

THE HEADLINER

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The Janssen Controversy

By Joanna De Jong

This semester in Church History II the freshman and sophomore classes have been studying the history of the PRC, starting with the Protestant Reformation. Recently they studied the Janssen Controversy. This controversy took place in the CRC during the early 1920's.

Dr. Ralph Janssen was born and raised in the CRC and became a professor of Old Testament history at the Calvin Theological Seminary in 1914. His fellow professors accused him of teaching higher criticism, that the Bible is not the infallible word of God.

Janssen had been teaching that the inspiration of the Bible was "organic". By this he meant that God didn't verbally tell the writers of the scriptures what to put down on paper but that He gave the writers thoughts and they put them down in their own words.

Janssen also taught that the monotheistic religion of Israel was an adaptation of the religions of the nations around them. He denied the stories of the Heroes of Faith, and he denied miracles. His denial of miracles is really what brought about his condemnation in the church. He based all of his views on the false doctrine of common grace. He said that the monotheistic religion of Israel could be accepted only because of this common grace that God gave the nations surrounding them. He also believed that all miracles had to be explained in such a way that they were in harmony with science, because science and its discoveries were the fruit of common grace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midterm Reports

Parents, you should have received midterm reports from your students. The reports were given out Wednesday, March 15.

Important Dates

- March 27-31** Spring Break
- April 28** Junior/Senior Farewell Dinner, sponsored by the junior class
- May 5** Choir Concert at Peace PRC
- May 11, 12** Juniors Field Trip to Missouri
- May 10-12** Senior Class Trip to DC

Graduation

Graduation will be on Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at South Holland PRC. Rev. Allen Brummel will address the class from their text: Habakkuk 3:19

2007 Europe Trip

Any students or adults interested in a 12 - day trip to England, France, and Germany may see Mr. Medema for a registration packet. **Deadline for early registration is March 31.** (Early registration saves you \$200.) A Europe trip is made available every other summer in cooperation with our sister high school, Covenant Christian in Walker, MI.

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At the Synod of 1922 the CRC condemned Janssen's higher criticism but they didn't touch on the error of common grace, which was the underlying argument. The committee that was appointed to study Janssen's views was made up of men who were for common grace and men who were against it.

Two of the men who were against common grace were Henry Danhof and Herman Hoeksema. These two men openly opposed Janssen in the book *Sin and Grace*. At the Synod of 1924 these two men were deposed for their views on common grace. After they were deposed, they formed the Protestant Reformed Churches.

Sneezing

By Lauren Lenting

How many sneezes are you?

In Mrs. Bosman's General Science class the freshmen and sophomores are learning about all the different systems of the human body. They are up to the Respiration System, the system of how we breathe.

One of the things they talked about was that it is better to breathe through our noses than our mouths. But why? In our nose we have hairs that serve as a filter to "trap" dirt, dust, and even bacteria. When there is a build-up of the different particles taken in, this causes us to sneeze.

A sneeze can blow out air and dirt at more than 100 miles per hour. That's very fast. So watch where you sneeze!

Mrs. Bosman also told the class that there are many people who sneeze in pairs or even in sevens. Every person has the same amount of sneezes every time they sneeze whether it is once, twice or seven times, it's always the same.

Our respiratory system is another wonderful creation of God. That our bodies don't have to consciously think about sneezing is amazing! We must thank the Lord for this gift and all the wonderful gifts given to us.

Hot Lunch Schedule

March	22	Ham & Cheese
April	5	BBQ
	12	Tacos
	19	Pizza
	26	Hot Dogs
May	3	Spaghetti
	10	BBQ
	17	Tacos

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our lunch ladies who have given of their time to make delicious lunches for the school. Your work was much appreciated!

We are looking for lunch helpers for the upcoming school year. If you are willing to help, please call Jan Huisenga at (708) 339-1733. Thanks!