

Do You CAIR About Your Future?



By Steve Huston

Do you care what CAIR has to say? You should! This arm of the Muslim Brotherhood tells you exactly what their plans are for you and your nation, for your children and those who will come after you. Dawud Walid is an Islamic imam and executive director of CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations)-Michigan. Read his own words:

“I really think it speaks to the greater fear that a lot of Americans have that there are changing demographics in America and within the next few decades America is going to become a majority-minority nation, meaning there will be more people of color in America than white Americans, and I think this really scares the mess out of people, so they say we shouldn’t speak Arabic or need to change our dress. I think it all comes from a Euro-centric, white-privilege mentality and I do not accept this at all.”

Notice how he makes the issues to be about language or dress when those are not the issues at all. The issue is whether people of any nation are willing to come to America and live by the Constitution of the United States of America or not. After all, that is our governing document and the law of the land. It’s about being an American, period, as opposed to the “hyphenated American.” Those who are not enemies who have come here, come here for the purpose of becom-

ing an American, not an African-American, German-American, Muslim-American, and the list goes on. As Americans, we are to be united and strive for the same purpose, the liberty and respect for all law-abiding citizens; therefore, all of us must assimilate to the law which governs this great country.

In the past we have seen presidents who recognized the danger of the “hyphenated American” and spoke strongly against it and the division it creates. President Teddy Roosevelt gave his “Unhyphenated America” Speech and President Woodrow Wilson regarded “hyphenated Americans” with suspicion, saying, ***“Any man who carries a hyphen about with him carries a dagger that he is ready to plunge into the vitals of this Republic whenever he gets ready.”***

We see that the Muslim Brotherhood would rather attack America, her laws, the welfare of her citizenship, and her values than add to the richness of our future and the increase of our greatness. Listen to CAIR’s Michigan executive director as reported by Leo Hohmann: ***“Instead of assimilating, Walid said Arabs and other New Americans should try to ‘change’ America into their idea of the perfect society.”*** Assimilating isn’t about giving up one’s unique cultural past; rather, it’s allowing those cultural differences to add to the American experience within the boundaries of the set national law.

In America, that is our Constitution.

It would be extremely unfair to assume that all Muslims have come here to undermine the American way of life. That is not our intent; nor do we desire anyone to hate Muslims. On the other hand, it would be extremely foolish to be willfully blind to the dangers that Shariah-adherent Muslims pose to America. Shariah Law and our Constitutional Law are in opposition to each other; they are not compatible.

When looking at candidates who are running for political office, we don’t ask people to vote according to color, gender, or even religious creed; vote for those who are most likely to run things according to the law of our land that has served us so well for over 230 years. There are candidates with Muslim Brotherhood ties; there are candidates that desire to uphold the lawlessness of sanctuary cities and states; there are candidates that desire to continue the oppressiveness of entitlements and unchecked welfare. These things neither make a great country nor a great state. Are you awake and discerning? Are you paying attention to where we are now and what has caused us to end up here? Look to the candidates and see where the road they want to take us down will end, not just personally but collectively as well. Do you honestly care what is happening?



From the desk of Bill Johnson

To God be the Glory! Your support has been experienced on many levels through prayer, financial sacrifice, encouragement, and showing up at our events.

Our event in Fremont on Friday, June 15 was the most electric we have ever hosted. You made that all possible. Our auditorium and overflow room were filled to near capacity. The words of appreciation and caring filled our hearts. The speakers, as we say, “delivered the goods.”

At this writing, we’ve brought Phil Haney to speak **23 times over 17 days**, including meeting with a sheriff to inform and encourage him in his law enforcement role.

Phil also shared the podium at our office building on June 15 with the president of the Center for Security Policy, Frank Gaffney, and two women who were raised under Shariah law, Anni Cyrus and Farrah Prudence. The event was carried on to Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church the following day. The powerful messaging was aired via a “Zoom” webinar to people throughout the country.

The Bloomfield Hills Baptist conference was taped and is available in DVD. [Please see enclosed response card.]

So many of you have sensed the need to stand, to share the Gospel, to discuss the nature of the spiritual warfare that is upon us with those who seem to be oblivious to the agenda of the Shariah supremacists, the Muslim Brotherhood, CAIR, ISNA, Abdul El Sayed, Linda Sarsour, George Soros, Keith Ellison and so many others both within and without our federal and state governments. As Phil Haney, author of “See Something Say Nothing” and one of the founding members of the Department of Homeland Security, continues speaking throughout Michigan in

July, it appears we will also be assisted by another culture warrior, Farrah Prudence.

Read Farrah’s recent words after spending a few days in Michigan speaking at our Fremont and Bloomfield Hills events.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to help fight for Michigan and our country.

...I also want to let you know that my husband and I have discussed it, we know that God will provide for our ministry somehow. As long as you are willing to cover costs, I am happy to come back up to Michigan at anytime to help the cause with no speaking fee. As my husband put it; “there is just too much at stake.”

It is this kind of commitment, this kind of caring and sacrifice that we are experiencing here in these days of increasing societal concern.

More and more, people are bewildered and troubled by the wanton, godless, anti-constitutional, lawless direction of our society. It would be epitomized by comments like the following from a gubernatorial candidate in Michigan, Abdul El Sayed, when he made the following statement(s) during a recent democratic gubernatorial debate:

“We will not cooperate with ICE, not with our police, not with our penitentiaries,” said Dr. Abdul El-Sayed. He stated that he embraced the “sanctuary city” concept and would expand it to the entire state.

The Michigan primary vote for governor and a number of other state and local government positions is Tuesday, August 7. **Whatever your state, please be faithful to your citizen-calling and vote!**

Our front page article: “Do you CAIR about your future?” is an apt article and title for such a time as this.

The solid giving in recent weeks has given needed affirmation, encouragement, and impetus to our day-by-day, grinding, joy-filled labors. It empowers us to look forward to welcoming Farrah here for the month of July and to be able to support her as she ministers to us and to others (like perhaps you and your friends, etc.)

As Farrah informs others of the second-class status of women, plus the horrendous oppression and abuse that all females of any age are made to suffer under Shariah law, it’s easy to notice just how important her message is for such a time as this.

Some have stated that they would still like to have Phil speak to their group. Many attendees from this last conference said that they would have liked to hear more from Farrah than time had allowed, and many others still had questions that they’d like answered.

GOOD NEWS! Both Phil and Farrah will be available throughout the month of July for speaking engagements of any size. Church gatherings, Tea Parties, community groups, other types of events, small or large, these two faithfully tell the truth, exposing the lies regarding Shariah, and educating on the importance of holding fast to our Constitution, which when followed, guarantees freedom and liberty for all.

With both Shariah compliant and “politics as usual” candidates running for office, who seemingly don’t care about the dangers of Shariah law being implemented in our state, it’s imperative to get both young and old involved in learning about the potential dangers facing, not only the state of Michigan, but the United States as a whole.

We will also be hosting an amazing event with both Phil and Farrah on Friday, July 20 at 7 PM. It will be held at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids (1800 East Beltline SE)

Just a word of caution: People who had not registered, or who waited too long to register, were turned away at our last event because there was no room. **Don’t be left out, REGISTER!**

To schedule Phil and/or Farrah for your event or small get together, call Kimberly at 231-924-4050

To register for our July 20 event in Grand Rapids, either call Kimberly at 231-924-4050 or email her at kimberly@americandecency.org.

Who Is the Internet Pointing At?

by Chris Johnson



Lately, more and more Silicon Valley insiders – former tech developers and executives – have been speaking out about the dark and destructive side of the internet.

In this article I want to analyze a collection of quotes compiled by NYMag.com from industry insiders who are concerned with what the internet has become. The article is entitled “An Apology for the Internet - from the People Who Built It.”

Let me give you the take away right here: if you’re using a social network, there’s a good chance you’re being purposely manipulated and pressured to think and act in certain ways. Silicon Valley knows exactly what they are doing, and because of the permissions we give them when we install their products they know exactly what WE are doing, and they feel morally obligated to bring their users into compliance with the way they think.

Sound farfetched? Let’s see what former Facebook employee Sandy Parakilis thinks.

“Facebook is a fundamentally addictive product that is designed to capture as much of your attention as possible without any regard for the consequences... all of those consequences ladder up to the business model of getting people to use the product as much as possible through addictive, intentional-design tactics, and then monetizing their users’ attention through advertising.”

Former Atari and Microsoft employee and virtual reality pioneer, Jaron Lanier stated it even more bluntly, *“What started out as advertising morphed into continuous behavior modification on a mass basis, with everyone under surveillance by their*

devices and receiving calculated stimulus to modify them.”

Here’s a quote from former Google product designer, Tristan Harris, *“People don’t see the way that their minds are being manipulated by addiction. Facebook has become the largest civilization-scale mind-control machine that the world has ever seen.”*

And how does this “mind-control machine” work?

According to venture capitalist Roger McNamee, *“They’re basically trying to trigger fear and anger to get the outrage cycle going, because outrage is what makes you be more deeply engaged... Therefore, you’re going to be exposed to more ads, and that makes you more valuable.”*

Of course, that’s not to say that there are not legitimate things for us to be outraged by what’s happening in the world. It’s the way that Twitter and Facebook manipulate their users’ outrage for their own profit is one of those things to be outraged about!

Up until recently, at least there has been equal treatment of opinions on social sites, so whether you were liberal or conservative you were exposed to content which matched your worldview.

Ellen Pao, the former CEO of reddit.com recalled how in her time at the site, *“Building engagement was important, and they didn’t care about the nature of engagement...”*

But that all changed with the election of President Donald Trump.

As we know, the denizens of Silicon Valley are, by-and-large, very liberal. They are in their own little bubble, even as their technology creates info-bubbles around each of their users. As liberals, surrounded by other liberals, they can’t believe that Americans in their right mind would cast a vote for a man with such outlandish views (to them) as Donald J. Trump.

And, knowing what they do about the power

and persuasiveness of their technology, they feel personally guilty for creating and facilitating the platform that, in their view, got him elected by creating an atmosphere where his popularity could be amplified.

To quote Harris, *“A lot of people feel enormously regretful about how this has turned out. I mean, who wants to be part of the system that is sending the world in really dangerous directions? ...That kind of conscience is weighing on everybody.”*

And here we come to the scary implications: if the liberal tech industry feels obligated to smother the opinions which made Trump popular, what does that mean for conservative users of their services?

Ellen Pao notes how the social networks, or really the internet as a whole, was *“designed and oriented around free speech.”* But she doesn’t mean that as a good thing, as she explains in her interview with NYMag: *“... now we see that ‘free speech’ is a misnomer, because now that things have changed, the free-speech argument is more, just, ‘protect my speech...’ And it also gives us this ability to do nothing on our platforms to limit speech because we don’t have to create any type of moderation, we don’t have to create any type of protection, we don’t need to staff up or build technology around eliminating speech.”*

Whose speech would she like to eliminate? Hate Speech? Well, here’s a follow up question: **who decides what hate speech is?**

The Family Research Council recently gave an answer to that question in an article entitled: Social Media Giants ‘Friend’ Extremist SPLC.’ The gist of it is that the liberal Southern Poverty Law Center, which recently made news for settling a lawsuit with a man who rightly accused them of slander for including him in a list of “anti-Muslim extremists,” is a source for what Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Twitter classify as hate speech. The SPLC is deciding what is “mainstream” and it has already tried to oust such “haters”

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Holy Living Isn't a Piece of Cake

by Steve Huston



Living in a day where one wonders if they are living under the Constitution of the United States of America or the “Court-stitution” of the USA, it was good to hear the 7-2 decision handed down by the Supreme Court in favor of Colorado Christian baker, Jack Phillips.

When Mr. Phillips refused for religious reasons to make a wedding cake for a gay couple, he had no idea that he would find himself in the oven of adversity. Yet, Christians are called not only to the privilege of believing on Jesus but also to suffer for His sake (Phil. 1:29).

Reuters reports: *“The ruling concluded that the (Colorado Civil Rights) Commission violated Phillips’ religious rights under the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment.*

“But the justices did not issue a definitive ruling on the circumstances under which people can seek exemptions from anti-discrimination laws based on their religious views. The decision also did not address important claims raised in the case including whether baking a cake is a kind of expressive act protected by the Constitution’s free speech guarantee.”

Seeing as the SCOTUS didn’t rule on the underlying issues surrounding this case, American Christians won’t be sure what side of the gavel they will end up on. But if Christians will be faithful and true to the end, regardless of the persecution they may face, they will end up on the side of righteousness, pleasing God rather than men.

Thinking about persecution (both here at home and abroad), I want to encourage our readers with this quote from C.H. Spurgeon.

“There was never a subject of Christ’s

kingdom that complained of him. Those who have served him most have longed to serve him more. Why, even his poor martyrs in the catacombs of Rome, dying of starvation, or dragged up to the Colosseum to be devoured by wild beasts, never said an ill word of him. Certainly if it was hard to any, it was hard to them; but the more they were troubled the more they rejoiced; and there never were sweeter songs than those which came from dying lips ... Just in proportion as the bodily pains become acute, the spiritual joy became intense; and while the outward man decayed, the inner man leaped up into newness of life, anticipating the joys of the first-born before the throne. He is a good Master.”

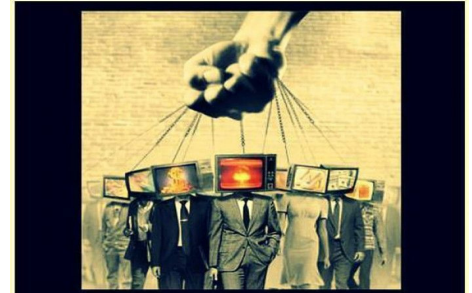
Our hope is not in the courts at any level; it’s not in our lawmakers, law-enforcers, or any human authority. Our hope is only found in the Lord; so let us boldly walk in obedience, sharing the truth with others in love. Let us strive to understand the Spirit’s call to repentance that we might be more complete bearers of His image. Let us gratefully submit to His leading in all areas of our life.

Our problem with repentance is that it often appears distasteful because so many of us only see the bitterness of the unripe fruit of repentance. Instead, let us focus upon the sweet taste of mature and ripe repentance. It’s not solely the giving up - it’s the gain. It’s much more than the turning from; it’s the Who we are turning to. No true repentance is had with one’s neck swiveled back and heart longing for the mire.

No one looks forward to persecution; but are we ready for it should the courts not rule in our favor? Unrighteous acts are distasteful to those who love the Lord; but do we have a taste and longing for the salvation of sinners that we will share the truth with them in love, respecting them as being created in the image of God? Do we love God with all that we are and all men as we love ourselves? Can we deny ourselves and submit to God to this extent? Jesus called these the two greatest commands. This is holiness worked out in our lives. This is what Christ likeness looks like.

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The people will believe what the media tells them they believe.

George Orwell

as conservative talk show host, Dennis Prager.

In a day where the internet is the primary tool for communicating and debating opinions and facts, **one side is increasingly being silenced.** This will result in a culture whose idea of acceptable behavior is defined by the extreme left which runs the industry.

“An Apology from the Internet” closes with a push for government regulation on these social sites which would necessitate that they block “extreme” opinions. So, keep your eyes open for that, and when you see it, fight it, because **THEY THINK YOU ARE EXTREME.** The “largest mind-control machine” that the world has ever seen has, up to now, not been aimed at anyone in particular. Soon, it will be pointed right at you and me.

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Revoicing What God Hath Said

by Lisa Van Houten



It started in the Garden. “Did God actually say...?” Eve’s response to the Serpent was to change God’s Word. Whereas God had told Adam and Eve not to eat of the fruit, Eve told the serpent that God has told them they would die even if they touched it. (Genesis 3:3) Ever since, those within the Church have been twisting God’s Word, attempting to make it say something it doesn’t or ignoring what it does say.

One of the latest examples is an upcoming conference called Revoice, to be held in St. Louis in July. The stated purpose of Revoice is: *“Supporting, encouraging, and empowering gay, lesbian, same-sex attracted, and other LGBT Christians so they can experience the life-giving character of the historic Christian tradition.”* The Revoice website adds: “Gather together with other gender and sexual minorities and those who love them and experience a new kind of gospel community.”

Basically, Revoice will promote the idea that a person can embrace both a homosexual identity and a Christian identity.

Keynote speakers at Revoice will include Eve Tushnet, a lesbian Catholic author, and Nate Collins, who describes himself as a same-sex attracted/gay married man. There are many former homosexuals, now Christians, who left the gay lifestyle and identity behind to follow Christ. Their testimonies would be powerful additions to this conference. But Revoice isn’t interested in helping attendees reject their LGBT identity - but rather encouraging them to embrace it.

If I asked you to guess what denomination is hosting such a conference, you might pick any one of a number of mainline denominations which have gone the route of

performing gay marriages and ordaining gay ministers. But what has created shockwaves within evangelical circles is that this conference is being held at a church from a conservative denomination, the PCA (Presbyterian Church in America), known for their orthodox doctrine and Biblical preaching. One of the featured speakers is also a PCA seminary professor. (A call to the PCA headquarters seeking further clarification of its association with Revoice was not returned by our printing deadline.)

The leaders of the Revoice conference claim to support Biblical teaching regarding sex and marriage, as their website states: “We believe that the Bible restricts sexual activity to the context of a marriage covenant, which is defined as the ... union of a man and a woman.” **While this conference may not condone homosexual sex, it is still condoning, even celebrating, sin.**

Take a look at the Revoice purpose statement above which talks about “empowering LGBT Christians” and “sexual minorities.” What is of great concern to conservative (Biblical) evangelicals is Revoice’s assertion that one can be a “gay-Christian” – that homosexual orientation is morally neutral. Revoice classifies those who identify as LGBT as a minority group to be celebrated, instead of sinners who need to repent of their sin, turn to Christ for forgiveness, and mortify their sinful lifestyles – and desires.

Sin is not just an outward action, such as the act of homosexual sex. The actual desire that flows from the heart is sin. As Jesus told us in Matthew 5, lustful thoughts are the equivalent to adultery. An “orientation” to sin is sin itself.

The culture demands acceptance and affirmation of those identifying as LGBT. **Revoice is aligning with that demand.** If Christians accept the falsehood that there can be such a thing as a “gay-Christian,” it won’t be long before the Church also celebrates homosexual behavior. We’ve already seen it happen in liberal denominations.

I don’t have space to examine all of the concerning topics listed on the conference

website (www.revoice.us), but a couple are especially noteworthy. One of the workshops offered is *“Models of Queer Theory and Literature: An Adventure.”* The description states: *“For the sexual minority seeking to submit his or her life fully to Christ and to the historic Christian sexual ethic, queer culture presents a bit of a dilemma; rather than combing through and analyzing to find which parts are to be rejected, to be redeemed, or to be received with joy (Acts 17:16-34), Christians have often discarded the virtues of queer culture along with the vices ... [W]hat does queer culture (and specifically, queer literature and theory) have to offer us who follow Christ? What queer treasure, honor, and glory will be brought into the New Jerusalem at the end of time (Revelation 21:24-26)?”*

Not only does this imply there are aspects of “queer culture” that would be edifying to Christians in their walk of faith, it also **tells those struggling with LGBT sin that they can and should hold onto their sinful identity – that there is honor and glory in it!** There will be no “queer treasure” in the New Jerusalem. The leaders of Revoice should have read the following verse, Revelation 21:27, which states “nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false ...”

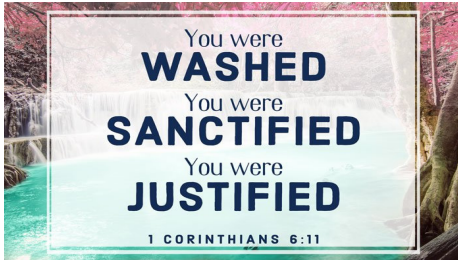
Another Revoice workshop is entitled: “Journey to Embrace: A Conversation on Empowering the Church to Embrace the LGBT+ Community in Fresh Ways.” Let’s take a moment and replace one of the letters in LGBT with another letter and see if the same principle applies. Shall we have a conference to embrace and empower the “Christian P”s? After all, they are a sexual minority as well. What does the P stand for in my imaginary scenario? Pedophilia. Would Revoice hyphenate those who have such tendencies as pedophile-Christians?

If that seems too extreme, add any other sin. Should we have special recognition and conferences to empower coveting-Christians, lusting-Christians, thieving-Christians?

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May we never make sin seem less wicked than it is! Christians shouldn't be encouraged to identify with their sin. Rather, we have a new identity in Christ! *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Cor. 5:17) Romans 6:6 tells us our old self was crucified with Christ so that we are no longer enslaved to sin. Every Christian must battle temptation. But we fight it, flee from it, repent of it

As Phil Johnson, executive director of Grace to You, writes: *"All of us—not just LBGTO folk—are commanded to renounce and mortify every desire for anything God has forbidden. Those who think people beset with perverse desires can wear their peculiar lusts as badges of group identity merely demonstrate that they haven't a clue what repentance means. Furthermore, to omit or purposely obscure the Bible's clear call to repentance is to show contempt to one's unbelieving neighbors."*

LGBT individuals should never be recipients of our scorn. They are image bearers of God who need our love and compassion. Yet Revoice has it wrong in equating love with affirmation of a sinful identity and lifestyle.

Take a moment to read I Corinthians 6:9-11. Revoice not only denies the warning found here, but they're also deceiving those who justify their sin, hindering them from finding true justification. For the LGBT – and for all of us – the only affirmation we need is in the powerful little word **"were"** found in this passage. *"... such were some of you."* [Notice it says were - not are.] *"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."* **If we are in Christ, we no longer identify with what we were.**

Pride Goes Before Our Fall

By Lisa Van Houten



It's indicative of how far we've fallen when we have an entire month set aside to "take pride" in a sin which God calls an abomination. For years now, June has been designated as "Gay Pride" month. However, in our slide to Gomorrah, as additional sexual perversions have been normalized the month is now often referred to as "LGBTQ Pride" month.

For the second year in a row, President Trump has chosen not to recognize June as Gay Pride Month – much to the outrage of the Left. What a contrast to Obama who lit up the White House with the rainbow colors of the gay pride flag.

But while President Trump hasn't bowed to demands to glorify the LGBT lifestyle, seemingly the rest of the culture has. A couple of recent examples highlight that fact.

In one of ADA's recent radio commentaries, A Decency Minute, (heard on American Family Radio), we exposed how Gay Pride has even permeated wholesome family events in conservative West Michigan.

"We've all heard the saying as America as apple pie and baseball. Who would have thought that something once known as innocent and apolitical as baseball could become a vehicle for spitting on the word of God and His moral law."

"I was saddened to see that the West Michigan Whitecaps, a minor league team in my area, will this year be hosting a pride night to celebrate homosexuality. What a poignant reminder that this world is not our home. If anything ought to be a safe event to attend with your kids or grandkids, it ought to be a good old-fashioned baseball game, but even the American pastime can be warped into godlessness. May God grant our nation a gift of true repentance."

Enclosed in this newsletter is a postcard to send to the West Michigan Whitecaps to express your concern with their normalizing homosexuality at a family-oriented baseball game.

The Whitecaps isn't the only sports affiliation celebrating pride in homosexuality. For the first time ever, Major League Baseball and the National Football League participated in New York City's Gay Pride March on June 24. They joined the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, Major League Soccer, the Women's National Basketball Association and the National Women's Hockey League in celebrating LGBTQ lifestyles.

In the MLB, 24 major league teams are scheduled to have Gay Pride nights during this year's season. (I was happy to see that the Detroit Tigers was not on that list.)

Hudson Taylor, executive director of LGBTQ sports advocacy group Athlete Ally, told NBC News that the participation of major league sports "sends a strong statement that the leagues are willing to use their platforms in the fight for equality."

Yet it's not "equality" they want, but affirmation – and that is exactly what these sports leagues are giving them.

But it's not just sports teams which are affirming LGBTQ "pride." At the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana veterans arriving for treatment found that the five military flags flown over the VA hospital, representing the five branches of military service, had been removed and temporarily replaced with the Gay Pride flag.

U.S. Military members don't take an oath to the rainbow flag or serve under its banner. That's how one person saw it, as well. Just hours after it was raised, a fed-up veteran lowered the LGBT flag and drove off with it.

While we may not agree with his methods, **where are Christians who will show the same indignation as Christ's banner of truth is trampled?**

Immigrants or Invaders?

by Steve Huston



This is a sensitive topic which requires us to think AND feel, to reason together instead of allowing our emotions to run amok. There is much false information that is being reported as fact and there is no retraction once the truth is uncovered. Even Christians are divided over the border issues; each one having a Bible verse for support. We are called to compassion; yet we dare not ignore the law either. Even prominent Christians in leadership seem to be unaware that the role of a nation's government and their own personal role differ in purpose and responsibility.

It's important to recognize the difference between an immigrant and an invader. It's the difference between legal vs. illegal; vetted vs. unvetted; safety vs. danger; someone who knocks on the door to your house for entry vs. the one who breaks in, making themselves at home, and taking away from your family.

If someone breaks into our house, we feel no remorse that the parent and child are separated; the law was broken and justice must be done. If we were to take the immigration issue and superimpose it on this example, we would need to choose between: 1) Does the child go to jail with his parent? 2) Does the parent receive no incarceration for the sake of the child? Or 3) Will there be the necessary separation so justice can be served and our society does not further devolve into chaos and lawlessness? Of course we feel for the child, but what of the parent's responsibility? It may not be the child's fault but neither is it the government's for protecting its citizens and for following the law, a law which has been in place and followed for decades. As Gov. Rick Perry has stated, **"Defending the border is not a political option. It is a constitutional obligation."**

Here is a very abridged press conference

given by DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen: *"... in the last three months, we have seen illegal immigration on our southern border exceed 50,000 people each month. ... Since this time last year, there has been a 325 percent increase in unaccompanied alien children and a 435 percent increase in family units entering the country illegally ... Over the last 10 years, there has been a 1,700 percent increase in asylum claims, resulting in asylum backlog to date, on our country, of 600,000 cases.*

"Since 2013, the United States has admitted more than half a million illegal immigrant minors and family units from Central America, most of whom today are at large in the United States ..."

She then proceeded to list three major loopholes within our current immigration system that she has urged Congress to close. Then, before answering the reporters' questions, she closed with the following statement: *"We have a duty to protect the American people, and it's one that I take very seriously. Here is the bottom line: DHS is no longer ignoring the law. We are enforcing the laws as they exist on the books. As long as illegal entry remains a criminal offense, DHS will not look the other way. DHS will faithfully execute the laws enacted by Congress, as we are sworn to do.*

"As I said earlier today, surely it is the beginning of the unraveling of democracy when the body who makes the laws, instead of changing them, tells the enforcement body not to enforce the law. I ask Congress to act this week so that we can secure our borders and uphold our humanitarian ideas. These two missions should not be pitted against each other. If we close the loopholes, we can accomplish both."

After giving many facts and correcting false narratives, the reporters asked questions that focused on feelings. They would repeat false narratives and she would take them back to the facts. During one comment, she expressed her desire for a nation that secures its borders and upholds its humanitarian ideals. That unites facts and feelings; it upholds the law while showing that our milk of human

kindness hasn't curdled. Nonetheless **it lies at the feet of Congress.**

Congress is entertaining two bills concerning immigration at this time, the Goodlatte Bill and the Ryan Bill. Regarding Paul Ryan's Bill, ICE Union President Chris Crane wrote that if the Ryan Amnesty passed, *"it will have significant negative consequences for public safety and interior enforcement in general."* There is much that is problematic with the Ryan bill and each of us should contact our congressman asking them to not support it. Goodlatte's bill, while not perfect, is a more acceptable compromise.

The website www.numbersUSA.com is a great place to go for information and updates on immigration problems/solutions, legislative information, resources, and other information regarding this sensitive subject. Rosemary Jenks is Director of Government Relations at NumbersUSA.com and Former Senior Legislative Analyst at the Center for Immigration Studies. She did a helpful interview on this topic with Frank Gaffney which can be heard on Secure Freedom Radio at centerforsecuritypolicy.org from 2018/06/18.

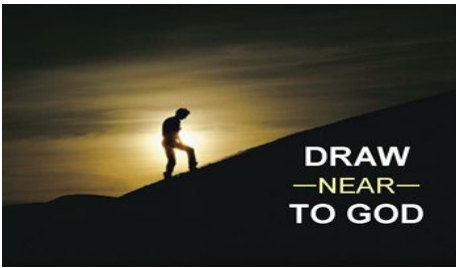
There are many ins and outs to cover in this discussion but let me close with this thought.

Is America an endless resource for everyone during every time regardless of circumstance? Are we wise or compassionate to take in other nation's citizenry when many of our own are neglected, including those to whom we owe a debt (Veterans)?

In addition, quoting Dave Agema: *"What we see on the news now concerning illegals and their kids is simply another democrat ploy. It's abuse when you smuggle an illegal child in a foreign country knowing you may be caught. ... It's abuse of our constitution and borders for Mexico to encourage illegals to enter America. It's security abuse because ISIS uses illegal immigration to enter this country. It's job abuse for illegals to take jobs and put Americans out of a job with cheap labor. It's abuse of our human services for these kids taking benefits they don't deserve."*

Lessons Learned

by Judy Krause



Life lessons learned since my husband's death, have taken a deep search for answers from the Word of God and an immeasurable amount of prayer. I had learned, in a more intimate way, to cry out to God daily to search my heart and see if there were any grievous ways in me (Ps. 139:23,24). I wanted to keep a clean slate with my Lord and Savior and know deep within my heart that I was doing what I could do to attain that clean slate to the best of my ability. On the other hand, going through this journey of my husband's pornography, I had wasted too many days and months self-searching my own guilt, questioning my part and perhaps even owning and being a part of his sin by condoning it.

I quickly found out that there was not a lot of spiritual help available, even from ministers and counselors. Seeking God's Word and finding a true Biblical Counselor were the only ways to get the direction I truly needed. I learned that I was more spiritually weak than I ever could have imagined. This led to a level of humility I had never experienced before. It also led to a clearer understanding of the invasiveness of sin in every person's heart, including mine. Previously, I thought I had a lot of answers to walking God's path, but I found that when hit with such a tragic experience, I lacked wisdom and knowledge and experienced a lot of confusion.

Bold Love, by Dr. Dan B. Allender, continued to be the source I fed on as it opened up my eyes to truths in God's Word that I had not been aware of before. It showed so clearly what devastation of heart and soul looks like and that became the guiding force of leading me to the Way, the Truth and the Life. It pointed out that "if one is in a relationship with an evil person for long, the signs of death will begin to show – anemia (a loss of self, vitality, and

strength), despair (a loss of desire and hope), and disorientation (a loss of direction and purpose.)" For me, I learned that my soul had been sucked dry and it was only myself who could make the decision to take definite steps to stop the destruction and offer my husband the gift of being "held accountable, under strong, clear and unwavering consequences of righteousness."

I learned that I had to be willing to "endure loss ... evil will not be conquered as long as our hearts live to obtain immediate relief or escape profound loss." I had to be willing to face being hated and alone. "Evil recognizes a heart that fears hatred. Hatred intensifies our dread of being an alien and a stranger, cast out from a home that may be evil, but at least is ours". My life's pattern was to always give in, to always keep doing the 'loving thing' and to strive to never become weary in well-doing. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9 ESV)

Bold Love convinced me that doing what I had always done did not work and never would because it did not deal with the rest of the story. I was dealing with a difficult, sin-filled situation, which demanded a two way response. I cannot and never will be able to change another person's heart. That was so hard to learn because I truly thought that love was always the answer to the other person wanting to change. But I had the wrong definition of love. Each person has to take responsibility under God for the choices they daily make in their lives.

In addition to my responsibility to be all I can be to cause a relationship to grow, I painfully learned that my fears and silence were a terrible failure of love. I needed to "invite the other to a deeper relationship with Christ and that meant confidently exposing the other's sin by stepping out of the path of a 'charging bull' and leave the person doing me harm alone to wrestle with God."

Setting firm consequences is also necessary. Again, Dan Allender says "A fool will not repent unless he feels pain. The notion that a fool can be won by just "loving" him

(defined as ignoring his harm, giving in to his desires, and being nice,) is, in itself, foolish. Consequences must have a bite. Given the state of a person's hardness (measured in part by the crime), the payment may have to be very severe to give the best opportunity for hardness to be dissolved. **The goal remains restoration and a return to wholeness.** This will continue until the day when repentance and brokenness are no longer options. ... Since the unrepentant will be destroyed in God's final sweep of wrath, we who have been forgiven much should feel compelled to prod evildoers toward brokenness and restoration."

Another helpful lesson I learned that will help me in the future is to set boundaries right at the beginning of any possible relationship problem. I had read many years ago that boundaries help us to distinguish our property so that we can take care of it. Boundaries help us to "guard our heart with all diligence. We need to keep things that will nurture us inside our fences and keep things that will harm us outside," In the book **Boundaries**, authors Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend write: "In the spiritual world, boundaries ... help us define our souls and they help us to guard it and maintain it." With the help of the Holy Spirit, this lesson will help me establish the very perimeters of relationships.

Even though I truly wish that I wouldn't have had to live through this painful ordeal, I can truly say, as my twin sister said to me after facing her cancer treatments, "I never would have chosen this for my life. On the other hand, it drew me closer to my Heavenly Father than I have ever experienced before." How true that also became for me. Looking back on this chapter of my life has caused pain and tears. However, I know I never would have been as close to God and dependent on Him for guidance and support without it. Also, because Jesus comforted me in my affliction, I am now able to comfort those who are in any affliction, "with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Corinthians 1:4 ESV)