

Same sex marriages jammed down our throats

Is this the natural consequences of America's backhanding of God's standards over these last generations?



By Bill Johnson

Same sex marriages are being jammed down our throats. The pace of the push is heating up. Will we be able to halt it? Only as God allows. Is the unfolding of this onslaught of evil part of the natural consequence of America's backhanding of God's standards over these last generations?

Some of my earliest recollections regarding the concern relative to so-called "gay rights" came in the early 1990s. David Caton, then President of AFA of Florida (now Florida Family Association), was shedding light upon "Gay Days at Disney" which was being held every spring. David passionately labored, urging Disney leadership to disengage themselves from their legitimization of homosexuality.

Though I was supportive of David, I never anticipated that this was only the beginning of what was to be the societal/national tragedy it has become.

My youngest son was married on April 18. As I rejoiced in the young couple's God-ordained union, I also grieved over what they will face in our decaying culture. In my son's short lifetime, the fight to legitimize homosexuality has moved from the fringes of society to a firestorm of judicial activism, of godless tyranny running roughshod over the will of the people. As I watched David Caton do battle over Disney and homosexuality just really a few short years ago, I was and have been naive to the depths of depravity of millions whose cor-

rupting influence has reached to the bench, to the pulpit, to the pew.

Look at what has taken place in the last month alone. On April 3, same-sex marriage was foisted upon the people of Iowa by seven unelected, activist judges who unanimously struck down the state's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in a blatant display of judicial tyranny. Days later the Vermont legislature voted to legalize same-sex marriage in that state, overriding the governor's veto.

In my personal note you will read of the troubling and compromising statements made by a well-known Christian pastor.

And, the most recent example, the Miss USA contest. As the contest was coming to an end (Sunday evening, April 19), one of the top contestants was asked a question by the openly homosexual pageant judge Perez Hilton about legalizing same-sex marriage. First runner-up Carrie Prejean (Miss California) answered: "I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody there. But that's how I was raised and that's how I think it should be."

Prejean stated that her answer "did cost me my crown," but said, "I wouldn't have had it any other way. I said what I feel. I stated an opinion that was true to myself, and that's all I can do. ..."

Hilton reportedly called Prejean a "dumb ---- with half a brain" and said that he would have "stormed onto the stage and ripped off her tiara if she had won."

As Gary Bauer reported, *there were boos from the audience after Prejean's statement, shouting matches in the lobby and dueling press releases regarding her remarks. Keith Lewis, who runs the Miss California competition, issued a statement, which read, "As co-director of the Miss California USA, I am personally saddened and hurt that Miss California believes marriage rights belong only to a man and a woman. ...religious beliefs have no [place] in the Miss California family."*

Shanna Moakler, also a co-director of Miss California, responded on Twitter by writing, "This is why we have judges at Miss USA, so we find the girl to rep us ALL." That would seem to indicate that Prejean – a heavy favorite at the start of the pageant – lost precisely because of her religious beliefs. In fact, Perez Hilton admitted as much in an interview with Larry King.

Another example of intimidating Christians into silence. As I watched the above-mentioned interview with Perez Hilton, my indignation increased several-fold at hearing the slanted, corrupt thinking that is permeating the media, our schools, legislatures, courtrooms, and even churches today. See page three for a portion of this interview.

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**From the desk of
Bill Johnson,
president**

**We are losing much moral/spiritual ground,
and I wonder if we even realize it.**

As I have been writing this newsletter, my thoughts returned to a message that I heard two years ago. It was a message that John MacArthur gave during the National Day of Prayer, 2007.

It was a hard message in which he stated that God had taken His hand off from America.

"... The Bible records that, 'because the Israelites forsook God and no longer served Him, He became angry with them. He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Amorites, who that year shattered and crushed them.' Is modern-day America, which has forsaken godly principles in favor of rampant immorality, in danger of similar judgement? ..."

With sadness, I do believe that America is in a downward slide at an ever-quicken pace.

Quoting from that message:

"... One of the most tragic scenes in the Bible ... is the scene of the strongest man who ever lived, a man by the name of Samson, finding out he had no strength ... He said, 'I will go out as at other times and shake myself free [of the Philistines].' ... But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him. So the Philistines seized him." -- Rev. John MacArthur

MacArthur, as he concluded his powerful message, stated that God has abandoned America consistent with Romans 1.

MacArthur (paraphrasing):

"Oh that my people would listen - that Israel would walk in my ways." The only hope for this or any society is to hear the word of the Lord and obey it.

MacArthur continues:

"This is not a good time for weak men, preaching weak messages, in weak churches.

This is a time for bold and powerful, strong, biblical ministry that calls people to hear the word of the Lord and respond. This is the only hope for any people - for any individual."

I couldn't agree more. We need the Word of God. America is in desperate need of pastors who unashamedly preach the word of God, the full counsel of God.

One of America's most well known pastors, Pastor Rick Warren (author of *The Purpose Driven Life*), made some news recently appearing on CNN's Larry King.

LARRY KING: ... *How did you handle all the controversy that resulted [from] the President selecting you [to deliver the invocation at Barack Obama's inauguration]:*

RICK WARREN: *You know, Larry, there was a story within a story that never got told. In the first place, I am not an anti-gay- or anti-gay-marriage activist. [I] Never have been, never will be. During the whole Proposition 8 thing, I never once went to a meeting, never once issued a statement, never—never once even gave an endorsement in the two years Prop 8 was going.*

The week before the—the vote, somebody in my church said, 'Pastor Rick, what—what do you think about this?' And I sent a note to my own members that said, I actually believe that marriage is—really should be defined, that that definition should be saved—between a man and a woman.

And then all of a sudden out of it, they made me, you know, something that I really wasn't. And I actually—there were a number of things that were put out. I wrote to all my gay friends—the leaders that I knew—and actually apologized to them. That never got out....

Not a single criticism came from any gay leader who knows me and knows that for years we've been working together on AIDS issues and all these other things."

I'm not surprised by Rick Warren's gutless interview with Larry King, but I, as many others, am disappointed and distressed. It is quite a contrast to the response by Carrie Prejean (on the front page).

I can think of a number of pastors who would have fielded Larry King's questions with class and conviction that would have helped embolden believers and given them a role model for the spiritual battle that surely lies ahead. Sadly, I also know there are numbers of pastors and church leaders who would respond similarly to Rick Warren.

It has become pretty late in America. The darker things become, the more difficult it will be to take a stand for His righteousness. Of course, one of the most difficult areas is in regard to same sex marriage, homosexuality, and other sexual perversions.

Peter LaBarbera, President of Americans for Truth offered this comment: "... Sadly, if

Warren doesn't repent and reverse course, he will become only the latest prominent opinion-maker to be intimidated into silence by the militant and very powerful 'queer' movement. ..."

Will you and I be intimidated into silence? This may soon be more than just a theoretical question in the days ahead as the so-called "hate crime" legislation may very well be passed out of the U.S. House by the time you receive this newsletter.

"Rep. John Conyers (D-Michigan) and Rep. Mark Kirk (R-Illinois) have quietly re-introduced the federal thought crimes bill, H.R. 1913, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. As has proved true in both Europe and Canada, this Orwellian piece of legislation is the direct precursor to freedom-killing and speech-chilling 'hate speech' laws. It represents a thinly veiled effort to ultimately silence – under penalty of law – morally, medically and biblically based opposition to the homosexual lifestyle. The bill is expected to be marked up [in the week of April 22] before the full House Judiciary.

Under the 14th Amendment, victims of violent crime are currently afforded equal protection under the law regardless of sexual preference or proclivity. If passed, H.R. 1913 will change all that. It overtly and, most likely, unconstitutionally discriminates against millions of Americans by granting federally preferred status, time and resources to individuals who define their identity based upon aberrant sexual behaviors (i.e., 'gay' and lesbian 'sexual orientation' or cross-dressing 'gender identity').

Of course, this entire concept flies in the face of the 14th Amendment. It inarguably codifies unequal protection under the law, creating a two-tiered justice system made up of first-class victims such as those who self-identify as homosexual or 'transgender' and second-class victims such as the elderly, children, pregnant women, veterans, the homeless and others who choose not to engage in homosexual or cross-dressing behaviors. ...

... Representative Arthur Davis (D-Alabama) admitted that the legislation could be used to prosecute pastors for merely preaching the Bible under the concept of 'inducement' to violence. ..."

[Taken from Matt Barber, <http://one-newsnow.com/Perspectives/Default.aspx?id=498106>]

I urge you to be alert, to pray and contact your legislator. [See page 6]

*Excerpts from the Larry King interview with pageant judge Perez Hilton
“Broad is the way that leads to destruction.”*



Miss California - Carrie Prejean

KING: We welcome Perez Hilton. Is it fair to bring -- why did you bring this into the pageant is my first question?

HILTON: Well, I was given the opportunity, on this national platform, to ask a question that I thought was relevant. And given the recent setbacks and advances that we've made in the fight for gay marriage, I thought it was a very important question for me specifically to ask. ...

KING: Why is it bad if it was honest?

HILTON: Honesty is great. However, in an interview this morning, she said that the audience and the judges expected her to be politically correct.

You want to know what? Yes. I do expect Miss USA to be politically correct. Do we want a Miss USA that's politically insensitive, that's politically offensive? No.

KING: Did you call it the worst answer in pageant history?

HILTON: Yes, because I was sitting there and I heard very loud boos. ... to my knowledge that was the first time that a Miss USA contestant had been booed. ...

KING: [If you] did it over, you would ask the same thing?

HILTON: I'd ask the same thing. I'm very glad that I asked the question and that we're having this conversation right now. And I'm hopeful that the state that I live in in California and that other states throughout the country will soon catch up with [Vermont and Iowa, who had great advances recently](#).

KING: What do you make of the response of it all? What's going on? What do you make of that?

HILTON: I make of it that people are scared of the truth. She gave an honest answer and that upset a lot of people. I applaud her for speaking her truth but Miss USA is not

her. I asked her a question as the potential Miss USA, not as Carrie Prejean or whatever [sic] you say her name.

KING: ... Here's some comments from our blog and our Twitter. "I think anyone that wants to be married should have the right to. What happened to equal rights? Guys getting married is up to them, but I don't think God approves. But that's up for them to face on judgment day. I think we should change the legal to civil union and let anyone do it. Churches can have marriages. I think all people have the right to be married and miserable. Everybody equally deserves the right to have a ball and chain placed around them."

Do you favor this idea of state marriage? You know, an equal rights marriage, not calling it marriage.

HILTON: Absolutely. However, there are certain rights, privileges and protections that come with federal marriage which gay and lesbian couples do not have unless it's a federal thing. But any step forward I think is a good step.

KING: Do you think it's coming?

HILTON: Yes, definitely. It's not a question of if, it's a question of when, and I hope it's within the next decade.

KING: The California Supreme Court is hearing the question of overturning Prop 8. Do you think they might?

HILTON: I'm hopeful, cautiously optimistic.

KING: Would you be a judge again?

HILTON: I would if they would have me back, and I would ask another relevant question next year.

KING: Do you think they would have you back?

HILTON: You'd have to ask Mr. Trump and I thank him for having me on and I would like to invite Miss California out to coffee. That was a sincere invitation and I would like to talk to her because I think that when people don't know gays and lesbians as human beings, it's easier to feel that they shouldn't have equal rights.

KING: That was well said. Thanks, Perez.

HILTON: Thank you, Larry.

So here we see again the propaganda machine in action. Do I think that Larry King is a part of some grand, orchestrated scheme? No. But, I do believe that it is a part of changing social mores. We see how easily change occurs when individuals, a culture, a society, a nation, the church is not grounded upon basic things - standards of right and wrong - the word of God.

"Broad is the way that leads to destruction. Narrow is the way that leads to eternal life." That's what the Bible says. It is the authority for all of life, but only a few believe it.

Gary Bauer offers this warning: [This] *should be a wake-up call to men and women of faith and everyone who cherishes freedom of speech and religious liberty. The backlash to Prejean's commonsense comments demonstrates the naked intolerance of the militant homosexual movement. This is a movement that will not be satisfied until it has shoved all expressions of faith into the closet it has just burst out of. And if it gets its way in Congress, comments like Prejean's may someday be considered a "hate crime."* Gary Bauer, April 21, 2009

The demonic strategy: Silence the church

Homosexuality is to America what communism was to Soviet Russia. Both brought the nation under judgment.



By Tony Nassif, President/founder Cedars Cultural and Educational Foundation

News of the Iowa Supreme Court ruling striking down the Iowa law banning same sex marriages brought shock waves throughout Iowa and the nation. The reason for the shock is that homosexuality testifies against itself in several ways and for a Supreme Court to ignore this self indicting reality defies logic.

JUDGES: ... since there is nothing logical, natural or beneficial about the homosexual lifestyle that is deadly and dangerous to those practicing it and the nation in which they live, what reasoning was applied by the Iowa Supreme Court Justices in legalizing same sex marriage?

POLITICS? Was a political agenda in play? Certainly there is no natural reason to overturn the centuries old moral values which the country and state were founded upon. Certainly there was no natural or logical foundation to forcibly impute such deviant immorality on the sacred institution of marriage. ...

... [L]iberal politicians were elected by an electorate that bought into the homosexual/liberal agenda/propaganda and an electorate where pastors and people of faith did not apply their moral values to the election.

This was brought about by many pastors who kept silent, resisted Christian involvement in politics or even as it was with the election of Obama, even supported and endorsed candidates ... which embraced moral positions which are antithetical to sound morals and health to the nation.

TARGETING IOWA: Politically and perceptually Iowa was and has been targeted by liberals and homosexual advocates for several reasons. ... [I]t is the image of conservative, rural and traditional family values.

... [W]inning Iowa same sex marriage rights presents a national acceptance and perceived broad based acceptance of homosexuality...

IOWA HIJACKED. This recent decision by the Iowa Supreme Court did not arise from a movement by the Iowa people. Rather it was started with much money being targeted in Iowa elections and leftist/liberal/ homosexual propaganda...

... 12 homosexual people aided by a law firm based in New York [filed] suit to declare the Iowa Marriage protection law unconstitutional. Why wasn't there an Iowa firm involved? ... Could it be that Iowans don't support it?

HOMOSEXUALITY TESTIFIES AGAINST ITSELF

NATURE REPUDIATES HOMOSEXUALITY: The lifestyle is rejected by nature prohibiting its reproduction. ...

THE SPIRITUAL DYNAMIC: ... Homosexuality cannot replenish the earth. Nature and nature's God denies homosexuals the blessing and ability to reproduce and replenish the earth. He gives this command, promise and blessing only to the union between a man and woman. ...

In the Books of Romans and First Corinthians Paul confirms the condemnation of homosexuality. The demonic realm seeks to destroy nations and people by death, disease, and sin. The good news is that freedom is available to those imprisoned by homosexuality. ...

HOMOSEXUALITY DIES ITS OWN DEATH: Left to its own homosexuality will die. It cannot reproduce. Only heterosexuality can naturally reproduce. The only way homosexuality flourishes is through recruitment. ...

THE DISEASE AND THE DEATH: ... According to Americans for Truth quote of an FDA report that men who have had sex with men since 1977 have an HIV prevalence ... 60 times higher than the general population. (4-28-08 Christian News Wire.)

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that 71% of all AIDS infections among male adults and adolescents in 2005 were by males having sex with males.

In an article by Dr. Ted Baehr and Dr. Tom Snyder from MOVIEGUIDE they quote the U.S. Department of Justice saying that in a

May 2000 study that homosexual partners are 84 times more likely to experience domestic violence than married heterosexual partners. ...

HOMOSEXUAL PROPAGANDA MACHINE: So how can an unjustifiable and dangerous lifestyle be embraced by judges, politicians and the electorate? Great propaganda, political campaign donations, grass roots support and a church that divests its moral values from public policy and pastors (not all) who are (mistakenly) more fearful of losing their tax exempt status than the living God who the founding fathers acknowledged God as the Supreme Judge of the World.

The homosexual advocates have brilliantly used the political process and media. So while the moral void is created by the retreat of the Christian value system it is replaced with massive, diverse and skillfully crafted political, educational and moral agenda. Otherwise who would embrace such a deviant and destructive lifestyle while vilifying those who speak against it? ...

This Iowa Supreme Court ruling is not the end but the beginning of the homosexual agenda in Iowa and the nation. ...

PASTORS AT RISK: Pastors think they got by with a pass. Not so. This ruling is the proverbial nose of the camel in the tent. Most likely, homosexual couples will join churches and then once membership is established they will attempt to have the church marry them. If refused, a lawsuit may ensue based on the civil rights of homosexuals to marry according to the Iowa Supreme Court decision.

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Salt and Light in a Tasteless and Dark World



What is Kohl's doing featuring Britney Spears?

We received a sales catalog recently for Kohl's 3-Day Easter Sale. On the front of the cover was a picture of Britney Spears. Though in all fairness to Kohl's, Britney Spears was not dressed inappropriately.

See:

http://americandecency.org/main.php?f=updates_new/2009/April/04.08.09



Nonetheless, the question does need to be raised:

Is Britney Spears a role model for our young people? Doesn't Kohl's take that into consideration?

One person wrote and I believe that it represents the thinking of many concerned parents of young women:

The negative message that I see Britney sending to today's teens is that the only way to be successful in life or your career is to dress up like a slut to impress men. She is not a positive image but a degrading one.

We are all equal - men and women, so why should women have to go about life pleasing them.

Britney is like the movie Evita, that to get to the top, you have to be used by males.

Whether we like it or not, we are all role models, so I believe we should set a good example for younger kids, not a bad one as I see Britney doing.

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Leading spokesman for decency at ADA headquarters July 24, 25



Pat Trueman needs no introduction to those of us who have been in the fight against the onslaught of pornography since the late 1980s leading right up to the present time.

As an attorney, he led a core of other Federal Prosecutors to put behind bars some of America's pornography "kingpins" including Reuben Sturman who was known as the number one pornography "kingpin" in the United States.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY 24, 25 and look for the specifics to follow in the weeks and months ahead!

Why in the world would a senior's magazine be advertising pornography?

On March 12, I received a telephone call from a senior friend from western Michigan. She was seeking help regarding a disgusting ad appearing regularly in AARP magazine.

She faxed me both the actual concerning ad and her letter to AARP.

Here are the words in the ad.

Quoting:

Sex. It's Never Too Late To Learn Something New.

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Couples who watch together not only LEARN from what they see, but often report that the videos themselves are an "instant aphrodisiac." That's because they show REAL couples (not actors) demonstrating the joys of REAL lovemaking. ..."

[Editor's note: This is only a portion of an ad running in AARP magazine.]

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'Hate crimes' bill - bad news for believers

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A vote is looming this week [April 21] in Congress on a bill that one conservative activist warns would not only silence Christian opposition to homosexuality, but also would legitimize deviant forms of "sexual orientation."

A markup vote is expected ... in the House Judiciary Committee on the Local Law Enforcement and Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. House Democrats only have to give 24 hours' notice before the vote. The measure (H.R. 1913) sponsored by Representatives John Conyers (D-Michigan) and Mark Kirk (R-Illinois) would add homosexuals and transgender people to the list of classes federally protected from so-called "hate crimes."

Andrea Lafferty, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, says the bill is a serious threat to religious freedom.

"Your pastor could be prosecuted for conspiracy to commit a hate crime if it passes and become law," she warns. "This so-called 'hate crimes' bill will be used to lay the legal foundation and framework to investigate, prosecute, and persecute pastors, business owners, Bible teachers, Sunday School teachers, youth pastors -- you name it -- or anyone else whose actions are based upon and reflect the truth found in the Bible."

TVC says H.R. 1913 broadly defines "intimidation" -- and offers up this example: "A pastor's sermon could be considered 'hate speech' under this legislation if heard by an individual who then acts aggressively against persons based on 'sexual orientation.'" Under those circumstances, says the group, the pastor could be prosecuted for "conspiracy to commit a hate crime."

The legislation has another "serious problem," the pro-family group says, because Congress has failed to define the term "sexual orientation." Consequently, says TVC, 30 sexual orientations (as defined by the American Psychiatric Association) will "arguably be protected" under the legislation. "Those 30 sexual orientations include behaviors that are felonies or misdemeanors in most states or can result in death," notes the group's website. ...

Lafferty says unless Christians in America act, the hate crimes bill could be on President Obama's desk in three to four weeks at the most.

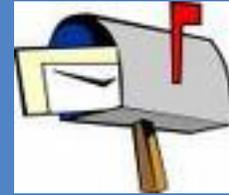
Andrea Lafferty, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, notes that Democrats were forced to eliminate a key portion of the bill -- the findings section.

"We exposed the fact that they claimed, they have fraudulent claims that there was an epidemic of hate against homosexuals and drag queens, transgenders -- and that claim was the foundation of the bill," she notes. "They claimed that homosexuals are fleeing across state lines to avoid persecution, and that perpetrators are crossing state lines to commit crimes against these gays, lesbians, and transgenders, and that they have trouble purchasing goods and services or finding employment. We nailed them on the fact that that's a lie."

Lafferty says during [the] markup hearing, Democrats neglected to mention that in America -- a country of 300 million people -- there have been only 1,521 cases of hate against homosexual, bisexual, and transgender people.



TAKE ACTION on "Thought Crimes": Call your U.S. Representative and Senators at 202-224-3121 and urge them to OPPOSE H.R. 1913, the federal "Thought Crimes" ("Hate Crimes") bill.



Mailbox - letters of support and concern regarding Miss California - Miss Prejean

This brave and faithful woman has a crown awaiting her that no man will ever touch. When Jesus says to her, "Well done my good and faithful servant" She will certainly be above many of us. How many could truthfully say what she has under such pressure? The man who asked it was attempting to set her up and he has lost. Praise God for her!! Love, J. H.

This affront to Miss Prejean caused me to think about an incident in the Old Testament where a group of boys made fun of a prophet and later some bears came down out of the woods and ate all those disrespectful youth.

While Miss Prejean may not be a prophet per se; I wonder where are the bears when you really need 'em????

Please make sure you do everything possible to let her know a lot of Christian Americans are behind her 100000% and that we feel the pain of her loss.

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Glen Burnie Md

... It was obvious in his choice of question and candidate that he intended to derail her standing in the Miss USA pageant. Miss California was forced to be honest, rather than lying to make the judge happy. This should be uplifting to our state and our competition. Even in the face of adversity, our Miss California stood up for her beliefs. If she is to represent this state, she should have our FULL 100% backing. This state has twice passed laws by a majority of its citizens upholding the belief that marriage is between a man and woman only. By her response, she represented the voters of this state. One only needs to look at the remarks made by Mr. Hilton on his blog to see what a poor choice he was as a judge.

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