

## Essay from the bold pastor #48 - Arrival of Aircraft Carriers -

While the tension over Liancourt Rocks and Senkaku Islands (also known as Diaoyutai Islands to Chinese) within Japanese waters heightens, the former Soviet Union's aircraft carrying cruiser "Varyag," which was sold to China, officially got handed over in a ceremony and entered service on September 25. The name was announced to be "Liaoning."

Meanwhile, USS George Washington of U.S. Seventh Fleet, which is operating around Guam, was joined by the USS John C. Stennis of U.S. Pacific Fleet and then by two aircraft carriers in tandem led by a guided missile-cruiser USS Mobile Bay. Photographs capturing this gathering were uploaded to the official website for The U.S. Navy.

A series of these activities was triggered by the statement the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Leon E. Panetta made a few days prior, on the 18<sup>th</sup>. At the joint news conference he had with Chinese Defense Minister General, Liang Guanglie, in Beijing, Panetta remarked that Senkaku Islands were covered by the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty. It is clear that the quick arrival of the USS John Stennis in the east of China Sea was to prepare for potential military collisions between Japan and China in the area. Unlike Japanese policy makers who tend to follow lengthy procedures before making any decisions, the immediate response the U.S. made is quite compelling.

What is intriguing in this incident is that it involved Washington and Stennis. Needless to say, Washington is one of the founding fathers. However, you may not know where the name Stennis came from. It was named after a senator from Mississippi, John C. Stennis who passed away in 1989. He is known for never losing an election in his 60 years of political career. The union of these two names reminded me of "God the Father" and "God the Son," Jesus Christ who is called "King of Kings," meaning invincible. In the Trinity, God of Father is the first person and God the Son is the second person.

***"Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever."***

***John 14:11,16: NIV***

This passage explains how the Trinity works. By the way, the third person is called "the Holy Spirit." They are "One God" in essence and save those who believe in him swiftly.

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