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What foolishness this is...

Krispy

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CHICAGO (AP) A steady stream of the faithful and the curious, many carrying flowers and candles, have flocked to an expressway underpass for a view of a yellow and white stain on a concrete wall that some believe is an image of the Virgin Mary.

Police have patrolled the emergency turnoff area under the Kennedy Expressway since Monday as hundreds of people have walked down to see the image and the growing memorial of flowers and candles that surround it. Beside the image is an artist's rendering of the Virgin Mary embracing Pope John Paul II in a pose some see echoed in the stain.

"We believe it's a miracle," said Elbia Tello, 42. "We have faith, and we can see her face."

Tuesday morning, women knelt with rosary beads behind a police barricade while men in work shirts stood solemnly before the image, praying. A police officer kept the crowd of about three dozen from getting too close to the traffic but didn't stop them gathering around the stain.

The stain is likely the result of salt run-off, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. The agency does not plan to scrub it off the wall.

"We're treating this just like we treat any type of roadside memorial," said IDOT spokesman Mike Claffey. "We have no plans to clean this site."

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago had not received any requests to authenticate the image as of Monday, spokesman Jim Dwyer said.

"These things don't happen every day," Dwyer said. "Sometimes people ask us to look into it. Most of the time they don't. (The meaning) depends on the individual who sees it. To them, it's real. To them, it reaffirms their faith."

But onlooker Victor Robles, 36, said he was skeptical about the stain's Virgin Mary resemblance.

"I see just a concrete wall and an image that could happen anywhere," Robles said. "If that image helps more people feel closer to God than maybe that is a good sign."

Worldwide, people have been drawn to images believed to resemble the Virgin Mary seen on windows, fence posts and walls.

Among the best-known in the United States was an image seen in office windows in Clearwater, Fla. Within weeks, a half million people had been to the site. Glass experts believe the image was created by a chemical reaction and corrosion of the metallic elements in the glass coating, but they could not explain why it took the shape it did. The windows were broken last year.

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Re: Salt Stain Virgin Mary A Big Draw, on: 2005/4/20 11:36

Salt Stain you say?

Can't be Mary, it's got to be Lot's Wife!

Karl :-P

Re:, on: 2005/4/20 11:43

Man, I didnt even think of that... thats good!

Krispy

Re: - posted by Angyl, on: 2005/4/20 11:44

It astounds me everytime the Catholics go nuts over an "image" of a woman none of them has ever seen.

Ever wonder why a stain image of Mary never appears in someones underwear?

No disrespect to the lady, of course, but to the idiocy that we see in this world over these things like Cheese sandwiches and salt runoffs, cereal bowls and candle-wax.

It is SOOOOO idolatrous!

As the Rich man in the story, begged Abraham to go save his brothers or send Lazarus to do it, I take a certain grim comfort in knowing that deep somewhere in the pit right now the men responsible for the start of the Catholic church are pleading the same thing now...to turn around the deception they started and the millions (billions???) that they are responsible for leading astray.

Re:, on: 2005/4/20 12:05

The grilled cheese sandwich was my personal favorite. Hey, maybe some day she'll show up on a **Krispy** Kreme donut!

Also, note how she always looks like the art from the Rennasaince (dont know if I spelled that right!) Period. Those artist must have been Holy Spirit inspired.

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2005/4/20 14:50

Quote:

-----The grilled cheese sandwich was my personal favorite. Hey, maybe some day she'll show up on a Krispy Kreme donut!

mmmm...donut..... :-P

Re: Salt Stain Virgin Mary A Big Draw, on: 2005/4/20 19:31

what is the matter with you guys? is everything fodder to be scorned?

of course, its foolishness, but is this all you focus on, and speak out on?

Believe it or not, I happen to be back in my hometown Chicago, attending a symposium on the 50th anniversary of Chicago's mayor Daley the first. I'm working on a project about the mayor.....anyway, I'm mere blocks away from this bizarre manifestation, and I was going to go there last night with a Bible in hand, but now I'm going there , coz I wanna witness the true Gospel, but to do it in love.

OF COURSE ITS WEIRD, but at least we know that those showing up are hungry for Jesus, a perfect audience to evangelize.

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instead of judging and rebuking, look to evangelize.

Re: - posted by Angyl, on: 2005/4/21 1:13

Quote:
-----of course, its foolishness, but is this all you focus on, and speak out on?

Was that you with the telescope lens I saw watching my house the other night? 8-)

I've noticed a tendency on message boards for some people to want to judge the posts of others as a matter of "life's work." It is a common mistake to assume that people who post on these boards about issues aren't doing anything but sitting around and complaining. To these I ask, "Since when did you start following me around and keeping a chronicle of my life?"

A message board is a place where people come to speak on things...to laugh about them, cry over them, DECRY foolishness, and encourage, rebuke, or exhort in many different ways. That's what a message board is all about.

but it is unwise to **judge** the posters on a message board for posting on things "instead of being out doing this or that other good work."

You don't know what they've done...

You don't know WHAT they are doing for the Lord.

Likely as not, their stash in Heaven is greater than your own.

So to remarks such as:
Quote:
-----instead of judging and rebuking, look to evangelize.

when it comes to messageboard posting I say three things:

1. Physician heal thyself.
2. Caution, my brother or sister, the person you're speaking to may be more of an evangelist, soul-winner than you are. Do not judge people just because they occasionally come online to discuss issues of the world as if that is their only life. and
3. Do not discount the passing of information in this information age. Message boards are ways to share news about what's going on in the world and keeping people informed. I didn't know anything about this foolish stain until I saw this thread. There are many such things I learn about by reading message boards. Surely you would not suggest that we read the news and have no opinion because we are always too busy grabbing our Bibles and running out the door???

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 7:49

Quote:
-----what is the matter with you guys? is everything fodder to be scorned?

Well, actually I speak out against modern versions, the lack of holiness in the church, and a plethora of other things. As you admitted in your post, Neil, it is foolishness... and should be noted as such. The grilled cheese sandwich Mary shows just how foolish the RCC can be. I point it out because it's a sign of the times.

Quote:
-----OF COURSE ITS WEIRD, but at least we know that those showing up are hungry for Jesus, a perfect audience to evangelize.

I commend you for going there to evangelize, and my post on this should not be misinterpreted as meaning that we shouldn't. Of course we should. Since you don't know my ministry, don't imply that I don't evangelize. :-)

As far as them being hungry for Jesus... you are probably correct in that, and it is a good opportunity to evangelize. But as the scripture says:

Mat 12:38 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.
Mat 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah:

Those who chase after false revivals like the Toronto Airport Fellowship and Brownsville should heed this passage as well.

Quote:
-----instead of judging and rebuking, look to evangelize.

As believers in Jesus Christ... we are called to do all three.

Joh 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Tit 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 7:53

Angyl... excellent post, brother. That's one that should be read by everyone.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 8:51

Here is an excellent sermon mp3 that I found concerning Mary worship, and the "one world religion" that is to come...

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?currSection=sermonstopic&sermonID=418053411>

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 10:14

Just in case someone thinks I am too harsh on the Catholic Church... this is a small portion of what Charles Spurgeon wrote about her.

Krispy

*The following is from Spurgeon's sermon,
"Hope, Yet No Hope. No Hope, Yet Hope"
No. 684. Isaiah 57:10.*

"I turn with loathing from gaudily decorated churches, dedicated to salvation by ceremonies, daubed with paint, smother

ed with glitter, and bedizened with pictures, dolls, and all sorts of baby prettinesses.

I turned aside from them uttering, "If your god accepts such rubbish as this, he is no God to me- my God is too sublime, too noble, too great minded to take delight in your genuflections, and stage play devotions."

*When I behold processions with banners, and crosses, and smoking censers, and see men who claimed to besent of God, and yet dress themselves like **Tom-fools**, I do not care for their god, but reckon that it was some heathenish idol whom I **scoff at and despise**.*

Has it never struck you that ceremonial salvation would be a very wicked way of salvation? What is there, for instance, about drops of baptismal water which could make men better? What is there about confirmation that should assure you of the forgiveness of your sins? What is there about receiving a piece of bread and drinking a drop of wine that should confer grace? Might you not remain as bad at heart and as wicked after all these ceremonies as you were before?

And is it not a violation of the eternal principles of morality that a man should be endowed with grace while still his soul clings to sin?

Now, if there be no effect in water to make you hate sin, and no result from the priest's hands to make you love God, and no result from sacraments to make you holy and heavenly-minded, why do you trust in them?

Surely it is immoral in the highest degree to tell a man that by outward ceremonies, which cannot change the life, he shall have his sin forgiven!

The gospel gives not a vestige of confidence to anybody who hopes to be saved by the performances of ritualism.

The gospel is so simple, so divine; how is it that so many cast it aside, and take up with these sillinesses which are the inventions of man?

Only divine grace can turn you from the delusive path of trusting in vain religious ceremonies for salvation!"

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2005/4/21 12:20

Krispy,

I'm not sure if you are a brother or a sister so I will just call you friend. I certainly appreciate your fervor and zeal for the truth. That is certainly a passion which is sorely lacking from the modern world (the love of the truth and hatred for the false). Certainly your comments pertaining to the "miracle of the salt stain" are correct and I believe done in a right spirit. (My personal favorite is the cinnamon bun with Mother Teresa's face on it.) Certainly these errors must be exposed and since there are hungry people who must be warned. I must admit though I am sorely grieved (not angered) that you would lump the Brownsville Revival together with a salt stain. I understand that you probably only know of it from a second hand perspective (although that may not be true), yet as one having lived in the midst of it for two years I encourage you to be cautious with your statements. I know saying things like this cause many to say things like, "No, I will not be cautious with exposing heresy and apostasy!" But I sincerely and in a loving spirit ask you to research a little more on it. Trust me, I've both read and heard all of the negatives, and then some! I struggled for a long time with this. Having lived there and sat under the ministry of some of the most sincere, broken, humble men and women of God I have ever met my thinking is different. I have never, and I honestly mean NEVER, been to a church, Pentecostal or Non, where the cross has been more powerfully, and regularly preached on. (Something Brownsville has been wrongly criticized for NOT doing) Many of my classes it was almost a given the entire semester would be spent studying the cross, even though the class was on Acts, or Cults and Comparative Religions. The cross and the blood of Jesus was the focal point. Brownsville was/is not the Charismatic circus the "discernment ministries" made it out to be. Of course there were excesses many of which my own eyes saw. Never did I see it from the platform (though I'm not saying it hasn't happened - Leaders=humans=able to make mistakes=me) Although I saw many visitors acting out and being distracting, they were always dealt with lovingly yet firmly. Yet the focus was always on the cross, prayer, humility, holiness, evangelism and the like. I personally was saved at the Brownsville Revival in '98. I am a pastor's son and have lived all of my life in church and going to church activities. Personally I'd had about all I could take and was completely living in a life of sin and darkness. Yet I went with my youth group because although I was sick of church and religion I was hungry for God. He met me and He met me in power, my life has never been the same and I am now in the full-time ministry. Not that I am an example of great fruit for I am still very flawed. All I can say is that above all of the excesses and all of the flesh the Spirit of God truly moved there in undeniable power, of that I am sure. I do not speak from the perspective of study but I personally know many of the key leaders a

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nd know them to be incredible men and women of God whos lives are above reproach. I believe many times we have a tendency to focus on the excesses of a revival and miss the whole point. Many past revival critics have done this same thing. I do indeed believe that we do not need to let just everything go and throw caution to the wind. No fleshly activities must be lovingly dealt with so that the Holy Spirit is not grieved. Yet I personally fear lack more than excess. Yes there are excesses in present movements and have been in every revival that has ever occurred, including ones that are hailed and praised as the model on this site and others. Had Evan Roberts been alive today there would be post after post on this site against him. He was a very mystical and strange young man. He regularly had trances and visions many of which we today, and even his biographers dismiss as being the fruits of an overactive imagination. Yet we hail him as a great man of God, even though the end of his life was not so glamorous. I could list to you hundreds of moves of God, and Men of God whos ministries were accompanied by many if not all of the "manifestations" we have seen and criticized, (I say we, because I have done it myself) in present day movements. And No they were not all signs of repentance in past movements. That is all side frills in my opinion compared to the lasting fruit and impact that these movements made.

Krispy I don't want you to get the wrong feeling from me, I am not at all trying to argue with you or criticize you. I am lovingly asking that you be careful, not when it comes to false doctrine and teaching, not at all! I love and bless you and appreciate your boldness and love for the truth!

Burning,
Jeff

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2005/4/21 12:56

Krispy,
Hey for images of the miraculous Mother Teresa Cinnamon bun, or the "Nun bun" as this site affectionately refers to it as go to this site - <http://www.indiana.edu/~jkkteach/P335/nunbun.html>

Not being rude or disrespectful just out of fun.
Burning,
Jeff

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 13:12

Quote:
-----I'm not sure if you are a brother or a sister so I will just call you friend.

I'm a brother, brother!

Just ask my wife!

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/4/21 13:26

Jeff... I have limited time right now, but let me thank you for your constructive criticism. I can tell your heart and motivation is good and honest and godly. (I don't always get that from some)

My testimony is a rather long one, so I'll give you the Reader's Digest version. When I was saved a decade or so ago the Brownsville Revival was just hitting it's stride. I've actually been there, and was prayed over by none other than Kilpatrick, and laid out on the floor. We had their music CD's and taped sermons. So I am quite familiar with Brownsville.

Over the last decade the Lord has brought me thru much. In that time I've abandoned the modern versions and I know use exclusively the KJV, and we have left the institutional church system for house churches... and I've talked about that on other threads.

My personal theology has evolved into what most would label "fundamentalist". I prefer to call it "Bible believer", but that's not to say everyone who disagrees with me isn't a Bible believer... I don't believe that at all.

I have sharp disagreements with a lot of the doctrine of those revivals now. HOWEVER... I do believe sincerely that man

y are saved there, and they do preach salvation and holiness. I've seen and heard it first hand.

I know the leadership is very sincere, and so far as I know they live godly lives. Praise God!

When I made mention of Brownsville, it wasn't intended to be a blanket condemnation of the thing. I can see how it would be, but that's wasn't what I was trying to convey. The scripture I used had to do with a wicked generation that would not believe without seeing a sign... and I know many who do a sort of pilgrimage to the latest "signs and wonders" revival to see it, and "feel" closer to God. Jesus condemned such motivation.

That's what I was speaking about.

I'm glad you responded!! I made a new friend today!

PM me if you want to know my real name. :-)

Krispy

Re: Stain on the wall , a report from Chicago., on: 2005/4/22 13:53

God blessed me to be in my hometown of Chicago at the exact time the sighting of the Virgin Mary was reported on the wall of the viaduct at the Fullerton Avenue bridge at the Kennedy Expressway.

I've been burning to testify to you all regarding this, and also to testify about my struggles being in my home town, among my old crowd, being among them as a follower of Jesus.

Before I testify, I did not mean to seem harsh in my earlier post. That wasn't my intent.

I walked over to the bridge on an unseasonably cold morning, rush hour traffic blaring in the background. During the winter in Chicago, prodigious amounts of road salt are used.

Here's what I saw:, a vertical crack running from the top of the viaduct wall, to the sidewalk. About 7 feet above the sidewalk, a widening brown stain. This stain had not "just" appeared, it had probably been a few seasons in the making.

I could not "see" anything in this stain.

At the foot of the stain, were hundreds upon hundreds, of those tall votive candles, and many many bunches of flowers, this whole mass of candles and flowers was 15 feet long and six feet deep, against the viaduct wall.

Around the display, were blue painted Chicago police barricades, the kind made out of wood, a single beam with four legs. There was a satellite transmission truck, and a about four video cameraman.

People, mostly Latino, kept coming and going. They would go thru the barricades, gaze at the stain, touch it, kiss their hands and make the sign of the Cross.

It was a very sad scene.

I stood at the barricade, opened my Bible to the Magnificat, in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 1, and fed off this Song that Mary sings, meditating on it, and praying for those who hunger.

Then the Holy Ghost laid it on me;
these people are so hungry, so thirsty and so in ecclesiastical bondage, that they will trek to a stain on a wall seeking a manifestation of the Living God.

Pray harder, He said.

I started to ask some of the men around me, what they see. They attempted to explain what I was looking at. I nodded respectfully, they looked down at the open Bible balanced on the beam of a barricade, and would back away.

I grew tired of this.

So I left.

I'm in Chicago now, because I came to attend a symposium on Mayor Richard J, Daley , he's the father of Chicago's current mayor. I'm working on a piece about him.

Within the theater I grew up in, I'm the only one who is walking with God, fears God, and follows Jesus.

I am not sanctimonious, not self righteous.

I used to be one of the party boys here, grass, dope booze, lots of girl friends, a totally godless existence. Everyone else here still leads life as before. However I do NOT admonish them, I stay cheerful, I stay prayerful, I choose my words carefully.

But watch out, once you lead a Godly life, those who knew you 'before' get STIRRED up, something intense.

You dont have to do a thing, say a thing, you become an offense.

I wish I could write more. I ask you this, if you read this, keep me, your brother in prayer these next 4 days.

God bless you is my fervent prayer.

Neil

Re: Stain on the wall , a report from Chicago., on: 2005/4/22 14:15

You are definately in my prayers, brother Neil! I pray God opens doors for you to witness and lead you old friends to Christ!

Thanx for being a warrior for Christ.

Krispy