

“Interfaithers” refuse prayer?

By Bill Johnson



Years ago while taking a stand against pornography at a local newsstand in my town of Fremont, the owner stated to me, “*You’re a teacher aren’t you, Bill? You know you’re the only teacher I know that is against this kind of thing.*”

The year was circa 1986. Well, I’m sure that amidst all of the teachers in our school system I wasn’t the only teacher against pornography, though I may have been the only one vocal about it.

It was true, though, that I was and am a committed Christian. Many years have passed since that day. I am thankful that I have taken many personal stands over those years. I have picketed alone against the Playboy Playmates at a county fair. I have debated the ACLU of Michigan on a couple of occasions. I have debated on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit against several, including the school’s professor of Constitutional Law, on the issue of pornography.

I have similarly stood up in recent years (December 2015) on the campus of Calvin College, expressing concern several times that the so-called “teach-in” on *“ISIS, Terrorism and Refugees”* was one sided and therefore grossly unbalanced. I was finally told I would not be called upon

to ask another question because they did not permit *ad hominem* participation. With the accompanying statement the professor sarcastically stated to me: “*If you even knew what that means.*” (Editor’s note: The definition of *Ad hominem*: *directed against a person rather than the position they are maintaining*) Let me interject: my comments were not against a person, but the promotion of a false ideology.

So what point am I making? I’m not trying to show what a “stand up guy” I can be or anything like that, only this: God has given me a heart that recognizes that my salvation is precious and that Christ is the way, the truth and the life, the Son of God who takes away the sins of the world.

And so, when I was a father of youngsters and still a teacher in a public elementary school, I became burdened for little ones so vulnerable in a world that was becoming increasingly secular, relativistic, hedonistic, crass, and godless!

I was deeply persuaded that God and God’s Word were under attack - like nothing I had ever experienced in my growing up years.

Back in the 1980s, the Rev. Donald E. Wildmon, founder and former president of American Family Association, framed the

battle against pornography and indecency like this: “*What we are up against is not dirty words and dirty pictures. It is a philosophy of life which seeks to remove the influence of Christians and Christianity from our society. Pornography is not the disease, but merely a visible symptom. It springs from a moral cancer in our society, and it will lead us to destruction if we are unable to stop it.*”

Don Wildmon saw it clearly as he always did. He fought like no one else in his long years as head of AFA and then later with the radio ministry he pioneered, American Family Radio.

We are still engaged in that warfare, but it’s been ramped up and it’s fronts have expanded to include the satanic conflict with Islam. Satanic? Yes, for Allah is no god and Islam is not just a religion, but a philosophy leading many to hell.

Those are strong words, but they are true.

The so-called “teach-in” that I referenced before at Calvin College - a college with rich theological history - still resonates within me as one of those historical, demarcation points worthy of remembering.

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The way the information was handled at that infamous “teach in” with those young college students was not done honorably.

Then in January 2016 at Calvin’s annual January Series, one of their guest speakers was Eboo Patel.

ADA’s Steve Huston was in attendance at our nearby Dogwood Center where it was being live-streamed.

Steve wrote about Patel’s “Interfaith Dialogue” presentation (February 2016 ADA newsletter) where Patel duped the masses – many giving Patel a standing ovation. This was verified by a call I received from a medical doctor who was in attendance and was a Calvin alumni who was mortified at the lack of spiritual discernment on display.

We didn’t know who Eboo Patel was then, but we do now. He was one of President Obama’s insiders and influencers when it came to Muslims. See Philip Haney’s book “See Something Say Nothing.”

Patel is a speaker, author, shaper of thought, and he isn’t just “greasing the skids” at Calvin, but at nearby Hope College, Grand Valley State University, Aquinas College, and elsewhere.

In West Michigan, the Kauffman Interfaith Institute is spreading the same squishy, Gospel-trashing message as Eboo Patel. They operate on the campus of Grand Valley State University. They have a nice publicity arm, which includes the Grand Rapids Press. Almost weekly the newspaper has an article in their Religion section featuring Interfaith Dialogue propaganda. That section also appears in many of their affiliated newspapers in the MLive group, the parent company of many Michigan newspapers.

In our July 2017 newsletter, Steve Huston wrote an article describing with great disappointment and alarm the sham of the Kauffman Institute’s “Interfaith Dialogue” that took place in June on the Grand Rapids campus of Grand Valley State University. (That article can be found online at ADA’s website, under “Resources”).

I was in attendance at that event that featured a Muslim author who was speaking in regard to his most recent book, “The Islamic Jesus. How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims.”

I was not called upon during the Question and Answer session, but I took the opportunity to go to the front afterwards to talk with one of the speakers, a Christian Reformed pastor.

Upon going to the front, I thought I recognized the man talking with him. I asked “You’re Dr. Doug Howard aren’t you?” He said “yes.”

I told him he might remember me from the Calvin “teach-in.” (Professor Howard was one of the presenters at Calvin’s “teach-in.”)

I stated that my concern today was the same as my concern back then – which is that the “dialogue” was once again not an open discussion of two distinct points of view. Of course, he strongly denied that.

I stated: “Why don’t we get together and pray and discuss these things?”

Doug Howard’s response was: “I’m not going to do that.”

I asked: “What?”

Howard: “I’m not going to because you [meaning me] are closed.” I assume he was implying I was close-minded.

I said: “What? I’m closed? You are a Christian aren’t you?”

Howard: “Yes” (seemingly insulted by my question).

I said: “Well, I am also a Christian.”

I turned to the Christian Reformed Pastor and stated to both of them: “I have been an elder in the RCA (Reformed Church in America) and an elder with the OPC (Orthodox Presbyterian Church).”

It didn’t seem to mean anything. I asked again to Doug Howard: “So let’s get together and pray and discuss.”

Howard again said: “As I said, I’m not going to change my mind.”

I said: “So you’re a Christian and I’m a Christian and you won’t pray with me?”

I said: “I can’t think of any place in the Bible where a Christian asked another Christian to pray and was turned down. Can you?”

I turned to Pastor Jay Blankespoor and asked: “Pastor would you pray with me?”

He said: “I regard Doug Howard. He’s a member in my church.”

I said: “So you are saying you won’t pray and discuss with me either, Pastor?” He didn’t answer.

My discussion was all over at that point.

I wasn’t hollering or speaking angrily. I was firm and direct, but my voice wasn’t raised.

I might also add that the pastor, Jay Blankespoor, stated that their church, Boston Square Christian Reformed Church, would soon be meeting with an Islamic Center to come together in Interfaith Dialogue.

I chose to detail the above because of the rudeness by which I was received by these two men. I have witnessed firsthand at Calvin how they handled my expressions of concern that their teach-in was grossly imbalanced. I experienced firsthand at the Kauffman Interfaith Institute gathering a rejection of my polite request to pray and discuss with me. I failed in these situations to see a heart for the exclusivity of Jesus Christ. Bridge building towhere? is my concern regarding the Interfaith Movement.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. ~ Isaiah 43:10-11

Haters Gonna Hate (Christians)

by Lisa Van Houten



When scrolling through online newsfeeds recently, one particular headline caught my eye. The ABC News headline read: *Jeff Sessions addresses 'anti-LGBT hate group'...* And then later NBC News had this: *"Attorney General Jeff Sessions Criticized for Speaking to 'Hate Group'."* What offensive "hate group" could the Attorney General of the United States be speaking to? Could the head of the Department of Justice be speaking in front of the Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan?

No, the organization ABC News labeled a hate group was the highly-regarded, Christian legal firm, Alliance Defending Freedom [ADF].

ADF is ranked among the top law firms in the country based on their winning record before the U.S. Supreme Court. Known for defending religious liberty, ADF has won seven cases before the Supreme Court in the last seven years, bringing their total of victories before the highest court in the land to 49 in the last 23 years. Just a few weeks ago, Supreme Court justices sided with ADF in a ruling of 7-2 in an important religious liberty case, *Trinity Lutheran vs. Comer*.

Yet ADF's prestigious record and reputation didn't matter to ABC or NBC News. Instead, they classified ADF as a "hate-group" based on the description from an extremist leftist organization, the Southern Poverty Law Center [SPLC], known for its opposition to Christian and conservative groups.

The SPLC was founded in Alabama in 1971 to oppose racial discrimination and extremist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan. However, in 2007 the SPLC started labeling mainstream Christian and conservative groups as the "extremists." Organizations which the SPLC considers "hate groups" include highly-regarded

ministries such as American Family Association, Center for Security Policy, Family Research Council, Liberty Counsel, and many others. **Basically the SPLC equates any organization with which it disagrees as a "hate group."**

The SPLC uses its \$338 million in assets to push their ultra-leftist agenda of slandering conservative groups. And such defamatory labels have consequences. Twice that we know of violent supporters of the SPLC have attempted to commit mass murder of conservatives. The first took place in 2012 when a gunman used an SPLC "hate map" to target the Family Research Council in Washington DC. The gunman, armed with 100 rounds of ammunition, entered FRC, later admitting he sought to kill as many people as possible. He was stopped before anyone was killed by the heroic efforts of a security guard.

The second occurrence of an SPLC follower seeking out conservatives to kill was just this past June when James T. Hodgkinson fired on a group of Republican congressmen practicing for a baseball game. Several people were shot, including Congressman Steve Scalise who was gravely injured.

Yet in spite of such ties, the media still has the gall to use the SPLC as a source for who they label as a "hate group". As ADF responded: ***"In a time when so many people are up in arms about fake news, ABC's irresponsible reporting only adds fuel to the fire. ..."***

This is just one of countless examples of the incredible bias of the media which, along with the SPLC, will go to almost any lengths to marginalize and disparage conservative and Christian viewpoints. It happens across a broad range of media outlets – from television to print, nationally and locally. **For example, when ADA's own Bill Johnson spoke before a large National Day of Prayer event in 2015, the area newspaper, The Muskegon Chronicle, ran a headline before the event occurred, labeling Bill as an "Anti-gay speaker".** This is how the left seeks to use the power of their platform to discredit and smear conservative/Christian thought.

And it's not just the media and the SPLC putting Christians in their crosshairs. Millionaire LGBT activist Tim Gill stated in a recent Rolling Stone magazine interview: **"We're going to punish the wicked."**

By "wicked" he's referring to people like you and me – Christians who hold to a biblical definition of marriage and sexuality, who don't affirm the LGBT lifestyle.

Gill referred to his efforts to undermine religious liberty in states that seek to protect our first freedom, stating: "We're going into the hardest states in the country. We're going to punish the wicked."

And Gill has a Goliath of an empire to do just that. Rolling Stone describes Gill as the "Megadonor Behind the LGBTQ Rights Movement" who "turned a \$500 million fortune into the nation's most powerful force for LGBTQ rights." The article details his successful efforts to transform our culture:

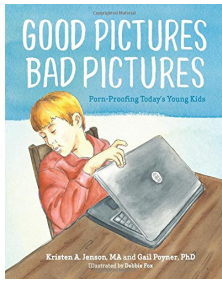
"Gill's sprawling network of LGBTQ advocacy groups rivals any big-money operation in the country. The Gill Foundation ... underwrites academic research, polling, litigation, data analytics and field organizing. Gill Action, a political group ... has helped elect hundreds of pro-equality lawmakers at the local, state and federal levels. ... Gill's fingerprints are on nearly every major victory in the march to marriage, from the 2003 Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health case, which made Massachusetts the first state to allow same-sex marriage, to the Supreme Court's Obergefell v. Hodges decision two decades later that legalized it in all 50. 'Without a doubt,' says Mary Bonauto, the attorney who argued the Obergefell case, 'we would not be where we are without Tim Gill and the Gill Foundation.'"

Between the SPLC, the media, and activists such as Tim Gill, we are certainly in a David vs. Goliath battle to protect our religious liberty.

Yet as Jeff Sessions stated in his above mentioned speech at an ADF conference: ***"We will defend freedom of conscience resolutely. That is inalienable. That is our heritage."***

Good Pictures Bad Pictures

by Steve Huston



“Children” and “pornography”—these are two words that should NEVER go together, regardless the context! Yet the simple fact is - no matter how careful or protective one is - with the media and internet at everyone’s fingertips the question of exposure to pornography is not “if” but “when.” Some researchers estimate that the average age of exposure to pornography is 8 years old. Keeping in mind that that’s an average; **exposure hits some children at a much younger age.**

Pornography is not just a problem for boys; our girls are in danger from this attack as well. At any age—for either sex—**pornography is a danger to one’s mind, body, and soul.** We at ADA want to encourage you to be intentional parents/grandparents regarding the danger pornography poses for your children. It’s our God-given responsibility to educate them about purity and sexuality; so, we must begin early, and continue until they leave our home.

We encourage you to purchase the book *Good Pictures Bad Pictures* (recommended for ages 8 - 12) and/or *Good Pictures Bad Pictures Jr.* (for ages 3 - 9). These excellent anti-pornography books warn without creating wonder, give an action plan for children of any age, and naturally facilitate discussion between parents and children about themselves and these dangerously bad images.

Let’s face it, we live in a porn-ified world and our children are the most susceptible victims. See the enclosed response card to order a copy of *Good Pictures Bad Pictures* and/or *Good Pictures Bad Pictures Jr.* and read it over and over again with your child/grandchild. They’ll have the weapon of wisdom and be well-equipped to deal with the plague of pornography that has invaded every sector of our society.

The Incarceration of Truth

by Lisa Van Houten



“A new Michigan Department of Corrections policy is opening the door for more transgender inmates to receive hormone therapy treatments,” WOOD-TV reports. Not only will the policy allow for hormone therapy, but will potentially provide “gender reassignment” surgery for prisoners.

According to the WOOD-TV article, if a prisoner is deemed to be “transgender,” *“a specific treatment plan will be put together for the prisoner. A plan could include specific living conditions, like a single cell, access to toilets and showers with ‘relative privacy,’ and gender-conforming clothes and other items.”*

So who will foot the bill for these treatments, sex-change surgeries, and additional costs?

“That will come out of our general fund budget, so that is taxpayer funded,” said Michigan Department of Corrections spokesperson Chris Gautz.

Gautz stated that previous to this new policy, families of inmates would have to cover the cost of hormone therapy. Now it’s the tax-payers who will pay for hormones and elective sex change operations for criminals - when many law-abiding citizens can’t cover their own sky-rocketing healthcare costs.

David Diniell of the SPLC (see page 3), said that Michigan’s new transgender prison policy is one of the **“more progressive”** in the nation.

This follows the trend started in California which recently paid for the first sex reassignment surgery for a prison inmate, Rodney James Quine, who was convicted of first-degree murder, kidnapping, and robbery in 1981. Quine, with his new “female” body, now goes by the name

“Shiloh,” and is currently being housed in a women’s prison.

California has also proposed allowing male prison inmates who “identify” as women, to have access to personal items such as feminine undergarments and cosmetics. Women who “identify” as men could have boxer underwear and aftershave.

This transformation, even of our prisons, is another indication of the increasing pressure to not only tolerate, but embrace the LGBT agenda. As a result, we see societal capitulation at every level.

God’s Word tells us that these days would come - and we are seeing them unfold right before our eyes.

However, it’s not a time for hand-wringing.

As R.C. Sproul writes: *“We are called in our generation to be faithful to the gospel, for the honor of God is at stake. And when the honor of God is at stake, so is the honor of every human being, for it is God who grants dignity to men and women. Our high calling is to remain faithful to the Lord in this struggle, to fight for the truth of God’s Word and not to compromise.”*

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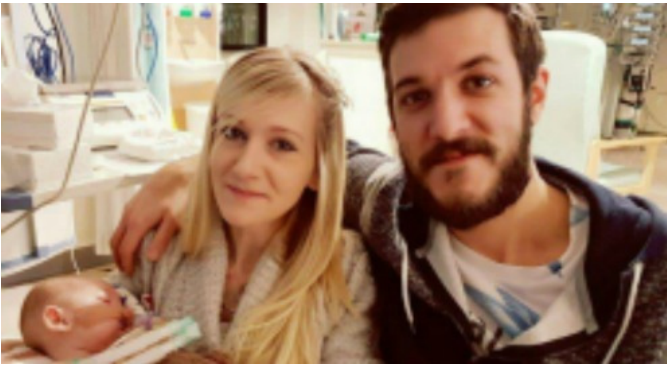
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The Court's Power Grab

by Chris Johnson



Statistics are used every day to argue for causes.

We often hear them used like this: *“About 29,000 children under the age of five – 21 each minute – die every day, mainly from preventable causes...”*

Or this: *“Every day, 93 people die from gun violence: 32 are murdered...”*

Or this: *“It is estimated that a person dies of hunger or hunger-related causes every ten seconds.”*

Or this: *“According to WHO, every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions. This corresponds to approximately 125,000 abortions per day...”*

Of course, each of these statistics are used and shared to provoke a response and a reaction from those who hear it, to convince them to DO something about it.

However, once you hear these arguments enough, they can lose their potency, because as sad as they make us, there is little that concerned individuals can do to stop the atrocities, and nothing at all we can do that will end it as immediately as we'd like.

Imagine this, then.

Right now, there is a baby boy in a hospital room, being kept alive only by machines. His parents sit at his side, watching nurses enter and exit as they do their best to keep the child comfortable, but knowing there's nothing they can do that would restore him to health.

The parents are willing to do anything to give their boy a chance, including crossing oceans and raising and spending millions of dollars to give their boy the slightest chance at life. **But their government won't let them.**

The boy's name, as you may have guessed, is Charlie Gard.

These parents are not dealing with statistics, wishing they could do something for dying children in general; they're watching their own child die, and being denied their only chance at saving him.

If you are not familiar with the Gard family's case, little Charlie has an obscure mitochondrial DNA disorder which has resulted in his muscles and organs failing. There is no known cure, but the child's parents raised upwards of 1.5 million dollars to bring their son to the United States for an experimental procedure which offered a thin hope of improving his condition. The hospital, however, refused to release the Gard's child to them, arguing that the child ought to be removed from life support and allowed to die.

Jonathan Montgomery, professor of health care law at University College London, explained where the British Courts derived this power. “Unlike the USA, English law is focused on the protection of children's rights. The USA is the only country in the world that is not party to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child; it does not recognize that children have rights independent of their parents.”

In accordance with the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, the decision on whether to try the procedure to save the baby was not left to the parents, but to the British Supreme Court, which upheld the hospital's death sentence.

As tragic as this individual case is to read about, the overreach of the courts which

this case demonstrates will have a much broader effect.

Regardless of the final outcome of the Gard's case, the abrogation of parental rights by the courts will only make this family one of the first and most publicized victims of this misplaced power.

We've recently seen this power grab by a government from parents manifested on a non-medical front in Ontario, Canada, which recently passed “Bill 89.” The bill, also known as “The Supporting Children, Youth, and Families Act of 2017,” would consider anything less than complete acceptance of a child's “sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression” as abuse – and such abused children could be forcibly removed from their parents' home.

This puts Bible-believing Christians with a gender confused child in the position of either allowing their child to pursue a lifestyle which not only violates their deepest held beliefs, but will hurt them in the long run, and risking the state taking their child away.

As Jonathan Montgomery noted, **the United States is unique in its recognition of parental rights to raise a child in accordance with their own beliefs.** This is something we ought not take for granted, and, as Charlie Gard's story illustrates, it's a right we must defend!

Little Charlie's story is not over. After resounding public outcry and offers of help from President Trump and the Pope, British Courts are reviewing their decision. As I write this, the American doctor who would perform the procedure is in Britain to assess whether his treatment might help Charlie or not. Of course, we all hope and pray the best for the little guy.

No matter what is decided, his story has revealed the ugly side of governments' usurpation of parental authority.

We Pay Taxes for Defense, but What Will We Get?

by Chris Johnson



Not to cause panic, but let's take a moment to think about the outside threats to our nation's security that we are facing as we speak.

First off, we'll list the easy ones: North Korea's threat of nuclear attack and ISIS' constant threat of terror. Almost no one disagrees with classifying these as very real threats to America's safety.

Next we can add rival super powers, Russia and China, who pose threats on multiple fronts - militarily, economically, and in cyber space. Again, few would argue with that assessment.

I think we can safely add Iran's desire for a nuclear weapon with little controversy.

Then things might start to get a little messy, as we add illegal immigration and under-vetted refugees to our list of threats. The left would add global warming.

And then there are the threats that seem more like the subjects of science fiction, like electro-magnetic pulse attacks on our power grid, worldwide pandemics, and quickly developing artificial intelligence. Each of these seems more like a plot point in a cheesy movie, yet experts in each of these fields see them as real, possible threats to our security.

Any of these threats would be expensive to effectively prepare against, and it is the job of the Department of Defense to protect us from all of them.

So where IS the DOD opting to spend the funding given it by American taxpayers?

You may remember the Pentagon's

announcement that it would fund convicted traitor Bradley Manning's sex change a few years ago? That hasn't happened yet, and if Manning is dishonorably discharged, it won't happen, but the military HAS paid for hormone treatments for Manning.

And that could just be the tip of the iceberg, since 23 Republican congressmen sided with the Democrat minority to block an amendment to a DOD funding bill that would have prevented the military's underwriting sex reassignments for soldiers.

You read that right: 23 Republicans voted to allow the Pentagon to use its budget to pay for sex changes.

One of those congressmen represents a neighboring district of our organization, Justin Amash. Usually known for his libertarian bent, this time Amash opted not to limit unnecessary government spending, and the reasons he gave in an explanatory Facebook post only add to the confusion: *"So, let's summarize. The NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) says nothing about transgender persons. The Trump administration can keep or change the current policy at its discretion. Sec. Mattis and the White House urged us not to adopt the Hartzler Amendment. And all the administration wants is three months to review everything."*

So what much of Amash's statement boils down to is, 'If President Trump and his administration are ok with it, I am too.'

That is not a strong position under any president.

It may very well be that the Trump administration will discontinue the policy of paying for those sex changes which it deems, "medically necessary," as the standing policy does. But I think most of us would agree that we would have liked the Republican party to stand united against the kind of silly social engineering that was set in place under the previous administration, regardless of what our current president might advocate.

To top it all off, this story dropped days after

Life Site News reported this: **"The U.S. Army is telling women soldiers that they need to accept gender-confused, biological men in their showers, bathrooms, and barracks as part of a controversial policy to build 'dignity and respect' for 'transgender Soldiers.'"**

The conservative news service cited an Army PowerPoint guidance entitled, "Policy on the Military Service of Transgender Soldiers Training Module, Tier 3: Units and Soldiers,"

"I-Understand that you may encounter individuals in barracks, bathrooms, or shower facilities with physical characteristics of the opposite sex despite having the same gender marker in DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System).

2-All Soldiers should be respectful of the privacy and modesty concerns of others. However, transgender Soldiers are not required or expected to modify or adjust their behavior based on the fact that they do not 'match' other Soldiers."

So, as it stands under the Obama era policy, not only will the military pay for an expensive sex change operation, but female soldiers will be forced to endure the presence of male genitalia in their communal showers before those operations take place.

These are the kinds of problems the military will face if it continues down the road of social experimentation it is currently on.

Atrocious policies like this merit each branch of government pushing back against them with all the power granted them in the Constitution. The Republicans who voted against the Hartzler amendment let us down.

Contact your U.S. Representative and Senators, voicing your opposition to the use of tax dollars to enable transgender troops serving in the military, detracting from the costs of national defense. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121.

Teen Vogue - Making Perversion Fashionable

by Lisa Van Houten

Warning: This article deals with a subject matter not suitable for minors.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” ~ Matthew 18:6

It’s a warning from Jesus that the writers of Teen Vogue should heed.

Teen Vogue is a magazine known for its blatant promotion of sexuality to young girls. Earlier this year the magazine published an article suggesting humorous gifts girls could give to their friends after having an abortion. However one 16 year old girl’s response to the magazine went viral when she pointed out the agenda of Teen Vogue: *“The point of the article was to make the situation seem as lighthearted and nonchalant as possible in order to convince girls my age that abortion is no big deal. We need to clarify one thing — abortion is a big deal,”* she stated.

And now Teen Vogue’s latest issue crosses a line so vile it should be shocking to even the most liberal mind. The magazine published an explicit article encouraging young girls to engage in the act of sodomy.

Teen Vogue writer Gigi Engle, a so-called “sex educator,” authored the article entitled: “Anal Sex: What You Need to Know: How to do it the RIGHT way.” The article then goes on to give explicit “advice” to young girls on how to engage in this perverse sex act, claiming sodomy is “perfectly natural.”

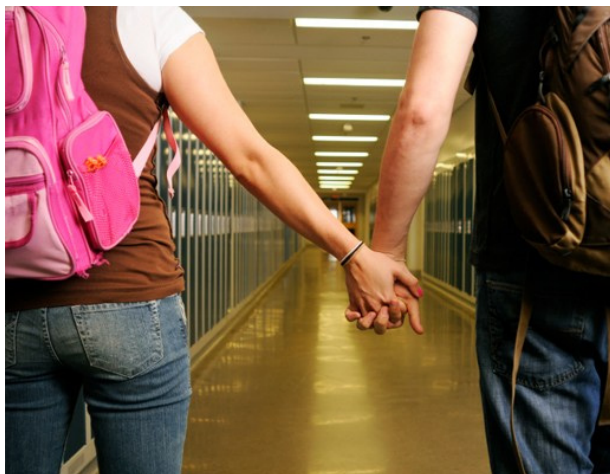
Perhaps the writer should read Genesis 19 for the ramifications of those who lived in the city from which “sodomy” got its name. What Gigi calls “natural,” God calls an abomination.

Where once such magazines focused on fashion, hairstyle, and make-up tips for their teen and even pre-teen readers, now Teen Vogue offers pornographic sex tips to middle school girls. The article seeks to normalize

this perverse act calling it “awesome” and describing the supposed “benefits” of engaging in sodomy, without ever mention the horrific health risks and diseases caused by this unnatural act. Among the numerous consequences, the Centers for Disease Control warn that “anal sex is the riskiest sexual behavior for getting and transmitting HIV for men and women.”

Yet in spite of the risks, there’s no denying that this sexual act which has long been taboo, is becoming more and more normalized in our degraded culture – due largely to the mainstreaming of pornography.

As Laurie Higgins writes for Illinois Family Institute: *“Many may not realize how cool sodomy has become or that it’s been on the rise among heterosexual couples for*



the past 25 years, especially among younger women—including even high school girls—who are being pressured by their male partners who have drunk deeply from the polluted well of pornography.

“According to Pornhub, the ‘largest pornography website on the Internet,’ searches in the United States for pornography that depicts anal sex ‘increased 120 percent between 2009 and 2015.’”

There is an escalation when it comes to pornography use. Those who view porn are drawn deeper and deeper into darker, more explicit perversions.

When sodomy has made its way down to a magazine for teen girls, it shows how widespread such perversity has become.

What is almost more shocking than the fact that Teen Vogue published such an article, is the fact that the article has drawn such little attention or outrage. Have we become so used to the pornification of our culture that we are immune? Are we unwilling to combat the forces seeking to turn the hearts of children toward evil?

Yet Teen Vogue is only continuing the degradation of our youth begun in many public school sex education classes across the country where subjects such as masturbation, oral sex, and homosexuality are typical lessons. A representative of a parents’ group in Oklahoma which sought to limit the explicit content of the state’s comprehensive sex education curriculum, described the classroom material as “pornographic” and told PJ Media: “What it is really all about is promoting recreational sex amongst kids and taking values totally out of the equation.”

Imagine if an adult came up to your children and encouraged them to engage in a sex act - that person would be arrested for seeking to corrupt a minor. So why do parents tolerate it when magazines, the entertainment industry, and even some educators do the exact same thing?

If only more would have the outrage that commentator Matt Walsh expresses: *We ought to be defensive and protective of our children. You ought to see this stuff as a direct attack on your family, because that’s what it is. These people want to make a pervert of your son and a sex doll of your daughter. You ought to take that personally. You ought to take it personally that Teen Vogue just tried to convince your daughter to let a boy sodomize her. That’s about as personal as it gets.*

The left only succeeds in its relentless efforts to corrupt our children because many parents, tasked by God with protecting their kids’ souls, are not willing to do the job.

Parents and grandparents: be diligent in guarding your children and grandchildren from the forces seeking to destroy them. Fight for your kid’s soul.

Free Speech Can Be Costly

by Steve Huston



Speech that does not offend anyone needs no protection. Keep that in mind as you consider the First Amendment that our Founding Fathers decisively put in place. The framers of our Constitution were wise and recognized the fact that, in a diverse society of human hearts and feelings, offensive and even hateful speech would sometimes emerge. They understood that all speech would need protection; for they knew that the uninhibited expression of ideas and the ability to disagree with and discuss those ideas (as well as the dissenting ones) would be the bedrock of a free, growing, and successful society. An idea that cannot stand up to the scrutiny of an informed and thinking society - that will not stand to be questioned, debated, or disagreed with - isn't worth mentioning (although one has every right to mention it—thank you, First Amendment!)

In recent years, the question has become: Is our First Amendment, guaranteeing the right to free speech, the practical reality that it was meant to be, or has it become nothing more than a theoretical ideal? How have the “progressives” whittled away our right to free speech? What shall we do to keep it in the realm of reality instead of the cloud of theory? What will happen if we do nothing? These things should concern all Americans, but the Christian particularly needs to use this right before it is altogether lost to us.

The “progressives”—more appropriately called “regressives”—have been whittling away at all our rights for too long now. The politicians twist the Constitution to say the opposite of its original intent, the judges overstep and overrule the people, and Presidents have bullied through with their regressive agendas. Think of the LGBT rul-

ings, the healthcare debacle we are trying to work through, and all the “redistribution of wealth” policies that tyrannically harness the honest, hardworking man to a wagon that is pulling a larger portion of society, many of whom choose to not be responsible for themselves. Today, let's limit our scope to the whittling away of free speech.

Had Hillary Clinton won the presidency, she would have worked to implement the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 16/18, just as she had done as Secretary of State when she promoted the Istanbul Process. This United Nations resolution calls for the punishment of anyone who says something which is derogatory against Islam and its Muslim adherents. In effect, it's a gag order against any criticism of Islam.

Go to <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/10544/criminalize-free-speech> and read how “on April 4, 2017, the US Senate passed Senate Resolution 118, ‘Condemning hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in the United States’. The resolution was drafted by a Muslim organization, EngageUSA (formerly EmergeUSA) and the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC).” “In December 2015, House Resolution H.Res. 569 ‘Condemning violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric towards Muslims in the United States’ was introduced. That resolution never went any farther, but it was problematic: it favored Muslims over everyone else. The current resolution includes most of the major ethnic and religious minorities in the United States, so it will have a far better chance of passing, as it will more easily fool Representatives into thinking that the contents of the resolution are harmless.” It's already a crime to commit violent acts against another. Resolutions/laws such as these are a means to cut at our First Amendment, whittling (or gouging) away at your freedoms.

Local governments are getting involved in whittling away your right to free speech as well. Minneapolis has set up a hate speech hotline, encouraging their residents to report suspected hate crimes, including “speech and actions,” according to state-

ments on the city's website. Michele Bachmann, former congresswoman from Minnesota, states: “By installing Islamic anti-blasphemy hotlines and advertising for informants, Minneapolis is violating the doctrine of separation of church and state,” she added. “What difference is there between the Minneapolis City Council action and United Nations resolution 16/18 advanced by former Secretary Hillary Clinton?”

There are many examples we could cite, reporting how citizens have lost jobs, been sued or harassed, or denied equal privileges due to their statements about the LGBT or Muslim agendas. Yet still, we must make our voices heard.

Dr. Wayne Grudem—wisely reading the signs of the times—warns us what will happen if we refuse to be Biblically responsible with our free speech in his 2010 textbook entitled *Politics According To The Bible*:

...if pastors and church members say, “I'm going to be silent about the moral and ethical issues that we face as a nation,” that will leave a moral vacuum, and it will not be long until the ultimate adversaries of the Gospel—Satan and his demons—will rush in and influence every decision in a way contrary to Biblical standards. And if that happens, then governments around the world will increasingly use their tremendous power to silence the church. Government will in effect say to Christians and to churches, “Keep your homophobic, misogynist, oppressive, fear-inducing, intolerant, militarist, hate-mongering, Christianity out of our lives, and out of our schools, and off our college campuses, and off our radio and TV stations, and out of any part of government, and out of our quiet suburbs where you are never going to get permission to build any more churches; and keep your hate-mongering Christian religion locked up in the privacy of your own home!”

This is what we are beginning to see and it's only going to get worse if we don't stand up and speak out. The tyranny of progressivism can only be unyoked and thrown off by the full use of our free speech and standing together upon and behind those freeing words.