

RELIGION

ALTERNATIVES

"In Her Image"

BY MARGARET ISAACS

God is moving in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform. This statement does not apply, for some, to the death of our distinguished lady, Barbara Jordan. We mostly perceive the moving of God to apply to miracles; the relief of suppression and the saving of lives during national disasters, etc. But...some of us see the calling home of God's "Called" servants as

an act of mercy; a taking away of these committed anointed ones to that promised land; that they may not see, nor have a part in the worldly and spiritual disasters to come.

Barbara Jordan has had a profound effect upon the people of America. A person committed to the defense of the American Constitution; whose distinctive voice, mighty intellect and unflinching integrity

forced many of those in government, industry and other facets of American life to realize, to publicly acknowledge and to take as their creed the principles by which she lived. She said, "If You Promise, You Must Produce".

She fought for the rights of "We, the people" under the Constitution and was always ready to take up the gauntlet against anyone on any level,

who attempted to destroy the rights secured by our established Constitution under God. We hardly agree with President Clinton that, "We, the people" will miss her and we wish her God's speed.

We wonder and ask why all the powerful voices are being stilled; especially why none are forthcoming to take their places? Sorrow is evident in our voices as we speculate;

groping for answers.

Moral conflicts escalate between divine and satanic powers as God calls his dedicated workers home. We hear the "Rachels" of this world weeping for their dead and dying children; we view the decline of Godly principles and the increase of greed, spiritual adultery, diseases, false teachings and many other afflictions too numerous to name.

Through all this, the hope of Barbara Jordan lingers with us; that "the day of the Lord", a time of judgement may be transformed into a "season of blessings".

Born poor, and a reluctant missionary at times, Barbara heeded her "calling" and gave that which she had been prepared to give. May God In His Divine Wisdom, Send Us Another in Her Image!

"The Preaching Of The Gospel Is Foolishness To Those Who Do Not Believe"

The Preaching of the gospel is foolishness to those who do not believe. Yet they will stand in judgment before God as every man will give an account of himself for the deeds done in his body. It is sad that intellect and a glib tongue is the only gospel some will listen to. Though claims are made that they understand, it is not so. For even those who lean on logic often fail to follow it through to a proper conclusion. For if the premise is wrong, so the conclusion is also wrong.

From the standpoint of some, there is no truth in God. If so, why is there so much of an effort to discredit and disavow the commandments of God and why do men become angry when the name of Jesus is mentioned? If

there is no God, why do men try to hard to prove that he doesn't exist? Could it be "because when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."?

First there comes subtle undercurrents to change our everyday language. Language dictates a lot in that ideas are expressed through language. In order to call good evil and evil good, those who would corrupt the thoughts of another must first change his point of reference. By changing the meaning or use of certain words, concepts and points of reference people are gradually reconditioned to accept the very things that they once opposed. For instance, most "civi-

lize" people would not worship a tree, or a rock, or an animal. That would be as the pagans do. But environmentalists, biologists and other scientists say that we must be in harmony with the earth, that the animals have rights, and that we must preserve "mother earth". Is that not the same as worshipping the natural elements? Yes, it is. Only when you change the perception of men, it's worshipping the natural elements? Yes, it is. Only when you change the perception of men, it's called "earth day" instead of animism or paganism or just plain idol worship. Man must always have a god. If not our Lord and Creator, then he will choose another. Whatever the choice, other than God himself, who do men serve,

but the devil.

It takes no great intellectual leap to see that men either serve God or Satan. So who is it that corrupts society? It is the same spirit that causes a man to pay more attention to the welfare of a beast, than the widows and the orphans and the people whose needs are far greater than that of a tree or an owl.

Then we have the subtleties of morality. Morality is good, but righteousness is better. For a righteous man must also be one of morality. But the linguists have removed the boundaries from (some of) the people. They continue to call good evil and evil good. Thus confusing the issue. In the attempts to subvert a world, you must again try to discredit

God. Fortunately, He can not be discredited or written off because the remnant of this people are in the earth. They continue to witness and testify of Jesus, whom He glorified.

Though the word merchants have tried, they will never succeed. For it is written, "Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen."

It is also written, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

A recent article by a syndicated columnist attempted to find fault with those who oppose homosexual unions. God opposes sin. If God says so, I choose to agree with God. Who in their own mind would oppose God? There is a difference between a per-

son in their own mind and in their right mind. Selah. When you trace this evil back to its source, you always end up with an anti-christ spirit. There is no place to be neutral. Either God says and we do our best to obey or we deny God and His Christ and go our own way. Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. But the word merchants would never tell you that. Instead they speak of their rights under the Constitution, forgetting that all authority comes from God. You can't get away from Him. No matter how one tries to change the law of God, it is immutable. He exalts His word above His name. So we are pleased to know Truth, for it does not change. It is Jesus.

--Willie J. Welch

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Gospel Music Explodes Saturday

Portland Community College hosts "Gospel Music Explosion," an evening of gospel music with Portland-area choirs on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 4009 N. Missouri.

The event is one of the PCC-sponsored events celebrating Black History Month.

Participating choirs include J.P. IV Mass Choir, New Hope Inspirational Choir, The Wilder Ward Jrs., Antioch Baptist Church, True Vine

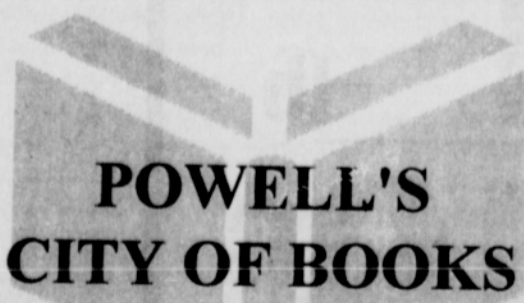
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materials about diabetes management and current treatment.

The participating churches are listed as follows: Berean Baptist Church, Daniel Memorial COGIC, Engelwood Christian Church, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Hagios Missionary Baptist Church, Irvington Covenant, Mallery Ave-

nue Christian, Maranatha Church of God and Mt. Gillard Baptist, Allen Temple CME, Bethel A.M.E., Emanuel Free Methodist Church, Fellowship CCG, Grace Covenant Church, Hughes Memorial Church, Lutheran Inner-City Ministries, Mallery Church of Christ, Morningstar Baptist Church, and Mt. Olivet Baptist,

Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church, New Song Church, Powerhouse Temple COGIC, St. Michaels Lutheran, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Williams in care of NNAE, New Testament COGIC, St. Luke Memorial, St. Paul Baptist Church and Woodlawn United Methodist.

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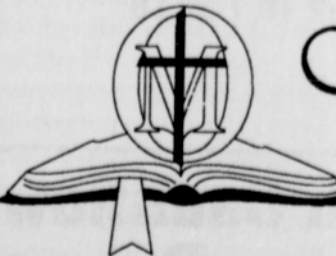


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