, it was called The Way. There are twelve scriptures to verify this in the New Testament. *“If he found any of this WAY.”* (Acts 9:2)

Oral Roberts – “Spirits never die”

I remember Oral Roberts preaching under his big top tent during the 1960’s. He preached on the subject, “Spirits never die!” The evangelist Roberts took as his text, *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”* (Ecc. 12:7) The same spirit that resided in the Sadducees, presently resides in the Jehovah’s Witnesses. This is the reason Jehovah’s Witnesses are so Sadd-U-See.

Apparently, according to this evangelist, God sends the same spirit back to earth, clothed in a new body. *“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?”* (1 Cor. 2:11) Where did he acquire the spirit that is in the man? God gave it to him at birth. You wonder why I constantly inquire, “Who are you?” I am talking directly to the man’s spirit. I am not judging the man, but only want to know the name of the spirit that lives inside the man that is calling all the shots.

Jesus meets the Gadarene

Jesus did the same thing on His visit to *“the country of the Gadarenes,”* and met *“a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.”* (Lk. 8:26-27) The man soon began to complain of being tormented by Jesus. These demons had lived in this man’s house for a long time, and refused to leave, even after Christ’s prayers for the demons to leave.

It is then that Jesus had to go in deeper into His arsenal of spiritual weaponry. *“And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.”* (Lk. 8:30)

It is in this story of the man of Gadara that we learn that demons do not want *“to go out into the deep.”* These devils on earth don’t want to go to hell! As long as they can be housed in a body, apparently they do not have to return to “the deep” (bottomless pit).

“And they (the devils) besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.” (Lk. 8:31) Demons are praying and pleading with the Son of God to not send them to hell. The Bible says, *“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”* (Jas. 2:19)

Jesus honored the prayer of the demons. *“Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked (to suffocate with water, drown).”* (Lk. 8:33) These demons are striving to keep from returning to the pit. I used to tell my congregation, “If I can’t cast the devil out of the man, I’ll kick the devil and the man out. Either way, the church is free of demons!”

The Bible says, *“Strive to enter in at the STRAIT (narrow, with obstacles standing close) gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”* (Lk. 13:24) *“And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD SHUT him (Noah) in.”* (Gen. 7:16) God closed the door once it began to rain, *“for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”* (Lk. 13:24)

Dr. Carl McIntire, the father of talk radio

Is it beginning to rain?

I’ll be 86 on January 29, 2007, and am old enough to remember a Presbyterian minister by the name of Carl McIntire of Collingswood, NJ. Pastor Carl McIntire is the father of talk radio. In the name of what is called the “Fairness Doctrine,” the government in 1973 forced Carl McIntire’s radio station off the air, and tried to shut McIntire’s mouth. In response, Dr. McIntire’s obtained the use of a World War II minesweeper and converted it to an AM broadcast station in international waters; three miles off the Cape May, New Jersey coast. The floating station broadcast for a total of ten hours until technical difficulties took it off the air in its first day of operation. But the notion of a "pirate" radio station off the United States coast caught the attention of the nation.



Dr. Carl McIntire

Jesus said, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”* (Jn. 12:24) Carl McIntire was that seed, and from the death of his program, sprang the entire talk show family. I’d listen to him every day, as I now listen to Rush Limbaugh. The Democrats believe in freedom of speech, but not for us on the right. Democrats have enforced this ever since the formation of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

It is the prayer of the Captain that this Old Ship of Zion message will become “the corn of wheat that falls into the ground and dies,” just like the life of this Presbyterian preacher, Carl McIntire. Hopefully, from this seed planted in the earth will spring forth a ministry that produces a fruit of resistance to one world religion and retard the growth of political globalism.

The mystery of the parable of the ten virgins

The parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins is recorded in Matthew 25:1-11. Jesus said, *“Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.”* (Matt. 13:11) *“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.”* (Matt. 11:25) *“For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.”* (Matt. 13:17) *“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and STEWARDS of the MYSTERIES OF GOD.”* (1 Cor. 4:1)

Thus far, in our study to unravel this mystery of the ten virgins, we’ve already established that the cry, *“Behold, the bridegroom cometh”* is given at the darkest part of the night; midnight. One must be living at the time, for Daniel declared, *“the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”* (Dan. 12:9)

Malachi, the last and final prophet to be heard from, gives a prophecy, *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the GREAT AND DREADFUL Day of the LORD.”* (Mal. 4:5) After the prophet Malachi gives this prophecy, the heavens are closed: *“there was no open vision”* (1 Sam. 3:1). For 400 years, Israel would not hear the voice of a true prophet. Malachi, just prophesying about Elijah, and God sealed the heavens. The heavens would only respond favorably again when Elijah, the Tishbite, would come preaching, *“Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* (Matt. 3:2) Jesus speaking of John the Baptist declared, *“For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, THIS IS ELIAS, WHICH WAS FOR TO COME. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.”* (Matt. 11:13-15)

The pattern of the tabernacle in heaven

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.” (According to the IRS rules for a family-owned, non-profit business.) Is this what the good book says? or rather, *“According to all that I shew thee, AFTER THE PATTERN* (of Springfield, MO? Nay, but) *of the TABERNACLE* (in heaven), *and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.”* (Ex. 25:8-9) Moses built the tabernacle after the same identical pattern of the one that exists in heaven. Moses was building it

according to the pattern of the tabernacle in heaven. It is the only way Moses could be assured that God would come down and dwell among men.

As you study the tabernacle, you find it was built specifically for God, *“that I may dwell among them.”* (Ex. 25:8) We find in our study that the following fifteen chapters (Ex. 25-40) are all about the building and the furniture that must go into God’s house. Leviticus speaks about the God who came and dwelt among them from the Holy of Holies. We are talking about forty-two chapters of the Bible. According to these Calvinistic teachers of grace, you may as well flush these forty-two chapters down the toilet! We, and our house, are going to build according to IRS rules and regulations of the tax code 401(c)(3).

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, DESPISE DOMINION (they are ‘as gods’), and speak evil of dignities (men in authority).” (Jude 8) *“And not holding the HEAD, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.”* (Col. 2:19) It is literally impossible to hold THE HEAD in its proper perspective when you own the church, lock, stock, barrel and the collection plate. You are the “little head” of your church. However, it provides the perfect environment for a self-proclaimed god to perform as Nimrod did in his building of the tower of Babel. Nimrod spoke evil of dignities (Almighty God) and built his tower to protect the people from whenever God would have another temper tantrum and send another flood. All self-proclaimed gods are a type of Nimrod.