

December 13, 2015

# *Insight...*

***“And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.”***

***Luke 1:50***

- **Clara was sitting with her mother at a wedding**...watching the bride come down the aisle at her father’s side. After everyone was seated she leaned over and asked her mother, “Why is the bride dressed in white?” Her mom whispered back, “Because white symbolizes happiness and this is the happiest day of her life.” Clara thought for a moment and leaned over to her mom and asked, “Why is the groom wearing a black suit?”
  
- **Ravi Zacharias gives a description**...of the times in which we live in the introduction to his book, **Jesus Among Other Gods**, Philosophically, you can believe anything so long as you do not claim it to be true. Morally, you can practice anything, so long as you do not claim that it is a “better” way. Religiously, you can hold to anything, so long as you do not bring Jesus Christ into it. If a spiritual idea is Eastern, it is granted critical immunity; if western, it is thoroughly criticized. Thus a journalist can walk into a church and mock its carryings on, but he or she dare not do the same if the ceremony is from the eastern fold. Such is the mood at the end of the twentieth century.”
  
- **Here! Here! For Hilton!** International hotel and resort chain Hilton Worldwide has decided to eliminate on-demand video pornography from its hotel rooms around the world. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation expressed its gratitude to Hilton “*for its decision to no longer see profits from hardcore pornography.*” A statement by the organization’s executive director, Dawn Hawkins, praised the move: “*Hilton has taken a stand against sexual exploitation. Pornography not only contributes to the demand for sex trafficking...but it also contributes to child exploitation, sexual violence, and lifelong porn addiction.*” In 2012, Catholic law professor Robert P. George of Princeton worked with prominent Muslim intellectual Shaykh Hamza Yusuf on this issue, writing letters to major hotel chains asking them to remove pornography, which they called “*degrading and dehumanizing.*” [Salvo, Winter, 2015 pg. 6]
  
- **A Downward Trend?** New laws in Texas are getting credit for a significant decrease in the number of abortions being performed in the state. In 2013, the last year for which statistics are available, there were 4,449 fewer abortions than in 2012. Texas now requires a 24 hour waiting period before having an abortion, as well as mandatory ultrasounds. In addition, abortion facilities had to upgrade their facilities, and abortionists must now have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.
  
- **Trivia Question:** Prior to 1950 there were 2 significant sexually transmitted diseases in the U.S. How many are there today? A. 5 -10      B. 10-15      C. 15-20      D. 20-30

- **In Wisconsin, the Department of Health Services**...reports a 10% decrease in the number of abortions performed there. In 2014, there were 5,800 abortions performed statewide, down from 6,462 in 2013. LifeSiteNews sees the state's drop in abortions as paralleling a national trend. [LifeSiteNews.com 8/25/15]
  
- **Ignore God at Your Own Risk**...CDC's new estimates show that there are about 20 million new infections in the United States each year, costing the American healthcare system nearly \$16 billion in direct medical costs alone...In addition, CDC published an overall estimate of the number of prevalent STIs in the nation. Prevalence is the total number of new and existing infections at a given time. CDC's new data suggest that there are more than 110 million total STIs among men and women across the nation. [STI = Sexually Transmitted Infections, CDC = Centers for Disease Control]

### For Prayer...

- ...Amy has been placed in a nursing home in Portage. Please pray for Amy and her mother Pat and her sisters: Allison, Angie, and Anita.
- ...Deloris (Kevin's mom) Since April she has been getting terrible worse and is in lots of pain. She has several infections needs a new hip, has a torn shoulder and arthritis in her knees. We beg for mercy in regards to her pain.
- ...The Lord to bless the work of "The Buzz" in the hearts of those who attended and those who were a part of this ministry.
- ...Christmas Eve and Children Christmas services.
- ...Josie (7) (Brooke's niece), parents, Jerome and Jessica. Is responding well to chemo. We give thanks and continue to pray.
- ...Ed - Working in Nigeria. Trouble shooting debilitating problem at an FM radio station.
- ...Missionaries in need of support:
- ...Youth Pastor search committee and the man they will call...
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.
 

Christy (Mike)	Sue (John)	Tom (Barb)
Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy	Dave (Jean)
Linda (Gary)	Dale (Connie)	
- ...Our Expectant Mothers
 

Coty (Steve)	Amber (Keenan)	Johanna (Joshua)
Katie (Kyle)	Sara (Drew)	Jill (Dale)
Angela (Ryan)	Rebekah (Adam)	Lindsey (Jeremy)
Nocole (Jonathan)		

*More than a virtue...*

Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.  
C. S. Lewis

**Trivia Answer:** D. STIs are among the most common infectious diseases in the world, with more than 20 different types.