

# STREET PREACHERS IN THE BLOGOSPHERE

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## And then there were these people...

"I almost got hit the head with a Bible today in downtown Seattle. WEIRD"

[http://slog.thestranger.com/slog/archives/2008/11/15/and\\_then\\_there\\_were\\_these\\_peop\\_3](http://slog.thestranger.com/slog/archives/2008/11/15/and_then_there_were_these_peop_3)

## Drag queens, muscle boys, fundies, oh my!

".....We recognized the scumbag with the black "threat to national security" banner from his previous visits to our city. In fact, I have pictures of him from the [2005 pride parade](#) when he used extension cords to demonstrate that two male (plugs) don't go together. It turns out these guys are an organized group with a website ([officialstreetpreachers.com](http://officialstreetpreachers.com)), and thanks to a captioned picture there, we can now give the scumbag a name. He calls himself Brother Ruben Israel, and he's apparently a leader in the group....."

[http://www.williamsonpsp.com/chronicles/2007/11/06\\_pride.html](http://www.williamsonpsp.com/chronicles/2007/11/06_pride.html)

## Why Street Preachers Make Me Sick

I must admit that I don't fully understand the calling of a street preacher. I'm referring to those people who stand on the corner and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. I understand that it is a form of evangelism. They are trying to draw souls towards Christ. Nonetheless, there are a large number of street preachers that just flat out make me sick.

<http://thegospelblog.com/why-street-preachers-make-me-sick/>

## Mill Street Nights

Mill Avenue had a strange visit today from a belligerent set of street preachers led by Ruben Israel. Amid his group, Israel brought five extremely well-girthed men, five large plastic signs, and one bullhorn. They stopped in front of the popular Mill Ave bar the Mill Cue Club—a place where other preachers have done a similar thing

<http://underthehills.blogspot.com/2010/11/mill-avenue-nights-saturday-november.html>

## Street Preachers at the Inauguration

"...I've run into these kinds of preachers many times in my life and I always wonder the same thing: do they actually think they accomplish anything? Do they think anyone listens to them and takes them seriously? Perhaps they do. But I suspect that the subconscious reason they do it

precisely because it makes them feel persecuted and feel like a martyr. It feeds their sense of self-righteousness...."

[http://scienceblogs.com/dispatches/2009/01/street\\_preachers\\_at\\_the\\_inaugu.php](http://scienceblogs.com/dispatches/2009/01/street_preachers_at_the_inaugu.php)

### **Catching up with the event of the day**

".....The Obama inauguration brought out a [number of protesters](#), seemingly all of the Christian variety. I don't see what they're complaining about, though: Obama is a professing Christian who will not do a thing to diminish their privileges. We atheists have more excuses to picket his god-soaked ceremony than they do...."

[http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/2009/01/catching\\_up\\_with\\_the\\_event\\_of.php](http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/2009/01/catching_up_with_the_event_of.php)

### **Religious Hate-Mongers Protest Bishop Gene Robinson's Participation at pre-Inaugural Concert at Lincoln Memorial**

".....With a diverse and otherwise joyous crowd of adults and children of all ages streaming by, the three protest participants shouted about hate, hell and "homo-sex" - using a megaphone to assert that "homosexuals are eternally damned" and "Jesus doesn't love homosexuals."

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/leah-mcelrath-renna/religious-hate-mongers-pr\\_b\\_158913.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/leah-mcelrath-renna/religious-hate-mongers-pr_b_158913.html)

### **"Ask me why YOU deserve to go to HELL!"**

".....My heart dropped and I hung my head in shame as I approached the banner waving these poisonous words. Riot police surrounded the group of christians (emphasis on the little "c"), protecting them from the enraged and ever-growing crowd of pedestrians; men, women and children. Other signs that littered the street corner and held up traffic for blocks on the 16th St. Mall read:

- "Homo sex is a threat to national security"
- "Looking for change? Then do what Christ said and repent. Hell Awaits You."
- "You are headed for Hell"
- "WARNING: Baby Killing Women, Party Animals, Rebellious Women, So Called Christians, Liberals, Jesus Mockers, Porno Freaks, Muslims, Drunks, Homosexuals, Sex Addicts, Mormons...GOD WILL JUDGE YOU!"

<http://www.drybonesdenver.org/stories/view/9>

### **Ringling Bros. Presents: Outside the DNC**

".....There were a few non-leftist protesters around in the form of extreme Christian "preachers" who were having a spirited debate with several young men, most of whom were behaving very badly ("What do you think of gay porn?", "I'll show you mine if you show me yours", "Do you ever think about having sex with other guys?") but the "preachers" remained remarkably self-controlled even if espousing the most extreme version of Christian dogma I'd ever heard...."

<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=28259>

### **Jesus freaks invade Beale Street**

"It happens every year on Music Fest weekend: Evangelical Jesus-freaks from all over the country descend on Beale Street carrying enormous signs, handing out pamphlets and telling the crowd they're all going to hell. One particularly spirited man got on a megaphone and explained that you know the world's coming to an end when you start seeing men wearing necklaces...."

<http://www.paulryburn.com/blog/2007/05/06/jesus-freaks-invade-beale-street/>

### **Celebrate Diversity?**

"This is just too much to fathom - street preacher [Ruben Israel](#) is crying foul because he has been denied being allowed to march in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade. Apparently, the GLBT community and its' supporters are being hypocritical by discriminating against him and others like him, for not accepting them as who they are, for not showing the tolerance that they demand from others...."

[http://matterdays.blogspot.com/2007/06/celebrate-diversity\\_03.html](http://matterdays.blogspot.com/2007/06/celebrate-diversity_03.html)

### **sunday . to all bible protesters**

"if bible humpers want to preach and judge with signs, maybe they should learn from this sign. don't hate homo's but it's understandable if you hate the sin. but then again, the bible does says..."

<http://aguysite.blogspot.com/2005/07/sunday-to-all-bible-protesters.html>

### **Street Preacher at MSU**

"Last week I watched a street preacher draw a crowd of students at MSU and was fascinated by it. They did not like what he was saying and they argued with him, but they were listening. I told several people about it. This afternoon, a friend who teaches at MSU called me and said there was another street preacher drawing a crowd in front of Strong Hall. She was describing what she saw and said she had not seen anything like it there before..."

<http://pegsponderings.blogspot.com/2008/05/street-preacher-at-msu.html>

### **The Street Preacher Isn't the Problem, It is the Hatred for the Truth...**

"Apparently there was a street preacher on campus today that was screaming and yelling at everybody and telling them that they were going to hell. He was calling everyone a whore and condemning all the homosexuals to hell..."

<http://denyyourselfdaily.blogspot.com/2008/02/street-preacher-caused-locker-room-stir.html>

Ruben Israel was at Earth Day in San Diego

### **I had a chance to ask Ruben Israel about James White**

"Here is the 5 minute dialogue"

<http://tnma.blogspot.com/2007/04/ruben-israel-was-at-earth-day-in-san.html>

### **Surprise for the Chicago gay pride parade.**

"A street preacher trying to get into the gay pride parade in Chicago was banned from participating and responds with these remarks. "..... when the "gay" community is in a "leadership" position, "they ... become dictators and force acceptance of their agenda."

"Is this not the same group that demands everyone accept them for who they are?"

"Is this not the same group that cries discrimination, if not recognized?"

"Is this not the same people that will not accept us for who we are?"

"Is this not the same people that demand tolerance?"

[http://asiseeitnow.blogtownhall.com/2007/06/01/surprise\\_for\\_the\\_chicago\\_gay\\_pride\\_parade.html](http://asiseeitnow.blogtownhall.com/2007/06/01/surprise_for_the_chicago_gay_pride_parade.html)

### **Christian Fascists Identified as "Street Preachers Fellowship"**

"Ruben Israel, left, of Los Angeles, and Stephen James, right, of Somerset, Penn., heckle anti-war demonstrators as they march in Washington to protest the U.S. troops presence in Iraq on Saturday..."

<http://dc.indymedia.org/newswire/display/83836/>

### **Religious homobigot wants right to march in Chicago Pride**

"....It's not enough for "Christian" street preacher Ruben Israel ("Humpback Mountain on the White House Lawn Makes God Sick") to want to spew homo-hate from the sidelines of the Chicago Pride parade (as he has for several years now), but now he's trying a new tactic -- blaming the "intolerance" of parade organizers for [denying him the right to march](#) in the equality event..."

<http://www.pamshouseblend.com/showDiary.do?diaryId=1869>

### **Signs of war at the State House**

"I had the same question about motivation for Ruben Israel, who had traveled here from Los Angeles to parade in a sandwich board telling gays that "God abhors you" and that the "Wages of sin is Death" and who taunted gay men as "Sodomites" and "abominations." "This is what I do," Israel explained to me. "We are protesting sin." Couldn't he express his disagreement in a more decent way?...."

[http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial\\_opinion/oped/articles/2004/03/12/signs\\_of\\_war\\_at\\_the\\_state\\_house/](http://www.boston.com/news/globe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2004/03/12/signs_of_war_at_the_state_house/)

### **Las Vegas: ACLU Defends Street Preachers**

"....Religious conservatives commonly - and incorrectly - accuse the ACLU of being anti-Christian and of helping any religious group except Christians. In yet another example of just how ignorant and wrong such claims are, the ACLU is coming to the defense of street preachers in Las Vegas who are being driven off by casino owners...."

<http://atheism.about.com/b/2004/11/11/las-vegas-aclu-defends-street-preachers.htm>

### **Question about street preachers.?**

"Here are a few links to some of the crazies on you tube"

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20080619154748AAQGzGK>

### **Thank You Sir May I Have Another pt.**

".....After writing my "Plea to the Street Preachers" I was given godly counsel to send it out to as many street preachers that I could. I knew there was a chance that some would take it the wrong way....."

<http://shannonyoung.blogspot.com/2007/08/thank-you-sir-may-i-have-another-pt-1.html>

### **Conference Weekend**

"....By far, my favorite protestor is Ruben Israel, a painting contractor from Southern California. I've been following Ruben's proselytizing efforts for several years now, and though I don't agree with his assertions about Mormonism, I respect him for his courage to preach repentance every year amongst the revelers at Mardi Gras, Las Vegas, and other such places....."

<http://transition3.blogspot.com/2008/10/conference.html>

### **Life in Haitian cathedral ruins?:**

"....I must admit that this particular passage left me wondering about the precise meaning of the phrase, "calling out the Gospel." Were these "judgment day" sermons by street preachers? People reading scripture? This is where I would have appreciated just a bit more content. What are people saying and doing, when it comes to voodoo faith and practice?....."

<http://www.getreligion.org/?p=24856>

### **Street Preacher**

"A Christian street preacher in Myeongdong who spoke in multiple languages to cater to the shopping tourists. At this point she's speaking Japanese, but I heard her use English and Korean, as well"

<http://seoulsounds.wordpress.com/2010/03/15/069-%EB%AA%85%EB%8F%99-street-preacher/>

### **Minister Protesting Pride Event Now in Jail**

"A street preacher who intruded on an Elmira, New York gay pride event along with three others in 2007 has been arrested on disorderly conduct charges. Julian Raven had been fined \$100 for refusing to obey police, who ordered him and several others out of a park where the pride event was taking place at the time. He could have faced 15 days in jail for not paying the fine....."

<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=103850>

### **Rangers encounter street preacher before parade**

"....."In the Bible, Jesus taught us that if you even look at a woman with lust, you commit adultery," Karroll called into the noisy air....."

<http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2010-03-17/rangers-encounter-street-preacher-parade>

### **Fiery Street Preacher Cause a Stir in Town Centre**

"Some street preachers I came across while visiting Manchester city centre for the day. These guys really caused a BIG commotion with their very straight talking preaching style"

<http://undergroundmissions.blogspot.com/2010/03/fiery-street-preachers-cause-stir-in.html>

### **Fire-and-brimstone preacher was just speaking the truth**

".....You also said Shawn the Baptist continued to tell the UNM community, and not just homosexuals this time, that God abhorred them because they were sinners and that they were doomed to spend eternity in hell because of the way they lived their lives. Excuse me again, but that's exactly what God said. Read your Bible....."

[http://www.dailylobo.com/index.php/article/2010/02/fireandbrimstone\\_preacher\\_was\\_just\\_speaking\\_the\\_truth#comment6663](http://www.dailylobo.com/index.php/article/2010/02/fireandbrimstone_preacher_was_just_speaking_the_truth#comment6663)

### **shouts over crowd on Bourbon Street**

"....The street preacher's voice clearly rises above the mass of people, however, it is unclear where he is located. There were many banners that read "Jesus," and "The Wages of Sin is Death," when the crowd first assembled....."

<http://primewriter.com/news-1246-headlines/?p=4103>

### **Street Preachers Warn Mardi Gras Revelers**

".....Douglas Barry stood on Bourbon Street Tuesday holding a huge sign that warned those around him that they're at risk of eternal damnation. Barry is a member of Bible Believers, a Christian group that travels to large gatherings to preach....."

<http://www.thepath.fm/news/newsitem.cfm?ID=29097>

### **Mardi Gras 3**

Not only did I see lots of evil things down at Mardi Gras I saw lots of religious people. I guess we were not the only ones that had the idea of doing some evangelism at Mardi Gras. There were all kinds and manners of people doing different types of evangelism.

<http://scottberry.blogspot.com/2009/03/mardi-gras-3.html>

### **Street preacher rejoices as tickets thrown out**

"A Calgary street preacher is hailing a judge's decision to toss out several tickets issued against him for minor infractions, saying civil rights were at stake...."

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/calgary/story/2009/12/08/calgary-preacher-tickets-thrown-out.html?ref=rss>

### **WORLD WIDE STREET PREACHERS FELLOWSHIP v. TOWN OF COLUMBIA:**

"Officer Robert Miles of the Columbia Police Department violated the First Amendment rights of World Wide Street Preachers Fellowship members and Kenneth Coleman, Sr. on February 12, 2005. The question before us on appeal is whether the Town of Columbia may be held liable under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for the actions of its officer....."

<http://www.leagle.com/unsecure/page.htm?shortname=infco20091221184>

### **La. town not liable for cop's actions against street preachers:**

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana town isn't liable for the actions of a police officer who violated the constitutional rights of a group of street preachers, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/news.aspx?id=22427>

**Salem judge disfavors street preacher:**

"A Salem, Massachusetts, appeals court has upheld the conviction of a pro-life, pro-marriage activist....."

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Legal/Default.aspx?id=831992>

**What credentials do i need to become a campus preacher?:**

".....libs in charge of the colleges say that they love freedom of speech so what if i made it my job to give them a little of that freedom of speech, campus preacher for example. how does one get started as a campus preacher....."

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20100107024240AAh8KDE>