

What happens when self-pleasure marks us. The brainwashing of America.



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By Bill Johnson

The following is a variety of news that confronts us all on a daily basis. Some of you are very aware that this is what is bombarding us each and every day - day in and day out. Some of you are not. Wouldn't we all like to hide our heads in the sand? But we shouldn't. This is our country. Many of us have children and/or grandchildren. There is so much at stake. All is not well, and each of us is needed to counter our nation's moral slide.

●We have Governor Sanford (R-South Carolina) flying out to Argentina (without telling his staff or family of his whereabouts) while continuing his affair with an Argentinian woman.

Upon Gov. Sanford's return he confesses his sin but calls his mistress his soul mate. His faithful Christian wife of many years says she is willing to take him back but her major concerns are her sons and the impact his sexual trysts are going to have on them.

Somehow Gov. Sanford remains in office despite admitting to other inappropriate relationships - though none physical, he says.

●Al Franken former off-color, Saturday Night Live comedian was voted into office as U.S. Senator of Minnesota. As you may recall, significant controversy surrounds procedures regarding the vote count in Minnesota. He was not officially certified the winner of the Senatorial campaign until June 30 and sworn in to the Senate on

Tuesday, July 7, 2009. His certification empowers Democrats to reach the coveted filibuster proof mark of 60.

●The National Education Association voted to throw full support behind homosexual "marriage" by committing to use its resources and political muscle to take down any legislation that hinders the homosexual movement. In addition, the NEA voted down a resolution that called for the group to take "no position" on the issue of abortion. Had this resolution passed, the NEA wouldn't have been able to use dues money of its 3.2 million members for causes that have anything to do with the abortion debate. [Onenewsnow.com, July 7, 2009]

●On July 17, the U.S. Senate passed its version of a federal "hate crimes" law, which allows violent criminals to be punished for their thoughts as well as their actions if their victims are within a protected category. Homosexuals and cross-dressers will receive more protection against violence than children or the elderly if the bill becomes law. The roll call vote was 63-28, with five Republican senators joining virtually all of the Democrats in support. [Family Research Council, July 17, 2009]

●Despite the rhetoric about "reducing the number of abortions," Liberals in Congress have passed a \$768 million dollar Financial Services Appropriations bill - without allowing debate - to fund abortions in the District of Columbia. Common sense should tell Congress that they cannot reduce abortion by funding it.

Taxpayers will be forced to pay for the destruction of innocent human life and other unacceptable programs in the District, including giving needles to drug addicts to use for illicit drugs. The bill (which President Obama supports) will legalize marijuana for medical use, eliminate school vouchers and stop funding for a drug prevention campaign. [Liberty Council, 7/21/09]

●A fast moving socialized health care bill is poised to "overhaul" the health care system. The President wants a bill on his desk before Congress leaves town for its August recess. The Democrat leadership apparently doesn't want time for public debate.

According to the Associated Press, the plan being pushed by House Democrats has a price tag of \$1.5 trillion; includes more than \$500 billion in tax hikes; and slashes Medicare and Medicaid spending by hundreds of billions of dollars. How is the government going to do all that without cutting services or rationing care? The Congressional Budget Office estimates the plan will increase the deficit by an additional one trillion dollars. [Campaign for Working Families, July 15, 2009] - see page 3

Are you burdened as we are for our country? We need to remember God IS in control. But He calls us, His people, to let our light shine - while we keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We are a called out, chosen people. Thanks be unto God for His salvation. Now let's respond to His love by standing in the gap!



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

Praying for J.J and Melanie Jasper

Recently we received word through our ministry friends at AFA of the tragic death of young Cooper Jasper, 5 year old son of J.J. Jasper, one of the magnificent voices of American Family Radio. I want to take a moment to say that such tragedies shake us to our very core and remind us of what really IS important.

Life is precious - including and especially eternal life! These little ones are precious treasures to us, and when they are suddenly gone there is a void. I can attest to that. Yet, what comfort when we know they are truly in Him.

Having lost our fifteen month old granddaughter Cassie Hope to an unexpected death just last August 17, 2008, I know all too well how life gets turned upside down in a twinkling of an eye.

As I continue in life and ministry and see all of the tugs and pulls and battles and how the lines are increasingly being drawn, none of us knows where our great nation is heading. (It doesn't look very good right now.)

Most of us have strong opinions on one side or the other - that's for sure. I fear for our nation - for the families and people of this nation. There is great division. The fissures of division seem to get deeper and wider with each passing week.

With the passing of baby Cassie Hope, I saw my family come together as never before in love and unity.

One of the beautiful things that I saw first hand was the beauty of the church rising up and embracing those wracked by grief and indescribable pain. Love is poured out, tears are shed. Sacrifices are made. There is a oneness as all come together no matter what their political persuasion.

Nonetheless, so many tears are shed and as

days pass, healing comes - though the pain of the loss of such a tender young one will never go away this side of heaven.

In some sense the cultural divisions don't seem to go away either. One thing that I believe God has called me to is to love those who are in opposition. By His grace, may that happen more and more.

By God's grace I will love those who hate the Gospel and its principles which uphold the preciousness of life at all ages and stages. I will love those who detest the narrowness of Truth. "I am the way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father but by me." John 14:6

I need His help (and so do you) to walk that balance of Truth and Grace.

Ultimately, is it love to not share the Gospel (Truth) with those who don't know Him just to maintain peace? Absolutely not!

Our pastor stated recently "If you read the obituaries in the Grand Rapids Press, you get the impression that everybody is in Christ. What a falsehood." If a person goes to the grave without confessing their sins and believing in the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord, they are not saved.

There is a line in the sand between Heaven and Hell. It's part of the human dilemma that we face and one of the marks of our reality. We live in a fallen world. We need to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. John 3:16. Do YOU know Him?

Truth and grace! Both are desperately needed. We can't do it without the help of our Savior and Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the days ahead, join me in praying for J.J. and Melanie Jasper and their young family.

**The following hymn was played at
Cassie's funeral last August 20, 2008.**

"My Anchor Holds"

Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest-driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I've an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.

Refrain:
And it holds, my anchor holds:

Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Mighty tides about me sweep,
Perils lurk within the deep,
Angry clouds o'ershade the sky,
And the tempest rises high;
Still I stand the tempest's shock,
For my anchor grips the rock.

I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavy strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,
Till the turning of the tide.

Troubles almost 'whelm the soul;
Griefs like billows o'er me roll;
Tempters seek to lure astray;
Storms obscure the light of day;
But in Christ I can be bold,
I've an anchor that shall hold.

Finishing Life to the Glory of Christ

"Finishing life to the glory of Christ means finishing life in a way that makes Christ look glorious. It means living and dying in a way that shows Christ to be the all-satisfying Treasure that he is. So it would include, for example, not living in ways that make this world look like your treasure.

Which means that most of the suggestions that this world offers us for our retirement years are bad ideas. They call us to live in a way that would make this world look like our treasure. And when that happens, Jesus is belittled.

Resolutely Resisting Retirement

Finishing life to the glory of Christ means resolutely resisting the typical American dream of retirement. It means being so satisfied with all that God promises to be for us in Christ that we are set free from the cravings that create so much emptiness and uselessness in retirement. Instead, knowing that we have an infinitely satisfying and everlasting inheritance in God just over the horizon of life makes us zealous in our few remaining years here to spend ourselves in the sacrifices of love, not the accumulation of comforts." [Taken from John Piper's booklet entitled "Rethinking Retirement."]

[See the response card for ordering information.](#)

Health care reform will lead to rationing



Wendy Wright, President of Concerned Women for America

For months, the Blue Dog Democrats [a group currently of 52 moderate and conservative Democratic Party members of the United States House of Representatives] have asked their party leaders to be a part of the health care reform. But according to Rep. Mike Ross (D-Arkansas), chairman of the Blue Dogs' health care task force, these lawmakers have been shut out of the process just like their conservative Republican counterparts. So they made their concerns public and are now reaping the consequences.

Pro-life Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Michigan) says he has been "taken to the woodshed" by House Leadership for disagreeing with the health care reform bill. He and other Blue Dogs have serious concerns with the bill that simply aren't being addressed by their party leaders. They are working to ensure that Democrat leadership doesn't jam health care through Congress before their issues are resolved. The fortitude of the Blue Dog Democrats, particularly Members on the Energy and Commerce Committee, to cross their party's leadership and potentially derail the bill has provided an opportunity for Americans to find out what is actually inside this massive piece of legislation.

And what's included should terrify us all. This legislation will create a fundamental right to abortion in our health care system. Concerns about the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) were spot on - this health care legislation is FOCA by stealth. The health care legislation will mandate and subsid-

ize abortion coverage in American health plans, will nullify state laws that limit abortion, and require "access" to elective abortions, which will result in more abortion clinics.

The health care reform bill will lead to rationing. A government board will determine what treatments can and cannot be allowed. Pres. Obama says only people who will get "healthier" should get treatment - which theoretically excludes the disabled, the elderly, and others who bureaucrats decide aren't worth the cost. Many doctors, who will be forced to violate their consciences under this bill, are planning to leave the profession if it passes. This means all of us will have less access to every kind of health care.

Offering a "public option" virtually guarantees that people will move from private to public health insurance. A provision in the House bill would outlaw citizens obtaining new private plans after the public plan begins. Health care decisions will be taken out of patients' and doctors' hands and placed into the government's hands. The current health care reform bill also requires every individual to buy health insurance or pay a fine. Radical pro-abortion Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius would determine whether a particular plan would qualify.

This mandate means that cost-sharing arrangements, such as Christians who jointly pay for health care for families within their groups, could be forced to purchase a health insurance plan that violates their religious beliefs.

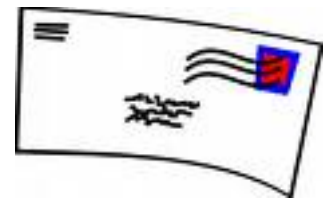
The overwhelming cost of the health care reform bill is staggering, especially when experts have predicted that current Medicare funding could run out within seven years. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this reform package will cost \$1 trillion. Others estimate it to be \$1.6 trillion with \$800 billion in tax hikes and fees that could add as much as \$239 billion to the deficit.

The Blue Dog Democrats are now facing a full court press from the Obama Administration. They will be meeting with Presi-

dent Obama [7/22/09] and will likely face tremendous pressure to cave on their principles in order to pass this health care reform bill.

Take Action: Please call your U.S. Representative and Senators now at 202-225-3121 and urge them to oppose the health care reform bill.

[Taken from Concerned Women for America's Legislative Action Committee, July 21, 2009]



Letters from our readers

Hi Bill,

I happened to see that Calvin Klein billboard ad on Good Morning America one morning and the young mother with her little girl turning around and covering her eyes and saying, "I don't want her seeing this." I was appalled! Sodom and Gomorrah. Yes!

I'll do what I can to write, etc., and you keep up the good work. Joann

You are a voice in these dark times for God's righteousness. May He continue to hold you true to Him; may all your children and grandchildren come to love Him.

In Christ, C&B

Mr. Bill Johnson,

Since I am now approaching 89 years old and now find I need to hire someone to stay in my home and help me with all my household work, I am slowly and nearly going blind. I cannot support you monthly. When I can I will help but not each month.

Sorry to do this as I think you are doing much. But I must support my own church first.

I hope you continue the fight for our moral standards in our country. Sincerely, L.W.

Letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder urging prosecutions

Nearly 400 people and/or organizations (including ADA) signed the letter below asking for increased prosecution of illegal pornography. What will be his response? We'll keep you posted!

July 15, 2009

The Honorable Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001



Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Greetings and congratulations on your appointment as attorney general. Since the advent of the Internet, illegal pornography has flooded homes, businesses, public libraries, and even schools. The results have been devastating to America. Pornography addiction is now common among men, women, and even many children. Children are creating cell phone child pornography, in a new trend called, "sexting." Pornography use is now a significant factor in divorce. Hotels, motels, cable and satellite companies, and other businesses are making tremendous profits by offering illegal, obscene pornography. America is becoming a "pornified culture," as author and *Time* magazine writer Pamela Paul has stated.

We are compelled to write to you and ask for an expansion of the Administration's efforts against the scourge of pornography. To discuss this issue further, we respectfully request to meet with you at the earliest opportunity.

We are heartened by your past expressions of concern about the spread of illegal pornography. In a memorandum of June 10, 1998, from you to all United States Attorneys while you were Deputy Attorney General, you said,

"Thus, priority should be given to cases involving large-scale distributors who realize substantial income from multistate operations and cases in which there is evidence of organized crime involvement. However, prosecution of cases involving relatively small distributors can have a deterrent effect and would dispel any notion that obscenity distributors are insulated from prosecution if their operations fail to exceed a predetermined size or if they fragment their business into small-scale operations. ... Because of the nature of the Internet and the availability of agents trained in conducting criminal investigations in cyberspace, investigation and prosecution of Internet obscenity is particularly suitable for federal resources."

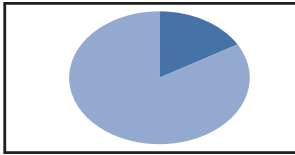
We hope that you still share these same sentiments now that the problem of illegal pornography has become immeasurably worse. We urge you to continue to speak out publicly against illegal pornography and encourage U.S. Attorneys to fulfill their obligations under federal law and vigorously prosecute the purveyors of obscenity. We know the public would be behind you in this regard.

Thank you for considering the importance of this issue. We value your past efforts and accomplishments in the fight against illegal obscenity thus far and trust that we can discuss ways to partner with you on this crucial endeavor to further protect children and families. We are available to meet with you at your earliest convenience. God bless you, Mr. Attorney General.

Progress Report!

\$15,000 Match Grant - \$3,000 raised with another \$12,000 needed before September 15.

Please help!



Do you stand with us and yet have never given a gift? Right now would be a great time. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. Here are the stipulations of the match grant put forth by our anonymous donor.

1. It must be new money--from someone who hasn't given in 2008 or 2009. Or, any amount given in 2009 which was more than what someone gave in 2008. E.g. donor gives \$400 in 2008 but cumulatively gives \$1000 in 2009 by the end of the match period, we will match \$600.

2. We will match up to \$15,000.

3. The funds must be received between June 15 and September 30.

<https://secure4.afo.net/ada/main.php?f=donate/display9>

The gracious hand of God!

Ever since the very beginnings of this ministry we have experienced the hand of God and the support of His people! We stand amazed at what God has continually done to give a clear sense of His calling and then to affirm that calling again and again through the support that He has provided.

Several things that I wanted to take a moment to make clear as we continue to go forward especially in light of the match grant, the troubling economic times, the societal uncertainties.

(1) I don't have any intentions in retiring. I'm committed to the long haul. I just want to do God's will, and I believe it remains God's will to continue until He shows us otherwise.

(2) I desire to be continually open to God's will. If He desires to bring in a younger person to take my place, I'm prayerfully prepared for that. Also, though, I'm not trying to force God's hand. If that isn't His will, I'm fine with that too.

(3) I would be very disappointed if this ministry didn't continue after me. We have a board committed to continue. I believe with God's help that it will.

(4) We have remained small over these years. We have always been able to pay our bills on time. We have missed a few pay days but with a very, very few exceptions have caught up.

(5) We have been members in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) since 1993. See: www.ecfa.org

(6) It has become my prayer in recent months that God would see fit to place His touch upon an individual or more than one individual to lend support to this ministry through one of a variety of ways that some have found to use their resources to empower ministry while they are yet alive. Or, others are preparing wills, trusts, insurance plans that set aside money after they are gone.

We have greatly benefited from a few such gifts in recent years. We recognize each one as a special gift from special friends with a touch of God to give to us just when we need it most.

(7) We have recognized that we aren't in the business of orchestrating or forcing anyone's hand in any of these regards. For example, we are thankful to God for anonymous friends that so faithfully get behind us year after year via the match grant (we don't know where we would be without these extra helps that help encourage more giving.) They often generate \$30,000 a year for us.

We are so thankful for the faithful giving of a solid core of you - some whom have given since the very beginning days of this ministry (1987/88). We are overwhelmed by such displays of love and faithfulness.

Lastly, please know whatever you can do means so very, very much. We are in need of your gifts as we go deeper into the summer months. Support is down.

Burger King's Betrayal



In 2004 ADA contacted Burger King after one of its ads appeared on "Desperate Housewives". At that time Burger King immediately withdrew the ad and wrote a commendable letter. The company was led at the time by Gregory Brenneman, who, we discovered, was a Christian. Well, Mr. Brenneman no longer heads the company and the Burger King of today seems to have no qualms about wallowing in vulgarity - even with its own ads.

Burger King recently released a highly offensive ad in an overseas promotion. The graphic sexual nature of the ad is too crude to repeat here - suffice it to say that the ad blatantly and explicitly equates a BK sandwich with a perverse sex act. While this ad isn't currently running in the United States, the ad has spread across the country via the Internet, and Burger King has received exactly what it is looking for as a result - publicity.

However, as reported by examiner.com, Burger King has also received much criticism - even within the advertising world itself. "Mark Duffy, an established advertising copywriter at a New York City firm stated to Fox News, 'I've seen a lot of sexual innuendo ads and this is about the worst, especially for something as mainstream as Burger King. I was a little repulsed by it. It's really misogynistic to women and it's also unappetizing.' Duffy later stated that the ad was among the worst he had seen in his 17 years in the advertising industry.

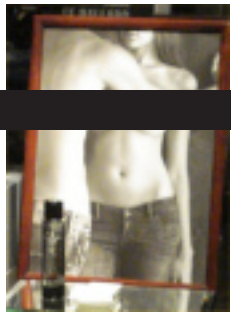
Scott Purvis, president of an accomplished advertising research firm in New Jersey ... [stated] that advertisements with sexually explicit material, or even simple innuendos are recalled by consumers 20 percent more often than regular advertisements. 'But the problem is, the [sexually explicit] advertisements, as a group are not as persuasive as all advertising,' he said. 'It stops and gets people's attention, but they generally don't go further and get any kind of motivation of interest in the product itself.'"

Please use the enclosed postcard to let Burger King know that sexually explicit ads will not sell burgers to you or your family.

Is A&F beginning to drift back to its years of explicit displays?

Is A&F beginning to drift back to its years of explicit displays? In case you have forgotten, check out our archives below - either click on the campaign - Abercrombie & Fitch or look at the years 2001 and 2003. www.americandecency.org

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Without a doubt, A&F is significantly toned down from the early 2000s. We applaud their improvements.

But, when I saw the nude picture (above) again recently at Abercrombie & Fitch, I felt compelled to vocalize our concern. We will be watching to see whether Abercrombie takes down that display.

It is our belief that Abercrombie only holds back because of the significant public pressure in earlier years.

Why do we continue to speak out strongly against A&F? Clearly we need to hold their feet to the fire.

Express your concern:

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Our Leadership and Truth

By Bill Johnson

In Detroit, Monica Conyers, former Detroit City Council woman (along with an accomplice), "... allegedly prowled Detroit, boldly shaking down businesspeople and stuffing their pockets and bank accounts with cash."

<http://freep.com/article/20090715/COL27/90715078/Feds-paint-Monica-Conyers-as-bold-shakedown-artist>

Conyers is the wife of long-time, liberal U.S. Rep. John Conyers a Detroit Democrat. Questions arise as to how much Rep. Conyers knows regarding his wife's alleged activities.

The list of such political news is almost endless. We read of the decisions made by Judge Sonia Sotomayer – nine out of ten rulings that she made from her position as an appeals court judge have been overruled by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Under questioning, her answers indicate a judge desirous of upholding the constitution. Yet her court actions and numerous recorded comments run directly counter to her verbal assertions.

Our judges and truth.

If this is not enough, I have wanted to comment upon the news of Judge Kozinski. Judge Kozinski is not just any judge but Ninth Circuit Chief Justice.

Judge Kozinski was presiding over an obscenity case in his district. Then, it was discovered that his own home computer contained pornographic images.

"... Kozinski's problems began when a disgruntled lawyer with a record of vexatious litigation named Cyrus Sanai gained access to files on Kozinski's personal home computer. For technical reasons we won't try to explain here, these files became accessible to the public after Kozinski in 2004 sent a video link of himself bungee jumping to Underneath Their Robes, an irreverent blog about federal judges. After Sanai snooped around in Kozinski's files, he found some sexually explicit photos and videos, and alerted the Los Angeles Times. ..."

<http://amlawdaily.typepad.com/amlawdaily/2009/07/judicial-panel-chides-kozinski-for-porn-files.html>

As the article will show, Judge Kozinski was only mildly reprimanded by another higher court. Is there integrity to be found anywhere in the land?

There is little fear of God in America. If there was, we wouldn't see such frequent arrogance from our leaders: governors, judges, Congressman, President. Without a fear of God, there is no wisdom.

In closing, I, too, am a sinner in need of God's grace each and every day. He has begun a new work in me and continues to work in my poor heart every day – calling out to me to put off this dark side and put on the new man. I fear God. And for good reason!

He is continuing His work and will continue it until the day He comes again to ultimately judge all nations and all peoples. He will judge with righteousness and wrath. That day is coming. Frightening thought!

But for those who fear Him and know Him personally, He will see them as righteous through the righteousness of Christ.