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### Quote of the Day

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

# Rev. Jack Lewellen – 50 Years a Baptist Preacher









see full article here: www.PreciousHeart.net/message/2014-Lewellen.pdf. Booster, 02-06-14, 8B.

## 'Son of God': Church Leaders Buying Out Theaters For Screenings

Hollywood Reporter, 11:58 AM PST 2/14/2014 by Hilary Lewis

Church groups are seeking to take over entire theaters for opening night screenings of Son of God, the upcoming movie about the life of Jesus Christ.... Organizations throughout the country have been buying out screens and distributing tickets to ... thousands ... for "Theater Take-Overs" on **Thursday**, **Feb. 27**, the night before the film's officially released, according to production company Lightworkers Media. Crossroads Church in Cincinnati is bringing thousands of people to a Cinemark theater, where showing on 13 screens at the second control of the control of the



thousands of people to a Cinemark theater, where ... showing on 13 screens at the same time....

Full Story here: http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/son-god-church-leaders-buying-680462

## Noah – the Movie – Out in March 2014

by Michael G. Maness

How cool is that? In two successive months in one year, two phenomenally funded movies at least ostensibly advertised in a positive light are coming out. Noah – <a href="www.NoahMovie.com">www.NoahMovie.com</a> – will come out in March, staring superstar Russell Crow. And if you watch TV, you likely will already have seen some of the realistic looking trailers of this mega-movie production. It is also coming out in IMAX, so you can fill your entire field of vision with the grandeur of one man's world-changing backyard project. Can you imagine?

What does the showing of these two movies mean?

# Are We Born with a Moral Core? – The Baby Lab says "yes"!

By Susan Chun, CNN - updated 9:40 PM EST, Fri February 14, 2014

**New Haven, Connecticut (CNN)** – It is one of life's biggest questions: Are we born knowing the difference between good and evil? Or are we taught our moral beliefs by parents and society? Philosophers and psychologists have long believed that babies are born "blank slates," and that it is the role of parents and society to teach babies the difference between right and wrong; good and bad ....

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They begin with a puppet show.... A gray cat is seen trying to open a big plastic box.... A bunny in a green T-shirt comes along and helps open the box. Then the scenario is repeated, but this time a bunny in an orange T shirt comes along

the scenario is repeated, but this time a bunny in an orange T-shirt comes along and slams the box shut before running away. The green bunny is nice and helpful. The orange bunny is mean and unhelpful. The baby is then presented with the two bunnies from the show. A staff member who doesn't know which bunny

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was mean and which bunny was nice will offer both bunnies at the same time to the baby. The baby's mother, who is usually present during the study, closes her eyes so as not to influence the baby in any way. Which bunny do the babies choose? More than 80% of the babies in the study showed their preference for the good bunny, either by reaching for the good bunny or staring at it. And with 3-month-olds, that number goes higher, to 87%....

Full Story and Video here: <a href="http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/12/us/baby-lab-morals-ac360/">http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/12/us/baby-lab-morals-ac360/</a>

**Maness**: Really? So does that mean that "so and so" was "born" that "way" in fact? The moral ramifications of this off the charts. Also, "blank slate" or "born with moral compass" was *not* discussed as the only two conclusions, and I would guess that "some morals" come packaged with each "human" born in sin, as even C.S. Lewis would affirm some universal sense of "fairness" across the human species. What is kind of spooky is how much effort, time, and money is spent on this, of all things, that does not seem to have much relevance except to undermine absolute values, including absolute biblical values.

# U.S. Army Builds 'Fake City' in Virginia to Practice Military Occupation

Paul Joseph Watson, www.InfoWars.com, February 14, 2014

The U.S. Army has built a 300 acre 'fake city' complete with a sports stadium, bank, school, and an underground subway in order to train for unspecified future combat scenarios. The recently opened site is located in Virginia and was built at a cost of \$96 million dollars, taking just two years to complete. While the city was ostensibly built to prepare U.S. troops for the occupation of cities abroad, some will undoubtedly fear that the real intention could be closer to home. Although the site includes a mosque, the town looks American in every other way, with signs in English....



#### **Full Story and Video here:**

http://www.infowars.com/u-s-army-builds-fake-city-in-virginia-to-practice-military-occupation/

# **End game: Footage of Real-life Deaths has Become a Disturbing New Online Commodity**

The Independent, Monday, 17 February 17, 2014

Full Article here: <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/features/end-game-footage-of-reallife-deaths-has-become-a-disturbing-new-online-commodity-9112229.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/features/end-game-footage-of-reallife-deaths-has-become-a-disturbing-new-online-commodity-9112229.html</a>

# Is America losing faith? Atheism on the rise but still in the shadows

The Telegraph, Peter Foster, Blacksburg, Virginia, video by Dermot Tatlow, GMT 08 Feb 2014

Atheist activists' numbers are growing in the US as they take on Big Religion, but many keep quiet for fear of alienation in one Bible-minded Virginia town. At first glance, the group of scruffy-looking students could be attending a meeting of any old debating club, but as they begin to speak it soon becomes clear that they all share the same secret. A shy young woman is among the first. She admits she is still a long way from telling her parents the truth about herself. "My closest friends know," she says, "but where I come from, I only know one other person like me,



who was a teacher. I will tell my parents in the end, I can't now; at least, not until I am financially independent." Going around the circle, each member shares their story and says whether or not they are "out" of the closet.... they are not gay or lesbian, but atheist and agnostic. A decade ago, a group non-believers meeting publicly on a university campus like this one at Virginia Tech would have been rare, but over the last five years the number of student "freethinker" groups in the US, has begun to snowball: from 100 in 2007 their number has leapt to more than 350 today, according to the nationwide Secular Student Alliance....

Full Article and Video: <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/10626076/Is-America-losing-faith-Atheism-on-the-rise-but-still-in-the-shadows.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/10626076/Is-America-losing-faith-Atheism-on-the-rise-but-still-in-the-shadows.html</a>

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