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RICE VS. CLINTON Campaign 2008 Has Begun

It is not a Supreme Court case. It is not a boxing match. Condoleezza Rice versus Hillary Rodham Clinton. Could they be our choices for President in 2008? Rice has been urged to run for President by some conservative and “pro-life” commentators and activists. They suggest she would provide a great contrast to Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom many believe is a shoo-in for the Democratic Party’s nomination.

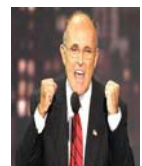
Everyone knows Clinton is even more rabidly pro-abortion than her husband, if that is possible. As for Rice, on one occasion she referred to herself as a “pro-choice evangelical.” Rice has also described her position as “mildly pro-choice” and “reluctantly pro-choice.”



“Whatever her political intentions may be now or in the future, pro-life Americans need to know that Condoleezza Rice is not pro-life,” said Colleen Parro, executive director of the Republican National Coalition for Life. Parro had more to say on the subject:

Just as it is impossible to be a little bit pregnant, it is impossible to be a little bit pro-choice. You either justify the killing of babies who are not yet born, or you don’t. You either stand for respect and protection of innocent human life from conception, or you don’t.

Those who are entertaining this idea [of a Rice candidacy], some of our good friends among them, should keep in mind that the Republican Party simply cannot afford to create a split in the ranks that surely would occur if a pro-abortion-choice candidate were to lead the ticket in 2008!



Rice is being touted as the logical choice to face Clinton because some people claim the Republican Party lacks a strong male figure who could successfully head the Republican ticket. Yet others say

former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani would be a strong candidate against the former First Lady, but he is at odds with the Republican platform over abortion. Giuliani even supports partial-birth abortion. He has also incensed pro-family conservatives by supporting homosexual marriage.

At least one national news report has indicated that pro-family activists may reluctantly accept Giuliani’s pro-abortion position in the interest of winning the White House in 2008. It is theorized that Giuliani would at least be better than Clinton and conservatives should reward him for fervently supporting the President’s re-election. Giuliani also supported the Bush economic stimulus plan, including the tax cuts that were the cornerstone of the program.

In a survey of delegates at the Republican National Convention this past August, 94 percent expressed a positive view of Giuliani. Clearly, his position on social issues has not been particularly damaging.

Another top contender in 2008 is Senator John McCain of Arizona. McCain angered social conservatives by vocally opposing a constitutional amendment on homosexual marriage. He upset economic conservatives when he refused to support the Bush tax cuts. Writing in the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Robert Novak called McCain “pro-life on abortion.” Yet McCain supports embryonic stem cell experimentation. Despite his generally good voting record in the Senate, it is obvious that abortion is not an issue McCain really cares about and this would be reflected in his nominations, appointments, executive actions and inactions. In fact, he views pro-life Republicans as something of a nuisance.



In the survey of convention delegates, only 62 percent expressed a favorable view of McCain. This is primarily because he challenged Bush in 2000. While the “maverick” label is well-worn by some, McCain is too often seen as one who “shoots from the hip.” And McCain surely did not do his future campaign any favors when he told a national audience on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that he is “sure” Hillary Rodham Clinton “would make a good president.”

Giuliani and McCain are “out of touch with mainstream Republicans,” Novak wrote. Still, the columnist called them “two of the most popular political figures in America.” And it seems that the chief reason for such popularity is their propensity for bucking party conservatives.



Parro warned that nominating a candidate who is not in sync with “values voters” would be “the surest way for Republicans to drive pro-life Democrats and Independents into Hillary Clinton’s camp, where they might feel more comfortable when it comes to economic, foreign policy, or other issues.”

Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI, said he doubts Rice will run for President, but McCain and Giuliani are almost sure bets to enter the race. “Both men will argue that they have been loyal Republicans and proved it when the party needed them. They will expect the same in return,” Scott said. “But my religion does not call on me to be a loyal Republican; it calls on me to be loyal to policy that is God-honoring. Supporting a candidate who does not vociferously uphold the right to life would never be God-honoring.”

“While Rudy Giuliani would be a disaster for the Pro-Life Movement in the Republican Party, McCain would give us little more than lip service,” Scott said. “And a Giuliani-McCain ticket, which is a realistic possibility, would be devastating.”

Scott said word must go out loudly and clearly that, “Voters who care about moral issues will stay home if they do not have a candidate they can enthusiastically support in 2008. Any person who *claims* to care about human beings killed in the womb while supporting a candidate who is bad on the issue is no friend of pre-born children. Rather, he would be little more than a pawn of the pro-abortion crowd and lose all credibility.”

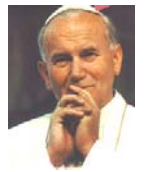
Scott said there are no circumstances that would convince true pro-life advocates to abandon their convictions for the sake of winning an election. “It’s not the winning that counts,” he said, “it’s what we are fight-

ing for and what is won.” The battle for 2008 is underway—already.

JEWISH LEADER BLASTS COMPARISON

Pope John Paul II has been criticized for making what some see as a comparison between abortion and the Holocaust. Paul Spiegel, of Germany’s Central Council of Jews, called the Pope’s statements “unacceptable.” Spiegel was referring to a passage in *Memory and Identity: Conversations Between Millenniums*, which is based on the Pope’s conversations with two close friends from his native Poland. Spiegel objected to a section of the book in which the Pope said that, like the Holocaust, abortion came about when people decided to usurp the laws of God and nature.

“We have to question the legal regulations that have been decided in the parliaments of present-day democracies. The most direct association which comes to mind is the abortion laws...,” the Pope wrote, noting that a legally elected parliament brought Hitler to power. “Parliaments which create and promulgate such laws must be aware that they are transgressing their powers and remain in open conflict with the law of God and the law of nature.”



Spiegel said the Pope’s comments show that the Catholic Church “does not understand or does not want to understand that there is an enormous difference between mass genocide and what women do to their own bodies.” But the Nazis were not killing “their own bodies” any more than the women who have had abortions. Nevertheless, a Vatican official, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, said the Pope “was not trying to put the Holocaust and abortion on the same plane.” Rather, he intended to show the pervasiveness of evil, “even in liberal political systems.”

What is inherently wrong with making such a comparison? “Nothing,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “Some Jewish leaders, most of whom support legal abortion, dislike the comparison because they do not see—or refuse to see—the similarities. Doing so would interfere with their agenda. They just object to the making of the comparison and choose to ignore its specific aspects.” In this case, the key would be usurping “the law of God” and the fact that in both cases the elected representatives of the people created a disaster.

Some groups object to comparing abortion (or anything else for that matter) to the Holocaust. They also do not like it when abortion is referred to as a “holo-

caust.” It would seem that a dictionary definition of the operative term would be useful (dictionary.com):

hol-o-caust noun

1. Great destruction resulting in the extensive loss of life...
- 2a. *Holocaust*. The genocide of European Jews and others by the Nazis during World War II...
- 2b. A massive slaughter...

Clearly, then, “Holocaust” (with a capital “H”) refers to the tragic and ungodly events that took place in Europe during World War II. And “holocaust” (with a small “h”) refers to any extensive loss of life or massive slaughter—such as abortion. In other words:

- Holocaust—millions of innocent human beings get senselessly slaughtered.
- holocaust (abortion)—millions of innocent human beings get senselessly slaughtered.

Maybe some further analysis is in order:

- During the Holocaust, some German citizens chose to turn in Jews for “termination” because they were deemed unworthy or an inconvenience. In abortion, some citizens choose to turn in their preborn children for “termination” because they have been deemed unworthy or an inconvenience.
- During the Holocaust, some disabled human beings were put to death because they were deemed a burden on society. In abortion, some human beings have been put to death because it had been determined that the child may be disabled and, therefore, a burden on society.
- The Nazi regime chose to terminate millions of Jews and others through a well organized and official process. Some people choose to terminate their preborn children through a well organized and official process.
- Elected officials in Nazi Germany passed legislation that sanctioned the killing. Parliaments and courts have sanctioned killing through abortion.
- Nazis experimented on Jews “in the interest of science,” made lamp shades out of their skin and ash trays out of their bones. Parliaments have allowed experimentation on human beings “in the interest of science” while arguing that they would otherwise just be thrown away and wasted.
- The Nazis rationalized their actions with verbal engineering. In abortion some people rationalize their actions with verbal engineering.

It is imperative that we remember that many thousands of Christians were killed by the Nazis—often because they defended Jews. One such “living hero,” Archbishop Gennaro Verolino, was recently honored by Sweden because he risked his own life to help save Jews during the Nazi occupation of Hungary by issuing them false documents. Another prime example, Father Maxamillian Kolbe, offered to take the place of a Jewish man who was married and had children. Kolbe was stripped naked and locked in a starvation cell. He was later murdered by lethal injection and his body was placed in one of the ovens.

Let us keep in mind that Pope John Paul II personally experienced both the Holocaust and Communism. It seems he has earned the right to make such a comparison. Let us remember all victims, whether Jew or Christian, Pole or Ukrainian, strong or weak.

Jews do not own the word “holocaust.” What if the Holocaust had been called “The Great Termination” instead? Would abortion advocates be prohibited from saying “‘termination’ of pregnancy”?

Need we say it? If it looks like a holocaust, walks like a holocaust, and the innocent and defenseless die silently like in a holocaust, what is it? Choice?

PRO-ABORTION: A WINNING MESSAGE?

The media has characterized pro-abortion groups as the most powerful force in the Democratic Party. Yet a handful of elected officials have been seeking to moderate the party’s position on abortion in an effort to attract pro-life Democrats. Even Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York has started to soften her rhetoric, though her radical position actually remains the same. Speaking at the annual conference of Family Planning Advocates, she called for both sides to search for “common ground” to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies.

The campaign for chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) turned ugly when former Congressman Timothy J. Roemer of Indiana lashed out at those who had criticized his views on abortion. “I like a good fight. But don’t put my arms behind me. Give me a chance to talk about my values. And don’t litmus-test me,” he said.

A Roemer aide said his boss was angry over a memo that outlined his voting record, which sometimes did not follow the party platform. The platform plank reads as follows:

We will defend the dignity of all Americans against those who would undermine it. Because we believe in the privacy and equality of women, we stand proudly

for a woman's right to choose, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, and regardless of her ability to pay. We stand firmly against Republican efforts to undermine that right. At the same time, we strongly support family planning and adoption incentives. Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare.

Kate Michelman, former chief of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said she considered running for chairman after Roemer entered the race, but opted instead to lead "a vigorous effort" to ensure that the new DNC leader would be "someone who stands forthrightly for a woman's right to choose." Michelman said she would "urge DNC members to make an unequivocal statement that choice is both a fundamental value of the Democratic Party and an essential component of our *winning message* (emphasis added)."

"It would be extremely foolish if the DNC were to be led by a chair[man] who agrees with the Bush administration's position on abortion," said Phil Johnston, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. Roemer responded: "That makes me mad. And I'm going to fight because I'm part of this great party."

Roemer said Democrats should learn from the Republican Party, which has allowed Rudolph W. Giuliani and Arnold Schwarzenegger to play prominent roles despite their holding a pro-abortion position. "Republicans have a big tent; why can't we?" he asked.

"The Republicans can argue truthfully that their party gives much greater leeway than the Democrats to dissenters at their convention," wrote Robert Novak in the Chicago *Sun-Times*. "It is inconceivable that the opening night of the Democratic convention...would feature a foe of abortion, a backer of the anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment or a supporter of the Bush tax cuts."

Some candidates for DNC chairman rose to Roemer's defense. Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb said the party should remember that "George Bush is the enemy," not Roemer. Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean said, "I know something about being a target of other Democrats."



After winning the election to succeed Terry McAuliffe as DNC chairman, Dean said "every Democrat must be involved in the conversation" about the party's future. "We are going to embrace pro-life Democrats because pro-life Democrats care about kids after they're born, not just before they're born," he said. Talk about a cheap shot! But Karen Pearl, interim president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, disagrees:

We are pro-choice because reproductive rights are human rights. We oppose restrictions on reproductive health care and access to services because our fundamental values—freedom, equality, the human right to make our own decisions about whether and when to have a child—are under attack. These are values shared by the majority of Americans. And our opposition to anti-choice measures has nothing to do with partisanship or politics. Regardless of their party affiliation, all of our legislators should respect our human right to determine our own reproductive destiny.

Pearl said she was fine with Clinton's call to find "common ground" with pro-life activists, but...:

[W]e cannot—and will not—compromise our core values. The common ground of supporting contraception, education, family planning, and other measures to prevent unintended pregnancy is a win-win situation for all of us who truly desire to reduce the need for abortion...it's also our duty to ensure that women and men continue to have access to the full range of reproductive health care options they need to live healthy, happy lives. And so while we work wholeheartedly to make the need for abortion rare—at Planned Parenthood affiliates nationwide, 83 percent of our clients receive services to help prevent unintended pregnancy—we must also work to keep abortion safe, accessible, and fully protected by law.

"Our reproductive rights, just like our other human rights, are non-negotiable," Pearl declared. "Pro-choice Americans cannot be taken for granted precisely because our human rights cannot be taken for granted." In other words, everyone, including Dean, welcomes pro-life Democrats and "values" their opinions. This is an attempt to placate pro-life Democrats with a "we are listening to you" message in order to get their votes, but pro-life Democrats surely realize that their party is now and will remain rabidly pro-abortion for the foreseeable future.

THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in daily prayer for the men and women who are active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions: *March*—Senator **Arlen Specter**, R-Penn., who is chairman of the Judiciary Committee; *April*—**La Don Love**, PPFA's chairman of the board; *May*—**Karen Pearl**, interim PPFA president; and *June*—Senator **Hillary Rodham Clinton**, D-N.Y.

FIGHTING ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

The Bush Administration's proposed 2006 budget has the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) hierarchy all tied up in knots. Why? Not because the abortion-committing empire would get less

money (it would get more), but because funding for abstinence programs would also be increased.



Karen Pearl, PPFA's interim president, posed a question: "[W]hat do you do if you see that the government has spent \$900 million in the past five years on a program that has had no discernable results, and that has recently been shown to be riddled with glaring misrepresentations and errors? Well, if you're President Bush, you propose increasing its funding by almost 25 percent." Abstinence education is budgeted at \$206 million. Pearl offered her version of abstinence education:

By enforcing ignorance and promoting fear. Abstinence only curricula don't tell young people about contraception, except in terms of failure rates. They don't teach young people how they can reduce their risk for unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted infection. They exaggerate the dangers of sex as a scare tactic. One textbook tells teens that HIV can be spread by sweat and tears. Another warns that abortion can lead to sterility and suicide. One video used in abstinence only classes presents the following scenario: "What if I want to have sex before I get married?... Well, I guess you just have to be prepared to die. And you'll probably take your spouse and one or more of your children with you."

Pearl claimed that, "At best, these programs have little or no long-term impact on teens' sexual behavior." She cited a study funded by the Texas Department of Health that showed "sexual activity actually increased among teens who received abstinence education." Buzz Pruitt, Ph.D., the Texas A&M professor who directed the study, concluded that abstinence programs seem to be "much more concerned about politics than kids..."



PPFA does not stop at asserting that abstinence education is a failure. Its leaders also claim such teaching is "outright dangerous." Referring to a study published in the *American Journal of Sociology*, Pearl said that young people who took a virginity pledge were "one-third less likely to use contraception when they did become sexually active than their peers who did not pledge." Pearl continued the PPFA mantra:

When a condom can mean the difference between life and death, it is irresponsible and flat-out immoral not to teach young people how to use one correctly and why to use them consistently.

Young people deserve—and need—the truth. They need medically accurate information about sexuality and reproduction without an ideological spin...Most of all, young people need programs that help them

stay safe, healthy, and make responsible choices. Medically accurate sex education works.

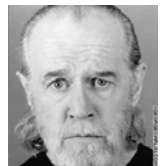
According to Pearl, an "overwhelming majority of Americans—including nearly 90 percent of parents—support comprehensive, medically accurate *teaching* and oppose abstinence only *preaching*. So does the American Medical Association (emphasis added)." (You will notice that those who give the abstinence message "preach" and those who give the "comprehensive" sex message "teach.") Of course, Pearl did not offer a source for the 90 percent figure; nor was it made clear to those surveyed what PPFA means by "comprehensive" sex education.

The PPFA chief urged people to contact their lawmakers and tell them to oppose "inaccurate" and "dangerous" abstinence education. The group is promoting the Responsible Education About Life (REAL) Act, introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., and Senator Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. "This law will provide states with funding—in an amount matching that given to abstinence-only programs—to support comprehensive sex education," Pearl said.

Pearl did not mention the colossal failure of the Title X (Roman numeral "ten") birth control program, through which PPFA receives some \$50 million from taxpayer annually. She also omitted the fact that PPFA applied for and received funding from the abstinence (Title V) program she opposes so vociferously. (Does this make the Planned Parenthood programs funded by Title V "dangerous" as well?) Needless-to-say, PPFA's definition of "abstinence" is widely different from that of the lawmakers who worked to create and fund Title V.

INSULT AND INJURY

As part of The Prayer Project, LDI asked people to pray for comedian George Carlin in November 2004. He was selected because, as we put it back in November, Carlin "has spoken in favor of abortion and made bigoted comments about pro-life people and Catholics." This is certainly true.



What follows are some of the remarks Carlin has made about abortion and religion. While it will certainly be long and sometimes tedious reading that may even upset you, there is a reason why we are printing his comments—which we will make clear at the end of the quoted text. (An asterisk [*] indicates that an expletive has been omitted, but some remarks are still highly offensive, so please be aware of this before you choose to proceed):

Boy these conservatives are really something, aren't they? They're all in favor of the unborn. They will do anything for the unborn, but once you're born, you're on your own.

Pro-life conservatives are obsessed with the fetus from conception to nine months. After that they don't want to know about you. They don't want to hear from you. No nothing! No neonatal care, no daycare, no Head Start, no school lunch, no welfare, no nothing. If you're preborn you're fine; if you're pre-school you're *.

Conservatives don't give a * about you until you reach military age. Then they think you are just fine—just what they've been looking for. Conservatives want live babies so they can raise them to be dead soldiers.

Pro-life? These people aren't pro-life, they're killing doctors! What kind of pro-life is that?...They'll do anything they can to save a fetus but if it grows up to be a doctor they might just have to kill it?

They're not pro-life. You know what they are? They're anti-woman. Simple as it gets. Anti-woman... They don't like women. They believe a woman's primary role is to function as a broodmare for the state.

Pro-life? You don't see many of these white anti-abortion women volunteering to have any black fetuses transplanted into their uteruses, do you? No, you don't see them adopting a whole lot of crack babies, do you? No, that might be something Christ would do...

Is a fetus a human being? This seems to be the central question. Well, if a fetus is a human being how come the census doesn't count them? If a fetus is a human being how come when there's a miscarriage they don't have a funeral? If a fetus is a human being how come people say we have two children and one on the way instead of saying they have three children?

People say life begins at conception. I say life began about a billion years ago and it's a continuous process. Continuous and it just keep rolling along...Just looking for a little consistency in these anti-abortion arguments. You see the really hard core people will tell you life begins at fertilization—fertilization when the sperm fertilizes the egg...But even after the egg is fertilized it's still six or seven days before it reaches the uterus and pregnancy begins and not every egg makes it that far. Eighty percent of a woman's fertilized eggs are rinsed and flushed out of her body once a month...They wind up on sanitary napkins and yet they are fertilized eggs. So basically what these anti-abortion people are telling us is that any woman who's had more than one period is a serial killer! Consistency! Consistency!

Hey, if they really want to get serious, what about all the sperm that are wasted when the state executes a condemned man and one of these pro-life guys who's

watching * in his pants, huh? Here's a guy standing over there with his Jockey shorts full of little "Vinnies and Debbies," and nobody's saying a word to the guy. Not every ejaculation deserves a name.

Now, speaking of consistency, Catholics, which I was until I reached the age of reason, Catholics and other Christians are against abortions and they're against homosexuals. Well who has less abortions than homosexuals? Leave these * people alone for Christ's sake! Here is an entire class of people guaranteed never to have an abortion. And the Catholics and Christians, you're just tossing them aside! You'd think they'd make natural allies.

Go look for consistency in religion. And speaking of my friends the Catholics, when...cardinals and bishops have experienced their first pregnancies and their first labor pains and they've raised a couple of children on minimum wage, then I'll be glad to hear what they have to say about abortion. I'm sure it will be interesting—enlightening, too. But, in the meantime, what they ought to be doing is telling these priests who took a vow of chastity to keep their hands of the altar boys...

So you know what I tell these anti-abortion people? I say hey...if you think a fetus is more important than a woman, try to get a fetus to wash the * stains out of your underwear...I tell them, think about abortion as term limits, that's all it is, biological term limits.

There was more Carlin had to say about religion:

Religion is nothing but mind control. Religion is just trying to control your mind, control your thoughts, so they're going to tell you things you shouldn't say because they're "sins." And besides telling things you shouldn't say, religion's gonna suggest to you some things you ought to be saying. Here's something you ought to say when you first wake up in the morning. Here's something you ought to say before you go to sleep at night. Here's something we always say on the third Wednesday of April after the first full moon in spring at four o'clock when the bell rings. Religion is always suggesting things you ought to be saying.

Carlin spoke about stay-at-home mothers:

I also happen to like it when feminists attack these fat-* housewives who think there's nothing more to life than sitting home on the telephone, drinking coffee, watching TV, and pumping out a baby every nine months...

George Carlin endorses unabated natural selection:

Nature knows best. We're saving entirely too many lives in this country of all ages. Nature should be allowed to do its job of killing off the weak and sickly and ignorant people without interference...Just think of it as passive eugenics."

Carlin has even attacked pro-life rhetoric:

The longer you listen to this abortion debate the more you hear this phrase “sanctity of life”... You believe in it? Personally, I think it’s a bunch of *. Well, I mean, life is sacred? Who said so? God?

Hey if you read history you realize that God is one of the leading causes of death. Has been for thousands of years. Hindus, Moslems [sic], Jews, Christians—all taking turns killing each other because God told them it was a good idea. “The Sword of God,” “the Blood of the Lamb,” “vengeance is mine”...

Millions of dead *, all because they gave the wrong answer to the God question. “You believe in God?” “No.” Dead. “You believe in God?” “Yes.” “You believe in my God?” “No.” Dead! My god has a bigger * than your god.

Thousands of years, thousands of years, and all the best wars too, the bloodiest most brutal wars fought—all based on religious hatred, which is fine with me. Hey, any time a bunch of holy people want to kill each other I’m a happy guy. But don’t be giving me all this * about the sanctity of life. I mean even if there were such a thing, I don’t think it’s something you can blame on God.

[Y]ou know where the sanctity of life came from? We made it up. You know why? Because we’re alive—self interest. Living people have a strong interest in promoting the idea that somehow life is sacred... It’s a self-serving man-made * story—one of these things we’ll tell ourselves so we’ll feel noble. “Life is sacred.” Makes you feel noble. Well let me ask you this: If everything that ever lived is dead, and everything alive is gonna die, where does the sacred part come in? I’m having trouble with that!...

[E]ven with this stuff we preach about the sanctity of life, we don’t practice it... Look at what we kill—mosquitoes and flies, because they’re pests; lions and tigers, ‘cause it’s fun; chickens and pigs, ‘cause we’re hungry; pheasants and quails, cause it’s fun and we’re hungry. And people, we kill people, ‘cause they’re pests—and it’s fun.

And you might [have] noticed something else—the sanctity of life doesn’t seem to apply to cancer cells, does it?... viruses, mold, mildew, maggots, fungus, weeds, *E.coli*, bacteria, the crabs. Nothing sacred about those things, so at best, the sanctity of life is kind of a selective thing. We get to choose which forms of life we feel are sacred and we get to kill the rest. Pretty neat deal, huh? You know how we got it? We made the whole * thing up! Made it up!

Carlin does not care for the Ten Commandments:

It’s always kind of bugged the * out of me—the Ten Commandments... About 5,000 years ago a bunch of religious and political hustlers got together to try to figure out how to control people—how to keep ‘em in line. They knew people were basically stupid and

would believe anything they were told, so they announced that God had given them some commandments. Up on a mountain, when no one was around, God had given them the Ten Commandments... when they were sittin’ around making this * up... To me it’s clearly a * list. It’s a political document... We’re going to start with the first three and I’ll use the Roman Catholic version ‘cause those are the ones I was taught as a boy...

Right off the bat, the first three, pure *. “Sabbath Day,” “the Lord’s name,” “strange gods.” Spooky language. Spooky language! Designed to scare and control primitive people. In no way does superstitious nonsense like this apply to the lives of intelligent, civilized humans in the 21st century...

Next, “Honor they father and mother.” Obedience. Respect for authority. Just another name for controlling people. The truth is obedience and respect should not be automatic. They should be earned. They should be based on the parents’ performance. Some parents deserve respect; most of them don’t, period...

Now in the interest of logic, something religion is very uncomfortable with... I don’t think you should outlaw fantasizing about someone else’s wife. Otherwise, what’s a guy gonna think about when he’s waxing his carrot [masturbating]? But marital fidelity is a good idea...

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods.” This one is just plain * stupid. Coveting your neighbor’s goods is what keeps the economy going. Your neighbor gets a vibrator that plays “Oh Come All Ye Faithful,” you want to get one, too. Coveting creates jobs; leave it alone...

When you think about it, religion has never really had a big problem with murder. Not really. More people have been killed in the name of God than for any other reason. All you have to do is look at Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Kashmir, the Inquisition, the Crusades, and the World Trade Center, to see how seriously the religious folks take “Thou shalt not kill.” The more devout they are, the more they see murder as being negotiable... It depends on who’s doing the killing and who’s getting killed.

So with all of this in mind, I leave you with my revised list of the *two* commandments. “Thou shall always be honest and faithful to the provider of thy nookie” [your “partner”] and “thou shall try real hard not to kill anyone, unless of course they pray to a different invisible man from the one you pray to.” Two is all you need. Moses could have carried ‘em down the hill in his * pocket. And if they had a list like that I wouldn’t mind those folks in Alabama putting it up on the courthouse wall—as long as they added one additional commandment—“Thou shall keep thy religion to thyself.”

Finally, Carlin has attacked clergymen and explored an “alternate religion”:

In the * department, a businessman can't hold a candle to a clergyman...I gotta tell you the truth. When it comes to *, big time major league *, you have to stand in awe, in awe, of the all time champion of false promises and exaggerated claims—religion. No contest!...

Religion easily has the greatest * story ever told.

Think about it. Religion has actually convinced people that there's an invisible man, living in the sky, who watches everything you do every minute of every day. And the invisible man has a special list of ten things he does not want you to do. And if you do any of these ten things he has a special place full of fire and smoke and burning and torture and anguish where he will send you to live and suffer and burn and choke and scream and cry forever and ever until the end of time. But he loves you. He loves you! He loves you and he needs money! He always needs money. He's all-powerful, all-perfect, all-knowing and all-wise, somehow just can't handle money. Religion takes in billions of dollars, they pay no taxes and they always need a little more. Now you talk about a good * story. Holy *!...

I want you to know the when it comes to believing in God, I really tried. I really, really tried. I tried to believe that there is a god who created each of us in his own image and likeness, loves us very much and keeps a close eye on things. I really tried to believe that but I gotta tell ya, the longer you live, the more you look around, the more you realize, something is * up. Something is wrong here. War, disease, death, destruction, hunger, filth, poverty, torture, crime, corruption...Something is definitely wrong. This is not good work. If this is the best god can do, I am not impressed. Results like these do not belong on the résumé of a supreme being...In any decently run universe this guy would have been out on his all-powerful ass a long time ago...So, if there is a god, if there is, I think most reasonable people might agree that he's at least incompetent and maybe, just maybe, doesn't give a *...

So rather than be just another mindless religious robot mindlessly and aimless and blindly believing that all of this is in the hands of some spooky, incompetent father figure who doesn't give a *, *I decided to look around for something else to worship—something I could really count on—and immediately I thought of the sun...*

I became a sun worshipper. Several reasons: First of all I can see the sun. Unlike some other gods I could mention, I can actually see the sun. I'm big on that. If I can see something, I don't know, it kinda helps the credibility along, you know? So every

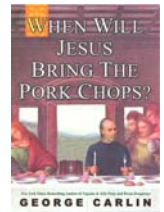


day I can see the sun as it gives me everything I need: heat, light, food, flowers in the park, reflections on the lake, an occasional skin cancer, but hey, at least there are no crucifixions and we're not setting people on fire simply because they don't agree with us. Sun worship is fairly simple. There's no mystery, no miracles, no pageantry, no one asks for money, there are no songs to learn, and we don't have a special building where we all gather once a week to compare clothing. The best thing about the sun, it never tells me I'm unworthy, doesn't tell me I'm a bad person who needs to be saved, hasn't said an unkind word, treats me kind, so I worship the sun...

And for those of you who look to the bible for moral lessons and literary qualities, I might suggest a couple of other stories for you. You might want to look at the *Three Little Pigs*, that's a good one. It has a nice happy ending, I'm sure you'll like that. Then there's *Little Red Riding Hood*...and finally, I've often always drawn a great deal of moral comfort from *Humpty Dumpty*. The part I like the best, 'All the kings horses and all the kings men, couldn't put *Humpty Dumpty* back together again.' That's because there is no Humpty Dumpty and there is no god. None. Not one. No god. Never was..."

Carlin is not the only person who holds such bigoted views, judging by the enthusiastic applause he receives during such rants.

So why do we bring all of this to your attention? In February, the in-flight programming for United Airlines included several segments featuring Carlin. His remarks (quoted text in *different font* near the top of this column) were part of the video.



Carlin's latest book, *When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?*, has been a best-seller. The cover depicts the Last Supper, with Carlin taking the place of Jesus.

ACTION: Write to United Airlines and object to the showing of bigoted material on its flights. Make specific reference to the remarks George Carlin made in the video shown by the airline. Write: Mr. Glenn F. Tilton, Chairman, President, & CEO, UAL Corporation, 1200 E. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4712. Phone: (847) 700-4000. E-Mail: ualboard@united.com. Even more importantly, please pray for George Carlin.

LOOKING FOR A SECOND STRIKEOUT

In a piece titled, "Time to Call it Quits," Karen Pearl, interim president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), alleged that as a gift to "right-wing extremists," President Bush renominated "a dirty dozen of judges who were blocked by the Senate in his first term." Three of the nominees had been vehemently opposed by PPFA.

Sounding a lot like her predecessor, Gloria Feldt, Pearl said the opinions of the three have been “far, far outside the mainstream.” She characterized them as “rabidly anti-choice.” What’s more, Pearl claimed they have “no regard for constitutional and civil rights, including our right to privacy. Worse, they have all demonstrated extreme intolerance and lack of compassion for women’s lives.” (Two of the three nominees Pearl referred to are women.) She offered details about each nominee:

In addition to calling *Roe v. Wade* the “worst abomination of constitutional law in our history,” Alabama Attorney General William H. Pryor, has said that if homosexuality is legal, it opens the door to “prostitution, adultery, necrophilia, bestiality, possession of child pornography and even incest and pedophilia.”...

Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen has been utterly insensitive to the plight of young women who feel they cannot involve parents in their decision to have an abortion. Even when the fear of abuse caused them to seek a judicial bypass of parental notification laws, their pleas went unheeded.

California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown is another judicial nominee remarkable only for her extremist ideology and willingness to apply partisan bias in her judgments. In 1996, she was found unqualified by the state bar evaluation committee...because she was “prone to inserting conservative political views into her appellate opinions.” In addition to several disturbing dissents opposing civil rights provisions, she supported parental consent regulations that violated privacy protections guaranteed by the state constitution.

Pearl called on PPFA’s legions to make sure President Bush “strikes out a second time” by contacting their respective senators and saying how important it is that lawmakers “stand by their principles and oppose these extremist judges.” We have a suggestion for a new PPFA slogan given its current leadership: “Planned Parenthood: Just As Extremist As Ever.”

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“[C]ondoms, when used consistently and correctly, offer effective protection against most sexually transmitted infections, and greatly reduce the risk of unintended pregnancy. They are one of our best weapons in the fight against HIV/AIDS.”

— Interim Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) President Karen Pearl, apparently not referring to PPFA-brand condoms

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

LDI often provides space for its supporters (and detractors) to have their say about various issues. If you

have a comment on any subject relating to life issues, the Pro-Life Movement, LDI, and so forth, do not be shy! Send it to us!

Catherine Shelby disagrees with our mission:

I thoroughly appreciate your ideas. But most women who get abortions get it because their fetus has a disorder or will not grow properly, etc. My opinion [sic] is that people should not comment on abortion unless they have been in that situation.

I would like to say for the record that I am a Catholic and I support Planned Parenthood whole heartedly [sic]. I think it is a great thing [sic] that they hand out contraceptives for women to prevent pregnancy and STDS.

Meanwhile, an e-mail from a person who chose not to identify himself was critical of our policy regarding distribution of *The Boycott List*:

It is ridiculous to charge for this list. It is available with a bit of work to every concerned citizen. Your attempts to benefit from the concern of millions who care about 5,000 murdered children per day is as despicable as the act itself.

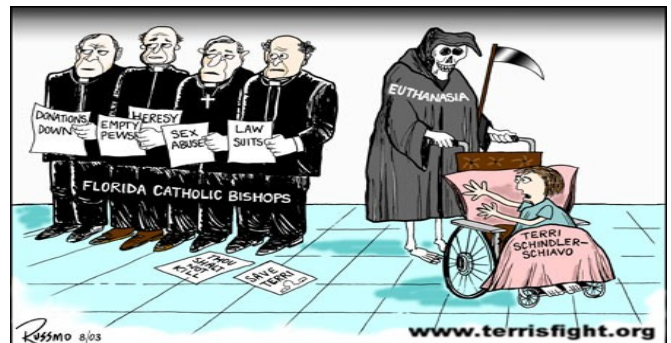
Yes, he said LDI is just as guilty as abortionists because we ask for a donation for *The Boycott List*.

Mary Elizabeth McCaffrey wrote to LDI after we released a statement to the press that was critical of the Florida Catholic Conference for its weak defense of Terri Schindler Schiavo:

The Florida Catholic Conference richly deserves to be criticized, and I commend you for letting them have it over the Schiavo case. It tears at my heart that Bishops would act so weakly in the face of such a moral outrage. God bless you!

Donna Marek wrote about the same press release:

Your criticism of the Florida Catholic Conference regarding their recent statement regarding Terri Schiavo was excellent. After reading their statement I had to scratch my head and wonder, “what are they saying, where are they coming from?” These are our Catholic Bishops and this is all they have to say about this situation. They do indeed live in an ivory tower...



LDI also received several phone calls applauding the press release. (Note: All LDI press releases are available at www.fightpp.org.)

Karen Congeni wrote concerning a *Caleb Report* article about the connection between the Consumer's Union and Planned Parenthood:

I thought I'd send you a copy of a recent letter I sent to *Consumer Reports/Consumers Union*. I just read your newsletter yesterday about CU's CEO previously heading PP [Planned Parenthood] of Maryland. Wonder of wonders. Thank you for the work you do for God's kingdom. I will continue to pray that God use your publication to shed light on the darkness.

COMING OUT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

If there were any question about Planned Parenthood Federation of America's (PPFA) position on same-sex marriage, the pro-abortion group's interim president has set the record, well, straight. "People have been getting married for many thousands of years, and people get married every day. But the debate about marriage—and what it means—rages on in our culture," Karen Pearl said. "Unfortunately, some people in our society want to act as bouncers 'guarding' the institution of marriage. 'So you wanna tie the knot? Well, we don't let people like you in here.' Yes, it's ugly."

While PPFA is not directly in the marriage business (far from it as the group's founder, Margaret Sanger, spoke against the "institution"), Pearl considers the bathe for homosexual marriage to be "part and parcel of the same struggle—the fight for our reproductive rights is the fight for our fundamental human rights." She said PPFA is "committed to defending reproductive freedom—and the right of each of us to determine our own destiny. At Planned Parenthood, we help people build families. However they might define them."

UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

An LDI supporter who wrote to The Walt Disney Company regarding its support of Planned Parenthood received an e-mail from the company's vice president for community relations. "The Walt Disney Company has not contributed financially to Planned Parenthood in almost 10 years. Life Decisions [International] has been misinformed once again," wrote T. J. Baptie. "We appreciate your interest in and support of The Walt Disney Company and its parks."

The Walt Disney hierarchy must be unaware—again—of their own company's philanthropic practices. Maybe quoting a May 2004, press release from Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando would be helpful:

Walt Disney World Recognizes Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando with an Award of Excellence

Orlando, FL—On Tuesday, May 19, 2004, Walt Disney World announced the grant recipients for their 2004 Disney's Helping Kids Shine Grant program. Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando (PPGO) was 1 of 14 major grant recipients (receiving \$15,000 or more) of the 45 selected winners. Over 300 organizations competed for the funding. The money will help the winners in their mission of making a difference in the lives of Central Florida children. The grants are given to organizations that work to encourage children to connect with adults and use free time constructively, as well as organizations that encourage children's character development and that show compassion.

The award of \$17,400 will support PIPPOP (PPGO's Integrated Pregnancy Prevention Outreach Program). The funding will make it possible for PPGO's Capital Campaign to create a teen research center, which will be a critical aid in helping young people make responsible choices to prevent pregnancy and STD's.

As part of PPGO's Capital Campaign "In a Perfect World...Every Child is a Wanted Child," the Central Florida community is being asked to help fund a new state of the art health and educational outreach facility. Walt Disney World's leadership in recognizing at a critical time in the campaign that Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando provides vital services will help PPGO succeed in bringing Central Florida a new, state of the art reproductive health facility.

"I was delighted to learn that Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando's commitment to preventing pregnancies and STD's in young people garnered this award from Walt Disney World." Said Rita Lowndes, former member of PPGO's board and co-chair of the Campaign, "Disney's recognition helps focus that PPGO provides an invaluable community service."

If The Walt Disney Company cannot accept our word, its employees need only check the Planned Parenthood of Great Orlando website, where the press release is posted: www.pppo.org/ppgo1.asp?ID=44. (Memo to T. J. Baptie: LDI leaders never—absolutely never—say or publish *anything* that is unproven.)

In a related story, beginning on September 30, 2005, Robert Iger, president of The Walt Disney Company, will succeed Michael Eisner as chief executive officer. Eisner, whose contract was not scheduled to end until September 2006, will remain on the Company board of directors until its 2006 annual meeting. Eisner said he will not request renomination to the Board or seek the chairmanship when pro-abortion former Senator George Mitchell retires.

Finally, as usual, LDI has been busy investigating corporate support of Planned Parenthood. We have identified several more corporations that have supported the group. Each company chief executive officer has received information about Planned Parenthood, along with a request that the group be disqualified for future funding. One local business receiving such a letter was **Catering By Jill Inc.** of Richmond, Virginia. After receiving the letter, Jack Halpern called late on a Saturday night to leave a message:

I will not be threatened by scumbags like you. I will *not* stop supporting Planned Parenthood and if you threaten me with any kind of boycott action or publication of my name without my permission, I will sue your ever-loving pants off, you ignorant, slope-minded, caveman mentality, non-humanistic human beings. I will destroy you. Do not threaten me. You do not know who you're screwing with. You take your lowbrow, redneck, trashy letter—you leave your [answering] machines [sic] on 'cause you're afraid of talking to people, and you take my message, you chicken s---, afraid to speak to a person. Yeah, that's why you have machines 'cause you know that people don't like the lard likes of you. And yeah I do think that you're like the Ku Klux Klan or something like that. You take your personalities and you take your causes and you stuff them so far up your a-- that the sun won't shine in there and maybe somebody can come do an abortion to get 'em out for you. But don't you ever threaten me again. You threaten me [and] I will sue you until your [unintelligible] head falls off. You put me on your *Boycott List*. Let's play, bubba...I won't be threatened by redneck scum like you.

Somehow we get the feeling that Catering By Jill Inc. will be added to the next published *Boycott List*.

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