

## Globalism's Grab vs. Sovereignty's Stand

By Bill Johnson



In the wake of a world-wide showdown between globalism and nationalism (sovereignty), President Trump is fighting globalism both at home and abroad.

France's President Macron attacked President Trump's nationalist stance and "America First" policies with this pointed rebuke. *"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism; nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism."* *"By pursuing our own interests first, with no regard to others', we erase the very thing that a nation holds most precious, that which gives it life and makes it great: its moral values."*

Either President Macron needs a better speech writer or a better dictionary; let's look at some of the problems here:

**First, the opposite of nationalism isn't patriotism; it's internationalism or globalism.** In truth, patriotism is more closely related to nationalism than it is to the socialistic globalism that President Macron, German Chancellor Merkel, Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, and others readily endorse.

**Second,** President Macron added the phrase *"with no regard to others'."* President Trump frequently encourages **every national leader to look out for their own country's best interest, as each nation strives for interna-**

**tional cooperation** (which is different than globalism). This is the difference between maintaining our national individuality, the rights and liberties we hold dear, and our right to self-governance and limited government vs. ignoring our specific values, interests, and what is best for us as a nation—spiritually, politically, and morally.

**Third,** France's leader condemns nationalism for giving up precious moral values. That really depends on where a nation comes from and where it desires to go. A patriotic nationalism which was birthed and rooted in the preponderance upon God's sovereignty and the worship of Him, thereby fighting for family and freedom (the roots of American nationalism) will hold to a different set of moral values than a nationalism that was birthed and rooted in a bloody history of self-serving, tyrannical leaders (the roots of French nationalism). Although the American and French revolutions took place in the same era, their outcomes are starkly contrasted to one another and it provides for a very interesting study.

That is to say, nationalism would look vastly different from a French historical viewpoint than from an American historical point of view. America has held to her precious moral values in many ways. For example, as we helped to rebuild Japan after they had attacked us, and as we have offered help and

asylum to the world's "tired," "poor," and "huddled masses yearning to breathe free." As some of America's recent Presidents have embraced globalism, it's then we have given up our "precious moral values."

President Macron would do well to pay attention to one of his countrymen from history, a man who was well acquainted with America's nationalism/patriotism—Alexis de Tocqueville. *"Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude."* One raises the bar of human dignity while the other lowers it.

It's no surprise that France and other socialist countries attack President Trump's nationalism; after all, **globalism could be called the most expansive form of socialism.** America has been happy to give a hand up to others who have been less fortunate than ourselves; but recently many have come for a hand out and then bite the hand that feeds them. President Trump addressed this mindset well in late October when he said, *"We're giving all our wealth, all our money, to other countries and then they don't treat us properly. For many years other countries that are allies of ours ... they have not treated*

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**From the desk of Bill Johnson**

**With another year coming to an end, it generates a desire to both look back and look ahead.**

I recognize that out of all the people that have ever lived in this world throughout the history of humankind, I have had a wonderful life that I have not in any way deserved or earned. But I am no elitist. I am not wealthy by national standards. Yet, I do recognize that I was born in a golden age being a child of a World War II veteran and being raised after those of the greatest generation who had lain down their lives for people like you and me in one of the bloodiest wars against some of the most treacherous and powerful military forces in all of history. Millions have come before us and paid a price that we might be free. Many didn't come back. We are standing on their shoulders! They did that for the country that they loved; fighting back against tyrants, autocrats, and dictators.

The days of the '50s and early '60s were like a fantasy land for some of us and we mostly didn't realize how good we had it. Crime was low. People left their cars and houses unlocked. Television still largely featured themes that unified and built up rather than mocked, propagandized, divided and/or degraded. People largely agreed upon what was right and what was wrong. The law and law enforcement was regarded and largely honored and obeyed.

I know that my assessment can be seen as simplistic and I understand. Yet, that is the way it was. It was a golden age to be raised and to be in our local public schools.

But, things changed for me as they did for many others as we moved into the late '60s and beyond. I went to Michigan State University and began to be instructed by professors in an educational system that was

secular and liberal in orientation, even back in that day. At this time the Vietnam War was festering and there were campus riots springing up all around the United States. The liberal left began to emerge with groups such as the Black Panthers and Students for Democratic Society with founders Bill Ayres and Tom Hayden.

The Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968 was marked by anger, hostility, ugliness in the streets as protestors including peaceniks, black militants, revolutionaries, anarchists, communists and flower children filled the streets and made their radical presence known, seen, and felt.

At the time, I was an agnostic. I marched on Washington, DC and I considered going to Canada; then decided that rather than fleeing to the north, I would go to prison if necessary.

I say all of this to say: I know of good times. I know sorrow. I know about making foolish, stupid, and sinful decisions. **I see the results of sin and reckless stupidity in my own life, in the culture, and nation surrounding me.** Once upon a time I was a user of pornography. It is addictive and destroys within and without. It objectifies women.

Prior to our getting married, Jan's parents (Dave and Geneva VanSloten – now deceased) prayed for me as Jan and I were seeing each other regularly. They sent their pastor to share Christ with me. I didn't see myself as a sinner for several months. Then, by God's grace, I recognized my need, that "all have fallen short of the Glory of God" including me. Just before getting married in May of 1970 I received Christ as my Lord and Savior.

I began going to church regularly and studying the Bible. I began to see God helping me have victory over pornography and lust. But I also began to see loved ones making choices that ruined their lives—divorces, broken families, abortions.

Now, at soon to be 72, I see very clearly that those who ignore God and deny His existence and authority show evidence of poor moral and spiritual judgment that often leads to poor ethics, morality, judgment and leadership. That may seem harsh. I believe

it to be true and I believe that is the major reason why we now see such chaos in our beloved country. **Remember, choices of thought and action have consequences that lead to life or destruction.**

I learned long ago not to trust leftists like Antifa, Black Lives Matter, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, Socialists, Communists, Islamists. I learned not to trust people like George Soros, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and their hatred of truth and the America that is a light shining on a hill.

**Here is a short list of concerning issues, most of them backed by the individuals named above:**

Abortion - killing infants while destroying our nation

Borders - Goes against common sense, the U.S. Constitution, and godly principles. He who doesn't protect his own family against invasion is a fool.

Allowing illegals to vote and voter fraud - Giving non-citizens a say regarding sensitive matters facing national welfare and safety is absolute foolishness. Allowing the foolishness that's taken place in Florida (particularly Broward County) is just as bad.

Allowing lawlessness due to position - Just one example: Hillary Clinton. No consequences for using an unsecure Internet server, including an unsecured cell phone. Bill and Hillary are guilty of betraying America – quid pro quo (American secrets for millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation). There is a different justice for the man on the street and government officials. This matter alone generates massive societal cynicism.

We address these issues and many others, shedding light on the wrong and pointing all to Christ.

As long as I am able, I desire to serve Him. My health, by His grace, remain good. I am only one but I am one working with Lisa, Kimberly, Chris, Steve and Judy. **We look to God every day for wisdom and help.** It is a calling and it has been since the

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very beginning back in 1987.

Within me remains this desire to get up in the morning and warn, exhort, stir, encourage, and, yes, share Christ! Our hope is that we will help Christians and non-Christians see that faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

We have received many wonderful words of commendation and thanks from many of you regarding our ministry this year. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.**

**However, we find ourselves as a ministry in as low of a financial position as we perhaps have ever been over the last ten years.** The competition for dollars and support has never been greater with so many candidates having cried out for money. Please do keep us in your prayers and, as God leads, with a gift of support. Your most generous gift possible at this time is greatly needed and would be deeply appreciated.

God bless you dear friend in Christ!



## Globalism's Grab ...

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our country fairly. So in that sense, I am absolutely a nationalist and I'm proud of it."

In this same setting—weeks before President Macron's speech—President Trump also had stated: "I'm somebody that wants to help other countries of the world, but I also have to take — we have to take care of our country. We cannot continue to allow ourselves to be duped on military and also duped on trade, with the European Union,

as an example."

I'm grateful for the bold stand that President Trump willingly makes in the face of such widespread opposition and hatred; however, this article is not to defend President Trump. It's meant as a defense of national sovereignty and as an attack on globalism/socialism.

What are the consequences of globalism? What would happen if we succumbed to the internationalism that France would have us embrace? The short answer is—we would have the same troubles that these globalist nations have had.

We've seen the Islamic chaos in their streets, the increased reports of rape and other violent crimes, freedom of speech shackled, and in some places the police do their jobs without guns. Are these the precious "moral values" we should make sure we don't give up?

With globalism comes a loss of sovereignty; someone else gets to dictate what we should do with our borders and our laws. This puts us at risk on several fronts—unrestrained refugees bring with them unrestrained illness, further lawlessness coming to a nation or state near you, lack of personal protection for oneself or one's private property, and financial strains abound as the taxpayers provide for the needs of illegals while our own nation's needy, veterans, and children go unattended.

This globalism and National Socialism also allows an Islamic invasion of sorts while Christianity is further displaced and attacked. France, Germany, America, and others would do well to take heed to another of Tocqueville's warnings: "I studied the *Quran* a great deal. I came away from that study with the conviction that by and large there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Muhammad. As far as I can see, it is the principle cause of the decadence so visible today in the Muslim world and, though less absurd than the polytheism of old, its social and political tendencies are in my opinion more to be feared, and I therefore regard it as a form of decadence rather than a form of progress in relation to paganism itself."

As if globalism isn't enough to fight against, our President fights socialism here at home too. As a growing segment of our populace embraces this devastating and unlimited form of government, without thinking of where its destination will lead us, President Trump faces further attacks and greater unrest. It's his nationalistic pride and desire to "Make America Great Again" that keeps him going. Will we join him in protecting our country? Will we speak truth in an attempt to awaken a society from the socialistic slumber that has imprisoned their minds?

It's as if Tocqueville had a telescope that transcended time to see and warn: "*Society will develop a new kind of servitude which covers the surface of society with a network of complicated rules, through which the most original minds and the most energetic characters cannot penetrate. It does not tyrannise but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd.*"

Looking at the world's stage and recognizing the encroaching dangers upon our lives and upon the freedom of our children, what can we do?

When I was a child, I only knew of one kind of globalism and it was a good one. "He's got the whole world in His hands!" Regardless of what happens with the rest of this world or even our country, **my goal must be to teach my children and others that God is in control and everything is working out to His divine purpose.**

As trying times and persecution comes, keeping our mind set on Jesus will grow increasingly difficult; especially so, if we don't daily press into His presence through devotions and prayer. Our own relationship with Jesus must grow deeper; and for the sake of our children and grandchildren, we must help them to know the difference between right and wrong, what is holy and not, and pray that the Holy Spirit will envelop them with His protecting presence, as we have done our best to lead them to our Lord.

# God Bless the Broken Road

December 7, 2018 at 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM



We at American Decency Association are privileged to host select showings of the movie *God Bless the Broken Road* on **Friday, December 7 at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM** at our headquarters, located at **203 E. Main St, in Fremont, MI.**

**Come for a double blessing!** Jennifer Graeser Dornbush, native of Fremont, MI and the author and screenwriter of *God Bless the Broken Road*, will be joining us for this screening, will introduce the movie, and participate in a Q&A session following the viewing.

Movie Guide gives this review for *God Bless the Broken Road*: “GOD BLESS THE BROKEN ROAD tells a profound, poignant story. Amanda is a picture-perfect wife and mother. She has a beautiful voice and sings in the church choir. When her husband is killed in Afghanistan, Amanda doesn’t want to do anything, not even go to church. ... How can Amanda see God’s love in the midst of all these trials and tribulations? How can she be reconciled with her daughter and mother-in-law?”

“GOD BLESS THE BROKEN ROAD is heartrending and poignant, with great orchestration of some lighter moments that keep from being maudlin. It’s a testimony to the price everyone needs to pay to defend our freedoms, not just the soldiers but also the families. It’s also a great refutation of bad theology that helps viewers realize the depth of God’s love in the midst of trials and tribulations.”

Jennifer’s webpage describes her as a “*writer, speaker, and forensic specialist whose work liberates people from their prisons of loneliness by lifting them into hope, joy, and purpose so they may connect, contribute, and belong.*”

There are many, especially this time of year, who find themselves lonely or lost or find it a challenge to possess hope, joy, or gratitude. Others find they are angry at God and don’t know what to do about it. This is a movie which has encouraged others to not only cling to their faith in the midst of desperation but to seek to find solace, peace, hope, and joy in Jesus. If you know anyone who finds this time of year to be challenging, we would encourage you to bring them with you. This is both a wonderful opportunity to view *God Bless the Broken Road* and to speak with its author, Jennifer Graeser Dornbush.

**Join us on Friday, December 7 at 1 PM or 7:00 PM for a time of family-friendly entertainment and to be encouraged.**

## What If They’re Not Chosen?

By Chris Johnson



Babies deserve to be loved. They deserve to be wanted. **They deserve to be chosen.** Believe it or not, that’s the message of a recent Planned Parenthood ad captioning a video of an adorable baby with a lullaby playing in the background.

No, Planned Parenthood hasn’t miraculously changed their murderous mission to dismember unwanted babies, they just seem to think that videos of cute babies are a good way to get people to support that vision.

Somehow, Planned Parenthood, under the new leadership of Leana Wen, thinks that their adorable new advertisement doesn’t beg the question, “**but what if they’re not loved, wanted, or chosen?**” but IT DOES.

And the answer to that question, of course, is that Planned Parenthood will gladly chop up their tiny bodies and sell them to the

highest bidder, “for medical research,” of course. It would be a shame to waste all of those spare people parts.

Abortion is a disgusting, barbaric practice, and Planned Parenthood is the largest purveyor of it, and it continues to glean hundreds of millions of dollars from taxpayers, but there is also good news for the unborn and their defenders.

In last month’s elections, the states of Alabama and West Virginia made laws anticipating a Supreme Court reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, the legal decision which made abortion legal throughout the United States.

The often misunderstood fact about *Roe v. Wade* is that even if the landmark decision were overturned, it would not make abortion illegal, it would only allow the different states to decide the legality. Should that ever occur, nine states – now including West Virginia and Alabama – have state laws in place which will immediately ban abortions in those states should *Roe v. Wade* be overturned. And, of course, the composition of the Supreme Court now, with Justice Kavanaugh on the bench, makes that possibility more likely than ever before.

**Let us continue to pray that God would eradicate this barbaric tradition of child sacrifice from our nation and let us work and vote to that end!**

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# A Bitter Pill to Swallow

by Steve Huston



“Made in China.” We see this tagged or printed on t-shirts, bags, phones, computers, televisions, toys, and that list is ever increasing, **BUT MEDICINE TOO?** That’s no surprise since China has developed their Made in China 2025 initiative and is pushing to become the “Pharmacy of the World.”

China is a growing threat to America in many ways. It’s made a strategic decision to develop its pharmaceuticals industry and it has succeeded. They’ve undercut prices, and grabbed the market share from other countries. Would you be surprised to learn that even though China has used lead paint on our children’s toys, and has been responsible for many deaths due to cutting corners with our medicine in the past, 80% of the global supplies for the ACTIVE ingredients in drugs are coming from China and India; and China is quickly crowding out India in this regard?

In the 1990s the U.S., Europe, and Japan managed to manufacture 90% of the global supply of key ingredients for the world’s medicines and vitamins; **now China is the largest supplier**. Would it bother you to know that America currently has no plants which produce aspirin or penicillin, that we are overwhelmingly dependent on China for many of our medicines - antibiotics and chemotherapies to name a couple, and that we need China for over half the raw materials to make Heparin - a much used and important blood thinner?

Talk about being dramatically dependant; China makes almost all, if not all, of our generic medicines as well: antibiotics, anti-depressants, drugs for Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, epilepsy, high blood pressure, birth control, and the list goes on and on. Who doesn’t take Tylenol (acetaminophen) at some time? China is the dominant global

producer of the active ingredient of the popular pain killer acetaminophen.

As a matter of fact, our dependency is so great that if China were to close their doors to us - medically speaking - **within months pharmacy shelves would be empty and hospitals would cease to function.** As Mike Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota and an expert on biosecurity, states, **“If we were ever in an international incident with China, they would literally have their hands around our necks in terms of critical drugs. They wouldn’t even have to fire a shot.”** This is nothing short of economic warfare and we’ve given the enemy all they need to have us at their mercy.

Not only has America stopped being producers of medicine and other things, but the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) isn’t able to hold these foreign pharmaceutical companies to the same standards of inspection. **Quality can’t be guaranteed.**

In 2008 there were 250 reported deaths caused by the Chinese deliberately contaminating the blood thinner Heparin for economic reasons, that number could potentially be much higher. Lest you think 2008 was a long time ago, in July of this year there was a recall on the blood pressure drug Valsartan due to its containing a carcinogenic ingredient. There have also been occasions when various medicines don’t contain the full therapeutic amount of the active ingredient, thereby making them ineffective.

Knowledge is power only when you act on that knowledge. The book China Rx gives a plan of action and Kevin Freeman gives an extensive economic battle plan of things we can do - found here - <https://bit.ly/2Pu9zd8>.

**Here are a few of their ideas:**

**Urge policy makers** to recognize America’s medicines as a strategic asset no different than oil and other energy supplies. Americans love inexpensive medicines

BUT be careful of the high price of cheap.

**We need a tracking and forecasting system.** In other words, America needs to know where we are vulnerable (pharmaceutically speaking) and act accordingly to mitigate the risks.

**Become an informed consumer:** Millions of Americans are taking generic drugs made in China by Chinese companies and don’t even know it. Know where your medicine is coming from.

**Talk to your friends** about how we are at risk of losing an entire industry and the many levels of danger that puts us in. Help others understand that **without firing a missile or hacking the electric grid, China can take American down.**

These issues and the national and global implications attached to this topic go much deeper and wider than I can cover here. Rosemary Gibson is the coauthor of the book China Rx: Exposing the Risks of America’s Dependence on China for Medicine. Much of the information presented here is from her book and some of her interviews. **China Rx** can be purchased from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. You can also listen to her on CRTV with Kevin Freeman or go to this website (<https://bit.ly/2B9lhRS>) to listen to another interview.

China Rx was only one of the several topics that Kevin Freeman covered at our last event. **Kevin is a powerful, Spirit-filled speaker who teaches about economic warfare through the telling of true stories.** Among the other stories he covered were China’s plan of attack on America, the threat to the stock market, our national debt and the state of the dollar, the American energy revolution, and the vast threat of socialism. He also gives a story from his own life which can be shared with other young people that will wake them up to the dangers of socialism. This storyteller book-cased his presentation by telling yet another story. It was not only a story of historical importance, but he shared actual spiritual applications from the Battle of Dunkirk.

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# Belief or Bigotry? What Are Kids Learning at University?

by Chris Johnson



Isabella Chow is a student senator at a university known for its liberal leanings, University of California, Berkeley. She's also a Christian who's accepted the responsibility of representing the Christian community in this far-left atmosphere. **Recently that responsibility has been challenged in a big way.**

Last month, the Berkeley student senate was asked by the Queer Alliance Resource Center (QARC) to pass a bill denouncing the Department of Education's reconsideration of the legal definition of "gender" as it applies to the Title IX civil rights law. Under President Obama, the definition was expanded to include those who don't identify as their biological sex. QARC pressured the student senate to speak out in support of, "transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming students."

Isabella Chow, guided by conscience, felt she could not vote for this bill, instead abstaining from the vote altogether and explaining her position in a beautifully worded statement:

**"My God is one who assigns immeasurable value to and desires to love each and every human being. In God's eyes and therefore my own, everyone of you here today and in the LGBTQ+ community as a whole is significant, valid, wanted, and loved — even if and when our views differ..."**

"That said, I cannot vote for this bill without compromising my values and my responsibility to the community that elected me to represent them... As a Christian, I personally do believe that certain acts and lifestyles conflict with what is good, right, and true. I believe that God created male and female at the beginning of time, and designed sex for marriage between one man and one woman. **For me, to love an-**

**other person does not mean that I silently concur when, at the bottom of my heart, I do not believe that your choices are right or the best for you as an individual. ..."**

I don't know how anyone could better express the Christian position honestly and respectfully while upholding the Bible's standard.

The bill passed with 18 of the 20 senators voting in favor, one other senator being absent and Chow abstaining. But how do you think the LGBT lobby and their allies handled the one senator who would not stand with them, in spite of her respectful explanation?

Well, in the words of one of her fellow student senators, Teddy Lake, *"Perhaps what most offends me, though, is Senator Chow's outrageous ask that we, as a Senate class, respect her "beliefs" as she does ours. To that end, I'd like to clarify that what Senator Chow expressed tonight were not beliefs at all — they were hateful prejudices that deserve nothing less than the strongest condemnation from myself, my community, and my colleagues..."*

QARC called for her to resign, hundreds of students showed up to protest at the last Senate meeting, and a petition is being circulated demanding that she step down — **all for the "unforgivable sin" of defending the Biblical sexual ethic.**

I don't know much about Ms. Isabella Chow, but I imagine that she is probably going through one of the most difficult times in her life right now; she deserves immense respect for holding fast to God's Word under immense pressure. While Chow is experiencing the rejection of her own peers and her own college campus, there are others who are no stranger with the kind of reaction displayed by Berkeley's LGBT lobby.

Conservative thinker, author, speaker, and talk show host Ben Shapiro is an example.

He was recently invited to speak on the campus of Ohio State by the Young Ameri-

cas Foundation, but he was greeted by mobs of liberal protestors shouting obscenities and, in some cases, threatening violence. On-site video interviews revealed that the protestors often had no real idea what it was that Ben Shapiro had said to make him so objectionable, it was enough to know that he was conservative and disagreed with them.

All of this hullabaloo was not new to Shapiro, however, as just last year his own visit to UC Berkeley required \$600,000 worth of added security and resulted in the arrest of several violent protestors.

With this anecdotal evidence in mind, let's turn our attention to a point made by Joy Pullman, editor of TheFederalist.com, in an article titled, "In Midterms, Democrats' College Indoctrination Campaign Bore Fruit."

*"Surveys of high school and college students have revealed for decades a growing ignorance about and antipathy towards basic American precepts, parallel with growing leftism. 'In 1981, about 20 percent of freshmen described themselves as "liberal" or "far-left" (as opposed to "middle of the road" or "conservative"),' writes Robby Soave at Reason. '[T]oday, more than a third do.'"*

*"[T]here is a 21 percentage point difference between very liberal and very conservative students in the number of students that feel comfortable expressing opinions outside of the classroom while on campus," says a 2017 poll of college students. A plurality of 48 percent thought the First Amendment shouldn't protect hate speech."*

*... In one of the few serious inquiries conducted on this question, several years of studies from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute used questions largely drawn from U.S. naturalization and national public school civics exams. They found attending college barely affected students' lack of basic American government and history knowledge. We're talking half of college graduates could not name the three*

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*branches of government. That's an early elementary school question. What a college degree did do, however, was dramatically increase graduates' agreement with leftist politics."*

**Here's the point:** The American higher education system isn't churning out particularly exceptional students, it isn't churning out particularly intelligent graduates, it isn't even churning out well-rounded graduates; it's producing particularly liberal graduates.

We can see from the very recent examples of Isabella Chow and Ben Shapiro the kind of rejection a Christian or even just a conservative endures when simply presenting an alternative viewpoint. How will the average freshmen from rural, conservative fly-over country stand up to that kind of pressure? Pullman noted it above: THEY DON'T.

The only question that remains is why are we still sending them there?

## A Bitter Pill to Swallow [Continued from Page 5]



If you were able to attend, you'll want this DVD to share with others. If you were unable to attend, you don't want to miss out on this amazing time of education and learning what you can do. **Each story had a battle plan with it.** As I have spoken with others both directly after and in the weeks following the event, one of the big takeaways was **"weaponize your money."**

**Learn what that means by ordering your \$10 DVD today. (See enclosed response card to order.)**

## A House on Fire

by Lisa Van Houten



John Adams famously warned us: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Preceding that sentence Adams wrote: *"Avarice, ambition, revenge, and licentiousness would break the strongest cords of our Constitution, as a whale goes through a net."*

**Avarice, ambition, revenge, licentiousness. It's what we're seeing all around us.** Here are just a few examples.

Consider the blatant voter malfeasance in the recent midterm election – most notably in Broward County, FL where ballots mysteriously kept appearing. But it's not just in Florida where voter fraud is rampant. Research from Judicial Watch's Election Integrity Project shows this staggering statistic: **In the U.S. there are more than 3.5 million people registered to vote than there are actual living, American adult citizens.** The research showed that **462 U.S. counties had a registration rate exceeding 100% of all eligible voters.**

As Gary Bauer quipped: *"If you are a conservative running for office today, you not only have win the early vote, you also have to win on Election Day, you have to win the provisional ballots, you have to win the ballots found in cars and the votes manufactured behind closed doors. And then you have to win in court!"* But what about when the Democrats win? Following the Left's despicable treatment of Brett Kavanaugh - Hillary Clinton stated that if the Democrats win back the House or Senate, only then would their civility return. Well the Democrats won control of the House of Representatives, but so far the Left is as acrimonious as ever.

The very next night following the midterm election, a leftist mob showed up at the

home of conservative commentator Tucker Carlson. The protestors chanted, "Racist scumbag, leave town!" and "Tucker Carlson, we will fight! We know where you sleep at night!"

For the Left, anyone who dares to disagree with their views is considered a "racist/bigot." In fact, a recent poll showed that 61% of Democrats described Republicans as "racist/bigoted/ sexist." While the Left claims to be "tolerant" – accusing conservatives of being "fascists" – in reality it's the Left that demonstrates zero tolerance for free speech and are the ones using fascist tactics to oppose any opinions that differ from their own. Another recent poll found that **as many as 35% of Americans feel it is at least sometimes okay to engage in violence to pursue political ends.**

Let's look at another issue the Left is using to break the cords of the Constitution: illegal immigration. While in the weeks preceding the midterms the Democrats were mysteriously quiet about the flood of illegals at our border, now that the election is over they're back to their old ways. During a recent Senate hearing, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) showed blatant contempt for law enforcement by comparing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to the KKK. Sen. Harris, a former state attorney general and a potential 2020 presidential candidate, displayed her allegiance not to the law of the land, but to lawbreakers seeking to enter our country illegally.

**We must address the question - are we a sovereign nation of laws that will defend our country from unwanted invasion, or will we have open borders, putting the welfare of our country at risk?**

To the Left, the answer is clear. It's not the welfare of the nation or the authority of the Constitution that they're striving to defend; rather they are seeking to implement a radical, socialist ideology. Like the out-of-control fires that raged in California, there is an inferno that is raging in our nation – leaving an unrecognizable wasteland in its wake. In a land where liberty once flourished, tyranny is becoming an all-consuming fire.

# A 40 Foot Stumbling Block

By Lisa Van Houten



Each year on Memorial weekend my sisters and I take our now 89-year-old mom to the cemetery to place flowers at the graves of my father, grandparents, and great-grandparents. As we walk amidst the headstones, Mom will tell accounts of ones who died decades ago. **Each one has a story** – a baby who died in the 1930s, of whopping cough, my mom recalls. Or a neighboring farm boy who went to war and didn't return. Few are still living who remember them. That's one reason why we have cemeteries – so that future generations will know that the one memorialized had lived, had meaning, and was worth remembering.

In the aftermath of World War I a group of Gold Star Mothers in Prince George's County, Maryland, desired to memorialize their sons who had fallen on the battlefields of Europe and were buried in a cemetery across the ocean – where, in all likelihood, these mothers would never be able to visit. They, along with the American Legion, raised money to erect a 40 foot cross (pictured above) in Bladensburg, MD, as a memorial to the 49 young men from Prince George's County who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War. One of the Gold Star Mothers, Martha Redman, wrote to her congressman about her son William, stating: **“... I feel that our memorial cross is, in a way, his gravestone.”**

This World War I memorial was erected in 1925 and named the Peace Cross. Yet now, nearly 100 years later, the atheist group, American Humanist Association (AHA), is waging war against the Peace Cross. In their mission to eradicate any public display of Christianity from society, the AHA filed a lawsuit to have the Peace Cross destroyed. Well perhaps “destroyed” is not entirely accurate – the radical group said they would also be satisfied if the arms of the cross were chopped off so that the

monument no longer looked like a cross.

Three residents of Prince George's County joined the AHA's lawsuit, saying they were “offended” by what they perceived to be the monument's Christian symbolism. The AHA claims that the mere display of a cross on public land constitutes a government endorsement of Christianity - in their minds a violation of the First Amendment. As the case made its way through the courts, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ultimately ruled in the Humanists' favor **and the cross will be torn down unless the U.S. Supreme Court rules otherwise.**

Demonstrating that elections do have consequences, Obama appointed six of the eight judges on the 4th Circuit Court. In the lone dissenting opinion from the 4th Circuit, Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory wrote that the First Amendment “does not require the government ‘to purge from the public sphere’ any reference to religion.” He also argued that the monument honoring veterans does not “violate the letter or spirit of the very Constitution these heroes died to defend.”

The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the case; however, even with newly confirmed Justice Kavanaugh, the outcome of the case is far from certain. But imagine if we had had a President Hillary Clinton appoint two new Supreme Court justices - the implications for this precedent-setting case would be grim.

The fate of the Peace Cross is now in the hands of nine Justices; **but not just the fate of this one memorial.** If the Supreme Court upholds the lower court opinion, the implications will be far-reaching. If the Peace Cross is somehow deemed to be a governmental “establishment of religion,” then precedence will be set for the removal of crosses at Arlington National Cemetery and every other veterans' cemetery, as well as any public display of a religious symbol. [Also currently making its way through the courts is a case from Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, where the Freedom From Religion Foundation is suing to have the county's seal redesigned because the 75-year old seal includes the depiction of a cross.]

Ironically, as The Supreme Court sits in judgment over the Peace Cross, they will be looked down upon by the image of Moses. Moses appears eight times in carvings that ring the Supreme Court Great Hall ceiling, and tablets representing the Ten Commandments can be found carved in the courtroom doors of the Supreme Court, on the support frame of the courtroom's bronze gates and in the library woodwork. Will all of these depictions have to be sandblasted away, too, along with the crosses and Stars of David that mark the rows upon rows of gravestones in Arlington Cemetery?

That's what Leftists, such as the AHA, are seeking to do – sandblast every reference to Christianity that permeates our nation's history. If the Peace Cross is demolished, it's not just the names of those 49 soldiers that will be erased from memory, but our nation's Christian heritage is also in danger of being erased, leaving future generations ignorant of the faith upon which our country was established. As Phillip F. Wright, executive director of Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty, stated: **“We have to remember what has been done in the past in order to guide us going forward.”**

A plaque on the monument states: *“This Memorial Cross Dedicated To The Heroes of Prince George's County Who Gave Their Lives In The Great War For The Liberty Of The World.”* Inscribed at the base of the cross are these words, seemingly a foreshadowing of the fight for religious liberty we now face on our own soil: “We shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest to our hearts.”

What truly outrages Leftists, however, is not just the image of a cross – but what that cross stands for. *“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”* (I Cor. 1:18). Unlike any other religious symbol, **the cross of Christ is a reminder of our sin and need of a Savior.** That is what they cannot tolerate. And in defiance of their Creator, they seek to destroy any reminder that **one day they will stand before Him.**