

# Religion

## The Gospel of George Bush

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
John 3:14-21  
March 10, 1991

George Bush must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that every American who believes in him will have his wounded national pride restored.

Yes, America loved the world so much that she gave us George Bush, so that all who believe in him may have a job in building the New World Order.

For America sent George Bush into the Third World not to bomb the hell out of the Third World, but so that through George Bush the whole world might be saved.

No one who supports George Bush will be without lucrative contracts.

But anyone who rejects George Bush will be sent literal and/or metaphorical Patriot missiles because he or she has refused to believe in America's only Son since World War II to have so much popular support.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light of bombing has come into the world, men, women and children in the Third World have shown they prefer their darkness to American war technology. Because they prefer the darkness, eternal darkness will be rendered upon them. (Pressed down and flowing over, the earth cannot contain them.)

And indeed everyone who does wrong hates the American Way, and avoids it, for fear that his own lights will be punched out.

But the man who lives by



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market and military values will come out into the light of the American Way, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does was done by America first.

This is the Gospel of George Bush.

An interesting historical note. The Truce of God was an attempt by the Medieval Church to bring Medieval society closer to Christian standards. Under the Truce, which started in France early in the eleventh century, and then spread to Germany and Italy, the fighting of wars was forbidden during the seasons of Advent and Lent, as well as between Saturday night and Monday morning throughout the rest of the year.

The penalty for violation was excommunication, which Fay Weldon, in a recent novel, likens to being deprived of one's colour TV.

The Truce of God was never fully enforced, but it did exercise some restraint upon men in chaotic times.

**LITERATURE AND LENT**  
Speaking of Fay Weldon, I bought her novel, *The Heart of the Country*, a week ago at the delite book counter in Zeller's.

Her novel did for me what the Truce of God attempted to do for Medieval society. It was better than taking a forty-day Ignatian retreat or participating in weeks of Lenten reflections.

Her novel is an immersion course in reality.

It's a moral tale of decay in the modern world. A movie promo might read: A woman with everything, loses everything, and discovers happiness and reality.

Interestingly enough, the narrator is a mad woman, who at the end of the novel, like Don Quixote at the end of his life, becomes sane.

Spiritual reading doesn't get any better than this:

Natalie was lucky. It's not everyone's good fortune to have things occur in their lives, just like that, out of the blue. No, usually if you want things to change you have to make them change, and most of us don't want the responsibility. So we do nothing and drift on in unsatisfactory situations waiting for magic, which doesn't happen.

Endnote: Fay Weldon, *The Heart of the Country*, (Markham:1991), p.5.

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Once again, the Acton Christian Reformed Church has been able to get the well-known Canadian Orpheus Male Choir from Hamilton to perform in Acton.

The choir will come to Acton on March 23 after performing for Torontonians at the Roy Thompson Hall March 15. The choir will begin singing spiritual, Welsh, religious and operatic songs, 8:00 p.m. in the Acton Christian Reformed Church on Hwy. 7.

The choir came to Acton two years ago, said church member Linda Vanderlaan. "Everyone really enjoyed the choir," she said.

The choir is led by Lin Harry and accompanied by Fred Numan. The 125-member choir travels across Canada, the United States and has toured Great Britain twice.

Tickets for the show are \$10 and to purchase a ticket or find out about the performance, contact Ms. Vanderlaan at 853-2393.

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