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'If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.?'--Martin Luther

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Wednesday, February 22, 2006

Update: Islamic Attacks In Nigeria

Reaction of the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, The Most Revd Peter Akinola on recent events in Nigeria

1 Having watched with sadness and dismay the recent development in some States in the Northern part of this Country where many Christian Churches and other property have been wantonly destroyed by some Islamic fundamentalists, the Christian Association of Nigeria is compelled to issue the following statements:

- a. From all indications, it is very clear now that the sacrifices of the Christians in this country for peaceful co-existence with people of other faiths has been sadly misunderstood to be weakness.
 - b. We have for a long time now watched helplessly the killing, maiming and destruction of Christians and their property by Muslim fanatics and fundamentalists at the slightest or no provocation at all. We are not unaware of the fact that these religious extremists have the full backup and support of some influential Muslims who are yet to appreciate the value of peaceful co-existence.
 - c. That an incident in far away Denmark which does not claim to be representing Christianity could elicit such an unfortunate reaction here in Nigeria, leading to the destruction of Christian Churches, is not only embarrassing, but also disturbing and unfortunate.
 - d. It is no longer a hidden fact that a long standing agenda to make this Nigeria an Islamic nation is being surreptitiously pursued. The willingness of Muslim Youth to descend with violence on the innocent Christians from time to time is from all intents and purposes a design to actualize their dream.
- 2.
- a. It is sad to note that all acts of hostility meted against Christians by Muslims in the past have remained unaddressed with nobody paying compensations or the culprits brought to justice.
 - b. We do appreciate the fact that at this stage of our national development, peace is absolutely necessary for realizing our dreams and aspirations. It is in view of this that Christians in Nigeria agreed to participate in the forthcoming National Census as sacrifice for the peace and progress of this nation, in spite of our protest over the non-inclusion of Religion and Ethnicity as necessary demographic data.
 - c. May we at this stage remind our Muslim brothers that they do not have the monopoly of violence in this nation. Nigeria belongs to all of us – Christians, Muslims and members of other faiths. No amount of intimidation can Change this time-honoured arrangement in this nation. C.A.N. may no longer be able to contain our restive youths should this ugly trend continue.
- 3.
- a. We now demand that further destruction of Christian Churches and property in this nation be permanently put to an end.
 - b. All levels of Government in this country should take adequate steps to protect the lives and property of Christians everywhere in this land as no further destructions will be tolerated or ignored.
 - c. The Federal Government and those States where Christian Churches have been destroyed are hereby urged to take urgent steps at rebuilding those structures and paying adequate compensation while assuring Christians of adequate protection in this country. These governments should now show in practical terms that Nigeria belongs to all of us by going beyond mere promises of rebuilding destroyed Churches and property as in the past to actual reconstruction, which will help the victims to quickly put this unfortunate incident behind them. A stitch in time saves nine.

Signed

Most Revd. Peter J. Akinola (CON, DD.)

President, Christian Association of Nigeria

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Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Court to Hear Partial Birth Abortion Case Again

With respect to the State's important and legitimate interest in potential life, the "compelling" point is at viability. This is so because the fetus then presumably has the capability of meaningful life outside the mother's womb. **State regulation protective of fetal life after viability thus has both logical and biological justifications.** If the State is interested in protecting fetal life after viability, it may go so far as to **proscribe** abortion during that period, except when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother.

Majority decision Roe v Wade

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"Proscribe" is defined as " to condemn or forbid as harmful or unlawful: prohibit?."

Therefore the majority opinion says that the State has the right to restrict abortion after viability. After viability is when the abortion procedure called "*partial birth*" is done.

This form of late term abortion is when the baby's feet are pulled through the birth canal and a device is inserted into the birth canal that either crushes or punctures the baby's skull before the head has left the inside of the mother. This of course results in the mother giving birth to an already dead child.

It is barbaric that anyone would argue that you have a Constitutional right to kill a child in this manner but that is exactly what abortion supporters are arguing. Thankfully this issue is going before the Supreme Court where they will have a chance to reverse some of the damage they have inflicted on our society.

Maybe they will get it right this time and stop this form of premeditated murder.

Posted by [william](#) on 02/21 at 06:24 PM
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Monday, February 20, 2006

Site Restored After Botched Upgrade

Yeah! The site is up and running again.

Thanks to the support staff at pMachine <http://www.pmachine.com/> I am now running their new version of the blogging software.

It was a combination of the 50-50 90 rule and my .htaccess file going belly-up.

For those that don't know, **the rule above states that for any fifty-fifty option, there is a ninety percent chance of choosing the wrong action.** I had a choice of two files from which to pick to upgrade the site and per the above rule, I picked to wrong one.

I then updated my Black List (blocked IP and URL files) and in the process trashed my .htaccess config file. Last year in a three month period I had over one million hits on the site due to spammers. That is why I dumped the other blogging program and went with pMachine's Express Engine.

Look at this support thread if you want to fix SQL Errors while upgrading Express Engine.
<http://www.pmachine.com/forums/viewthread/31768/>

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Friday, February 17, 2006

DNA Contradicts Book of Mormon

The theology of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints commonly known as the Mormon took a serious hit today in an article of the [Los Angeles Times](#). The whole premise of the Book of Mormon was proved impossible by DNA testing.

The teachings and tradition of the Book of Mormon have been totally upended by the DNA results. The study was not conducted to prove or disprove the teaching of the LDS church but to track via genetic markers the waves of migration from Asia to both the Pacific Islands and the Americas.

For Mormons, the lack of discernible Hebrew blood in Native Americans is no minor collision between faith and science. It burrows into the historical foundations of the Book of Mormon, a 175-year-old transcription that the church regards as literal and without error.

The Book of Mormon is one of three books regarded as divinely inspired scripture that supercedes the Bible. Their belief is that the Bible is *correct in so far as it is translated correctly*. These are weasel words that mean if any of the other three books conflict with the Bible then the Bible is wrong.

Anyway, the Book of Mormon is the story of the migration of a righteous man and his family to South America. These travelers split into two groups, the righteous white settlers and the evil dark skinned people that were the forefathers to the Indians of North and South America. Towards the end of the Book, the evil dark skinned men kill the righteous white skinned people.

The God-fearing Nephites were "pure" (the word was officially changed from "white" in 1981) and "delightsome." The idol-worshipping Lamanites received the "curse of blackness," turning their skin dark.

According to the Book of Mormon, by 385 AD the dark-skinned Lamanites had wiped out other Hebrews. The Mormon church called the victors "the principal ancestors of the American Indians." If the Lamanites returned to the church, their skin could once again become white.

Up until Jimmy Carter was President of the United States, blacks (among others) were not allowed to be full members in good standing in the LDS church. In the midst of Carters *Campaign on Human Rights*, the LDS leadership got a word from God that elevated blacks into full membership.

Over the years, church prophets believed by Mormons to receive revelations from God and missionaries have used the supposed ancestral link between the ancient Hebrews and Native Americans and later Polynesians as a prime conversion tool in Central and South America and the South Pacific.

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Moroni: Prophet who became Angel that appeared to Joseph Smith in 1823

Critics want the church to admit its mistake and apologize to millions of Native Americans it converted. Church leaders have shown no inclination to do so. Indeed, they have dismissed as heresy any suggestion that Native American genetics undermine the Mormon creed.

Yet at the same time, **the church has subtly promoted a fresh interpretation of the Book of Mormon intended to reconcile the DNA findings with the scriptures.** This analysis is radically at odds with long-standing Mormon teachings.

Rewriting theology is nothing new to the folks in Salt Lake City but reversing 175 years of teaching is a tall order even for them. On the other hand, where would their followers go? Sadly most probably wont care that another part of their theological system has been exposed as fraudulent.

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■ Bumper Sticker



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Tuesday, February 14, 2006

■ LightScribe: Next Generation Disc Labels



During my efforts to recover from my computer woes around the first of the year, I decided that I needed the ability to backup larger files than my DVD burner could copy onto a single disc. So I decided to price recorders that could support the dual layer, 8.5-gigabyte discs. After I started looking, I come across a DVD-R that has **LightScribe** written on the box. Curious I found their website <http://www.lightscribe.com> and took a look.

LightScribe is a technology that allows you to use your DVD burner to laser etch labels onto the discs that you make at home. This means no more paper labels or **Sharpies** are needed to know whats on your disc. Use you label creation program that is bundled with your burner; simply create a label for your disc, and place disc into your burner upside-down and print. The labels are black writing etched into a gold foil label embedded in the DVD or CD. This technology is supported by *Roxio Easy Media Creator* and *Nero* software.

LightScribe requires special hardware, software and *LightScribe* enabled discs to operate. The DVD-R drive that I purchased was from the local **Staples** store for 79.95 plus tax. My *LightScribe* burner is made by **I/O Magic** and was bundled with *Nero 6*. As it turns out, the *LightScribe* drivers are embedded into the *Nero* software and cannot be installed separately. My *Roxio* software supports *LightScribe* but would not work until I had installed the *Nero* program that was bundled with the drive.

I have found that the *LightScribe* discs are made for CDs and 8x (4.3 GB) DVDs. The best prices I have found thus far are at my local **Wal-Mart**.

You can us any background image that you want to create the label but remember that your end product will be in a single color so there are limits to your creativity.

After the label is created in your computer, place disclabel side down into your burner. Close door and the go to print in you label program. You will then be able to select your burner as a print device. Select Best print quality and then

print label. In about 25 minutes you will have a disc with a laser-etched label.

This is a system that works just like it is advertised. I recommend that you get **LightScribe** enabled burners for your next computer upgrade. Best of all, it works wonderfully on my 64 bit Windows XP system.

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Monday, February 13, 2006

My Shot at Dick Cheney



1. While the Vice President will no longer be known as a straight shooter, the real question is was he leaning to the Right when he fired?
2. Did he have a campaign flashback and think he was in Cambodia?
3. When Dick Cheney says his beer is Less filling, dont argue and say, Tastes Great.
4. If Dick Cheney has you in his sights, youre in big trouble.
5. I bet young men will think twice before dating the Vice-Presidents daughter now!

Posted by [william](#) on 02/13 at 08:49 PM
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Friday, February 10, 2006

Bureaucrats Criminalize 21st Century Lifestyle

Disposable Society
Criminalized



When can you tell that government is out of control? When government makes law abiding citizens into criminals just for going about their daily lives, the government has overstepped its rightful boundaries.

If you are a gun owner, smoker, motorcycle rider or other persecuted minority in California for doing something that is legal, you now have company. Every citizen in California has been made a criminal today. Thats right! Effective today, if you throw a dead AAA battery into the trash you are criminal. If you put a burned-out light bulb into a dumpster you are an evil doer. If you toss a disposable cell phone you are scum. So says the [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#) (also called [CalEPA](#)).

A summary article can be found at the [KCRA-TV website](#).

Other banned items include some tennis shoes made before 1997, greeting cards that play music, freezers, washing machines, space heaters, radios and disposable lighters.

The real lessons to take from these Liberals are these:

- ! We cannot listen to terrorists talking on disposable cell phones but we can imprison them for tossing the phones into the trash when their calling minutes are expired.
- ! Our State legislature is more fearful of the batteries in my babys electronic toys than the possibility that thermonuclear weapons might be detonated in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

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Thursday, February 09, 2006

Gallo Teams with Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart announced that they would soon be offering customers a new discount item: Wal-Mart's own brand of wine. The world's largest retail chain is teaming up with E&J Gallo Winery of California, to produce the spirits at an affordable price, in the \$2-5 range.

Wine connoisseurs may not be inclined to throw a bottle of Wal-Mart brand into their shopping carts, but "there is a market for cheap wine", said Kathy Micken, professor of marketing. She continued, "But the right name is important." Customer surveys were conducted to determine the most attractive name for the Wal-Mart brand.

The top surveyed names in popularity are:

10. Chateau Traileur Parc
9. White Trashfindel
8. Big Red Gulp
7. World Championship Riesling
6. NASCARbernet
5. Chef Boyardeaux4. Peanut Noir
3. I Can't Believe It's Not Vinegar!
2. Grape Expectations

And the number 1 name for Wal-Mart Wine...

1. Nasti Spumante

According to Micken, "The beauty of Wal-Mart wine is that it can be served with either white meat (Possum) or red meat (Squirrel).

Founder in 1962, Wal-Mart is a global company with more than 1.3 million associates worldwide and nearly 5,000 stores and wholesale clubs across 15 countries. Last year, Wal-Mart generated more than \$256 billion in global revenue, establishing a new record and adding more than \$26 billion in sales.

Posted by [william](#) on 02/09 at 12:34 PM
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Tuesday, February 07, 2006

Islamic Cartoons

This is one of the phoniest issues that I have ever seen. These cartoons were published in [September of 2005](#) and are just now getting protested.

If you want to know the truth just follow the money to see who is financing the **brute squads** terrorizing embassies and burning flags. **Syria** has already been fingered as a major backer of these attackers. Im sure **Sandi Arabic** and **Iran** are also kicking-in a few Rupees to stir things-up.

The cartoons can be views at [HumanEventsOnline](#)

I agree that supporters of the Global War on Terror are using the cartoons to make the natives restless; but this is the same type of tactics that these repressive governments have used for years to blame Israel for all their self-inflicted ills. **To wait five months to mount a campaign against the newspapers that published these cartoons is proof that this is a staged event.**

These protests also serve to silence what few moderate Muslims there are in the region.

These protests are really a preemptive step to unify the region to raise the stakes to the point that **Israel** and/or the **United States** will loose their backbone and not attack the nuclear program in **Iran** because such an attack could escalate into a regional war. From this perspective, the events that are unfolding now are a brilliant political move. Truly, the chessmasters are putting their pawns in play.

Of all the cartoons, the one below is my favorite.



It does bring to mind one question that I have never heard explained and that is what are the women who blow-up innocent men, women and children supposed to get from Allah in the next life?

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Friday, February 03, 2006

eTrust Antivirus Release 8



Occasionally, I have to be the first kid on the block with the new techie toy. In that spirit, I purchased the new *Computer Associates eTrust Antivirus* program, Release 8. I wanted a program that was certified to work with my 64-bit version of Windows XP.

Prior to installing, I uninstalled the eTrust version 7 that I was using for the past three weeks.

The installation went ok. I was prompted to agree to three different licenses and had to fill out a full-page registration form before I even got to the screen to select the product that I wanted to install.

When selecting the program to install, there is a one-sentence summary of each product choice; there are five or six from which to choose. I selected **eTrust Antivirus Release 8**. The next screen lets you choose *Client*, *Server* or *Custom* installation. I made my choice and then presses finish to install.

Partway through the installation, I got an error that the license would not register so I was being given a 30-day trial version of the program. After installation finished, the system prompted for a reboot.

After rebooting my computer, I tried to find where the license could be entered again to get the product registered. I could not find any screen to enter the information. There is a license button on one of the screens but it doesnt work like you would expect. It doesnt ask you to enter a registration number or verify the information that you had previously typed in case you typed one instead of **1** or zero instead of **0** or something lame like that; instead, it asks you for a path to the license file. I even tried cutting and pasting the license key code from the order confirmation e-mail that they sent me but it would not work.

The license button gave you a screen that had three buttons. A fill-in box next to the *Browse* button seemed the logical place to find a license file. Once you click on *Browse* you are presented with a search window similar to **Word** or **Excel** when you select *File-Open*. The choices for file type are the default ***.*** (the dreaded search wildcard), **.gif** or **.htm**.

What and where this mysterious license file is remained a mystery for several hours. It seems like this interface is intended for a client installation to find the license file of the server installation. (*See number Five below for more info.*)

There is no **Help** option. I looked because often licensing is buried in the *Help-About* button on the program.

After several hours of frustration on the **CA** website and uninstalling and reinstalling the program four more times, this is what I discovered.

First, all of the user name, address and other neat mandatory fields that you are prompted for in the installation, are not memorized by the setup program and must be reentered each time you run setup.

Second, there is no help option available from the setup menu.

Third, there is no help available for Release 8 at the CA website.

Fourth, **HP** and **Microsoft** have much better Knowledge Bases than **Computer Associates**. I even went through the registration at their website, for the third time in a month to try to login to some support options. **CA** does not seem to have integrated login data so I had to register once to download a trial copy, which I could never get to install. Then I had to enter all the same info to buy the program on their store website, and third, I had to register to get a look at portions of the support website.

Fifth, I did find out that there is a registration file in the *Shared Components* directory that this is an **.xml** file but it only shows enough information to see that I have a thirty day trial version currently installed.

Sixth, the licensing scheme and file locations have been completely revised for Release 8 when compared to Release 7.

In light of all that had happened, I sent an e-mail to CA in hopes of getting some help to get the program licensed properly. I may have to hack the **xml** file but I would like to get the program working properly.

Six Hours After My Original Post

Amazingly, when I got home today there were two e-mails waiting for me in response to my request for help, the e-mails were due to the fact that I was not there to answer the phone call from **Computer Associates**. Thats service!

Anyway here is the text of the e-mail.

This is with regards to your Licensing Issue# XXXXXX91.

I understand that you have installed the product on a 64 bit machine.

Kindly note that the agent will work fine on a 64 bit machine, however, kindly install the (ITM server) Console on a different machine which does not have a 64 bit processor.

The licenses will get updated only when a console machine connects to CA site and get it refreshed. Otherwise, the license.xml file will be holding the trial info only.

Hence, you can install the Console on a different machine and have the 64 bit machine as an agent. Kindly let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Cheryl
CA
License Support Representative

As Paul Harvey says, and now the rest of the story.

I took my handy eTrust R8 disk to my wifes 32-bit Windows XP computer and started the install process again. I agreed to three licenses and filled-out the same full page form again, selected eTrust R8 and then surprise! There were four menu choices instead of the three that were on my 64-bit computer.



32 Bit System Reveals Fourth Choice

As instructed, I installed the ITM Server.

This was a good first step but is not the end of the computing adventures that I experienced.

When I rebooted the computer and tried to go into the **ITM Server**, I was prompted for a Username and Password. I figure no sweat, I will enter what? My registration stuff asked me to create a password but not a username. What now?

Thankfully there was a help button on this screen. After mousing around I found out that the **eTrust ITM Console** uses the default **Administrator** account of the computer as the Username and Password. This was simple enough, I entered the username and there was no password on the **Administrator** account on my wifes XP machine so I just hit Enter and . . . nothing. Program error, I must enter a password. But there is no password! The only choice I had was to go to **Users** in the **Control Panel** and enter a password for the **Administrator** account on the XP machine.

I then went back to the **ITM Console** and tried the **Administrator** account with my newly created password and like magic, I was able to login.

The console could see my computer had eTrust but there was nowhere that I could find to register the license which was the whole purpose of this exercise in the first place.

Based on my experiences the night before, I thought why not just share the directory with the license in it and see what happens. I shared the **SubscriptionLicense** directory and then went to my 64-bit computer.

I opened the License Tab and browsed to the **SubscriptionLicense** directory on my wifes computer and selected the **License.xml** file and my computer accepted the choice. Now I am running a fully licensed copy of **ETrust Antivirus Release 8** for my 64-bit Windows XP system.

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Thursday, February 02, 2006

John Danforth Whines in Washington Post



A friend e-mailed me a copy of the **Washington Post** interview with former **Senator John Danforth**. This article advocates that moderate Christians should rise-up to oppose the Christian Right and their involvement in the Republican Party.

Danforth cites such issues as gay marriage, posting the Ten Commandments, Terri Schiavo, embryonic stem cell research and other social issues as needing the wisdom of moderate voices. **OK what is a moderate position on such issues?**

[Lets look at the issues.](#)

Is it ok to kill unborn babies as a form of retroactive birth control?

Is it ok to conceive children to harvest their body parts in the name of science?

Is it ok to have religion in the public square?

Is it ok to honestly acknowledge the intellectual and moral foundations of our Founding Fathers?

Is marriage between a man and woman the best way to raise children?

Is forcing acceptance of homosexuality upon me and my family a good thing?

Obviously there is no such thing as a moderate position on these and other issues.

You are either for or against such issues. They are either right or wrong. The one thing most of these issues have in common is that they are being advanced by judicial legislation and not the normal Constitutional processes that are setup under our form of government.

There was a time when the Episcopal Church was called the conscience of the Republican Party. Since then the Episcopal Church-in which Senator Danforth serves as an ordained minister-has left the Orthodox Christian Faith and descended into heresy.

The Christian Right is involved in politics to defend itself from the attacks of Democrats and liberal (moderate) Republicans. Now that the tide is turning and the Senator and his allies are losing, they are wandering about the country like a roaring lion seeking whom they may devour. (*see 1 Peter 5:8*)

Now, their last vestige of power, the judicial branch of our government, is shifting away from judicial activism and towards a strict constructionist view. This coupled with more minorities in the middle and upper classes and the demise of the Roosevelt era Democrats by attrition has left the political Left in demographic hell for at least the balance of the good Senators lifetime.

Once this truth has truly taken hold within the Democratic leadership, look for many of the Dinosaur Democrats to find reasons not to run for re-election.

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Wednesday, February 01, 2006

The Other War on Terror

Far from Afghanistan and Iraq, Saudi Arabia is funding armies of radical Mohammedans that are trying to overthrow the governments of countries such as Nigeria and Sudan. They are systematically burning villages and murdering their inhabitants. Those that survive these raids end up either as refugees or slaves.

The raiders are using guns, machetes, spears and explosives and anything else they can purchase to spread their terror. They purposely torture many before killing them.

Similar atrocities are occurring frequently in Indonesia and occasionally in the Philippines.

However, in parts of Africa this has gotten to the point where there are clearly defined territories controlled by the radical Muslims. In an effort to stem the tide of bloodshed and terror, Christians that live in these countries have begun to fight back, not with bullets but with Bibles. They have decided to evangelize the followers of Islam by literally loving those that persecute them. The famous saying of Tertullian *The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church* is as true now as it was in the early Church.

Africa is emerging as the center of Christianity in the 21st Century and also its primary battlefield. This struggle must succeed. It appears to be Africa that is destined to re-evangelize Western Europe and other once Christian nations.

It is interesting that the hope and future of both Protestant and Catholic branches of the Christian Church is anchored in Africa.

Saudi Arabia has committed hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate Christianity and establish nations that adhere to Sharia Law. We must begin to fight back by praying for our brothers in Africa and sending support to those committed to spreading Christianity in the region.

Just as a point of reference, it costs about two thousand dollars per year to support one african as a fulltime missionary.

I trust that you will join me in supporting this battlefield of the Global War on Terror.

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