

## Tiger Woods failings speak into lives able to hear



In recent days, Jan and I went to a memorial service of a Grand Haven man just a few days short of his 67th wedding anniversary.

He was a humble man. He and his wife have lived in their current home since 1944. I've been to that home. It was no mansion, merely a humble home where Christ dwelt.

One person after another came to the microphone (most of them in tears) testifying to the goodness of this man of God. A former neighbor boy talked of how David Cleveringa had befriended him and shared Christ with him. He said, *"he led me to Christ at that altar right there."*

Mr. Cleveringa didn't die a wealthy man. There were no headlines in the newspapers trumpeting the great accomplishments of this humble man of God, merely the gathering of a number of people who had been impacted by David and his wife. They worked with youth for some twenty years. David was a positive influence/leader in men's ministry for a number of years. This in spite of the trials and tribulations of life, and like most of us, there were many. Yet he always had a positive word for the Lord and His goodness in his life. There were no trophies here on earth for his excellence but there will be a great reward in Heaven for David Cleveringa.

In contrast we have the sad story of Tiger Woods. And it is sad. I'm not writing to condemn Tiger Woods, but merely to say the following:

Here is another incredibly gifted man who seemingly has it all - a worldwide top athlete, with earnings beyond the comprehensions of many of us, two beautiful young children, a wondrous home, a beautiful wife, and a future that promises more and more.

Yet, it wasn't enough. Am I surprised? No. Not really. There was an even deeper need that wasn't met that couldn't even be satisfied by a beautiful wife, sex, million dollar home, children, world-renown, etc... It isn't his wife's fault - as Tiger has stated in his own words.

Over these years of opposing pornography there are many things that have stood out. One of these is how people from all walks of life can fall - morally and spiritually.

There is a well known book and video that has been out a few years called, "Every Young Man's Battle." That battle, according to the author Stephen Arterburn, is pornography.

I'm not saying that Tiger Woods had a pornography problem, but I'm not saying he didn't either. Clearly he had a lust problem resulting in adultery. More often than not, pornography is a tool used along the way in an attempt to satisfy the craving of the flesh.

I read the following recently as I began my day: *"Matthew Henry admonishes us: 'A foolish head and a filthy heart make persons an easy prey to seducers.' If we would be discerning men and women, we must cultivate a pure heart and a wise mind through the study and application of Scripture. Meditating on things that are not true, good or beautiful makes us unable to recognize those things that are. ..."* [Taken

from Table Talk, Ligonier Ministries, daily reading, December 3]

There is another thing I've learned in order to stand against the filth and corruption of this age. We TRULY need help. We need the help of the Lord.

Some will laugh and crow about the silliness, the old prudish thinking behind this. I must say that's what separates those who will be standing faithful at the end from those who fall into the beds of temptation.

The Bible says from the book of Proverbs: "The fool has said in His heart there is no God."

"For the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

It is wisdom that will give a person a humility of heart that helps lead him into wanting to know the path of life to walk. It is God and God alone that will fill the hole in a person's heart - including the heart of Tiger Woods.

Pray for Tiger Woods that he would seek the Lord - that He would come to know the only One that can fill that hole in his heart. Pray for his wife and family as well. They are needy right now. Their needs, however, won't ultimately be satisfied by more things, more rings, more money, or more sex, but only by the touch of God within - His grace, mercy and salvation of their souls.

If nothing changes within Tiger's heart, Matthew Henry's words will continue to apply: "A foolish head and a filthy heart make persons an easy prey to seducers."

There is a great divide separating those like David Cleveringa who have built their house on the solid rock and those who have built upon sinking sand. May God open our eyes that we may see and open our ears that we may hear, know and live in the shelter of the Rock!



**From the desk of  
Bill Johnson,  
president**

**“... man has become foolishly foolish. ...”**

Francis Schaeffer said it well long ago “man has become foolishly foolish ... .”

Dr. Schaeffer has been dead since 1983. His last book (which I have often quoted), “The Great Evangelical Disaster,” impacts me again as his words resonate today as never before.

*“In turning away from God and the truth which he has given, man has thus become foolishly foolish in regard to what man is and what the universe is. Man is left with a position with which he cannot live, and he is caught in a multitude of intellectual and personal tensions.*

*The Scripture tells us how man came into this situation: Because ‘although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him’; therefore, they became foolish in their reasoning, in their comprehension, in their lives. This passage relates to the original fall, but it does not speak only about the fall. It speaks of any period when men knew the truth and deliberately turned away from it.*

*Many periods of history could be described in this way. From the biblical viewpoint there was a time when then ancestors of the people of India knew the truth and turned away, a time when the ancestors of the people of Africa knew the truth and turned away. This is true of people anywhere who now do not know the truth. But if we are looking across the history of the world to see those times when men knew the truth and turned away, let us say emphatically that there is not an exhibition of this anywhere in history so clearly – and in such a short time – as in our own generation. We who live in North America have seen this verse carried out in our generation with desperate force. Men of our time knew the truth and yet turned away – turned away not only from the biblical truth but also*

*turned away from the many blessings this brought in every area of culture, including the balance of form and freedom we once had. ...”*

How prophetic are these powerful words! God has graciously blessed America. From our very founding fathers and the documents that were so carefully prayed over, debated, and crafted.

President John Adams writing on October 11, 1798 stated in his address to the military:

*“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.”*

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. When a people turn their backs upon God and Truth, Adams stated that the Constitution would be inadequate to hold back an immoral people.

That is what we have been seeing and what Schaeffer was commenting upon in his writings in the 1980s and even earlier.

Seemingly with each generation there has been a decrease in regard for the Constitution. We have had for some time now judges added to the bench who interpret the law as they see fit according to their political view and agenda rather than looking to the Constitution for direction and authority.

Increasingly we read of politicians whose consciences have become so seared that they do what is right in their own eyes. To name only a few:

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford - multiple affairs with a handful of women during 20 years of marriage. Still in office despite a groundswell of opposition to his retaining his position.

Former New York Governor, Eliot Spitzer - according to published reports, investigators believe Spitzer paid up to \$80,000 for prostitutes over a period of several years while he was Attorney General, and later as Governor.



Former President Bill Clinton and his sexual liaison with Monica Lewinsky while in the White House.

Schaeffer provides India and Africa as examples of a couple of countries that once knew the truth and turned away. Neither of those countries present a pretty picture of the condition of life when a culture turns away from God.

Schaeffer continues in his prophetic book:

*Do not take this lightly! It is a horrible thing for a man like myself to look back and see my country and my culture go down the drain in my own lifetime. It is a horrible thing that sixty years ago you could move across this country and almost everyone, even non-Christians, would have known what the gospel was. A horrible thing that fifty to sixty years ago our culture was built on the Christian consensus, and now this is no longer the case. ...*

*There is only one perspective we can have of the post-Christian world of our generation: an understanding that our culture and our country deserves to be under the wrath of God. It will not do to say the United States is God’s country in some special way. It will not do to cover up the difference between the consensus today and the Christian consensus that prevailed sixty years ago. The last few generations have trampled upon the truth of the Bible and all that those truths have brought forth.*

As we start a new year, may we quit playing religious games and truly seek the Lord and His righteousness.

# Victoria's Secret: This was not a show about fashion

by: Lisa Van Houten

Early in 2008 Victoria's Secret CEO Sharen Turney promised a toning down of the eroticism of Victoria's Secret – stating their image had become “too sexy” and the corporation would instead return to a portrayal of “ultra feminine” resulting, one would assume, in a turning away from the explicit pornographic advertising Victoria's Secret had become known for. At the time we were wary yet cautiously hopeful that maybe, just maybe, the company was finally listening to the countless ones who had called, written, signed petitions, boycotted, picketed malls in protest of their unwelcome erotic displays and television commercials foisted upon shoppers and TV viewers.

For years we have encouraged such communications to Victoria's Secret. ADA has often been the one the media has turned to for comments on the over-the-top eroticism of Victoria's Secret, leading to national television interviews such as one interview on CNN in 2007. This CNN interviewer even took our point of view, stating he didn't want his children exposed to the pornographic window displays when taking his kids to the mall. Christmas shopping season 2007 saw a number of protests/pickets nationwide of area malls led by shoppers fed up with the mall displays of Victoria's Secret. These protests, too, drew national media coverage.

Soon after this flurry of negative publicity, and with reports of a significant drop in year-end sales, Victoria's Secret made their big announcement of changing their image to one of being “ultra feminine.” As we thought at the time, the proof is in the pudding. Was this a true change in policy or just a desperate attempt to woo disgruntled shoppers disgusted with their eroticized displays?

In the number of months since VS's new policy, we saw some improvement in the window displays of our area malls. Yet, if the recent so-called “Victoria's Secret Fashion Show” is any indication, the proverbial pudding is still rancid. There is no point in describing in detail the parade of cleavage and skin. Cameras focusing

on close-up shots of barely-covered breasts and bottoms – all while the models strutted seductively down the runways.

This was not a show about “fashion.” This was not even so much geared toward women. This was all about appealing to men – a tool for lust. The camera angles, the erotic poses and postures all with the purpose of eliciting a sexual response – and a flood of Christmas sales of lingerie by men who want their wives to live up to the image on display by Victoria's Secret. This was also blatantly obvious in the VS ads which ran during the commercial breaks - each ad in many ways even more pornographic than the show itself.

One commercial entitled “One Gift – A Thousand Fantasies” showed a montage of overt sexual displays of lingerie-clad women supposedly fulfilling the “thousand fantasies” of men. The moves, the poses all what one might expect to find in a strip club.



This is what Victoria's Secret is teaching young girls and women – they must look, dress, and act like strippers to please men. I said above that the show wasn't geared toward women, and yet it is. This is the underlying message of everything about Victoria's Secret. During this recent show they included a search for the next Victoria's Secret model – disturbingly referred to as “angels”. More than ten thousand young women applied - young women who have bought the lie that their worth is dependent on the objectification of their body.

And as Victoria's Secret flooded the airwaves in recent weeks with pornographic

ads in an attempt to lure Christmas shoppers, they will soon be doing the same in promotion of Valentine's Day. Help us remind Victoria's Secret that there are millions of shoppers who are sick and tired of the bombardment of their erotic advertising.

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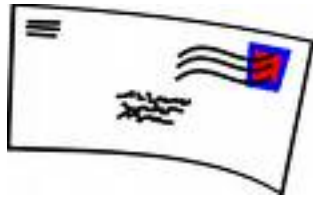
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## Letters from our supporters




I just wanted to say that I think you are making a difference in Victoria Secret...I noticed they of course still had their tv special..but since I have girls in the family for some reason VS sends out their magazine...my daughter looked and discovered that they had 66 pages of beautiful young girls fully clothed before getting into the private under clothing...this was a major shift for them...so perhaps it has to do with your influence...and a lot of prayer... God bless..  
Happy New Year...

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Though I am unable to help you financially, I do appreciate very much what you are trying to do. You are right about our churches not preaching against sin. I attended a large church, of a denomination that used to be one of the bulwarks against sin, for three months and never heard the pastor really preach one time. It was all a social gospel which is no gospel at all but a trick of Satan to blind the eyes and stop the ears of God's people. I have been in the ministry for 53 years and still preach eternity long, Hell hot and sin rampant.

Your brother in Christ,  
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## T-Mobile pulls ad from "American Dad"



*"As one of the country's leading providers of wireless communication services to young people and families, T-Mobile understands it has a powerful opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our customers."*

We emailed an analysis (and an advertiser list) for "American Dad" on December 4 regarding the November 29 show.

<http://www.americandecency.org/archives/2766#more-2766>

It was a particularly nasty and disgusting show. T-Mobile saw it the same way as they made it clear to us in a statement and recent email - commenting they have pulled their ad from "American Dad" starting December 7.

On December 8, our office received an email from a T-Mobile executive stating the following:

T-Mobile Statement:

*"As one of the country's leading providers of wireless communication services to young people and families, T-Mobile understands it has a powerful opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our customers."*

In November, we reviewed our advertising on "American Dad," and decided that we would no longer advertise on the program. The content we witnessed did not speak to the T-Mobile brand or our company values. As such, starting Mon., Dec. 7, T-Mobile ads will no longer be appearing on the show.

Thank you for your concern in this important matter."

In addition, further requests were made from T-Mobile asking that we remove their company name and email addresses from our site.

We have done that from our main website for November 29. And, though T-Mobile did advertise on the December 6 episode of "American Dad" we will remove their name from that episode as well.

We do encourage you to express your appreciation to T-Mobile. You can contact them at:

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# CBS and Boost Mobile equate children's characters with perversion

By Lisa VanHouten



Nothing says Christmas like porn and infidelity. At least that's what two American companies, CBS and Boost Mobile (a Sprint Nextel subsidiary) seem to be telling us.

In December CBS made news with their ad referred to as "Frosty the Inappropriate Snowman" - an ad promoting the upcoming airing of "Frosty the Snowman" on CBS. The network produced lewd advertisements that show the children's cartoon character, "Frosty the Snowman," with dubbed vulgar dialogue from two of CBS' raunchiest shows - *Two and a Half Men* and *How I Met Your Mother*. We monitor both of these shows on a regular basis, determining the corporate sponsors, and have alerted you in the past to the constant flow of crude and explicit themes and dialogue on these sitcoms.

Taking actual dialogue from these sex-saturated shows, the voice-over of the CBS 'pornified' "Frosty," has "Frosty" saying, for example, "We've got to have a bro's night at a strip club" claiming it's "healthy" and "harmless." And, "Frosty" states: "I have been with a lot of women. Blondes. Brunettes. Redheads. Big boobs. Small boobs. Medium boobs. ..." Included in the ads are references to porn and sadomasochism.

As Fox News reported: ... *The [ad], "Frosty the Inappropriate Snowman," takes authentic dialogue from CBS' "How I Met Your Mother" and "Two and a Half Men" and dubs it on top of the cartoon classic, changing well-known "Frosty" scenes to contain suggestions that the snowman and his friends visit a "strip club."*

*The mash-up also discusses Frosty's "porn collection" and contains repeated mentions of prior sexual conquests.*

*The ad is intended to promote the network's upcoming broadcasts of "Frosty the Snowman" and "Frosty Returns."*

*Colleen Raezler, a research assistant for the Culture and Media Institute, a division of the Media Research Center, said the spot is "highly inappropriate," and improperly uses a Christmas special to promote an adult-oriented comedy.*

*"The ad introduces children to the idea of strippers and pornography," Raezler told FoxNews.com. "The people in charge obviously thought this was funny, but the question they should ask themselves is if this is appropriate, not if it's funny..."*

*"It's sexing up Frosty," she said. "It really drives home the idea that nothing is sacred anymore."*

*... Bob Peters, president of Morality in Media, add[ed] that officials at the Federal Trade Commission should be concerned about the promotion.*

*"CBS is doing much the same thing that alcohol and tobacco companies have done in the past -- namely, using imagery in advertising that would naturally attract children in order to market an adult product," Peters said in a statement to FoxNews.com. "Legal matters aside, it should go without saying that CBS TV ought to be ashamed of itself-- using an animated Christmas season setting, complete with young children, to chat about strippers, whores, pornography, sadomasochism, sexual promiscuity, and more."*

Source: [www.foxnews.com](http://www.foxnews.com)

And the second revolting ad which recently aired is a Boost Mobile (Sprint/Nextel) animated advertisement that depicts "Mrs. Claus" cheating on "Santa" by having an affair with a snowman. Mrs. Claus and the snowman are shown canoodling in bed together as the snowman suggestively says, "So dirty" and she calls him "Nasty boy." The Boost Mobile ad has "Mrs. Claus" justifying and trivializing the sin of

adultery, stating: "You think this is wrong? Santa's busy and I have needs. I'll tell you what's wrong - cell phone plans with contracts that cost a fortune. That's why I got Boost Mobile..."

Boost Mobile tells viewers that one's so-called "needs" trump right and wrong. Judges 17:6 says, "...Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Is that not what we are seeing today, as well?

While of course Frosty, Santa, and Mrs. Claus have nothing to do with the true meaning of Christmas, however what is offensive is that CBS and Boost Mobile are using such vulgar advertising mechanisms, making children's characters into symbols of perversion. Think of children doing a search for Frosty and coming up with these ads! It only takes a second for a child's innocence to be lost.

John Tantillo, a marketing and branding expert and president of the Marketing Department of America, stated in reference to the "Frosty" ads: "*These trailers are not only morally bankrupt, they're the stupidest kind of marketing imaginable. The dirty-minded lunatics have definitely taken over the asylum this time. ... only the worst kind of marketing crawls right out of the gutter and into our living rooms and the lives of our kids.*"

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# American Dad - December 13 edition - the mocking of Christ

by Chris Johnson



The Christmas season brings out the best in people. Really? Apparently, it especially touches the creative minds of the writers of offensive animated ads and TV shows. As reported on page 5, we have seen Boost Mobile's commercial featuring a cheating Mrs. Claus, CBS's "Frosty the Inappropriate Snowman" ad, and now an "American Dad" episode doing what they do best - ridicule - with Christmas as the target.

I'm not sure exactly how "American Dad" creator, Seth MacFarlane (who also created the offensive "Family Guy"), comes up with his plot lines for each episode, but it seems to me that the first question he has to ask himself is "which core conservative principle shall I deride this week?" This episode the target was not just Christmas, but Christianity as a whole. Comedy Central has received some (not enough) criticism for the portrayal of Jesus in their cartoon "South Park." MacFarlane's Jesus is just as bad, if not worse.

The episode starts out with the "American dad," Stan, waiting for his wife, Francine, so they can go to church on Christmas morning. He yells for her to hurry up saying "God pays twice as much attention on Sunday, like the media when a white chick goes missing." Francine comes down the stairs in her new dress, asking Stan how it looks. His response, "I can't take you to church in that, I can see your calves!" is a deliberate mockery of Christian concern for modesty.

Before they leave, the alien who lives with them, Roger, (I'm not making this

up) gives his opinion of Christianity saying "it's like Harry Potter, but it causes genocide and bad folk music." Another derisive depiction of Christianity.

When the family arrives at church, the Sanctuary is full of people that Stan calls "phony Christians." When they can't find a seat, Francine pulls Stan into the janitor's closet to give him "his last Christmas present" which is sex in the church during the Christmas service.

You are now entering the twilight zone.

When they come out of the closet, they realize that the rapture has occurred, leaving them behind. They run outside to see thousands of naked people ascending into the sky.



Stan is desperate to be a part of the rapture and goes to a meeting where a supposed Jesus is debriefing those left on earth. He begs "Jesus" to send him up, but Francine leaves him, livid that he would rather go to heaven than stay with her. This Jesus is of course a fake and ends up trying to have sex with Stan, but Francine meets the "real" Jesus who asks her to be his girlfriend while he is on earth. Stan runs home and finds Francine and "Jesus" at their house. "Jesus" is in the pool, but he gets out and walks on the water over to them. He is in a Speedo swimming suit.

The scene skips ahead to the end of the seven year tribulation. Stan is a mercenary who has obviously been living a rough life in the post-rapture world. "Jesus", who of course rides a motorcycle, comes

thundering up to a bar to find Stan and ask for his help. Francine has been captured by the Anti-Christ. As they rescue Francine, Stan dies and goes to Heaven, which brings him back to the opening sequence with Francine coming down the stairs.

I love a happy ending. When I watch "American Dad" however, I am just happy to see it end. I'm not easily offended, but I have seen three episodes of this show and so far it is three for three. Every week it is a new derogatory, anti-Christian theme.

Imagine a show in a parallel universe. Let's call it "Iranian Dad." What would the reaction be to a show that mocked and belittled the holidays and beliefs of the Muslim faith? Why are Christians fair game for these so-called adult "satire" cartoons?

Are you tired, as I am, of having your faith and your Lord mocked and ridiculed? Let the advertisers who sponsored this offense know of your outrage that they have associated their products with themes that insult and ridicule Christianity.

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