

Baseball, Bullets, and Bureaus

By Bill Johnson



There are forces continually at work, both within and without, to destroy America.

We at American Decency are grateful to have the opportunity to speak and write daily in Christ's name at such a time as this. **We are ever watchful and prayerful in our ministry.**

So, as we begin this monthly newsletter, we seek not to be hyperbolic, but rather meditative - humbled by making sense out of what sometimes seems nonsensical.

One of the main things pundits are discussing presently is the increasing incivility exhibited by the political left, not only toward the President of the United States, but toward the political right. It is as if there is intentionality behind it, a "resistance," as they call it.

Psalm 2, which we dedicated a recent weekend conference to - "Why do the Nations Rage and the People Plot in Vain?" - comes to mind once more. God is sovereign. Nothing surprises Him. He raises nations and takes them down and has done so for the entire history of humankind.

Will the Lord allow America to continue the

process of transforming from a constitutional republic to another deadly attempt at a socialist utopia?

The left has made clear that they believe that the Presidential election was stolen from them. There is an abounding anger, an open hostility, strategizing taking place even before President Trump took office to undermine his leadership.

According to the Washington Free Beacon, a strategy meeting took place the weekend after Donald Trump's election to the Presidency headed by George Soros.

From their article, "*Liberal billionaire George Soros is meeting behind closed doors with top Democrats to plot a resistance strategy against President-elect Donald Trump and Republicans...*"

"The group will hold sessions mapping out intervention during upcoming elections at the national and state levels beginning in early 2017, with a goal of shifting 'the terms of debate' and building 'electoral capacity [and] candidate pipelines for 2018 and 2020.' Top Democrats such as Rep. Nancy Pelosi (Calif.), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.), and Rep. Keith Ellison (Minn.) will make appearances at the conference.

The very day after President Trump's inauguration, the massive worldwide women's march occurred orchestrated by leftists and headed in part by Linda Sarsour, a terrorist sympathizer and support of Shariah law.

Much has been made of the fact that former President Obamas was not leaving Washington, DC as have all other recent presidents upon completing their years in office, but rather has purchased a 8.1 million dollar home within a short distance of the White House.

For the better part of American history, presidents have made it a pattern of behavior to graciously depart the city to give their successor ample space as they find their own way as the newly elected Commander in Chief of the United States. Why has President Barack Obama not followed this tradition?

Already on February 2 (less than a month after Trump's inauguration) there was talk regarding the plausibility of impeaching President Trump. The talk was begun by a former Obama official and current professor at Georgetown University, Rosa Brooks. She published an article at Foreign Policy fantasizing about the various ways President Trump could be removed from office.

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She writes that Trump could, however, be declared “unable to discharge the duties of his office” under the 25th Amendment. And if that doesn’t happen, there’s always “a military coup,” an idea that seems to be gaining popularity in Hollywood.

Throughout her article, Ms. Brooks more than suggests that President Trump is insane. [Taken from Gary Bauer’s End of Day, February 2, 2017]

On Friday February 3, a federal judge in Seattle suspended President Trump’s executive order halting refugees from entering the country. Over the weekend, an emergency request by the Trump Administration to reinstate the president’s order was denied.

This is not a problem that President Trump made up or imagined. ISIS has repeatedly told us that it is infiltrating the flow of refugees with terrorists. ...

In defending President Trump’s order, the Justice Department made the obvious argument: “Unlike the president, courts do not have access to classified information about the threat posed by terrorist organizations operating in particular nations, the efforts of those organizations to infiltrate the United States, or gaps in the vetting process.” [Gary Bauer, End of Day, February 6]

As you may recall, the President did appeal the court’s actions and asked for a quick review. As anticipated, the three judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the earlier decision made by the Federal Judge in Seattle on February 9.

The point being that President Trump, while trying to protect the sovereignty of the United States and the health and welfare of the American citizens, is also being thwarted by

lower courts - lower courts which would not and did not similarly thwart then President Barack Obama.

And consider the following:

In recent days, a Shakespearean Play in Central Park, New York City depicted Donald Trump as Julius Caesar being stabbed (assassinated) with dozens of stabs of a dagger.

“Comedian” Kathy Griffin participated in a photo shoot in which she is featured holding the bloody, severed head of President Donald Trump. Of all things she could have done to express her opposition to President Trump she chose a beheading - something that normalizes the violence of the jihadists rampaging across the Middle East and Africa. This is an image that is meant to terrorize.

The real story here is that the “Resistance” - as the left likes to call itself - was erasing the boundaries of acceptable behavior well before the election and it has continued doing so ever since. The left feels justified in terrorizing conservatives.” Gary Bauer, End of Day, May 31, 2017

As complex and chaotic as the examples given above are, another assault upon President Trump that will be hard to summarize in this limited space has to do with the erroneous trumped up allegations that President Trump colluded with Russia to steal the election from Hillary Clinton. As has already been reported ad nauseum elsewhere, despite months of surmisings and investigations from the left, the FBI, special investigators, and the like - they have found nothing.

Many, including yours truly, consider this to be a part of the effort to undermine and to ultimately impeach President Trump as well.

And now most recently, as the Republicans gathered to practice for an annual charity benefit game against Democratic leaders at a nearby ball park, a man approached the park inquiring whether these were Republicans gathered for the practice. And discovering that it was, in fact, Republicans practicing, began firing upwards of 75 rounds of ammunition behind a dugout wall into the Republican congressmen. If not for two Capitol Police officers, who both took bullets and downed the assassin, many

lives would have been taken in the name of partisanship that day.

And yet, in another layer of peculiarity, former FBI Director Robert Mueller (who preceded James Comey and also is a close friend of Comey) was appointed special counsel not to do a criminal investigation, but to do a counter intelligence probe. Why would it be necessary to hire 14 lawyers (with almost all of them being Democrats and former contributors to the Hillary Clinton campaign). According to former Federal Prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy (and a friend), Mueller is seemingly on a “fishing expedition” with unlimited funds to operate. Even the highly regarded McCarthy is shocked at the team that is being gathered - and for what purpose?

Sometimes we Christian activist-types get frustrated by those who seemingly don’t pay attention or become concerned by the overwhelming, discouraging news day after day - day after day - another Allahu akbar attack in Flint, Michigan for example?

Preacher of old, Christian warrior C.H. Spurgeon wrote to people like us for such a time as this:

The fig tree may not blossom, and the flocks may cease from the field, it matters not to the man who can sing, “My Beloved is mine, and I am his.” Our best portion and richest heritage we cannot lose. Whatever troubles come, let us play the man; let us show that we are not such little children as to be cast down by what may happen in this poor fleeting state of time. Our country is Immanuel’s land, our hope is above the sky, and therefore, calm as the summer’s ocean; we will see the wreck of everything earthborn, and yet rejoice in the God of our salvation.

~ C.H. Spurgeon, Evening by Evening

Christian activists we may be, but may we never lose sight of this word: Faith IS the victory that overcomes the world.

Interfaith DIALOGUE?

by Steve Huston



What IS dialogue?

According to Dictionary.com, as a noun, it is **“an exchange of ideas or opinions on a particular issue, especially a political or religious issue, with a view to reaching an amicable agreement or settlement.”** And as a verb: **“to discuss areas of disagreement frankly in order to resolve them.”** (Emphasis mine)

So, one should expect that **real** “Interfaith Dialogue” would be an exchange of ideas—discussed frankly— regarding different faiths, with the end goal being amicable resolution. Right? Not so much when it comes to the interfaith dialogue movement which is an invention of the Muslim Brotherhood for the purposes of **“eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers.”** (from An Explanatory Memorandum—the Muslim Brotherhood’s plan and playbook for destroying America).

Let’s be clear about that last sentence.

When it says *“the hands of the believers,”* it’s referring to the Brotherhood and Islamic Movement participants. When it says *“by their hands,”* it’s talking about “those non-Muslim clerics (ministers, priests, and rabbis) who help facilitate the mission of ‘eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within’.” (from Bridge-Building to Nowhere by Stephen Coughlin) **This movement at its roots is nefarious, even if many who are caught up in it are well-meaning dupes being used as a means to a destructive end.** Again, this movement is meant to build one-way bridges for only non-Muslims to cross.

We’ve warned that there is no real dialogue (in its true sense—see definition above) that takes place; and that the exclusivity of Christ is either denied or placed on the back burner for the sake of unity. Recently, I experienced these things first hand and wish that many of you could have as well.

I attended the **Interfaith**—so called—**“Dialogue”** event put on by the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, which is part of Grand Valley State University. This event was promoted as an Interfaith DIALOGUE surrounding Mustafa Akyol’s latest book, *The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims.* After the author spoke about his book, a Christian pastor and a Jewish teacher were supposed to give their response.

Mr. Akyol was stuck in an airport and unable to attend so a friend of his reported on the book after discussing how Muslims are being attacked here and abroad. I don’t have room here to give all of his talking points, but he did glowingly tell how Muslims, Jews, and Christians would all learn about the Muslim faith, their own faith, and themselves, by reading of *The Islamic Jesus.* This book would describe clearly how the three religions are similarly compatible.

In the midst of the Jewish man’s response someone connected with Mr. Akyol through Facebook Live and the author gave another recap of his book. After that, the pastor was asked to give his response. Due to space, I will limit myself to two points regarding this.

First, the pastor gave a rave review of *The Islamic Jesus*; but did voice that, as Christians, we could not deny the deity of Jesus. He took much time discussing both the concept of the Trinity and the concept of Jesus being fully God and fully man. He admitted that this was our greatest challenge and our greatest strength. He described them as mysteries and stated that it is a good thing that we don’t understand God. He stated that the divinity of Jesus was the central component and the sticky point with Muslims and Jews. That was the point that we can’t bend on.

However, nothing was said about the exclusivity of Christ; not one thing about Jesus being the Way, the Truth, or the Life; not a word about NO ONE comes to the Father BUT BY JESUS! Yes, Jesus is divine; but He is also the ONLY way. Experientially knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ (the Messiah), whom He has sent—THAT is life eternal (John 17:3).

Mr. Akyol had to catch his flight at this point so he could not respond to the pastor. However, the moderator did proclaim that the Trinity is not a concept that is vital to the Christian belief and shared this story: “One of my colleagues once asked me what is essential for Christians to believe. I answered, “Like Christ bore our sins, or something like that.” Directly after giving us his answer he then said, “Now I think I would probably take that back.” Really? How can someone claim to represent the Christian faith in these dialogues and not consider that “Christ bore our sins” as an essential belief? **What makes one a Christian other than that very fact?**

Secondly, it would appear that this pastor may have accepted things at face value from Mr. Akyol’s book instead of searching for the truth of the matter. He spoke of how Islam holds Jesus in such high regard, as though he were the same Jesus of the Bible. He specifically mentioned being amazed that there is an Islamic second coming of Jesus, among other things. Did this Christian pastor look into what the second coming of the Islamic Jesus means? He comes to break the cross, kill the pigs (Jews), and abolish the tax non-Muslims pay for protection (jizyah). These things point to the destruction of Christianity. **Either Mr. Akyol is purposely being deceptive or he just didn’t think to give the whole story.** Either way, this pastor proves the point made by Stephen Coughlin in Bridge-Building to Nowhere, that the Muslim Brotherhood *“bases its expectation of success on a reasoned estimation that its interfaith ‘partners’ either don’t know”* or don’t care enough to find out the whole story or full meaning when dealing with Islamic definitions or stories.

The Divine Dovetail

by Steve Huston



What an amazing time God had for those who attended our recent conference—“Why Do the Nations Rage.” It was God who brought these speakers together and it was His Spirit’s leading that dovetailed their messages for such a time as this. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to learn and be blessed. Order your conference set today. (See enclosed response card.)

“Have you thought about what this world would be like without the cross?” This disturbing thought and call to consideration was brought by Pastor Ron Workman, as he opened the conference with a message entitled “Why do the Nations Rage?” According to Romans chapter one, those “who hold the truth in unrighteousness” are given over to a reprobate (depraved) mind, which produces rebellion; and rebellion produces rejection. As governments, societies, and families rebel against God’s truth, they reject God and the work which was done at the cross.

As the nations reject the truth, they rage. They rage against God, His Son, and all that is holy. But how does God see these raging nations? Isaiah 40 says that all nations are nothing in the hand of God. It’s their pride, and ours that make us “rage.” The only cure to pride is found in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross.

Next, Bill Johnson and Dave Agema sat down for a Q & A addressing how “the people plot in vain.” Bill first asked Dave about the sovereignty of God, man’s activism, and where he falls on the spectrum of those two extremes. Mr. Agema stated that people need to have their feet in both worlds; of course we trust in the sovereignty of God, but we are also called to be active—we mustn’t neglect our duty.

Questions were asked and answered, covering the topics of politics, how the system works, an admonition to throw off apathy, the infiltration of Islam into our society and the school system, and many others. It was a blessing to hear Dave talk about putting his faith in the Lord during the dark and stormy times of his political career.

Saturday morning Mary Beeke brought an amazing discourse on the “Reformation of the Family.” Her outline was: 1. Planting the seed. 2. Nurturing the shoots. 3. Bearing the fruit. 4. Watching on the Wall. 5. Keeping the gate. 6. Pray! This important message impressed upon our minds the seriousness of a God-grown family.

Pastor Terry Slachter was the final speaker of this event. He listed out 4 self-imposed characteristics of this millennial generation, then looked at these same—and rightfully true—characteristics in light of the Lord sitting on his holy hill, bringing them together in an Amos-like “Prepare to meet your God” kind of way (Amos 4:12).

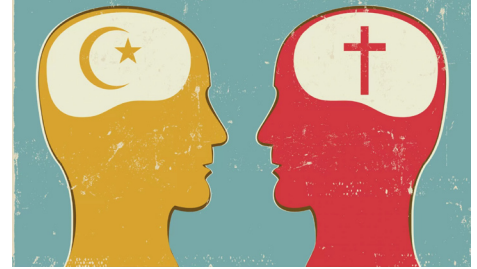
Pastor Slachter urges us to prayerful evangelism, leaving us with three vital challenges. 1. Do not compromise the Gospel. 2. Do not minimize the church kids! 3. Do not concede—intercede.

The Van Houten family singers were two Spirit-led, elderly saints that sang and gave testimony, to the grace of God, throughout the conference.

Closing the conference, Dr. Joel Beeke humbly, yet powerfully, spoke to us from Psalm chapter 2. God burdened his heart with a tremendous message of repentance. He laid bare our national sins, their ugliness before a Holy God, and called us to repentance. In short, we were exhorted to “Kiss the Son”—humble ourselves before Him and obey His command to repent and believe. One person has said, **“This is the best sermon on repentance that I have ever heard.”**

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Imagine going to one of these events expecting to actually have some dialogue only to have it shut down once someone actually started to **really dialogue**—speaking frankly about differing ideas regarding these faiths. That’s exactly what happened. The gentleman sitting in front of me raised his hand and started to make a few comments. **As soon as he quoted from the Qur’an, made exclusivity statements about the Muslim faith, and said “Islam denies the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus,” the moderator shut down the dialogue.** Although the event was scheduled to go until 9 PM and it was only 8:33 PM, he said that they were going to wrap things up.

Research and real dialogue is vitally important if we are to better understand and live alongside one another despite our differences; but don’t expect to find real dialogue at a Kaufman Interfaith Institute interfaith dialogue event.

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What This Country is About

by Lisa Van Houten



“This nominee is really not someone who this country is supposed to be about” angrily declared a U.S. Senator during the recent confirmation hearing for Russell Vought, President Trump’s nominee for the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

What could be so “un-American” about Mr. Vought that would raise such ire, making him unfit for public service in the eyes of this senator? Was Vought espousing socialist ideologies? Undermining our bedrock, First Amendment freedoms? Subverting the U.S. Constitution?

No. Yet, one could easily argue that such un-American actions have been committed by Senator Bernie Sanders – the one who claimed Vought “is really not someone this country is supposed to be about.”

So what - in Bernie Sanders’ liberal mind - makes Russell Vought so “un-American?” Vought, an evangelical Christian, had the audacity to expressed orthodox Christian teaching regarding salvation in an article he wrote in 2016.

To give you a little background, Russell Vought, a graduate of Wheaton College, wrote in defense of his alma mater after Wheaton was excoriated by the Left for firing a professor who claimed that Christians and Muslims worship the same God – clearing violating both Wheaton’s statement of faith and Biblical doctrine. In response to this professor’s false teaching, Vought posted a blog on a Christian website in which he wrote in part that Muslims ***“do not know God because they have rejected Jesus Christ his Son, and they stand condemned.”***

That’s Christianity 101. It’s Christ Himself who stated: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” That belief is held by every true Christian – salvation is in Christ alone. And because of that central fact, Jesus also gave us the Great Commission – to go and make disciples so that others, including Muslims, can know the true God and find salvation instead of the condemnation each of us deserves apart from Christ.

Yet such a concept enraged the irreligious Bernie Sanders. Sanders didn’t ask Vought about his fiscal viewpoints or professional qualifications needed to serve in the Office of Management and Budget. Instead, Sanders berated Vought, interrupted him as he tried to answer, and angrily peppered him with questions such as: *“I don’t know how many Muslims there are in America ... Are you suggesting that all of those people stand condemned?”* And missing the point that it is God who sits in judgment, Sanders went on to interrogate Vought on his Christian beliefs, asking; *“...In your judgment, do you think that people who are not Christians are going to be condemned?”*

In spite of the fact that Vought stated to Senator Sanders: ***“As a Christian, I believe that all individuals are made in the image of God and are worthy of dignity and respect regardless of their religious beliefs. I believe that as a Christian that’s how I should treat all individuals”*** - Sanders described Vought’s Christian beliefs as “indefensible,” “hateful,” and “Islamophobic.” He ended his tirade declaring his intention of voting “no” on Vought’s nomination because, as Sanders stated: *“This nominee is really not someone who this country is supposed to be about.”*

Yet Mr. Vought is exactly what this country is supposed to be about. In 1778 George Washington issued this call to his troops at Valley Forge:

“While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian.

It’s almost unbelievable in a nation where religious liberty is the very first freedom guaranteed in the Constitution, that a U.S. Senator would make the outrageous claim that one’s Christian beliefs disqualify him for a governmental position. Not only does it fly in the face of liberty, it’s also illegal. [Article VI of the United States Constitution states there can be no religious test for public office.](#)

For Bernie Sanders and many on the Left, such religious discrimination only applies to Christians. Two years ago this is what Sanders stated when the question of Muslims serving in public office was raised: ***“What we should be doing as a people is judge our candidates based on their views, their abilities, not the color of their skin, not on their religion. That is what America is supposed to be about.”***

The Left continues its concerted efforts to scrub Christian influence from public life. In what appears to be a coordinated one-two punch, an hour before Sanders skewered Vought, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) issued this bizarre statement: “Religious freedom is such a fundamental liberty that the framers of our Constitution enshrined it in the First Amendment. That’s why it’s so disturbing that Trump continues to pack his administration with appointees like Russell Vought, whose views threaten that very freedom.”

How does Russell Vought, exercising his religious freedom, threaten religious freedom? To progressives such as Bernie Sanders, Biblical Christianity is considered bigotry – not only in regards to our views on sexuality, but now also in regards to salvation. This is not an isolated attack, but the advancement of an agenda to silence Christians.

Yet, we shouldn’t be surprised. Our Lord warned us in Matthew 10:18 “you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.”

As that happens, will we have the courage to stand for Christ?

What “Tolerance” Means

by Lisa Van Houten



“You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.”

You may recognize that as one of the many classic lines from the movie, *The Princess Bride*. It’s an apt quote to describe the new lexicon of the Progressive Left. When it comes to tolerance, for example, their definition doesn’t “mean what you think it means.” Tolerance doesn’t mean accepting the fact that everyone is entitled to their own opinion; rather Progressives demand that everyone affirms their opinion. And if you don’t, you’re labeled a bigot.

The Left demands we call Bruce Jenner, Caitlyn. That we allow boys who “identify” as girls to shower in girls locker rooms and compete on girls sports teams. They impose not only a legal change to the definition of marriage, but demand that people of faith condone the union of same-sex couples – or face the coercive power of the government to force compliance.

That’s exactly what recently happened to Steve and Bridget Tennes, owners of Country Mill Farms in the small town of Charlotte, Michigan – 22 miles away from East Lansing. The Tennes family grows organic fruit and vegetables which they’ve sold at the East Lansing Farmer’s Market each summer since 2010. But you won’t find them at the East Lansing Farmer’s Market this year, thanks to the “tolerance police.”

You see, Steve and Bridget Tennes, haven’t accepted the Left’s definition of marriage. As Christians, they believe marriage is ordained by God as the union of a man and a woman. When Steve Tennes posted on Facebook about their biblical views, East

Lansing officials got wind of it and made it clear Tennes wasn’t welcome at the Farmer’s Market.

Yet Tennes wasn’t violating any state or local law. The Tennes family didn’t even live in East Lansing – their farm is 22 miles away.

And when selling their produce in East Lansing, they complied with the city’s “Human Relations Ordinance,” happily selling to anyone who wished to buy their fruits and vegetables no matter their race, religion, or sexual orientation. So that left the East Lansing officials with a conundrum – how to get rid of this “bigot” who holds a personal belief that marriage is defined as the union of a man and a woman.

So earlier this year, the City of East Lansing quickly passed a new ordinance requiring that vendors not only refrain from what the city deems as “discrimination” while selling wares within the East Lansing city limits, but also must comply with the city’s vague “anti-discrimination” policy as a “**general business practice**”. In other words, East Lansing is dictating the business practices of a farm 22 miles away - along with muzzling the farmer’s freedom of speech.

“We were surprised and we were shocked,” stated Steve Tennes. “My wife and I both volunteered to serve in the military to protect freedom - now we come home and the freedom that we worked to protect – we have to defend in our own backyard.”

East Lansing officials sent Steve and Bridget Tennes a letter stating they were in violation of this new policy – attaching a copy of their Facebook post as “evidence”- and prohibited from selling produce at the farmer’s market.

As Tennes so aptly stated: “Whether you are a Jew, Muslim or Christian – people of faith should not be eradicated from the marketplace simply because they don’t share the same thoughts and ideas that the

government is choosing to promote.”

No one should be forced to abandon their beliefs as requirement of doing business. Thankfully, attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom are coming to the Tennes’ defense.

The Tennes family’s stance for Biblical truth should encourage each of us to do likewise. And if that doesn’t, perhaps these timeless words from 19th century theologian, J.C. Ryle will.

To serve Christ in name and form is easy work, and satisfies most people, but to follow Him in faith and life demands more trouble than the generality of men will take about their souls. Laughter, ridicule, opposition, persecution, are often the only reward which Christ’s followers get from the world. Their religion is one, “whose praise is not of men, but of God.” (Rom. 2:29.) Yet to him who follows, let us never forget, the Lord Jesus holds out abundant encouragement--“Where I am,” He declares, “there also shall my servant be; if any man serves Me, him will my Father honor.” Let us lay to heart these comfortable promises, and go forward in the narrow way without fear. The world may cast out our name as evil, and turn us out of its society; but when we dwell with Christ in glory, we shall have a home from which we can never be ejected. The world may pour contempt on our religion, and laugh us and our Christianity to scorn; but when the Father honors us at the last day, before the assembly of angels and men, we shall find that His praise makes amends for all.

Express your concern to East Lansing officials for their egregious treatment of the Tennes family and violation of their Constitutionally-guaranteed rights.

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Incompatible Shariah

by Steve Huston

There are people, ideologies, and systems of government that get along like oil and water—they just aren't compatible; they don't mix. Like parents and a child both vying for control of a home, someone is going to lose; and throughout the struggle, much damage is done to the tranquility and relationships within that home. Those looking on from the outside often shake their head with astonishment that such disobedience is allowed.

In America, the Constitution IS the law of the land and those newcomers to the "home" should assimilate to the house rules; or like a teenager who doesn't want to abide by them, move out. That may sound heartless to some, but lawlessness, attempted usurpation, and spoiled tantrums only prove to make other countries look at us, shake their heads, and wonder why a nation, which has had the longest successful ruling law in history, would vie with invading foreign law rather than send it packing.

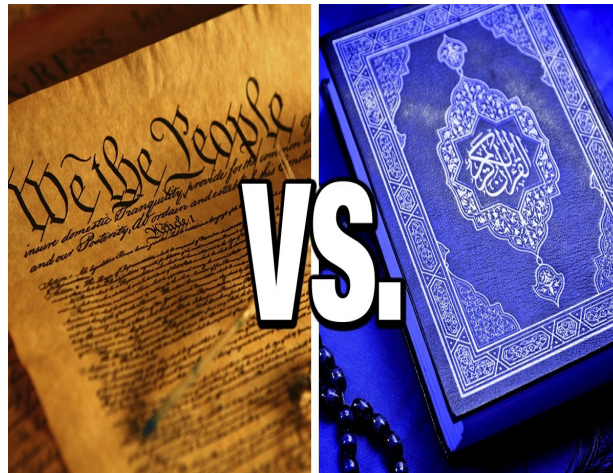
Alarmingly, it's not just Muslims who are pushing for Shariah compliance/acceptance; some in our government, courts, and even a portion of our society ignorantly see no problem with implementing and embracing this foreign, totalitarian law. They say that Shariah is congruent with our Constitution but it clearly is not. It doesn't even make sense to have two different laws governing one land; it's particularly impossible when both claim that the other must submit to its authority (Constitution—Article VI). As God states in His Word, there shall be one law for the native and for the sojourner who lives among you; that's good advice for any home or nation.

The Constitution of the United States of America and Shariah law are fundamentally and foundationally different. Shariah law is taken from the Qur'an as well as the Hadith, the Constitution is based loosely on Biblical principles and doctrine, and these two are incompatible. The Constitution ensures our freedom while Shariah dictates every area of one's life. Shariah law is not only incompatible with the Constitution but

with freedom, individual rights, and human life itself.

Let's take the First Amendment for example: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The Constitution guarantees the right to freedom of religion; Shariah "guarantees" death to those who reject Islam and the apostate from Islam. Under Shariah there is no recognized religion except Islam. In Shariah states, Shariah law enforces a *dhimmi* status—a second class citizen—on non-Muslims. They pay a tax to live but aren't



allowed to practice their religion publically. If these *dhimmi* laws are broken penalties include death, slavery, or ransom.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of speech; Shariah states that any speech which is defamatory of Islam or Muhammad is "blasphemy" and punishable by death or imprisonment. The UN has been attempting to implement this law globally and Hillary Clinton was a proponent for it as well. Asia Bibi is in a Pakistan prison under a death sentence just for "blasphemy."

The Constitution guarantees freedom of the press; under Shariah, think of Charlie Hebdo and this Imam's response: "*When someone curses or mocks the Prophet Muhammad – what should be his punishment? Cursing or mocking the Prophet is an act of*

apostasy, as all scholars concur, whether it is done seriously or in jest. Anyone who does this, Muslim or infidel, must be killed, even if he repents."

Under the Constitution, the right to dissent is guaranteed; under Shariah, non-Muslims are not to harbor any hostility toward the Islamic state or give comfort to those who disagree with the Islamic government.

The Second Amendment as another example: "...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Under *dhimmi* laws, non-Muslims aren't allowed to possess swords, firearms, or weapons of any kind.

These are not the only differences between our Constitution and Shariah law. This foreign law sentences women to being lashed, jailed, or even stoned for—can you believe this—being raped. Where the U.S. Courts fine, demand community service, and incarcerate those who steal, Shariah demands severed limbs and amputated body parts for these criminals. Under American law a woman can refuse her husband conjugal relations without fear of punishment. Under Shariah, this same woman can be beaten and raped without recourse.

Neither you nor I could enter a foreign country, demand to be treated by American laws, and find their officials or courts to be compliant with our demands. This is especially true if we were in an Islamic country; even ignorance of the law would be no excuse. Why then would we put our nation, our freedoms, and our citizenry at risk by implementing another system of law? Shariah is a law which not only is incompatible with the "law of the land," but also is a law which would eventually takeover and replace the Constitution which ensures to protect our freedoms.

Go to this link—www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNjae521qa8—and watch this video. It depicts the change within the nations of Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Libya as they moved from a basic democracy to living under the heavy hand of Shariah.

Will There Be Justice for These Pro-Life Advocates?

by Chris Johnson



You may remember the summer of 2015 when Republican lawmakers pretended to make a priority of defunding Planned Parenthood. Investigations were initiated, shutdowns were threatened, several states ceased their funding for Planned Parenthood, and it was discussed in the presidential primary debates all in reaction to a series of undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP). The videos capture Planned Parenthood executives and biomedical research executives discussing the buying and selling of aborted baby body parts for “medical research.”

Lawmakers may have moved past their outrage over the crimes against humanity detailed in those videos, but the man responsible for bringing these atrocities to light is still dealing with the fallout. David Daleiden, founder and president of CMP, and his associate Sandra Merritt were indicted in Texas in 2016 for making fake driver’s licenses and for offering (for their investigation) to buy fetal tissue. Those charges were dismissed later that year.

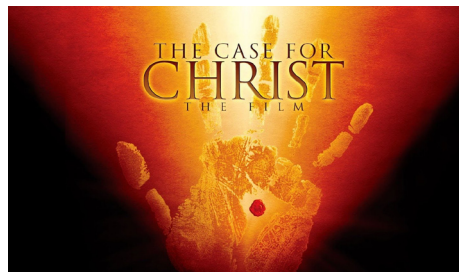
Then, in March 2017, California Attorney General (and longtime abortion advocate) Xavier Becerra filed 15 felony charges against the pair, counts 1-14 being for each individual interview shown in the released videos which the charges describe as “private,” and count 15 being for conspiracy to invade privacy.

Happily, for now at least, counts 1-14 have been dismissed, on the grounds of lack of evidence. The attorney general has until July 17 to refile the charges with more evidence.

Let us pray for justice for Daleiden and Merritt as the charges are dealt with, and even more for the little lives they’re trying to protect.

Join us for The Case for Christ

by Steve Huston



The Case For Christ is a gripping movie based on Lee Strobel’s award-winning, bestselling book which describes his journey to faith. We at **American Decency Association** will be showing this film **Friday, July 14, 2017**, at its headquarters (203 E Main St, Fremont, MI 49412). We will have two showings; a matinee at **1 PM** and in the evening at **7 PM**.

From the *Case for Christ* website:

A hard-driving journalist, Lee Strobel was exactly where he expected to be at work: on top. His award-winning investigative reporting recently earned him a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. But things weren’t going nearly as well at home where his wife Leslie’s newfound faith in Christ went against everything Lee believed—or didn’t believe—as an avowed atheist.

Utilizing his journalistic and legal training, Lee begins a quest to debunk the claims of Christianity in order to save his crumbling marriage. Chasing down the biggest story of his career, Lee comes face-to-face with unexpected results that could change everything he knows to be true.

Join us at American Decency on July 14 (at 1 or 7 PM), for an entertaining, yet serious time. Witness one man’s experience—as he finds and follows—the true historical Christ, who lives and acts during contemporary times.

Refreshments will follow the film showings; come fellowship with us!

Blessed or Bankrupt?

by Lisa Van Houten



Here in the U.S. most children have immense advantages - and any need that some American children lack, government and community programs are ready to meet.

But what our nation’s children don’t have is a government that cares about their moral development. In this regard, the African nation of Kenya far surpasses the United States.

As the Christian Post reports: *Kenya’s government has banned six animated shows airing on Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network to battle what it described as attempts to “glorify homosexual behavior” and “impair” the moral judgment of children.*

... The Kenya Film Classification Board has singled out Nickelodeon’s shows “The Loud House,” “The Legend of Korra” and “Hey Arnold,” along with the Cartoon Network shows “Steven Universe,” “Adventure Time,” and “Clarence,” accusing them of “damaging” the family. According to the KFCB complaint, the shows in question have been trying to “normalize, glamorize, and even glorify homosexual behavior.”

The Kenyan censors have said that the six cartoons “are intended to introduce children to deviant behavior,” calling such efforts “obnoxious and inappropriate.” KFCB further added that such material “targets children and seeks to impair their moral judgment on the institution of family.”

Many would consider Kenya a Third World country compared to the “sophisticated” United States. Yet when it comes to valuing our children and opposing the immoral influences that seek to degrade their hearts and minds, which is the most advanced? We are a nation that is materially blessed, but morally bankrupt.