

This Holocaust Legacy Packs a Punch

Shot three times by the Nazis in Poland, Bernard Fleischer was down for the count. But just as he was about to be finished off, the German soldier's gun froze.

Assuming he'd die anyway, the soldier left Bernard in a barn. Bernard survived and later joined the Jewish resistance movement. Decades later, his son and grandson are perpetuating his Holocaust legacy in the boxing ring.

This past weekend junior welterweight Dustin "The White Tiger" Fleischer faced Ira Frank at Veteran's Memorial Park in Beach Haven, New Jersey—with his father, Phil Fleischer, as his lead cornerman for the first time. Dustin says it is his grandfather's message that gives him strength.

Specifically, he wants to be the answer to the trivia question, "Who is the first world champion boxer to be the grandchild of a Holocaust survivor?"

"It helps me bring a message, helps give my career more of a meaning. Especially when it comes to my heritage and my religion," Dustin Fleischer, 25, tells .

"I just kind of knew he had his grandfather's strength in him," says Phil Fleischer. "There was something about those two. They just kind of clicked."

In his will, Bernard Fleischer left Dustin his Star of David necklace, which Dustin wears while he walks into the ring every time he fights, in addition to sporting a Star of David on his trunks.

"I actually wanted it, but he gave it to his grandson," Phil quips regarding the necklace.

Dustin—5-foot-9, 140 pounds—recalls getting picked on because his mother dressed him up in bow ties and suspenders. He responded by learning martial arts from age 5 and boxing four years later, following in the footsteps of his father.

He thrived, compiling an amateur boxing record of 112-18 and qualifying for the Olympic Trials for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. He lived in the U.S. Olympic training camp at 15.

“A lot of people thought Dustin could be the one. A lot of people were very high on Dustin about making this (Olympic) team,” Phil recalled.

Dustin, however, came down with mononucleosis and got sidetracked.

“When he came back (from the Olympic camp), he was very depressed, but he learned something from it,” Phil says. “He said, ‘Dad, all my life I pushed for this, but I’ve got to have something else in my life in case I ever get hurt with boxing, so I’m going to finish up my education, and once I finish school I will then turn pro.’”

Indeed, Dustin earned a degree in transportation and worked for his father’s trucking company to help the business during the economic recession. All the while, he kept up his boxing skills and would eventually be signed earlier this year by Roc Nation Sports, part of the consortium of entertainment-related entities owned by the rapper Jay Z.

On Jan. 9, 2015, at Madison Square Garden in New York City, during the inaugural “throne boxing” event hosted by Roc Nation Sports, Dustin made his professional debut—scoring a second-round technical knockout victory over Frank Jordan. Soon after the fight, Roc Nation Sports signed him to an exclusive promotional agreement.

“It feels like everything happens for a reason,” Dustin says of his journey to the pros since falling short of the Olympic

team. "I couldn't ask for anything more—the age I turned pro, the people that I'm with. My career is just moving the way I pictured it would move."

Roc Nation "will only sign a certain level of fighter, and to be at that level is definitely a confidence-booster," he says. Dustin doesn't work directly with Jay Z, but has met him.

"The way he talks is just kind of like I pictured him ... He talks as cool as he raps, really," Dustin says.

Within the world of boxing, Dustin says he seeks to emulate the heart of Timothy Bradley, the smarts of Terence Crawford, and the longevity of Floyd Mayweather.

"There really has never been a fighter who's been able to stay that dominant throughout all the years he's been boxing and really not have a scratch on him," Dustin says of Mayweather. "You've really got to admire that as a boxer."

Dustin has never been to Israel, but says he regularly follows Israel news websites and wishes to partake in a boxing match in the Jewish state one day.

Bernard Fleischer died seven years ago, but the late Holocaust survivor would have most certainly beamed with pride at the father-son team entering the ring last weekend. By the way, he won that bout.

"This is one step in Jewish history, and we'll keep rolling from there," Phil says. {eoa}

For more information on boxer Dustin Fleischer, follow him on Facebook, @TheWhiteTigerDustinFleischer, or Instagram and Twitter, @dustinfleischer.

For the original article, visit .

When Pedophilia Is Called Culture

I just finished reading a nauseating *New York Times* article I found on MSN today. I'm troubled, mad and even a bit indignant. Before I start a fast-paced and impulsive rant, you would do well to read the article I'm referring to.

The headline is "U.S. Soldiers Told to Ignore Afghan Allies' Abuse of Boys" and it's as bad as it sounds. You should read it yourself, but here's an executive summary. I will do my best to get the facts right:

*In some Afghan circles, it is a sign of prestige to keep young boys as sex slaves.

*Some of the Afghan officers that we (the U.S. military) helped put into power are practicing this tradition. It sometimes even happens on U.S. military installations.

*Because the U.S. mission is to "fight the Taliban" and not to "stop molestation," our military men and women have been instructed to turn a blind eye to the practice.

*A few U.S. soldiers have been reprimanded for trying to protect children.

To all of this I want to scream: "We are better than this!"

When I was a young sociology student in college, I started to buy into a form of cultural relativism. This is the belief that an individual human's beliefs and activities should be understood by others in terms of that individual's own

culture. In other words, we can't judge another's beliefs and practices because what they do might work in their culture.

It took me about two semesters to shake that nonsense out of my head. However, that is just the kind of drivel that allows injustices like this to happen in a part of the world where Americans are putting their lives at stake.

I know that there are very complex diplomatic issues to consider, but if we can't at the very least agree that protecting the young from harm is a core value of our mission, then what are we doing over there? If we cannot say to those whom we are arming and training, "This is wrong and you cannot do this on our watch," then we are trading one evil (The Taliban) for another (a child abuser that we support.) Meet the new boss. Same as the old boss.

The Christian roots of America are far better than the Islamic roots of the Middle East.

The conditions of the human heart that would allow a culture (even a small portion of it) to allow this absolutely floors me. There are those who argue that all religions are the same ... that Christianity and Islam are about the same. Those people are wrong. While one may find that the laws in the holy texts of these two religions are rooted in similar principles, the fruit they bear is radically different.

America is not a Christian nation. We are too free for that. But most would agree that our values and way of life are rooted in what I presumed was a universal standard of right and wrong. Caring for the weak and protecting the innocent is hard-wired into our culture. This must be, to some extent, a reflection of our Christian heritage.

While we assume that this is normal around the world, there are plenty of Muslim nations who don't operate that way. On a

trip to the Middle East, I saw Muslim women treated as third-class citizens. I read articles in official Muslim publications about how women who are raped are always to blame (and how their murder is permitted). I have even read recent news reports of Muslim nations denying entry to Syrian refugees, as in: "None of you are welcome here." All the while, Europe (and hopefully America) are finding a way.

While Islam and Christianity have similar "laws," the fruit of our lives could not be more opposite. How many hospitals in developing nations are there because of Islamic relief work? (I've never seen one ... if you know a stat on this, I'd be happy to publish it.) How many world-hunger programs (not in the Middle East) are sponsored by Muslims? This is a religion with laws to obey but without a fundamental directive to change the corrupt nature of the human heart. My Christian faith is better than that.

I want to believe that our nation is better than that too. While America is not a Christian nation, our culture believes that protecting the innocent is a non-negotiable. That includes children who are sexually abused. (I know the Catholic Church has had some struggles with this in the past; it appears that they are striving to right those wrongs.) We should demand this same standard from our allies, even if it disrupts their culture. I pray that our country would support our soldiers when they try to hold these people accountable for the actions. Support them. Don't punish them.

We should send our troops into dangerous places not just to protect U.S. interests but to project fundamental values of right and wrong. If we can't work to change hearts and minds, we are allowing evil to continue. And we are better than that.

At least I thought we were.

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The Holy Spirit: 7 Declarations for 5776 and Beyond

Biblical Basis for the Voice of the Lord:

God still speaks today! Are you listening? What are you hearing?

While we agree that the canon of Scripture is closed, we believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. What He did before He continues to do. One of these ongoing activities is that of "communication." The Holy Spirit wants to speak to each of us personally.

Man lives by the ever-proceeding word of the Lord. Take a look at this Old Testament verse quoted by Jesus in the New Testament.

Deuteronomy 8:3 states, "He humbled you and let you suffer hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord."

Matthew 4:4 states, "But He (Jesus) answered, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God."'"

With this in mind, let take a look at seven decrees I sense the Holy Spirit is asking us to align with in this New Hebrew

Year and Beyond.

7 Decrees for 5776 and Beyond!

1. My Word is alive and active. This phrase of course comes from Hebrews 4:12. But recently I had a visitation where the “glory of the Lord” appeared in my living room from floor to ceiling as a cylinder of His presence, and amber colors swirled around. A DNA ladder appeared in its midst as the entire element was rotating. Then a voice came from the pillar and stated, “My Word is alive and active!” I heard it over and over, again and again.

There is life in the Bible. It is the only book that when you read it—it reads you! Meditate on the Word. Love the Scriptures. God’s plan, purposes and ways are taught in this precious will be a revival of the Word of God!

2. It is a time of apostolic motion. We have entered into the second apostolic age of the church. We are living the “Convergence of the Ages” and the “Days of Acceleration.” Bishop Bill Hamon of Christian International calls this period “The Day of the Saints.”

It is now a time of apostolic motion. I did not say “apostolic succession.” Batons of leadership and stewardship are being passed from one generation to another in this coming year. But it does require one generation to graduate to heaven for this occur as if often the past typical model. No! There are new things for these seasoned leaders graduate into and thus there is the necessity to empower the next generation to lead. It is truly a time of the joining of the generations.

3. The art of interpreting signs and wonders goes to a higher level. A spirit of fear has been cultivated by well-meaning leaders and many believers by misinterpreting and overevaluating the present “signs of the times.” Thank God we are at least learning to read the signs and are no longer ignoring them! This is a step forward. But there is a wave of

confusion that could come upon different sectors of the body of Christ as predicted, and thus expected, “economic melt downs” and other despairing reports are not occurring as stated. But God has a remedy!

Out of necessity and calling, a higher level of discernment and wisdom for properly interpreting the signs of the times will now increase. It is time to go higher like Joseph did (see Gen. 37:18-19 to 46:27-28). God will deliver us from misery Christianity and escapism into glorious eschatology.

4. It is the end of 500 years of the Great Reformation and the beginning of the Great Transformation. Historians usually date the start of the Protestant Reformation to the 1517 publication of Martin Luther’s “95 Theses.” Add 500 years to this and it is the year 2017. So as we turn the corner into the year 2016, it is the hinge of the close of a 500-year history of the Great Reformation. But a hinge on a door is for both opening and closing. We are turning the corner into the beginning of the Great Transformation of the church. The Fourth Wave of the Holy Spirit in modern church history has already begun.

5. The release of “divine intelligence” for hope solutions. I have also recently experienced a realm of what I understand to be called “divine intelligence.” The lives of Joseph, Daniel and Solomon are scriptural examples of this for us. God gave them “divine insight” or “divine understanding” or one translation calls it “divine intelligence.” This includes the gifts of the Holy Spirit but blends this with the New Testament understandings of “having the mind of Christ.”

I believe it is a release of the seven attributes of the Spirit of God as recorded in Isaiah 11:1-3 and twice in the book of Revelation. It would be the Spirit of wisdom, understanding and counsel. Hope solutions are being released in this hour and in the coming years to bring heaven’s solutions to difficult problems in the earth realm. It is time

for hope solutions!

6. The beginning of a fresh move of the Holy Spirit among the “nomads” of the earth! While I was in worship, I was shown a vision of an unusual movement of the Holy Spirit that is beginning among nomads or the displaced peoples of the earth. I saw them on a pilgrimage, leaving everything behind as they are seeking refuge in the natural. But they will find their refuge in the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Tens of thousands of Muslims will come to faith in Jesus as their one true God! Angels, healings, miracles and appearances of the Lord Jesus Himself will appear to these nomadic peoples scattered across the face of the earth.

Right after I had this open vision, it was confirmed in the news the next day that there are 57 million nomads wandering the face of the earth. God will be calling some to go and be like “Holy Spirit gypsies” among them; loving them, singing with them and praying for them. It is a new field ripe unto harvest!

7. It is the beginning of a great harvest. Yes, we are crossing the threshold unto a fresh release of laborers empowered by the Holy Spirit for such a time as this. Believers will be “sent ones” into the fields of the harvest.

Seer-prophet Bob Jones declared in 1983 that three signs would occur to let us know that the beginning of the great 1 billion-soul harvest had begun. Bob declared:

1. Abortion would be perfected by a pill. (No one thought Bob knew what he was talking about at the time. But for years now, we have had the “day-after” pill.)
2. The U.S. government and other governments of the world would embrace the gay agenda in their court systems. (This was confirmed by the recent U.S. Supreme ruling embracing same-sex marriage.);
3. Laborers in the rice fields of China would watch 24/7

worship on unplugged television sets on their wrists. (This is an obvious statement concerning smart watches and other similar inventions.)

While I do not rejoice in these signs coming to pass, I do move into redemptive interpretation and declare, "These are the beginning of the days of a great harvest!"

We see in part, know in part and speak in part. I trust these parts will be used to encourage you. Please note that these seven declarations need to be prayed into being, and birthed into their mature fulfillment. Will you join me in that task?

Daniel Kolenda: Delayed Obedience Is Nothing More Than Disobedience

Procrastination is the devil's best friend. The devil knows that delayed obedience is disobedience. The devil knows "tomorrow" never comes.

Many people have missed salvation not because they rejected it, but because the devil convinced them to just put it off for a little while. He convinced young people that they have plenty of time. He convinced others to wait because of relationships or pet sins they were not ready to forsake. The devil knows there will never be a more perfect opportunity to follow Jesus than when He calls.

Have you ever heard someone quote the verse that says, "Today is the day of salvation?" Actually there is no such verse in the Bible. Second Corinthians 6:2 actually says, "Now is the

day of salvation" (emphasis added). To say "today is the day" is not urgent time is *now*!

If a person is drowning, he doesn't need to be rescued sometime today. He needs to be rescued *now*! When Jesus calls, He doesn't mean "get back to Me sometime today." He means answer *now*! Don't procrastinate! Don't wait! Respond immediately, forsake everything that holds you back and follow Jesus! Delayed obedience is disobedience.

Let me take a moment to especially address those who have the evangelistic calling as I do. Jesus said to that young man in Luke 9:60, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But you go and preach the kingdom of God." When it comes to God's will for your life, this matter of answering God's call is especially urgent for those who have been called to preach the gospel.

Imagine that you are a doctor. In fact, you are the best doctor in the whole country, and there is a deadly plague sweeping through. All around you people are dying left and right. You are the only one who knows how to cure the disease. You are the only one who has the vaccine. You are rushing to the hospital to save hundreds of patients who are on their deathbeds when someone on the side of the road calls out, "Hey, you. Come over here and help us bury these dead bodies." You would reply, "I'm sorry. I cannot help you. I'm too busy saving lives to bury bodies."

My friend, we have the most critical of all mandates. All around us people are perishing by the millions. We have the answer for the plague of sin and death. "Little children, it is the last hour" (1 John 2:18, NIV). The need could not be more urgent, and the time could not be more appropriate. There are a lot of good causes that need someone's attention, but none are more important than the call to preach the gospel. We need to let someone else do the "good" things while we stay focused on the most important thing—winning souls! We are not

called to bury the dead—we are called to raise the dead!

Note: This Bible study was taken from Chapter 14 of Daniel Kolenda's book, Live Before You Die.

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Blood Moons: Is God's Billboard Delivering a Message?

Have you had a chance to see any of the blood moons that have decorated the heavens over the past year?

Blood moons are a somewhat common. What's rare is so many of them appearing so close together forming what's called a tetrad.

CBN's Erick Stakelbeck first reported on blood moons more than a year ago and his story went viral. It's been viewed more than a million times.

We wondered why Erick decided to cover blood moons and why he thinks so many people are interested.

Historically blood moon tetrads have coincided with major events for Israel and the Jewish people.

“I don’t believe in coincidences,” Erick says. “Fasten your seat belts.”

Don’t miss this Beltway Buzz Video Short with Erick Stakelbeck discussing blood moons.