

# RELIGION

## Ssssssssssh! A Perfectly Silent Protest: No Candles, No Sounds, No Sermons, No Music, No Speeches...

That's what organizers hope to achieve by attracting people to a protest service, of sorts, a church filled with silent men and women, praying, meditating, or simply sitting.

The organizers, American Friends Service Commission (AFSC) and People of Faith Against Bigotry (POFAB), are sponsoring this ecumenical evening to protest ballot initiatives submitted by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance, denying homosexuals basic civil rights protection. This event will take place at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S. W. Park, Portland, Tuesday, April 26, between 5-9PM to support civil equality for all Oregonians, including gays and lesbians.

"We want people to drop in after work, on the way home. It doesn't matter if they stay fifteen minutes or for the full four hours," Ms. Francis

says. "This is not a gay and lesbian idea; we especially want heterosexual people who believe that equal rights for all Oregonians is an idea we must protect."

Ms. Francis approached AFSC and POFAB because she believes that all men and all women are equal and that truly religious feelings lead to increased love and tolerance, not rejection of one's neighbor.

Why silence?  
"When confronted with Pilate's evil, Jesus remained silent. We are required to act, but no necessarily to speak. Ghandi and Martin Luther King often walked quietly".

"Silence can be very powerful," Ms. Francis says.

The event is free, but contributions are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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## Gospel Music, Two Roads: Who & What Am I? Costumes From Good 'Ole' Days On Bill

A nostalgic look back at the music and fashions from the early 1960s and 1970s is planned for 7pm. April 23 at Solid Rock Church of God in Christ 1705 NE Dekum St. according to Minister Lonnie Hosley, founder of Heaven Bound Gospel Ministries and an associate pastor of a another local church.

Guests are asked to wear clothing from the period, including polyester leisure suits and bell-bottomed pants, if they can be found, said Hosley. A prize will be awarded for the best revival of the period's fashion imperatives.

The event is free and open to the public.

Heaven Bond Gospel Ministries, sponsor of the event, is a three-year old inter-church local choir of about 40 voices from about 10 churches under Hosley's leadership. The choir will sing at the concert, he said.

Heaven Bound Gospel Music Ministries will soon also travel to North Carolina to sing, he added. A free-will love offering will be collected at the April 23 event to help pay tour expenses.

The choir also presents another revival, a four-night gospel music workshop, and numerous other performances during the year, said Hosley. For further information, call 727-2677, Heaven Bound's prayer line.

### (A Continued Message From Someone Who Really Cares)

Light your candles. Share your cake. Pour the wine. You "Can" be reborn--like a butterfly from its chrysalis, you will fly--fly as high as you wish. And neither the wasps nor dragonflies, nor mantids, nor bloods, nor crabs, nor the skinheads of mankind shall obstruct your mission, or your search for the true riches of life. Sit alone for a while. Think. Remember our secret. "Feel" my hand upon thy head. Attend to my wisdom no matter what is your age, your sex, or condition, or your situation in life, pause - and seek your road. Let me share with you again, the secret you heard at your birth, and you forgot it:

"YOU ARE MY GREATEST MIRACLE" "!!!"

"You are the greatest miracle in the world.. Those were "The first words" you ever heard. Then you cried. They all cry...

You did not seem to believe me then, and nothing has happened in the intervening years of your life to correct your disbelief. For how could you be a miracle, when you consider yourself a failure at the most simple of jobs given to you? How can you be a miracle, when you have little confidence in your ability to finish your schooling, or even pass your G.E.D. Exam.?

How can you be a miracle, when you have little or no will power to break away from your present "destructive situation"??

How can you be a miracle, when the important task of constantly caring for your own child or children, comes "second" to you attending to

your own wants, or the wants of your partner or mate?

How can you be a miracle, when you are shackled down by unnecessary debts, then you lie awake in torment over whence will come money for tomorrow's high?

Enough! The milk that is spilled, is lost and it sours. Yet, how many prophets, how many very wise people, right in your midst, many of whom you personally dislike or ignore: How many poets, how many artists, composers, scientists, and modern-day messengers have I sent to you, with words of your "divinity". Your potential to act godly, and if you would receive them, the secrets of how to achieve things in life.

Yet, how did you treat them? How do you treat them today, right now?

What do you really want? and from whom? Still -- I love you, and I am with you now, through these words, to fulfil the prophet who announced that "the lord shall set his hand again, the second time" to recover the remnant, or the outcast, or ignored, or abused of his people.. I have set my hand again. This is the second time. You are my remnant..

Is it of no avail, or of no sense to ask, haven't you known? Haven't you yet heard? Hasn't it been told to you from the beginning?: Haven't you understood from the foundations of the earth? You have not known: You have not heard; you have not understood.

You have been told that you a divinity in disguise, a God playing a fool. You have been told that you are

a "special piece of work," you are noble in reason, infinite in faculties, you are expressive and admiral in form, you are like an angel in action, like a God in apprehension.

You have been told by my best ministers that you are "The Salt Of The Earth". You were given the "secret" even of moving mountains of fear and doubt, and of how to perform the impossible task of choosing the right road.

You believed no one. You burned your map to happiness, then you abandoned your snuffed out the candles that had been placed along your destined path of glory, then you stumbled--lost and frightened in the darkness of hopelessness and self-pity, until you finally fell into a hell of "your own" creation. Then, as now you cried and beat your breast, and curse the luck that had and supposedly has befallen you.

You refuse to accept the consequences of your own petty thoughts and lazy deed. And you search for a scapegoat upon which to blame your failure... How quickly you found one. You blamed me!!! You cry that your handicap, your troubles, your mediocrity, your lack of opportunity, and your failure--were the will of God. Then you wallow in it...

You are wrong! Never in all the seventy billion humans who have walked this planet since the beginning of time has there been "anyone" exactly like you... Never, until the end of time will there be another such as you..

More to come...

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