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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY JESUS DOLL

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The Marine Reserve's Toys For Tots Program just rejected 4000 talking Jesus dolls donated by a company called One2Believe, (a division of Valencia) that were destined to be distributed to needy children this Christmas. The reason? It is a "government entity" and they don't want to offend any Jewish or Muslim families that might have a problem with Jesus.

Well, how about the Christian families that might be offended by a Jesus doll?

You see, this is a perfect example of what Christianity has become here in America - a plastic Jesus to be manufactured and distributed like the latest new gadget from Ronco. You just push the button and COOL - it speaks bible verses to you, just like the real Jesus! Not!

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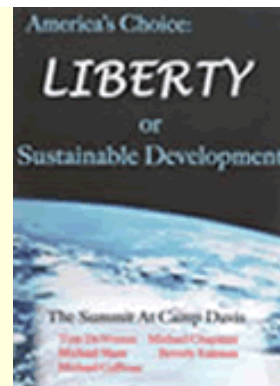
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So kids worship their synthetic savior until they get board with it and learn, like their spiritually shallow parents, that the Lord can be a lot of fun until you realize He doesn't really do everything you want Him to. Then it's back to the toy box for something else a little more entertaining like say, Mr. Potato Head?

In an article entitled [Toys For Tots Rejects Jesus Doll](#), the Associated Press reported this:

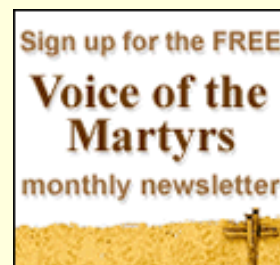
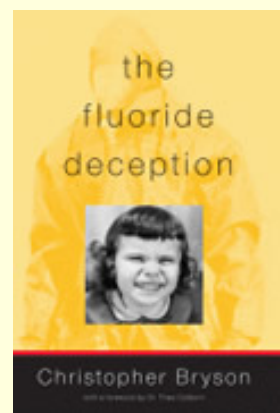
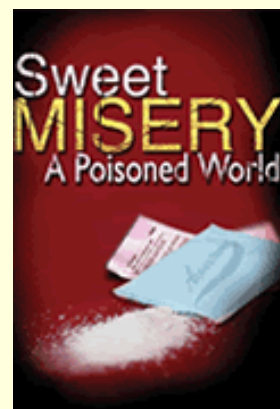
"Michael La Roe, director of business development for both companies, said the charity's decision left him 'surprised and disappointed.'

'The idea was for them to be three-dimensional teaching tools for kids,' La Roe said. 'I believe as a churchgoing person, anyone can benefit from hearing the words of the Bible.'"

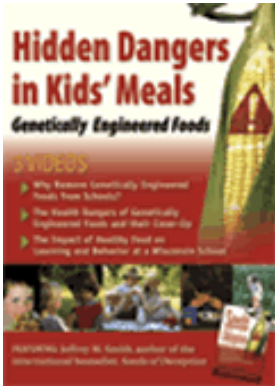
Uh - Mr. La Roe - have you ever considered sitting down with your child on a regular basis and teaching him or her the Word of God along with a little fear and reverence for the Almighty - and maybe living it out day to day as an example of your faith? Why would you yield such an eternally important responsibility over to a battery-operated toy?

If it's such a great teaching tool, why don't we go ahead and throw some serious money at it and put a plastic Jesus on the pulpit of every church in the country to preach the Gospel and be done with it? - Maybe have the pastor stand alongside it to repeatedly press the button for each new scripture verse and respond with a hearty "Amen!"

I think we should make some accessories available to customers, as well, like a little crown of thorns, fake blood, some plastic bread and wine cups to celebrate communion with - maybe a tiny towel and basin so Jesus can wash Ken and Barbie's feet - and how about a little donkey for Jesus to ride into the sanctuary on? Smokin' huh? Oh, and let's not



forget the miniature spear. We can have volunteers from children's church come forward and take turns sticking it in Jesus' side. How's THAT for radical?



After the pastor pushes the button for a while and we've heard all the prerecorded scriptures we can stand, we'll nail that doll to a cross just like they did Jesus and then bury it! Talk about a great teaching tool! Sure, some of the kids will laugh and get a kick out of it - but you know what? Some of them just might get real upset, cry and feel sorry for the plastic Jesus. Wouldn't that be powerful? No telling what they'd do!



Then the congregation could gather outside and someone with a real good throwing arm could take that dirty plastic Jesus and hurl Him into the sky to simulate His ascension!

Somebody get Franklin Graham on the phone! Samaritan's Purse has GOT to hear about this! Oh, wait a minute - I forgot - they don't want any Christian junk donated over there either. I'm so confused...

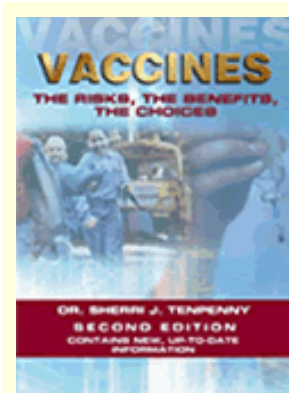
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"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" - Exodus 20:4-5

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