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Quote of the Day

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation;
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

George Washington (1732-99)

Arizona Pastor Arrested, Jailed for Holding Bible Study in Home; His Wife Says It 'Defies Logic'

By Fox New Insider, July 11, 2012 – Bible study leader Michael Salman was jailed today after his home was raided by more than a dozen Phoenix, Ariz. police officers and city officials. His offense? The city says people aren't allowed to hold private Bible studies on their own property.

Read more: <http://foxnewsinsider.com/2012/07/11/arizona-pastor-arrested-jailed-for-holding-bible-study-in-home-his-wife-says-it-defies-logic#ixzz2Xi70IDoF>

SC Declares Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) Unconstitutional

June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a key part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and declared that same-sex couples who are legally married deserve the same rights under federal law as all other married couples, in a 5-4 split in UNITED STATES v. WINDSOR, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF SPYER, ET AL. See www.SupremeCourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-307_6j37.pdf.



KENNEDY, J., delivered the **opinion** of the Court, in which GINSBURG, BREYER, SOTOMAYOR, and KAGAN, JJ., joined. ROBERTS, C. J., filed a dissenting opinion. SCALIA, J., filed a **dissenting opinion**, in which THOMAS, J., joined, and in which ROBERTS, C. J., joined as to Part I. ALITO, J., filed a **dissenting opinion**, in which THOMAS, J., joined as to Parts II and III.

FOR: in essence, the SC defended the State of New York's sovereignty.

DISSENTING: Chief Justice Roberts said, "On the merits of the constitutional dispute the Court decides to decide, I also agree with JUSTICE SCALIA that Congress acted constitutionally in passing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Interests in uniformity and stability amply justified Congress's decision to retain the definition of marriage that, at that point, had been adopted by every State in our Nation, and every nation in the world."

Justice Alito, dissenting, said, "I hope that the Court will ultimately permit the people of each State to decide this question for themselves. Unless the Court is willing to allow this to occur, the whiffs of federalism in the today's opinion of the Court will soon be scattered to the wind."

QUESTION: Should the Feds or States DETERMINE Definition of Marriage?

SC Upholds Lower Courts opinion on Prop. 8, Defeating Ban

Ruled June 26, 2013, in 5-4 split that defenders of Prop. 8, a California ban on same-sex marriage, do not have standing to bring the case to SC. See www.SupremeCourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-144_8ok0.pdf. ROBERTS, C. J., delivered the **opinion** of the Court, in which SCALIA, GINSBURG, BREYER, and KAGAN, JJ., joined. KENNEDY, J., filed a **dissenting opinion**, in which THOMAS, ALITO, and SOTOMAYOR, JJ., joined. See all US Supreme Court opinions here www.SupremeCourt.gov/opinions.

Gay Marriage Chronology – This map of the US changes as one moves a button at the top to show how state laws have changed from 2000 to today: <http://graphics.latimes.com/usmap-gay-marriage-chronology>.

King David's Palace Found, Israeli Archaeology Team Says! –

AP, July 21, 2013: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_ISRAEL_KING_DAVID?SITE=AP.

Black Boxes in ALL Cars by 2014 – Massachusetts Lt. Gov Timothy P. Murray crashed his government-issued Ford Crown Victoria in 2011, he claimed he was wearing a seat belt and going speed limit. But according to the car's computer, he was driving over 100 miles an hour and was not wearing a seat belt, and was given a \$555 ticket. He later admitted to falling asleep....

Read: www.NYTimes.com/2013/07/22/business/black-boxes-in-cars-a-question-of-privacy.html?pagewanted=all.



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