

Thoughts On Current Events

These are noteworthy things in the news that deserves a comment or two.

A man, John Chau, age 27, was killed on a remote island, North Sentinel, located in the Indian Ocean. Chau trained in Kansas City, Missouri with a "Christian Missionary Group" and made it known his intention to go to this Island to teach Christ. He paid his own way and hired fishermen to take him to this Island. Why North Sentinel Island? There is a protected tribe isolated from outside influence for over 30,000 years (I doubt their estimated time of isolation) there. This tribe is hostile to outsiders and Chau knew there was the possibility of being killed. He was reportedly shot with an arrow and his body dragged throughout the island.

My first thought was how violence is often blamed on the Western world. Some folks seem to think the ancient world was filled with peace toward all men and only when the dreaded Europeans came did bad things happen. What is often overlooked is the positive influence Christianity has on the world. The Bible teaches us to love our fellow man, Matthew 22.39 which is surpassed only by our love for God, Matthew 22.38. Man left by himself is capable of all kinds of evil as shown in Romans 1. This tribe did not hesitate to kill this young man. The greatest threat he posed to them was outside diseases.

A second thought is this man's willingness to go to the other side of the world to teach the Bible. He went by himself and with his own money. John Chau felt the obligation to go and teach a group of people who had never heard the Gospel. For that he should be commended. At a time when Gospel preaching and teaching seems to be on the decline this man found a field and went. Do we, I, have the faith to go and teach our, my neighbor the Gospel of Christ.

Another noteworthy event occurred on the campus of Rider University located in New Jersey. With a student population around 5000 students this University took a stand against hate and bigotry. It decided to kick off campus a homophobic business after asking students which fast food restaurant they

wanted to see on site. After receiving the results, the administration nixed one franchise "Chick Fil-A". That is right, the place which says "eat more chicken" was deemed to be too closed minded and bigoted to be serving Rider students. To quote the University:

But the university said it removed the restaurant as an option on a survey this fall based on the franchise's being "widely perceived to be in opposition to the LGBTQ+ community."

"We sought to be thoughtful and fair in balancing the desire to provide satisfying options for a new on-campus restaurant while also being faithful to our values of inclusion," administrators wrote in a letter to the Rider community.

Chick-Fil-A in its response said, "that it focuses on food, service and hospitality, and its restaurants and licensed locations on college campuses welcome everyone."

I happen to be listening to Fox News and Juan Williams said, "the CEO of Chick-Fil-A believes what the Bible says about morality." Hence, he also called them homophobic and hate mongering.

Interestingly when people talk about inclusion and being open minded, they mean we must accept all life styles. To quote the Bible is unacceptable. Regena worked for Chick-Fil-A for a while. They have standards for dress, hair, and attitude. They demand their people treat the customer professionally and kindly. No one has accused Chick-Fil-A of being rude or refusing to serve homosexuals. But the very thought the CEO does not approve of the life style is enough to get them barred from Rider University.

My thought is what Jesus said in John 7.7, "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil." – Dennis Tucker