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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Do you believe Atheists really exist?

By Pastor Kirk Kasson, Almena Congressional Church

One fundamental problem with Atheism is the problem of creation. Recently my wife saw the term "creation" in a high school science textbook. It is interesting to note that with all the controversy regarding religion and science in the classroom, at least one publisher has chosen to refer to the universe as a creation.

A creation requires a creator. If there is no creator, there is no creation. If everything we see "materialized" from nothing, then what we have is not a creation, but a "materialization".

In scripture, the apostle Paul reminds us: For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse (Romans 1:20 (NKJV))

I don't believe in atheists. That is to say, I don't believe they really exist. I've heard of them, but I've never really met one.

Bible-believing Christians believe that there is only one true God in the universe. Whatever anyone wants to organize their own life around may be their "god", but unless it is the God described in the Christian scriptures, we believe it is an imitation, a "made-up" god, an idol, indeed even a sham.

Atheists will say they don't believe there is a god, but the Bible-believing Christian will respond by saying that, de facto, the atheist becomes his or her own god, and once again, that god is a false

god, a sham.

Fulton Sheen once said, "There are three possible kinds of God: the god of one's own ego, in which the atheist believes, and which is also the god of modern Confucianism; the god of nature, of stone and gold and silver, which belonged to the old religions of idolatry; and the Supreme God, who made both man and nature, and redeemed them both upon the cross. Those who tell us that they deny the existence of God are merely substituting one god for another."

Everyone has at least one god. What is yours like? Is he (she?, it?) a wooden, imaginary god, like Isis, Asherah, Zeus, Apollo? Is it an impersonal force, or nature itself? Is it confined to your cranium, limited by your capacity to create imagine it?

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1 NKJV) The God the Bible describes is

eternal, unmade, sovereign, wise, holy, pure, and good. He has unlimited power and is free to do whatever He chooses. He is in control of all, and yet passionate about you. The maker and mover of mountains keeps your tears in a bottle. He created you to do

good works for him, and he has planned a place in heaven for you, if only, through faith, you will receive His gift. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Everyone has a god. Would you like to get to know mine?

Trickling Toward Tomorrow



Have you ever followed a trickling brook as it meanders merrily along? Perhaps it is joyful knowing that one day it will be part of a mighty ocean, powerfully pounding the shore. In the meantime, the trickle grows slowly into a stream and then a river, increasing in size and might, mile by mile, on a journey toward the sea. It is part of God's creation.

On the journey toward our goals, we begin slowly like the trickling brook, growing and gathering strength as we move ahead. Along the way we develop such qualities as patience, humility, and wisdom as we experience life. To grow great and strong, our actions must be rooted in spiritual principles.

We can learn about these principles as we visit our House of Worship each week, "...growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power..." (Colossians 1:10-11) Through worship and growth, God's plan for us will unfold.

Sunday 2 Timothy 3:1-17	Monday 2 Timothy 4:1-22	Tuesday Titus 1:1-16	Wednesday Titus 2:1-15	Thursday Titus 3:1-15	Friday Psalm 1	Saturday Psalm 19
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By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Birthdays and anniversaries: Estella Harold, Kristi Gallentine - Aug. 23; Mark Bailey - Aug. 24; Gerry Hill, Kortney (Stapp) Poire, Gerry and Cheryl Hill - Aug. 26; Wava Ward Reames - Aug. 27; Jeff Roe - Aug. 28; Carl Lyon - Aug. 29.

Pool tournaments will be held Monday, Sept. 11 and Sept. 27, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. There will be no tournament Sept. 4 (closed).

Todd Nelson was a recent house guest of his mother, Bee Nelson. Callers at the home of Bee Nelson on Aug. 19 were Lula Hix of Norton, and her daughters, Linda Young of Conifer, Colo., and Lynn Wedow of Scottsdale, Ariz. They all had supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Megan, Rebecca, Amy and Lois Wentz entered a few items at the Decatur County Fair in the open class division. Megan received grand champion and reserve champion in the youth division in photography on two of the photos she entered. Megan and Rebecca also entered their hooked rugs. Betsy Jakowski taught the girls how to make them. Amy can't wait to learn when she's a little older.

Larry Hix and Susan Weinstein, Pasadena, Md., came to visit their mother, Lula Hix, on July 29. Susan left for Pasadena from McCook on July 31, but Larry stayed two weeks to help her get ready for her sale on Saturday, Sept. 16. On Aug. 4, Lula's daughter, Linda Young, and sons, Terry and Debbie New, and Wesley and Lisa New, Chanin and Ava Berkman helped arrange everything in the house for the sale.

Kenneth and Pansy Price accompanied Virgil and Joyce Price on Aug. 19 and 20 to Lamar, Colo., to visit their sister, Bula Kelley. Saturday evening they were guests of Charley, Carolyn and daughter, Christy and family.

Members of the Dean Van Gundy family drove to Manitou Springs, Colo., for his memorial service on Aug. 19. Those attending were Richard and Sheryl Patterson, Ona Van Gundy, Bonnie and Dena Klein, Carol Moye, and Dwight, Dennis and Veda Wood.

Dwight Doggett, his daughter Julie, and son-in-law Phil, enjoyed their recent visit to Norcat. He wrote, "It certainly was a pleasure for us to meet old friends and relatives. Please thank the young lady who so graciously showed us the museum."

Lynn Wedow, Phoenix, and Linda Young, Conifer, Colo., spent a recent weekend with their mother, Lula Hix, in Norton. The visit included a "clean out" day at her house in Norcat. They had Saturday supper with Bee Nelson at the Cardinal Bar and Grill and a short visit with Betty Reid at Whispering Pines, Norton.

Jerry and Cheri Hill hosted the Hill/Arnold reunion at their house the weekend of Aug. 12 with 43 guests attending. They enjoyed lots of food and hayrack ride. The hog was roasted by C.W. Lyon and Scott Hartzog was his assistant.

Donna Vick reports that her mother, Goldie Brewer, is coming along well since her knee replacement and is undergoing physical therapy.

The next pool tournaments at the Cardinal Bar and Grill will be on Sept. 11 and 25.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Petition for Adoption

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 1, 8, 15, 2006. (3T) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2006-AD-3

In the Matter of the Adoption of T. J. G., a minor

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO: JERRY WAYNE GIESBRECHT AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 29, 2006, a petition was filed in this Court by Leroy Alton Hanes praying that the Court terminate the parental rights of Jerry Wayne Giesbrecht as to T. J. G., a minor child, and that the Court enter its decree that T. J. G. be adopted by Leroy Alton Hanes.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October

17, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. with this Court, in the city of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at the Norton County Courthouse, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition. Your failure to either appear or respond will not prevent the Court from entering judgement granting the adoption and terminating the parental rights of Jerry Wayne Giesbrecht.

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PHH Mortgage Corporation vs. Brent Hutchinson & Shelley Hutchinson

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 05CV43 Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 6

PHH Mortgage Corporation f/k/a Cendant Mortgage Corporation t/k/a PHH Mortgage Services Corporation Plaintiff,

vs. **Brent Hutchinson and Shelley Hutchinson, et al.**, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Norton,

Norton County, Kansas, on September 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. the following real estate:

The South Half (S/2) of Lot Three (3), in Block 'J' of Hendrick's Addition to the City of Lenora, Norton County, Kansas, commonly known as 440 South Main, Lenora, KS 67645 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit <http://www.southlaw.com>

Troy Thomson, Sheriff Norton County, Kansas

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Gail E. Boller vs. Jackrabbit Services & Towing

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Case No. 2006-CV-10

GAIL E. BOLLER, Plaintiff

vs. **JACKRABBIT SERVICE & TOWING, INC., ET AL.**, Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 2nd day of October, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point

65.6 feet North of the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/c NE/4 NW/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Two (2) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, which point is the North right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 36, thence North 360 feet, thence West 297 feet, thence South 360 feet to said North right-of-way line, thence East along the North right-of-way line to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon including a used 1974 Shangri-La 68' x 14' mobile home, serial number 1468741292.

The above described real estate is being sold as the property of defendant, Jackrabbit Service & Towing, Inc., and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale, subject to rights of redemption according to law.

TROY M. THOMSON Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

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