

Corriere della sera

Nell'Angelus prima della sua visita in Turchia

Papa: «Stima e amicizia per il popolo turco»

Benedetto XVI saluta un paese «ricco di storia e cultura» e chiede di pregare perché il «pellegrinaggio porti i frutti che Dio desidera»

CITTA' DEL VATICANO - «Un saluto cordiale al caro popolo turco, ricco di storia e di cultura».

Lo ha rivolto il Papa, affacciato dalle finestre del suo studio in piazza San Pietro per l'Angelus, a quarant'otto ore dal suo arrivo ad Ankara, mentre a Istanbul partiva una manifestazione di protesta per la sua visita apostolica. Benedetto XVI ha espresso al popolo turco «e ai suoi rappresentanti sentimenti di stima e di sincera amicizia», sottolineando che si mette «con fiducia» sulle orme dei suoi predecessori che sono stati nel paese anatolico prima di lui.

CONFERMATA LA VISITA ALLA MOSCHEA BLU - La visita del Papa alla moschea blu di Istanbul, il prossimo 30 novembre, è confermata: lo rende noto il direttore della sala stampa vaticana, padre Federico Lombardi. Benedetto XVI si recherà nel luogo di culto musulmano dopo aver visitato il museo di Santa Sofia.

IL SALUTO AL POPOLO TURCO - «Cari fratelli e sorelle, come sapete, nei prossimi giorni mi recherò in visita in Turchia», ha detto il Pontefice alle migliaia di fedeli raccolte nel colonnato della basilica vaticana dopo la consueta recita mariana domenicale. «Fin d'ora - ha aggiunto - desidero inviare un saluto cordiale al caro popolo turco, ricco di storia e di cultura. A tale popolo e ai suoi rappresentanti esprimo sentimenti di stima e di sincera amicizia». «Con viva emozione - ha proseguito papa Ratzinger - attendo di incontrare la piccola Comunità cattolica, che mi è sempre presente nel cuore, e di unirmi fraternamente alla Chiesa Ortodossa, in occasione della festa dell'apostolo sant' Andrea».

Il Papa ha poi ricordato i pontefici che prima di lui conobbero il Paese anatolico: «Con fiducia - ha detto - mi pongo sulle orme dei miei venerati predecessori Paolo VI e Giovanni Paolo II, ed invoco la celeste protezione del beato Giovanni XXIII, che fu per dieci anni Delegato Apostolico in Turchia e nutrì per quella Nazione affetto e stima. A tutti voi domando di accompagnarmi con la preghiera, perché questo pellegrinaggio possa portare tutti i frutti che Dio desidera».

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The Mirror

27 November 2006

KILLED OVER A PARKING SPACE

Dad has heart attack in punch-up with neighbour

By Laurie Hanna

A DAD was killed yesterday during a punch-up between two neighbours over a parking space.

Motorist Keith Rolfe, 60, is said to have come to blows with another man after they rowed in the early hours about who had the right to the residents' spot.

A witness said Keith's daughter desperately tried to save him as he lay lifeless on the pavement after having a heart attack.

She added: "It was very upsetting. He collapsed on the pavement and his daughter was there giving him heart massage to try to revive him. But it was hopeless.

"When the paramedics arrived they told me his heart had stopped and he had stopped breathing."

One of the Rolfes' neighbours said parking problems constantly caused rows in the quiet cul-de-sac in Aldershot, Hants.

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The neighbour, who asked not to be named, said: "Parking around here causes a lot of grievances because people constantly block you in. Residents do get annoyed because everyone wants to park outside their own home. But I have never heard of anything as serious as this before."

Keith's sobbing wife Adele last night said she was too distraught to talk about the tragedy.

Police yesterday cordoned off the road as they made house-to-house inquiries.

Only residents were allowed past security tape to reach their homes. Forensic teams were examining a spot by an alleyway where the fight is thought to have taken place.

The two men began squabbling just after midnight and argued loudly for several minutes before the first punch was allegedly thrown.

Sharon Friend said she and her husband were woken by the sound of police sirens.

She added: "The man who died lived in a house on the corner. We didn't really know him.

"His house is cordoned off and police have been going in and out of it all day.

"The argument happened after the men had argued over a residents' parking spot on the street. I've never heard of anything similar before - but then I don't have a car."

Keith and Adele have lived in their two-storey end-of-terrace house for 23 years.

A local 44-year-old man was arrested after Keith's death. He was in custody yesterday.

Keith, described as "rather portly," was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Detectives want to establish what happened before the ambulance was called. We are appealing for witnesses."

A post-mortem is yet to be carried out.

The Guardian

Revealed: rise of creationism in UK schools

PR packs spread controversial theory
James Randerson, science correspondent
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The Guardian

Dozens of schools are using creationist teaching materials condemned by the government as "not appropriate to support the science curriculum", the Guardian has learned.

The packs promote the creationist alternative to Darwinian evolution called intelligent design and the group behind them said 59 schools are using the information as "a useful classroom resource".

A teacher at one of the schools said it intended to use the DVDs to present intelligent design as an alternative to Darwinism. Nick Cowan, head of chemistry at Bluecoat school, in Liverpool, said: "Just because it takes a negative look at Darwinism doesn't mean it is not science. I think to critique Darwinism is quite appropriate."

But the government has made it clear that "neither intelligent design nor creationism are recognised scientific theories". The chairman of the parliamentary science and technology select committee, the Lib Dem MP Phil Willis, said he was horrified that the packs were being used in schools.

"I am flabbergasted that any head of science would give credence to this creationist theory and be prepared to put it alongside Darwinism," he said. "Treating it as an alternative centralist theory alongside Darwinism in science lessons is deeply worrying."

The teaching pack, which includes two DVDs and a manual, was sent to the head of science at all secondary schools in the country on September 18 by the group Truth in Science. The enclosed feedback postcard was returned by 89 schools. As well as 59 positive responses, 15 were negative or dismissive and 15 said the material was "not suitable".

"We are not attacking the teaching of Darwinian theory," said Richard Buggs, a member of Truth in Science. "We are just saying that criticisms of Darwin's theory should also be taught."

"Intelligent design looks at empirical evidence in the natural world and says, 'this is evidence for a designer'. If you go any further the argument does become religious and intelligent design does have religious implications," added Dr Buggs.

But leading scientists argue that ID is not science because it invokes supernatural causes. "There is just no evidence for intelligent design, it is pure religion and has nothing to do with science. It should be banned from science classes," said Lewis Wolpert, a developmental biologist at the University of London and vice-president of the British Humanist Association.

The DVDs were produced in America and feature figures linked to the Discovery Institute in Seattle, a thinktank that has made concerted efforts to promote ID and insert it into high school science lessons in the US. Last year a judge in Dover, Pennsylvania, ruled that ID could not be taught in science lessons. "Intelligent design is a religious view, a mere relabelling of creationism, and not a scientific theory," he wrote in his judgment.

It is not clear exactly how many schools are using the Truth in Science material, or how it is being used.

The government has made it clear the Truth in Science materials should not be used in science lessons. In a response to the Labour MP Graham Stringer on November 1, Jim Knight, a minister in the Department for Education and Skills, wrote: "Neither intelligent design nor creationism are recognised scientific theories and they are not included in the science curriculum."

Andy McIntosh, a professor of thermodynamics at the University of Leeds who is on the board of Truth in Science, said: "We are just simply a group of people who have put together ... a different case."

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Il primo articolo soddisfa abbastanza (3-4) il criterio della frequenza, perchè circa ogni giorno i giornali riportano frasi o discorsi del Papa o del Vaticano, e moltissimo il criterio della continuità (4-5) perché la visita in Turchia deve ancora cominciare, e si presume che i giornali riporteranno ogni singolo passo del pontefice. Altrettanto dicasi per la meaningfulness: voto alto, perché ci rafforza unendoci, popolo occidentale contro i "barbari" turchi (è ironia, ovviamente).

Consonance alta, vista l'imminenza della visita in Turchia. Certo non poteva dire che i turchi sono dei senza-dio che non meritano di entrare nella Ue come ha fatto (proprio lui!) circa due mesetti fa. Prevedibilissimo, voto: 5.

Voto alto anche per reference to persons ed elite people, ovviamente.

Secondo articolo: voto alto per meaningfulness e unambiguity, diciamo 4-5, e per reference to persons and to something negative. Basso per tutti gli altri criteri.

Terzo articolo: alti solo i punteggi per cultural proximity (per gli anglosassoni, non per noi), continuity e composition. Insomma, quello che mancava nei due precedenti articoli. Notizia stuzzicante.