

Christians Must Rest on the Promise of Justice

By Chris Johnson



As we are in the early stages of President Trump's impeachment trial, we can be sure that we'll be hearing a lot of the word "justice." And, as we're looking forward to a Democrat primary election and a presidential election where progressive candidates will continue to press the nation's eyes against the distorted lens of "social justice," we can be sure that we'll be hearing the word "justice" abused.

In fact, issues of justice and injustice are all around us and, in too many occasions, it is those screaming for justice who are actually advocating injustice. Case in point would be the confrontation between Democrat presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's and a father at one of her campaign events, in which he asks if, under her plan to forgive student loans, he will be reimbursed for all of the payments he made while his friends were buying boats and having fun, instead of working to pay off their loans like he did.

"Of course not!" she replied.

Forgiving student debt sure **sounds nice**, but for those responsible enough to prioritize their payments, **it's anything but 'just.'**

In the impeachment trial, we hear both sides shouting for justice, hoping for completely opposite things, and we already know that whichever side does not get what they hope for out of the trial will soon be yelling about the injustice. It makes us wonder whether it's justice that is truly desired or vindication for

the position they've declared support for.

That is not how justice works. Of course, in all of the great old sculptures and seals and artwork of Western Civilization, justice is personified as a beautiful blind woman holding a balanced scale. **Justice weighs the evidence and makes a decision**, regardless of personal feelings about the accused's personality or position. That is the closest that imperfect, ignorant humans can get to true justice.

But there is a more perfect justice, which we cannot attain to – a justice made possible by knowing every detail of the case, all of the motivations of the accused and the accuser, all of the weaknesses and propensities and ambitions of the alleged victim and perpetrator. That, of course, is God's justice.

As we see the term "justice" used by so many different people to mean so many different things, it is important for Christians to remember that perfect justice is a promise from God. The death of Christ was a down payment as he took the punishment for those who believe on Him. Justice still awaits those who will not bend the knee to Him.

Those whose punishment Christ has not already taken, will still be punished for their sins, and not just abstract sins, but the specific occurrences of abuse of power, dishonesty, and betrayal that we see in our culture and politics today.

The hypothetical famously posed by Abraham is extremely relevant in the chaos of the day: "Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Of course He will. Our God is good, and the government is upon His shoulders. The 46th President of the United States, whenever he or she is elected and whatever party they belong to, will be used by Him to glorify Himself and grow His church.

The treasonous lies and abuse of power on display in the impeachment trial will be avenged. The Nigerian college student executed for His Christian faith in January, and the eleven Christians beheaded for their faith in December, and Pastor Wang Yi in China imprisoned for 9 years for the crime of sharing Christ without allowing the communist Chinese government to dictate his sermons will see their tormentors held accountable.

Proverbs 28:5 says, **"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it completely."** As Christians, we will see injustice all around us, and we should do everything that we can to right those wrongs. Ultimately, however, despite our best efforts – it will be God who holds the wicked accountable. As Christian martyrs in Nigeria did in their last moments, or as Pastor Wang continues to do as he begins his time of imprisonment in China, **may we trust in the Judgment of God.**



Politically aware NOW? What happened?

Many of you have either raised the question or heard the question raised when you go to events scheduled by American Decency Association, “Where are the younger people? All we see are largely gray heads.”

And the comments are often followed with a statement as “That is basically what you see wherever you go.”

I know this bothers many of you. You fear that our society has shifted from at least an acknowledgement of God to having a god of their own making. Being blessed by God and by those who have come before us, untold numbers of Americans seemingly have become distracted by pleasures, “toys”, sports, their bodies (physical fitness in place of spiritual vitality), video games, cell phones and tablets, endless food choices, vacation options, fill in the blank – the options are endless.

Along with that, of course with exceptions, collectively we have not done well in teaching and modeling to our children a Christian life. I’m speaking generally, but make no mistake, though we may be surrounded by abundance and blessing, if we have not learned and taught our children and grandchildren to understand the times in order to know what to do; if we aren’t daily looking to Jesus in His Word and in prayer asking Him for wisdom – not my will be done but Your will be done; if we don’t accept and aren’t teaching our children and grandchildren that we/they are sinners in need of Jesus as Savior and Lord, then we are culpable as we contribute to the inner and external destruction of our once great land. There is a war going on of immense proportions and so few take notice and respond by calling out to God to heal them,

heal their family, heal their land. America has become spiritually dead. We are becoming easy pickings for the evil one and his dominion as many party-hardy, live lives for self, but lookin’ good, though.

Have you paid any attention lately to this sham of an impeachment; the attempted coup of the president of the United States? What does this say about our government?

As we see our nation drifting along in dangerous waters, you may have noticed the uprising, the protesting of many embattled young ones in freedom-loving Hong Kong. As you may have witnessed on television, the protestors are risking not only their well-being but their very lives. Why? As the Epoch Times reports, “During a recent discussion event held by HKU (Hong Kong University) students, aimed to help their international classmates understand the ongoing protests, student protesters initiated a debate about the future of their home, the flaws of past pro-democracy activism, and how the movement should progress.

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The Chinese Communist Party has sent its police force into this once safe haven, beating, tear gassing, “suiciding” them. To date, approximately 7,000 Hongkongers, ranging from 12 years-old to 82, have been arrested in these protests. **They value their freedoms and are concerned about what may happen to their country, so they began to stand! They talk! They awaken others!** They keep on despite rubber bullets being shot at them by the police, despite detainment or arrest.

Yet as we think of our amazing America with freedoms that are the envy of the world, precious few seem to care about the political climate of our day or the many crises at our door. Where is the heart and soul of our own? Posting on social media, about their friends, their food, their fun, and occasionally their faith.

When will we awaken to the attacks on our freedoms? If we are awake, when will we diligently strive to awaken others?

Here’s the quote again “... *there has been one undeniable change since the protests began - Hongkongers are now more politically aware than ever before. ... friends who used to post on social media about socializing and food now constantly comment on the protests.*

The Hongkongers know what they are facing if Hong Kong falls to China. Organ harvesting, detention camps, “suicides”.

So the news of the day (some call it politics) is followed very closely now, though just months earlier “politics” seemed irrelevant.

A young adult told me recently that I would be amazed at how few people really pay attention to the things that we pay attention to.

In the news, it’s become increasingly challenging to know the difference between the truth and a lie. And without an “ear to the ground” and prayerful minds and hearts, most people are going to be clueless as to what is trending and where this is leading you and me and our children and grandchildren.

The following short news clips are accompanied with hidden long term implications. What lies ahead? Adults and their children and grandchildren are a picture of CARELESSNESS!

- New York City no longer requires the payment of bail for “non-violent” crime. The repeat thief, for example, is allowed to “walk” as he awaits a court hearing - to be scheduled.
- Illegals line up in long lines as they secure driver’s licenses with no fear of deportation.
- There has been a complete breakdown of law and order in New York City. NYC proudly passed sanctuary city laws and bragged about it for months. But now they, and more importantly, the citizens of NYC are facing the deadly consequences of the sanctuary policies. <https://t.co/esXd5yYi1Q>

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Conference: Stand Firm Against Deception

February 21 - 22, 2020



Attention: All of you that are looking for an integration of the Word of God with life response/action, this February conference IS FOR YOU.

The conference is entitled:
Stand Firm Against Deception

The message titles are as follows:

1. Let no One Deceive you in Any Way.
2. The Mystery of Lawlessness Is Already at Work
3. So then, Stand Firm

Two of our presenters are pastors who are recognized for being careful handlers of the Word. What is meant by being careful handlers? What it means is that they don't make the Bible say what it doesn't say. They are not afraid of their own shadows as some are prone to be in these days of lukewarm Christianity. They are in a sense "strict constructionists" adhering to the Word of God even if it isn't popular.

This conference rose out of hearing Pastor Vern Picknally preaching a series on II Thessalonians. The series actually is still continuing and can be found by searching Vern Picknally at sermonaudio.com.

Both of the speakers have served as my pastor. The third presenter is yours truly, me, Bill Johnson!

My heart is filled with a longing to see people like you and me awakening daily to the great need before us to understand the times in order to know what to do.

To register for this conference, please call 231-924-4050 or email kimberly@americandecency.org.

Conference: Stand Firm Against Deception

Why: So that we can be strengthened by God's Word for spiritual warfare

When:

Friday, February 21 - 7:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, February 22 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Speakers:

- * Pastor Bob Van Manen, Pastor of Little Farms Chapel, Marne, MI
- * Pastor Vern Picknally, Pastor of Bethel Reformed (OPC) Church, Fremont, MI
- * Bill Johnson, Founder and President of American Decency Association, Fremont, MI

Where: ADA headquarters,
203 E. Main St, Fremont, MI

Friday night:

Bill Johnson: *Let No One Deceive You In Any Way.* II Thessalonians 2:3-5

Bob Van Manen: *The Mystery Of Lawlessness Is Already At Work.*
II Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday Morning:

Vern Picknally: *So Then, Stand Firm.*
II Thessalonians 2:13-15

4th message: Panel discussion

First Message: *Let No One Deceive You In Any Way.* II Thessalonians 2:3-6

Deception and falsehood are attacking our culture and society today in such force and in ways that we've not experienced before. Political deception is stronger and even the church has bought into deception that always begins with, "Has God really said?" With deception and delusion crowding in from every side, our society—particularly our children—are being deceived regarding political and theological ideologies, while the lines are further blurred between the holy and the profane. If it weren't for the restraining work of the Holy Spirit, things would truly be out of control. Can we keep from being deceived? Only by KNOWING the Word and the Spirit—that's where we will find safety.

Second Message: *The Mystery of Lawlessness Is Already at Work.*

II Thessalonians 2:7-12

The battle rages; it IS spiritual warfare! Yes, there's a battle for our culture; but in a bigger sense, it's a battle for the mind and soul of each individual. We see lawlessness everywhere, but the believer can be assured that God will, through the Lord Jesus, make all things right; evil will be vanquished and justice will be served! To be on the Lord's side is to be "on the right side of history." Paul gives us the key to overcoming deception: love the truth and walk in righteousness—not according to man's thinking but by the Word of God. In Joshua 1:7 God's people were commanded to be strong and very courageous so that they might walk obediently according to God's Word, not turning to the right or the left, that they would be successful.

Third Message: *So Then, Stand Firm.*

II Thessalonians 2:13-17

So embattled on every side, to stand firm sounds tiring; how can we possibly endure to the end? Paul gives us great encouragement as he reminds us that it is the work of God! It is God who saves us and sanctifies us; it's by His grace that we stand firm IN HIS ALMIGHTY POWER. We could never do it in our own strength. It's a constraining comfort and a holy hope which establishes and strengthens us. To His glory and to His Kingdom's end, STAND FIRM! Around this sinful globe, wherever Satan's darts are hurled, God's people stand firm.

A second application?

How are we to stand firm? There is perhaps no better present day example than Pastor Wang Yi of China, recently imprisoned for his faith by the communist regime. In a letter he had written to be released at his arrest, Pastor Wang puts forth how we Christians should live in the face of opposition. Remaining faithful to God's Word may increasingly require us to disobey the powers of this age, even as we submit to the earthly authority God has ordained. While we should oppose any law of man which goes against God's law, our ultimate goal is not to change the "regime," but to be a voice of truth in spite of persecution.

Stand on the Truth

By Kimberly Cargill



My parents chose to send me to a Christian school from K-12th grade. When they were looking for a school they did the necessary things to check them out. They talked to people and looked at their bylaws. When they signed me up to go to that school, they had to sign a document that we as a family attended a Bible believing church and that we would adhere to their Biblical standards in and out of school.

I know that now days there are so many more issues that schools are dealing with than when I was in school 25+ years ago; but I am glad that my parents chose a school that stood on the Bible and enforced it. Yes, we had issues within the school but it was handled with a Biblical viewpoint.

I listened to a podcast from Albert Mohler – “The Briefing” on Monday (1/20/2020) about a Kentucky Christian school, Whitefield Academy, that had to expel a student. The mother went to the media to put shame on the Christian school that stood on their Biblical conviction.

The mother said that Kayla was expelled over a photo of her posing with her birthday cake – because the cake and the sweater she was wearing were both decorated with rainbows. However, an article from The American Conservative by Rod Dreher on 1/17/2020 shows Whitefield Academy’s letter to the family stating, “We are sorry to inform you that due to a continued breach of our school policies and expectations, Kayla is being dismissed from Whitefield Academy...”

The WA Administration has been made aware of a recent picture, posted on social media, which demonstrates a posture of morality and cultural acceptance contrary to that of Whitefield Academy’s beliefs.

Per our in-person meeting on October 17, 2019, we made it clear that any further promotion, celebration, or any other actions and attitudes that are counter to Whitefield’s philosophy would not be tolerated. As a result, we regret to inform you that Kayla is being dismissed from the school, effective immediately.”

The school also went on to make an official statement: *“Inaccurate media reports are circling stating that the student in question was expelled from our school solely for a social media post. In fact, she has unfortunately violated our student code of conduct numerous times over the past two years. In the fall, we met with the student to give her a final chance to begin to adhere to our code of conduct. Unfortunately, she did not live up to the agreement, and therefore, has been expelled.*

“Whitefield Academy is a Christian-based school with a 43-year history of educating students in a learning environment informed by our shared Christian values. All parents who enroll their children in our private school know up front that we ask the students to adhere to a lifestyle informed by our Christian beliefs. There are numerous school options in our community for students who do not wish to attend a Christian-based school, and we wish our former student all the best as she finds a learning environment that is right for her.”

Furthermore, in its official documentation released not only to students but available to the public under the statement “Role with the Christian School,” we find these words, *“Whitefield Academy’s biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like on occasion the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home may be counter or in opposition to the biblical lifestyle the school teaches. This includes but is not limited to sexual immorality, homosexual orientation, or the inability to support biblical standards of right and wrong.”*

The mother claims that the cake and the sweater didn’t have any hidden meaning

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Bill’s Personal Note

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• Diana West, author of *American Betrayal* asks this: “Thought provoking question: What is the Left’s long-term game plan? Make daily life so unsafe in the Sanctuary of North America that citizens welcome President AOC’s martial law?”

• Joe Biden, the guy who quite a few Democrats want to see as the next president of the United States, said he’d go after Immigration and Customs Enforcement for daring to deport illegals arrested for drunken driving.

<https://m.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/jan/23/joe-biden-shines-spotlight-on-lefts-insane-love-fo/>

• Question: Shouldn’t having understanding about such things affect whether we vote and how we vote?

“And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, ‘As the Lord lives,’ even as they taught my people to swear by Baal, then they shall be built up in the midst of my people. But if any nation will not listen, then I will utterly pluck it up and destroy it, declares the Lord.”
Jeremiah 12:16-17

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Chick-fil-A Responds

By Lisa Van Houten



The old adage rings true: “Actions speak louder than words.” Or, stated another way, **“the tree is known by its fruit.”** (Matthew 12:33)

Last year millions of chicken-lovin’ Christians were stunned at the news that their beloved Chick-fil-A (CFA) appeared to be betraying the company’s founding purpose statement - **“To glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A.”** - when CFA publicly announced it was withdrawing its support of Christian ministries such as the Salvation Army and would instead support pro-LGBT organizations such as Covenant House. It was because CFA was founded upon and had seemingly upheld those Biblical values that Christians became such a stalwart base of support for CFA when pro-LGBT forces targeted the company. (see our December newsletter).

Through ministries such as ADA and our friends at American Family Association, CFA heard from well over 100,000 disillusioned customers via postcards, petitions, and phone calls. Recently CFA president Dan Cathy, son of CFA founder Truett Cathy, replied in a letter sent to American Family Association. In the letter Cathy stated in part:

“As you have seen, recently we announced changes in our giving strategy at the Chick-fil-A Foundation. These changes were made to better focus on hunger, homelessness and education. We understand how some thought we were abandoning our longstanding support of faith-based organizations. We inadvertently discredited several outstanding organizations that have effectively served communities for years. Some have questioned if our commitment to our Corporate Purpose was waning. Let me state unequivocally: It is not. ...”

Those are some nice sounding words, and many chicken-lovin’ Christians blindly accepted Mr. Cathy’s assurances without peeling the fruit to see whether the core was solid or rotten. So let’s take our paring knives to see what’s under Mr. Cathy’s avowal that the CFA purpose to glorify God and be a faithful steward hasn’t waned.

To do so, we’ll go back to 2012 – when homosexual marriage was three years away from being declared legal by the Supreme Court. It was in 2012 that LGBT groups began to target CFA after Dan Cathy made a statement in support of traditional marriage. The left called for a boycott of CFA to which Christians and conservatives answered by coming out in droves to support the company – and have continued to do so ever since, **propelling CFA into the third largest franchise in the country.**

Just two years later in 2014, Dan Cathy told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that he regrets making a public statement about his belief that marriage is between a man and a woman. Cathy said, “Every leader goes through different phases of maturity, growth and development and it helps by [recognizing] the mistakes that you make. And you learn from those mistakes. If not, you’re just a fool. I’m thankful that I lived through it and I learned a lot from it.”

That was the first step in many that indicates CFA has been drifting from their Christian roots for several years.

Let’s look at another event from 2012. On August 15, 2012, a domestic terrorist, Floyd Lee Corkins, stormed the headquarters of the Christian organization Family Research Council armed with 100 rounds of ammunition and Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Corkins admitted his goal was to “kill as many as possible and smear the Chick-fil-A sandwiches in victims’ faces.” Thankfully he was stopped by FRC’s security guard, who himself was shot as he apprehended the gunman. Corkins reportedly was enraged by the national Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day held just weeks earlier. He admitted to the FBI that he chose FRC as a target because “Southern Poverty Law [Center] lists anti-gay groups. I found them online.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) targets faith-based groups who uphold Biblical views of marriage and sexuality, falsely labeling them as “hate groups” on the “Hate Map” found on the SPLC website, which equates pro-family, Christian organizations with groups such as the KKK and Neo-Nazis. SPLC’s Mark Potock, stated in an interview: *“Our criteria for a ‘hate group,’ first of all, have nothing to do with criminality, or violence ... It’s strictly ideological. ... I want to say plainly that our aim in life is to destroy these groups, to completely destroy them...”*

After this attack on FRC which stemmed from the hateful rhetoric spewed by the SPLC, what did Chick-fil-A do? What they **didn’t** do was reach out to FRC in sympathy and solidarity – FRC never heard from CFA. However just a few years later, tax reports show that Chick-fil-A donated money – not to the faith-based Family Research Council – **but to the anti-Christian SPLC!**

After news broke just months ago that CFA would be removing support from the Salvation Army to instead support the pro-LGBT Covenant House, researchers began looking back at past CFA tax records and discovered that over the last several years CFA has been donating to numerous pro-abortion and pro-LGBT organizations. No wonder many of CFA’s loyal customers feel betrayed; some of the money they have spent to support what they thought was a Christian company has instead been used to attack and undermine Biblical truth.

As Chick-fil-A seeks to expand their corporate footprint internationally and in liberal areas of the United States, CFA hired a radical pro-LGBT lobbying company to help them do so, which was followed by CFA’s President Tim Tassopoulos announcement regarding the company’s drop in support for Christian ministries to instead support pro-LGBT organizations. Tassopoulos may have learned to capitulate while serving on the board of the Boy Scouts, which also infamously caved to the LGBT mob, leading to the implosion of the once revered organization.

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Tech Threats Facing Our Kids

By Chris Johnson



Here's the scene: seven kids, eight and under, gathered around a television set in my living room. They've been having a ball together, everyone's a little tired from running around – so we're going to watch a show to get everyone settled down.

Five minutes in, three children sit slack jawed, engrossed in a movie they've probably seen a dozen times – four have resumed horseplay or have fetched toys and moved on. It doesn't take a social scientist to see that screens and media affect kids in different ways.

So, an article by Katy Faust at The Federalist scratches an important itch in our tech-obsessed culture. It's entitled, "There's No Hard And Fast Rule About When To Let Your Child Have A Cell Phone."

We've had that question brought up at our own conferences on parenting and technology: **"when do you suggest allowing a child to have their own phone?"**

Faust's answer is: **when you can tell YOU HAVE TRAINED THEM to be ready.**

"When you're talking about cell phone and especially social media use, training includes everything from how to interact graciously in posts and comments, how to disable locations on social media apps, showing examples of how predators reach kids through tech, cautions against over-sharing (don't tell everyone everything), encouragement to be authentic by not curating the "perfect life" online, and reading studies with them about the correlation between screen use and teen depression."

Faust clearly understands that the hazards revolving around cell phone usage are myriad. However, understanding the abilities

and limitations and being able to manipulate computer and mobile phone operating systems is a necessary skill in modern life, and it's becoming more necessary all the time.

Completely isolating kids from the internet not only keeps them from accessing pornography or allowing their personal details to be monetized by an advertising corporation, but it also keeps them from the countless YouTube tutorials where one can learn legitimately useful skills, it keeps them from Bible teaching and preaching podcasts and the news of the day, and it can isolate them from good friends who reach out and interact online.

There is much on the internet that makes it worth being familiar with, so long as there is heightened awareness and self control.

So how do we ensure that our kids have that awareness and self-control? Katy Faust gives some excellent tips in her piece, boiling it down to four steps: "Step 1. I do, you watch. Step 2. I do, you help. Step 3. You do, I help. Step 4. You do, I watch."

She gives ideas like dictating text messages for her children to text on her own phone to both get their help and provide a good example or having them use her phone to look up recipes.

The internet safety organization, Protect Young Eyes, encourages parents to wait until 8th grade to give their child their own phone, and at least that long before allowing them to have their own social media accounts.

Again, it all depends on the child. The parent must know their proclivities and natural temptations. Will having YouTube and mobile games at their fingertips allow them to satisfy a lazy nature? There are countless hours wasted on the video platform every day. There are also careers that have been launched by giving creative people a platform where they can be discovered.

As another example, my college roommate shot and edited an entire movie on his iPad with his friends and then convinced

an actual movie theater to show it for a night. A mobile phone can be a catalyst for insane creativity and education or it can allow you to download an application to change the show you're watching so you don't have to get up and fetch the remote across the room.

Another thing to keep in mind, does the child have the technical chops and desire to bypass your efforts to prevent them from finding pornography or other harmful material? **There's always a way around every security measure you can ever take.**

Probably the issue that is least discussed, because it is least feared and understood by adults is this: does your kid realize what happens to the data that they trade to tech companies for their fun or convenient services?

Last month, the New York Times reported on an application used by law enforcement across the country called Clearview AI. Clearview has harvested 3 billion photos from the internet, including from sites like Facebook and YouTube, which law enforcement can cross reference with a picture of a suspect to potentially find a name, date of birth, or even an address – anything that has been published on something like a Facebook profile. Essentially, a user could snap your picture on the street, upload it to the application, and find everything you've ever put online.

While the application is currently only offered to law enforcement, the company anticipates that those services will be offered to the public in the future.

Lastly, there's the threat of addiction. As I write this, President Trump's impeachment trial is just getting going, and this headline rolled across my screen, **"U.S. senators on 'digital detox' as they hear Trump's impeachment trial."**

The impeachment rules prevent them from having their cell phones with them, and they're realizing how much that changes

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Weaponizing the Refugee

By Steve Huston



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Demographics is destiny. This is a truth that should be remembered as various states or local elected officials opt in to open their doors to further, or beginning, refugee resettlement. The goal is to change America by changing the people, thereby pushing political agendas which affect elections, cultural/historical mindsets, and religious temperaments. It is in this way that the refugee is being weaponized, and victimized, against Americans, and “evangelical” religious groups are complicit in, and profiting from, this victimization of both the refugee and the American citizen.

How is this weaponizing able to happen? How is the “church” involved? It’s been going on since the last administration; but a recent Executive Order helped to bring some of these things to light.

A January 20, 2020 article from *The New American* (NA) entitled, **“Don’t Buy the Refugee Compassion Con,”** shows the complexity and the subtleties that increasingly mark this serious issue of our day. It shows how President Trump took action to rectify one of the strongest moves toward a national social/political transformation without representation by giving the people a say in refugee resettlement.

The article tells how President Trump signed *“Executive Order 13888, entitled ‘Executive Order on Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement,’* on September 26. *It provides an important reversal to the process by which the Obama Administration rammed hundreds of thousands of so-called refugees down the throats of unsuspecting communities. We say ‘so-called’ because many of these migrants cannot show ‘a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular*

social group, or political opinion,’ as required by law.”

“‘In resettling refugees into American communities, it is the policy of the United States to cooperate and consult with State and local governments, to take into account the preferences of State governments, and to provide a pathway for refugees to become self-sufficient,’ the executive order begins, before continuing: ‘These policies support each other. Close cooperation with State and local governments ensures that refugees are resettled in communities that are eager and equipped to support their successful integration into American society and the labor force.’”

“The president’s order stipulates that refugees will not be resettled in communities unless the secretary of state receives a letter of consent from state and local officials...”

One would think that this would be a great thing; but where are the officials who are elected to protect and represent us? It would seem that those who have concerns about heavy refugee resettlement have lost their pens and cell phones, allowing elected officials to be swayed by “far-left Democratic strongholds” who are *“engaged in a huge campaign involving social media, phone calls, letter-writing, and personal visits to state and local officials in an effort to produce letters of consent that will keep the migrant-refugee deluge flowing.”* (NA)

In a December 2019 Conservative Review podcast, Daniel Horowitz pointed out that President Trump carried Burleigh County, North Dakota by a 46 point margin; and yet, they are beating us on the refugee issue. How does that happen in a +46 point Trump County?

Ann Corcoran shared this same concern on her refugeeresettlementwatch.org website:

“In a packed meeting room, County Commissioners in Bismarck, voted 3-2 to ‘welcome’ more impoverished refugees to the county in the coming year—25 total they say.

“As the country watched (even the NY Times was watching) the county leaders took a wishy-washy middle of the road position because as far as I know there is no rule or regulation that lets them set a cap.

“Once you agree to take in third worlders from Africa, Asia and the Middle East, a county can’t dictate numbers or select refugees by ethnicity or religion.”

This means that a county or state that opens itself up to the government’s demographic morphing agenda loses control of how much of the camel is able to slip under the tent. **Demographics is destiny. Ask yourself, how long before this predominantly red county turns blue (first politically and then emotionally)?**

How is the church complicit? Ann Corcoran reports that these nine contractors are the “heart of America’s Open Borders movement” and have “sucked down over \$3 BILLION in federal grants in the last 11 years.” Only three of the following are secular organizations [those designated with (S)]: Church World Service, Ethiopian Community Development Council (S), Episcopal Migration Ministries, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, International Rescue Committee (S), US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (S), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, World Relief Corporation

They misleadingly lend “evangelical” support to refugee resettlement via leader signatures and “by presenting the resettlement proposal as having broad-based support from ‘evangelical Christians, Catholics, and Jews,’” as *The New American* article stated.

It’s not that I write this article with a lack of compassion; rather, I write it with compassion for all. Without common sense, regulation, and careful choices, this nation will become (is becoming?) much like the nations that these “refugees” are escaping from. THAT shows a lack of compassion upon American citizens, the refugee, and the world.

Stand on the Truth

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but Dreher reports, “[when the mother] says her daughter “is no angel,” and confirms that she has had “disciplinary issues,” she’s understating matters. My understanding is that Kayla Kenney had a long, specific list of repeated infractions — bullying, disrespecting teachers, vaping in school (as Alford acknowledges), and so forth. Part of what she has allegedly done is promoting LGBT consciousness in the school, including aggression on that front. I’m trying to be delicate here, but I can tell you that she has transgressed against other students on this front, to promote bisexuality. For example, she allegedly drew rainbows and wrote slogans like “bi pride” on other kids’ papers, and gave at least two different girls the impression that she was sexually harassing them. Kayla has been presenting herself as gay on her Instagram account.”

Obviously Kayla was not hiding her sexuality if she was putting it out on social media for all to see. The school had to stand behind the rules that they had set up that followed the Biblical worldview.

Now days we have seen too many schools, churches, corporations and Christians push aside their beliefs to be politically correct. We feel pressure from the media that if we don’t agree we are bigots and discriminating against people. The media doesn’t help the situation and they portray us believers in such a bad light. They only tell the part of the story that furthers their agenda, and write headlines that make us look dumb.

As Rod Dreher said in his column at The American Conservative, “*This is just another example of the media seizing upon a story that they think will make Christians look either stupid and out of step or in this case downright evil and mean-spirited. Stupid Christians doing stupid Christian things.*”

The times are getting more difficult to be a believer but we need to remember that we stand for God and His ways and words are true. He will give us strength to make it through the difficult times, and they will come; but we need to stand our ground on the Word of God.

Chick-fil-A Responds

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While Mr. Cathy did state in the letter sent to AFA that Chick-fil-A may donate to faith based organizations in the future, he neglects to address the greater concern – the company’s current support of organizations that promote the LGBT agenda. CFA seems to want to maintain its Christian reputation, while seeking to appease their pro-LGBT critics.

As Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel states: “While presenting itself as a Christian organization, the company has been funding organizations that work to destroy them. This is the worst kind of hypocrisy. Chick-fil-A has put foxes in charge of the chicken coop and has now reached a critical crossroad. **To reverse course the company must get new leadership and it must publicly reclaim its original Christian mission. ...** Apparently corporate greed has replaced its Christian mission.”

Titus 1:16 warns - “They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works.” The point of this article is not to throw stones, but to remind, not just Chick-fil-A, but myself and each one of us, of how easily we can dishonor the name of Christ when we fear man more than God. **May the fruit we produce, both in words and in actions, prove that we’re grafted onto the True Vine.**

Call Mr. Cathy at 1-866-232-2040 and/or mail the enclosed postcard, urging him to reclaim the Christian mission CFA was founded upon.

Tech Threats Facing ...

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their time in chambers. If it’s a threat to Senators, it is equally a threat to students. A Wall Street Journal headline reads thus: **“Schools Took Away Students’ Phones. Now They’re Treating Separation Anxiety.”** The report details the measures schools have taken to separate kids from their phones to maintain their attention on the teaching. This includes the seemingly extreme strategy undertaken by one teacher of wearing a transparent fanny pack with the phones inside, because kids grow anxious if they can’t see their devices.

The threats are not only ubiquitous, but multifaceted. You can be well protected from one threat and completely vulnerable to another. Here’s what it comes down to:

Know your kids. Make sure they want the abilities that come with a phone for the right reasons, and if they don’t, don’t get them one. **The threats posed by the internet on an irresponsible kid are worse than unpopularity or being disconnected.**



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