

God is gracious! America still has time to repent -



I'm writing this the day after the Massachusetts election. The election of Republican Scott Brown in the most liberal state in the nation sent shock waves throughout the nation.

Author, researcher Michelle Malkin stated: *January 19 was an amazing day for grassroots conservatism. But the Beltway GOP should be warned against unjustified triumphalism. They were late to the game. Activists still haven't, and won't, forget the massive amounts of money Washington, D.C. Republicans wasted on Dede Scozzafava. And Scott Brown quite noticeably didn't mention the word 'Republican' once during his prepared remarks.*

The GOP brand is still damaged. And instant exploitation of the Brown win — see the NRSC (National Republican Senate Committee) website here — isn't going to help matters. As I've said for many years, the Republican Party needs to clean its own house before it demands that the Democrats clean theirs.

The Brown victory was very clearly a strike against machine politics of all kinds and business as usual in Washington. That includes top-down meddling by tired old GOP operatives. The party bosses have tried to install their preferred Senate candidates in Florida, Colorado, and California. They will use Brown's win to argue for more

"mooooooderation." As I wrote yesterday in my analysis of how Brown unified a center-right-indie coalition, that is not the lesson of the Massachusetts miracle.

Wake up and smell the Tea Party leaves.

I couldn't agree with Malkin more. Fat cat politicians protecting their own interests, pay offs, corruption, politics as usual has been eroding our nation year after year for generations. Though without question there have been many people serving in government with integrity, they are always in the minority. Various individuals come to mind even in the current day. For that I am very thankful.

Many of us are relieved over one central thing today, and that is this: There will shortly be at least some semblance of accountability with Scott Brown's election to the Senate. The system of checks and balances was weakened with the House, Senate and Presidency being controlled by one party.

The message is being sounded that the American people do not want socialized medicine imposed on them simply because of the ideology of a powerful few.

We have been swimming in some very dangerous waters over these past months. The course change of the people of Massachusetts, a state so liberal that it had re-elected far left Teddy Kennedy to the Senate seat for 46 years, is encouraging in that it shows that even these folks have been able to see that America is in serious trouble!

However, I'm under no illusions. Though there is much to like about Scott Brown it is important to also recognize that while he is against socialized medicine, against trying Islamofascists in a civil court instead of before a military tribunal, is a proponent of a strong military; nonetheless, he is pro-choice.

The broader picture though is this. This is but one victory that perhaps inhibits monetarily social decline to one degree or another. Nonetheless, there are many things that are not changed and cannot be changed by way of one election, as significant and encouraging as it may be.

America is a backslidden country. It's people have turned their backs upon God. It is we who have elected the representatives that represent us. Throughout our country, we vote into office individuals who often stand against God and His standards of love, truth and righteousness. Just to name a few issues: (1) support of abortion, (2) support of homosexuality and same-sex marriages, (3) oblivious to pornography and indecency corrupting our culture.

I rejoice today, yet I grieve as well. I could wish for the following: (1) That the church would recognize its responsibility in the faltering of America. That Christians would encourage and urge their pastors to preach the full counsel of God thereby warning God's people to hate their own sin, to turn from their wicked ways and to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

(2) That we would live with a greater sense of the calling that we are chosen to live out remembering that this world is not our home. We are pilgrims in a foreign land called to live for Him and shine forth as bright lights for Him in a dark world.

(3) That we would examine our own lives in the light of God's Word and shuck off those things that are displeasing to Him and put on the new man and grow increasingly earnest in passing on our faith in Word, yes, but especially in deed, that those who come after us would know Jesus saves and changes people. May Christ use our words and our deeds to spread the gospel.



From the desk of Bill Johnson, president

“... tired but not fatigued ...”

In the right hand corner, you see a picture of Jan and I with our grandkids. Two of these precious children have been living with us since September.

Imagine the change that does to a household. We were on the verge of the so-called “empty nest” syndrome when we found ourselves back in somewhat of a parenting role once again.

God has His ways, doesn't He? Sometimes it takes years to see what He is doing.

I find myself back to getting on the floor again - wrestling and giving horseback rides and reading stories, doing nightly devotions just before bedtime. Disciplining, including spanking which is Biblical.

I'm more tired than I have been for some time. This seems to interfere with my ability to think about ministry at the end of the day and/or to plan what I'm going to be doing the next day. I find myself short of time to think my own thoughts or to have the time for discussion with Jan.

What is happening? Without getting too personal, my youngest daughter's marriage appears to be failing as her husband has abandoned the marriage.

To Becky's credit, she wanted her children to experience a loving family in action. It is very evident what a loving mother she is. Yet, she recognizes the difficulty she will have as a single parent and asked for our assistance and so she and her children are now living with us. She wants her children to have what she had - consistency, Bible stories the support of a loving church family, a family dog. She wants her children to have the influence of a Christian man, a father (it would have been better if it would have been her husband).

She wants her children to have Sunday morning and Sunday night preaching and teaching services, Sunday School - old time religion!

She wants her children to be sitting under a preacher who preaches the full-counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation. She wants to sit under and have her children hear the pastor preach against sin, yet also preach about God's great love for us and of His marvelous grace.

You know what? That's what we want for them, too. We have seen enough of life (including our own heartaches and sorrows) to know that what Becky wants for her children is something that we can help with.

They came to us showing clear evidences of being loved. There is no doubt about that. But, I think we can help bolster Becky and support her in her disciplining and taking pressure off from her in various ways.

Already after these few short months, I see how eager they are to pray around the dinner table before we eat. I see how eager they are to have a Bible story read to them after dinner. I see how anxious they are to have Papaw do a devotion with them just before Mommy tucks them in one last time before going to bed. I see the enthusiasm they exhibit as they come to church!

The thought of any child not having these basic spiritual experiences of life saddens me. The thought of children not being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord truly is unfortunate. Danny and Mia are precious, beautiful children who need Jesus. They need to understand that His love is real and that following Him leads to peace, purpose, power to live the Christian life - hating evil and loving good.

Some of you will recall that though we have four children it wasn't until we were 43 years old that we had Chris, our first “birth” child. Our first three were adopted.

I began to see it as God keeping us on the firing line “helping us to understand the times in order to know what to do.” (II Chronicles 14:)

God has brought us this far. He will give us what we stand in need of that He would be



Bill and Jan with grandkids, December 2009

glorified and that we would enjoy Him forever.

A financial update



Our goal as we finished last year was to raise at least \$50,000 in the month of December. In these economic down times we felt this was a realistic goal. We ended up at a little over \$48,000.

Our bottom line, however, is that we began 2010 with between \$10,000 - \$15,000 less than we normally do.

So on the one hand I must say that we are not where we would like to be, yet, on the other hand, I want you to know we are very, very thankful for your continued confidence and support of this ministry! We are so thankful to be supported and empowered to work. We endeavor to keep on and we will continue to look for ways to cut costs so that we can stand for the Biblical ethic of decency.

Lastly, as we advance in years Jan and I are looking at how to use whatever resources we have to assist and strengthen others whom we leave behind - including ministries.

American Decency Association has been seeking over the last several years those who may want to help empower this ministry to continue on during times of growing attack upon the Biblical ethic of decency by way of financial edowments.

Please pray about this. Perhaps God may be tugging on your heart. To talk more about this call Kimberly at 888-733-2326.

GoDaddy.com Provides Viewers with Two Very Good Reasons to 'Tune Out' its 2010 Super Bowl Commercials

By Lisa VanHouten



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NEW YORK, Jan. 20 /Christian Newswire/ -- According to news reports, GoDaddy.com commercials will again appear during the Super Bowl game, which this year airs February 7 on CBS at 6:30 pm EST. Morality in Media president Robert Peters had the following comments:

Each year advertisers pay millions of dollars to air a 30 second ad during the Super Bowl. And, each year some advertisers stoop to using crude and erotic themes - rather than actual creativity - in their quest to capture the viewers' attention. Even knowing that the Super Bowl is a family event, viewed by people of all ages, there are always companies who will cross the line of decency in order to make a buck. And so also each year we monitor and analyze the Super Bowl commercials, determining which companies are the worst offenders.

In recent years it has been the scurrilous GoDaddy.com that airs the most egregious, sexualized ads. As the Super Bowl preview commercials on GoDaddy's website attest, this year will be no exception. The company thumbs its nose at parents concerned about exposing their children to eroticism by arrogantly posting at the beginning of the preview Super Bowl advertisement, "The following preview has been approved for all audiences by GoDaddy.com." The preview then highlights a quote from Bob Parsons, GoDaddy CEO and Founder, stating: "These new commercials could be our hottest ever!" and proceeds to show clips of scantily clad women with poses and moves one might expect from strippers. So much for "approved for all audiences."

However, as our friend Bob Peters of Morality in Media writes below, lewd advertisements are only one of many concerns regarding GoDaddy.com.

"It is no secret that GoDaddy.com loves to 'push the envelope' when it comes to the content of its ads; and it would appear that this year's Super Bowl ads may push as close to the indecency line as CBS Network 'censors' will allow, which could be as close as CBS thinks it can get away with.

"For an advanced look at what GoDaddy.com may have in store for football fans of all ages during this year's Super Bowl game, parents in particular should check out the sexually oriented content that appears on that company's website under the subhead, 'Super Bowl 2010 - Sneak Preview.'

"Sure looks like lesbian strip performances to me.

"But the content of its Super Bowl ads is not the only problem. GoDaddy.com also provides services to businesses that distribute over the Internet, free of charge and without proof of age, hardcore adult pornography ...

"I say, 'services,' because as advertised on its website, GoDaddy.com doesn't just provide domain name registration. It also provides many other services, including: 'Web Hosting,' 'Email Marketing,' 'Web Design Services,' 'Logo Design Services,' 'Brand Identity Design Services,' 'Search Engine Visibility,' 'Site Analytics,' 'Social Visibility,' and '5 Step Business Solution.'

"Now, it may be that GoDaddy.com is often not aware that a website it is providing one or more services to is offering for sale

hardcore adult pornography on the Internet. It may also be, depending on the nature of the service, that GoDaddy.com would have a defense under the law.

"But if GoDaddy.com, knowing the hardcore nature of a website's content, provides some of its services to the site, which is later charged with violating Internet obscenity laws, I think GoDaddy.com could be charged with aiding and abetting (or facilitating) violations of these criminal laws.

"Not that any of the above would concern CBS, but it should concern NFL owners and everyone else concerned about the well being of children and the proliferation of smut on TV and the Internet."

<http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/2883312763.html>

Help us remind CBS that the Super Bowl is a family event and urge CBS to refuse to air lewd ads from GoDaddy.com or any other company.

Take Action!

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“Cougars” on the Prowl

By Lisa Van Houten

“Cougar” - one of the most recent vulgar terms of our cultural lexicon that is becoming so very commonplace. And, as the term has gained widespread use, it’s a troubling indication of the further moral degradation of society when the behavior the term defines is also increasingly becoming mainstream. “Cougar” is the coined term for forty-plus women who pursue younger men for sex.

An online definition of the term from www.about.com states it this way: “... Typically, cougars prey upon men almost young enough to be their sons. ... Some cougars are less interested in a relationship than a sexual conquest, perhaps enjoying the fact that they are physically appealing to men who are considered to be in the prime of their virility.

A cougar may be married or unmarried, and some even go after their daughters’ boyfriends. ...”

References to such women are showing up all over television and movies. On ABC the revolting show “Cougar Town” features Courtney Cox as a forty-something woman on the prowl for meaningless sex with men not much older than her teenage son. Not to be outdone, CBS has its own “Accidentally on Purpose” with an older woman getting pregnant after a one-night stand with a 22 year-old guy.

In a fulfillment of the adage “life imitates art”, it seems real life is imitating “reel” life if the examples below are any indication. In New Zealand, airline Air New Zealand has been using an offensive advertising campaign geared toward “cougars”.

MSNBC reports: “... An online spoof documentary by Air New Zealand, promoting a competition for free tickets to a rugby tournament, tells of a so-called cougar starving herself during the day then “hunting large slabs of meat at night” by stalking young men at a bar.

The voiceover says despite men’s attempts to ward off the woman’s advances, the cougar has “not tasted fresh meat for

days” and drags her victims to her inner-city apartment

The promotion by the airline’s Grabaseat discount airfare site encouraged women aged 35 plus to send in photographs of themselves to compete for tickets”
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34923062/ns/travel-news/>

And then there is the following article, “Royal Caribbean says yes to sexually-charged cougar cruise”, from USA Today.

Is Royal Caribbean the new bad boy of the cruise industry?

The world’s second largest cruise line says it will pick up where industry leader Carnival left off in hosting a “cougar cruise” organized by California-based Singles Travel Company.

The Second International Cougar Cruise, as it’s being called, will take place May 16-23 on Royal Caribbean’s Mariner of the Seas.

Carnival hosted what was billed as the world’s first cougar cruise last month on the 2,056-passenger Carnival Elation -- a three-night romp that drew international headlines -- but said last week it has decided to ban the concept for the future, despite what is reportedly huge demand for the voyages.

The controversial escapade, which took place Dec. 4-7, was aimed at older woman who pursue younger men -- or “cougars,” in contemporary lingo. ...

Carnival’s De la Cruz didn’t say why Carnival had banned future cougar cruises. The International Cougar Cruise’s organizers have said the first voyage was a smash sell-out with a lengthy waiting list of people wanting to get on board.

Details of what occurred on board are scanty. Singles Travel Company had promised three days of singles meet-ups, dancing and “partying” inspired by Valerie Gibson’s 2001 book “Cougar: A

Guide for Older Women Dating Younger Men” -- a pitch that was filled with innuendo. As the firm had noted in a press release, a cougar “knows exactly what she wants ... (and) what she doesn’t want is children, cohabitation or commitment.” ...
<http://www.usatoday.com/travel/cruises/item.aspx?type=blog&ak=14737.blog>

Notice the boastful description above of the women flocking to take part in debauchery, seeking meaningless flings.

God’s Word, however, has this description: “And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her.” Ecclesiastes 7:26

Editor’s comment: The above is taken from an email written on January 19. It made someone(s) very angry resulting in a massive attack by hackers which took our website down for a number of days. It also generated the following angry and sarcastic email response on January 20.

I am appalled that you are discouraging behavior that millions, like me, find acceptable! I’m referring to your protesting of a so-called “cougar cruise” - geared toward older women pursuing young men for sex. There is nothing disreputable about catering to tawdry, degenerate behavior...which I happen to love and adore!

There are other cruise lines who have not stooped to such a level you and your followers can patronize...while I will not patronize those lines. And Carnival Cruise Lines, after having dabbled with such a promotion, has banned the concept for the future...which just means they won’t be getting my money. When choosing vacation options for myself, I will look for companies that support my point of view, not the ADA’s bulls--- point of view of trying to shove YOUR morals down other people’s throat. Think about it - how you would like to live how I think you should live? Not a very inviting prospect, is it? That’s how I feel about your ideals.

I urge you to shut the h--- up and stop meddling in other people’s lives. If you like doing something, fine...but don’t try and take all the fun out of my life, a-----, I look forward to hearing from you regarding this concern.

What is Religious Liberty?

By Chris Johnson



Lately, I have been struck by the profound insights with which history credits our founding fathers. I have found myself glued to the computer screen as I read line after line of eloquent and fatidic wisdom that has been handed down from the titans of liberty. It is truly intriguing to read the counsel of those who set the parameters of our government, and how they prompted the American people to be vigilant in the very areas where our liberties are now jeopardized.

In particular, the realm of religious liberty seems to me to be a battlefield too full of the blood of those who seek to champion the beliefs of our ancestors. It has become apparent that to many on America's center stage (whether it be in politics or in media), religious freedom has come to mean freedom from religion, not freedom of religion. There are many examples of this, but here are some of the most recent and well known.

One example would be the recent verbal attacks on Fox News commentator Brit Hume for his expression of his Christian beliefs. Simply because of his great confession, Hume was not only ridiculed by many, but some called for him to lose his job.

The Christian community has also seen the door opened to legal action against it for expressing criticism of the homosexual lifestyle. The Matthew Shepherd Act that was sneaked through Congress on the coattails of a defense bill is feared to be the foundation for future legislation that will silence expressions of religious beliefs by Christians in particular. In spite of promises otherwise, this has happened in other countries that have passed similar legislation.

American Family Association has created a television series called "Speechless: Silencing the Christians," and AFA founder Don Wildmon has a book of the same title. Both of these resources put forward many examples from across the nation where a Christian's freedom of speech has been challenged on the basis of his/her religion.

Now, to answer my question: what exactly is religious liberty? Who better to define freedom of religion than one of the drafters of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams? "It is the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons, to worship the SUPREME BEING, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for worshipping GOD in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession or sentiments; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship."

You can see what I mean about the wisdom and eloquence of our founding fathers.

I wonder what our society would be like if men lived by the duty that John Adams described. If throughout the generations, all men "in society, publicly, and at stated seasons [worshipped] the SUPREME BEING." Another great quote by John Adams ties everything together very well. "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

One modern day patriot whom I hold in very high esteem, radio show host Mark Levin, describes it very succinctly: "The Declaration is laced with references to Divine Providence, the Creator, God ... The problem is, if you eliminate all that

are you left with? There are no unalienable rights are there? How can there be unalienable rights, because [if] man can create them man can take them. [If] Governments create them government can take them."

In many ways freedom of religion is the most important right that we have as Americans. Our liberties hinge upon the people realizing that they have "unalienable rights", which is to say we are made in God's image. Without that realization we are doomed to revert to socialism, because if there is no Creator, if there are no "unalienable rights," if we are just sophisticated animals, socialism is the best way.

I encourage you to explore the wisdom of our founders. Read what they have to say about the problems that we face today. You can feel the passion in their speeches and letters and you can catch the vision that they saw for these United States. A people, protected yet uninhibited by the government, founded on hard work, and sustained by morality. I hope that some day we can see that vision return to our great land.

Below is another example of the wisdom and counsel of those passed down from an earlier generation.

Provincial Congress of Massachusetts 1774, resolved

Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual ... Continue steadfast, and with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.

Top Ten Anti-Christian Attacks in 2009

By the Christian Anti-Defamation Commission



VISTA, Calif., Jan. 4 /Christian Newswire/ — The Christian Anti-Defamation Commission (CADC) has released its list of the top ten incidents of anti-Christian defamation, bigotry and discrimination in the US from last year. The list was selected by the subscribers to CADC's e-mail list and was selected from a list of twenty of CADC's top stories from 2009.

"It is arguable that anti-Christian hatred has spilled over into material forms of persecution in 2009," said Dr. Gary Cass of the Christian Anti-Defamation Commission. "Christians were killed and bullied for their witness, ministers and churches threatened with violence and vandalized for standing for marriage, and Christians were fired for not compromising their faith. If these are not bona fide examples of persecution, than I wonder what more it might take?"

The Top Ten Anti-Christian headlines for 2009 according to CADC subscribers are,

10. Pro-life Pastor Reverend Walter Hoyo of Oakland, CA was jailed for exercising peaceful, pro-life speech.

9. Rev. Fred Winters was murdered while preaching in his pulpit in Maryville, Illinois.

8. HBO's program "Curb Your Enthusiasm" aired an episode where the main actor urinates on painting of Jesus. When confronted HBO would not apologize.

7. The overt homosexual participation in Obama's presidential inaugural events by "Bishop" Vickie Eugene Robinson, the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington D. C., and a homosexual marching band.

6. Police called to East Jessamine Middle School in Lexington, Kentucky to stop 8th graders from praying during their lunch break for a student whose mother was tragically killed.

5. Pro-life activist Jim Pullion was murdered in front of his granddaughter's high school for showing the truth about abortion.

4. An activist judge ordered a home school mom in New Hampshire to stop home schooling her daughter because the little girl "reflected too strongly" her mother's Christian faith.

3. The Federal Department of Homeland Security issued a report entitled "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate" that labeled conservative Christians extremists and potential terrorists.

2. President Obama's appointment of radical anti-Christians like homosexual activist Kevin Jennings as the "safe school czar;" pro-abortion advocate Kathleen Seblus made Secretary of Human and Health Services, and Chai Feldblum, pro-homosexual and anti-religious liberty judge nominated for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

1. The Federal Hate Crimes Bill that attacks religious liberty and freedom of speech. For the first time in our history ministers are vulnerable to investigation and prosecution for telling the truth about homosexuality. <http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/75312573.html>

Musings and meditations regarding future things -- By Bill Johnson

I have quoted the late and highly regarded Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer many times. I quote him because though he has been gone since 1984, his perceptions have proven to be true because they are based upon truth. Dr. Schaeffer was a godly man who walked closely with our Lord.

But, first I want to make a few points and use Schaeffer's comments to accentuate them.

(1) America is a wayward nation and has been for a number of years. SCHAEFFER: *"The titanic freedoms which we once enjoyed have been cut loose from their Christian restraints and are becoming a force of destruction leading to chaos. And when this happens, there really are few alternatives. All morality becomes relative, law becomes arbitrary, and society moves toward disintegration."*

(2) If we are to win the battle for righteousness, decency, life, freedom, we must recognize that we fight a spiritual war. SCHAEFFER: *"The Bible is the weapon which enables us to join with our Lord on the offensive in defeating the spiritual hosts of wickedness. But it must be the Bible as the Word of God in everything it teaches -- ... If it is compromised in any of these areas, as is unhappily happening today among many who call themselves evangelicals, we destroy the power of the Word and put ourselves in the hands of the enemy."*

(3) The American people at the moment seem to be rejecting the socialism, statism of our government that would rapidly lead us into further disintegration, but we continue to lack leadership - a Godly leadership - that will make decisions based upon a true Christian world and life view. SCHAEFFER: *"We must do all we can to help people see the truth of Christianity and accept Christ as Savior. And we must not allow the Bible to be weakened by any compromise in its authority, no matter how subtle the means. ..."*