

The New Pantagruel – Dan Rudman

The editor of *The New Pantagruel*, Caleb Stegall, is a friend of mine and a partner in a variety of ministry opportunities. This journal has caught the eye of key evangelical and cultural leaders throughout the country. I believe “voices” like this will contribute to a call for God’s people to return to the historic faith and understanding of life from which we have strayed.

Introduction by Caleb Stegall

One of the central messages of The New Pantagruel is that the church must recognize that no matter what one’s political persuasion, there is no modern basis for achieving the true wealth that is life; no modern basis for the humane traditions of the Church; no modern basis for a real counterweight to the forces of the age. The New Pantagruel strives to offer a prophetic critique of the modern crisis by using what Mikhail Bakhtin called “grotesque realism” as a means of subverting the pillars of official culture and the proto-totalitarian orders of society. Pantagruelism is, according to Rabelais, “a certain jollity of mind pickled in the scorn of fortune.” It is that odd cast of mind which allows one to see the corruption everywhere, including in oneself, while still loving the world.

<http://www.newpantagruel.com/>

What others are saying:

“The debate [over the future of conservatism] ... is unfolding on Web sites like The New Pantagruel ... where they tackle subjects as heterodox as the perils of Wal-Mart and urban sprawl, the dangers of unfettered capitalism to family life, and the feared takeover of [conservatism] by hawkish neoconservatives.”

- The New York Times

“Christianity Today readers will want to read The New Pantagruel.”

- Christianity Today

“On the web publication called The New Pantagruel, a growing number of young, renegade conservatives buck the dominant trends on the Right with Rabelaisian wit and gusto.”

- Image Journal

“Brilliant quarterly e-zine offers a unique perspective on culture, politics and faith. Channeling the spirit of Christopher Lasch, The New Pantagruel crosses political boundaries in defense of communitarian values.”

- Winning Writers

“Ecumenical journal with incisive writing on all matters of faith and society.”

- New Christendom Journal

“The New Pantagruel is an online magazine with a radically new vision for humanity and the world—one that’s neither left nor right-wing, but rooted in ancient tradition, nature, and Christian revelation.”

- Godspy