

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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*Blessed are the ones who follow the living words of the Lord.  
May they continue to study the Lords word to show themselves approved.  
May they always find comfort and peace of mind from God's words.*

## SECULAR DEFIANCE *By Dennis Palma*

In the middle of August 2004, shocking news swept across the nations media about a scandal involving Governor Jim McGreevy. The news broke out of the barn like a race horse that the Governor has been having an affair with a man, and that he was gay. I felt a sense of sadness for his entire family, feeling the most amount of sadness for his children. Children are like fine crystal at that age, you have to handle them with a fine tooth comb. The blow that was dealt to them at that moment, has got to have some serious physiological ramifications. What makes a man or woman resort to this kind of bizarre behavior in these types of scenarios?

Well I will tell you what it is called according to God's words according to the Bible, it is called secular defiance. When I say secular defiance, I am speaking about the absolute denial of God's words. Those words of undeniable truth were put on this earth several thousand years ago for all creation to follow, in the Bible. The Bible stands for B basic/ I instructions/ B before/ L leaving/ E earth/. You don't have to be a brain surgeon to figure that out. A typical explanation of secular defiance can found in the book of Romans chapter 1:20 The Lord says: For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. I think what the Lord was trying to say was just look around and try and figure out the earth, the sun, the moon, the oceans, the mountains, the trees, all living creatures etc. you get the picture, where do you think all this magnificence came from? The Lord seems to be saying to all unbelievers come on wake up and smell the coffee beans! :22 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lust. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another.

Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Take a good look around, how true is that statement when you look at all the controversies surrounding the gay movements today, concerning same sex marriages.

:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to the depraved mind, to do what ought not be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Another absolute perfect statement that has to do with society as a whole, all the trouble in the world past, present and future will always have to do with man's absolute defiance of God's infinite word's.

There is no other way to heal this broken world, except through the word of God. Man has been trying since the beginning of time to separate themselves from God's word, with no success to date. He would rather face embarrassment, disgrace, and eternal death, then to do as our Lord ask us to do, and that is to follow His eternal words.

So my friends in the Lord, people of this world in darkness will always have the opportunity to surrender to God's will because He loves all His children not just some. For the Lord does not want to see any of His creation perish. We all need to pray for all the lost sheep of the world, for the more lost sheep come back to the flock, the more the world will start to heal.

Let us pray: Patient and loving Father of all creation, may Your healing hands heal this world from within. Father touch the world with your healing hand, and heal the broken hearted. Father may You bring peace, love, and joy into this world for all your children to share. Father may Your words of hope, ring throughout the land for all to clearly hear.

May all living in darkness come into Your light. Father may all the spiritually blind eventually see! I ask this all in Jesus name,.....

Amen.

*May we all give thanks and praise always, to the Lord.*

## HOPE FOR TOMORROW FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

### GOD'S MESSAGE

John 5:24 He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life.

I know little about nuclear fission or uranium and other elements used in making nuclear explosives. Yet I believe in the atomic bomb, and so do you. But how can we believe that it exists, if we don't understand it or have any scientific knowledge about the way it works?

The answer is obvious. Others understand nuclear fission even if we don't, and others have seen what happens when a nuclear reaction takes place, even if we haven't. We read what they say, and we accept it as evidence of reliable witnesses.

I spend much of my time perusing the pages of a book---the Bible. In it I discover that centuries ago God acted and spoke, and reliable witnesses have written it down. God even guided them as they wrote, so that now I read the very words of God Himself.

I may not understand everything there is to know about God—but I know Him and trust Him, because I read of Him in the Bible. Most of all, I know He came down to this earth in the person of His Son, and grace and truth came by Jesus Christ ( John 1:17).....Billy Graham.

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### SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Proverbs 22:17 Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach.

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*May the Lord Our Savior Bless You and Your Family Always*

