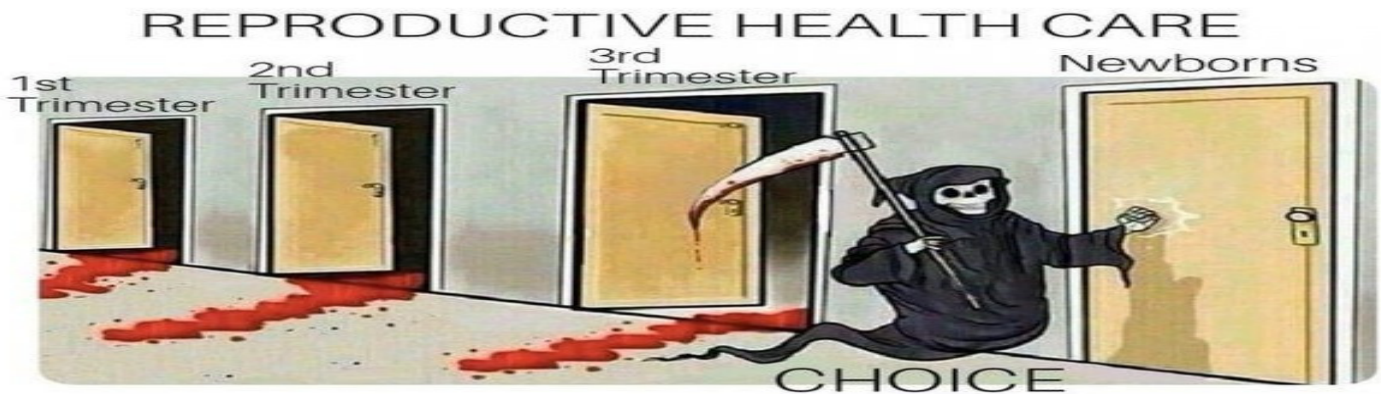


## When the Unthinkable Becomes Thinkable

By Steve Huston



I'm writing this with a very heavy heart on the day after our duly elected Senators voted—in essence—to allow and promote infanticide. The bill they were voting on, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S 311) had nothing to do with a woman's reproductive rights; rather it was about giving babies born as a result of an "unsuccessful" abortion the same degree of medical care as those born at the same stage of a pregnancy. It's like "no child left behind," but in this case to be left behind is to be left to die.

In an email alert we sent out yesterday (2/25/19) encouraging our readers to contact their Senators asking them to support the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S 311), I wrote the following: "*harder yet to believe is the number of states that are promoting infanticide when a baby escapes the abortionist's clutches with his/her heart beating, lungs breathing, and soul waiting to be loved. This shouldn't happen anywhere; but it should especially be unthinkable in America.*"

The Daily Signal reports: "*The Senate voted 53-44 in favor of legislation that would protect survivors of abortion, falling short of the necessary 60 votes to proceed as Democrats blocked the bill when only three of them joined Republicans.*" To this I might add that all the Democrat candidates for

president voted against this bill. Each of them refused to be a voice for the voiceless or to give help to the most helpless.

As Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) stated, "*It isn't about new restrictions on abortion. It isn't about changing the options available to women. It's just about recognizing that a newborn baby is a newborn baby. Period.*" After the vote, he stated in disgust, "*Evidently the far left is no longer convinced that all babies are created equal.*"

Upon hearing the results of this vote, two quotes came to mind. One from founding father Thomas Jefferson and another by philosopher-prophet-theologian Francis Schaeffer, these given in that order: "*I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever.*" And: "*Do not mistake divine forbearance in regard to abortion for indifference. The days of Noah endured 120 years before judgment.*"

My own thoughts were: A baby crossing the border of his/her mother's cervix isn't afforded Constitutional protections and rights by the Left, but these same politicians demand that Constitutional protections and rights be afforded to any illegal who has gained entry across our border. We will intentionally murder our own children while protecting the illegal immigrants who inten-

tionally and unintentionally would bring us harm. "What now?"

**The unthinkable is becoming the thinkable, eventually to become the accepted, and finally the expected!**

A quote from Francis Schaeffer and Everett Koop's book, *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?*, well describes where we sit: "*Each era faces its own unique blend of problems. Our own time is no exception. Those who regard individuals as expendable raw material—to be molded, exploited, and then discarded—do battle on many fronts with those who see each person as unique and special, worthwhile, and irreplaceable...we stand today on the edge of a great abyss. At this crucial moment choices are being made and thrust on us that will for many years to come affect the way people are treated.*"

Reminding us of the Nazi Holocaust and man's propensity for depravity and destruction, barring the saving grace of God, the authors continue: "*We seem to be in danger of forgetting our seemingly unlimited capacities for evil, once boundaries to certain behavior are removed. There are choices to be made in every age. And who we are depends on the choices we make. What will*

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*our choices be? What boundaries will we uphold to make it possible for people to say with certainty that moral atrocities are truly evil? Which side will we be on?"*

My title is based on a section from the aforementioned book which is largely quoted from below.

*"There is a 'thinkable' and an 'unthinkable' in every era. One era is quite certain intellectually and emotionally about what is acceptable. Yet another era decides that these 'certainties' are unacceptable and puts another set of values into practice. On a humanistic base, people drift along from generation to generation, and the morally unthinkable becomes the thinkable as the years move on."*

These men went on to talk about "the speed with which eras change." Written in 1979, they spoke of how those of the '70s couldn't understand those in the '60s because "What was unthinkable in the sixties is unthinkable no longer."

*"The thinkables of the eighties and nineties will certainly include things which most people today find unthinkable and immoral, even unimaginable and too extreme to suggest. Yet—since they do not have some overriding principle that takes them beyond relativistic thinking—when these become thinkable and acceptable in the eighties and nineties, most people will not even remember that they were unthinkable in the seventies. They will slide into each new thinkable without a jolt."*

*"What we regard as thinkable and unthinkable about how we treat human life has changed drastically in the West. For centuries Western culture has regarded human life and the quality of the life of the individual as special. It has been common to speak of 'the sanctity of human life.'"*

What has brought us to the point of murdering our own children AFTER they have been born? Why has the unthinkable and unimaginable become the thinkable and doable today? **Why will America continue down an unimaginable and horror-filled future, barring the grace of God turning us to repentance?** Schaeffer and Koop have an answer for that as well:

*"Judeo-Christian teaching was never perfectly applied, but it did lay a foundation for a high view of human life in concept and practice. Knowing biblical values, people viewed human life as unique—to be protected and loved—because each individual is created in the image of God. ..."*

*"Why has our society changed? The answer is clear: The consensus of our society no longer rests on a Judeo-Christian base, but rather on a humanistic one. Humanism makes man 'the measure of all things.' It puts man rather than God at the center of all things."*

When we make ourselves the standard, instead of setting a standard for ourselves which is outside ourselves, all manner of atrocious evil and inhumanity is not only possible, but proven time and again incapable. As our society has "unbound" ourselves from God's standards, **we have not set ourselves free; but rather, we have shackled ourselves to sin, which will carry us to depths of depravity yet unknown to us.**

We ask in this newsletter, "What now?" What's the next unthinkable? What if I were to suggest that another holocaust, one in which Christians and Jews were the victims, was possible? Right away the thought, "Impossible," "Unthinkable," "Not in America," unintentionally flashed through some of your minds.

Remember, the Nazi Holocaust was impossible to imagine; whenever I see photos or video footage of those atrocities I fight back tears and wonderment that such a thing could happen. Abortion was once considered unthinkable; and if someone had suggested a decade ago that infanticide would be legal, that thought would have been met with a "Not in America."

As the Left has stirred up anger and hatred

against the Right, particularly against Christians and Jews, and has advocated for violence against those who uphold Judeo-Christian values, is it really so far-fetched? As we are made to seem subhuman with titles thrust upon us like "deplorable" and "dregs of society," what's next?

That isn't the main thrust of this article but hopefully it will wake some people up and they will ask, "What now?" **The church has been apathetic and many in the pews have fallen asleep at the wheel.** We by-and-large did nothing when Roe v. Wade legalized abortion and we basically sat on our hands when the Supreme Court shoved homosexual "marriage" down each state's throat. So often we don't know what to do. Do what's right regardless the consequences and regardless of whether you "win" or not. **May God compel you to do something.**

### What now?

1) Remember this at election time—don't have a case of political amnesia when it comes to the issues.

2) Pray that God will burden your heart to cry out for His mercy, to bring about national and personal repentance.

3) Perhaps nationally we can't stop the train from going over the washed out bridge but may we save as many as we can through speaking the truth about God's gracious gospel to those who are broken and deceived. Spurgeon well said, *"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for."*

4) Finally, let us do all we can to save the children God has placed in our sphere of influence. **May we - like Deut. 6 - teach our children the difference between the holy and the profane - for the world will teach them that it is not only thinkable, but that they're expected to live denying the existence of the God who gave them life.**

# A Cautionary Tale

by Lisa Van Houten



We're all familiar with the story of the tortoise and the hare. The overconfident hare presumed that his dominant speed would easily win the race, causing him to become ambivalent towards the unassuming tortoise steadily and surreptitiously leaving the hare in its dust. Of course we find ourselves rooting for the tortoise in the fable; but what if the tortoise's ulterior motive was to catch the hare in order to devour him?

The United States has long led the world in military strength, technological innovation, and economic production. As we've rested on our laurels, there's another world power seeking, not to lead the free world, but **to dominate it.**

In our October 2018 newsletter we wrote about China's growing military threat - asserting control of key shipping lanes, opening military bases around the world, and rapidly acquiring ports throughout Europe, Asia, South America, and even the United States.

In many of these countries, China's military expansion follows a similar pattern. Target nations based on their strategic geographical location and poor economy; provide badly needed financial and infrastructure assistance; then, as they become dependent upon Chinese money and loans, China "asks" to build military bases or purchase ports in place of payment. Not only does China then control dozens of strategic ports, they also have great control over the indebted countries, coercing their support of China's agenda at the United Nations, for example.

As China's military strength and global influence has increased, so has their economic dominance. While the U.S. has continued to treat China as an underde-

veloped country - sharing our innovations and research, bowing to their intrusive demands in order to do business with the regime, and making ourselves vulnerable to corporate espionage - China has steadily used our advancements to become an economic and technological superpower.

Wired magazine reports that China has cornered much of the world's supply of strategic metals and minerals crucial for new technology, including lithium, copper, and manganese used in everything from smart phones to electric cars. China is also the leading global producer of 23 of the 41 elements the British Geological Society believes are needed to "maintain our economy and lifestyle" and had a lock on supplies of nine of the 10 elements judged to be at the highest risk of unavailability.

**China is also on the verge of controlling the market on new 5G wireless technology through Chinese tech giants such as Huawei. In the years ahead, much of our technology and industry will be dependent upon 5G. If China controls the 5G infrastructure for much of the world, countries will not only be reliant upon China, but vulnerable for even greater Chinese espionage and foul play.**

Frank Gaffney explains the threat this way: *"Here's a thought experiment that may seem far-fetched, but it isn't: Would you be comfortable if a hostile power could monitor and control virtually every aspect of your life - including how and whether things work in your home, what is done with your personal communications and information and even our country's defense? Incredible as it sounds, we may be within days of such a prospect becoming virtually certain. Communist China is poised to secure its stated goal of dominating the world's fifth-generation - or 5G - wireless networks."*

As technology is connected via a Chinese-owned 5G infrastructure, this could be entirely possible. Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats has warned that China's cyber warfare is currently "unprecedented in scale;" imagine what it would be if much of our technology is controlled by China.

Huawei is already under scrutiny due to concerns the company is installing "backdoors" in their computer and cellphone equipment **which gives the Chinese government access to any data on their devices.** The *New American* reports that: "...China's major corporations, such as Huawei and Alibaba, are allowed to operate only on condition that they use their resources to enhance the government's surveillance powers at home and abroad. Huawei, a telecommunications manufacturer, provides the Chinese government with intelligence gleaned from its popular cellphones and computers ..."

The Western world naively thought that by treating the communist regime as a capitalist partner, Beijing would eventually open its markets to free trade and its political system to democratic ideals.

However, not only is that not the case economically, but under Chinese President Xi Jinping, Communist China is becoming even more tyrannical. Chinese Christians are facing an alarming increase in persecution, churches are being demolished, pastors imprisoned, and Western missionaries are being expelled from the country. The Chinese people are also experiencing greater totalitarian oppression. The New American also reports: *"A network of new cameras watches Chinese citizens everywhere they walk or drive, while government software compiles data on tens of millions of them, assigning them a number similar to a credit score - except that these scores reflect a citizen's loyalty to the party, obedience to the state, and general sense of civic duty."*

In his recent State of the Union address, Trump warned that the United States is *"now making it clear to China that after years of targeting our industries, and stealing our intellectual property, the theft of American jobs and wealth has come to an end."*

May these not be empty words. If we don't rouse ourselves to China's methodical race to become the dominate force in the world, not only will we no longer be the leader of the free world - we likely will no longer be free.

# Wolves in Shepherds' Clothing

by Chris Johnson



Lieutenant Colonel David Grossman famously categorizes people into three groups: Sheep, Wolves, and Sheepdogs – sheep being the average, vulnerable civilian, wolves being those who represent a threat to civilians, and sheepdogs being those trained and prepared to protect civilians.

As Grossman's use for this analogy was to train "sheep" to become "sheepdogs," he doesn't explore the fourth obvious category that follows the logic of his illustration: shepherds.

You could say - and you'd be right, because the Bible does too – that pastors are the shepherds, directing the sheep towards the green pastures of a satisfying, God-honoring life. From a Christian perspective, the shepherds are even more responsible than sheepdogs for the wellbeing of the sheep, making it that much more heinous when the sheep become their prey.

To stick with Grossman's analogy, when a sheepdog becomes a wolf and harms a sheep, that's a travesty and a violation of trust, but it is still an animal doing what animals do. When the shepherd becomes a wolf and harms a sheep, it is something else. It's a fall from a higher position. **It's a man becoming a beast.**

Let's leave the analogy behind.

When a pastor preys on his flock, particularly the weakest of his flock, it is one chosen to proclaim the Word of God and show his congregation the goodness of God instead sinking to the lowest depravity.

Yet, as the Houston Chronicle reported, such depravity, though not recognized by most, has been realized by many: **"20 years, 700 victims: Southern Baptist sexual abuse spreads as leaders resist reforms."**

Dr. Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (obviously aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention), wrote this synopsis of the report and rally for change in the SBC:

*"A heinous cloud hangs over the SBC. This unchecked pattern of sexual abuse comes like a deluge as scores of churches and denominational structures fail to protect its most vulnerable. Serial sex abusers move from one pulpit or place of ministry to the next and continue to carry out dreadful acts of violence. Ministers of the gospel, entrusted with a sacred duty to care for the people of God in their churches, breach that trust and defame the name of Christ by their actions. These stories of sexual abuse illustrate, in a lamentable way, the barbarity of unrestrained sinful patterns. Indeed, these abusers, caught in the torrent of their rebellion, cunningly hid or minimized their atrocities while churches willfully adopted a policy of ignorance, unwilling to see abuse that stood right before their eyes. They should have seen it.*

*Now, they must see it.*

*Our first concern must be for the victims. The dark reality of this kind of abuse leads many victims to hide their trauma—they sit silent in their pews while their abusers publicly preach God's Word. Southern Baptists, indeed, all denominations, must ensure that denominational structures and policies promote safe places for victims to make their abuse known. Failure to do so not only commits gross injustice for the abused but fosters an environment where abusers can continue their acts of sexual violence on other innocent lives. If churches capitulate on this urgent responsibility, they stand culpable for tolerating the cycle of abuse that scandalizes the churches of Christ."*

Of course, this type of abuse is not unique to the SBC. Well-known Bible teacher Beth Moore created a seemingly unintentional forum for victims of abuse by spiritual leaders to sound off on a Twitter post. A yellowed picture of her elementary-aged self captioned, "We understand how you feel. We didn't want to know either,"

indicates that she was a victim herself at that age. The post has 283 comments, the majority of which are childhood snapshots of users stating some variation of, "I didn't want to know either."

Southern Baptist leadership seems to be responding to the report humbly but passionately. The unique makeup of the Convention – as I understand, it is actually a loose organization of independent churches who are united by SBC's vision but have no denominational hierarchy which the churches actually answer to – limits the power of SBC leadership to come up with punitive solutions. The most they can do is disassociate with irresponsible churches. That, at least, should be done.

But, for the most part, action needs to be taken by churches themselves, not just the denomination they identify with. Churches should have policies which prevent the vulnerable from being alone with authority figures. Parents should be aware of these situations and not ignore red flags just because they assume someone with a position in the church must be safe. And when abuse does occur, it must not be covered up for the sake of the church's reputation.

As this new report evidences, it would have been much better for the church to have a reputation of defending its sheep than defending wolves in shepherd's clothes.

**We pray God's grace for the hundreds of victims over the years. May they know the peace and love which His false servants betrayed.**

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# Smart Phones REQUIRE Smarter Choices

by Steve Huston



*“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, ...it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...”*

Many of you are probably familiar with these opening lines from the classic Charles Dickens’ story A Tale of Two Cities. Well representing so many areas of our nation and our culture today, **I choose to apply these opening words to the vast landscape—or virtual wasteland—of information and entertainment via technology that is only a click away via our devices.**

Dickens writes about a time of extreme opposites without any in-betweens; our goal here is to recognize the extreme polarization these devices offer, yet aim at some guidelines that will, hopefully, land us somewhere in-between. That middle ground being a wise use of screens, as opposed to not using them at all or using them without restriction, having no concern for the inherent dangers they bring. While children are my main concern here, adults have also been taken captive by the alluring blue glow of their screens.

On one hand our digital devices offer “wisdom,” “Light, “the spring of hope,” and seemingly hold out “everything before us.” After all, one can read our newsletter, listen to our broadcasts, and receive our emails or those of other ministries on their favorite screen. I often “join” a congregation in Pennsylvania on Sundays, to be encouraged by great messaging. I use screens for research and occasionally to study God’s Word with online resources; **what a terrific tool our screens can be.**

On the other hand, digital devices also epit-

omize “foolishness,” “Darkness,” “the winter of despair,” and a great wasteland of “nothing before us.” **We seem compelled to waste vast amounts of time with them.** Males and females of all ages post or view photos or movies that range from immodest to pornographic; multitudes go from being entertained to becoming addicted; what should be used for good becomes a tool for evil as our baser side is unleashed. We have written about the dangers of hiding behind screens, neither being seen nor seeing, as we respond to others or mention them on social media. After all, who is to see, know, or care? **Well, God sees; God knows; and God definitely cares about our smartphone use.**

Regardless of how our children are using their smartphones, **the amount of time they are on them is an issue in itself.** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that nine- and ten-year-old children who spend more than two hours in front of a screen each day score lower on thinking and language tests - the average “tween” spends up to six hours a day on their screens.

There are studies that show a relation between smartphone use by children and sleep deprivation and poor attention span - two-thirds of children take their devices to bed with them; some even laying their phones on their pillow for fear of missing a text.

**Digital addiction is a very real and growing problem.** The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation introduces their 2010 study on “Media in the Lives of 8- to 18-Year-Olds,” in part: *“Eight- to eighteen-year-olds spend more time with media than in any other activity besides (maybe) sleeping—an average of more than 7½ hours a day, seven days a week...”*

In a recent USA Today article we read that over 200 million mostly obsessed people are playing an online game called “Fortnite.” Some of these players are engaging in battle during school instead of paying attention to their teachers. Digital addiction is becoming more commonplace and most parents are at a loss of how to handle it. Other sources warn that victims of digital addiction can experience “destructive de-

pendence, extreme change of personality, isolation, and physical signs during withdrawal.”

**Research shows that teens who spend five or more hours per day on their devices are 71 percent more likely to have one risk factor for suicide - regardless of what they are viewing.** Half an hour to one hour a day seems to be the ideal for teen mental health in terms of electronic devices. “Kids who use their phones for at least three hours a day are much more likely to be suicidal.” (Businessinsider.com)

None of the above should surprise us; especially considering that **Bill Gates and Steve Jobs raised their kids mostly tech free.** For that matter, most Silicon Valley parents are strict about technology use—shouldn’t that raise red flags? Shouldn’t that encourage us to set some very definite limits?

Setting limits is very important; but we must also model those limits. Here are some general guidelines to start; more to come at a later date.

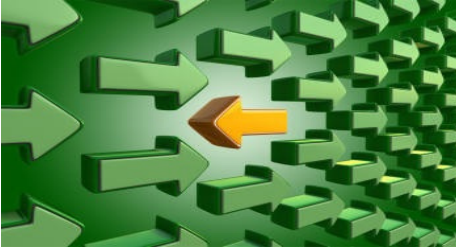
**Keep certain times and places “screen-free.”** For starters, at mealtimes we should focus on one another instead of our phones. Intentionally set aside device free “family time” where you can play games, talk, or work on projects together. There are some families that put their cell phones in a basket upon entering their home to intentionally be present with their family. As for places, bedrooms should definitely be off limits and any zone you choose to allow devices should be public and always available for anyone else to view.

As you set limits, help them to understand that there are dangers associated with smartphone use.

As Christians we need to keep in mind that in all we do - including keep in mind that in all we do - including smartphone and other device usage - we are to glorify God and do all in the name of Jesus. And let’s not forget Paul’s admonition in I Corinthians 6:12. *“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.”*

# The Crime of Being Christian

By Lisa Van Houten



We live in a culture that's increasingly hostile to Christianity. That point was driven home recently when it was announced that Karen Pence was teaching art at a Christian school.

The liberal media were outraged to discover that the Christian school actually holds to Christian teaching regarding sexuality, gender, and marriage. Headline after headline berated the Second Lady and the school – simply because they follow the dictates of their faith and hold to biblical views which not only have stood for thousands of years, but are still affirmed by tens of millions of American Christians.

The attacks upon Karen Pence and Christianity which began in the online news articles continued in the comment sections, as these few examples reveal:

- \* *“Someone needs to do more to keep religious terrorists like her out of schools.”*
- \* *“Get this ignorant school shut down. I’m so sick of bigotry being labeled as ‘religious beliefs’.”*
- \* *“Hateful people and their hateful religion.”*

Such hostility toward Christianity has also infiltrated the halls of Congress. In a disturbing trend over the past two years, Democrat Senators have exhibited outright animosity toward the Christian faith of numbers of President Trump’s nominees, interrogating them about their membership in Christian organizations, what sexual behaviors they consider a sin, and portraying them as disqualified for public service because of their faith. Such hostile questioning on matters of faith is a direct violation of Article 6 of the U.S. Constitution, which forbids a religious test for public office.

Nathanael Blake from The Federalist warns:

*“While they claim to want equality, the left is deliberately establishing a system that will reduce traditional Christians and other religious dissenters to second-class citizenship. Observe how in conflicts between religious liberty and the sexual revolution, leftists seek not to accommodate and tolerate religious nonconformists, but to delegitimize and punish them.*

*“They are quite clear about their goals for orthodox Christians. They believe we are bigots, and that bigots should not be allowed to run schools, work in government, or hold good jobs. If we will not recant and bend the knee to the sexual revolution, they want to close our schools, hospitals, and charities, drive us out of our professions, shutter our businesses, and get us fired from any job they deem above our station.”*

We are quickly going from a nation where Christianity has been regarded, to one where it’s often scorned. It’s hard for us comfortable Christians to accept that many of our fellow citizens, even family members, oppose what we believe. Yet why should we be surprised? Christ said: “You will be hated by all for my name’s sake.” (Matthew 10:22)

So what should be our response to the demand that Christians bow to the sexual revolution? The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) are proposing that we compromise with LGBT activists. They’re endorsing a plan where sexual orientation and gender identity are given special protections and status in exchange for limited religious liberty protections for certain Christian institutions. The proposed legislation is referred to as the “Fairness for All Act.” However, SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) antidiscrimination laws such as “Fairness for All” are not about granting freedom to LGBT people to live as they please - they already have that right - **but about coercing everyone else to affirm and endorse their lifestyles.**

By elevating the LGBT to a special protected class, it would, in part, open all

public restrooms to both genders, remove conscience rights from medical doctors who may not want to facilitate gender transition, and violate the free speech and religious liberty of countless Americans. Under “Fairness for All” the only Christians that would supposedly have their religious liberty protected are certain organizations such as Christian colleges and universities. Only they would be protected from charges of antidiscrimination for publicly affirming the biblical view of marriage and sexuality. Religious liberty is already guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. Fairness for All does nothing to advance First Amendment protections; rather it limits them. **What it does advance is an acceptance and approval of sexual immorality.**

While the CCCU thinks that compromise will offer protection from persecution, a lesson from history teaches us where appeasement leads. In September 1938 British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned from Munich stating: *“I have returned from Germany with peace for our time.”* In signing the Munich Agreement, Great Britain and France agreed to allow the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia, believing that would be the end of Hitler’s aggression. Less than two years later France had fallen and the Blitzkrieg was demolishing London. Such feckless appeasement didn’t bring “peace” to Great Britain or the rest of Europe – rather it facilitated the spread of tyranny and the death of millions.

Most LGBT activists have never shown an inclination to respect Christian beliefs or religious freedom. Can we really expect that even those few protected Christian institutions would maintain their religious liberty for long? Just a few short years ago when gay marriage was legalized, Christians were told it wouldn’t affect us. Now look at where we are.

More importantly, as Christians our ultimate concern should not be to protect our freedom, but to proclaim Christ and the Truth of God’s Word. Yes, we must work to defend our God-given liberty, but not at the expense of truth. **We need to be less concerned about offending man, and more concerned about offending God.**

# The Three Anti-American Musketeers

by Steve Huston



The Three Musketeers' rallying cry "One for all and all for one," means that "*all the members of a group support each of the individual members, and the individual members pledge to support the group.*" (Dictionary.com) This is what we have with the three freshmen Democrat "musketeers" - Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) - all for their group, **but not for all of America.**

Conservative Review took notice of these three stating, they "*have been acclaimed as the future of the Democratic party. Each brings her own assets and liabilities, but collectively they have become symbols of the incoming House Democratic class that is, as the party boasts, younger, more female, and more diverse. They are also much further to the left than the liberal leadership of the Democratic caucus.*"

**These Democrat Representatives have raised their swords to fight against a duly elected president** on every front, even when it comes to the safety and security of America and all her citizens. They push and hold rallies for open borders, more lenient immigration reform, and disingenuously decry the separating of children from their mothers while supporting extremely liberal abortion laws. One such example can be seen in an open colleague letter written by these three (and joined by Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass)), where they asked that funding be cut, rather than increased, for the Department of Homeland Security, including its components, ICE and Customs and Border Protection.

These three have thrown respect and civility aside in discussing President Trump. The most vicious example being Rep. Tlaib's choice to use vile and foul language about impeaching President Trump, first declaring it to her young son and then bragging

about it publically to her supporters.

**They have raised their swords to threaten our greatest ally in the Middle East** - Israel - albeit to varying degrees. Both Reps Tlaib and Omar have made anti-Semitic comments, have endorsed the boycott, divestment, sanctions (BDS) movement that targets Israel and its supporters, and have stated their opposition to the existence of a Jewish state. Our third musketeer couldn't make up her mind until receiving pressure from the left, then she came out in favor of withdrawing aid from Israel and in support of a one state solution.

I'm amazed that Rep. Steven King (R-IA), in January of this year, was stripped of his committee assignments after making a statement where he seemed to legitimize white supremacy - Rep. King insists his remark was taken out of context - yet Rep. Omar can publicly tweet unarguably anti-Semitic statements and keep her seat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

**They raise their swords to cut and shred the Constitution** of the United States of America, a document each of them swore to uphold and to defend against enemies both foreign and domestic. This is being done in a number of ways; let's look at two.

When taking an oath of office to defend the country from enemies both foreign and domestic, one shouldn't be dealing with groups that are known to be terrorist organizations, let alone raise funds for them. However, this headline from The Daily Caller states: "America's First Two Muslim Congresswomen Will Both Be Fundraising For Hamas-Linked Organization." Rep. Tlaib will be speaking at a CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) - MI event with a Muslim Brotherhood-linked imam who has a long history of anti-LGBT, anti-woman, and anti-Semitic remarks; while Rep. Ilhan, representing Minnesota's 5th Congressional District—which according to FBI statistics is the terrorist recruitment capitol of the United States - will be joining a CAIR-LA event.

Remember CAIR? The Daily Caller says: "*CAIR is a notable pro-Palestinian orga-*

*nization with ties to Islamic terror groups. The U.S. Department of Justice listed CAIR as an unindicted co-conspirator in funding millions of dollars to the terrorist organization Hamas.*"

Rep. Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal, according to Greenpeace Co-Founder Patrick Moore, would destroy America. Actually, he said it's a "recipe for mass suicide" and the "most ridiculous scenario I ever heard."

We knew that. After all, anyone who thinks the abolition of air travel, all use of fossil fuels, and the rebuilding of every building in America are legitimate transformations of American life is simply delusional, right?

Regardless, the "Green New Deal" (HR 109) has 68 co-sponsors in the House, its Senate companion (SR 59) has 11 co-sponsors, and all of the declared Democrat candidates for president in 2020 have endorsed this bit of self-destructive insanity.

Don't get caught up laughing at the sound bites; danger abounds where these three women are concerned. According to Breitbart News: our three musketeers "*are the legitimate heirs of Obama's Democratic Party, as far as his closest and most powerful advisor (Valerie Jarrett) is concerned. They aren't marginal figures, radicals with no real links to the party's power structures. Omar, as well as Tlaib and Cortez, reflect the interests and positions of the most powerful faction in the Democratic Party – the Obama faction.*"

If these women are successful in raising their swords, destroying what our founding fathers handed over to us, then it won't matter whether we fall to socialism or Islamism - the outcome will be the same. **We will be in the hands of an ideology that destroys any who will not comply with their god—whether it be Man or Allah.**

**Purpose in your heart today whom you will serve. Then live out that choice with utter abandon. In the words of Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."**

## Preserving the Puppies and Killing the Kids

By Chris Johnson



If you have kids, perhaps you've seen the animated movie, "The Boss Baby," in which babies are imagined as diaper clad bureaucrats working for Baby Corp, a company whose purpose is to beat out its competitors, puppies, in a struggle for adult affection.

It's a cute movie, as long as you don't think about how close that premise hits to home. Consider the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, a recently reintroduced Senate Bill which would make cruelty to animals a federal crime.

In 2017, the Bill passed the Senate with unanimous consent, before being shelved by former House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte.

That's how we come to the bad news for Baby Corp. Senator Ben Sasse recently tried to pass a bill via the same method - requiring unanimous consent; the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

As the title suggests, the bill would require babies who had survived an abortion procedure and were delivered alive to be kept alive and given any required medical attention.

In Sasse's own words, *"Infanticide shouldn't be a partisan issue. Every single public servant should be able to say it's wrong to leave newborn babies to die. Sadly, that's not happening."*

Senator Sasse's bill failed to draw up unanimous consent.

Notably, the senator did not come up with this bill in a vacuum, he was inspired to do so after Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's comments that a child surviving an abortion would *"be kept comfortable. The in-*

*fant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired. And then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."* So, the implication is that they might save the baby - if the mother wanted them to - only to kill it after having a conversation with the mother.

With the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Sasse sought to establish a boundary for the abortion debate. Particularly if it had passed with unanimous consent, it would have shown that while abortion advocates might not consider pre-born babies to be people, at least we can all agree that you can't just kill people for the sake of convenience. Rather, it has shown that we cannot all agree on that simple fact. We are left wondering at what age folks like Northam think it should be illegal to kill an inconvenient child.

Every sitting US Senator agreed in the PACT Act that crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, and impaling animals should be a federal crime. Not to get overly graphic, but almost every one of those actions are represented by abortion procedures.

**As far as our representatives in the Senate are concerned, a stray dog is more worthy of protection than our own offspring.**

Sadly, Northam's comments weren't the only bad sign for Baby Corp in the past month. The State of New York also drew outrage when it passed a law allowing abortions up to the 40th week of pregnancy - full term. That's a full grown baby that New York will allow to be killed simply because it's in the wrong place. New Mexico and Vermont are considering similar legislation.

How sick is our culture? Really, what do we deserve? Every moment that we exist is God's mercy on a culture that deserves fire and brimstone.

May God open our nation's eyes to the stark barbarity of these child sacrifices to the false God of convenience. May He turn our stone hearts to flesh and give us the gift of true repentance!

## God Will Answer

By C.H. Spurgeon



*"He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them"* (Psalm 145:19).

His own Spirit has wrought this desire in us, and therefore He will answer it. It is His own life within which prompts the cry, and therefore He will hear it. Those who fear Him are men under the holiest influence, and, therefore, their desire is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Like Daniel, they are men of desires, and the LORD will cause them to realize their aspirations.

Holy desires are grace in the blade, and the heavenly Husbandman will cultivate them till they come to the full corn in the ear. God-fearing men desire to be holy, to be useful, to be a blessing to others, and so to honor their LORD. They desire supplies for their need, help under burdens, guidance in perplexity, deliverance in distress; and sometimes this desire is so strong and their case so pressing that they cry out in agony like little children in pain, and then the LORD works most comprehensively and does all that is needful according to this Word -- "and will save them."

Yes, if we fear God, we have nothing else to fear; if we cry to the LORD, our salvation is certain.

Let the reader lay this text on his tongue and keep it in his mouth all the day, and it will be to him as "a wafer made with honey."

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