

Dems Turn Up the Heat Hoping to Melt ICE



By Steve Huston

Good strategy during any warfare is to neutralize the enemy's first defense. Take out the "watchmen on the walls" or law enforcement that is successful in protecting the borders and citizens from illegal intruders bent on harm. This being the case, it is no surprise that Democrats are calling for the abolishment of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

What has ICE done to deserve the heated wrath of the Left, calling for this first-line of defense to be removed?

Thomas Homan, former director of ICE, explained that ICE has arrested over 2,000 child predators, among other nefarious criminals, who threaten the public and has confiscated hundreds of thousands dollars worth of narcotics in the past year alone. Townhall reports that, "since 2003, ICE has 'arrested more than 16,000 individuals for crimes against children, including the production and distribution of online child pornography.' During Operation SOAR in 2017, ICE arrested 32 illegal aliens with past histories ranging from sexual abuse to rape. ICE also made 'more than 4,800 criminal arrests in national anti-gang operations' last year." This is not a complete list of ICE's accomplishments; be thankful that they exist.

Yet with all these protections they offer

and accomplishments that they have done, "Sens. Gillibrand, Kamala Harris (D-NY), and Liz Warren (D-MA) have all recently called for abolishing ICE. The subject emerged following Democratic socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's stunning primary victory over Democratic Caucus Chair Joe Crowley (D-NY). Ocasio-Cortez is calling to abolish ICE as part of her campaign platform." (Townhall) Their vitriol toward ICE has set the Left tinderbox on fire, moving many to call for the melting down of ICE.

Again, the question arises, "WHY?"

Here's the real issue. ICE isn't only protecting U.S. citizens from illegal alien rapists, child and sex trafficking/pornography, and drugs. ICE is protecting America itself from falling to the failing Leftist agenda which the Democrats are pushing. It's an agenda which undermines our Constitutional Sovereignty, pushes socialism (which always ruins the country it runs), and kills our liberty by shackling its citizenry with economic, political, and many other types of bonds which come with changing the voting landscape.

Trevor Loudon explains it well. "...the purpose of promoting illegal immigration—even widespread immigration in countries antithetical to America is very simple. The left understands that to take over Western

*Europe, to take over America you have to destroy the conservative, Christian voting base. So you need to dilute that base by bringing in lots of people who do not share those values, and are in many cases hostile to those values. Now that has been the case in Europe when the left really went overboard trying to bring as many immigrants from third world countries - particularly Islamic countries - into Europe as they could, with predictably disastrous results. **And they are trying to do the same thing in this country.**"*

We have seen this shift and we've seen the Left push for voting rights for illegal aliens and fight against voter ID cards. Grasp what Mr. Loudon is saying here next.

*"Now I just want do a little math for people here. Now Mitt Romney lost his election by the Republican Party by about 2 1/2 million votes. Donald Trump won by about 180,000 votes. But he actually lost the popular vote by over 2 million. **So it's a very tight run thing.** And thank God for the electoral college. But in this country right now there are between 12 to 40 million illegal aliens. Now we know that when illegal citizenship has voting rights, as Hillary Clinton promised to do within a 100 days of taking office, we know that those people will vote in huge*

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From the desk of Bill Johnson

My heart and soul were moved as I prepared on the eve of our July 20 conference at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids.

In the early hours of that morning, I was drawn to consider our West Michigan community that had received so little rain in more than a month. The ground was hard and so very dry. Even to the layman's eye, the hay and corn showed little vitality and growth.

Living in the country, in the middle of dairy farm land, my heart was burdened for the farmers as I witnessed the continual movement of tractors pulling their farm equipment: plows, manure spreaders, haying implements, wagons. I thought of the untold number of hours and of the immense finances that went into labor, gas, seed, equipment and how, clearly, the rain had not been coming and did not appear to be coming anytime soon.

Then, in those early morning hours, I heard thunder in the distance. It deepened my longing and my prayer for rain. Then, I heard the wind pick up, if ever so slightly - a breeze indicating that perhaps a weather change was about to unfold. Then, little by little, I began to hear rain drops falling - a momentary hard rain, to be replaced only by light showers.

Uncharacteristically, I began calling out - pleading: Lord, Send the rain! Please, Lord, send the rain!

Then, I began to see things in a different light - our countrymen, loved ones, acquaintances, fellow believers, so many others with different states of need and spiritual condition. I saw America through the eyes of love, longing for our people to be set free - freed from sin, freed from hardening of their heart brought on by the battles of life, but also brought on and advanced by

denying the personal call of God upon their lives.

Seamlessly, my prayers and pleadings went from being burdened for rain for the hard ground to pleading for the Holy Spirit to fall upon hard hearts and minds.

So often, we notice that our audiences are marked by so-called "gray hairs," grandparents, senior citizens. Where are the younger audiences? This isn't just true of our events, to be sure.

And think about it, isn't this what we generally see? It is often we, the gray hairs, (and even then still the remnant of the masses of seniors) that show concern, that pray, that cry out to God, that try to warn, exhort, and encourage others. So it is. Why? Because they see, they care, they know, they love!

I have heard many different seniors (including myself) say something like the following:

"But if anyone would have told me five years ago we would find ourselves so divided and confused in our great country, I would never have believed that we could lose so much moral/spiritual ground in such a short period of time."

Articles in this newsletter are dreadful and heart rending: Here are just a few:

- * a concerted effort to destroy Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- * Netflix having programming that is little more than a grooming fantasy for pedophiles
- * the American Library Association labeling Laura Ingalls Wilder books (Little House on the Prairie) controversial and inconsistent with their core values;
- * the inclusion of Shariah compliant candidates for both high governmental and lower political offices
- * American citizens, even at this late date, totally oblivious to the reality that Shariah is a subversive ideology directly in conflict with the U.S. Constitution whose proponents intent is to replace the Constitution with Shariah law
- * The out of control Mueller investigation, manned by Obama and Clinton donors and friends, empowered and enabled to exist by what appears to be a confused, inept Justice Department. Initially conceived to search for

Russian collusion with the Trump Administration and yet, despite not finding anything, continuing, all the while overlooking a multitude of lawless, anti-American strategies to destroy America and its rule of law.

Here's another example: in 2009, shortly after President Obama took office, the FBI had solid evidence of a Russian bribery and extortion plot to gain control of America's uranium assets. This was kept under wraps for years, but clearly known inside our Intelligence Community. And, this bribery plan was executed with the approval of highly placed Russian officials.

In 2010, Bill Clinton received a \$500,000 payday for a single speech in Moscow and held private meetings with Vladimir Putin while there. Given the fact that the Russian spies were worming their way into the Clinton circle, this is particularly concerning. Because the FBI had extensive and continual surveillance on the Russian spies, the Clinton speech should have raised multiple eyebrows and serious investigation. Any concerns raised, however, were swiftly swept under the rug.

Then there were the massive Russian donations to the Clinton Foundation that have been tied by email leaks to the Uranium One scandal, where about 20% of American uranium resources were placed under Russian control in a \$1.3 billion deal. This includes over \$2 million directly from Uranium One's Chairman and millions more from others related to the deal. The timeline of the speech and contributions as shared by The NY Times is quite revealing. All told, Peter Schweizer, author of *Clinton Cash*, documents \$145 million of Russian money going to the Clinton Foundation or its initiatives. The left ignores the obvious Clinton collusion with Russia while pushing the unfounded narrative of Trump colluding with Russia.

Why do I share this? Because this country is ripe for destruction! I dare say that most leaders - in the church and in the government are totally oblivious.

You see, there are many reasons to be burdened to prayer: for the rain to fall on hard ground and for the Holy Spirit to fall upon hardened hearts and minds.

Make “The Break” with Netflix

by Steve Huston



Why would anyone continue to support a media outlet which consistently is attacking children from conception to adulthood? Yet those who continue subscribing to Netflix are doing just that. Netflix’s constant barrage of destructive programming should be brought to a halt and those of us who love and desire to see children protected should not be supporting them in any way, shape, or form. I urge you to make the break from Netflix now!

Let’s look at only a few of the ways in which Netflix is normalizing immorality, sexual exploitation, and making fun of those who stand for life and righteousness. As we do so, recognize the fact that as this vile, toxic waste which passes for entertainment falls into the pool of our society, it changes the moral temperature of all age groups. That which passes for acceptable today is not only embraced tomorrow, but evolving boundaries are pushed further and further. In other words, **the pool which is our world becomes a cesspool.** Our children and young adults are being taught that good is evil and evil is good through media propaganda.

Recently, so-called comedian Michelle Wolf led a “salute to abortions” on her Netflix show called *The Break with Michelle Wolf*. As if the destruction of millions of children were something to joke about, she made fun of pro-life people, Donald Trump and the upcoming SCOTUS nomination, and ended this routine by leading the crowd in pro-abortion cheers which ended with a rousing, “God bless abortions and God bless America!”

How can we expect God to bless America again while blasphemously asking Him

to bless that which He stands in opposition to? Children are a blessing, not an inconvenience to be stopped. Abortion is a crime against humanity, not a DeLorean from *Back to the Future* in order to “stop a baby from happening.” Ben Shapiro put it succinctly and bluntly, “For Michelle Wolf, abortion isn’t just another decision. It’s a giant middle finger to the moral establishment.” Much more could be said about this show; but suffice it to say, *The Break with Michelle Wolf* ought to be enough to make the break with Netflix.

Wait, Netflix only goes downhill from there. There are programs which attack the innocence of children and their safety, as pedophilia and pornography are encouraged.

PJ Media warns about a Netflix show called “Big Mouth”: *“It’s an animated cartoon for teens going through puberty. It is little more than a pedophile’s grooming fantasy, featuring young boys and girls masturbating, talking to their genitalia (that talk back), and having disgusting conversations with their parents about kissing penises. (In one scene a boy’s father tells him it’s okay to kiss another man’s penis.)”* It would be better for parents to have real conversations about the real problems of adolescence with their children and teens than submitting them to such sexual and inappropriate programming.

PJ Media also reported Netflix to the FBI and the Department of Justice for child pornography regarding the movie, “Desire,” stating that it was in violation of Section 2256 of Title 18 of the United States Code, which defines child pornography as *“any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor (someone under 18 years of age).”*

One of the young girls in the opening scene of this movie was, *“depicted as having an orgasm (quite a long, drawn-out one with slow motion and sexualized panting like a porn actor).”* Kaplan, the film’s director, defended this scene stating that the child actor was never exploited on set and the scene was filmed *“under the surveillance”* of her mother. But PJ Media’s response was *“the*

mere depiction of this appears to violate the law. Whether Kaplan’s intent was to break the law or not, he is still subject to it. Further, Netflix is responsible for what they stream online. They should have lawyers who tell them not to engage in anything that could even look like child porn.”

Another troubling program is called *Super Drags*. “Citizen Go” has created a petition against this Netflix program which is a cartoon with super heroes that dress in drag (dressing as the opposite sex). Citizen Go states: *“The series is driven by a ‘politically correct’ transvestite agenda and it is chock-full of sexual innuendos that are completely inappropriate for young audiences.”*

With all these programs (and others) targeting our adolescents and teens in a negative way, **we urge you to make the break with Netflix.** Many are probably unaware of what they are supporting as they watch some of their favorite “safer” shows. What is our entertainment worth when weighed against the destructiveness brought to our youth by this media outlet?

Finally, I’d like to bring one more show to your attention. It’s called *13 Reasons Why*. We have recently written on this dangerous show, so let me be brief. If you’re not familiar with *13 Reasons Why*, it is a show that, *“is clearly produced for young viewers despite being rated for mature audiences.”* (Parent Television Council) It’s a show which glorifies suicide while normalizing a plethora of dangerous actions which would be better weeded out of our schools rather than being encouraged through media manipulation. **Some of these actions would include cutting, homosexual relationships, rapes with no real consequences for the rapist, extreme violence, revenge, and bullying. (Warning, this next sentence is graphic and you might want to skip it.)** As part of the season two finale, there was an extremely graphic, very violent scene in which one young man, who had learned how to handle things appropriately, was rewarded for his efforts by being brutally sodomized by another male student with a mop handle.

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numbers for the Democratic Party - **maybe up to 80%**. So you would have the Democrats get maybe up to 10, 20, even 30 million new voters. Now you can see what that's going to do to the politics of this country: Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, and Arizona, and a whole bunch more into blue states. **And you would effectively have one party rule in this country from that point in time.**

"I joke sometimes if 80% of the illegals in this country were reliable conservative voters, Obama would have had the biggest war on the borders that you would have ever seen. You would have the National Guard down there."

Now consider the fact that most of the Islamic refugees aren't being shipped into Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco, and Los Angeles because the Left already owns them. **They are being shipped into Michigan, the Midwest, and other areas where the heart of the conservative Christian voting base thrives. Why? In order to dilute the voting base there.**

The Democrats desire to abolish ICE as a means of attacking our Constitution, attacking our sovereignty, attacking the American people (albeit a necessary evil), and attacking this great nation—the United States of America. I, for one, am grateful for ICE and for the wonderful, yet thankless, job they have been doing. BUT, make no mistake! **"...except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."** (Psalm 127:1)

Our hope is NOT in ICE, the Republicans, the President, our military, or in any earthly institution or person. **OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD and in Him alone. Be in fervent prayer for our leaders and for our nation. Pray that God will bring us to repentance and that we individually and nationally will glorify God as the image-bearers we are meant to be.**

Trump Picks a Fight for Freedom

By Lisa Van Houten



For 23 years American Pastor Andrew Brunson and his family made their home in Turkey ministering at the Protestant Izmir Resurrection Church. For the last 20 months he has languished in deplorable conditions in a Turkish prison, held on bogus accusations of espionage.

Unlike President Obama, who was hostile to religious freedom and ambivalent to religious persecution, President Trump is making Pastor Brunson's case a priority and combating persecution worldwide.

President Trump has put intense pressure upon Turkey's Islamic president Recep Tayyip Erdogan to release Pastor Brunson. Trump recently warned Erdogan: ***"The United States will impose large sanctions on Turkey for their long time detainment of Pastor Andrew Brunson, a great Christian, family man and wonderful human being. He is suffering greatly. This innocent man of faith should be released immediately!"***

Turkey, a member of NATO and thus supposedly our ally, has gone from a nation of freedom to one of Islamic oppression under Erdogan's leadership. Erdogan has ordered the indefinite imprisonment of tens of thousands of academics, religious minorities, activists, journalists, students, and anyone else whom he perceives as a challenge to his rule.

As Trump's warnings intensified, Turkish officials recently returned Pastor Brunson to his home in Turkey under house arrest, however he is still facing charges. His next date in Turkey's kangaroo court is October 12. At a court hearing last month Pastor Brunson shared his faith in Christ, stating: ***"Blessed am I as I suffer for Him. Blessed am I as I am slandered. Blessed am I as I am lied about. And blessed am I as I am imprisoned. Blessed am I to share His suffering."***

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We urge people to either sign the AFA (American Family Association) petition for Netflix to pull this show off the air or to call Netflix directly to share their concerns. **To sign the AFA petition go to <https://www.afa.net/netflix> or call Netflix at 866-579-7172.**

Our children, teens, and young adults are being dragged into danger and down into sin at an alarming rate. **The media grooms them for sin and puts them at risk as they become acclimated to the "new normal," which is nothing short of perversion.**

Send a message to those who are shoving America to its demise, drawing our young people to the edge of a cliff where they are encouraged to jump. Make the break with Netflix today. Pray for those who are being inundated by constant sexual messages from various media outlets. Have conversations with our young people, letting them know that they are made in the image of God and are worth more than the entertainment industry is telling them. Read the Bible with them, pointing out God's answers to this world's problems and theirs.

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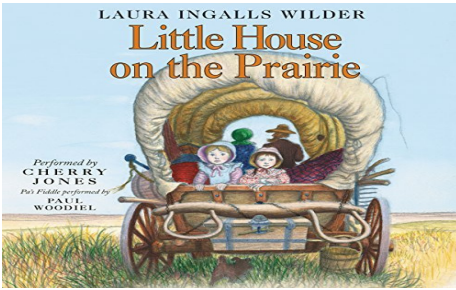
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Politically Correct Prairie?

by Lisa Van Houten



What could be more wholesome than Little House on the Prairie? As a young girl I devoured the Little House series written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. I read and re-read them until the covers were tattered. They sparked a love for history that continues today. The books, written in the 1930s, detail the pioneer life the author experienced growing up in the 1870s and 1880s.

Little House on the Prairie is quintessential Americana. Yet, to the American Library Association (ALA), the Little House books, and their author, Laura Ingalls Wilder, are now deemed controversial.

In 1954 the ALA established the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award to recognize excellence in children's literature. Wilder was the award's first recipient. However, the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the ALA, recently voted unanimously to strip Wilder's name from the award created in her honor. The announcement of the name change was met with a standing ovation at the ALSC's annual conference. The reason Wilder was toppled from her place of honor? The ALA claims her books include, *"expressions of stereotypical attitudes inconsistent with ALSC's core values."*

In other words, Wilder portrayed views consistent with the times in which she lived. Laura Ingalls Wilder's "sin" was that she failed to display 21st century views in books written nearly a century ago about life in the 19th century. And for today's Leftists, that's an unforgivable sin. Wilder must be banished because she was not politically correct before political correctness was even a concept.

The ALA considers Wilder's books racist and offensive because of the sometimes

negative characterization of Native Americans. While in the books Indians were credited with saving the family's lives and Pa Ingalls befriends Indians, Ma Ingalls is depicted as being terrified of Indians and one character, the Ingalls' neighbor who survived the Minnesota Massacre, states, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian" – a horrible, but unfortunately common phrase in that time.

Here historical context is key. The Ingalls family moved west not many years after the Minnesota Massacre of 1862, during which Sioux Indians, in surprise attacks across the state of Minnesota, slaughtered 800 settlers - most were killed while working in their homes or fields. In his second state of the Union Address, Abraham Lincoln described the attack: *"Sioux Indians in Minnesota attacked the settlements in their vicinity with extreme ferocity, killing indiscriminately men, women, and children. This attack was wholly unexpected, and therefore no means of defense had been prodded. It is estimated that not less than 800 persons were killed by the Indians. . . The State of Minnesota has suffered great injury from this Indian war. A large portion of her territory has been depopulated, and a severe loss has been sustained by the destruction of property."* **I wonder if the ALA will also censor Abraham Lincoln?**

The newspapers at the time were filled with gruesome accounts of atrocities. Considering this, is it understandable why Caroline Ingalls would be afraid for her family's safety as they ventured west?

In today's context, we understand whites also committed heinous atrocities against Native Americans. As Holly Scheer writes for the Federalist: *"Pretending things that make us uncomfortable never happened isn't going to make America better, or make American children more informed. It's entirely possible to read the Little House books and talk about the Westward expansion that happened with the settlers, while also discussing the Native American peoples who lived in that area at that time, and what happened to them with the American government and military to pave the way for settlers."*

Chastising Wilder because her books accurately depict the viewpoints of the time doesn't help modern Americans understand history or learn from the mistakes of our past.

It's the height of irony that the American Library Association is taking such action against Laura Ingalls Wilder. For decades the ALA has pushed the idea of "freedom to read, freedom to view" anytime concerned parents object to sexualized books available to children in school or public libraries. The ALA thinks parents shouldn't have the right to restrict their children from any book, no matter how graphic or erotic. Each year the ALA promotes their "Banned Books Week," which the ALA describes on their website: *"Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. . . it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools."*

Yet by painting Laura Ingalls Wilder as a pariah among children's literature, who is the actual censor? The ALA has betrayed their own creed in bowing to the modern god of political correctness.

As George Orwell wrote in his increasingly prophetic book, *1984*, **"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed . . . History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right."**

Yet I wonder if what liberals such as the ALA secretly object to in Wilder's books is the picture she paints of American exceptionalism. The fortitude of pioneer families who packed up their meager belongings in a covered wagon to head into the unknown, the incredible dangers and hard work necessary to build a home and eke out a living in the wilderness, and the simple joys found in the midst of it all.

While our culture has left much of the blatant racism of our past behind, as Leftists aggressively push socialist ideology, we are also leaving behind the pioneer spirit and values which built this nation.

Wolves Among the Flock

by Lisa Van Houten



In last month's newsletter we warned you of a wolf infiltrating the flock. This wolf isn't disguised as a granny seeking to devour Little Red Riding Hood. This wolf is disguised as a shepherd of the sheep.

I'm referencing the Revoice organization, headed by Nate Collins who holds a PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS) and previously served as an instructor in New Testament Interpretation at SBTS. Collins also describes himself as "a gay man in a mixed orientation marriage."

As I wrote last month, imagine believers proudly identifying themselves as lusting-Christians or coveting-Christians – and holding a conference to celebrate that sinful identity. Sin is something to repent of, flee from, and mortify - not wear as a badge of honor! Yet glorifying sin is exactly what Revoice is doing - hosting a conference for so-called gay Christians. Revoice falsely claims that a person can both identify as LGBTQ and be a Christian. **Instead of encouraging conference attendees to reject their LGBTQ identity, Revoice is encouraging them to embrace it.**

But the efforts to undermine God's clear teaching on sin and sexuality isn't stopping with Revoice. Nate Collins and another Revoice speaker, Greg Coles (author of *Single, Gay, Christian: A Personal Journey of Faith and Sexual Identity*), are joining forces with the pro-LGBTQ organization, LOVEboldly, to hold a conference for church youth pastors, **seeking to spread their message of mingling homosexual identity and Christian identity within the youth of the Church.**

While Revoice is attempting to normalize homosexuality within evangelicalism, LOVEboldly is after our young people -

who are already inculcated with LGBTQ ideology.

The October conference, entitled Devoted for Youth Pastors, features a plethora of pro-LGBT speakers, including Christy Messick, a founding board member of LOVEboldly, who has also worked for the Human Rights Campaign. Messick's bio identifies her as a lesbian, "married" to another woman.

It's no surprise that a former employee of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) - the pro-LGBTQ lobbying group whose extensive clout has been instrumental in indoctrinating our culture - is also involved in indoctrinating the church. As groups such as HRC have normalized LGBTQ in secular America, they are now setting their sights on the last holdout to full acceptance and affirmation – the Church. Their goal is either to silence the Church or seduce it. And that is exactly what Revoice and LOVEboldly are seeking to do.

HRC has unveiled a new program to infiltrate the Church. In its brochure, "Coming Home to Evangelicalism and to Self," HRC writes: *"Within the evangelical churches, many LGBTQ people and our friends, families, and allies are seeking to create a safe and welcoming place to practice their religion."*

In this propaganda piece from HRC is a nugget of truth that reveals the concerning future for the church in America. HRC cites a statistic from the Public Religion Research Institute that claims, "a majority (53%) of young white evangelical Protestants favor legalizing same-sex marriage, compared to just one-quarter (25%) of white evangelical seniors."

Will evangelical Christians combat the efforts of Revoice/LOVEboldly to undermine Biblical Christianity and the authority of Scripture or will we abandon the next generation and the church to these false teachers?

Matt Walsh recently wrote of the cowardice of Christians to truly love boldly – which must entail speaking the truth.

... John the Baptist was not afraid to call a sin by its name, no matter the audience, and no matter what he risked losing in the process. So he told Herod that it was a sin for him to divorce his wife and take his brother's wife. For this, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded.

He died because he denounced immorality. Not just any immorality but sexual immorality. You might say — and most American Christians probably would say — that it was "none of his business" and he shouldn't have been so "judgmental." Love is love, after all. ...

From John's perspective, sin had to be identified, condemned, and torn up from by the roots wherever it was found. He was a man of extreme intolerance. He was also, according to Jesus Christ, the greatest mortal man to ever live. That would seem to be a rather ringing endorsement of John's intolerant approach. ...

While he died for his defense of sexual morality and marriage, polls show that the church in America has abandoned its defenses on both fronts. ...

I don't think ignorance totally explains how we devolved from John the Baptist literally losing his head for the sake of asserting moral truth to modern Christians politely applauding while perversion and degeneracy are paraded in front of their faces all day long. The main culprit is not ignorance but cowardice.

Moral cowardice is the disease infecting our churches. We are not the first Christian cowards to ever live, but I think we may represent the highest concentration of them. Has there ever been a society plagued with so many Christians so unwilling to defend even the most basic teachings of their faith? Has any group of Christians ever abandoned so many of their doctrines so easily? Has any Christian society ever cowered so completely under so facile a threat? ...

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Popular Superhero Shows Cast New Villian: YOU

By Chris Johnson



My childhood, like most American boys, involved some superheroes. I remember watching Spiderman cartoons with my friends, I remember when McDonald's had Batman toys in their Happy Meals, and a few years ago my nephew adopted my old Captain America action figure whose joints had gotten so loose with use that gravity is all it took to bend them.

Then, I remember my first superhero movie, Spider-Man, in which Uncle Ben delivered what is one of the most memorable lines from any movie I've seen to date, "With great power, comes great responsibility."

That's a great line (which many in places of authority could do to be reminded of) and it's basically the heart of every superhero storyline ever. Power is positioned in good and bad people, and the good guy uses his power to protect against the bad guy's misuse of power.

If you can tell that story convincingly enough, it's worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Millions of people will turn out to see a good superhero movie or tune in to see a good superhero TV show. And that's a lot of power in itself!

So the question, then, is how do the producers of all of this superhero content use that power, for good or for evil?

Let's look at a few examples:

"Marvel Studios Chief Promises LGBT Superheroes"

The Marvel Cinematic Universe is made up of at least ten individual story arcs culminating with the Avengers which brings them all together. The latest Avengers movie brought in over \$2 BILLION in the worldwide box office, with the total worldwide ticket sales, from "Iron Man" in

2008 to the latest "Ant-Man and the Wasp" coming to an astounding \$17,232,575,782. Needless to say, lots of people watch these movies. That means that Marvel is poised to propagandize millions towards affirming LGBT lifestyles.

"TV Gets Its First Transgender Superhero"

Supergirl launched in 2015 with pretty widespread acclaim from both liberal and conservative commentators. The title character is relatable, modest, selfless, and courageous, and as the father of a little girl who likes superheroes, someone that I looked forward to introducing her to someday. Now, however, I have no intention of setting myself up to explain to my little girl why the man on the screen is dressed and made up like a woman, nor having to defend the position that it is sinful when her hero on the screen tells her that it is something she must affirm. It's almost as if the show was introducing this character to put parents in exactly that position.

"CW announces lesbian 'Batwoman' television series"

CW is the home of DC Comics' lesser known heroes, like "Green Arrow" and "The Flash," which exist in the same universe as Supergirl, and now the hero the left has been waiting for: a lesbian feminist victim of traditional values turned hero. Or, as the Hollywood Reporter describes her, "an out lesbian and highly trained street fighter"... "armed with a passion for social justice and flair for speaking her mind..."

Now, if you're like me, you love the idea of superheroes, you have favorite origin stories and characters that you relate to, personalities that inspire you, etc. My wife and I have watched many episodes of "Arrow," "The Flash," and "Supergirl" and enjoyed the simple, good vs. evil, hero vs. villain, right vs. wrong plot arcs that are hard to find anywhere else besides superhero stories. That's what these characters are supposed to do, inspire us to get in touch with our "inner hero" and help the people around us, particularly those less powerful than us, which is a great and noble goal.

But now, with these new superheroes, new villains are also being introduced: those who will not affirm Batwoman's sexual urges or Supergirl's new character's gender confusion, those who have not made the moral shift that Hollywood and much of culture requires of them, those who refuse to call "good" that which God's Word has called, "evil."

Christians who believe what the Bible says are the villains in these stories; we will be perceived as hateful for not accepting their sin, as oppressive for not accommodating their desires, and as judgmental for upholding the law of God.

But God calls us to speak the Truth in love, and He made a point of reminding us in Matthew 5, "*Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.*"

May God's church not be afraid to make it known that Jesus loved the sexually confused, like lesbian Batwoman, enough to die for their sin, just like He died for ours. He is the one and only Hero and Savior any of us need.

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As Revoice and LOVEboldly deny the clear teaching of scripture, as the authority of God's Word is increasingly undermined within the Church, will we fall prey to their insidious infiltration? Or will we be watchmen on the wall, fending off attacks from the wolves within the pews and the pulpits who are seeking to lead astray the sheep?

Let There Be Showers

by Steve Huston



The many days of dryness preceding our *Do You Care About Your Future?* conference is nothing compared to the spiritual dryness and the arid apathy that seems to consume our land. I'm often reminded of the words God spoke through the prophet Amos. **"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD."** The prophet Isaiah tells that **"Truth is fallen in the street."** These prophets weren't directly talking about America today, but our nation certainly fits the description.

We have used much ink and provided many speakers to warn, educate, and stir others to the dangers of Islamic Shariah law; now for the task of convincing. Shariah law dictates every aspect of life for the Shariah adherent Muslim and it demands that all other laws (including the Constitution) submit to it. **Although we have helped many to understand the dangers of Shariah, there are still many who do not believe that such a detestable thing could ever happen here in our beloved America.** That is why we held this last conference with Farrah Prudence and Phil Haney. Some walked away calling it "the best event you've ever had." If you order a DVD of this important event, you'll see why.

Farrah was the first of these two truth-tellers to speak to this 200+ crowd. She spoke very clearly about the lack of worth women are given in countries that are under Shariah law. Farrah suffered sexual assault, rape, and beatings from family members, and watched her father be physically, emotionally, and verbally abusive to her mother, her siblings, and herself. Here's how she described her life in a Shariah law ruled nation specifically and of other Shariah ruled countries in general: *"Whether you believe that hell is literal or*

figurative, it's real. I lived there. It's a place outside of God's Kingdom and it's a place where people have put Satan himself as king. And it's his playground and they don't play by the same rules we do."

The purpose of this event was to convince people that the rule of Shariah law IS possible in this country. Therefore, we must be careful to constitutionally guard America from the enemy without and the enemy which is already stealthily within our shores, our government, our law enforcement, and our courts.

There are already a great number of mosques throughout our nation (five alone in the Grand Rapids area). Some may think that they are simply religious centers for worship; however, Farrah shared that the job of the mosque is primarily political and it's a court system. Worship is a secondary task.

The hijab is another warning that Shariah is here: *"This is why the hijab gets worn. Muslim women wear the hijab in order to have Muslim men distinguish between them and non-Muslim women, because they're allowed to harm non-Muslim women in the form of harassment or rape. They're not allowed to harm Muslim women."* It's not cultural, it's not cool, and it's not nice. Yet look at the number of American women **donning the hijab and misinterpreting oppression for liberty.**

Farrah at one point called us a "dhimmi nation". This ex-Muslim recognizes that America *"follows Islam, we follow Shariah, we bow our heads down to it; we are very Shariah compliant. You don't have to be a Muslim to be Shariah compliant; and that's what we are right now in this country."* (Explanation on the DVD).

This brave woman shared that Shariah is in all but 22 states and closed out her time by telling of the many other ways that Michigan (U.S.) have become Shariah compliant - **"Not only has Shariah infiltrated, it has a stronghold."** Honor killings in Michigan (for filing to divorce her husband). Girls in Michigan are being forced into FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), a dangerous

and at times life-threatening procedure of brutality. Halal food is being sold; separate waiting rooms for men and women in medical clinics; and church leaders sharing the platform with Imams stating that they serve the same God; **THIS IS SHARIAH!**

In referring to Abdul el-Sayed (or any other Shariah compliant candidate) Farrah warns, *"Voting in a Shariah compliant man, with strong ties to CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood, will cripple Michigan and further the hold of Shariah in our country. How many Muslim girls are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of feeling righteous? How many Muslim girls, how many of your daughters are you willing to sacrifice for multi-culturalism and diversity and for tolerating evil?"*

Farrah shared much, much more important information; and due to space, I haven't even touched Phil's presentation. In order to hear more of this important conference, share it with others, or discuss it with the young adults in your life, order your own DVD of the *Do You Care About Your Future?* conference.

We know that Shariah is scary and that it has a stronghold in our country, but let us not be afraid. In order to keep Shariah from gaining a **stranglehold**, I point you to Farrah's closing words. ***"The only way to combat the darkness of Islam is to learn and live out the light of Christ. We must have conviction and unfaltering, unwavering faith if we are to step into the spiritual and sometimes physical battle against the forces of Islam. Islam is a pit of quicksand and Christ is the only rock on which we can stand."***

As I left the conference center that night, there was a great down pouring of rain. I pray that those present (and those who will yet listen) found a great down pouring of truth to refresh and revive their hearts and minds.

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