

Catholic Notre Dame Will Award Pro-Abortion Obama an Honorary Law Degree



By Bill Johnson

Dear friends in Christ:

There are signs in our country that we are rapidly going the way of other highly secularized cultures. i.e. Israel, Germany, Russia, England, Holland.

The news out of Notre Dame is one such indicator where a Catholic University and its president compromises Catholicism and their great heritage of opposing abortion.

The headline that caught our attention read: **Catholic Notre Dame Will Award Pro-Abortion Obama an Honorary Law Degree.**

"The University of Notre Dame announced on [March 20] that it will award President Barack Obama an honorary law degree and that Obama will give the principal address at the university's May 17th commencement ceremony.

[President] Obama supports abortion on demand, government funding of abortion, government funding of stem cell research that kills human embryos, legally granting same-sex unions all the rights and privileges of marriage, and repealing the federal Defense of Marriage Act that protects states from being forced to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in other states as they otherwise might be compelled to under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the Constitution.

The Catholic Church holds that abortion

and same-sex unions are immoral and must be opposed. ...

Also on [March 20], Notre Dame posted a statement on its website announcing that President Obama would be granted an honorary law degree from the school and that he would be the main speaker at the school's graduation ceremony.

'President Barack Obama will be the principal speaker and the recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree at the University of Notre Dame's 164th University Commencement Ceremony at 2 p.m. May 17 (Sunday) in the Joyce Center on campus,' said the statement. ...

Notre Dame alumnus Joe Scheidler, national director of the Pro-Life Action League, quickly responded to Notre Dame's announcement that Obama would deliver its commencement speech by issuing a statement calling on Father John Jenkins, the president of Notre Dame, to withdraw the invitation to Obama.

'Over the first two months of his administration, Barack Obama has established himself as the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history,' said Scheidler. 'My alma mater should not be providing a platform for this president.'

'Starting from his first week in office, President Obama has enacted a string of executive orders, appointments and policy decisions that contradict Catholic teaching

on the sanctity of life--a teaching that Notre Dame is supposed to uphold,' said Scheidler. 'Father Jenkins cannot expect pro-life Catholics to stand back and allow the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history to make a mockery of Notre Dame's Catholic identity,' Scheidler said.

[Taken from CNSnews.com, Monday, March 23, 2009]

"...Ralph McInerny, a philosophy professor at Notre Dame for more than 50 years, likened the invitation as a 'deliberate thumbing of the collective nose' at the Roman Catholic Church.

'By inviting Barack Obama to be the 2009 commencement speaker, Notre Dame has forfeited its right to call itself a Catholic university,' McInerny wrote in a column for The Catholic Thing. 'It invites an official rebuke. May it come.'"

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**From the desk of
Bill Johnson,
president**

My call to holiness includes activism. Does holiness call you to activism?

Jan and I just returned from a Bible conference in Orlando, Florida entitled "The Holiness of God." Featured speakers included R.C. Sproul, Alistair Begg, Sinclair Ferguson, Albert Mohler, Robert Godfrey, D.A. Carson, Derek Thomas, Ligon Duncan, Steve Lawson and others.

Message titles included: *Hallowed Be Your Name: The Holiness of the Father; The Holy One of God: The Holiness of Jesus; The Breath of the Almighty: The Holy Spirit; Cosmic Treason: Sin & the Holiness of God; A Holy Nation: The Church's High Calling; Wounded for Our Transgressions: The Holiness of God & the Cross; Be Ye Holy: The Necessity of Sanctification; A Consuming Fire: Holiness, Wrath & Justice.*

The conference (Ligonier Ministries) went from Thursday evening through Saturday mid-afternoon. There were about 4,500 in attendance.

Why would one travel all the way from Michigan and throughout the country to hear preachers speak on the Holiness of God? I could ask why would so many travel all across the U.S., or I could ask why so few? It all depends on how you look at it. Some would say "That's a no brainer. Orlando? Try sunshine, blue skies, warmth?" Nah. If these others are anything like us that was only a very secondary reason.

Anyone who has followed ADA knows that the heart cry of this ministry has been "pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." [Hebrews 12:14]

Many questions have arisen for me over these many years, for as my pastor has stated, "You're an activist."

So I listen to these wonderful messages superbly presented and I worshiped with these many wonderful Christians and I came home to the fight against godlessness feeling largely alone, and I wonder.

There have been a few times when people have referred to me as pastor. There have been times when I have wondered if I wasn't called into a pastoral ministry. I

have knocked on doors only to have them closed time and time again.

Why did God call me to the work of the ADA? Once again I come to the same conclusion. I don't know. But, this I do know! I am convinced that He did call me!

The fire never seems to go away. I love the Lord, and He makes His love so clear to me by His Word, the Holy Spirit, by His faithfulness to me which I truly can't understand but for which I am so thankful. His faithfulness! So I return from a powerful conference hearing some of America's finest preachers and teachers. None of them calling for specific activism of the variety that I deal with every day and wondering why we hear so little about being salt and light, yet also recognizing that "*Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers ... Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? ...*" I Corinthians 12:27-31

So I'm back in the trenches doing what I'm called to do - day in and day out - by the grace of God. Here is a summary. After all - I am a Christian activist.

March 1. Radio interview with Mark Minella, Sr., St. Louis, Missouri regarding national shopping list concept.

March 5. New Jersey lady called expressing concern and seeking counsel regarding her local public school and their use of inappropriate books and DVDs at Cherry Hills Public Schools.

March 5. Wrote letter to local grocery store urging them to return to their long standing policy of not displaying Cosmopolitan and similar magazines at their checkout. [checks since then indicated that they have responded positively.]

March 5. Email to Meijer store manager regarding Meijer and their policy to put shields over Cosmopolitan magazine. On same day, a positive response.

March 7. Call from Mark Minella, Jr. seeking further information regarding our research and view pertaining to a "national shopping list."

March 9. Four young friends of this ministry viewed our copy of the new movie "Come What May" at our urging. Each were moved and blessed by the movie.

March 12. Kalamazoo lady called regarding AARP magazine featuring a full page ad promoting pornography and sex toys. She was seeking our activism.

March 17. Noted that "The Limited" (Victoria's Secret) was monitoring our webpage.

March 24. Called Notre Dame University President's office expressing concern regarding NDU's invitation to President Obama to give the Commencement address. [See page 1]

March 24. Call from a pastor's wife out of the Ft. Worth/Dallas area seeking counsel regarding her effort to take a stand against the offensive nature of window displays at her local mall.

March 24. Call from Connecticut man seeking counsel regarding what to do about a homosexual ad that was running on his cable carrier - Charter Cable.

March 25. Noted that "The Limited" (Victoria's Secret) was monitoring our web site.

The above list are just some of the ways ADA is engaged in standing against the darkness of this present age.

As I have read the Bible, and I read it each and every morning in a time of devotion, I have seen how the people of God have faltered repeatedly throughout history. The Bible presents a clear picture of the fallenness of man in need of a Savior. Sinful man forgetting God's faithfulness and goodness, falling back once more to sin!

It isn't a very pretty picture. In fact, it's an ugly picture. Yet, I have discovered that it is a realistic picture. As we look at our own selves and at the society around us, we see the ebb and flow of fallen man and fallen nations.

America has been uniquely blessed. How can we possibly miss the many evidences of God's grace being shed upon America?

*Oh Beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy god with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

May God give each of us a true sense of His calling and then may we be faithful to Him in all that we are and do!

Pat Trueman coming to ADA headquarters July 24 - 25 to head summer anti-pornography conference!

Hugh Hefner and Larry Flynt are to pornography what Pat Trueman is to anti-pornography

Pat Trueman featured speaker for ADA summer conference July 24 - 25.

by: Bill Johnson

With these words, we announce an important opportunity to hear one of America's most influential anti-pornography leaders. Mr. Pat Trueman needs no introduction to those of us who have been in the fight against the onslaught of pornography since the late 1980s leading right up to the present time.

We are losing the battle for decency in America. However, here is an individual who has answered the call so faithfully and remains committed to the fight for decency.

One of Satan's great devices is discouraging Christians and neutralizing them one by one. He rejoices when they just wring their hands and do nothing. He rejoices when they don't attend informative gatherings, rallies, worship services, conferences and seminars.

I urge you to mark your calendar today and bring others to the ADA summer conference against pornography.

Pat Trueman has fought the fight of faith working at the Justice Department followed by close working relationships with many of America's largest ministries including American Family Association, Family Research Council, Alliance Defense Fund and others.

As an attorney, he led a core of other federal prosecutors to put behind bars some of America's most notorious pornographers, including Reuben Sturman who was known as the number one pornography 'kingpin' in the United States.

We have invited Mr. Trueman to come to give us a fuller understanding of the battle against pornography and to give us opportunity to seek his counsel on what we can and should be doing to combat the plague of pornography.



As a staff, we have begun to pray about this upcoming event - that God will touch many lives both young and old to be with us for this important time. Remember: we need to understand the times in order to know what to do.

Mark your calendars and look for the specifics to follow in the weeks ahead!

Consider the following and may it stir you to be a part of this conference on JULY 24 - 25.

Last month we reported on the nomination of David Ogden by President Obama as second in command at the U.S. Justice Department. Mr. Ogden was approved by the Senate by a vote of 65 to 28.

As commentator Robert Knight reported recently:

"... Under President Obama, it was expected that porn pushers might find a sympathetic ear, given the smut industry's generous support of liberal politicians and causes.

But the fox is no longer circling the henhouse. He's made it inside. On March 12, the 'world's greatest deliberative body,' the U.S. Senate, voted 65 to 28 to elevate porn attorney David Ogden to be deputy attorney general.

Eleven senators from the 'Party of Family Values' (Lamar Alexander, Kit Bond, Susan Collins, Lindsey Graham, Judd Gregg, Jon Kyl, Richard Lugar, presidential nominee John McCain, Olympia Snowe, Arlen Specter and George Voinovich) joined a

nearly unanimous Democrat roster (minus Robert Casey of Pennsylvania) in deciding that a man who defended child pornography during the Clinton years, as well as hard-core porn producers, plus Playboy and Penthouse, is suited to be the No. 2 law enforcer in the nation. ..."

There's more. Mr. Ogden has backed the intrusion of international law into American courts, the 'right' of protesters to trespass on private property, the use of 'compassion' to override 'precedent and logic and he has filed several briefs seeking to limit enforcement of the death penalty. His briefs are littered with junk science that was specifically designed to undermine cultural norms.

As deputy attorney general, Mr. Ogden will be sworn to defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States. That will be a tall order for someone who has spent years inventing novel legal arguments in pursuit of a far-left social agenda."

[Robert Knight is a senior writer at Coral Ridge Ministries and a senior fellow at the American Civil Rights Union.]

'Who's next?' asks columnist Janet LaRue (and former chief counsel of Concerned Women for America).

'Jack Kevorkian as Surgeon General?' ... David Ogden is the last man who should be Deputy Attorney General.

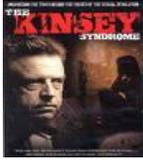
According to Pat Trueman, former head of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Enforcement Section (CEOS) at the Justice Department, 'Ogden was selected by President Obama precisely because he's on the radical left side of all these legal issues that are so prominent: homosexuality, abortion, and pornography. ... This was not an accidental appointment.'

Ogden, according to Trueman, was nominated for the number-two position to help promote and provide legal protection on those issues.

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Politics/Default.aspx?id=420150>

The Kinsey Syndrome and David Ogden

“The Kinsey Syndrome”



How have we gotten where we are today in this awful battle against sexual perversion, homosexuality, and pedophilia?

Recently, I saw a newly released DVD entitled “The Kinsey Syndrome.”

Being an admirer of her work and a friend of Dr. Judith Reisman, I have followed her research and read her books on the subject of Alfred Kinsey including Kinsey, Crimes and Consequences.

I saw the video tape produced by Family Research Council some years back entitled “Table 34,” exposing the repugnant work of Kinsey.

Though I had heard absolutely nothing about the DVD (“The Kinsey Syndrome”), I felt compelled to check it out.

At this juncture, I advise extreme caution regarding the following description.

The DVD consists of over 2 hours and 45 minutes of material regarding the evil surrounding Alfred Kinsey’s “research.” “Research” that included the study of pedophiles who supposedly brought infants to “sexual climax.” Kinsey along with numbers of other credentialed “experts” marketed Kinsey’s sex manuals (Sexual Behavior in the Human Male and Sexual Behavior in the Human Female) which were based on depraved behaviors of pedophiles and other sexual deviants - portraying the perverse as the norm. These materials have for many years served as the “scientific” backbone of America’s sex education.

Reisman has tirelessly labored to tell those capable of hearing this unbelievable story. Why do I use the word unbelievable? Because it is unbelievable. How Kinsey and his conscienceless minions have been allowed to remain as upstanding researchers (as opposed to the criminals that they are)

under the “sacred” walls of the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University is beyond comprehension.

There are many factors impeding the salt and light of Reisman. One of them is that the story of Kinsey is so depraved, so wicked, so perverse, so nasty that when you try to bring this material before a public the public runs away - especially when we begin to hear of the fondling of infants and how Kinsey concluded that these babies were experiencing sexual pleasure because they were convulsing and reacting violently in response to the touching of their genitalia.

See what I mean? It’s abhorrent. We don’t want to hear of such things. That’s understandable. Yet the pornography industry, sex education in the public schools, NAMBLA (North America Man Boy Love Association), etc. foster depravity based on the lies of Kinsey.

We mustn’t be naive about the nature of this battle we are in.

Kinsey and his followers, including Playboy’s Hugh Hefner, have greased the skids. Now we have a very influential pornography attorney, David Ogden, as CEO of the Justice Department.

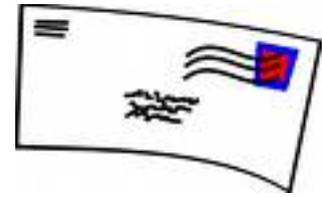
How have we gotten where we are today in this awful battle against sexual abuse and perversion, homosexuality, and pedophilia?

“The Kinsey Syndrome” tells the story with more documentation than I have ever seen before. **[The movie does carry a warning: extreme caution.]**

Order today:
<http://www.adullamfilms.org/>

Lest you think that I’m a glutton for negativity, remember I’m also the guy that has sounded like a broken record in my avid promotion of “Fireproof” before many were saying anything about it.

I’ll close with this oft-used quote: “You need to understand the times in order to know what to do.” But, if you are faint of heart, and prone to despair or depression, don’t get this film. You may not be able to stomach it - literally.



The following letter is a letter we received from Dulles, VA

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for telling people about the Kinsey video. I am convinced that AK Syndrome is why my own father and millions of men in America since 1948 have FAILED so miserably in protecting and cherishing their daughters. I’m also convinced it affected and - yes - Infected how they raised their sons.

It is important that the information in this video should be used to awaken the dead consciences of Christian men in America. ...

The 50s saw Science being promoted as being more reliable and knowledgeable than God. Soon Science completely displaced the real God as the new god of America.

The TRUTH of Kinsey is that he was a liar through and through. NO WAY should he EVER be thought of as a Truth Teller much less a True Scientist! THAT is why all his books and ALL books lauding him should be THROWN OUT from our libraries and our entire society. We ALL must REJECT the Sick Kinsey Lies! ...

Thanks also for the caution! I have the video but have only been able to watch 1 or 2 parts of it. It is a horrible, horrible, hideous and vile story but it MUST be told. ... Blessings to all.

One of 9 Kinsey Syndrome Victims in my family (including my father and mother)

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News Briefs

*We need to understand the times in order to know what to do.
As we seek first the Kingdom of God, He guides us in paths of righteousness.*

Limited Brand (Victoria's Secret) posts loss

Limited Brands says weak sales during the holiday season caused its fourth-quarter profits to fall to \$16.1 million from \$389 million a year ago. The retailer says profit for the three months ended Jan. 31 was 5 cents per share. Its adjusted profit was 68 cents per share, being a 64-cent per-share consensus estimate from analysts polled by Thomson Reuters. [Taken from USA Today, Friday, February 27, 2009]

General Growth Properties (second largest owners of mall rental space in America)

General Growth Properties Inc., owner of Carolina Place mall in Pineville, reports \$1.18 billion in past-due debt and \$4.09 billion in debt that creditors could call due if the company doesn't meet certain requirements.

The Chicago-based owner and manager of more than 200 malls and other developments also has \$1.44 billion in consolidated mortgage debt and \$595 million in unsecured bonds that will mature this year.

But "the refinancing market remains at a standstill," the company says in a news release.

General Growth (NYSE:GGP) says it is "considering all strategic alternatives" and is talking with its lenders.

"In the event that we are unable to extend or refinance our near- and intermediate-term loan maturities, we may be required to seek legal protection from our creditors," the company says.

General Growth is trying to cut costs. It says it has suspended its cash dividend, halted or slowed nearly all of its development and redevelopment projects, cut its work force by more than 20 percent and sold non-mall assets. <http://charlotte.bizjournals.com/charlotte/stories/2009/02/23/daily45.html>



Southwest Airlines' Offensive Skies

Another company brazenly uses the tired and offensive ploy - the demeaning portrayal of women as nothing more than sexual objects - in a disgusting attempt to garner attention. As the article below states, Southwest Airlines, aligned with Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition, has plastered a giant photo of a seductively-posed bikini model on the side of one of their 737 jets.

The following are comments by Michael Stetz - Union-Tribune Columnist.

"...Southwest Airlines recently unveiled a jet featuring a giant photograph of a bikini-clad Sports Illustrated swimsuit model along the side. ...

The perplexing thing is that this happens to be the same airline that nearly ordered a young San Diego woman off a flight in 2007 because she was wearing what one flight attendant considered too revealing ...

The Boeing 737 jet is called "SI One" and features Bar Refaeli, the cover girl of this year's Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. ..."

Contact Southwest Airlines and let them know that because of this offensive gimmick, you will find family-friendlier skies to fly when choosing a carrier for your next flight.

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The faithfulness of God

*We live and minister out of God's
grace, mercy, love and truth and
faithfulness!*

Randy Alcorn's little book "The Treasure Principle" tells his story of the change in perspective the Lord gave him regarding the financial aspects of life. In these difficult financial times, it is so helpful to have a Christian perspective on money.

Here are a few principles Randy Alcorn lifts up in this short little book (a 2 hour read).

- You can't take it with you - but you can send it on ahead

- God owns everything. I'm His money manager. We are the managers of the assets God has entrusted - not given - to us.

- My heart always goes where I put God's money. Watch what happens when you re-allocate your money from temporal things to eternal things.

- Heaven, not earth, is my home. We are citizens of "a better country - a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:16).

- I should live not for the dot but for the line. From the dot - our present life on earth - extends a line that goes on forever, which is eternity in heaven.

- Giving is the only antidote to materialism. Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones me and exalts Him.

- God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standards of giving. God gives us more money than we need so we can give - generously.

[This practical little book is a must read for Christians desiring to be Biblical in their handling of their money. See the enclosed response card for ordering information.](#)

[For more information, call the ADA office at: 231-924-4050 or 888-733-2326.](#)

A national shopping list?

Why do we care? It doesn't tell us anywhere in the Bible where we are to shop or not shop. Yet, we believe that it is part of being a good steward.

Dear Bill,

Is there a company today we can support? Maybe we need to come up with a good will list and really praise them and ask people to send encouraging letters to them. I am getting a bit overwhelmed with the negative news and am beginning to lose heart and hope.

The evil forces are certainly set upon destroying our country. Maybe love is the secret weapon. Maybe we need to trust in Jesus. Lets start finding people we can reward. What do you think?

J.D.

We have no national shopping list nor does any organization of which we are aware. We believe that it is next to impossible to develop such a list.

Fast food restaurants? Burger King? Pizza Hut? McDonalds? Wendys? Taco Bell? Subway? Sorry. They all sponsor trash.

Prescriptions?
Gasoline?
Groceries?
Automobile?
Department store?

Where to shop for items where we can be assured that our monies aren't going to empower pornography, indecency, obscenity, abortion, gambling, etc.?

But, we do believe it's possible for you to develop your own list - a list of businesses in your area that only those in your area might be aware of.

Why do we care? It doesn't tell us anywhere in the Bible where specifically we are to shop or not shop. Yet, we believe that it is part of being a good steward. "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." [Colossians 3:17]

What about you? What guides your decision making? What Bible verses? In what places do you have confidence in shopping?

What others are saying



Letters from our readers

A supporter forwarded this good news with her own comments following:

"Bishop Won't Attend Notre Dame Commencement Over Pro-Abortion Obama Invite"

From a www.lifenews.com article:

"This will be the 25th Notre Dame graduation during my time as bishop. After much prayer, I have decided not to attend the graduation," he said in a statement LifeNews.com received.

"I wish no disrespect to our president, I pray for him and wish him well. I have always revered the Office of the Presidency. But a bishop must teach the Catholic faith 'in season and out of season' and he teaches not only by his words - but by his actions," he continued.

"My decision is not an attack on anyone, but is in defense of the truth about human life," D'Arcy stated.

The bishop said Notre Dame is deviating from the request of the nation's Catholic bishops not to provide a platform for abortion advocates either by allowing them to speak at graduation ceremonies or providing them with awards such as an honorary degree.

D'Arcy said that "the measure of any Catholic institution is not only what it stands for, but also what it will not stand for."

Bishop D'Arcy said Obama has been out of step with Catholic Church teachings about the sanctity of all human life, including unborn children.

We love and support our bishops and pray for their protection. Not all of them are standing up for the truth, but then neither are many other Christian leaders in the non-Catholic arena. ... The enemy may look like he's winning at times, but we all know that Jesus has the victory!!

God bless you,
Amy O



One of our supporters reports on call to Notre Dame University

Dear American Decency, Just to let you know I just finished my phone call to Notre Dame letting my opposition be registered re: Obama and the pending award of honorary law degree along with scheduling him to give the Commencement Speech on May 17th. I can hardly believe this is happening and wonder how "they" can possibly by any stretch, define themselves as "workers in the Vineyard"!

This news is so very depressing and I pray the Good Lord will step in soon. I know He has a plan allowing all this to take place for the ultimate good - how difficult to maintain our Faith and Trust in these times. However, He walks with us.....

Sincerely with many Blessings for your efforts, we are grateful as is the Lord.

M.D.

Sun City West, AZ



Pat Trueman comments on the ACLU's efforts regarding "sexting" (the practice of teens circulating pornographic photos of themselves or others via cell phones)

"Here is the ACLU attempting to exonerate kids for producing and distributing child pornography - claiming they have a First Amendment right to do so! So-called "sexting" poses a dilemma for law enforcement because, of course, legislatures did not envision sexting by kids in passing child pornography laws years ago. No, they could never have envisioned our pornified culture where children are so steeped in porn that the production and distribution of child pornography by children would be commonplace. If we want to see sexting come to an end, I suggest we enforce the law. Yes, this will mean that some guilty children will be punished (although, as juveniles, punishment will be relatively light). But the law is a great teacher and word will spread that there are consequences to law breaking. Imagine what the world will be like if the ACLU has its way - when these child porn producers/distributors move to adulthood. What activities will be commonplace to them then?" - Pat Trueman