GEOLOGIST'S LAWSUIT CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION AT GRAND CANYON

Pray for strength for this geologist as he battles institutional religious discrimination. May God change hearts in this nation, especially among scientists, who are daily faced with the glories of the Lord but are often blind and/or antagonistic to God.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. (Ps. 19:1-2)

“A geologist is accusing the federal government in a lawsuit of barring his research in the Grand Canyon because of his biblical beliefs, which religious liberty advocates cite as part of a growing trend of persecution against Christians who try to live their faith in public.

Andrew Snelling holds a doctorate in geology from the University of Sydney and has conducted previous research at the site. His lawsuit claims that park officials have blocked his research efforts for more than three years because of his faith.

‘The government isn’t allowed to discriminate against someone based on their viewpoint, and National Park officials have absolutely no legal justification in stopping a scientist from conducting research simply because they don’t agree with his views,’ said Gary McCaleb, senior counsel at the Alliance Defending Freedom, which filed the lawsuit last week on behalf of Mr. Snelling. ‘Using someone’s views to screen them for a government benefit is unconstitutional.’

The alliance filed the lawsuit against the Interior Department, the National Park Service and Grand Canyon National Park, which have not issued statements about the lawsuit or the geologist’s research.

President Trump promised during his campaign to make protecting religious freedom the first priority of his administration. To that end, he signed an executive order May 4 instructing federal agencies not to discriminate on the basis of religious belief.

‘This is something that should be a concern for all people,’ he said, ‘whatever their faith.’” (Excerpted from The Washington Times. Go HERE to read the entire article by Bradford Richardson.)
BAD NEWS FOR LIFE IN DELAWARE

Pray these verses about abortion—these six things the Lord hates all apply to abortion and abortion providers.

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. (Pr. 6:16-19)

A Democratic-controlled House panel . . . released a bill to codify abortion rights in state law and strike provisions from the Delaware Code that have been ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. . . .

Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 5 would allow abortions in Delaware for any reason and would also expand the timeline to let a doctor terminate a pregnancy any time before the fetus is viable. . . .

The proposal, if it becomes law, would not change anything unless Roe v. Wade is struck down.

Advocates say the legislation brings state law up to standards established by the Supreme Court, but opponents counter it greatly expands abortion.

‘In my opinion, abortion is wrong,’ Rep. Joe Miro, R-Pike Creek Valley, said. “Abortion is nothing else but murder. I don’t care how you look at it, when you have an abortion, you are committing murder.’

Several members of the public cited other reasons to vote against the bill, pointing to religion and the case of Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia physician convicted of killing babies who were born alive during attempted abortions. . . .” (Excerpted from Delaware State News: The State Capital Daily , reporting by Matt Bittle.)

'It was the stuff of nightmares. A woman walked into the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Dover, Delaware, last Friday thinking that she would be getting a ‘safe’ abortion done by a competent provider. She couldn’t have been more mistaken.

Instead she received a botched, incomplete abortion by done by Larry Roy Glazerman, a former Florida doctor who has hurt a woman during surgery before.

To make matters worse, Planned Parenthood refused to properly call an ambulance for the woman who was suffering from a tremendous amount of pain. Instead, clinic workers walked her and her boyfriend out to their private vehicle. . . .” (Excerpted from LifeNews.com , reporting by Cheryl Sullenger.)

4 REASONS TRUMP’S SAUDI ARABIA SPEECH WAS IMPORTANT

Pray for President Trump’s words to be true, wise, godly, and effective.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. (Pr. 25:11)

“Although President Trump’s speech before 50 Muslim leaders in Saudi Arabia did not break new ground in terms of America’s Middle Eastern policy, it was highly significant for at least four reasons.
First, Trump mentioned ‘terror’ or ‘terrorism’ 30 times. In stark contrast, during President Obama's (in)famous Cairo speech in 2009, he did not mention terrorism at all. More importantly, President Trump spoke directly of ‘the crisis of Islamist extremism and the Islamist terror groups it inspires.’

To fight against this, Trump urged, ‘means standing together against the murder of innocent Muslims, the oppression of women, the persecution of Jews, and the slaughter of Christians.’

And remember: Trump said this in the heart of Islamic holy land, Saudi Arabia.

Second, Trump identified Iran as the enemy, linking Iran directly and repeatedly to Islamic terrorism. . . .

He said, ‘It is a government that speaks openly of mass murder, vowing the destruction of Israel, death to America, and ruin for many leaders and nations in this room.’

This had to sting Iran. And this had to be unprecedented for an American president speaking in such a setting.

Third, the president put Hamas and Hezbollah in the same category as ISIS and Al-Qaeda. This means that opposition to Israel is not a justification for terrorism. . . .

The significance of this was not missed by a Lebanese professor, who, CNN reports, ‘pointed out that Trump equated Hezbollah, a Lebanese political and military group made up mostly of Shia Muslims, with ISIS and al Qaeda. Hezbollah was conceived in the early 1980s primarily to fight against Israeli occupation in southern Lebanon.’

Fourth, Trump rejected the theology of martyrdom by suicide bombing, saying, ‘Terrorists do not worship God, they worship death.’

He said, ‘This is not a battle between different faiths, different sects, or different civilizations.

‘This is a battle between barbaric criminals who seek to obliterate human life, and decent people of all religions who seek to protect it.

‘This is a battle between Good and Evil.’”(Excerpted from The Christian Post, reporting by Michael Brown.)

PRO-ISLAM FEMINIST?: POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

In the ideological “war” that is raging in America, pray for God to reveal what is hidden. DOWNLOAD IFA’s FREE Prayer Guide Special Report to the Deep State.

The truth is that, although of course we lead normal human lives, the battle we are fighting is on the spiritual level. The very weapons we use are not those of human warfare but powerful in God’s warfare for the destruction of the enemy’s strongholds. Our battle is to bring down every deceptive fantasy and every imposing defence that men erect against the true knowledge of God. (2 Cor. 10:3-5 PHIL.)

In the midst of the college commencement season, it is helpful to learn about some of the people that the left looks to as experts or role models. One of the strangest is Linda Sarsour, who was invited to speak at the City University of New York commencement. “An outspoken critic of Israel, Sarsour avidly supports . . . various forms of public protest, economic pressure, and lawsuits to advance the Hamas agenda of permanently destroying Israel as a Jewish nation-state. . . .’
In October 2012 she tweeted that ‘nothing is creepier than Zionism.’

In 2004, Sarsour acknowledged that a friend of hers, as well as a cousin, were both serving long sentences in Israeli jails because of their efforts to recruit jihadists to murder Jews. Moreover, she revealed that her brother-in-law was serving a 12-year prison term because of his affiliation with Hamas.

Sharia law activist Linda Sarsour has ties to Hamas yet she was invited to give a commencement speech at taxpayer funded CUNY. As expected, conservative activists have shown outrage. Surprisingly, a Democrat is now calling for her speech to be canceled.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn) expressed outrage that radical Sharia advocate Linda Sarsour has been invited to give a CUNY commencement speech. Sarsour, a self-proclaimed activist who glorified and encouraged terrorist stone throwers as “courageous,” was invited by the City University of New York’s Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy to address this year’s graduating class. Having already called on Chancellor James Milliken to step in and rescind this invitation, Hikind is now calling upon Governor Andrew Cuomo to prevent this outrage from occurring.

“Governor Cuomo has been a great supporter of Israel and the Israeli people,” said Hikind. “Our Governor has stood firm against the racist BDS movement. He recently visited Israel stating, ‘If you really care, you show up.’ Now I ask the Governor to intervene in this outrageous choice. (Excerpted from Breitbart News, reporting by Pamela Geller.)