

"The Stella Awards"

"How dumb can you be and still breathe?" Rodney Howard Browne

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards", named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. She took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? These are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S.:

THIRD PLACE: A jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument...go figure!

SECOND PLACE: Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. No brain power there!

FIRST PLACE: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her \$1,750,000, PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.



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Is There A Bully In Your House?

Teaching by Derin Carmack

"A Bully, Derin, did you say there's a 'Bully' in my house?"

Just so you know for certain what I said, let me make myself clear; so I ask you again, "Is there a bully in your house?" Now to make certain what we're both talking about, let's take a closer look together. Most of the time, people are shocked at the idea that there's a bully in their home. The bully is given center stage to manipulate and demand its way at the total expense of the "keeper" and the next of kin, who are still alive, fighting for their existence in this smothering atmosphere. When we take a closer look, we see a "special" family member who demands unique privileges because of a supposed allergy condition (real or imaginary), a personality trait or a "disability" that paralyzes everyone from the truth.

One husband confided over a cup of coffee that his wife was one of these medical exceptions - "special cases". Her doctor said she was allergic to the carpet in the house. Out went the old carpet and in came the new non-allergenic brand. Then the insulation in the walls turned out to be the next culprit causing all the breathing discomfort and disorder. As the husband poured out his frustration, smoldering resentment surfaced as the story unfolded. Here sat a man who was angry, resentful, and hostile toward his wife and her doctor, with no clue as to what to do next.

I suggested he confront the situation in his home with the power of GOD's Word. "Oh, I've tried to reason (reason does not cut it) with my wife and she goes into withdrawal saying her allergies will flare up if I don't stop pressuring her and back off. She demands I support her in her battle with the 'things' that control her life - the allergies - the shortness of breath, her special sickness... 'After all,' she says, 'my doctor said it, and I can't help it...I'm a victim; my allergy is real and it's a fact of life!'"

The husband made good money but even then the strain of changing the carpet, replacing the insulation in the walls and ceiling was very expensive, and the draperies had to be changed too, at even more expense. All the fabric furniture was removed and replaced. The allergies had also limited any intimacy and romance in the marriage - "Any passion might cause her to stop breathing! I love my wife but we are just existing; this is not a marriage in any sense of the word!" He continued, "I can't reason with her; I've tried confronting her and she immediately has a panic attack and can't breathe!" So, now I see at least two bullies in their house...the wife's allergies accompanied by fear, anger, and manipulation, along with the husband's anger, rage, and resentment toward his wife and her doctor. It is an apparent hopeless situation right before my eyes!

The bully in this home is having its own way; the whole family is made to respect this monster and to make room for it...always working around its demands. So, the two bullies are at war in this household...and children are involved in this war. In the midst of this war, both sides are feeling and experiencing the affects of the confrontations at all levels - spiritually, mentally and physically, with no peace and no positive change in sight. With words that have been spoken to her by her doctor, what had started as just a simple breathing disorder has escalated to a full-blown illness. Is there anything that can be done? Is the husband's Word-level high enough so he can fight off this attack on his wife (against his wife) or was this attack just "one of those things in life" that we have to cope with. Was this outside of the spiritual realm where spiritual answers do not apply?

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Fasten your seat belts, GOD never promised it would be a smooth ride, but He promised that He would be with you to the end! (Hebrews 13:5b)

“When I am afraid I will trust in YOU!” (Psalm 56:3)

Do you really think a second term of Joe Biden, is going to be any different than the last four years?



Are your children and grandchildren going to be better off with another four years of debilitating policies...

- 1) More abortion freedom, including a pill that he wants passed in all 48 states?
- 2) A NON-diplomatic approach to world peace? Pres. Trump brought about the Abraham Accord with Middle East countries signing.
- 3) More liberal, anti-Constitutional Justices on the Supreme Court?
- 4) Brainwashing our children to ungodly ideas of “Who They Are”, and getting rid of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic?
- 5) Making the U.S. more dependent on foreign oil? When Donald Trump was president, the U.S. was totally oil independent with low gas prices.



“These Words are not empty words...they are your life!”

(Deuteronomy 32:47)



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This real-life story evokes many questions. Could the husband have used the Word of GOD to battle and conquer the allergies before this bully took control? Does the Bible have an answer for this kind of dilemma? Where did these allergies come from in the first place? Are allergies the real problem, or is it something else? Could it be a symptom and the real culprit ie: the root cause be hidden from view? Do we have the correct diagnosis here? As Christians, and they both claimed to be, do we have to live this way...or one could say “exist” this way?

JESUS said, “All things are possible to those who Believe” and “With man it’s impossible, but not with GOD, for ALL things are possible with GOD!” Are the verses quoted here answers to this couple’s cries; are they covered in JESUS’ teaching? I see so many who call themselves Christians cornered by circumstances with no way out. At least they believe or act as if there is no way out. Are they trapped to continue in this situation for the rest of their lives? I believe that some of you reading this today believe that you are in a situation that cannot be changed; you have given up any hope to come out of what you got into. Some say, “I’ve made my bed; now, I’ve got to sleep in it.” This couple is in a real fix. Destruction exists everywhere they look. Is there an answer for this couple?

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Dear God,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool! Thanks!

What Does the World Economic Forum Have to do With Me?

Javier Milei, president of Argentina, presented a speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January, saying, “Establishing free markets is the only morally sound way to reduce poverty, and ‘danger’ comes from leaders who are ‘co-opted by a vision of the world that inexorably leads to socialism and thereby to poverty.’ When you look at per capita GDP since the year 1800 and until today, what you will see is that after the Industrial Revolution, global per capita GDP multiplied by over 15 times. A boom in growth lifted 90% of the global population out of poverty (by the 1800’s about 95% of the world’s population lived in extreme poverty; by 2020 poverty had dropped to 5%) prior to the pandemic and illegal migration. Far from being the cause of our problems, free trade capitalism as an economic system is the only instrument we have to end hunger, poverty and extreme poverty across our planet.” This brave soul, Javier Milei, spoke these words before the World Economic Forum!



Milei is right: Before capitalism began, the world was mired in extreme poverty. Today, according to World Bank figures, it is only 8.5 %. And the biggest decline has occurred in the past few decades! “Unfortunately, these harmful ideas have taken a stronghold in our society,” he lamented. “Neo-Marxists have managed to take away the common sense of the Western world, and this they have achieved by appropriating the media (fake news), culture (there are more than two sexes), universities (liberal, socialist professors and now radical students!), and also international organizations (ei. WEF, WHO, Wuhan Labs, etc.). These are institutions that have enormous influence on political and economic decisions,” Milei said, “And now there are more and more of us who are daring to make our voices heard against these evil ideologies. We see that if we don’t truly and decisively fight against these ideas, the only possible fate is for us to have increasing levels of state regulation, socialism, poverty and less freedom, and therefore, we’ll be having worse standards of living,” the Argentina leader said.

Milei’s speech in Davos came two months after his election. Milei, a member of the libertarian-leaning La Libertad Avanza coalition, won the Nov. 19 runoff election with 55.7% of the vote against his opponent, Sergio Massa of the left-leaning Union por la Patria coalition. La Libertad Avanza is a political and freedom organization that is pro-life. In 2023 the national electoral platform of La Libertad Avanza was defined as one of its core values, “The defense of the right to life from conception”. Before his electoral victory, Milei elaborated on his abortion opposition in an interview with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson. He also received cheers from Elon Musk. **Pray for a leader that is willing to shout “Freedom for Capitalism” in the United States of America!**

Submitted by Mark Trevithick

“It was for freedom that JESUS set us free! So stand firm and be no longer subject to a yoke of slavery!” Galatians 5:1



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What prize should we be seeking for in 2024? The prize of the “high calling of GOD!” THAT is the prize we must not lose sight of in 2024. Whatever it takes, whatever the cost, go for the only prize worth obtaining this year - go for KNOWING JESUS CHRIST and being found IN HIM, in HIS righteousness, which is by faith! There is another Scripture on the matter of the prized. To illustrate the Kingdom, JESUS told a parable of a “Pearl of Great Price” - a prize so worth obtaining that a merchant seeking it sold all he had in exchange for this single pearl. Certainly, all else in our lives are counted as worthless “...compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ JESUS our LORD!” He is our Pearl of Great Price! But have you ever considered that GOD valued YOU enough to give all HE had (even the life of His One and Only Son) in order to purchase YOU? YOU are GOD’s Pearl of Great Price! You are valuable to GOD, and He wants to know you so closely that nothing else gets in the way of that relationship this year.

Working Together For the Kingdom in PERU, Tony and Rosa

