

Supreme Betrayal

By Lisa Van Houten



We've been had. When Neil Gorsuch was nominated to fill Antonin Scalia's seat on the Supreme Court, Gorsuch was described as a "young Scalia," a constitutional originalist. He convinced us of that at his confirmation when he stated that he learned from Scalia that "words matter -- that the judge's job is to follow the words that are in the law." Yet now Gorsuch along with another traitorous "conservative" justice - Chief Justice Roberts - has joined the four liberal justices to betray that foundational principle of jurisprudence and, instead of following the words of law, has unilaterally redefined their meaning.

In 1964, when Congress passed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act banning discrimination based on sex, it's undeniable that the intent of the law was to protect women from employment discrimination. Written when homosexual activity was illegal in most states and the concept of transgenderism was unfathomable, the word "sex" in Title VII can only be interpreted as meaning biological males and females. Yet Gorsuch et.al. have now deemed that the word "sex" as written in 1964 *really* means sexual orientation and gender identity. In *Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia*, with Gorsuch writing the majority opinion, these six justices declared that no matter what lawmakers intended when voting for the 1964 law, the legal meaning of the word "sex" will no longer be defined as male and female, but will now

include any and all LGBT proclivities.

As Daniel Horowitz writes: "**In *Roe*, they redefined life. In *Obergefell*, they redefined marriage. In *Bostock*, they redefined sexuality. This is how the left wins 100 year battles overnight without firing a shot and without facing any electoral reprisal. We will never overcome judicial supremacism.**"

Indeed, this stunning decision is a blatant example of judicial activism, with the Supreme Court usurping the constitutional authority granted to the other branches of government and legislating from the bench. As Justice Samuel Alito wrote in his blistering dissenting minority opinion:

"There is only one word for what the Court has done today: legislation. ..."

"Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination on any of five specified grounds: "race, color, religion, sex, [and] national origin." ... Neither "sexual orientation" nor "gender identity" appears on that list. For the past 45 years, bills have been introduced in Congress to add "sexual orientation" to the list, and in recent years, bills have included "gender identity" as well. But to date, none has passed both Houses.

"... Because no such amendment of Title

VII has been enacted in accordance with the requirements in the Constitution (passage in both Houses and presentment to the President...), Title VII's prohibition of discrimination because of "sex" still means what it has always meant. But the Court is not deterred by these constitutional niceties. ... A more brazen abuse of our authority to interpret statutes is hard to recall."

So, what happened to the Gorsuch who voted with Clarence Thomas 100% of the time his first year on the bench; the Gorsuch who stated at his confirmation hearing: "**If judges were just secret legislators... the very idea of a government by the people... would be at risk.**" Or what about Gorsuch's own 2018 ruling in *Wisconsin Central Ltd. v. U.S.*, where he wrote: "*Written laws are meant to be understood and lived by. If a fog of uncertainty surrounded them, if their meaning could shift with the latest judicial whim, the point of reducing them to writing would be lost. That is why it's a 'fundamental canon of statutory construction' that words generally should be 'interpreted as taking their ordinary, contemporary, common meaning. . . . at the time Congress enacted the statute.'*"

Yet shifting the meaning of words by judicial whim is exactly what Gorsuch did as he betrayed his oath to uphold the Constitution.

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Personal Note from the President



We've been had! (My thoughts using a question and answer form).

Question: As we consider the days in which we are living, I'm guessing that you have never seen anything like what we are presently seeing.

Answer: You have that absolutely right. I have been in ministry full-time since 1988. I was born in 1946 and during my 18 years as a public school teacher followed by over 30 years in ministry, nothing compares to the current turmoil and efforts to undermine our Constitution. However, I would say that during my college years in the late 1960s and early '70s, things really began to radically change for a number of years. Those years were marked by protests, campus demonstrations, anti-war marches. But do keep in mind, those years also included assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. In addition, there were race riots around the country, including Detroit. Included in that must be the Kent State University killing of four students on university grounds.

Question: So what about that time compares to what we are seeing today?

Answer: Being in my early twenties at the time, I found myself already attentive to the daily news. I remember coming out of an evening class at Michigan State University when I got word of yet another assassination. This one taking the life of Dr. King at an outside motel balcony in Memphis, Tennessee. This was in the midst of the campus protests against the Vietnam War. Our country, as today, was divided. I was aware of different leftist groups as one example - Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) - led by such names as Tom Hayden, Bill Ayres, Bernadine Doorn, Jane Fonda, Jerry Rubin (author of a book "Revolution for the

Hell of It"). I recall the massive protests at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago that lasted for eight long, hot summer days in August. I, myself, had a brief history of leftism in my own life, participating in an anti-war march in Washington, DC in 1969. I was 22 years old. My father was a World War II vet and his heart was nearly broken upon discovering that I had participated. I was living at home in my first year of teaching school. He made it clear that if I continued to exercise my opinion in such a way, I was to find a different place to live - which I did. Over the years I have thought of the many times that I stood next to my father, Robert J. Johnson, as we stood for the National Anthem before the many football games I proudly attended with him. I well remember the predictable sense of my Dad being moved by those moments, often times with tears. Years before his passing in 2008, I apologized to my Dad for the heartbreak that I caused him at that time in his life. He so graciously said he had forgiven me long ago. I knew he likely had, but it was good to seal it. I think of that even today wondering what images might have come into his mind as we were standing there so solemnly - was it what he saw on the battlefield in Germany?

As I look back at those days, it does bring back the memories of the divided nation that we had become. I can say that any protesting that I did was peaceful. But I once stood on that side, even if it was only for a few years. Much more could be said, but I thought it only fair and right that I shared this with you.

Contrasting that period with today, there is no doubt that the radical left was behind the protests, the marches, the organizing of such events. When I say the radical left, I believe the umbrella group over it all were communist-led organizations. Keep in mind SDS, Bill Ayres, Jane Fonda, Bernadine Doorn, were all noted socialist/communists, as were so many other organizations and leftist individuals. But with the passing of some fifty-plus years, the funding and advancement of socialism and communism has been systematically, and - I hate to admit - brilliantly planned, organized, funded and faithfully unleashed day by day in community after community,

at our universities and in public schools throughout our once freedom-loving nation. All of which has been largely unperceived, except to the particularly astute eye, or the student of societal trend, or perhaps those like me, who got a taste of our wrong alliance and were therefore trained to be ALERT.

The half cannot be told in this my personal note, but a number of the articles in this newsletter and our recent Zoom conferences (see enclosed response card) do help describe the enemy within and without. Our interview on Zoom recently with Trevor Loudon, acclaimed researcher, author, and speaker, is a good starting point in understanding the breadth and depth of the infiltration into America's military, universities, corporations, public schools, and entertainment industry.

Indeed, we are being had and have unknowingly been so for generations. I was duped in my early twenties. But, by the grace of God and the counsel from a few, I saw that the radical left movement had led me astray. How many people of all ages are unknowingly being misled today? And, how many people are falling for the misinformation campaigns of the mainstream media? Back in those earlier days, we didn't see the onslaught of funding by corporate America (including Chick-fil-A), noted athletes kneeling against the American flag, or leading military officials separating themselves from the commander in chief, humiliating him with their words of disregard.

We are being had: Coronavirus, Black Lives Matter (a communist-LGBT sham), the trashing of our police. However, I'll conclude with this last word. God poured out His grace upon me in my early '20s, without which I would still be a fool falling for the wiles of Satan! And without God's grace and mercy, the masses of our fellow Americans will continue TO BE HAD, and, "America: The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" will be no more. Fall to your knees, brothers and sisters, and pray; for the hour is late and I fear we haven't seen anything yet, **unless untold numbers are freed from the stupefying effects of spiritual darkness**

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Not only does this ruling eviscerate the separation of powers and the rule of law, it lays the groundwork for a devastating blow to religious liberty. As Alito also wrote in his dissent: **"The position that the Court now adopts will threaten freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and personal privacy and safety."**

Making "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" specially protected federal civil rights categories, in the same order of "race" and "sex," will have massive implications. Justice Alito himself spelled out some of them by pointing out how redefining "sex" will affect public restrooms, changing rooms, women's sports, student housing, women's shelters, and the list goes on and on. Public schools and workplaces will become indoctrination centers even more so than they already are. Daycare centers and schools will be forced to hire transgender workers and teachers or face lawsuits. And it won't stop at secular institutions.

In a flood of court challenges to come, the Left will undoubtedly use the precedent of this ruling to come after Christians. Theologian Albert Mohler described it as **a head-on collision between religious liberty and the sexual revolution.** Some commentators predict, I believe rightly, that churches and Christian institutions that refuse to bow to the new definition of sex will eventually lose their tax-exempt status; Christian schools and churches will be sued for refusing to employ LGBT persons; Christian business owners will be forced to participate in homosexual weddings or go out of business; Christian parents who attempt to thwart their child's "gender transition" will lose custody of their children. In the eyes of federal law, Christians will now be considered bigots deserving of condemnation.

The Left, which already sees us that way, is now emboldened to openly target Christians. After this ruling, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D., N.Y.) said that **"so-called religious liberty" is "a bogus term" - a "pretext for discrimination hiding behind the guise of religion."** This from a representative who has sworn to uphold the Constitution, in which the very first guaranteed freedom is religious liberty!

Yet just as we've "been had" by the justices who are imposing judicial tyranny, we've also "been had" by our Senators and Congressmen and women who time after time let it happen with no pushback. Republican members of Congress should have immediately gone to the microphones to loudly cry foul that the Court was legislating, not interpreting the law; yet nearly all meekly accepted this blatant unconstitutional power grab. Republican Senator Chuck Grassley (IA) stated after the decision: *"It's the law of the land, ... and probably negates Congress's necessity for acting."* Yet what Grassley and his colleagues who all took an oath to uphold the Constitution ignore, is the fact that the Supreme Court is not allowed to make "the law of the land" – that's their responsibility! A duty they are happy to abdicate if it keeps them from having to take a principled stand and risk losing power or campaign donations.

As Joy Pullmann writes for the Federalist: *This is a time to redouble pressure on Republicans to stop helping Democrats shred the Constitution and Americans' natural rights, withdrawing support from them if they do not. This decision makes Congress irrelevant, unless they decide to make themselves relevant again by eliminating the underlying law on which this decision is based.*

The last century of abdicating their responsibilities when in power shows Republicans are not keen on defending our rights. They'd prefer to give rousing speeches about our rights at conventions like CPAC while scapegoating our continued loss of these rights on the judges and the bureaucracy they're supposed to oversee. That needs to end, and for it to end, all constitutional hypocrites need to be made uncom-

fortable until they do the right thing.

I paint a pretty bleak picture of the state of our constitutional republic. It very well may be that this "great experiment" of liberty may come crashing down. It may be that uncompromising Christians will one day be forced out of the public square and out of our institutional churches. But I join with Joy Pullmann who concludes her article, by vowing: "If that is the case, however, I'm going down fighting as hard as I can."

My colleague, Chris Johnson, includes a "Lord of the Rings" quote in his article on page four. I can't help but include the following quote from the "Return of the King" in Tolkien's trilogy where Aragorn leads the army of men to what seems like certain death and defeat before the Black Gate of Sauron. Knowing that the very fate of civilization rests on the battle's outcome, Aragorn compels his fearful troops with these words: *"Hold your ground, hold your ground! ... I see in your eyes the same fear that would take the heart of me! A day may come when the courage of men fails, when we forsake our friends and break all bonds of fellowship, but it is not this day. An hour of wolves and shattered shields when the age of Men comes crashing down, but it is not this day! This day we fight! By all that you hold dear on this good Earth, I bid you stand! Men of the West!"*

The good news for us is that we don't have to depend on our own courage to stand. The fate of civilization doesn't depend on us, but on our Sovereign, Omnipotent God who rules over the affairs of men. Yet as His unknown will for this nation and the world is unfolding, He calls us to stand against the schemes of the devil. There is no doubt that "redefining" God's design of male and female is such a scheme. Defeat may be nearly certain, but we don't fight to "win," we fight to bear witness to God's Truth.

So, fellow warriors: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13)

“black lives matter” - Good; BLM - Bad

By Chris Johnson



Black lives matter.

Of course they do! God created people in His own image, and he made some of them black. When black people are killed, it's a tragedy. When they are killed unjustly, it is a heinous crime against them, their families, and the God whose image they bear. God makes clear throughout His Word that He hates injustice and oppression and where it is perpetrated against black men and women, it ought to be made right.

The value of black lives is a truth that is worth protesting over and the rights of black people are worth fighting for, literally. This nation was established by a war that was waged to enshrine those very rights; although, shamefully, it took our nation centuries to extend them to black people.

These are not liberal concepts; it is the very foundation of the American experiment.

Everything asserted above is affirmed in the words of the Declaration of Independence, *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

Happiness there meaning *prosperity*, as it was commonly understood at the time it was written.

“Black lives matter” is a good and true sentiment. But, Black Lives Matter (BLM), the organization, is fighting for much more than recognition of that sentiment, and the line of demarcation needs to be drawn.

If this should fall under the eyes of anyone who is not familiar with our ministry, I want it to be clear that it is the organization, not the statement itself, that we are criticizing. To maintain that distinction, I will refer to

the organization as BLM.

BLM was born in the aftermath of the killing of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman in 2013, the specifics of which took an unfortunately extended period of time to come out; and in that time, many opinions on the “victim” and the shooter were already cemented. By the time Zimmerman was acquitted on the evidence of the concrete cuts on the back of his skull where Martin bashed his head into the sidewalk while trying to steal his gun, Martin had already been ensconced as a martyr of racial injustice. It was during the ensuing protests that the #BlackLivesMatter campaign took hold.

The campaign was the brainchild of three radical left women, Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi - each of whom had ties to communist organizations, according to researcher James Simpson.

Since the founding, all three of them have gone on to work for other far left organizations with communist ties using intersectional tactics to dismantle American cultures and traditions. These same tactics are featured in Black Lives Matters' self-description on their webpage: *“We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.”*

They go on to say, *“We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise).”*

The brilliance of BLM is that everyone marching under that pithy, undeniable statement – “black lives matter” - is lending credibility to those anti-American and, more importantly, Anti-Christian ideals. The family is a good creation of God, as is gender. The rejection of these universal truths has caused immeasurable suffering and will only cause more.

As protestors swallow the anti-racism bait, they swallow the pro-LGBTQ hook.

I'm a little bit of a nerd. I think back over the past few months, and I can't tell you how many times the opening lines of The Fellowship of the Ring movie ran through my mind: *The world is changing. I feel it in the water. I can feel it in the earth. I smell it in the air. Much that once was is lost, for none now live who remember it.*

That's a little dramatic, I know, but the world *has* changed and we *can* feel it, in a way. The government's handling of the Covid crises of BLM and Antifa protestors has shown us that we cannot count on our politicians to defend our rights, our lives, liberties, or pursuits of happiness.

Where these have been threatened, our leadership has demanded we bow to the aggressor. Enjoy “the summer of love,” the mayor of Seattle says, as her city burns and her citizens are left unprotected.

Black lives matter is a simple truth that should be accepted with a “duh.” It doesn't need to be proven by setting black neighborhoods on fire. If you have loved ones falling for the deception, make sure they know the truth behind the BLM organization. It doesn't stand for black lives, but for deconstructing American society.

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Stretching the Thin Blue Line Even Thinner

By Steve Huston



I recently saw a police officer sitting in his County Sheriff vehicle monitoring traffic. I pulled up to where he was working and approached his SUV simply to thank him for being on the job, express the appreciation many people have for the police force during these trying times, and to let him know that I pray for them and would pray for him personally.

This was his response: Thank you for taking the time to stop and let me know. Things have never been this bad and many of my fellow officers would quit but we have families to support and bills to pay. He expressed his gratitude several times and shared how one motorcyclist rode by giving him a thumb's up. "You know what that told me?" the officer said, "It tells me, 'I don't hate you.'" Normally, such a gesture would indicate "good job" or "thanks;" but now these public servants need to take it as a sign that someone simply doesn't hate them. I felt saddened by that realization as he reached his arm out the window to shake my hand.

Pray for the safety, encouragement, and constitutionality of our police force—state, county, local. Go out of your way to let them know they are appreciated and prayed for. Send a card, letter, or pay for their meal if they're behind you in line. This has been my habit; and with things as they are, it will continue to be.

What's brought us to this place in history, where those whose desire is "to protect and to serve," is now to retire in droves; or as one Atlanta police officer emailed Steve Deace: "Atlanta police officers are refusing to answer the radio and walking off of the job. The county can go screw themselves. If you want a society without police we'll give you one. Let it burn!"

Simply put, how long can people be undervalued, over-stressed, falsely accused, have their integrity questioned, and have their every move and motive scrutinized before they no longer have a desire to put their own lives on the line to protect a society that expresses hatred for them? Sadly, this is where we are, even though the above doesn't represent a majority of those who depend upon those who hold the thin blue line.

Without our personal expressions of gratitude and encouragement, why should these honorable men and women think otherwise? After all, the media is constantly berating and belittling them. Amazon and Microsoft refuse to sell facial recognition technology to law enforcement, NOT because they have a problem with how it'll be used, but because they have joined the anti-police movement. (For the record, I don't want any part of the government to have access to facial recognition software; but I DO support our law enforcement.) When various mayors paint BLACK LIVES MATTER on their city's streets; when others call for defunding the police department instead of defending it; and when the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives promotes a police reform bill that reads like an anti-police bill; **how would you or I feel if we were in their shoes?** Don't be fooled; legislation from both sides of the aisle is being proposed that would regulate those we call upon to protect and to serve. It's no wonder that these brave men and women are feeling attacked from all sides. Find ways to encourage them.

I'm not blind to the fact that there are some knots in the thin blue line; but neither am I blind to the fact that they are mostly good people who put on their uniforms and badges daily, putting themselves in harm's way for my safety. I know that the statistics don't support the cry of systemic racism; and I know that there is a Marxist agenda behind the BLM and defund the police movements.

Briefly, let me tell you that **it's first and foremost an issue of authority.** For a long time the Left has desired to remove itself out from under the authority of God and His

Word. Next, they've done their best to unshackle themselves from the authority and restraint of the Constitution. Now we are watching them pick and choose when the authority of the law applies to them and society at large. Their desire is to remove all authority, being a law unto themselves; good Constitutional police officers stand in their way.

To defund and dismantle the local police is one of the dumbest ideas I've ever heard; but there's a method to their madness. As President Trump recently stated, "*Americans know the truth; without police there is chaos, without law there is anarchy, without safety there is catastrophe.*" The Left is well aware of this too.

Doing away with the local police is part of the Left's Marxist agenda. Without local law enforcement, anarchy and chaos will naturally ensue, imminently filling the void. Then they can implement a national police force. Why would they want that? Because they know a local police department is our greatest defense against them; and a national police force will obey the tyrant in charge. It's all part of their well-laid out, patient plan.

We know that people from both sides of the aisle support these things; so we must always be watchful. As President Trump signed an executive order regarding police reform, these were his closing words: "*Americans can achieve anything when we work together as one National family. To go forward we must seek cooperation not confrontation; we must build upon our Heritage, not tear it down; and we must cherish the principles of America's founding as we strive to deliver safe, beautiful, elegant, justice and liberty for all.*" Good words to be sure; but words are just words. We must watch his and other's future actions, recognizing that men are but mere men and our trust must be in God alone.

Pray that God will somehow direct President Trump in the ways of righteousness and that justice will be served throughout our nation for ALL people. Healing for black, blue, and all lives will only come through turning to God in repentance.

You Say You Want a Revolution?

By Lisa Van Houten



Immediately following the unjust death of George Floyd, our nation was momentarily more unified than perhaps at any time since 9-11. The collective outrage at the actions of one rogue police officer crossed political and racial divides. Yet in a blink of an eye we went from nearly unanimous national condemnation of that heinous act, to witnessing massive riots, violence, and looting in dozens of cities across the country, leaving millions stunned at what was occurring in our beloved America.

Are these just well-meaning young people who got caught up in their quest for social justice? Or is something more sinister occurring?

It's become increasingly clear that what we're seeing has little to do with racism; Mr. Floyd's tragic death was just a useful tool. **What's taking place is a purposeful, planned Cultural Revolution.** The similarities to Mao's Cultural Revolution in 1966 are striking, so much so that many commentators are referring to the turmoil we've seen as neo-Maoist. In 1966, in an effort to expand his control of the Chinese Communist Party and eliminate his rivals, Mao Tse Tung instigated a revolution using the Chinese masses, particularly young people, to purge China of any remnants of capitalism and Chinese traditions.

Mao told the youth that China was being undermined by "bourgeois capitalists"- land owners, businessmen, teachers. He told them "to rebel is justified" and issued a directive for them to "clear away the evil habits of the old society." Chinese young people, along with those in the working class, responded and were organized into the Red Guards, unleashing a decade of death and mayhem upon the nation. Garbed in red arm bands, the Red Guards roamed the streets attacking those they deemed to be "bourgeois" enemies. Those original

"social justice warriors" went on rampages engaging in heinous acts of barbarity and torture, while destroying and stealing private property.

Sound familiar? It's eerily similar to what we've seen in recent weeks from radical Leftists. The Red Guards put the "privileged" on platforms and publicly humiliated them. In our culture the mob is seeking to force the "white privileged" and those in authority to kneel before them. Mao ordered security forces not to interfere with the Red Guards' actions. Today we see leftist mayors prohibiting police from enforcing the law, ordering them to stand down as private property is looted, destroyed, and burned to the ground.

Mao also urged the Red Guards to eradicate the "**four olds**" - **old ideas, old customs, old habits and old culture.** The Red Guards destroyed Buddhist statues, ancient Chinese relics, shrines, and any emblem of their history. Today the mob is on a rampage to destroy our nation's historical monuments. There is no rhyme nor reason to their destruction. Their rage isn't focused on Confederate Army generals, but rather on all of our history. They've torn down and defaced statues of a catholic saint, abolitionists, Union war heroes, and even Abraham Lincoln. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in Philadelphia was vandalized with the words "committed genocide." Statues of Christopher Columbus have been torn down or beheaded in numerous cities. A statue of Francis Scott Key, who wrote the national anthem, was destroyed and even statues of the father of our country are being targeted.

In China's Cultural Revolution, millions were sent to "re-education camps." In the U.S., the neo-Maoists have infiltrated every vestige of society and are using their positions to "re-educate" and force compliance. As British commentator Brendan O'Neill writes: "*We live in an era of intolerance and unreason. From higher education to the political sphere, from the news media to activist circles, PC censoriousness is rampant. New orthodoxies emerge with extraordinary speed and are enforced with rigour. Say the wrong thing on gender or race and you're*

out. Question the gospel of genderfluidity, wonder out loud if 'white privilege' is really a thing, deny the truth of the End of Days foretold by climate change – you do all these things at your peril."

Just as in China, many college students of today are the new "Red Guards," fed a steady diet of Marxist ideology in universities nationwide. Capitalism is evil and Western Civilization must be annihilated. As author Christina Hoff Sommers stated, "*... Growing numbers of young Americans have been taught to think of [the] U.S. as an evil empire—a white-supremacist, patriarchal hellscape.*"

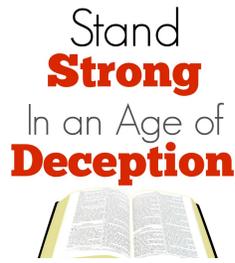
However, the Cultural Revolution's quest to annihilate the "four olds" of America – our liberty, our history, the rule of law (i.e. the Constitution), and our Christian underpinnings – is not merely student-led. Just as Mao was the puppeteer pulling the strings, there are powerful forces behind the scenes doing the same today, using "social justice warriors" to instigate anarchy.

Glenn Beck reports: "**Antifa is far better organized, funded and dedicated than the apologists in the mainstream media would have you believe.**" And at LifeSite News Gualberto Garcia Jones writes: "Just six days after President Trump won the 2016 election, the Democracy Alliance, a George Soros funded dark money organization made up of 110 billionaires, met ... to formally organize the Resistance. ... The story was published by Kenneth Vogel in the liberal Politico Magazine on November 14, 2016. The headline says it all: *Soros bands with donors to resist Trump, 'take back power.'*... After four days of closed-door meetings, the Resistance army was formed."

Since that time, the Left has relentlessly attacked the Trump administration, seeing him an obstacle to their schemes. Yet, just as with Mao, they ultimately plot in vain. (Ps. 2) As they seek to force us to kneel to their agenda, both figuratively and literally, **we know that one day they will be the ones kneeling; and every tongue that now demands obedience to the darkness of this age, will confess that Christ is Lord.**

The Correct Church Response to BLM

By Steve Huston



During these turbulent times, remember that God is sovereign and that we can trust Him regardless of what comes our way. To trust God is to trust His Word, even when dealing with social issues and divisive politics. Why are Christians supporting organizations like Black Lives Matter (BLM) in person, through social media, or through apathetic silence? Are their actions based on the whole counsel of God or have they been led by feelings rather than faith-based fact? If deceived, how can we compassionately explain to them why they are wrong in doing so? Let's pray for Biblical discernment and reason solely from the Bible. **Let us fix our hearts to stand alone on the Word of God; even if that means standing alone.**

Such a stand means we must better know our Bible, research organizations/situations, ask God to show us where our choices will lead, then stand firm regardless of opposition, even from the church. David did so in Psalms 119:23-24; "Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors."

First, we need to deal with terms. **There is a big difference between supporting black people whose lives matter and the organization Black Lives Matter (BLM)**, which is an extremist organization whose ideology is Maoist. It's a militant arm of the Left meant to divide and allow a political agenda that other leaders throughout history have implemented to starve and murder their citizens. Their end goal is to replace the God of the Bible with man. Ironically, it ends in slavery.

How should the church respond to BLM?

1. Christians should always stand for lawful behavior. Lawlessness accepted breeds further lawlessness. BLM is law-

less—vandalism, wanton destruction, taking of life, and forcing others to submit to their senseless demands. All these things have been done indiscriminately, ethnicity hasn't played a role.

2. Christians should call for Biblical justice not "social justice." Their terminology is a great marketing tool. Who can be against "social justice" or against saying, "black lives matter?" They grab one's emotions, hijack the word, and redefine it to mean its opposite. **If we demanded Biblical justice, there'd be real social justice.**

3. Christians must promote forgiveness and are labelled ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5). The BLM narrative has no desire to forgive; it's about historical revenge (reparations, demands of kneeling and submission, etc.). This organization desires domination not reconciliation. How does devaluing the lives of other ethnicities show that black lives matter?

4. Instead of kneeling and admitting to "white guilt," Christians must submit to Christ and be concerned about sin guilt. We shouldn't feel guilty about being the color/ethnicity that God has created us to be; nor should we feel guilty about that which our ancestors have done. How many white men lost their lives in the Civil War in an effort to set slaves free? Hate and violence only perpetuates more of the same. Instead of ascribing guilt, let us cry out against sin and recognize our own guilt against a most holy God. Christ's work upon the cross was to atone for men of all colors, assuaging our guilt and allowing us to be seen as blameless.

5. Christians need to oppose the false gospel narrative and embrace the true gospel which is color-blind. Jesus holds the only cure for so-called "racism." Jesus died for all people of all color; we must lead them to the cross, not follow them into the cross-hairs of a holy God who will punish sin. We need to encourage others to love their enemies. This can only be done in Christ, by the power of the Spirit.

6. The church needs to promote one race (unity). According to Genesis we are all

one race. Many years ago, the church refused to stand strongly against the theory of evolution. The "Princes" (Ps. 119:23) of Science and Political Correctness spoke against us and we didn't take counsel from God's testimonies. This theory has run its course and now we taste its poisonous fruits. The Bible must be our only source of truth, recognizing that God is infinitely wiser and more knowledgeable than we.

7. Christians must ascribe to God's view of sexuality and authority. BLM is a huge proponent of homosexuality and transgenderism. Quoting a part of their manifesto: *"We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking."*

8. Like God, we are to be an ordered people. BLM wants to do away with the police force and prisons which only leads to further anarchy and chaos. Are there problems in the police force? Of course, even as there are problems in any organization. But there is no systemic "racism" here. Nine unarmed "blacks" were killed by police last year and 19 unarmed "whites." The number of police killed is greater than those numbers. The BLM riots are responsible for even more deaths than those listed above.

The answer isn't to defund police or to remove statues of historical significance. The only answer for America, and for the church, is to return to the Word of God; repent of our wrongdoing and sin; demand lawful behavior from ALL people of ALL ethnicities; and to demand the lawful implementation of our Constitution to ALL our citizens—from the highest in government to the lowest "man on the street;" and to stand firm in our God-given, Constitutionally-protected, freedoms. Jesus is our only Hope; freedom is our best weapon; and the Constitution is our government!

I urge you to read 1 Thessalonians 5:11-22; these are Paul's instructions for dealing with our brothers in Christ. "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." (v. 14)

Aim in Prayer

By Chris Johnson



Years ago, I attended a mission trip to Guatemala to build houses and assist in a medical clinic. One of the things that I'll never forget from that trip was the phrase painted in large letters on the wall of the mission compound: **“Prayer does not equip the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”**

I will confess, I had never thought of it that way before. The mindset I was in, that I often fall back into, is that I pray just so that God can help me do something that I know needs to get done. And while that may be true as far as it goes, it's a very self-centered perspective on prayer. What we ought to be thinking is that God would use us to fulfill His plans and glorify Himself, whether we accomplish what we set out to do or not.

That is much more humbling. And I suppose, that's the point. When what we must do seems useless or hopeless, prayer is a reminder that God controls the outcome.

“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD. He turns it wherever He will.” Proverbs 21:1

It is easy, particularly in the perpetual panic of this era, to forget our place. We are not asking God to help us to change the world into what we want it to be. We are asking Him to use us however He sees fit, to bring about His purposes.

With all of that in mind, I would like to introduce an effort by a good friend of this ministry to organize church groups to pray for our school kids and our political leaders. It's called the Adopt and Intercede Movement, or AIM.

Rick Rockman is burdened to gather Christians together for prayer, and he's looking for people and churches to get involved.

From the Aim website:

“Intercessory prayer is standing in the gap for others: for marriages, for children, for relationships, and even organizations. It is our wireless hotline to heaven.

“Interceding for an express purpose and done with at least 2-3 agreeing prayer partners is powerful and purposeful group prayer. Our God hears and answers the prayers of His children (Matthew 18:18-20). Our God's Word is alive and manifests His living power (Hebrews 4:12). Finally, Our God always keeps His conditional promises (Psalm 91).”

Our nation has never been more in need of prayer, both of supplication and repentance!

Let us all go to Him, asking how He would use us to influence our kids and our politicians, and thus, the future of this country. Prayer is the greater work!

To sign up to be part of a prayer team, call Aim at 810-369-1400. Go to Aim-forthekids.com for more information.

It's What's Inside that Counts By Steve Huston



Chick-fil-A CEO, Dan Cathy, says that white Christians should repent for racism and fight for their black brothers and sisters. To show a contrite heart, he punctuated his statement by shining the shoes of a black man, encouraging others to follow his example. This once self-proclaimed Christian, now “woke,” fast food chain joins several other companies and churches in assuming that if you're white you're racist. That sentiment is in itself racist.

Instead of holding BLM inspired rioters responsible for their lawless actions, Cathy stated, *“My plea would be for the white people, rather than point fingers at that kind of criminal effort, would be to see the level of frustration and exasperation and almost the sense of hopelessness that exists in some of those activists within the African-American community.”* What about the hopelessness and frustration that is welling up in innocent law-abiding citizens whose lives are being affected and/or ruined?

Here's a novel idea: Regardless of color, if you're racist; repent. If you're not basing your decisions on color, no need to repent. Are you treating anyone unjustly, change your ways; no, well done!

Even though sin affects others, it's only against God that we sin and we can only repent of wrongs that we have done; I cannot repent of another's past actions. Such fake repentance will not fix so-called systemic racism. What I can and should do is fight for liberty and justice for ALL—every man, woman, and child, regardless of color.

A chicken may lay an egg of varying colors—I've seen shades of brown, white, and even blue; but when it sits on my breakfast plate, I have no idea what color it is. **Frankly, I don't care; it's what's on the inside that counts.**

It's time to crack the false notion of racism; **it's what's inside that counts. We were all rotten eggs once; Jesus brings new life and perspective to all who repent and submit to Him.** Repenting and submitting to men does nothing for anyone.

American economist and social theorist Thomas Sowell offers this sage advice: *“Racism does not have a good track record. It's been tried out for a long time and you'd think by now we'd want to put an end to it instead of putting it under new management.”*

I suggest putting it under this new management—the blood of Jesus Christ!