EASTER BRINGS OUT THE CRAZIES

Every year around Eastertime, there are always some crazies who surface; this year was no different. Consider the Easter gifts Christians were graced with:

- Ricky Gervais felt the need to offer a very public "Holiday Message," notifying the world that though he is not a Christian, he is a very Christ-like person. It is revealing that this British atheist couldn't find a single secular humanist to model himself after.
- Lady Gaga, who admits to being "confused" about religion, offered more proof of her addled state by choosing to release her single, "Judas," just before Easter. The song begins with the lyrics, "I'm in love with Judas."
- Third graders at a Seattle school were told they must call Easter Eggs "Spring Spheres," though the kids refused to obey.
- Adults in Munson Township, Ohio were ordered to call their Easter Egg Hunt the Egg Hunt. Watch for it to be banned next year.
- Filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici, who a few years ago entertained us with the hoax about Jesus' tomb, was back again, this time claiming he found two nails used to crucify Jesus. He looked in vain to find an archaeologist who might believe him.
- Evangelist Rob Bell made the cover of Time, and that's because they liked his "Happy Meal" approach to Christianity: sin and evil don't exist, just sugar and spice and everything nice.
- On Good Friday, James Frey—the same guy Oprah sized up as a fraud—introduced his book, *The Final Testament of the Holy Bible*: he portrays Jesus as an alcoholic who lives in a filthy Bronx apartment, smokes dope, kisses men and impregnates

prostitutes. Frey is agnostic on the question of whether Jesus ever worked for the *New York Times*.

Contrary to our skeptics, we don't make these things up—we just note them.