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## They Ought to Call It “Deathfest”

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*“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.” 2 Peter 2:19*

I am going to keep this article as short as possible. Those interested in learning more about the subject of it, which is a heathenish carnival masquerading as Christian, can get the facts straight from the horse’s mouth at <http://www.lifest.com/>. The carnival I mentioned, which is called Lifest, takes place July 7-11 at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. It mirrors other similar “evangelical” events which are increasingly being staged around the nation, primarily in the summertime. Lifest is being heavily promoted, in some cases even sponsored, by a number of Christian radio networks in our state. The Lifest web site identifies those networks for those who want to know. I will add, this hellish so-called “Christian” extravaganza is also being assisted in a more round-about way by the conservative radio network VCY America. I say that because the deeply corrupted *Christian Courier* newspaper, in which Lifest is heavily promoted, is distributed through the VCY bookstore. VCY regularly advertises in the *Courier* as well.



*Lifest performers Becoming the Archetype and one of their album covers*

But what is Lifest? Briefly summed up, it is five days of comedians, rock and roll, blasphemy, and ungodly teachings. It is a demonic, spiritual freak show featuring the false teacher evangelist Luis Palau and socialist, emergent “evangelical” Jim Wallis as keynote speakers. Other speakers, to name just a few of many, include Jeffrey Campbell who will be teaching on “Sharing The Miracle of The Good News through the ‘Magic’ of Illusion.” I am really fighting the urge to comment on that one, but we continue.



*Lifest performer Phil Joel*

Andrew Marin will be teaching his listeners on “Building Bridges with Gay and Lesbian Youth” and “Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community.” The title of one of Molly Sanborn’s messages to teens will be “Keep Your Pants On—God’s plan for sex and relationships.” Somehow I don’t picture Molly blushing during her talk, even if I feel like blushing just including the title of it in this article. Apart from that, the sensual, worldly nature of the five-day Lifest will be effectually preaching the perverse antidote to Sanborn’s crudely-put, and no doubt more crudely-delivered, caution. I debated whether or not to even include the title for one of Tiffany Thompson’s messages. It is that bad. I decided to do so, but I am going to censor two letters out of one word. Quiet-spirit Tiffany, who “ministers” to teens, will be speaking on “God Made B--bs—A workshop for those who have them.” Nice role model for Christian girls, that Tiffany.



*Lifest performers Point of Grace*

Another Lifest speaker is local gal Julianne Donlon-Stanz, who directs several “ministries” for the Roman Catholic diocese of nearby Green Bay. Julianne is working on a book about Celtic Spirituality. The priest of that diocese, “Fr.” Tom Long, will be officiating at the Sunday morning mass held for those Roman Catholic attendees at Lifest and I suppose any evangelicals who would like to attend. By the way, according to the Lifest web site, speaker and emergent church leader Shane Claiborne’s claim to fame is spending time working alongside Romanist/universalist “Mother” Teresa in Calcutta.



*Lifest speaker  
Shane Claiborne*

But I said short, and short we will keep it. Suffice it to say, Lifest is a deep well of filth and corruption. We certainly have not plumbed its depths. But I close here with this warning. Such events as Lifest, Rock the River, and the Cornerstone festival not only make a mockery of the truth as it is in Jesus before a watching world and to gullible youth, but such events are also training up a generation of false converts who will be furious enemies of the true church of Jesus Christ in the coming years.



*Lifest performers Superchick*