

ABC/Disney Assaults Christianity

by Lisa Van Houten

“excesses that feel needlessly raunchy and go out of their way to insult viewers of faith.”

“... If it's not making half the women on the show dress and act like hookers, it's making the mean girls a bizarre mix of church matrons and vengeful enemies. ...”

(One of the women) frames all of her hurtful schemes and thoughts in biblical verse, which feels more offensive than funny.

She even excuses her flimsy manner of dressing by saying, “Cleavage makes your cross hang straight!”

This is just the tip of the unbelievable iceberg.

The husband of one of the mean girls is sleeping with his male ranch foreman. The husband of another immediately wants to sleep with Vaughn ...”

From the same producer who brought the explicit “Sex in the City” to television, “GCB” is plugged to be the next “Desperate Housewives.” The show centers on a group of catty, vindictive women who focus their contempt upon an old high school rival who has returned to their home town. ABC’s website has described the so-called “Christian” women of the show as a “twisted little social clique of affluent, sugary, God-fearing, steely women whose bark is as bad as their bite.”

It must have been difficult to speak with his tongue firmly planted in his cheek, but “GCB” producer, Robert Harling, claimed: “Church is sacred...we will never, ever be disrespectful.”

I’d like to ask Mr. Harling for his definition of “sacred” and “disrespectful,” because after several episodes now, I can unequivocally say there is nothing at all sacred or respectful of Christianity on “GCB” – in fact, the show intentionally maligns the Christian faith.

The “Christian” women on “GCB” spout Bible verses right and left – taken out of context, of course – as justification for their vengeful behavior. In fact, there are probably more scripture quotations and references to Christ on one episode of “GCB” than on all other network shows combined. It’s just that each reference is used to deride Christianity and portray those claiming to be followers of Christ as nothing more than sex-obsessed, hypocritical, members of a snobbish social club. While of course we all know there are some “tares among the wheat” within the church, according to ABC the church is filled with nothing but weeds. Not one character on this show is portrayed as a sincere Christian whose life and actions have been transformed by Christ.

On page 6 you’ll find examples of the blasphemous content of “GCB.” It is a fine line as we make you aware of concerns, without being too explicit. In the case of “GCB” you need to understand the depths to which ABC and the supportive advertisers are going to degrade/blaspheme Christians and our God. We received the following letter which helps explain why we make you aware.

I so appreciate your newsletter with all its updates. I always get those postcards out ASAP and will try to contact the list of ... advertisers also.

Your articles are always so informative, BUT this time they are ALL ALARMING. It's not that I didn't know some of this stuff, but to see it in print really brings out the horrible situation our society is in.

You all are in my prayers. Please keep up the work of spelling it out for society. Our only hope is turning to our savior and sharing our love of Him with others. God Bless Always, D.T.

ABC/Disney recently premiered the new show “GCB”. With such an innocuous sounding acronym for a name, you might wonder what “GCB” is about. Well, innocent it is not. A year before the show even aired, while still in early production, the original title caused such an uproar from both Christian groups and women’s rights advocates, the show’s name was supposedly changed. ABC now claims the new title “GCB” stands for “Good Christian Belles” - instead of the original name “Good Christian B—ches.” Imagine the outrage if a show was similarly named, inserting “Asian” or “Muslim” in place of “Christian.” Such a show would never even be considered for television.

While “on paper” ABC/Disney claims to have changed the name of the show, their TV promos leading up to the premiere episode told a different story. The trailer plays off of the word “B” word without actually using the word, but leaving viewers’ minds to automatically fill in the blank.

Shakespeare had it right. “A rose by any other name...” However, there is nothing sweet about “GCB” and it certainly isn’t good. What the show is “good” at, however, is to thumb its nose at Christianity. In fact, that seems to be the entire premise of the show – a mocking, bigoted depiction of Christians.

And we’re not the only ones recognizing that GCB defames Christianity in a way that would never be tolerated if it were directed at any other specific group.

The Free-Lance Star newspaper reviewed “GCB” describing the show as filled with

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From the desk of Bill Johnson

Joshua, Judges, and GCB

I was reading the first four chapters in the book of Judges very recently.

Joshua had concluded the remaining days of his life by reminding God's people in Joshua 23-24 of all that God had done in leading them out of Egypt into the promised land - delivering them from enemies, pagans, sure destruction.

At the same time Joshua warned the Israelites and called them out. Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD."

Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

"Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him."

[Joshua 24:19-24]

The Bible tells us that Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua and which had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel.

However, we see quite early in the book of Judges at Judges 2:10 - "and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

The book of Judges reveals a growing wickedness and godlessness. The book concludes at chapter 21, verse 25 with these memorable words: "every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

God turned them over to their own vile ways. Though ever gracious and merciful, after years upon years of warning, God allowed enemy nations to invade, defeat, conquer, and capture the people of Israel; where once upon a time God defended and guarded and shepherded His called out, chosen people.

It's hard to miss the messages here. We have been a wayward people for a long time.

For many years it was as though America was in a protective bubble. Many of us stood amazed. Some asked, "How can God continue to permit the immense and increasing sin of this once great nation?"

We still are so blessed in this country, especially when compared to all the nations of the world, but we see evidences of massive unraveling all around us. We fear for our country. Recognizing as Ronald Reagan so often said, "America is the last great hope for freedom." If America falls, so goes liberty.

I watched a few moments of ABC/Disney's latest TV program entitled "GCB." Initially they were intending to call it Good Christian B----.

This weekly show is filled with sexual imagery and innuendo coupled with mocking the Bible, the church, Christ's Holy Name and making it appear that living a Christian life is sex-obsessed, shallow, stupid, hypocritical and a complete sham.

As the Israelites succumbed to their own wickedness, I say with great sadness, clearly we are deserving of a similar fate.

Join us !

These are days of increasing spiritual warfare and societal division. As Christians we have a great responsibility to "understand the times in order to know what to do." How can we "understand the times?"

God has raised up prophetic voices in our nation who alert, warn, and inform us regarding the current assaults upon our families, faith, and freedoms. It would behoove us to listen to and learn from these "voices crying in the wilderness." Two of these prophetic men will be featured as speakers at our summer conference, Friday evening, July 27 in Fremont Michigan.

We are truly blessed and honored to host Rev. Donald E. Wildmon, founder of American Family Association, and Curtis Bowers, producer of the powerful DVD, "Agenda: Grinding America Down" which exposes the forces working to undermine the foundational principles of our country.

Who could say it better than Don Wildmon, writing prophetically over 25 years ago, giving a warning which is even more true today.

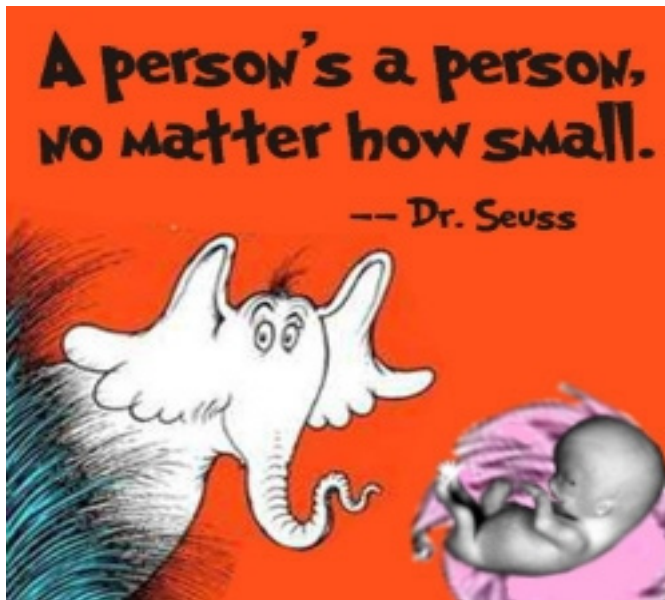
"We can keep our Christian witness confined within the comfortable realm of our local church and our denominations, judging our church and our denominations success in baptisms, buildings, budgets, church socials But if we do, we will deny the very reality of the living Christ and lose the Christian foundation of Western civilization."

We are at a very significant crossroads in the history of Christianity. Historians three hundred years from now will say it was the most crucial crossroads that organized Christianity has ever faced. And unless our pastors begin to lead their people in practicing their faith beyond the friendly confines of structure and denomination, and do so quickly, I shudder to think what kind of society we will pass on to those who come after us. ..." (NFD Journal, 1986).

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from these great leaders. Mark your calendar for Friday, July 27 and join us in Fremont, Michigan for this important event. Call 1-888-733-2326 for more information.

No Matter How Small

by Chris Johnson



Abortion advocates have finally admitted that a fetus in the womb is every bit as human as a newborn infant. That seems like good news, right? It's not.

A pair of "medical ethicists" linked to Oxford University published an article in a peer reviewed journal which stated that, because abortion is legal, killing your baby should be too.

Here is Alberto Giubilini's and Francesca Minerva's argument: "Both a fetus and a newborn certainly are human beings and potential persons, but neither is a 'person' in the sense of 'subject of a moral right to life.'"

And, because babies don't fit Giubilini's and Minerva's definition of 'person,' they may be killed if the parents feel the "social, psychological, [or] economic" costs are too high.

For example, the Daily Telegraph states that the authors argue "that parents should be able to have the baby killed if it turned out to be disabled without their knowing before birth."

They say that, "to bring up such children might be an unbearable burden on the family and on society as a whole, when the state economically provides for their care."

I can't leave that last line alone – when welfare is used as a reason to necessitate killing kids, that is a culture in decline.

Back to the main point. In their article, Giubilini and Minerva explain that, "they prefer to use the phrase 'after-birth abortion' rather than 'infanticide' to 'emphasize that the moral status of the individual killed is comparable with that of a fetus.'"

This shows the importance of vocabulary in the abortion argument. You know what sounds worse than both "after-birth abortion" and "infanticide?" Slaughtering the weakest members of society so you can live a more comfortable life. Yet that is exactly the definition of both of the more sterile terms.

Of course abortion isn't any different from infanticide. Did anyone really ever believe that the act of being removed from the womb was the dividing line between non-life and life? Conception is the only rational starting point for life. The only argument for any other point in the cycle being the beginning of life is convenience.

So what does it take for these "academics" to admit you are a 'person,' and not a mere human being? They say "we take 'person' to mean an individual who is capable of attributing to her own existence some (at least) basic value such that being deprived of this existence represents a loss to her."

So, basically, the child has to want to live. Somehow, Giubilini and Minerva have determined that babies are indifferent in regards to this question. I don't know how they arrived at that conclusion. Anyone who has ever seen a hungry or frightened infant I think would be logical enough to deduce that the baby's cries means it wants to avoid death. An infant may not be developed enough to have a "fight or flight" response or go get a snack, but they certainly react in a negative way to danger. So the authors fail even by their own definition.

More so, however, they fail by God's definition. God created us "in His own image." He "formed us in our mother's wombs." From God's perspective, all human beings are persons, whether someone finds them inconvenient or not.

This idea of "after-birth abortion" is a great example of the necessity of recognizing the "laws of nature and nature's God," as the founders put it.

If man can decide what constitutes personhood, he can change that definition any time he wants to whatever he wants. And why should Alberto and Minerva's definition be given any more credence than Adolf's definition? What makes self-awareness the benchmark of personhood any more than skin color or heritage when there is no eternal moral standard?

Dr. Seuss said it best in Horton Hears a Who: "*A person's a person, no matter how small.*" Unfortunately, babies in the womb can't collectively raise their voices to let their killers know who they are. That is left to us.

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Another “gay” rights hearing

by Bill Johnson



Another “gay” rights hearing recently with a packed house of advocates. Sadly, the Christians didn’t show up. One local pastor and yours truly testified amidst all of those who verbalized support.

Even a young man who introduced himself as an Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts of America) expressed support for the non-discrimination ordinance. This despite the largely known reality the LGBT has repeatedly targeted the Boy Scouts due to their male exclusivity and their Judeo-Christian worldview.

As the picture above indicates, Mt. Pleasant (MI) City Hall was packed out with upwards of 200 people. And though there were certainly a number of Central Michigan University students, there were many gray-haired ones as well.

When the organizer for those representing the homosexual backers asked for those in favor of “gay” rights to stand – virtually everyone stood up with a few exceptions.

The organizers led by Central Michigan University professor Norma Bailey (Ph.d) were applauded by the Mayor for their fabulous job of organizing their supporters and standing together – filling the auditorium.

Mt. Pleasant Mayor Bruce Kilmer said, “I have never (seen it this full in here before). It was a standing room packed house. I was impressed with the community turnout and interest.”

He continued “I think that we’re going to take a look at (the proposed ordinance) from a practical point of view on enforcement and I think everybody agrees that we don’t want discrimination in our community. The question is to just how to practically work that into a city ordinance?”

In my presentation, I related that my best friend in college began to show homosexual inclinations in his last years of college life as an undergraduate at Michigan State University (1968). In a phone conversation with his brother I found out last year that he had had multiple sex partners and suffered a long period of time before dying of AIDS in 2001.

I shared similar accounts of two other homosexual men who became Christians and then began to warn those who would listen that the homosexual lifestyle often involves hundreds and hundreds of sex partners. They knew because this marked them. David suffered long and died of AIDS in the early 1990s as a young man in his early forties. Michael contracted AIDS but with new medications continues to live. Part of his testimony is that he attended many funerals of his former lovers and knows of no remaining “friends”.

I finished my five minute presentation with words from former U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson who wrote in his book (1986) “No Greater Power: Perspective for Days of Pressure.”

Homosexuality is not the real threat.

It’s a profound problem that deserves our serious attention, our concern and compassion. But the threat is not in homosexuality as such.

The real issue is not that people are “gay,” but that the “gay” movement insists on promoting gayness as a legitimate lifestyle.

This is the root issue, the cosmic issue throughout history: Calling good what God calls evil. It is the fundamental expression of human anarchy in defiance of God’s moral order. It is the original temptation marking humanity’s descent from God and authentic goodness.

It is not enough that we transgress God’s law. Humans must also reject the very idea of order – make immorality moral – sanctify sin.

It is the futile human effort to escape guilt – the relentless, inescapable consequence of moral aberration.

“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie... Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts... Men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.” (Romans 1:25-27)

The politically correct crowd pushes on while Christian leaders sadly fall in line at the eventual demise of this culture – once under the authority of a benevolent God but now in rebellion to His loving hand.

All-American Muslim Cancelled

TLC announced that they would not be renewing their controversial “All-American Muslim” program, which ADA, as well as Florida Family Association, had criticized for whitewashing over the radical doctrines subscribed to by many Muslims.

Total viewers had dropped by more than half over the course of the 8 episode season.

The program received the most publicity when the home improvement store Lowe’s dropped its advertising after expressions of concern from ADA and Florida Family Association’s supporters.

Here’s how we explained the show after its premier: *I’m not afraid that these families are going to bomb a stadium or a shopping mall. What I am afraid of is that people will look at these families who are trying to maintain aspects of their culture while becoming a part of America and will forget that there are many others who take the Koran more literally when it says, “I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them, (Quran 8:12).”*

Hardee's at it again

by Bill Johnson



Hardees, indeed, is at it again. I recently received this email:

Just this evening ... as we were watching TV, a Hardee's ad that was absolutely disgusting in its sexy content came across the TV screen at 9:30 PM, CST on NBC. When I was looking for a place to send my disagreement for their choice, I noticed that you had fought a Hardees ad that bordered on pornography in 2009. I wanted to make you aware of this again. We live in Sioux Falls, SD. Thank you for your work.

This current ad features the young 19 year old cover girl for this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition, Kate Upton. You don't need to go any further than a quick look at Hardee's disgusting webpage (at their home address) to catch a glimpse of what is in store.

Hardees current pornographic ad features Upton "advertising" the Southwestern patty melt with an extremely erotic display focusing on sexualized movements, close up shots of cleavage, legs spread, etc. – all to titillate and entice. Believe me when I say, this is arguably the most explicit, lewd ad I've ever seen.

Hardee's entitles the ad "Some Like it Hot" and boastfully describe the ad this way: "As you'll see, both Kate and the Southwest Patty Melt deliver the heat in the ads."

Pornography is defined by Webster's as material created for the purposes of eliciting a sexual response. Thus, the description of this ad as pornographic.

Hardee's is a hamburger business catering to families. I can't see how in good conscience anyone reading this email alert can give business to Hardees (Carl Jr.)! Period!!

This type of ad is nothing new for Hardee's. In review:

(1) 2003. Hardee's (Carl's Jr.) featured Hugh Hefner as a poster celebrity.

(2) Hardee's also used an erotic ad featuring a mechanical bull and a scantily clad female.

(3) In 2005, Hardee's used a pornographic ad featuring Paris Hilton - a highly eroticized ad to market hamburgers at their "family" restaurants.

(4) February 2006, A friend of this ministry notified us of yet another sexualized online Hardee's ad (also a television ad).

The ad featured a very scantily clad erotic waitress and a young male leering at the waitress's body. The waitress, of course, moving provocatively as the camera focuses on her body parts.

(5) June 2007. Hardees pornographic ad features a scantily clad blond rolling on the floor "advertising" patty melt featuring sexualized movements, the invitation to run your fingers through her hair, to touch her

(6) June 2009. Though this time Hardees ad isn't visually explicit, the words and innuendo are loaded with sexual nuance. It features their new "Biscuit holes."

In one of several of their new ads, the announcer says: "We are introducing a new item at Hardees called Biscuit Holes. Can you think of a better name for them?"

Then various customers individually name them using crude verbiage playing off the word "holes" and references to testicles.

This information, along with this new ad, further strengthens our view that Hardee's is not worthy of our purchasing dollars.

And we aren't alone in that view. We also received this email from a woman who "found" us on the Internet, seeing we had spoken out against this ad. She might not otherwise share all of our concerns, but she was outraged about this Hardee's ad.

She wrote: *Normally I do not get insulted or outraged by a campaign. I am a very liberal person but Carl's Jr. has gone too far with their new Jalepeno burger ads.*

These ads feature a "hot" burger with a "hot" blonde licking her way through the commercial. Sweaty breasts, bags of burgers nestled suggestively between her legs, and finally, the model/actress spread out laying on a chair/sofa.

What can be done?

After our reply, giving her action steps to contact Hardee's, she wrote back, stating: *Wow! Thank you for your reply! Sure was not expecting that. As I said, I am pretty liberal but [this] ad is just jaw dropping. I have posted it on my facebook status and have had people respond with similiar shock. Shared your links as well on my facebook page. It is unbelievable to think that this company actually believes this is positive for their business. I for one, will not EVER go there.*

1. Call the Hardee's/Carl's Jr. consumer relations department at 1-877-799-7827. Tell them you've had enough and you won't be buying from Hardee's or Carl's Jr. until they stop their sexploitation.

2. Call the Independent Hardee's Franchise Association at 757-497-7297 (the ones who actually own the restaurants). Urge President Bryan Haas to demand that the Hardee's corporate office immediately pull this offensive commercial.

(CKE owns Carl's Jr., Hardee's, Green Burrito, and Red Burrito restaurant brands)

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The following descriptions give just a hint of the truly offensive and blasphemous content of the show.

Carlene, the “leader” of the “Christian” women who brags about their “righteous community” and their “moral code” is found out to be the owner of a Hooter’s-like club called “Booby-licious.” Yet her husband, dressed for worship, holds up a Bible and says: *“There is nothing in this book that says you can’t own a booby bar.”*

Really??? Actually, I can think of dozens of teachings from the Bible that indicate God would not be pleased with that. God’s Word has a lot to say on issues that relate –including lust, adultery, sexual sin, immodesty, and being a stumbling block others – just to name a few.

In addition to this insulting mockery of Christianity and God’s Word, the show explicitly reveals more cleavage than a dozen Victoria’s Secret commercials. Carlene rationalizes her very immodest dress, inferring that because she is already “saved” she has license to do what she wants, stating: *“I have been saved. And I have a wonderful spiritual husband who likes ‘em where he can see ‘em.”*

The attacks upon people of faith come in many ways but this is perhaps the most blatant, mean-spirited attack upon Christ and His people on network television to date. It’s alarming to consider how many impressionable ones will come to believe that Christianity is made up of such hypocrites marked by “God talk” all the while characterized by lewdness, immodesty, and godlessness.

While Christian-bashing is a favorite sport in Hollywood, millions of Christians don’t find it at all amusing to have their Lord and their faith derisively mocked. Join with us in opposing the Christian bigotry of ABC’s “GCB.” In addition to sending the enclosed postcard, we urge you to contact the sponsors below. You can also email us for a complete list of advertisers with an easy “take action” link or call us at 1-888-733-2326.

Please contact these advertisers. They have been on multiple episodes of GCB.



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We are thankful for the confidence that so many of you have shown in us over the years by way of your faithful, generous support.

Our witness and work is needed more than ever before. Thank you for helping us to continue to shine the light.

For example, this week I will speak to an adult Sunday School class, having been asked to encourage and remind them of the importance of “fighting the good fight” and standing fast in these days of such vast discouragement and rampant lethargy.

I also have a great opportunity to speak with pastors and elders in Grand Rapids regarding the rampant godlessness and the need for the church (pastors) to use the Scripture they are preaching from and apply it to the major sin issues of our day!

And as godlessness increases, so does our work load; as the demands become greater.

With the economic situation being what it is, it is difficult to ask for your support, yet the battle for truth and righteousness remains and will until Jesus comes again.

We urge your continued generous support! For those who haven’t given for a long time, it would mean a lot to have your support. For those of you who especially appreciate our work, it would be very helpful to have you stand with us as generously as possible on a regular basis. For others who are especially strong financially, the rare large donations we receive truly help us weather the financial storm and allow us to deepen our outreach. Lastly, for those of you who are on fixed income and who want to do more, please don’t feel unnecessarily guilty, we understand. You are dear to us and your prayers mean so very much.

Thank you for prayerfully doing whatever you can do as we together continue in faithful, committed ministry to the calling God has given us through the American Decency Association.

God bless you each one.