

We're the Violent Ones?

By Chris Johnson



With the election of America's first black president, the political opponents of he and his party began to receive accusations of racism. There was scant evidence for these accusations, other than that he was black and Republicans disagreed with him. When specific allegations were made, they were never proven, often refuted, and always denounced. Still, the accusations persisted until an entire generation came to age after President Obama's two terms hearing this pernicious lie: Republicans are racist. AND they swallowed its underlying assumption all in one gulp: **disagreement is hatred.**

So, now we have Antifa. They've taken it another step, racists are white supremacists and white supremacists are Nazis, so Republicans are Nazis. They've also swallowed another assumption: **hatred is violence.**

And that is how we end up with riots in the streets of Oregon, with kids thinking with all their hearts that what they're doing is right because they are stopping people from doing "violence" to minorities - simply by disagreeing with them.

We could also look at Mueller's investigation into Donald Trump's presidential campaign, recently culminating in his anticlimactic testimony before Congress.

Donald Trump was not a politician before

his election. He doesn't consider every possible response to his words before he says them; he says what's on his mind. And, because he's a Republican and that ties him to white supremacy in the eyes of his opponents (which include the news media and entertainment industry), his comments are never reported in good faith, and those who defend him are then assumed by the media to be racists too.

We're tired of being falsely accused, being charged with having malicious intent, and hating - or even harming - people who disagree with us. We're tired of watching people who actually do hate us - because of our faith, because of our skin color, and because we don't want to "fundamentally transform America" - face no consequences when they beat people up on the street, like what happened to reporter Andy Ngo in Oregon last month, or when they say something like, "our country should be more fearful of white men," like Congresswoman Ilhan Omar told an Al Jazeera interviewer, or when they conduct an investigation against a duly elected president spanning two years and costing over \$25 million based entirely on unverified opposition research sourced by a competing presidential campaign and then continue to sift through the embers of the investigation for a hint of grounds for impeachment when it fails to bring down that president.

We could look at Jack Philips, the cake baker, whose life has been ruined by homosexual activists because he abides by the tenants of his faith. We could look at that high school kid from Kentucky who stood peacefully with the "racist" smirk on his face as an elderly Native American shouted chants into his face. Jussie Smollett's completely staged attack on himself, where he hired friends to beat him up so that he could accuse Trump proponents of racism. Or Georgia legislator Erica Thomas' false accusation of a white guy at the grocery store telling her to "go back where [she] came from" - the clerk later said it was Ms. Thomas who in fact said that to the man.

The list goes on and on and on. We're tired of all of this injustice. Where does it stop? Christians have the answer to that. The government is on HIS shoulders. Vengeance is HIS, He will repay. Those are responsibilities that God claims for Himself. What is the responsibility He gives us? Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8) while not losing our saltiness or hiding our light (Matthew 5:13-16), and to seek the welfare of the city and pray to the LORD on its behalf (Jeremiah 29:7).

Our responsibility is to bear God's image as boldly as we are capable in a culture which largely rejects Him. How are we doing?



From the desk of Bill Johnson

I haven't written about a movie since "Fifty Shades of Grey"; a SHADY piece of work.

But, I'm not writing about that movie which Movieguide describes as follows: *FIFTY SHADES OF GREY is a weird, perverted, anti-Christian, and ultimately stupid piece of abhorrent nonsense that, sadly, is being hyped by too many crass, mindless, foolish, and utterly materialistic people in the mass media.*

Why do I bring this into play when it isn't my main focus? Because it is important to discern the difference between the holy and the profane. It is vital that we know the difference and not place such wickedness before our eyes.

Below I write about another PROFANE work. I'm writing about *Child's Play 2* – the lowest of the low at the moment.

Here is in part what Movie Guide says about it. *This is an evil film bound to give nightmares to any child who sees it and many adults, too. It took the reviewer two hours to regain composure from the film's emotional bombardment of graphic, explicit gore, violence, murder, and the accompanying sound effects.*

The message that comes through *CHILD'S PLAY 2* is anti-child. As Chucky admits tellingly: "I hate kids." ... *Several dozen obscenities and some profanities; graphic, explicit gore, violence and murder.*

Movie Guide gave *Child's Play* its lowest rating: a -4 which it states stands for ABHORRENT: Intentional blasphemy, evil, gross immorality, and/or worldview problems.

Plugged In states this under its section Crude or Profane:

"Nearly 20 f-words join more than 15 s-words. ... God's name is misused about 15 times ... Jesus' name is abused once." [<https://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/childs-play-2019>]

The Child's Play series of movies has a long and sordid history. In 1993 two-year-old James Bulger, after wandering away from his mother for only a second, was taken from a shopping mall in Liverpool, England by two 10 year old boys. Sparing you the gruesome details, the 10-year-olds horrifically tortured and killed the toddler. Many reported at the time that the boys acted out scenes from an earlier "Child's Play" movie. The presiding judge at the sentencing stated that it was known that the boys had watched hundreds of horror movies and specifically mentioned "Child's Play".

What we allow into our hearts and minds does impact. Two devotions from this morning drive home that point:

From Voices From the Past – Richard Baxter: *"Avoid tempting and deceiving objects, which entice your hearts away from obedience. ... It is dangerous to be under the influence of strong and importunate temptations, lest their stream should bear you down. ..."*

Spurgeon's Morning by Morning: ... *When we sin, who are the chosen favorites of heaven, we sin with an emphasis; ours is a crying offense because we are so peculiarly indulged. If an angel should lay his hand upon us when we are doing evil, he need not use any other rebuke than the question, "What, you? What are you doing here?" Having been gloriously forgiven, delivered, instructed, enriched, blessed, do we dare give ourselves to evil? God forbid!*

A few minutes of confession may be beneficial to you, gentle reader, this morning. Have you never been like the wicked? At an evening party certain men laughed at uncleanness, and the joke was not altogether offensive to your ear--even you were as one of them. When hard things were spoken concerning the ways of God, you were bashfully silent; and so, to onlookers, you were as one of them. When worldlings were bartering in

the market and driving hard bargains, were you not as one of them? When they were pursuing vanity without restraint, were you not as greedy for gain as they were? Could any difference be discerned between you and them? Is there any difference?

... Be honest with your own soul, and make sure that you are a new creature in Christ Jesus; but when this is sure, walk carefully in case anyone should again be able to say, "You also are one of them." You would not desire to share their eternal doom. Why then be like them here? Do not enter into their secret, in case you enter into their ruin. Side with the afflicted people of God, and not with the world.

Sadly, there are so many who have just simply seen too many things. They have lost their sensitivity to God's still small voice such as **"What, you?"**

God's word: I will place no wicked thing before my eyes. Psalm 101:3a

God, may our consciences not be seared! Give us fresh eyes to see what pleases you and what does not.

Action points:

1. If you live in a smaller community, prayerfully go and speak to the local theater manager/owner. (It will be extremely difficult to impact theater chains, but many smaller communities have independently-owned theaters.) Be courteous but not defensive as there is nothing to be defensive about in regard to speaking against this degraded movie.

Think of appropriate questions to ask the theater manager/owner. Just one example follows: This movie is widely known to be evil. Isn't it hard to feel good about bringing programming like this into our community where lives (young or old) will be degraded and negatively impacted?

2. Warn others of the disgusting, despicable nature of this injurious movie. I urge you to warn others and speak out where you can. Some of you may even know a theater manager or owner. Please use your influence.

The Naked Truth

by Lisa Van Houten



In the children's story "The Emperor's New Clothes," the townspeople go along with the emperor's delusion that he is wearing clothes when he isn't. **When it comes to gender, our culture is living out its own version of that fairy tale.** We're told to ignore reality and affirm a deluded person's fantasy that biological sex is changeable. When the alphabet soup only contained an "L" and a "G", we were told that homosexuality wasn't a sin, but a matter of biology - they were born that way. However now that a "T" has been added to the mix, we're told to ignore biology, DNA, chromosomes, and even genitalia - we can choose our own gender.

And in a world turned on its head, nearly every cultural institution - including language, education, science, and sports - is being forced to affirm the fairy tale.

Recent examples abound. The City of Berkeley, CA rewrote its municipal code book changing dozens of words to less "offensive" gender-neutral terms. **"Manhole" has been changed to "maintenance hole;" "man power" is now "human effort;" "repairmen" are now called "repairers" and "fraternity/sorority" are changed to "collegiate Greek system residence."**

Also in California, the State Senate and Assembly passed a bill that requires the Department of Corrections to ask prisoners their preferred pronouns and gender identity and house them accordingly. So a male prisoner need only say he identifies as a woman to gain access to a women's prison.

Starting this fall in New York City's vast public school system, **students will be able to "choose" their gender and change their name.** City Council Speaker Corey Johnson proudly boasted: *"With this up dated policy, which allows students to*

change their name and gender on school records without legal documentation, we are signaling our support for all students regardless of gender identity."

Feminism has been replaced by LGBTQ+ as the liberal cause du jour. Twitter banned a liberal feminist for stating the biological fact that men cannot become women. Twitter's policy bans anyone who doesn't affirm a person's so-called gender identity.

Women and girls are impacted the most by the transgender fairy tale. **Females are now expected to enthusiastically accept biological males in school and public bathrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, and on sports teams.** Title IX legislation, which was enacted decades ago to foster equal opportunities for female athletic teams, is now being nullified so that biological boys, who "identify" as girls, can compete on girls teams.

Both in high school and collegiate female sports, young women are losing out to biological males allowed to compete on girls teams. As the Daily Signal reports: *"In Connecticut, high school track runner Selina Soule recently joined two other girls in filing a civil rights complaint with the Department of Education. Soule lost out on potential college scholarships and recruitment opportunities after she lost a race—and a spot in the state championship—to two transgender, biological males."*

The fields of science and medicine - which deal with biological facts - have not been immune from the transgender cudgel. Dr. Allan Josephson, an acclaimed psychiatrist, was hired by the University of Louisville in 2003 to lead its Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychology, which he did with excellence - building a nationally-regarded program and earning perfect marks in his yearly reviews in 2014, 2015, and 2016. However, in 2017 Dr Josephson spoke at the Heritage Foundation regarding his professional concern about the medical treatment of gender-confused youth. He was then demoted and fired in February 2019. Dr. Josephson asserts that his firing was based on the fact that he opposes transgender orthodoxy.

At the Heritage Foundation event, Dr. Josephson contended that new transgender treatments neglect **"the developmental needs of children and relies on ideas that are just not true."** As he rightly affirmed, *"the notion that gender identity should trump chromosomes, hormones, internal reproductive organs, external genitalia, and secondary sex characteristics when classifying individuals is counter to medical science."*

In addition, he stated, **"children persistently, insistently, and consistently demand many things that are not good for them. A parent's role is to resist these demands when parental wisdom trumps children's limited life experience. Transgender ideology neglects the child's need for developing coping and problem-solving skills necessary to meet developmental challenges."**

Dr. Josephson is far from alone as numerous scientists, academicians, and medical doctors have been targeted for failing to toe the transgender line.

What is truly stunning is the fact that we've seen such a massive transformation of our culture in such a short period of time. The number of those who identify as transgender in the U.S. is estimated to be a mere 0.6% of the population, yet we've allowed that miniscule identity group to kowtow us into accepting the transgender fairy tale.

In the midst of such insanity, where feelings trump facts, Christians are called to be voices of truth. Yet, as we unapologetically affirm what God's Word teaches on sexuality and gender, we must also speak that truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Those trapped in homosexual and transgender identities are not our enemies, but are captives to a spiritual oppression and bondage that can only be broken through Christ.

We need to be like the brave little boy in "The Emperor's New Clothes" - willing to lovingly tell those who proudly wear their sin as a covering, that what they truly need is to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Jeffrey Epstein's Toxic Pool

By Chris Johnson



The aerial photos of Little St. James, the private island in the Caribbean Sea, look peaceful and serene. With its palm trees, its coral blue waters, and its massive manor and curated lawn, it could be featured on a travel brochure.

But, as we now know, those who visited the island were not always brought there for vacation. The children aboard Epstein's plane were not there to be entertained; they were the entertainment.

In 2008 Epstein was granted a sweetheart deal when he plead guilty to two charges of prostitution involving minors. According to the Daily Caller, *"The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida granted federal immunity to Epstein and many of his associates under the 2007 agreement in return for Epstein pleading guilty to state-level charges. Epstein served 13 months at a county jail — instead of a state prison — and was allowed to leave on work release for 12 hours a day, six days a week."*

Then, on July 6, 2019, Epstein was arrested by the FBI on sex trafficking charges. From NBC News, *"Federal prosecutors in New York allege that from at least 2002 through 2005, Epstein paid girls as young as 14 hundreds of dollars in cash for sex at either his Manhattan townhouse or his estate in Palm Beach..."*

Epstein is being charged with one count of sex trafficking conspiracy and one count of sex trafficking, and faces up to 45 years in prison if found guilty.

In addition, prosecutors said, investigators found a 'vast trove of lewd photographs' of young-looking women or girls during a search Saturday of his Manhattan home."

Notably, Epstein kept company with several world leaders, including hosting Prince Andrew of Great Britain and former President Bill Clinton on his island and chumming around with a younger Donald Trump at Trump's Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida (before Epstein's 2007 conviction) begging the question, what did these guys know?

A Vanity Fair reporter talked to employees at the airport where Epstein would arrive from the mainland. They knew something was going on: *"Every time he landed or took off, it was always brought up. We'd always be joking, 'How many kids are on board this time?'"*

Were Prince Andrew and Bill Clinton just not as observant as the airport employees? Here's another important question: where were these girls' parents? Their fathers and mothers should have been their first line of defense against creeps like this. How did he get passed them?

We know after he had paid a teenage girl for a "massage" he would give her a bonus for recruiting more girls for him to similarly take advantage of. How is it that none of them ever turned him in before, or if they did, how was he not indicted before?

So many questions, and in each victim's case I'm sure there are different answers to them, but we should also look at the culture this took place in.

Epstein swims in the same pool where libraries host Drag Queen Story Hours for kids, opening their minds to sexual perversion at early ages; where something like "Drag Kid" Desmond Napoles, a prepubescent boy whose parents bring to pride festivals in drag, is celebrated; where teenage girls can read in the pages of Teen Vogue how "Sex Work is Real Work;" where young women label themselves "sluts" and march against "slut-shaming;" where kids grow up watching the Disney channel see their favorite child stars turn into something like Miley Cyrus.

Of course the responsibility for raping and allegedly peddling off these girls' bodies

sits solely at Epstein's feet. But how are we going to act surprised when Epstein has such an easy time finding willing victims while we teach kids that sex is meaningless and valueless?

From what I hear, this is only the beginning of Epstein's story. As the case unfolds, more victims will share their stories, at least some of his illicit clients will likely come to light, and we can hope that justice will be done.

But our culture will still be a Petri dish of sexual confusion and abuse until we repent as a nation and lay our sin at Jesus' feet.



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Responding to Rebellion

by Steve Huston



How would you describe Antifa?

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) describes them thusly, “*Antifa is a group of hateful, intolerant radicals who pursue their unhinged agenda through aggressive violence.*” Sen. Cruz went on to say, “*Time and time again their actions have demonstrated that their only purpose is to inflict harm on those who oppose their views. The hate and violence they spread must be stopped...*”

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) described Antifa as “*violent masked bullies who ‘fight fascism’ with actual fascism.*”

These two Senators introduced a bill this month (July) that would label Antifa as a domestic terror organization. The resolution “*calls for the groups and organizations across the country who act under the banner of Antifa to be designated as domestic terrorist organizations*” and “*unequivocally condemns the violent actions of Antifa groups as unacceptable acts for anyone in the United States.*”

How does the Bible describe this domestic terrorist organization? Although the term “*antifa*” isn’t named, its spirit is aptly painted in Psalm 140:1-3. “*Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually. They make their tongue sharp as a serpent’s, and under their lips is the venom of asps.*” (ESV) and again in Psalm 144:11 “*...whose mouth speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.*”

There is no need to recount the havoc and vast plethora of crimes, violence, and destruction of property that these domestic terrorists have committed. What we should point out, though, is that the Left refuses to condemn their actions because it fits in

with their agenda. It’s a militia to propagate communism and division within these United States. One recent example of this would be Willem Van Spronsen attempting to firebomb the ICE detention center in Tacoma, Washington. Every communist revolutionary movement needs a martyr; Antifa has its first in Van Spronsen.

Mostly, local authorities and even this administration have been slow to act on these criminals. Remembering the wise words of Thomas Jefferson to John Jay in 1785, “*Weakness provokes insult and injury, while a condition to punish it often prevents it. ... I think it to our interest to punish the first insult: because an insult unpunished is the parent of many others.*” **Terrorism, foreign or domestic, should be dealt with quickly and justly. We are a nation of laws; and by various unrestrained acts, our society cries out for justice.**

Instead of silence from the White House, President Trump should be condemning these vile acts, at least personally declaring Antifa to be a domestic terrorist organization, and promising to do all within his power to squelch these crimes which put innocent people, particularly our law enforcement, at risk.

We dare not sit idly by, accepting the largely apathetic response from local law enforcement in many of these blatantly illegal situations. If we do, things will get increasingly worse. As Leo Hohmann reports, “*It’s about to get ugly, folks, especially if the FBI and local law enforcement continue to stand down against antifa anarchists.*”

“*According to the website Far Left Watch, which tracks radicalized left-wing groups, antifa-affiliated radicals have been raising money for arms in preparation for an all-out revolution.*”

Dear Reader, you may not be interested in politics or culture wars; maybe you don’t worry about Antifa because “*who would bother with me?*” Regardless, the Left and its “*Red-Green Axis*” (Communist/Islamist) and “*rainbow*” agendas are interested in you! Various Leftist politicians have dehumanized conservatives and have called

for violence against them. Add to this that they won’t condemn an Antifa arm which carries out its bidding, and we are all facing troubled days when the Left gets back in power. (This is the same path that was forced upon the Jews during WWII.)

Regardless of one’s reasons for non-involvement, let me remind you of Joseph McCarthy’s words. “*No one can terrorize a whole nation, unless we are all his accomplices*” In a sense, our silence and lack of action make us accomplices of Antifa and its terrorist designs. Remember those famous words of Edmund Burke? “*The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.*”

What’s my part in stopping evil?

- 1) Contact Congress and encourage them to pass the bill which would designate Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization. U.S. Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121
- 2) Speak the truth with others. Include the fact that freedom of speech is not a violent act and shouldn’t be met with violence.
- 3) Contact your local law enforcement, asking them if they have a plan in place to deal with Antifa should they show up in your community.
- 4) Pray and let your light so shine before men that they will look to your Heavenly Father. May our prayers be imprecatory prayers remembering both God’s sovereignty and man’s responsibility. One such fitting prayer can be found in Psalm 144. “*Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.*” (v 1-2) “*Bow your heavens, O Lord, and come down! Touch the mountains so that they smoke! Flash forth the lightning and scatter them; send out your arrows and rout them! Stretch out your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me from the many waters, from the hand of foreigners, whose mouths speak lies and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.*” (v 5-8)

Library Lunacy

By Lisa Van Houten



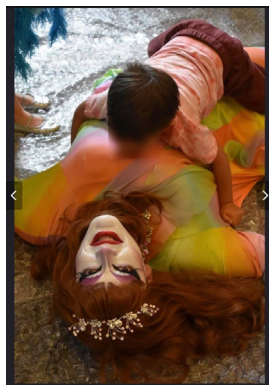
Several decades have passed, but I still remember the excitement of getting my very first library card. It became a well-used and prized possession as one of my favorite childhood activities was hopping on my blue, banana-seat bike and riding to our local library. I was in awe of the seemingly endless rows of books, many of which became good friends. The little girl who loved horses devoured the Black Stallion series; the Little House books transported me to a different time; and the Chronicles of Narnia opened a world of imagination.

On my numerous trips to our small town library those many years ago, I never came across a Drag Queen Story Hour. Books on display in the children's section didn't include titles such as *Jacob's New Dress*; *Raising My Rainbow*; or *When Kathy is Keith*. But that's not the case today. Many public libraries are now becoming indoctrination centers for LGBTQ+ ideology, in large part due to the influence from the American Library Association (ALA). Just recently, a local mom brought to our attention concerns about troubling children's material in the very same public library that fostered the innocence of my childhood. Rather than protecting children's innocence, libraries have now become a tool to introduce and normalize deviant views of sexuality and gender to children – all at taxpayer expense.

In a trend sweeping the nation, libraries are hosting "Drag Queen Story Hours" where drag queens read pro-homosexual and transgender books to preschool children. As one person recently wrote us when such an event came to his local library, "Drag Queen Story Hour is nothing more than the propagandization of children as young as two or three years old where they are being served up to male homosexual activists garishly dressed in women's

garb and being read to at the knee of these sexually disordered individuals." The Brooklyn (NY) Public Library unashamedly claims that Drag Queen Story Hour "gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models."

In Houston, TX, it was discovered in recent months that the "Drag Queen" reading to preschoolers was a convicted sexual predator. At the St. Johns' library in Portland, OR, Drag Queen Story Time has progressed from sexually deviant men reading to children to very disturbing frolicking with children on the floor. The library had proudly posted the following photo, along with numerous similar photos, on their website – until one mom shared the photos on Facebook, stating: "I wouldn't let my kids crawl on top of random strangers no matter how said strangers are dressed." Her post went viral, and the pictures were quietly removed from the library's website.



But what can't be removed is the harm being done to children. As Libby Emmons writes for The Federalist: "***Children laying on the floor with adult men dressed up in sexually provocative and fetish clothing looks like what it is: grooming kids for participation in adult sexual life.***"

The Left has long had their sights set on our children – knowing that if they can indoctrinate these impressionable minds, they will control an entire generation.

Who gets to decide what children are taught regarding homosexuality and gender identity? Parents or Librarians? According to the American Library Association, concerned parents are a hostile force in the Left's quest to indoctrinate children in LGBT ideology.

The recent American Library Association conference trained over 21,000 librarians on how to implement the LGBTQ agenda, as well as how to neutralize parental concerns and protests. Workshop topics included: "Creating Queer-Inclusive Elementary School Libraries;" "Expanding Boundaries: Drag Queen Storytimes in Libraries;" and "Are You Going to Tell My Parents?: The Minor's Right to Privacy in the Library."

The ALA has a game plan for keeping parents in the dark about what children are exposed to in public libraries. One ALA article states: "***Do you work for a library in a small, rural, conservative community? ... Do you wish you could do more to make your library inclusive to the LGBTQIA+ community, but meet with resistance?***" The article then lists "tips and tricks to being a secret librarian advocate operative" such as: "Sneakily fit stuff into current programs: So you're not doing Drag Queen Storytime (yet), but you're probably doing Regular Old Storytime, right? Try to 'sneak' inclusive messages into your current programs. For instance, if you're reading a book about a Mama bear and a Papa bear, ... change it to be about 2 Papa bears!"

"Invite LGBT community partners: [Your local library branch] may not be ready for any kind of LGBT programming yet. But that doesn't mean those programs can't still be held in your library. If your library has meeting space, reach out to groups like your local PFLAG chapter, or ... LGBT student groups, and let them know that they can ... host programs at your library."

This last tactic is being implemented in many public libraries. In Maryland, several libraries were offering sex-ed classes for minors led by an LGBT activist. The no-parents-allowed classes were advertised as for "12-17 year olds ONLY" and would be a "safe, teens-only space." "Safer sex kits" were also to be distributed to the kids as young as 12. A homeschooling mom learning of these events, turned activist, and through her efforts all but one of the libraries cancelled these events.

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Another trend is Drag Queen makeup tutorials for both boys and girls. The Brighton Beach (NY) library advertised the event this way: *“All genders welcome. This workshop will: Provide a safe space for kids to express their gender however they like. Provide a positive queer role model and affirmation for teens of all genders and identities.”*

In Ohio two separate libraries came under fire for similar events. A Delaware County library cancelled its “Drag 101” workshop for teens after the library was overwhelmed with phone calls. In Newark, OH similar activities which included a tutorial on drag queen make-up and a safe-sex program were cancelled after complaints poured in from parents, pastors, and concerned citizens.

In a letter to the Ohio Library Council, Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder (R) stated: *“This isn’t about banning books or banning thought or any other red herring argument. This is about right and wrong. This is about being good stewards of the public’s money. ... When I was first informed that our public libraries were being used to teach teenage boys how to become drag queens, I thought it was a joke. But the joke is apparently on taxpayers who fund our public libraries... This is a stunningly bizarre breach of the public trust. And it must stop.”*

While many public libraries are pushing sexual deviancy on children, these examples also show that concerned parents, pastors, and church leaders can make a difference: An outraged homeschooling mom became a David defeating Goliath; in Houston, Texas the Houston Pastors Council spoke out relentlessly until the Drag Queen Story Hour was cancelled; and in Ohio, concerned citizens flooded the library with calls and emails. **We should not and must not give up in defeat thinking there is no way to stop the LGBTQ steamroller.** Be aware of what your local library offers and, when necessary, warn those in your community of the dangers it presents. Will we stand up and protect these little ones? If we remain silent, we’re complicit in their destruction.

Israel Comes to Fremont & Grand Rapids

by Steve Huston



Everywhere one looks - Hollywood, sports, education, society, government, etc. - there’s a clash of worldviews. Even within the church we see questions about which worldview is correct. To get the right answers, we must go to the Word of God. God’s standard doesn’t change and He has laid out for us the truth, giving us His Spirit to guide us in to all truth. It’s important to look to a careful handler of the Bible when trying to navigate the waves of chaos and turmoil in this world. So often we are deceived by misdirection and deception. Looking at the WHOLE counsel of God, we need to ask, “What does the Bible say about that?”

Israel Wayne is one such handler of God’s Word and is an excellent communicator as well. He is an author of six books and a regular contributor to several publications. He’s also a popular conference speaker who is passionate about teaching others to defend the Christian faith and develop a Biblical worldview. He writes and speaks about Christian Apologetics, theology, parenting, and more. His desire is to see God’s people learn to think and live Biblically.

Although nationally in high demand, Israel is coming to Fremont, Michigan and to Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 23-24, 2019, respectively. Mark your calendars because you won’t want to miss this opportunity.

When: Friday, August 23 at 7 PM

**Where: American Decency
(203 E. Main St. Fremont)**

When: Saturday, August 24 at 9 AM

Where: Doubletree By Hilton, Grand Rapids (4747 28th Street Southeast)

To pre-register, please call Kimberly at 231-924-4050 or via email at kimberly@americandecency.org.

Projected topics are to include technology, revival in the home, and the dating culture to name a few. With such a wide range of topics there is definitely something for everyone. Don’t let family and friends, of any age, miss out on these foundationally important sessions.

Israel publishes frequently on Facebook and Twitter about his thoughts on current events. Follow him online and join in the discussion!

One of his recent Facebook post reminds us that all is not as bad as it can seem:

“Sometimes it seems the whole world is going to hell in a hand basket. It’s not. They don’t sell hand baskets that big.

When you think that all churches are apostate...they aren’t. There are still lots of faithful preachers and church members who love and obey Jesus.

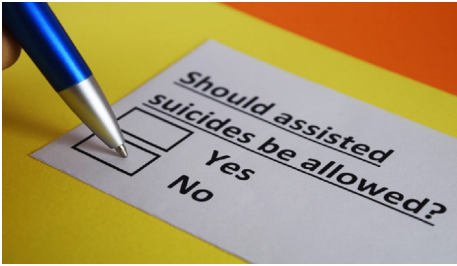
When it seems that everyone’s children are leaving the faith...they aren’t. There are lots of young people still following Jesus. When it seems that every marriage you know is breaking up...they aren’t. There are lots of couples loving each other through good and bad, sickness and health.

When it seems everyone has lost their minds and have sold out to the leftist, socialist, progressive, relativistic propagandists...they haven’t. There are still plenty of clear thinking folks who know which way is up.

Try turning off the news for a bit. Maybe close down Facebook for a few days. Spend some time with faithful Christians you know in real life. You know, the ones who continue to follow Jesus decade after decade. They love their spouses and their children, and selflessly serve their churches and neighbors. They are out there. You just need to look for them!”

The Maine Thing About Life

by Steve Huston



Maine became the eighth state to legalize assisted suicide, joining California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and Washington D.C.

Maine's Democratic Governor, Janet Mills, recently signed a bill legalizing assisted suicide. As Maine further embraces a propensity for death, Governor Mills' statement regarding suicide stands in contrast with her words and previous actions.

"It is not up to the government to decide who may die and who may live, when they shall die or how long they shall live." She continued, "While I do not agree that the right of the individual is so absolute, I do believe it is a right that should be protected in law, along with protections for those who are unable to articulate their informed choices and those who do not have access to quality end of life care."

Although the governor states that the government hasn't the right "to decide who may die and who may live," it's been less than a month since she signed a bill which expands abortion access in Maine, allowing medical professionals who are not doctors to perform these unconscionable acts of murder.

Referring to the assisted suicide bill, Matt Vallière, executive director of Patients Rights Action Fund, said Maine's state legislature and governor "failed" its citizens.

"Assisted suicide is a dangerous public policy that puts the most vulnerable people in society at risk for abuse, coercion and mistakes. It also provides profit-driven insurance companies perverse incentives to offer a quick death, rather than costly continuing quality care. Mainers, especially the terminally ill, people with disabilities, and the poor, deserve better."

As Maine debates on the issues of life and death, we should focus on the main things regarding life.

1) Who is the Giver of all life? God is the giver of life; it is neither the government's nor man's place to decide who lives and who dies. As technological advances have been made, various questions about life, death, and issues surrounding them need to be addressed. As our culture continues to move from fact to feeling, there is no end to confusion as boundaries are pushed and compassion is redefined. We will go far in answering these questions rightly if we will remember that human life is sacred because God is the giver of life and each individual bears His image.

2) Each life is a soul which will one day stand before Christ to give an account of their actions while living. First and foremost, what have we done in regards to Jesus' atoning work on the cross? Placing our trust in Jesus means that there will be a change in our behavior. As Charles Spurgeon said, **"The grace that does not change my life, will not save my soul."** God has set a race before each of us. Each race is different; yet each has some commonalities. The successful race will be run according to God's Word and is dependent upon the Spirit's strength and leading. Don't get sidetracked by various issues and the world's conformity; keep looking unto Jesus.

3) What is the purpose of life? According to the Westminster Confession of Faith, the purpose of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. When Job was in the midst of his loss and suffering, his wife suggested that he curse God and die. This righteous man's response was this: "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" Job didn't leave it at that; several chapters later he doubled down. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." We can only glorify God and enjoy Him forever by completely trusting in Him and walking in accordance to His ways.

Of course we must pray for all those in

authority; but when they get it wrong, we must still do what is right. Prayerfully study God's Word to show yourself approved, to rightly divide the Word of truth, and to know the whole counsel of God. Such devotion will serve as an anchor in these trying and turbulent times.

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Jim Simpson's cutting edge articles have appeared in the Washington Times, World-Net Daily, American Thinker, Breitbart, Fox Nation and many others. Jim is an investigative journalist and former economist and budget examiner for the White House Office of Management and Budget.

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