# Frontline

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By Bill Johnson

We look around and see a country that is being pulled through the ringer. So much angst So many changes. So much uncertainty. What has gone wrong?

<u>Here is a short sampling of a few of these</u> changes (not in any particular order):

- (1) A mainstream media that does not hold politicians with a liberal agenda accountable for indiscretions, injustices, illegalities, criminality.
- (2) A court system that departs from the Constitution and looks elsewhere for its direction, ie. Europian law.
- (3) Church people who naively and readily are sucked into following preachers and churches that preach something other than the Gospel message of sin and salvation, Heaven and Hell, Christ alone.
- (4) With each passing election (especially presidential elections), lines of demarcation have become increasingly hostile between liberals and conservatives. Polling and voting results indicate a nation that is split in its point of view regarding central things, i.e. abortion/life, socialism/capitalism, larger government/smaller government, etc..
- (5) Americans elect senators and representatives only to discover in a few short years that too often their "representatives" don't represent them in accordance with their campaign pledges and promises.
- (6) We find ourselves represented by a government which, despite multiple concerning fiscal indicators,

continues to deepen our national debt, precipitating greater dependence on government and an increase in taxes.

(7) A government that goes against the will of its people in eliminating "Don't Ask Don't Tell" in the military, opening the door for homosexuals to serve openly in America's military.

The above is just the tip of the iceberg.

Many of you reading this are burdened and deeply concerned for the very future of our once great country.

But what also burdens you is the fact that you have loved ones who are seemingly oblvious to the "grinding down of America." In some cases it's a son or a daughter, or grandchild or close friend or neighbor. It's as if, in some cases, they just want to keep their head in the sand. In other cases, they just see things vastly differently than you.

We became aware of a new DVD release that effectively documents the changes occurring in America and explains what is behind the attack upon America's exceptionalism.

The DVD is entitled "Agenda - Grinding America Down."

When Idaho Legislator Curtis Bowers wrote a "letter to the editor" about the drastic changes in America's culture, it became the feature story on the evening news, people protested at the Capitol, and for weeks the local newspapers were filled with responses. He realized then he'd hit on something.

Now Curtis Bowers has made an excellent documentary *AGENDA: Grinding America Down*. Ask almost anyone and you'll hear, "Communism is dead! The Berlin Wall came down." Though the word communism isn't used anymore, this film will show the ideas behind it are alive and well. Bowers presents a fascinating look at the people and groups that have successfully targeted America's morality and freedom in their systematic effort to "grind down" American culture and values.

This well-documented 93 minute film is both informative and heart-rending as this powerful presentation thoroughly explores the multiplicity of attacks upon our country from within and without

If these forces continue to "grind America down," it may not be too long before we no longer recognize our own country.

This DVD came highly recommended to us, and now we recommend it to you, particularly to those desiring to have a clearer understanding of America's history over the last century. *AGENDA* is appropriate for all ages though it is best suited for adults and teens.

Watch it first yourself and see what we mean, and then use it to inform and alert friends and loved ones.

We are making this DVD available at a very affordable price - \$10.00 plus shipping and handling costs. To order a copy of *Agenda* call us at 1-888-733-2326 or order online at https://secure4.afo.net/ada/store2/.



From the desk of Bill Johnson

### Answers to daily questions

I recently returned from a national antipornography conference in Baltimore, Maryland. It was co-sponsored by Religious Alliance Against Pornography and Pure Hope (formerly National Coalition Against Pornography) based in Cincinnati, OH.

I came away from the mid-week event both encouraged and discouraged. I would like to use my personal note space to explain. I hope you find it helpful as I try to give you a personal update on the battle against pornography.

### **Question:** What was the purpose behind the conference?

Answer: Uniting leaders to combat sexual exploitation in the mobile age. Quoting from their material: "Each attendee at Convergence brings critical skills and expertise and represents significant spheres of influence. Our hope is that as you leave you will be better equipped and have even greater passion to eliminate this scourge from our nation. Let us join together and commit that we will not be silent, we will not be intimidated, and we will not quit until the job is done."

**Question:** What was the consensus? Is the fight against pornography a "winnable war?"

Answer: This was a gathering of leaders from across the country, people passionate in regard to the fight against pornography. I can't speak for all of them, of course, but I think it would be safe to say that the sense is that it's very, very late, but the battle isn't over.

**Question:** Who were some of the speakers and the ministries that they lead?

#### Answer:

<u>Dr. Mary Layden</u> is a psychotherapist and Director of Education at the Center for Cognitive Therapy at the University of Pennyslvania. Dr. Layden is a clear voice for reason. She shares facts, figures and statistics regarding pornography and its impact. It is not a pretty picture.

Dr. Judith A. Reisman, founder and head of Institute for Media Education, author and speaker. Judith is a friend of mine. She continues to speak powerfully regarding Alfred Kinsey's fraudulent sex research from the 1940s that has deeply impacted public school sex educators nationwide on both lower and higher level education and sex education textbooks. Her research clearly has demonstrated that because of Kinsey's fraudulent research from Indiana University and through his readily accepted books: Sexual Behavior in the Human Male (1948), and Sexual Behavior in the Human Female (1953), his promotion and legitimization of adultery and homosexuality has led to a longterm degrading of national and statewide legal statutes in regard to sodomy, adultery and even statutory rape.

Pat Trueman, former head of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Enforcement Section at the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. Pat recently was named CEO of Morality in Media. He also heads, from his office in Washington, D.C., "War on Illegal Pornography", a national coalition effort involving dozens of national, state and local groups.

<u>Dr. Richard Land</u> has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission since 1988.

Shelley Lubben, is the Executive Director of the Pink Cross Foundation. Shelly is also a former porn actress fighting tirelessly against the pornography industry which affects most of the world in a destructive way.

Lisa Thompson is the Laison for the Abolition of Sexual Trafficking for the Salvation Army USA National Headquarters. The average age for entering into prostitution is 12 years old. [I encourage you to read Chris' article on human trafficking on page 5 entitled the "Modern Day Slave Trade."]

**Question:** What were some highlights and conclusions from this April 13 - 14 event?

Answer:

Dr. Richard Land spoke with great concern and alarm at the devastating impact that pornography continues to have upon our culture! He rated it perhaps the greatest internal threat to America - particularly American males.

Dr. Dale S. Kuehne, Professor of Ethics, Economics, and the Common Good at Saint Anselm College also spoke very passionately, basically stating that just as Americans have shown little to no resolve to get out of debt either as individuals or as a nation, Americans have shown little to no resolve to overcome pornography and its daily degradation. He called out his listeners to get real and see things for what they are.

Pat Trueman, with all of his experience and expertise at heading the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Enforcement Section, has been able to set up an office on G Street in Washington, D.C. and is developing a national coalition (of which we are a part) to demonstrate nationwide concern for the harms of pornography. He is spending significant time on Capitol Hill and trying to rally Congressmen and Senators to once again make obscenity prosecutions a law enforcement priority for the President of the United States and the Justice Department.

However, at the same time we have received word that in recent weeks that the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Enforcement Section has been virtually shut down. This is the activism arm from the Justice Department for battling the pornography industry. In rendering this law enforcement arm neutral, is it realistic to think that President Obama or Attorney General Holder support the enforcement of the law against illegal pornography?

In closing, has persevering ever been any more important than it is right now?

Haven't we all seen what happens when "good people do nothing?" We are thankful that by the grace of God and through His people, we are empowered through your sacrifice to be beacons of light, truth and His righteousness. Thanks dear friend!

## Gary Bauer speaks in Fremont, Friday, July 29 600 seats available - register early - see details below

We are pleased to announce Gary Bauer as our featured speaker for our annual Summer Event on Friday, July 29 in Fremont, Michigan. Our theme this year is "For Such a Time as This."

For, truly, this is a time like never before in America when godly men, women, and young people are needed to rise up. As a nation it seems we are teetering on the edge of economic and moral ruin. Gary Bauer is one of our nation's strongest spokesmen for clarity and truth in regard to the immense attacks on faith, family and freedom.

Bauer's daily email report is a source for information and insight that I always turn to. If you don't receive these "End of the Day" reports I highly recommend that you subscribe. (http://www.cwfpac.com/cwf\_eod\_request.php)

Here is a snippet from one of Gary Bauer's recent reports:

One of the favorite refrains of the left is "You can't legislate morality." But the left does it all the time. While conservatives are told to check their values at the schoolhouse door, the California State Senate yesterday approved a bill mandating the instruction of "gay history in social studies lessons." In a concession, senators left it up to local school districts to decide "what to include in the lessons and at what grade students would receive them." With all the problems facing the state of California, this is what the legislature is wasting its time on?

Years ago, I co-authored a book with my good friend Dr. James Dobson entitled "Children At Risk." Conservatives have warned for years that this is exactly what would happen if the militant homosexual movement gained acceptance. It would not be enough to merely "tolerate" their lifestyle. It would be promoted in the schools and forced onto our children. Here we are. Unless men and women of faith get involved in the public policy debates of our time and defend our cherished values, more states will follow California's example.

As Bauer states, we need men and women of faith to get involved! The opportunities for involvement are many and diverse. However, in these days of societal confusion



and upheaval we need the encouragement, the fellowship, the exhortation and the information that Gary Bauer offers. We encourage you to register for ADA's summer event and join with us in this rare opportunity to hear from one of the premier voices in the pro-family movement. Having heard Gary speak on several occasions, I'm excited to offer this opportunity for you to hear the insight he offers regarding the battles we face today.

He is front and center on a broad range of national issues. Here are just a few: Obamacare, socialism, illegal immigration, same-sex marriage, homosexuality, abortion, Islamofascism, the need for a strengthened military, a strong advocate for our ally Israel.

This event is one of the most important we have ever hosted. These are concerning times and we are privileged to have Gary Bauer to challenge and encourage us.

When: Friday, July 29, 2011.

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Fremont, Michigan.

First Christian Reformed Church

721 Hillcrest Avenue

What: "For Such a Time as This"

- featuring Gary Bauer

Cost: Adults - \$ 10 per person.

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youth under age 18

For more information or to register call: 1-888-733-2326 or go online at: <a href="https://secure4.afo.net/ada/registration.php?eventno=28">https://secure4.afo.net/ada/registration.php?eventno=28</a>

For those of you coming from out of town, we recommend each of these locations on the right. We urge you to make your reservations soon as space is limited.

## **Conference** accommodations



The Shack is a very popular location for family vacations, conferences, overnight getaways for visitors throughout Michigan. There are still a few rooms available for Friday and Saturday night. Located 7 miles northeast of Fremont. See their website at: http://www.theshackbandb.com/

or call: 231-924-6683



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### The Modern Day Slave Trade

By Chris Johnson



I have pretty good memories of my childhood. I'd say it was pretty common - grilled cheese, monkey bars, sandboxes, lemonade stands, bike rides - good, happy times. I have a lot of "remember whens" that I can share with family and friends.

I can't imagine having all those memories run through a wood chipper and replaced with hellish working conditions, hours spent trying to sell myself on the internet, or walking the street, looking for someone to sell my body to so I can make enough money to avoid getting beaten by my pimp.

But today, an estimated 100,000 children in the United States are growing up in those conditions. Their fondest memories of their childhoods will be the clients who raped them but at least did not beat them or any number of other horrors that are not quite as horrible as what they were doing an hour before.

I'm talking about modern day slavery human trafficking. It's not a comfortable subject, and researching it has been the least fun I've had in a long time.

The common misconception is that slavery ended after the American Civil War, but, according to the Polaris Project, "there are more slaves than at the height of the trans-Atlantic slave trade."

Some are children who are kidnapped overseas and sold to masters who will rape and abuse their young bodies. Or they will be forced to work in "Asian Massage Parlors" where they are the toys of six to ten men every day, seven days a week.

Still others are American children who are stolen from their families and made to knock on semi doors at truck stops. Many of these have to make a certain amount of money in order to avoid a beating from their pimp.

The average age that these kids are forced into prostitution is 12 - 14, but girls as young as 9 are also forced into this lifestyle.

A few minutes just searching "human trafficking" will introduce you to a disgusting, perverted world that most people don't even know exists, yet it is the fastest growing form of organized crime.

One personal account, from my home state of Michigan, is that of Theresa Flores who now runs a safe home for young girls who are victims of sexual trafficking.

Via MLive.com -

"It started with a crush she had on a boy at school in Birmingham. Against her better judgment, she let him give her a ride home from school one day. But he didn't drive her home. He took her to his house, where he raped her. She found out later his cousins had taken photos of the attack, but the photos looked as if it was consensual sex.

Soon Flores was being blackmailed by a group of men. Do what they say, they told her, or they would show the photos to her parents, her priest, the kids at school. Her father was a successful businessman who made it clear appearances mattered. Her mom told her she was to never have sex, or she would be thrown out of the house. Isolated, with no support system because her family moved every two years, she felt alone

People always ask her why she didn't tell her parents. Why she didn't just refuse. It's hard for people to understand the psychological place a trafficked girl is in, Flores says.

'It's coercion,' she says. The men constantly threatened her family, her brothers, her dog.

Someone always was following her. Dead animals showed up in her mailbox. 'They're always watching you.'

One day, the family dog, Bowzer, was missing. Theresa's phone rang. On the other end of the line she heard her dog bark, then the sound of a gun shot. She never saw her dog again.

'You're terrified beyond anything you can imagine,' she says.

For two years, she was forced into basements, where groups of men waited for her. 'I always had hope,' she says, 'that one day they'd say, "Here are the pictures." You have hope it won't continue.'

Flores escaped the nightmare when her family moved to the East Coast for her dad's work.

I thought my scenario was rare, 'she says, 'but I get a lot of e-mails from women saying they had similar situations — a boyfriend who pretended he loved them, then tricked them, then blackmailed them. There are a lot of Theresas out there.'

Sexual trafficking of women and girls is the most common form of the modern slave trade, but men and boys are also sold, often to work on farms, in restaurants, or doing other forms of intense physical labor, but sometimes for sex as well.

This is one issue that every civilized human being should be able to team together and push back against - whether Republican or Democrat, Conservative or Liberal, Christian or Muslim or Atheist or whatever - the problem is that most people are not aware that it's even an issue.

Visit Polarisproject.com for a lot more information, pass this information along, and pray that God would protect vulnerable children and that we would be able to put a stop to this horror.

## The "Spiritual Community" Formerly Known as Church By Chris Johnson



On the back page of a recent Muskegon Chronicle newspaper "Local/Region" section, this headline draws the eye: *Spring Lake 'spiritual community' C3Exchange in financial trouble.* 

That headline prompts the question, "what is a C3Exchange and out of all the businesses going south, why is it news that this one is in trouble?"

The answer is because it's not a business. It's the spiritual community formerly known as Christ Community Church and it's news now because it was news a year ago when they removed the cross from their steeple and changed their name to become "more inclusive."

Back then, Ian Lawton, the church's pastor, explained it like this: "Our community has been a really open-minded community for some years now. We've had a number of Muslim people, Jewish people, Buddhists, atheists... We're catching up to ourselves."

In addition to removing the traditional, universally recognized symbol of Christianity from its roof top, the newly branded C3Exchange "dechurched" the inside of their building.

Lawton described their reasoning. "We want to make the whole experience from the moment people walk in the church... to match our inclusive identity. We're not trying to change anyone, because we say, 'come as you are."

Fast forward to this recent newspaper article which features the lead: "Pastor: Returning to traditional church service not on the table."

This is not an isolated incident says the President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pastor Albert Mohler, "Liberal churches and denominations are suffering massive membership losses and the evacuation of active church members from congregational life. While some observers are interested only in the levels of church attendance and membership, others note that active participation in the life and ministry of the church is directly linked to long-term involvement and attendance."

"C3Exchange" has dropped from about 1,000 members to 250, according to a township supervisor who used to usher there.

Mohler continues with an explanation of why the vivacity of liberal churches was doomed from the beginning.

"These 'lay liberals' have only a weak grasp of a diluted Gospel, and tend to see doctrine as a matter of little or no consequence. For them, Christianity is reduced to a vaguely positive way of life that often comes down to little more than being kind to others. (Sociologist Nancy) Ammerman and her team have identified this as 'Golden Rule' religion, and it goes hand in hand with low levels of lay involvement."

Or, as Mohler explains more succinctly in a separate article, "At the end of the day, a secular society feels no need to attend or support secularized churches with a secularized theology."

This liberal theology is exactly what emptied the churches of Europe. If there's nothing special about Christianity, why would you go to church?

Yet this is precisely the direction so many American churches race towards today.

We don't want to offend people, or they won't come. We can't preach about Hell, or it will scare people away. Choirs are lame and old fashioned, so those are out. Ditto hymns. We don't want to waste people's weekends, so we'll drop our evening service. Oh, and women are liberated now

and can do anything that men can do, so we should let them preach. Who are we to judge homosexuals? Can't they be with the one they love? Creation in 6 days? That's not what the secular atheist scientists say. (They couldn't be biased, could they?) It goes on and on and on and on.

As Moehler and others have noted, liberal theology doesn't have a destructive motive in changing its portrayal of Christianity.

"Theological liberals do not intend to destroy Christianity, but to save it. As a matter of fact, theological liberalism is motivated by what might be described as an apologetic motivation. The pattern of theological liberalism is all too clear. Theological liberals are absolutely certain that Christianity must be saved...from itself."

But, as Europe's empty churches and "C3Exchange" prove its clearly not working.

In fact, rather than save the church, it leads its honest followers down the path that liberal-theologian-turned-atheist Gerd Ludemann traveled, who stated:

"I don't think Christians know what they mean when they proclaim Jesus as Lord of the world. That is a massive claim. If you took that seriously, you would probably have to be a fundamentalist. If you can't be a fundamentalist, then you should give up Christianity for the sake of honesty."



### The Toronto "Slutwalk" – a clueless protest

By Bill Johnson



As a new Christian, quite a few years ago now, I came upon the writings of Paul in II Timothy where he talked about "in the later day" when there would be a great falling away, an increasing evidence of godlessness, rebellion, arrogance, degrading attitudes and behaviors. [II Timothy 3:1-7] I wondered if and how this would ever come to pass in my lifetime. Now I see that it is coming to pass.

It's very difficult not to see that we are living in such times as these.

In Toronto, a large group of women stood together to protest a law enforcement official who suggested that women could avoid sexual assault by not dressing provocatively.

Quoting: In fishnets and stilettos, t-shirts and jeans, a three-piece suit and a birthday suit, hundreds of self-proclaimed "sluts" marched through downtown Toronto Sunday afternoon, protesting a police officer's suggestion that women could avoid sexual assault by not dressing provocatively.

Polly Esther walked off the subway in a plunging neckline and knee-high platform boots to join the noisy, spirited march from Queen's Park to police headquarters on College St. She raised a hand-lettered sign, its simple but stark message definitive of that of the protest: "Xmas 1985. 14 years old. Bundled in layers. How did I deserve it?"

It has nothing to do with what you're wearing,' said Esther, 39. 'And I'm living proof of that.'...

SlutWalk, as organizers coined the march, was a response to comments made by a Toronto police officer during a safety forum at York University's Osgoode Hall Law School in late January. Const. Michael Sanguinetti is said to have told the room that "women should avoid dressing like sluts in order not to be victimized."

Sanguinetti has since apologized to the university and been investigated by the professional standards unit. He was disciplined internally, the details of which have not been made public, and is still on the job in 31 Division, though not working Sunday.

For full article see:

http://www.thestar.com/news/article/968466--sluts-march-against-sexual-assault-stereotypes?bn=1

See the picture of the Slutwalk, too, at our webpage www.americandecency.org

"Every man's battle" - that's what most men would say referring to pornography and or lust issues they face at some point in their lives.

I would never say that women who dress 'slut-like' are solely responsible. That is ludicrous. However, I would say that women are naïve if they don't think there are men who are affected by provocative dress (or lack thereof) and have made bad decisions and looked at pornography and become addicted and are set up to lust and act out beyond what is healthy and wholesome.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss speaks to this serious concern in a widely used resource called "Does God Really Care What I Wear."

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