

# Following God is Something Else!!

Did you happen to see the Service of Prayer for the Nation at the Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday, Jan. 21, the day after President Trump's inauguration? I gather that it was part of the scheduled Inauguration activities, along with the balls, parties, press conferences, etc. The Cathedral described it as "an interfaith Service of Prayer for the Nation . . . In this special service, the Cathedral will gather with our interfaith and ecumenical partners to offer prayers of thanksgiving for our democracy and to seek God's guidance in the years ahead."

During the short time I watched, I heard droning prayers, one great hymn sung (Faith of Our Fathers), and various people walking around with their black gowns and colorful stoles, looking very holy. Later on I checked again, and it was STILL going, with a person delivering a sermon containing so many of the buzz-word phrases used by the left to scold us heartless people on the right, like "unity" and understanding of people who are different from us, and yadda, yadda, barf!

I wondered if this minister was a man or a woman but figured it out when I heard



her voice. She is an Episcopalian Bishop, and she managed to make a splash with her scolding tone delivered right to President Trump whose

attendance was mandated by tradition and public expectation. Sheesh!

I felt BAD that President Trump was subjected to that, not only the scolding but also the idea that this is just another "Christian" religion, along with the many other versions of it. Actually, I guess that it IS just another variety of "Christian" religion, and it has nothing to do with following the Living God as we know Him in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, thereby committing your whole life to Him in surrender and obedience to Him.

Unfortunately, when mankind encounters the spiritual, the immediate response is to systematize it into doctrines and principles. Then the doctrines and principles are organized into an institution that becomes a religion, defined by the dictionary as "a personal set or institutionalized system of religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices". Wars have been fought over differences of doctrine and practice, shedding much blood in the name of some prophet or leader who may even have stood against such stuff.

Think of the Muslims who are divided into several groups, two of which are the Sunni and Shiite versions, who hate and kill each other as well as killing us. The "Christian" religion is not innocent, as the Crusades and the Spanish Inquisition demonstrate. There is strife between practioners

of other religions and their variants in other places, also, like India, where Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists clash, with a few Christians in the mix, also.

When my dad (Ernie Gommel) came to know God, he had been raised "in the church" and was a typical American "Christian". He was a good man with strong ideals and ethics, but his heart had never



encountered and surrendered to God. Then when he did surrender, he stopped his life's activities and immediately focused on seeking

God's direction for the remainder of his life. He resigned his position with a pipe manufacturing mill, giving up a successful climb up the business ladder and spent months, along with my mother, figuring out what the next step should be.

He felt led to go to seminary to become a minister in the Disciples of Christ denomination and so moved the family to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he went to Christian Theological Seminary and graduated with highest honors. During those Indiana years, he was assistant minister and then senior minister in two different churches.

It wasn't long before he knew that serving in an institutional church wasn't going to work for him. His message to the congregation was that God calls us to serve Him with our whole being, and with abandon, so that God was not to be our partner or the guy we drag along with us to approve what we do with our lives. God is to be the One who leads us and we follow Him and obey Him with all aspects of our lives.

Ultimately Gommel left institutional religion and started to meet with a small group at our house, first in Indianapolis, and then in Reche Canyon (Colton), down below. And that led to our buying the Hitchin Post Market, and 14 years later Lucerne Valley Market, by God's leading, and as a non-religious way to serve Him and to share His Spirit. He, and we, were FREE to follow God, by His Holy Spirit, and not be caged in the bars of some denomination's doctrines and practices.

Hence, "Following God is Something Else." It is not practicing religion. It is living moment by moment, day by day, seeking God's will and trying to do it. It is living by the guidance of His Holy Spirit Who is in each of us who choose to let Him be there. (Yes, the Bible is foundational to all of this, for those of you who worry that it is minimized.) It is meeting with others in a Body of Believers, who support each other spiritually, and to whom each is accountable, so that we are not simply free agents floating around, reveling in our self-deluded ideas of God's approval.

Most importantly, we are not limited in boxes of manmade denominational doctrines but are free to relate to the living God Himself, by His Holy Spirit. Wow! What a difference. No dead prayer services in beautiful cathedrals that have no life inside

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Linda's Introduction:

Babylon Bee and its sister "Not the Bee" tell more of God's Truth than almost any other publication on the internet, or anywhere else, for that matter. My other favorites that do the same are American Thinker and Patriot Post. This article below is a satire on the way that those who push or look favorably on women's "right to choose" justify their position by referring to the developing baby as a mere "clump of cells" that is not fully human. Yeah, right!

What do you think God thinks of that? Israel suffered terrible repercussions from God when they adopted the practice of child sacrifice that they learned from the Canaanites among whom they lived. They were subjected to multiple invasions, destroyed cities, and ultimately deportation as slaves to another country. How do you think God regards our practice of child sacrifice? *LG*

### Clump Of Cells Dies At 67



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NEW YORK — A clump of cells became no longer viable earlier this week at the age of 67.

The clump, which had been birthed by Democrat uterus-owner and former Texas governor Ann Richards, was in its 205th trimester. It presided over nearly 333,000 terminations of unwanted clumps of cells like itself during a 12-year stint as president of a philanthropic organization 3% dedicated to ripping apart clumps of cells and selling the remains.

Sources say that the non-viable formerly 67-year-old clump of cells lost a battle against glioblastoma, a much smaller clump of cells which got too big in the brain of the 67-year-old clump of cells.

The ex-clump of cells became no longer viable as it was surrounded by clumps of cells that were genetically related to it and a dog named Ollie.

At publishing time, the non-viable clump of cells had narrowly avoided having its parts sold to make money for other clumps of cells within its clump-of-cells-killing philanthropic organization.

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them. Just living your life for God. I wish I could tell that to President Trump and to Vice President Vance! I wish they could know the freedom of the Spirit that comes from a living relationship with God our Father! I wish YOU could know that freedom of throwing off all the shackles that hold you back and give yourself to Him! And if you already do know it, Hallelujah! *Linda Gommel*

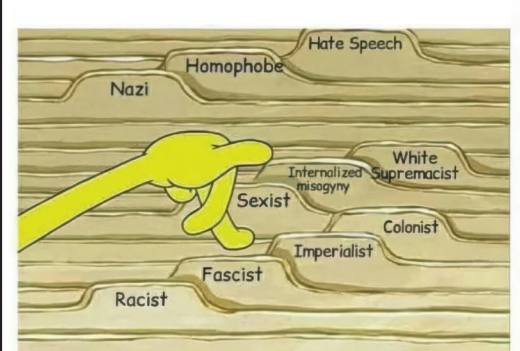
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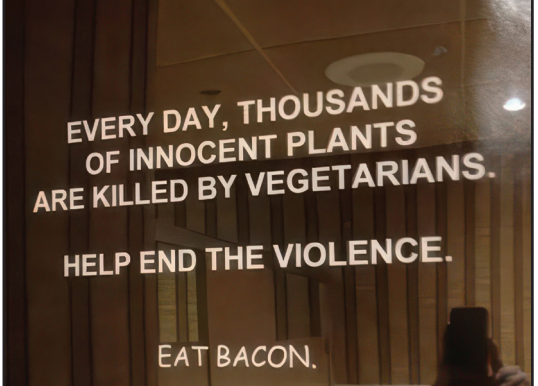


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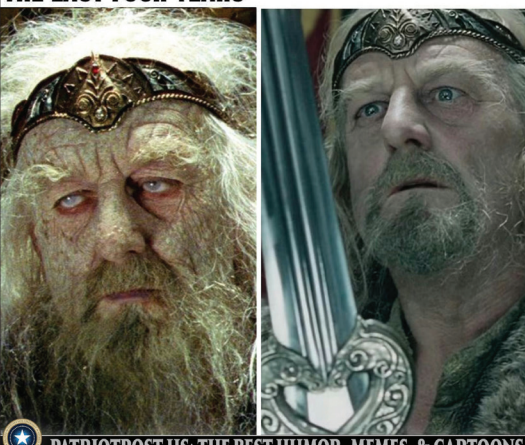
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