

Rise Up and Step Out

By Steve Huston



Stand Firm

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Where's the church on important cultural issues and social problems that affect us as a nation and as Christians? Where is the outrage against the mockery of holiness? Where is the weeping before God for a nation—our nation—that has embraced a culture of death and has replaced its Biblical building blocks of family and the Bible with the unsteady and crumbling blocks of rebellion that have printed upon them the letters “L,” “G,” “B,” “T,” “Q,” with more letter blocks of rebellion being added. This brings a national crisis as our culture rebuilds on sinking sand; yet mostly there is silence from the Church. **Why do so few take a bold stand for righteousness, a willingness to stand against evil regardless the personal cost?** John Calvin once said, *“A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God’s truth is attacked and yet would remain silent.”* By and large, the church’s bark has become a mere “yip” at best; instead of standing steadfast, we run back to our cushion in the corner smugly satisfied with our Chihuahua-like bravery; or our righteous indignation is replaced with either personal anger or a fear of being called a racist, some form of “—phobe,” or a fear of being seen as unloving and unkind.

Such a stand only comes from the grace and mercy of God burdening the heart. **Pray; for the church needs to love God and her neighbor enough to bark loud and long with righteous indignation. The church needs to stand firm against deception, giving words of warning and compassionate communication that has the fiery boldness**

of righteous indignation at its core, birthed by the grace of God and fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

American Decency has righteously (to the best of our understanding) and boldly spoken into many issues over the last three decades. Some of the more recent ones have been Chick-fil-A, Netflix, the Super Bowl/human trafficking, interfaith dialogue attacking the supremacy of Christ, the search for justice, drivers licenses and entitlements for illegals, FGM, and the mockery of all that is holy. We warn of the Leftist policies that attack life, the church, the Bible, and the heart of freedom through socialism. **The list goes on but the response has waned!**

Again, where are God’s people when it comes to standing for and teaching the difference between the holy and the profane? **But how can we be holy—separated unto God—when the profaneness of this world largely describes our existence? We’ve lost our fire; we need repentance for a rekindling of God’s holy righteousness in our daily lives. We need to cry out for God to burden us until we will stand in the gap with a bold warning against sin!**

In writing to the Corinthians Paul exhorts: “Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” So, I ask again, “Where are you, O church?”

We must be about the business of studying the Scripture and of training our children,

building into them and others a Biblical conviction of what’s pleasing to God and what is not pleasing to Him and taking a courageous stand.

Righteous indignation must first be aimed at our own hearts, before we “Cry aloud, spare not, lift thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression...” (Is. 58:1) Make no mistake, the church (you and I--the body of Christ) are in desperate need of righteous indignation. **The world is in need of us having righteous indignation.**

William Gurnall was blunt: “A minister, without boldness, is like a smooth file, a knife without an edge, a sentinel that is afraid to let off his gun. If men will be bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove.” Each of us is called to be ministers in this sense.

Above all ... LOVE! Without love we will be no more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. History writer Wilfred M. McClay rightly states, **“Love is the foundation of the wisest criticism, and criticism is the essential partner of an honest and enduring love.”**

As a wood fire warms the whole room, so the flame of holy zeal will warm the Christian’s whole life. **May the zealous fire of righteous indignation burn the carnality out of my own heart, give the warmth of compassionate warning to those about, and light the way to He who is Faithful and True. Pray to this end.**



Personal Note from the President

I believe that because the church has been prosperous and at ease for many years, we are largely untested compared to millions upon millions of Christians who stand up for the Word of God every day around the world, who are being persecuted *right now*.

How can we stand for holiness, hating what is evil and loving what is good?

Let's look at the Super Bowl half time event on Sunday, February 2. Dr. James Dobson wrote an article on February 4 sharing our lamentation – marking the difference between the holy and the profane and exhorting America and true believers.

“On Sunday, Fox Sports and the NFL offered up a sexual smorgasbord, and the halftime show was the main course.

“In the last two days, I’ve seen outrage from a few select commentators and Christians. But overwhelmingly, I’ve witnessed the Super Bowl shoulder shrug. Responses range from the timid justification, ‘it wasn’t that bad,’ to the defiant proclamation, ‘it’s a celebration of Latino culture.’

“Let me be clear: pole dancing, sex simulation, and crotch shots are not a celebration of Latino culture; they are a celebration of our hypersexualized culture...

“Parents, are you content to allow your children to be swept into this abyss? How many of you sat open-eyed and close-mouthed as your children partook of this sex-saturated show? How many of you are allowing your children to adopt an unhealthy and dishonoring view of women and sexuality?

“...We should demand better from the NFL,

networks, sponsors and entertainers. But may God help us if we don’t first demand more from ourselves as parents and as citizens. We have the truth and we must stand for it.”

Many churches even yet host Super Bowl Sunday events either at their church or in their homes – gathering around their big screens en masse compromised and available to be conformed to this world.

Can we return where we ought to be?

Would it be that we would urge our local church not to participate! Would it be that in our hearts and minds we would truly be troubled about what was about to be aired and we would prayerfully express our concern with our children and grandchildren, explaining to them why we don’t watch the Super Bowl.

Let’s look at another very serious matter, formerly one of the few truly Christian corporations in America bringing hope and strength to the many who applauded their Christian stance before a watching world: Chick–fil-A.

Chick-fil-A is open six days and closes its doors on the Lord’s Day. As they prospered, there were groups that met their corporate advances with hatred for their Biblical convictions that marriage was between a man and a woman. Yet, the more hostility they met, the more their customer base expanded and their profits rose to the point where they became the third most prosperous fast food restaurant.

The great tragedy is that Chick-fil-A put profit above principle. They aligned with pro-homosexual groups and with the hate-filled Southern Poverty Law Center.

Quoting Curtis Bowers, producer of the award winning documentary movie “Agenda: Grinding America Down:”

“An event took place a couple of months ago that almost went unnoticed by many and I think it was a turning point for America. I think 30 years from now it will be seen as the day we seceded to the left as definers of what is moral from here on out...

“It is a key event and I want you to understand why it is so key and what we must do to try

to turn back what has happened so that we can gain the moral authority again as we have been in this culture war for the last 50 years - to continue to stand on the Biblical principles, the time-tested principles, the principles that cause a people to be blessed because they are following and adhering to those same principles that every civilization in the history of the world that has chosen to ignore and turn from them has been cursed and has eventually collapsed from within.

“A couple of months ago Chick-fil-A decided they were no longer going to give money to the Salvation Army, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and other organizations that upheld the Biblical position of marriage...

Notice: Curtis Bowers marks the difference between the holy and the profane. He’s saying it’s a big deal if Chick-fil-A moves on with no repercussions. Should Christians care? Should the church be informed and be encouraged to pray and take action? How can we be salt and light here? Should we speak out?

Some of you received a letter from Dan Cathy where he glossed over the fact that Chick-fil-A had pulled their support from nonprofit organizations that stood for biblical marriage only and yet made it appear as though all was well since they supported some Christian ministries, after all. Of course, Dan Cathy said nothing about the fact that Chick-fil-A now was financially supporting the likes of the Southern Poverty Law Center with its long list of Christian organizations that they energetically declare to be hate groups.

We are heading into increasingly harsh, treacherous days,

but let’s not kid ourselves: we are already well immersed in treacherous, may I say, Satanic days. We often see firsthand what the world teaches through its education systems, its so-called art, its entertainment, its sports, advertisement, movies - even weakened, sickly churches’ church leadership. We see its impact up close and sometimes we speak into it with seemingly no affect. Still we MUST speak and we must live godly lives in Christ Jesus for the sake of the Kingdom and to bring glory and honor to His name. And this we must never under estimate. God is faithful to His children.

Winners and Losers

By Steve Huston



The Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl LIV; but the 49ers aren't the only ones who lost there. When one factors in the human trafficking that takes place, the stirring up of lust that perpetuates these heinous crimes, and the great number of Americans, businesses, and churches that support this event—either by the yard or the full hundred—**there are a great many losers.** Will you open your mind long enough to consider these losses with me?

The trafficked children, teens, and young adults who are demeaned and desecrated image bearers of God:

According to a 2018 USA Today article, **adults purchase children for sex at least 2.5 million times a year in the United States.** It also reported that *“In 2016, a Department of Justice-commissioned study, Youth Involvement in the Sex Trade, found that boys make up about 36% of children caught up in the U.S. sex industry (about 60% are female and less than 5% are transgender males and females).”*

A MLive January 2019 updated article states, *“‘Children exploited through prostitution report they typically are given a quota by their trafficker/pimp of 10 to 15 buyers per night,’ according to the 2009 National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America’s Prostituted Children. ‘Utilizing a conservative estimate, a domestic minor sex trafficking victim would be raped by 6,000 buyers during the course of her victimization through prostitution.’”* Another source reports from the same report, *“some service providers report girls having been sold to as many as 45 buyers in a night at peak demand times, such as a sporting event or convention.”*

I could fill your screen with mind-blowing

statistics regarding children 8 years old (and even younger) who are kidnapped, coerced, sold by relatives, and deceived into trafficking circles; or that this is a \$9.5 billion industry in the US alone; and—according to a DC Dirty Laundry article—*“In Georgia alone, it is estimated that 7,200 men (half of them in their 30s) seek to purchase sex with adolescent girls each month, averaging roughly 300 a day.”* Reading article upon article and researching various reports left my head swimming, my heart aching, and my spirit praying for God to step in and intervene. Should He choose to use this article in some small way, all glory to Him.

These children (and older trafficked individuals) are first and foremost image bearers of the Most High God. They are also somebody’s sons, daughters, and grandchildren; they are loved (at least by their Creator) and cared about. These are the biggest losers at large sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, as **they lose their innocence, their sense of self-worth, and have lost their ability to say no without dire consequence.**

We should hate sin all the more as we recognize that it is the sinful, fallen state of man that moves men to such unthinkable and heinous actions. **But these are not the only losers ... Who else?**

The viewers (adults and younger) whose minds are desensitized and some whose lusts scream to be fed:

First, I see the half-time show as little more than an advertisement for the traffickers. As the smell of popcorn excites the senses to eat popcorn, so the frenzied sexualized “dancing,” objectification of women and sex, the driving music, and this year’s inclusion of children in cages, all serve to stir up a powerful lust that screams to be fed. These flesh-peddling traffickers are more than ready to feed those with uncontrolled base animal instincts with no more thought than the hotdog vender plying his wares.

Some will say that I overstate my case, that this isn’t so. Really? While it is true that not every individual will be driven to rent and

rape a child there, it does affect the viewers. The Federalist reports, *“Pornhub searches for ‘Shakira’ and ‘Jennifer Lopez’ skyrocketed, increasing 1,401 percent and 381 percent, respectively. According to Pornhub Insights, ‘The per-minute data also shows us that as soon as halftime began, a large number of people immediately headed to Pornhub before returning to the show. Then just before the beginning of the third quarter, we see more people return to Pornhub for a quick break.’ ‘Super Bowl’ and ‘Superbowl’ searches shot up 5,000 percent on game day, with huge spikes in searches for cheerleader-related content.”*

Secondly, viewers become further desensitized as they put things before their eyes that at one time was relegated to back alley sleazy “gin joints,” places where respectable men would loathe to be found and most women and children wouldn’t be allowed. I don’t suggest that every person who watches the Super Bowl (and its half-time show) will become a sex-crazed degenerate, but what we put before our eyes will affect us. Often, we may not even be aware of their effects; that should bother us greatly.

As such, the viewers of the Super Bowl are also amongst the list of losers. But wait, there are more...

The “church” that refuses to come out and be separate, neglects to teach the difference between the holy and the profane, and identifies (intentionally or not) more with the sins of this world than the Savior who is its sacred Head:

At what point does the church say, “ENOUGH!” Considering the broad range of sin that is clung to and seen as “okay” or “no big deal” by what is identified as “the church” today, the answer will inevitably vary. We must at least agree that not being a part of—or supporting the rape of—children and others would be common ground, **that we could all agree that at least this is ENOUGH!**

The church loses when it gives up its distinctive of holiness (separateness) and

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stops sharing the saving, sanctifying, and sin-overcoming grace of God with others. When we cling to the profane (worldliness), holding loosely to the exclusivity of Christ and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, we not only lose our witness to a watching world, but we also stand to lose our children to the enticements of the world.

Esau should have questioned the high cost of his birthright and we must question the inconceivable worth of our witness and the invaluable worth of our soul. Let's also ask how our varied actions may help to continue the sin of human trafficking/child rape or help to diminish it. (There are many things non-Super Bowl related; but there is the Super Bowl as well—be sure to check out the link at the end of this article).

As for our children and our witness, I think Dr. James Dobson summed it up well: *“Let me be clear: pole dancing, sex simulation, and crotch shots are not a celebration of Latino culture; they are a celebration of our hypersexualized culture. I regret the need to be so graphic, but have we collectively lost our minds? Objectifying women—whether they willingly participate or not—is wrong. Failing to oppose such an affront to women is equally blame-worthy.”*

“Parents, are you content to allow your children to be swept into this abyss? How many of you sat open-eyed and close-mouthed as your children partook of this sex-saturated show? How many of you are allowing your children to adopt an unhealthy and dishonoring view of women and sexuality? The Bible proclaims that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, created for relationship with our Creator. That message isn't coming from

our society... is it coming from you?”

Yes, the church joins the ranks of Super Bowl losers when it isn't careful to love not the world or the things of this world. It loses when it looks with glee upon that which furthers the kingdom of darkness rather than fully supporting the Kingdom of Light. As if all the previous weren't enough, there is still one more category of loser that we will look at.

You and I lose: According to ABC News (in 2013), The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported that nearly 800,000 children go missing every year (roughly 2,185 children a day).

This demand for young flesh has neither been satiated nor diminished; and those who get dragged into this nightmare of endless rape, forced drugging, humiliation, disease, endless pregnancies, abortions, torture, and fear of being killed or those they love being killed, have an average life expectancy of only seven years.

As co-created members of the human race and citizens of this great nation, what affects the least of these has an effect on each of us. The ways are too numerous to count, from desensitization of sin and horror to a greater numbness toward other sins, and opening the door to further sin within our own personal lives. The things we never thought we'd see in America are now commonplace for our children and grandchildren. **Aren't we shocked by at least some of the things that are accepted today? Next year the shock will be gone, replaced by a sad disapproving shake of the head, while something more heinous will take its place to shock us.**

The only way to minimize that effect is to feel a burden in prayer over these things and to consciously take steps to either stop them or do away with some of the conveniences we use that lend support to these atrocities. You may not be able to stop this satanic war (given the name human trafficking) against these precious image bearers of God but you can be a conscientious objector by not being involved in those things that feed the supply line for Satan's minions.

You and I can take a personal stand and say, “NO MORE!” No more of my finances and no more of my time will go to help the enemy destroy the innocent. Sports are not intrinsically evil and there are several players that are good men and who will give God the glory; yet, the NFL has also given us plenty of reasons to think twice before supporting their organization. Anti-family half-time shows and the peddling of flesh should be enough for most compassionate people to say “NO” to the Super Bowl. But beyond that **I urge you to read the Dirty Dozen list found at endsexualexploitation.org/dirtydozen-2020/.** They list the top 13 offenders of human trafficking and tell you how you can make a difference. How much convenience or cost are you willing to give up to say, “For me personally, ENOUGH! I won't support things which support the rape of children and the devaluation of God's creation.”

Don't just be shocked; don't just feel badly. **Real compassion requires action; do something, take a stand, and encourage others to do likewise.**

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Strolling Down Sesame Street... In Drag?

By Chris Johnson



Once upon a time, when fiscal conservatism was the hill upon which the Republican party had chosen to pretend to be willing to die, Elmo, Bert, and Ernie were in grave danger. When the TEA party, which at its inception, it should not be forgotten, stood for “Taxed Enough Already,” was the vehicle for opposition to President Obama, prominent Republicans were actually actively looking for programs to cut to throw sand in the gears of the national debt clock (which is still at USDebtClock.org and more terrifying every second). Big Bird, for a brief moment, had his neck on the chopping block when conservatives began to question, “why do our taxes fund a notoriously liberal propaganda slinging ‘news’ and ‘education’ channel like the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (PBS) again?”

Of course, President Obama immediately jumped into action, grabbing Big Bird’s knobby orange legs and yanking him to safety before the axe could fall, stating, “These aren’t really budget items; these are political statements,” as if budget items and political statements were mutually exclusive.

Obviously, funding (meaning it’s a budget item) a lefty news organization (meaning making political statements) is both, which makes **PBS’ receipt of \$465 million dollars of taxpayer’s money inappropriate on two levels** and we’ll get to a third level in a minute.

First let’s look back at something President Thomas Jefferson famously said to his Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, “Congress had not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare, but were restrained to those specifically enumerated; and that, as it was never meant they should

provide for that welfare but by the exercise of the enumerated powers, so it could not have been meant they should raise money for purposes which the enumeration did not place under their action; consequently, that the specification of powers is a limitation of the purposes for which they may raise money.”

In brief: PBS ain’t in the Constitution. PBS ain’t getting no money, at least not from President Jefferson.

Then there’s the issue of PBS’ obvious leftward bias. One extreme example can be found in one of last year’s episodes of Arthur – yes, the Aardvark cartoon – which went out of its way, after 22 seasons on the air, to suddenly make the titular character’s teacher a homosexual.

Then there was the former writer for Sesame Street, who revealed in 2018, that, “*I always felt that without a huge agenda, when I was writing Bert and Ernie, they were [gay.]*”

In January 2017, the outgoing Vice President of PBS, Toby Chaudhuri, presented at a lawyers’ conference held to organize, “*legal resistance to the incoming Trump Administration and Republican controlled Congress.*”

Doubtless, if you’ve consumed much of what PBS has aired or published online, you could share your own examples.

Here’s the most recent one and one of the more egregious: In an upcoming episode, Sesame Street will foist Drag Queen Billie Porter on the unsuspecting children in their audience. Along with their letters and numbers, little Sesame Street fans will also be exposed to the idea inherent to Drag culture - that it’s normal behavior for a man to dress as a woman and dance for an audience in a sexually suggestive way.

That’s the idea that little Desmond Napoles, the twelve year old “Drag Kid” fell for and how many will be exposed to this distorted thinking through the trusted vehicle of Sesame Street?

It should be noted that Sesame Street is currently produced by HBO Kids and licensed to PBS, so while PBS isn’t creating the show any more, they are buying the rights to show it. Sesame Street is still a major part of PBS’ brand and they still have a major financial interest in it.

So, I teased a third issue with the taxpayer funding of PBS, and here it is. It’s a violation of the current, constitutionally misinterpreted, standards by which our government denies funding to proselytizing religious institutions, the mythical “separation of church and state.”

The consistent preference of atheistic morals over Christian, traditional morality is as much a violation of that principle as, say, funding an adoption agency which only wants to place kids in a home with a mother and father.

That Arthur’s teacher is able to marry a man is a religious idea; that normalizing Bert and Ernie as gay lovers is a good thing is a religious idea; that gender norms are a social construct and it’s ok for a boy to dance around pretending to be a glamorous woman is a religious idea. And that religion – Humanism – is not merely being established, it has been firmly enscined as the ruling idea of our government and culture at large – which is an actual violation of the First Amendment.

Humanism is defined as “*an outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters...*” Does that not perfectly describe the principle which allows a government to fund a network like PBS, but not a charity faithful to Biblical ideals?

People are made to worship and if they’re not worshipping their Creator, they’ll find something else. **Increasingly, our idol is ourselves.** Our culture is built on autonomy – we are free to be who we want to be, no one can stand in our way. We decide who we are.

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The Trouble with Throuples

By Lisa Van Houten



Ever hear of a “throuple?” You might think it’s a nonsensical word from a Dr. Seuss book. Rather, it’s a new slang word in our English lexicon. The word may be new, but not what it represents - rebellion. Rebellion against God and His design. “Throuple” is our culture’s cutesy term for polygamy, or polyamory. **Give sin an innocuous sounding name and it becomes more acceptable.** Fornication became “sleeping together,” sodomy became “same-sex relationships,” adultery becomes “an affair,” and polygamy becomes a “throuple.”

Polygamy has been in the news lately. Just recently a Utah Senate committee unanimously approved a bill decriminalizing polygamy. In 1890 the federal government, protecting the God-ordained institution of marriage, mandated that the territory of Utah outlaw polygamy as a prerequisite for joining the United States. Now the Utah state legislature is considering reversing that very law.

Then, right in time for Valentine’s Day, HGTV on its show “House Hunters” gave legitimacy to deviancy by featuring a “throuple” – in this case a man and two women. As People magazine reported, *“Brian and Lori, who are legally married, fell in love with Geli after meeting her at a bar. The trio entered into a relationship with Brian and Lori exchanging vows with Geli in a commitment ceremony attended by their (Brian and Lori’s) children.”*

It shouldn’t come as a surprise. Years ago when LGBT forces sought to legalize gay “marriage,” we at American Decency and other pro-family leaders warned that it was just a matter of time before there’d be a push to normalize polygamy.

When a people reject objective truth, sub-

jective morality is inevitable. If man rebels against His Creator and deems himself the arbiter of what is right and what is true, if “marriage” can be redefined to mean whatever we want it to mean, than marriage becomes meaningless. As Dr. Michael Brown wrote: *Put simply, if marriage is not the unique union of one man and one woman, then what is so sacred about the number two? As I asked in a 2015 article, “If Love Is Love, Why Not Three Men ‘Marrying’?”*

For that matter, if love is love, why not four or more? If marriage can be so fundamentally redefined as to include no member of the opposite sex (think of it!), then why not?

It’s like saying a duet can have one singer (or three). Or twins can refer to three babies (or one). That’s just like saying marriage can refer to two men or two women. It fundamentally redefines the very meaning of the term. And once that is done, then there’s no reason you can’t have throuples (or more).

In 2004, polyamory proponent Jasmine Walston stated, *“We’re where the gay rights movement was 30 years ago.”* “Love is love” was the argument used by gay ‘marriage’ advocates and is the same rationale now being used by polyamory (polygamy) advocates.

IF “love” or “personal happiness” is the basis for what constitutes marriage, than it would make sense that marriage could encompass any gender or any number of people – whatever makes us happy. But that’s not what marriage is. Marriage isn’t for our “personal fulfillment,” but for the fulfillment of God’s design as He ordained it at creation and affirmed by Christ in Matthew 19.

My heart grieves for children growing up in this topsy turvy world where truth is denied and wrong is called right. I think of the two children in the “throuple” featured on HGTV’s “House Hunters” whose parents have thrust them into this twisted lifestyle, normalizing perversity before their watching eyes and hiding from them God’s good design.

May we be tireless in our efforts to tell the next generation of the One who is the only arbiter of what is right and true, fulfilling the commands of Psalm 78. By God’s grace, may He use our efforts to raise up a generation that will *“set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.”* (Psalm 78:7-8)

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The Lord laughs in derision (Psalm 2:4,5).

PBS is a symptom. A Drag Queen on Sesame Street is only the beginning. In fact, in the time it’s taken me to write this article thus far, I’ve heard rumblings of the next Spiderman movie making the title superhero bisexual. This is the way our culture is headed, and barring an actual miraculous work of God, it will be the undoing of our society.

When each individual is worshipping themselves, attempting to create their own reality, there will be conflict. Government will continue to attempt to assuage the conflict with programs and propaganda until the money is gone and then it’s every man (or whatever you identify as) for themselves.

America’s only hope is not the next election. It wasn’t the last election either and it won’t come in 2024. The only hope is and always has been repentance and reliance on the righteous life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Our only way out, is the way of Ninevah.

Jonah 3:8,9 shares the decree of the king of Ninevah, **“Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”**

Let us take the king’s message to heart.

Have you ever been attacked by a chicken?

By Steve Huston



Americans are a forgetful people. 9-11 came, we said we would never forget; but look at our Congress and our nation. America was violently attacked and we, collectively, have forgotten. Last year, America was attacked again, this time by trusted Chick-fil-A. Make no mistake, this IS an attack on our civilization.

There are many Americans who remain ignorant of this attack, some who have already forgotten or thought it not such a big deal, others who thought the Chick-fil-A nothing burger letter made everything all right, and then there are those who recognize the dangers of a major restaurant chain that purposely duped its customers while aligning with the Leftist cultural shift that is bent on attacking the church, stealing our children, undermining conservatives, and destroying our nation. **Yes, America, it is a big deal and we must neither forget nor ignore what has happened. As Christians, we must forgive and pray for all those involved in CFA's decisions, Christ demands it; but until there is real change, the letter Dan Cathy sent appears more like an attempt at manipulation than a real apology.**

In moving support from organizations that uphold Biblical marriage, like the Salvation Army, to pro-LGBT organizations, like Covenant House, Chick-fil-A has **1)** told the Left that they get to define our culture and our morals **2)** They've told America that you can't be a Christian and be in business (after all, if the number three fast food restaurant, CFA, can't make it without succumbing to the pressures of the Left, how can anyone?) and **3)** They've told Salvation Army that to get donations you must abandon your Biblical principles. **4)** They've told their customer base that our years of standing by them, when the Left regularly attacked them, means nothing.

Sadly, CFA's attack against the church and our civilization is largely going unanswered by the Right. Chick-fil-A drew a line of demarcation and **we must decide where we will stand.** Instead of allowing this attack to go unanswered, let this demarcation line—that they drew—affect their bottom line.

Let me address just a few things from the "Nothing-Burger letter" sent by Dan Cathy to a large Christian-voice organization:

He states that his company is not waning in its corporate purpose "to glorify God..." But as the adage goes, "Actions speak louder than words;" and sometimes, more can be learned by what is **NOT** said than what **IS** said. Nowhere in his letter did Dan Cathy reaffirm their position that marriage is only between one man and one woman. Has CFA abandoned their belief in the Biblical stand on marriage? Neither does he explain why they are supporting Covenant House, which affirms LGBT related issues.

How does this glorify God? And what about their support for the YMCA (supporting abortion and LGBT+ agenda) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) which targets Christian and conservative groups, labeling them hate groups?

Actually, in the letter he writes, "*The intent of our corporate giving has always been to have impact – not to make a statement or support a political or social agenda.*" Yet, that is exactly what CFA has chosen to do. It isn't possible in today's political/social climate to not take sides—the Left has seen to that. Mr. Cathy's next sentence was, "*In the future, our company will seek to make a greater impact by addressing the challenges of hunger, homelessness and education.*" Again, these things were already being addressed through Christian organizations. If education were a real concern, why not fund something/someone that educates the LGBT+ community on the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual dangers that their lifestyle brings to them?

Ought Christians to slink off into the woods to quietly abandon our purpose? No, we are to stand firm and shine truth for the sake of a lost and dying world.

Chick-fil-A is privately owned; they answer to no one but their customers. They have total authority over their choices; yet they are abandoning Christian organizations that are doing good work in hopes that the LGBT+ community will stop making trouble for them and they can open a few more restaurants. Apparently, being the number three fast-food chain (financially) isn't good enough for them. It would appear that for Chick-fil-A, it's all about their lust for money.

What should we do? Curtis Bowers, producer of "Agenda: Grinding America Down," has a new podcast that can be heard here: <https://anchor.fm/Curtis-Bowers>. In his first program he addresses this topic and suggests that we **1)** Stop going to CFA restaurants. **2)** Stop by the local CFA and kindly explain why you and your family won't be eating their anymore. **3)** Encourage others to not frequent there and tell them why.

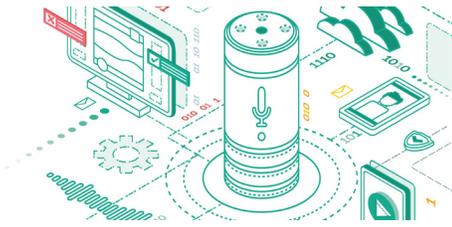
Are you willing to give up your chicken sandwich for principle? According to Curtis Bowers, if CFA's sales were to drop 10% to 15% they might turn around and do right again.

What are you willing to give up for the sake of American civilization? I understand that it will take more than a chicken sandwich; but **until, by the grace of God, we start taking a stand somewhere, we may not find our country anywhere anymore.** An attack on the Bible, the family, and the culture mustn't be forgotten. Let Chick-fil-A know that you remember this attack by standing in a different fast-food chain as you stand for Truth.

We urge you to visit your local Chick-fil-A and speak to the manager or hand them the enclosed postcard. Thank them for their good food and great service. Then let them know that regrettably you will no longer be spending your money there as a matter of principle. **Encourage others to do so by passing along to them a postcard that they can hand to the manager. Call us at 231-924-4050 to order extra copies of the postcard. These are available from us in a package of 25 for \$5.00.**

Who's Listening?

By Kimberly Cargill



I remember when the telephone went from being on the wall to being cordless and what a big deal that was, going from having a long cord that limited you, to taking the cordless phone anywhere in the house. When the phone was on the wall you didn't have much privacy like you did when you could take it anywhere. **But was that a bad thing not to have privacy?**

Now we have cell phones and everything seems to be "smart." You have smart phones, televisions, appliances, thermostats and even cars. With all this technology and easy access to things, are we gaining or losing? I think both.

On the gaining side, it is surprising how far technology has come. It is far above what it was like when I grew up. Back in the '80s and '90s, I remember my school raising money for a computer lab. That was a big thing for our small private school. Computers were basically in businesses and colleges at that time. Now it seems that everyone has a computer or tablet at their fingertips.

Technology can be very useful. It is easy to type a question into Google and get an answer right away. You can get caught up on the news, chat with friends or family, and even live stream with people in another country. It can be a very useful tool.

But like some things, **there can be a downside of technology.** Now most people have cell phones. Yes, it is nice to be able to get a hold of anyone wherever they are. But most cell phones have capabilities and abilities that some of us don't even know that they have.

I talked with an older lady who had gotten an updated cell phone. She was telling me that she had asked the guy at the store to

install a Bible app on her new phone. That Sunday, when she was sitting in church, she decided to try out the new app. When she opened the app up, it came right up to the passage that the Pastor had said. She was kind of freaked out by that.

Then a few days later, she was talking to a friend about a topic and when she got home, that topic came up on her phone asking if she wanted more information on it. Now she was again freaked out. She asked me how this could be. Well after talking to her, she told me that she has "Siri" (Siri is a virtual assistant that is part of Apple). With Siri, you can just speak to your phone and it will do it or answer you. She said that she liked this feature because she could say "Siri call ..." and it will call that person.

Apple is not the only one that has this. Amazon has "Alexa", Microsoft has "Cortana" and Google has "Google Assistant". They can all look and sound like great features and can be useful, **but to what cost?** Do you want someone listening to all your conversations and, with some, seeing you at all times? Who is doing the listening and what are they doing with the information? They say that you have to say a certain word for the microphone to turn on, but how do we really know that is the case. We have heard that story before and then in a year or two later we find out that was not the case.

Why are we so willing to trade in our privacy for easiness? We need to start thinking some of this through and ask ourselves – "Do I really need this feature?" and "What are the possible dangers?"

Most of the chips and devices are made in China and we have seen in the past that we really can't trust their government and how they can possibly use and manipulate the information. If they are in the background listening and watching what else can they do to control all the devices and chips?

I talked with our technology guy after having a discussion with this lady. I asked him if I had those features on my phone. He was able to go through and turn off some of the microphone and other op-

tions. It gave me peace of mind that my cell phone was more secure.

The world's technology is changing at a rapid pace and sometime it is hard to keep up with it. We can know for sure that our ultimate security comes from God. He is our Creator and He is always there for us. We should be concerned with who is listening to us and watching us through technology, but we should be more concerned with what God sees and hears us do and say even when we don't think anyone is around.

Are we watching shows/movies that are appropriate? Are the magazines or images that we look at edifying to God? Or are they filled with sexualized material? Why is it that we say it is ok to watch or look at in the name of "entertainment" but not in real life? As a believer, we should always remember that God is always with us and He sees what we see and listens to what we hear. **Would He be honored or be ashamed?**

Comments from our Supporters



Thank you all for the hard work you do every day; for fighting the battles that we are fighting every day; for exposing evil and for defending us against it. Our prayers are always with you and I wish we could help out more than we do financially. We stand with you, for our country's sake and for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. May you all feel God's peace and presence ... R.S. M

Thank you, thank you, thank you for keeping us informed and equipping us with what we need to stand for Christ and for our country. You are making a difference! ... M.&M. H.