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Mat Staver – an unparalleled defender of freedom

By Bill Johnson

We are counting down the days as American Decency Association's summer conference will be upon us in less than 90 days.

Last year's conference was applauded for its regarded speakers (Gary Bauer, Frank Gaffney and Pastor Anthony Moore) as our audience of over 600 was alerted, stirred, and challenged.

It is helpful to be fed the latest news from the front, to connect with others, to be challenged and fine-tuned for the spiritual battles that grow more intense with each passing day.

As good as the crowd was last year (over 600 in attendance), we are hoping for at least as good a showing this year.

What a great opportunity for all of us to make a night of it and to bring our children and/or young adult grandchildren. How else are some of them going to be made aware of the warfare that we face? We hope you will help us by coming and bringing others.

One of our featured speakers this year is not only an outstanding/inspirational speaker, but also one of America's leading Christian litigators.

I am referencing Mat Staver, Dean of the Liberty University Law School and Founder and President of Liberty Counsel.

Mat Staver is a warhorse, a strategizer, and a humble man of God. You can tell a lot about a person by the kind of fights in which he is engaged. Case in point:

The Pelletier family case involving fifteen-year-old daughter, Justina, who was removed from the family's care.

According to The Blaze, "[the Pelletiers] have been engaged in a legal battle for over a year in an attempt to regain custody of Justina. It began when physicians at Boston Children's Hospital concluded that Justina has somataform disorder, a physiological condition, not mitochondrial disease. After Lou and his wife, Linda, objected, citing Justina's diagnosis and extensive treatment for mitochondrial disease by doctors at Tufts Medical Center, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) was brought in and they lost custody of their daughter."

Since DCF took Justina she has hardly had any medical treatment in the past fourteen months. She's had no education. No access to clergy or religious education or worship services. She only gets to see her parents one hour a week in supervised visitation with the presence of DCF workers.

This is not the first time that DCF has stepped in and taken a child from its family for no just cause. If this can happen to a family like the Pelletiers, it can happen to others - and it has.

Mark Levin, constitutional attorney and former Chief of Staff for U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese under the Reagan Administration, called this case an absolute nightmare in regards to parental rights.

Mat Staver, chairman of the legal firm, Liberty Counsel, provides pro-bono defense and legal action on behalf of families and

organizations whose constitutional rights have been challenged. Staver and the Liberty Counsel represent the Pelletiers and are on the front lines fighting this egregious usurpation of parental rights.

This is only one of the many battles in which Mat Staver is engaged - defending faith, family, and freedom. Fighting to protect religious liberty, Christian conscience, and natural marriage - Mat Staver has an unparalleled perspective on the many constitutional issues we face today.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from this respected culture warrior as well as Kamal Saleem - former terrorist, now follower of Christ. We hope to see you July 18!

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From the desk of Bill Johnson

The Central message - God's Not Dead

As time marches on (and march on it does), opportunities to speak truth into the greater culture seemingly are drying up. However, there are exceptions. A special thanks to a college professor who still believes it's healthy for his students to hear from an "alternative speaker."

No opportunity (at least recently) has been more special than my recent time at Central Michigan University (Mt. Pleasant, MI).

Here are but a few of the more than twenty questions that were asked by students and what I believe is a fair representation of how I answered.

Q: Is it possible for a practicing homosexual to go to heaven?

A: God forgives sinners who call upon His name. If a practicing homosexual confesses his sins and acknowledges Christ as his Lord and Savior, he will be saved. At the same time, it is important to understand that that person is out of the will of God as long as he continues in his homosexuality. God calls him to leave homosexuality and to pursue holiness.

Q: You said in your interview with WZZM (channel 13-ABC affiliate, Grand Rapids) that as our courts, as our nation legitimizes same-sex marriage, that this opens the door to societal confusion, chaos and ultimately anarchy. How so?

A: I had stated in that interview that God created man and woman and that He designed marriage. God called it very good.

Through thousands of years natural marriage has been the pattern incorporated by the peoples of the world. Now suddenly natural marriage isn't good?

Surveys have consistently reported that only 2% of the population was actually homosexual. Has that increased? If it has, it is because the radical left via Hollywood's television and movie industries have created programs popularizing it as acceptable, even cool, to be homosexual. And, if you're not homosexual and/or at least supportive of it, you are a bigot.

Editor's note (not mentioned by me at CMU) Curtis Bowers shows in his hugely successful movie "Agenda - the Grinding Down of America" - that there has, indeed, been a long term agenda to undermine America. Bowers references the concerted efforts down through generations of Socialists, Marxists, and followers of Saul Alinsky to grind America down.

Bowers references natural marriage as an aspect of American life that Marxists targeted as needing to undermine in order to degrade and destroy America.

In addition, in a number of states including California and Michigan, the people voted in favor of upholding marriage as between a man and a woman yet courts in some states and a single judge in others, rendered the vote of the people unconstitutional. This is the advancement of tyranny assaulting "we the people." This is lawlessness.

Q: Are homosexuals born homosexual?

A: No, absolutely not. Just as a person addicted to pornography or a person that is a womanizer is not born that way - each of us bear the mark of sin - we have all fallen short of the glory of God

We all have temptations. If we fall prey to our temptations, we can end up with some very serious sin patterns that ultimately destroy us and sometimes do great damage to others. Homosexuality is one such sin pattern. Those engaged in homosexuality can aggressively try to legitimize it by saying it isn't their fault. In Romans 1, God identifies homosexuality as sin. In other scripture passages, it is referred to as an abomination.

Q: You say that children need to have healthy gender role models. I don't understand this. Do you mean like men teaching younger ones to muscle up and hunt and fish?

A: God has created males as males. He gives a pattern in the Bible about maleness and femaleness. A male is far more than about muscles and sports, but God's desire is that men be loving, men of integrity, tender, gentle, not self-centered, serving their wife and children, spiritual leaders. In a gender confused condition, a boy or man has no clue as to how to lead his family and/or to love his wife as Christ loves the church. As men fail to lead, families and marriages falter and fail.

Q: Isn't there something about principalities? This seemed a fitting question to end nearly three hours of discussion and presentation time with two different classes (raised as the class had concluded).

The co-ed was referencing Ephesians 6:12: *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

A: I told her it was a great reminder and one that we must never forget especially in times of such growing darkness and division. Together we agreed that we must be Christlike in the way that we live, debate, discuss, and live our lives before a watching, skeptical, needy world.

I believe we accomplished this on that day - the class and hopefully me. On this particular day with that group of university students, there was an openness and a desire to know what and whom to believe.

To trust in spite of the look of being forsaken; to keep crying out into the vast, whence comes no returning voice, and where seems no hearing; to see the machinery of the world pauselessly grinding on as if self-moved, caring for no life, nor shifting a hair-breadth for all entreaty, and yet believe that God is awake and utterly loving; to desire nothing but what comes meant for us from His hand; to wait patiently, ready to die of hunger, fearing only lest faith should fail - such is the victory that overcometh the world, such is faith indeed. [George McDonald]

Who is Waging the War on Women?

By Lisa Van Houten



If you haven't yet heard, those of us on the Right have declared war upon women. It's what we're repeatedly accused of by the liberal Left. From refusing to provide free birth control and abortifacient drugs; to opposing the "right" of women to kill unborn baby girls and boys; to our supposed opposition to "equal pay" socialism which doesn't take into account numerous factors in which many women have chosen lower paying positions so that they can have more flexibility for their families. We conservatives have it in for women – at least the born ones. That's the message coming from the Left.

Yet who actually stands up for women?

Take a look at a recent Pew Research study which revealed that the percentage of mothers choosing to stay home with their children has risen for the first time in decades. The vast majority of these stay-at-home moms stated that they actually chose not to work outside of the home so that they could care for their children.

This sent many liberals into fits of apoplexy as they rushed to rationalize away the facts of this data which revealed that perhaps the women who are actually "trapped" are not the 'pathetic barefoot and pregnant stay-at-home moms,' but rather many of the working moms who wish they could also be home raising their children. As Albert Mohler stated, those on the ideological Left "think that the equality of women can only happen if motherhood is not an impediment to women being absolutely equal to men in the marketplace."

If liberal feminism hasn't yet conquered the workplace, it certainly has in the halls of academia, right? In our secular universities female empowerment reigns supreme. However, take a look at what recently took place at Brandeis University

in Massachusetts.

The progressively liberal Brandeis University had chosen Ayaan Hirsi Ali to receive an honorary degree at commencement this spring. In many ways Ayaan Hirsi Ali is one of them – an outspoken secular feminist, avowed atheist, proponent for gay rights – the perfect fit to receive such an award from Brandeis.

However, it turns out there was just one problem - Ayaan Hirsi Ali is also a vocal critic of the threat of radical Islam and the horrific violence perpetrated against Muslim women under Shariah law.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali knows of which she speaks when it comes to Islam. Born a Muslim in Somalia and raised under Shariah law, she suffered ritualistic genital mutilation by her family at the age of 5. As a young woman she resisted a forced marriage, fled to the Netherlands where she received asylum, and adopted Western ways. She was eventually elected to the Dutch Parliament.

During this time, Hirsi Ali collaborated with Theo Van Gogh, a descendant of painter Vincent Van Gogh, to make the film "Submission," exposing the brutal treatment of many mid-eastern Muslim women – shedding light on the practice of "honor" killings, the forced marriage of little girls to adult men, female genital mutilation, and the list goes on.

Since 1989 more than 125 million women and girls have been the victims of genital mutilation in the Mid-East and Africa and it is estimated that 13 females are murdered every day as a result of "honor killings."

Hirsi Ali's exposé had consequences. As Fox News reported, *"In the wake of 9/11, she issued warnings about the violent nature of armed political Islam. Her point was made for her by a fanatic who, in the name of Allah, stabbed Van Gogh to death on an Amsterdam street."*

"The murderer pinned a letter to Van Gogh's body: a death threat against Hirsi Ali, who was forced into hiding and lived under government protection until she settled in the United States in 2007."

Yet in spite of her noble crusade on behalf of oppressed Muslim women – or rather, because of it - Brandeis University withdrew its planned honorary degree for Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Why would a liberal university revoke this honor from one who has so courageously advocated for victimized women? Shouldn't such brutal treatment be a concern to those advocating for feminist causes? The reason Brandeis doesn't care, is CAIR.

CAIR, the Council of American Islamic Relations, has great influence not only in our government, but obviously in our institutions of higher learning as well and it wields its power to suppress any criticism of Islam. CAIR twisted the arm of Brandeis, writing to the university president that honoring Hirsi Ali would be like *"promoting the work of white supremacists and anti-Semites."* Such a contemptuous analogy is quite ironic coming from an organization with strong terrorist ties to groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas - who actually are anti-Semitic.

Yet a quarter of the Brandeis faculty sided with protecting radical Islam rather than advocating for the protection of women – signing a letter calling for Hirsi Ali's honorary degree to be rescinded.

Such strong-arm tactics are the norm for CAIR. Recently CAIR has been on a successful quest to shut down showings of the film "Honor Diaries" in universities across the country - a documentary that raises awareness of horrific Islamic practices such as "honor" killings and forced marriages. CAIR decried the film as "Islamophobic" - which is their silencing technique for any criticism of Islam - as Muslim women continue to suffer.

So to answer the question, who is standing up for women? I think it's clear that whether the attack comes in the womb or under the cover of a burqa, those who are silent in the face of such violence are the ones who have truly declared war upon women.

Macabre Messages Sponsored by Kraft

By Lisa Van Houten



I recall a musical piece from my days as a very amateur violinist in high school orchestra entitled “Danse Macabre” by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns.

“Danse Macabre” is based upon an old French superstition where “Death” calls the dead from their graves to dance for him while he plays his fiddle. The skeletons dance until dawn breaks. In the composition you hear an eerie theme of a solo violin representing “Death’s” fiddle, with a xylophone representing the bones. The hauntingly beautiful piece builds and crescendos, ending pianissimo as the “skeletons” return to their graves.

The macabre has long been a theme of different art forms. In some cases, such as this piece of music, one may appreciate the art in spite of the bizarre “inspiration” for the composition. However, there are also those who falsely claim that all “art” must be accepted as “art for art’s sake” and that anything one wishes to classify as art must be labeled as such.

That is the case with NBC’s sickening show, “Hannibal.” Reviewers laud the show’s “artistry” as the most gruesome images of mutilated and dismembered bodies are shown on network television. Writers describe the scenes as “beautifully grotesque” and “artistic.”

However, “Hannibal” is not artistry; it’s depravity.

In the most recent episode, Hannibal, the cannibalistic serial killer, dismembers one of his victims while keeping him alive and forces the victim to eat his own flesh. Such horrific scenes are graphically depicted each week on this NBC show!

Even knowing how far we have fallen as a culture, it is shocking that such content is airing on network television.

“Hannibal” continues to gain very poor ratings - the latest episode was down 20% from the previous episode - gaining an abysmal rating share of just 0.8 with 2.3 million viewers (compared to 11.4 million CBS viewers and 6.3 million ABC viewers for the same timeslot.)

However, a number of mainline advertisers continue to sponsor the show - including Kraft Foods - a company which puts forth a family image and is dependent upon American families for most of its business.

One of our readers, after responding to one of our “take action” alerts to contact the advertisers of “Hannibal,” received a reply from Kraft Foods which states in part:

“Thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts about our advertisement placement on “Hannibal”. There’s nothing more important to us than giving you high-quality products and marketing them responsibly and sensibly at all times.

“For that reason, we are sorry to hear that you were unhappy with one of our sponsorship choices. By way of background, we take great care when developing our advertising to be sure it creates awareness and excitement – and never offends. We take this same care when choosing our sponsorships. While we realize that not every television show appeals to every one, we do our best to choose high-quality programming with family appeal and entertainment value. ...”

What an incredible response! Take a look at that again. Kraft claims to “take great care” to “never offend” and that they choose programming with “family appeal.”

Ignoring the fact that a show where human body parts are gruesomely prepared and served as haute cuisine may not be the best place for a food company to advertise

macaroni and cheese or Jell-O, if Kraft is seeking a show with “family appeal” I don’t think parents are choosing “Hannibal” to sit down and watch with their children.

Let Kraft know that you are “offended” with their sponsorship of “Hannibal.”

If Kraft considers such a show as having “family appeal,” your family has lost appeal for Kraft.

Please contact Kraft regarding their sponsorship of “Hannibal.”




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Crumbling Crackers and Cultures

By Steve Huston



When I think of graham crackers I think of the camping I may do this summer and the smores I might eat around a campfire. I fondly remember eating a bowl full of soggy graham crackers for breakfast and talking with my mom. They were an easy snack to give my children with a little frosting on them. Yes, I have some wholesome memories of graham crackers, Nabisco graham crackers.

Apparently Nabisco and I have a fondness for different things now. Of course they wanted to sell crackers and I was really just interested in eating them; but now Nabisco wants to change definitions like “family” and “wholesome.” Now I am older and more interested in protecting definitions like family and wholesome; I’m interested in being a conscientious consumer, watching where I spend my dollar.

This is how our friends at the American Family Association described the new Honey Maid commercial.

“Nabisco should be ashamed of themselves for their latest Honey Maid and Teddy Graham cracker commercial where they attempt to normalize sin. Right away it shows two men with a baby, followed by other families, and ends with different families pictured including the one with two dads. This commercial not only promotes homosexuality, but then calls the scene in the advertisement wholesome...”

“The ad states, ‘Everyday wholesome snacks for every wholesome family. This is wholesome.’ Honey Maid is also using the hashtag #thisiswholesome. There is concern about the way this ad is pushing the LGBT agenda, but an even greater concern is the way that they are changing the meaning of the word ‘wholesome.’”

Television shows, advertisers, amusement parks, mass media, all these and many more are putting forth a strong effort to normalize sin. This article focuses on homosexuality but you can pick any lifestyle sin and it seems as if someone is trying to push it into your home and make it look normal.

The same can be said of political administrations with social agendas, or lawless judges not ruling BY the law, but rather, commenting on and judging the law, putting their own feelings and positions down AS law. They ignore their duty and perpetuate a cultural shift. Eventually someone will have to pay the piper.

Satan wants us to see sin as normal and not so bad. He delights in taking what God has made “good” and was meant for His glory and to change it, counterfeit it, make it to please Satan himself instead of the Creator God. If men see themselves as gods, they answer to no one but themselves.

As Honey Maid explains on their YouTube page, ***“Today we celebrate all families. From working moms to two moms.”***

I can’t help but think how far we have come. Do you realize we’ve been accepting two moms for a long time? Granted, we’ve been accepting two moms in different homes because of divorce; but now Honey Maid and others are putting two moms in a same-sex relationship. They are making two dads to seem normal. Both are wrong; both are unwholesome; both run contrary to the Word of God. Satan whispers, “Did God really say...?” “YES, HE DID!” should be our quick and relentless reply.

With Nabisco, Coca-Cola, Chevrolet, and the plethora of advertisers out there trying to make homosexuality look normal and wholesome, you’d think that this issue has become a cultural wave that has taken in a very large percentage of the population. THIS IS NOT THE CASE! The fact is that homosexuals account for less than 2% of the population of the United States of America.

It’s not a matter of acceptance; it’s a matter of an evil agenda which is being pushed

upon America and around the world. Satan continues to attack God’s design and skew it to his own workings. He continues to take words like “wholesome” and “family” and twist them for his own purposes. He takes a symbol of God’s promise (the rainbow) and hijacks it, twisting it to his own design. Satan calls it normal; God calls it sin. Indeed, we live in a day when “evil” is called “good” and “good” is called “evil.” That which is meant to glorify God (family, the church, etc) is being taken and bent out of shape until it is hardly recognizable.

God calls us to know and stand upon His holy word. He exhorts us to show His light, love, and compassion to a world which has been blinded by hate and the evil one. Christians must follow the example of Jesus, our Saviour, and stop grieving the Spirit so that He may fill us with grace AND truth. We cannot ignore the darkness but we are commanded to focus on The Light. Christ is the cure for our culture; He alone is truly wholesome.

Please express your concern to Nabisco

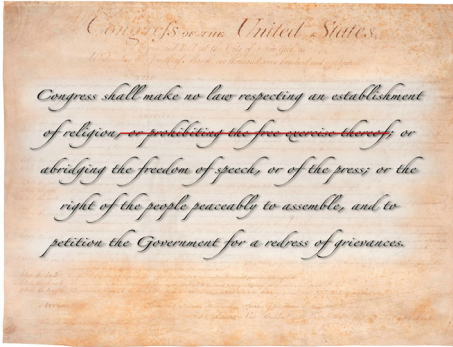


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Though the wrong seems oft so strong

By Lisa Van Houten



Each week it seems the courts and the culture deliver another blow in their attempt to take down biblical truth. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court announced their refusal to hear the appeal case of Elaine Huguenin, the New Mexico photographer who was found guilty and punished by the New Mexico Supreme Court for putting her faith into practice – politely declining a request to take pictures of a lesbian couple’s “commitment ceremony” due to her religious beliefs.

As Elaine Huguenin graciously explained, she and her husband would “gladly serve gays and lesbians—by, for example, providing them with portrait photography—whenever doing so would not require them to create expression conveying messages that conflict with their religious beliefs.”

And even though the lesbian couple found a less expensive photographer, they filed a complaint with New Mexico’s Human Right Commission and Elaine Huguenin’s photography business was ultimately found guilty of violating state anti-discrimination laws by the New Mexico Supreme Court because she wouldn’t compromise her deeply held Christian convictions.

With the U.S. Supreme Court’s refusal to hear this case and weigh in on the constitutional issue of religious rights vs. “gay rights” the justices have, in essence, spoken by their silence. And the verdict is that “gay rights” wins and the First Amendment loses.

The appalling New Mexico ruling will stand. A ruling where one justice actually stated that Christian business owners are

“now compelled by law to compromise the very religious beliefs that inspire their lives.” The ruling by this court went on to state that such coercion is **“the price of citizenship.”**

The “price of citizenship”?? Have we been transported to North Korea? Since when do we have to check our First Amendment freedoms at the door in order to live and work as a citizen of the United States? What happened to the land of the free where we have the free exercise of religion?

As U.S. Representative Randy Forbes (R-Va.) stated in response to this court’s ruling: “The ability to speak freely and live according to our beliefs is the prize, not the price, of citizenship. And we all have a stake in protecting it.”

Elaine Huguenin’s attorney, Jordan Lorence from Alliance Defending Freedom, told writer Todd Starnes:

“It is disconcerting because the (state) decision was so harsh that this small company can now be forced by state anti-discrimination laws to create messages that they don’t agree with. This new authoritarianism – forcing people to bow the knee to a new orthodoxy or they be punished – is very chilling.”

“When people say things like gay rights trump religious rights, what they are saying is the government can force people to believe a certain way – and that is something that in a free society should not be tolerated.”

Lorence also stated: ***“Should the government force a videographer who is an animal rights activist to create a video promoting hunting and taxidermy? Of course not, and neither should the government force this photographer to promote a message that violates her conscience.”***

Yet that is exactly what the government is doing (with a complicit stamp of approval from the U.S. Supreme Court) – forcing Christians to closet their faith and bow

before our nation’s golden idol - giving glory, laud, and honor to all things homosexual.

As blogger Matt Walsh writes: ***“Make no mistake: this is tyranny. ... Tyranny is the government compelling a man or woman to conform to a dogma or bow to an idol. Tyranny is when you are forced to abandon your beliefs and fall in line.”***

Alliance Defending Freedom attorney Jordan Lorence also warned:

“We are now going to see more situations where people are going to be forced to choose between what they believe about marriage – and their job or their business.”

“What concerns me is there will be an effort to expand these types of hunting down people with wrong opinions. I don’t know how far this can go.”

That effort is already here as Mozilla-Firefox CEO Brendan Eich discovered recently when he was ousted from his position for personally donating \$1,000 in 2008 to California’s voter-approved Proposition 8 which affirmed the definition of marriage as one man-one woman. (A donation that was made six years ago when even President Obama claimed to be against homosexual marriage – until his views “evolved” going into the 2012 election.)

When Eich’s support for natural (biblical) marriage was discovered, gay rights groups called for his head on a platter and the Herodian Mozilla didn’t hesitate to comply – even though the company’s chairperson, Mitchell Baker, acknowledged: “I never saw any kind of behavior or attitude from him that was not in line with Mozilla’s values of inclusiveness.”

This forced resignation of a CEO simply because of his personally-held opinions and beliefs regarding the institution of marriage is chilling. Albert Mohler gives this warning:

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“This is one of the most ominous developments in our culture in recent years because what it demonstrates is the fact that those who are now pressing the agenda for the legalization of same-sex marriage and the normalization of homosexual behavior and relationships are now going to accept absolutely no dissent. They’re going to purge public ranks wherever they have influence of anyone who had the temerity or the conviction, even years ago, to take even a minor step against their agenda. ... Brendan Eich is now the first and most public casualty in this kind of effort to eradicate all dissent. He will not be the last. ... it is now quite possible in a short amount of time to hound someone out of office and out of influence for having held such a position or having taken such an action even many years ago. In that sense, his resignation yesterday will become one of those landmark days in terms of the moral revolution. We’ll remember this day for many years to come.”

So what are we as Christians to do in the face of such attacks against not only our beliefs, but also our rights to express them?

How do we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land which grows stranger by the day? Do we merely sit and weep and hang up our lyres on the willows? Or do we pick up our bugles and trumpet God’s truth in a world that doesn’t want to hear it? I vote for the later and with the Lord’s help, that is what I pledge to do.

One of my favorite hymns reminds me of the sovereign hand of God, and in that I rest – as I pick up my bugle.

***This is my Father’s world.
O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world:
the battle is not done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav’n be one.***

Action Point:

Family Research Council reports that Mozilla-Firefox has been “deluged with emails -- 94% of them negative -- about the outrageous handling of their new CEO ...”

Add your voice to the deluge.

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New Website



In recent months, you may have noted that articles written by Chris Johnson have been few and far between. During this time, Chris' presence (from a writing standpoint) has not been so evident since his role has expanded to include web development. For the last several months, Chris has been working behind the scenes to create a new look for American Decency’s webpage and expand its outreach.

Having no previous experience in website creation, yet through his study of manuals and with the mentoring of our friend and board member Steve Ensley, President of American Family Online, Chris has done more than just scratch the surface in his progress as web developer.

In Steve’s words in a recent email to Bill Johnson:

Just wanted to take a moment to say Chris has accomplished a lot and done a great job with your new web site. He had to learn a lot about web design and code to make it happen, but he did it! In the end, the best way to learn is to jump in and do it! He certainly did not hesitate and as a result, you now have a coder on staff! I have worked with many wonderful young men over the years and I have to say Chris has been my favorite! Smart, quick learner and AWESOME attitude! Be blessed my brother! You have a wonderful Godly young man as a son!

*Your brother in Jesus Christ,
Steve*

We are thrilled with the results of Chris’ design and implementation of our new website and we hope you’ll check out our recently launched new webpage at americandecency.org!

An overview of our webpage:

Along with a whole new look, we’ve added several features to our site:

- (1) Easy access to the archives of Bill Johnson’s daily radio broadcast: A Decency Minute
- (2) One click access to our take-action links (where you can quickly and easily share your concerns with advertisers)
- (3) A comment section for our articles where you can weigh in on the issues
- (4) A “share button” so you can share your concerns with your friends on Facebook and other social sites
- (5) A recommended reading list in the right-hand column where we link to up-to-date articles of news-breaking significance

With these changes and additions, we believe that americandecency.org can be a valuable asset to you as you “seek to understand the times in order to know what to do.”

If you have any further suggestions that you would like us to incorporate, we invite and urge you to bring them to our attention!

The Slippery Slope

by Steve Huston



“The wise man built his house upon the rock; the wise man built his house upon the rock; the wise man built his house upon the rock; and the rains came tumbling down... and the house on the rock stood firm.”

It's not only a cute children's song we learn in church, but it's a word of truth which comes from the Bible. (Matthew 7:24-27)

By now most of you have heard about the many people who were killed and are still missing in the mudslide that took place in Washington State. These people wouldn't have built their houses there if they'd known that a mudslide would carry them away. The number of lives lost is devastating, but it's even more devastating for the millions of souls who are building on a very different and faultier foundation; they build their lives on sin.

Countries also build upon foundations. The United States of America was built upon the solid Rock of God's Word and the morality He brings with such a solid and firm foundation. We have long fought wars and lost many good men in an effort to keep unbiblical socialism and communism at bay. This country has tried other methods only to find they didn't work. Our forefathers didn't cling to a broken ideal that didn't work; they didn't force it onto the lives of the citizenry. Instead, they wisely went back to the word of God and found a biblical way which brought the people to success and eventually prosperity. How I wish that our current leaders would show such wisdom, discipline, and a desire to glorify God rather than themselves.

Those from Oso, Washington thought it was solid rock they were building on until the foundation gave way beneath them. They never even imagined that their

lives could change in an instant; that their children and loved ones could step from earth to eternity just because of where they chose to build their homes. They did so unwittingly and to their own demise.

Friends, sin feels safe for awhile but then comes the devastating sin-slide. Sin will take you further than you ever wanted to go, keep you longer than you want to be kept, and do more harm than you ever thought possible. While there remained hope to find a survivor from this mudslide, those caught up in the sin-slide will not only perish in this life but for eternity as well, if they die in their sin.

Choose carefully the foundation upon which you and your family will be built. Don't look at the things of this world, seeing the temporary pleasures they may bring, and mistake them for a firm foundation. Don't look to the government, education, entertainment, or even sometimes the church and be deceived into thinking that this foundation isn't sinking or shifting sand.

There is ONLY ONE safe place to build your life; there is ONLY ONE foundation that will never be shifting sand; that is the solid Rock, Jesus Christ. There is only one sure foundation and that is the Word of God. Jesus tells us, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." (Matthew 24:35) Put your trust in Jesus and live by His word.

Regardless of what others are telling you, know and do the word of God. Jesus, in Matthew 7:24, tells you, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine AND DOETH THEM, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:" (Caps mine) This is the same chapter where Jesus is telling you to judge what people are telling you, judge what they are doing, live holy, and help others to live holy, too.

Doing His will and following the Word of God is building upon the rock; it is wisdom. Building on anything else will offer you sure heartache and destruction. Check your foundation; avoid the sin-slide.

Mailbag - Thank you for your encouragement!



Thank you, as always for your diligent amazing work in this ministry, which I believe in and support 100%. You are God's Mouthpiece, Hands, and Feet. Keep on doing this great work in the name of Jesus. You all are truly glorifying and exalting His precious holy name.

*Thank you,
M. S.*

Praying daily for each of you. Keep on fighting the good fight.

B & S. S

Please find a check to support your worthy efforts. I read your entire newsletters each month, it is well written and respects ethics & morals. Then I pass your newsletter on for others to read. Many thanks, many blessings for your efforts.

*Best Easter Greetings,
L.D*

Greetings Friends,

Been keeping up with the news of all things going on at American Decency in the newsletter. Keep sending them as they allow us to keep praying and working in ways to enlighten people to what's going on. Sending post cards to make the CEO aware of how their advertising \$\$ are impacting everyone.

*Keep on - Keeping on!
In His Name, A & G. P.*

It is always so informative to read your bulletin ... unfortunately quite shocking some times, too! Thank you for the work you do for your readership and for the Lord.

B.L.

Thank you for your faithfulness over the years. I pray no weapon formed against you will prosper! I've sent in the postcards you send. ...

M.D.