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demonstrations, music, food and plenty of activities for those young and old alike to participate in.

One activity that didn't happen, however, was a scheduled burial of a time capsule, that was supposed to take place at 8 p.m.

About 20 minutes before the capsule was supposed to go into the ground, Eubank Fire Chief Norman Rutheford made the decision to hold off on that.

The problem, he said, was too few items had been submitted into the capsule. "We just didn't have enough response to bury it today," Rutheford said.

There were a few items that had been placed, such as a couple of notes and a penny — an item that may not be as well recognized 10 years from now when the capsule is due to be dug up, due to the U.S. mint discontinuing the production of the coin.

But overall, the capsule just wasn't as full as was

hoped. Rutheford said that the new plan was to hold the capsule at the fire station and put out more calls for people to bring items in for it.

"We'll put it in the ground sometime at a later date," he said.

People are encouraged to place items representative of the time, especially concerning the 250th celebration of the anniversary of the creation of the United States.

People are also being encouraged to place letters or notes, whether it be to themselves, to their children or whoever they want to communicate to in 10 years time.

More information should be available in the upcoming days, Rutheford said, adding that he will post info at the Eubank post office as well as online on the fire department's Facebook page.

Meanwhile, Rutheford spend the 8 p.m. hour at Eubank Park helping to watch over another of the event's activities, the Cow Patty Bingo arena.

Guests had the opportunity to bet on which of 144 blocks a selected bovine would do his business on, according to Stella Rutheford, one of the volunteers who helped organize the park's events.

It was a 50/50 pot, with whoever claimed the winning block set to receive \$73.

While Norman Rutheford was helping to watch the bingo pasture, the male bovine in charge, named Buck, was happy getting attention from passing children who asked to feed him.

Buck's owner, J.R. Bates, said that Buck was half-dexter, half highland. Bates said Buck had been the cow patty producer for the bingo game for the past three years.

Earlier in the day, the festivities kicked off after the Fourth of July Parade, which saw folks line up at the old stove mill and follow the route along West Ky. 70 to Eubank Elementary.

After that, an opening ceremony saw members of Trail Life troop 0217 raise



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A Eubank Volunteer Fire truck welcomed visitors to Eubank Park on Saturday with a large flag, making a perfect backdrop for the Fourth of July Parade.

the flag and lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cassi Ping sang the National Anthem, while her

father, Pastor Dustin York, led a prayer.

During that prayer, York said, "On it's 250th birth-

day, Lord, we thank you for all the privileges and all the blessings, and everything that you've granted us."

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darkness to light." That is intellectual advancement.

And that is the progressive movement Platonism engendered.

To be sure, Platonism is writ large across the entire philosophical enterprise of all the Christian logicians that followed, including Origen, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory of Palamas, Augustine, Boethius, Dante, Erasmus, Descartes, Coleridge, Aquinas, Donne, Milton, Newman, Chesterton, and C. S. Lewis. The history of philosophical discourse has been anything but smooth and easy progress, but it is, by nature, cumulative. It is filled with fitful starts, unworkable precepts, dead ends, measured advances, and paradigm shifts. Surely, reason and logic would inform any person that such a chronologically extensive list of Platonic-influenced philosophers represents intellectual advancement.

In that way, the adaptation of Platonic philosophy into a workable Christian philosophy must be viewed in and of itself as an extension and, by virtue of that exten-

sion, an advancement of a widely accepted, systematic philosophical system of that time. Suppose Platonism was a contemporary form of Greek intellectualism (and it was). In that case, Christianity's adaptation of Platonism can hardly be considered a "closing of the Western mind" perpetuated by the Christian philosophical enterprise. It was simply another stage in the evolution of philosophical inquiry. In fact, Markos terms the contributions made by Christian Platonists to the advancement of reason as "eschatological evolution." But even before Christianity adopted Platonism, this "evolution" is no less than how the Greeks got from Socrates to Plato to Aristotle in the first place. That is how the discipline of philosophy has progressed from its inception to the present day: building, criticizing, tearing down, and rebuilding anew. This is precisely how philosophy responds to critical discussion: indefensible arguments are abandoned, weak arguments are strengthened, and knowledge advances. This is precisely what was happening in the Christian West. Intellectual inquiry through logic and reason did not cease; the Western mind

was not closed; it simply embraced a Christian-modified Platonic philosophy that was accommodating to the realities of Christianity.

It seems that Charles Freeman's thesis that early Christian theologians adapting Platonism served as a primary driver in the abandonment of reason is wildly off base. Again, intellectual advancement throughout all times has never been purely incremental or linear. For all of the changes that Christianity brought to humanity, a "dumbing down of the Western mind" was not among them.

One final comment concerning Plato's culpability in the death of rational thought in the Western world: while Freeman openly considers the adaptation of Platonism to be a key factor in the "closing of the Western mind," he fails to adequately explain how Platonism was itself an enormous influence in the Arab intellectual world where he boasts that the Greek philosophical tradition not only survived but progressed. Freeman teeters on hypocrisy here, writing that the Arabs reflected a "readiness to accept the best of Greek thought, not only was Plato's The Good appropriated to provide

insights into the nature of Allah, but also... most of the great Greek thinkers: Aristotle, Plato, Hippocrates," were translated into Arabic. Curiously, one might ask Freeman exactly how it is that Allah scholarship in the East benefits from the application of Platonism, while the God of Christianity in the West does not. It seems

to me, whether in the West or the East, it's either Plato's fault or it is not.

But it is not just Paul's fault, nor is it just Plato's fault. According to Freeman, the Roman emperors had a hand in the "closing of the Western mind" as well. To that point, the following article in this series turns.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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their traditions.

The tax collector was looked down upon because of his work for the Romans.

The Pharisee would have had all the outward signs of being a true servant of God, whereas the tax collector would have been seen as outside of God's covenant.

The Pharisee prayed thus with himself and extolling his own goodness and righteousness, and that he was better than other men.

Jesus gave this parable for those who trusted in their own self righteousness and despised others.

This man was very

religious, but very lost at the same time. He knew about God, but he did not know God. His prayer was self-centered and self absorbed.

A man wrapped up in himself is a very small package.

The Bible is very clear that our righteousness is as filthy rags. That means the best we can produce will not be enough to save our soul.

The tax collector, on the other hand, recognized some very powerful truths that brought him to justification. He prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

We can see that his prayer was directed at God and not about himself. We also

see that he knew that he needed mercy to be what God wanted him to be. And he recognized without God, he was simply a sinner who needed help.

Jesus said that the tax collector went home justified, and not the other man. To be justified means that he was viewed by God as righteous. He was given by faith, not what he deserved, but what Gods' grace gave him.

Jesus went on to say that every man that exalts himself shall be abased and every man that humbles himself shall be exalted.

One had self righteousness, the other had Christ righteousness — which do you have?

PUBLIC NOTICE

- The estate of Ruby Lee York, 685 W Highway 70 Eubank, KY 42567. Larry G. York appointed Executor on 6/2/26, claims to be filed by 12/2/26. Attorney Brett Russell Jones, PO BOX 888 Whitley City, KY 42653. 26-P-289
- The estate of Rowan James Tinsley, 160 Hansel's Way, Apt 2, Somerset, KY 42501. Haley A Russell appointed Administratrix on 6/2/26, claims to be filed by 12/2/26. Attorney, Preston Scott Cecil, 415 W Main St Frankfort, KY 40601. 26-P-295
- The estate of Kindall L. Hollon Jr, 425 Jasper Lake Dr Burnside, KY 42519. Joyce D. Jestice appointed Executrix on 6/4/26, claims to be filed by 12/04/26. Attorney, Ryan D. Morrow, PO BOX 1827 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-308
- The estate of Gerald H. Willbrandt, 2635 Garland Rd Burnside, KY 42519. Donald Sears was appointed Executor on 6/4/26, claims to be filed by 12/04/26. Attorney Jeffrey Scott Lawless, PO BOX 1827 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-305
- The estate of Melissa Ann Wiggington, 326 Woodland Trail Somerset, KY 42501. Nathan Hale appointed Executor on 6/4/26, claims to be filed by 12/04/26. Attorney, Jill Haste, PO BOX 388 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-293
- The estate of Doris Maxine Foster, 1014 Hunters Run Somerset, KY 42501. Kathy Lee appointed Executrix on 6/4/26, claims to be filed by 12/04/26. 26-P-310
- The estate of Larry G. Roberts, 310 Larry Roberts Rd. Nancy, KY 42544. Gregory A Barron appointed Executor on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-325
- The estate of Raymond L. Wright, 573 Melanie Ln. Somerset, KY 42503. Ada J. Gumm-Wright appointed Executrix on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. 26-P-290
- The estate of Luid Gover, 61 Ironwood Dr Somerset, KY 42503. Gregory E Gover appointed Executor on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-272
- The estate of Paul William Quade, 354 Mystic View Rd. Monticello, KY 42633. Richard Karl Quade appointed Executor on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-321
- The estate of Charles Michael Maybrier, 206 Fernly Dr Somerset, KY 42503. Erin E Wesley appointed Administratrix on 6/18/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-313
- The estate of Vicki Lynn Schoolcraft, 23 Ridgeland Court Somerset, KY 42503. Charles Ray Schoolcraft appointed Administrator on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-314
- The estate of Lucy Ellen Parks, 3181 S Highway 837 Nancy, KY 42544. Curtis Delane McKinley appointed Administrator on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-315
- The estate of Hearld Dick, 4277 Hwy 790 Bronston, KY 42518. Hearld Dick Jr. appointed Executor on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney, Penny Hines 700 Jarvis Ave Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-311
- The estate of Glen Allen Brown, 405 McKee Ln Burnside, KY 42519. Patti Brown appointed Executrix on 6/18/26, claims to be filed by 12/18/26. 26-P-275
- The estate of Gail O. Loveless, 992 Hopeful School Rd Nancy, KY 42544. Bessie Bea Loveless appointed Administratrix on 6/18/26, claims to be filed by 12/18/26. Attorney, Molly Hardy, 250 Belmont Ave, Suite 4, Somerset, KY 42501. 26-P-333
- The estate of Shirley Ann Gifford, 2113 Ryan's Way Somerset, KY 42503. Sidney D. Gifford appointed Executrix on 6/16/26, claims to be filed by 12/16/26. Attorney Jeffrey Scott Lawless, PO BOX 1827 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-317
- The estate of Shirley H. Wesley, 520 Chandler St Somerset, KY 42502. Betty Denham appointed Executrix on 6/18/26, claims to be filed by 12/18/26. Attorney Jeffrey Scott Lawless, PO BOX 1827 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-320
- The estate of Jeffrey Bryan Craig, 150 Oak Grove Church Rd Eubank, KY 42567. Alice Craig appointed Executrix on 6/30/26, claims to be filed by 12/3/26. Attorney John Pruitt, PO BOX 30 Somerset, KY 42502. 25-P-652
- The estate of Benny Dale Whitaker, 127 Maple Ln Science Hill, KY 42553. Emily Newberry and Angela S Long appointed Executrices on 6/30/26, claims to be filed by 12/30/26. 26-P-307
- The estate of Patricia Moyer, 71 Horizon Hill Somerset, KY 42503. Cathy Lehman appointed Executrix on 6/30/26, claims to be filed by 12/30/26. Attorney Christine Adams, PO BOX 1306 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-329
- The estate of Gary D. Wesley, 125 Stanford St. Science Hil, KY 42553. Mark Wesley appointed Administrator on 6/30/26, claims to be filed by 12/30/26. Attorney, Jeffrey Scott Lawless, PO BOX 1827 Somerset, KY 42502. 26-P-346