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Quote of the Day

Isn't splendid to think of all the things
there are to find out about?...
It's such an interesting world.

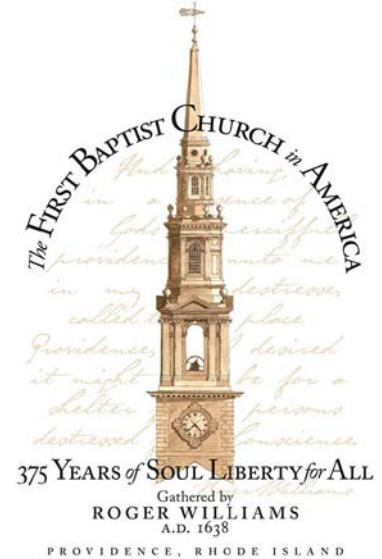
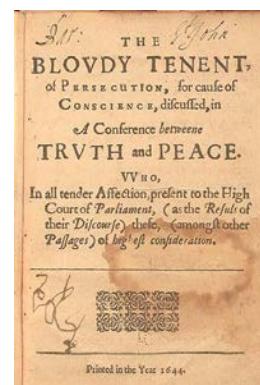
It wouldn't be half so interesting if
we knew all about everything, would it?
There'd be no scope for the imagination then,
would there? —Anne of Green Gables

375 Years Ago – First Baptist Church est. on Providence, Rhode Island

Roger Williams (1603-83) was baptized by Ezekiel Holliman in late 1638. Wikipedia has a good article on Williams' [The Bloody Tenent of Persecution, for Cause of Conscience](#) (London, 1644), his most famous work and one of the ablest statement and defense of the principle of absolute liberty of conscience that had appeared in any language, in the form of a dialogue between Truth and Peace. Get a [PDF of the book here at Google Books](#). Original copies of it were burned by order of a Parliamentary faction offended by Williams' view of government. Upon reading Williams' book, John Cotton responded defending his positions in a publication entitled, [The Bloody Tenent, Washed, and Made White in the Blood of the Lamb](#). Upon his return to London in 1652, Williams again published a defense of his positions and responded to Cotton in *The Bloody Tenent Yet More Bloody by Mr. Cotton's Endeavour to Wash it White in the Blood of the Lamb; of Whose Precious Blood, Spilt in the Bloud of his Servants; and of the Blood of Millions Spilt in Former and Later Wars for Conscience Sake, That Most Bloody Tenent of Persecution for Cause of Conscience, upon, a Second Tryal Is Found More Apparently and More Notoriously Guilty, etc.* (London, 1652). The original *Bloody Tenent* was later cited as a philosophical source for John Locke and the First Amendment to the Constitution and several writings of Thomas Jefferson on religious freedom. See www.FirstBaptistChurchinAmerica.org.



Narragansett Indians receiving Williams

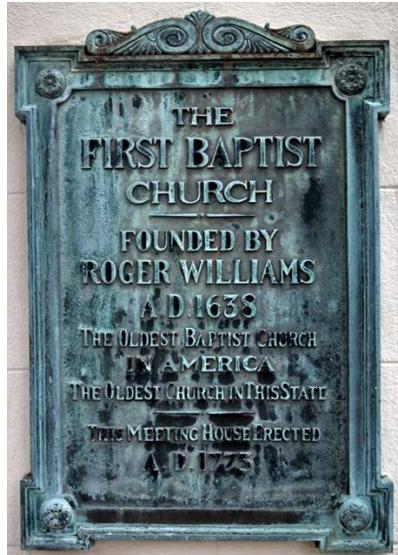


First Baptist Church

in America founded by Roger Williams

1638 – Providence, Rhode Island

375th Anniversary in 2013



50 Years Ago – Civil Rights Movement High Moment

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Martin Luther King Jr. - "I Have a Dream," August 28, 1963

The Twitter Revolution – a Weapon of Mass Communication

Turkish Prime Minister said Twitter was a “menace.” In Bahrain, the religious police have said using Twitter cause you to lose your afterlife, a man was arrested for Tweeting a negative comment on the king, and his appeal was denied. On 8-7-13 CNBC aired “The Twitter Revolution” outlining the scope of instant news, how even some news stations were getting there “feed” and photos from perfect strangers, as in the chase for the Boston Marathon bombers. In closing, the program questioned the future of such a Mass Weapon of Communication that is “controlled by everyone and no one.”

“Third Gender” Official in Germany in November & Russia Outlaws Gay Propaganda

[Friederike Heine, Speigel Online 08/16/2013](#) – edited by Maness

First in Europe to “indeterminate” gender on birth certificates, with option of “male,” “female,” or “blank” which allows the parents to opt out of determining their baby’s gender, allowing those born “to choose whether to become male or female later in life” – or on the certificate to check, “F” for female, “M” for male, or just “X” for, well, whatever. And “Russian Gays Look to U.S. for Asylum” ([Paul Sonne, Wall Street Journal, 8-16-2013](#)) President Vladimir Putin in June signed into law a gay propaganda bill, which punishes those who publicly inform minors that “nontraditional relationships” are OK. Other new laws ban adoptions by same-sex couples and criminalize actions that insult the “religious feelings” of Russian believers.

Texas Executes 500th Inmate since 1976 - [Holly Yan and Bill Mears, CNN updated 8:00 AM EDT, Thu June 27, 2013](#)

Wednesday, June 26, Kimberly McCarthy (52) was the 500th prisoner executed in Texas since 1976, when the death penalty was reinstated in the state. Former occupational therapist was convicted in 1997 of murdering her 71-year-old neighbor, Dorothy Booth, a retired college professor, who was found beaten and stabbed to death, and one of her fingers was severed, indicating a ring was forcibly removed.



Daredevil Nik Wallenda Completes High-wire Walk across Grand Canyon

[Tim Gaynor, Reuters, 6-24-13](#) - Sunday, June 23, on a 2-inch steel cable over the Grand Canyon the “King of the High Wire” took 22:54 minutes to walk 1,400 feet across the crimson-hued canyon with just a distant ribbon of the Little Colorado River beneath him. Broadcast live worldwide. His Pastor Joel Osteen praying.



Florida Issues Warning about Rare Brain-eating Amoeba

[By Jen Christensen and Jacque Wilson, CNN, Aug. 15, 2013](#) - While 12-year-old Zachary Reyna fights for his life against a brain-eating parasite, the Florida Department of Health has issued a warning for swimmers. High water temperatures and low water levels provide breeding ground for this rare amoeba, called *Naegleria fowleri*.

Steve Ramirez and Xu Liu - Laser Manipulated Memory in Mouse

[See TED Talk Here: Jen Christensen and Jacque Wilson, CNN, Aug. 15, 2013](#) - Can we edit the content of our memories? They shoot a laser beam into the brain of a living mouse to activate and manipulate its memory. Published his latest study in Science, it caused a media frenzy over implanting false memories in the brains of mice.

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