

of past and future ...

By Bill Johnson



The Past. I recall as a Michigan State University student in the late 1960s, the upheaval, chaos, and uncertainty that was spewing out daily during my tension-filled college days. In numerous ways, the turmoil and angst that marked American life nearly fifty years ago reminds me of what we are currently seeing in our troubled nation.

On November 22, 1963 President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dailey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas, followed just two days after by the killing of Kennedy's murderer (Lee Harvey Oswald) in the basement of the Dallas police headquarters. There was the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968. His death shocked a country rocked by riots, civil discord, and a hotly contested Vietnam War. This was followed a few months later by the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy (June 5, 1968) at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles shortly after he had won the California and South Dakota primary elections for the Democratic nomination for President.

The division and upheaval carried over into the Chicago National Democratic Presidential Convention (August 1968) which predictably was marked by anti-war protests and violence. Rioting took place between demonstrators and the Chicago Police Department who were assisted by the Illinois National Guard. In the end, 10,000 demonstrators were met by 23,000 police and National Guardsmen.

On May 4, 1970, the Kent State University shootings (also known as the May 4 massacre or the Kent State massacre) rocked the nation to the core and involved the shooting of unarmed college students by the Ohio National Guard. The guardsmen fired 67 rounds over a period of 13 seconds killing four students and wounding nine others, one of whom suffered permanent paralysis. Some of the students shot were merely walking nearby or observing the anti-war protest from a distance.

Roe v. Wade 1973 - legalizing abortion - U.S. Supreme Court decision (7-2); this too was part of the ugly history of the era.

I would be remiss if I didn't include a brief mention of Watergate (1972-1974). Watergate was a major political scandal that followed a break-in (to copy political campaign documents) at the Democratic National Committee (DNC) headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, DC as President Richard Nixon's administration attempted to cover-up its involvement. When the conspiracy was discovered and investigated by the U.S. Congress, the Nixon administration's resistance to its probes led to a constitutional crisis.

The scandal led to the resignation of Nixon in August 1974. The scandal also resulted in the indictment of 68 people, with trials or pleas resulting in 25 being found guilty and incarcerated, many of whom were top Nixon administration officials.

Vice-President Gerald R. Ford rather unre-

markably completed Nixon's term (1974-77). Ford was defeated by the leftist Jimmy Carter who served one term and was defeated by Ronald Reagan who, though wounded by gun shot, survived an assassination attempt. Reagan served between 1981-1989.

Clearly, there have been many tumultuous times since those '60s and '70s. However, nothing has approximated those hellish years until recent times.

A few thoughts about the past lead to these observations about the future.

Indeed, those were grave years: scandal-ridden, godless, a lack of leadership at all levels as now.

National security, though always a concern, was not the concern that faces us today with Obama's administration diminishing the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force while China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran are taking full advantage - on the move, building and nuking up and with ISIS expanding globally while the U.S. Defense Department denies the obvious link between Islam and terrorism.

Our world and our nation has gotten a lot smaller over recent generations. With the advent and broad popularity of cell phones and of social media, breaking news of the most minute and/or horrendous nature is propagated throughout not only the nation, but the world.

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In addition, in a “twinkling of an eye” our personal world and space, individual morality and spirituality, can be turned upside down by nine unelected lawyers. For that matter, just one unelected lawyer, in a 5-4 decision, can turn societal morality upside down as it did in Obergefell vs. Hodges (2015) which legalized homosexual marriage.

Leadership at all levels is of monumental significance, but with the politicization of the U.S. Supreme Court - the Supreme Court has degraded life, marriage, freedom, and security.

Leadership matters at home, in the classroom, in the church, at work, in the military, at the police station, in the neighborhood, the county court house, the state house, the White House, the Supreme Court.

Tragically, we just lost the strongest constitutional voice and Christian conscience on the bench of the Supreme Court in the passing of Antonin Scalia. Who he is replaced with will spell the difference between further slippage to Gomorrah or at the least a voice that speaks for the rule of law as defined by the U.S. Constitution - intended to serve as a guard rail from self-destruction via accelerating lawlessness, injustice, and tyranny.

The future. As we review the turmoil of the ‘60s and ‘70s, the turmoil of the present promises to be characterized by the dirtiest, filthiest, meanest politics ever seen - elevated and furthered by Donald Trump’s mean-spirited, political agenda of wrongfully calling his competitors such as Ted Cruz a nasty guy, a liar, and making this part of his campaign theme. Which raises huge societal questions about our society.

Is this country’s citizenry capable of knowing the difference between a liar, big mouth, double-talker and a man or woman with a track record of honesty and character?

Does this country’s citizenry have enough diligence to avail itself to study the issues, the candidates, their backgrounds?

This society is sinking into depths of which no one has ever experienced in our beloved America in our lifetimes.

Without God’s mercy, this country is headed into treacherous waters.

His mercy comes as He wills it. It sometimes comes through a leader.

I would argue that Ronald Reagan restored leadership that brought a season of patriotism, restrengthening, refreshing of freedom, of justice. Imperfectly, of course, as all human beings are.

“Reagan transformed the American presidency in ways that only a few have been able to.” He redefined the political agenda of the times, advocating lower taxes, a conservative economic philosophy, and a stronger military. His role in the Cold War further enhanced his image as a different kind of leader. [wikipedia.org]

Where did Reagan come from? To be sure, he was not the Republican National Convention’s top choice in the primaries (1980).

Did God intervene to preserve America for a longer duration? Why Ronald Reagan?

- Why George H. Bush?
- Why Bill Clinton for two terms inspite of his “I did not have sex with that woman?”
- Why George W. Bush for two terms?
- Why Barack Obama for two terms?

Review in your mind some of our past presidents: Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter ... Most of them impressive not so much for their positives, but for their glaring weaknesses.

As I have listed a short list of presidents, I now list an abbreviated list of sins that describe America’s recent years.

America’s long term love affair with Hol-

lywood opening the flood gates for the advance and normalization of extra marital relationships, divorce, the propagation of weak father figures, and the diminishment of manhood and womanhood; the portrayal of women as primarily sex objects; placing wicked things before the eyes of hundreds of millions of lives both young and old - images and themes that degrade, desensitize, addict and destroy. The major role that American media and corporate America has played in the acceptance of homosexuality, same-sex marriage. The complicity of the U.S. Supreme Court in abortion (the mass killing of now over 55 million babies since 1973), and of course, Obergefell vs. Hodges (2015) in the legalization of homosexual marriage further opening the floodgates to massive levels of insanity as gay rights and the LGBT agenda supersedes religious liberty and morality.

Asking whether or not America is deserving of God’s wrath is a rhetorical if not utterly stupid question.

Nonetheless, who can know the heart and mind of God as America goes seemingly to greater depths of wickedness?

Will God have mercy once again upon America or will He allow us to continue on the path we’ve created for ourselves - a path to destruction?

God is God, and He is on the throne.

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; Daniel 2:20b-21.

My hope and prayer for you and me is, most importantly, get right with the Lord in all His ways and seek His face while He may be found!

And let God use you and work through you in all your being and doing.

The Pursuit of Holiness

June 3 - 5, 2016



To register for a room call The Shack at 924-6683 and ask for the ADA conference weekend and rate.

In addition, call ADA at 231-924-4050 so that we can add you to our registration list.

Weekend Schedule

Friday night

3:00 p.m. - Overnight guests may begin to register (due to the limited space, registration will only be received for those registering for both nights)

6:00 - p.m. - Buffet dinner served
6:50 - p.m. - Buddy Smith & Bob Azkoul - music prelude
7:00 p.m. - Welcome and opening: Bill Johnson, President of American Decency
7:15 p.m. - Ron Workman - "The Holiness of God"
8:15 p.m. - Bill Johnson - "My Pursuit of Holiness"
9:00 p.m. - Banana split and fellowship
10:30 p.m. - The Shack has quiet time set for all guests

Saturday morning

8:00-9:00 - a.m. - Breakfast buffet
8:50 a.m. - Buddy & Bob - music ministry
9:00 a.m. - Rev. Ken Smith - "Assault on the Holiness of God"
9:45 a.m. - Rev. Donald Wildmon - Q&A led by Bill Johnson
10:45 a.m. - Break
11:00 a.m. - Buddy Smith - message
12:00 p.m. - Lunch buffet served
12:30 p.m. - Free time
3:15 p.m. - Rev. Ken Smith - message
4:30-5:15 pm - Panel Discussion
5:30 p.m. - Buffet Dinner served
7:15 p.m. - A time of worship and praise
8:30 p.m. - Banana split and fellowship

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8:00 - 9:00 a.m. - Buffet breakfast
9:30 a.m. - Worship service at the beautiful outdoor chapel next to Robinson Lake.

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With limited rooms available, we are extending what we anticipate will be a very short-lived invitation to attend what promises to be a powerful weekend of timely information, fellowship and spiritual challenge at a beautiful conference center based near American Decency Association's headquarters in Fremont, Michigan.

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Donald E. Wildmon, Don with his wife Lynda have graciously accepted our invitation. Please join us in praying that they will be able to be with us as Don is recovering from a recent illness that was causing the AFA family great concern.

Don, as most of you know, is the founder and long-time former president of both American Family Association and American Family Radio.

Buddy Smith, Executive Vice-President of American Family Association, former Pastor and gifted singer.

Rev. Ken Smith, Director of Biblical Counseling Center, Jenison, Michigan. Former pastor in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Back by popular demand as speaker at last year's conference.

Dr. Ron Workman, Long time Bible Church pastor having served in Illinois, Florida and Michigan. Ron is the founder of Interim Ministries Incorporated. He has helped many churches through times of pastoral transition.

Bill Johnson, Founder and president of American Decency Association.

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- The conference room for the listening audience only holds 150 people.
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The NFL's Penchant for Darkness

by Lisa Van Houten



“Music has charms to soothe a savage beast,” wrote 17th century playwright William Congreve.

As Christians, we use “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” to worship our great God and to minister to our own souls. However just as music can soothe and inspire, it can also incite.

The later seems to be the purpose behind this year’s Super Bowl halftime performance by singer, Beyonce. In addition to the fishnet stockings that passed for pants, Beyonce and her troupe of female dancers were clad in militant leather jackets and Black Panther berets - seemingly giving tribute to the violent extremist group, the Black Panthers.

Beyonce and her cadre of dancers performed her latest song, “Formation,” in a part-hypersexual part-militant routine, as they raised their fists emulating the Black Power salute and formed a large X on the football field - purportedly in reference to the radical, racial activist Malcolm X. The publication Essence magazine confirmed that Beyonce was “paying homage to the Black Panthers”.

The Black Panthers have a long history of violence – including the murder of police officers. As explained in an article from the Daily Signal: *Taking a movement that once was known to have shootouts with the police, and even occasionally torture and murder snitches in its ranks, and then to make that movement a symbolic carrier of the “black lives matter” movement, was meant to convey a very simple message. It is now “cool” to embrace violence, mayhem, and frankly even racial separatism in the*

cause of civil rights.

The NFL has had a number of public relations nightmares in the last couple of years - not the least of which has been acts of violence, often against women, by some NFL players. So it’s mind boggling that the NFL would have approved of a Super Bowl halftime routine that seems to endorse the controversial “Black Lives Matter” movement. After all, it’s the Black Lives Matter movement that has become known for chants from some protestors such as “Pigs in a blanket, fry ‘em like bacon.” and “What do we want? Dead cops! When do we want it? Now!”

So it’s no wonder that many – including law enforcement agencies – are outraged by Beyonce’s halftime performance, labeling it as anti-police. Former New York City mayor, Rudy Guiliani, stated: “I thought it was really outrageous that she used (the Super Bowl) as a platform to attack police officers who are the people who protect her and protect us, and keep us alive.”

And Milwaukee County sheriff David A. Clarke, himself African-American, gave his opinion of the performance: “Beyonce in those Black Panther-type uniform - would that be acceptable if a band, a white band came out in hoods and white sheets in the same sort of fashion? We would be appalled and outraged. The Black Panthers are a subversive hate group in America.”

The music video to Beyonce’s song, “Formation,” includes images of white police officers in riot gear facing off against a black teenager along with graffiti that reads “stop shooting us.” The video was taken down last Saturday, the day before the Super Bowl performance.

After the Super Bowl, a picture posted on Twitter showed some of Beyonce’s dancers raising their fists in the black power salute and holding up a sign which read “Justice for Mario Woods.” Woods was shot by police for refusing to drop a knife in 2015 – after Woods stabbed a black man.

Yet Woods is portrayed as a victim and the

police, who put their lives at risk protecting us from violence, are targeted as the enemy. Ironically, Beyonce received the benefit of that protection as she was given a police escort into the Super Bowl.

The anger perpetuated by the messaging of Beyonce’s performance and groups such as The Black Panthers and “Black Lives Matter,” leads only to more violence and racial division.

Let me repeat the last sentence from the Daily Signal quote above: “It is now ‘cool’ to embrace violence, mayhem, and frankly even racial separatism in the cause of civil rights.”

It is important to remember the horrible time in our nation’s history where civil rights - and freedom – were denied to a huge segment of Americans.

However, healing won’t take place at the hands of violence. As Martin Luther King, Jr. so eloquently reminds us:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” ... “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.”

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Letting Our Daughters Die for Us?

by Lisa Van Houten



When Carolina and Denver faced off in Super Bowl 50, did either team deploy any female quarterbacks, linebackers, or receivers? Did we see any 120 pound females sacked by men twice their size? In such a high impact sport we would be appalled to see women facing off against men on the playing field. Yet how about on the battlefield?

Now that President Obama has demanded that all military combat roles be opened to women, the next step will be to require that women register for the draft. In fact the top Army and Marine Corp generals recently stated that fact before the U.S. Senate.

Will America now become a country that drafts our 18-year-old daughters and sends them to fight on the front lines?

This would be just the latest step in the Obama administration's quest to radically transform our military. The U. S. military has long stood as an elite fighting force. Yet under Commander-in-Chief Obama, our military has been systematically weakened as national security has taken a back seat to social engineering.

In 1981 the Supreme Court weighed in on the issue of requiring young women to register for the draft. In that ruling Justice Rehnquist wrote, *"The existence of combat restrictions clearly indicates the basis for Congress's decision to exempt women from registration. The purpose of registration was to prepare for a draft of combat troops. Since women are excluded from combat, Congress concluded they will not be needed in the event of a draft and therefore decided not to register them."*

As President Obama has now demanded that all combat roles – from Navy Seals to Army Rangers - must be open to women, it stands

to reason based on the rationale stated by Chief Justice Rehnquist in 1981, that the day is coming when our 18-year-old daughters will be forced to register for the draft.

Putting women in combat opens up a whole can of worms regarding force readiness, lowering of training standards, unit cohesion, and sexual assaults - to name just a few of the consequences of bowing to this push from radical feminism.

The feminist claim that protecting women from combat is a "war on women," will only lead to an actual war on women – the kind where they are killed on the battlefield. Hey feminists, when it comes to equality - be careful what you wish for. The horrifying reality of ground combat and its extraordinary physical demands will only lead to the deaths of more female soldiers. I hate to burst the feminists' bubble, but generally women just don't have the same physical strength as men.

Women currently serve honorably in many capacities of our military, but are we really prepared to send our daughters to the front lines? As Elaine Donnelly, President of the Center for Military Readiness warns: *'Tip of the spear' infantry battalions attack the enemy with deliberate offensive action. Thirty years of studies and reports have shown that in this environment, women do not have an equal opportunity to survive, or to help fellow soldiers survive. ...*

In watching the New Hampshire Republican debate, I was stunned to see three candidates, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, and Chris Christie, advocate that women not only serve in combat but also be required to register for the draft. As these candidates fielded the question, you could almost see the wheels spinning – "what is the politically correct answer that will keep me from being labeled as anti-woman"?

As Family Research Council's Tony Perkins opined: *"Here's the underlying problem the GOP candidates are exposing in their rush to embrace a female draft: they're making it clear that they lack the motivation and courage necessary to undo the damage done to the military under Obama."*

While Ted Cruz was not given the opportunity to give his viewpoint during the debate, he made his position clear as he spoke the following day:

"I have to admit, as I was sitting there listening to that conversation, my reaction was, 'Are you guys nuts?' Listen, we have had enough with political correctness, especially in the military. Political correctness is dangerous. And the idea that we would draft our daughters to forcibly bring them into the military and put them in close combat, I think is wrong, it is immoral, and if I am president, we ain't doing it."

"I'm the father of two little girls. I love those girls with all of my heart. They are capable of doing anything their hearts' desire but the idea that their government would forcibly put them in a foxhole with a 220 pound psychopath trying to kill them doesn't make any sense at all. And it's one more sign of this politically correct world where we forget common sense. ..."

I think most – if not all – parents of daughters would feel the same. For all kinds of reasons it doesn't make sense for women to be sent into combat. I say this even though one of my many favorite scenes in the film version of The Return of the King (The third installment of Tolkien's Lord of the Rings trilogy) is when the female character Eowyn is engaged in a life or death battle with the Lord of the Nazgul. The Nazgul mockingly declares that no man can kill him. Eowyn then pulls off her helmet, boldly declaring "I am no man" as she plunges her sword into the evil creature. I can't help but feel pride as this cinematic sister wields her sword against evil.

However what takes place on the silver screen is a far cry from actual combat. And decisions about requiring women to go to battle to defend our nation should not be based on emotion or equality. We should look to what gives us the greatest chance of defending our nation while also protecting our soldiers lives. Even more importantly, we should follow the

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law of God implanted on our hearts and consciences. Was it just old-fashioned chivalry that led the men on the Titanic to declare “women and children first” or was it an aspect of their masculine nature that God ordained at creation – a duty and desire to protect? Male and female He created us – equal in worth and dignity, but different physically and in role and function. To deny those differences is outright rebellion against our Creator.

As so excellently stated in an article from The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood:

It should be said that Christian dads should never allow their little girls to die for them. This is the opposite of manhood. This is the opposite of honor. This is the opposite of Christlike self-sacrifice on the part of men (Eph. 5:22-33). What’s more, this is the logical conclusion of C.S. Lewis’ discussion of “men without chests.” Any man who would ask his wife or daughter to endure the horrors of war to protect him has missed the very core of biblical manhood, and Christ’s own example as the Savior of his Bride.

As we turn our backs on God’s design for biblical manhood and womanhood, instead of protecting women – we will force them into combat. “Women and children first” – just took on a whole new meaning.

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Christians, above all people, should be grateful for the resources God has given them. In thankfulness we want to use our resources wisely, Biblically, and in a godly manner.

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- Are Christians responsible to vote?
- How do we choose our leaders?
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Come and learn, bring a friend - and your questions. You don’t want to miss out on this amazing opportunity to hear from Dan Celia in person!

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Freedom's Battle

by Chris Johnson



If I were a psychologist, I think that election season would be a fascinating study.

Think about it; out of the handful of candidates running for nomination, each member of each party has their favorite. Having made their choice, and often working tirelessly to win other's over to their favorite candidate, millions of citizens are disappointed when the primaries are over and the winners are announced.

Overnight, party members mentally re-categorize their least favorite people into their political heroes and the losers of the primary are quickly forgotten. Meanwhile, the arguments that they had used against their former enemy are often glossed over and dismissed, if not vigorously defended against, by the very people who only weeks before were using them themselves.

I remember this, most recently, from the 2012 Presidential election. I was a Santorum fan. I watched his numbers steadily climb in the primary elections, and my hopes were high that he, the underdog, could take down the wishy-washy millionaire and Republican Party prince, Mitt Romney. That wasn't to be, and yet weeks later, I was giving mental fist-bumps to the driver of any car with a Romney/Ryan bumper sticker.

Election politics are evidence of how tempting it can be to accept and interpret facts in ways that fit our predetermined opinions.

I'm sure we could go down the list of candidates on both sides of the aisle and find stances or statements we'd take issue with, yet we're more than willing to view our own favorite candidate's weaknesses as

mistakes or missteps, while their opponents errors make them unelectable.

It is important that we accept the bad with the good of our own candidate, as well the good with the bad of their opponents.

Don't misunderstand me, I'm not asking that we be naive. Politics is a corrupt business, and some scandals are every bit as damning as they seem, if not more so (secret email server, anyone?), but sometimes our opponents aren't evil, they're just wrong. Other times, they're just evil.

But as Christians, we should be deeply concerned with the truth, not blindly swallowing fictions because we want them to be facts, not giving the benefit of the doubt to our own camp and assuming the worst about everyone else.

As we look at the candidates for the nomination, remember that in just a few months we may be defending their weaknesses in the general election. If something that made a candidate unelectable in February is no big deal come November, that speaks more to the character of the voter than the candidate.

On the other hand there are those who don't defend the character or views of the candidate, yet vote for them as the lesser of two evils, plugging their nose, as it were, as they cast their vote. Regardless of how we vote, we must remember that our vote speaks to our character, both as a person and a nation.

Let's ask God for wisdom this election cycle, to see scandals only where there really are scandals, to see mistakes only where there really are mistakes, and most importantly that we see righteousness only where there really is righteousness - that we try to see the candidates for who they truly are, and not who it would be most convenient for them to be or how the media portrays them.

This is not a call to accept the party candidate, whoever it may be, regardless of their positions; I hope

that it is rather a call to remember the humanity of each candidate. Each has had and will have lapses in judgment and character, including your favorite candidate, whoever that may be. That's ok. There's only one perfect candidate, He's already King. He's not going anywhere.



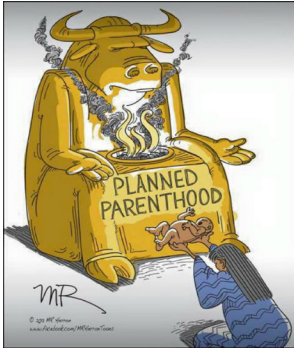
March 22 & 24 Dan Celia at two locations in Michigan. Dan heads Financial Issues with Dan Celia, on American Family Radio's Talk Network, which airs each weekday starting at 9 AM EST and Saturdays at 11 AM EST.

Friday-Saturday, June 3-5 ADA Spring Conference at the Shack in Jugville, Michigan. With speakers to be announced, which will include **Rev. Ken Smith**, Head of Biblical Counseling Center, Jenison, Michigan; **Don Wildmon**, and **Buddy Smith** of AFA.

Friday, July 22 ADA Summer Conference with speakers: **Dr. Joel Beeke**, A minister of the Heritage Netherlands Reformed Congregation and President and Founder of Puritan Theological Seminary, Grand Rapid, Michigan, and **Curtis Bowers**, former Idaho State Representative, creator of the award winning movie "Agenda: Grinding America Down" and more recently "Agenda 2: Masters of Deceit".

Something smells rotten in Texas

by Chris Johnson



If you follow the right people on social media, or if you get this organization's publications, you've heard of David Daleiden and the Center for Medical Progress. If your main source of news is network television and the mainstream media, however, you may not have heard anything about the undercover documentary series which exposed Planned Parenthood's perverse side business of parting out the babies they kill to medical research companies.

The videos, which received millions of views, sparked state and federal investigations into Planned Parenthood, led many to hope that Center for Medical Progress' goal would be accomplished and that Planned Parenthood would lose its federal funding. In fact, several states did pull funding as a result of the documentary series.

Now there is news of an indictment as a result of the undercover recordings, but it's not the indictment that any sane, morally-minded person would expect.

The organization which makes a profit from slaughtering babies in the womb and cutting their bodies into pieces for individual sale, like some kind of sick junkyard of humanity - that organization was found by a Harris County, Texas Grand Jury to be cleared of wrongdoing. The individuals who exposed the gut-wrenching actions of Planned Parenthood, David Daleiden and his colleague, Sandra Merritt, on the other hand, have been indicted for tampering with government records and, get this, *trying to buy body parts*.

So Planned Parenthood isn't guilty of selling body parts, but the investigative

journalist exposing them is charged with buying them. As a Daleiden said himself in a statement regarding the indictment, "We... note that buying fetal tissue requires a seller as well..."

As for the tampering with government records charge, Daleiden and Merritt gained access to Planned Parenthood offices using fake California IDs.

The activists were recently offered a plea bargain, offering parole rather than prison time if they plead guilty to the charges, but Daleiden turned it down, with his lawyer demanding an apology, as CMP's methods are part of a long tradition of undercover journalism.

I'm not holding my breath that he will receive his apology.

And so, the ideology of self-centeredness and abortion entrenches itself deeper into our culture, burrowing like a tick into the flab of our amoral standards.

Now America doesn't just kill babies and sell their precious bodies to laboratories, we threaten those who see that as a problem with 20 years in prison.

"America, America, God shed His grace on thee," and this is how we repay Him.

When Cain killed his brother, Abel, God said, "The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground."

God takes note of innocent bloodshed, and there are oceans of it leaking from the doors of over 700 Planned Parenthood facilities across this country. And to our own shame, our government has not only legalized, we've subsidized it, and now we've defended it.

In his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln acknowledged that God's justice reaches into the realm of the government, as well as that of the individual.

Referring to another horrific human rights violation one time legalized, subsidized, and

defended by the United States Government, and the Civil War which ensued, he said, ***"Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."***

God is just, and if we cannot rid our nation of this horror, and if men who stand up against it like David Daleiden will be oppressed by those charged with upholding justice, that is a terrifying thought indeed.

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