

May God give us praying hearts

By Bill Johnson



God be praised for His grace and mercy from our founding and for years of His amazing grace and blessing - the peace and prosperity which elevated the United States to super power status economically and militarily.

God raised this nation and empowered it in prosperity and strength - through the blessing of our Christian founding and tradition - that His word would go forth from this place through the vast spiritual resources with which He has blessed us.

One of America's most influential Christian thinkers was Dr. Francis A. Schaeffer. His final work, published the year of his death in 1984, is entitled The Great Evangelical Disaster. In this book, Schaeffer describes the insidious assault upon Christianity in America in the form of theological liberalism. The inerrancy and infallibility of the word of God has been and still is demeaned, degraded, and maligned.

Schaeffer continues through his book detailing the impact that evangelical compromise continues to have upon Christianity in America.

Schaeffer's book lovingly warned what surely would come if America substituted the truth for a lie: with abortion having become legalized by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* (1973), in the further dimin-

ishment of the sacredness of human life he foresaw the expansion of advancing secularism, tyranny, the loss of freedom of speech and religion in the public schools, euthanasia, homosexuality, gender confusion, godlessness. His far-sighted warnings have come to fruition.

Yet 30 years ago, who would have believed where our nation would be today? For most of us it's inconceivable that we have lost so much moral/spiritual ground in such a short period of time - that we now stand to lose Western Civilization as we know it.

And many Christians still don't realize how much is at stake regarding what happens with the Supreme Court's decision on marriage in America. I write this the day before the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on April 28 to determine whether or not homosexual "marriage" becomes the law of the land.



When I heard about the March for Marriage scheduled for Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 25, I knew that I needed to be there. My wife Jan and I traveled to DC and were joined by our daughter and son-in-law and their three children to take part in the national March for Marriage along with thousands of others. And yet, it should have been hundreds of thousands.

Of course it's not possible for many to travel to our nation's capitol, however consider the average daily attendance at Disney World is 46,500. Disney draws far more than does a march to defend God's design for marriage. The evangelical compromise which Schaeffer wrote about in 1984 has led to the apathy of many within the American Church today.

While I lament the weak turnout, I was encouraged to see so many minorities taking part in the March for Marriage - a great proportion of participants were Hispanic-Americans and Black-Americans.

On Monday, April 27 while still in DC, I took part in a press conference on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court Building, organized by Janet Porter, one of our summer conference speakers (see page 3). I was asked to speak, along with other pro-family and Christian leaders. As I stood on the steps of the building where this momentous decision will take place, I stated that there is a Law that supersedes man's law.

The One who blessed this nation since its founding is sovereign over the affairs of men. It is yet to be seen whether God will allow the consequences of sin to prevail in our nation or - in His mercy - choose to bless us once again.

In the days and weeks to come, the Supreme Court will be reviewing the arguments and petitions made before them on April 28 before issuing a final decision. May God grant us His grace and mercy once again! His will be done.



From the desk of Bill Johnson

Why Passion Matters

A friend of this ministry (Becky) emailed me a few weeks ago expressing her concern regarding the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision which will determine whether or not homosexual marriage will become the law of the land.

Becky and her husband have already adopted five young children from countries that don't have a constitution protecting the Freedom of Religion and Speech – in short the freedoms we do have in America.

Here are Becky's words to me:

Is ADA planning to do everything in its power to promote this fight?

I am thinking about E., and any future children we might adopt. I am very dismayed at the prospect of bringing her/them here, only to have a country that is no better than what she/they (will have) left. ... How long before we aren't even allowed to train them the way we believe is appropriate, even within the confines of our own home?

I don't know if we can win, but I am sure we should not go down without a fight. And I do think that the Lord may yet have mercy on this remnant and let us prevail. I am praying to this end. If we lose, I don't want it to be because we gave up without trying, or gave up without the fight that an issue of this magnitude warrants.

Very likely you have already decided to fight hard, but if not, please count this as my very strong vote, encouragement, and admonition to do every single thing you can to get involved, and to get our supporters involved.

I have been longing to hear someone – anyone with some passion on this.

I responded – pouring out my heart – telling her what we've been doing. Speaking at a recent ministerial association, our "Decency Minute" radio program centering nearly totally on this urgency, circulating a petition directed to the Supreme Court (see our April newsletter) and promoting the online petition, preaching at two church services (with the title "How did Sodom and Gomorrah become Sodom and Gomorrah"), heading to Washington for the March on Marriage on Saturday, April 25, etc...

Think about what Becky says. If we lose this battle, the LGBT lobby is going to be targeting churches known for preaching God's word as it relates to Biblical marriage. They will seek ways to get them in trouble with the new "law of the land" to prosecute them, sue them, make an example of them.

Christians are being targeted and that will accelerate. Those who don't capitulate will be fined, penalized, marginalized. There will be little to no push back against evil.

On a recent segment of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk radio program, Dobson related that in 1973 when the Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade, he went to church that following Sunday and no one – including the pastor - even mentioned what had just taken place – that America had legalized the killing of the unborn.

Now we look back and 60 million babies' lives have been destroyed! God help us for our apathy, for the silence of the church!

Here we are now in 2015. This Supreme Court decision is of huge consequence. If the decision goes the wrong way, we stand to lose Western Civilization as we know it.

Becky's concerns are absolutely valid as she cries out to me and most importantly to God. Please attend to her words:

That is why I tell you that you need to keep going with the Decency Minute! You never know who is being touched, or how. ...

I don't think that people don't care, at least that no one cares. I think people think the issue is lost already. What we must be at pains to convey to them is that it is not lost yet, and it is not lost until we do nothing. This point must be hammered ...

I want to tell people that this is not lost until we do nothing. And if we do something, and the Supreme Court rules wrongly, we still have not "lost," because the Lord is in control, we ultimately win, and we will have honored Him just in standing. I am scared for this outcome, but not scared the same way I am as if we do nothing.

And I am concerned about the outcome, but more about our doing nothing and not even being faithful in trying to fight. And there are still some people who are trying to fight. You're not completely alone.



What difference does this make?

When my little two-year-old granddaughter sits on my lap, and my nine-year-old granddaughter prays around the dinner table and I hear the Gospel preached fully and freely each Sunday, our seemingly insignificant efforts – your efforts and mine are worth it!

I share this with you as I close:

"Let us gather comfort from these comfortable promises for all true-hearted servants of Christ. Persecuted, vexed, and mocked, as they are now, they shall find at length they are on the victorious side. Beset, perplexed, tried, as they sometimes are, they shall never find themselves entirely forsaken. Though cast down, they shall not be destroyed. Let them possess their souls in patience. The end of all that they see going on around them is certain, fixed, and sure. The kingdoms of this world shall yet become the kingdoms of their God and of his Christ. And when the scoffers and ungodly, who so often insulted them, are put to shame, believers shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away." ~ J.C. Ryle

ADA Summer Conference ~ July 31, 2015

Light Wins!



By July 31, the date of our annual summer conference, we will know the verdict of the Supreme Court justices regarding marriage. Their ruling will likely be released at the end of June. No matter how the Court rules, our marching orders as followers of Christ do not change. A ruling in favor of gay “marriage” will most definitely intensify the battle, especially for religious freedom, but it will not alter our mission to be a light in a world that just became even darker. If by the moving of God’s hand the Court upholds marriage as the union of one man and one woman, we cannot sit back on our laurels thinking the battle is won.

We anticipate that our summer conference, held just one month after this court decision, will be one of the most important events we have held.

This issue regarding marriage and religious freedom is only one of many concerns in which American Decency Association is engaged. God has used ADA to alert many people to new information and breaking news that impacts all families whether young or old. One example was when we first brought Frank Gaffney, President of the Center for Security Policy, to Grand Rapids in the fall of 2012. One hundred seventy showed up on that Saturday morning. So many walked away that day in utter surprise and shock in hearing for the first time of how recent presidents have one by one allowed the Muslim Brotherhood to infiltrate our federal government at the highest levels. We believe we did a service in helping spread a vitally important message to unsuspecting people of the meaning of Civilization Jihad.

We are confident that we will once again be bringing vitally important messages to those attending this year’s summer conference.



Stephen Coughlin:

Over more than a decade following 9/11, Major Stephen Coughlin was one of the U.S. government’s most astute and objective analysts, and an expert on the connections between Islamic law, terrorism, and the jihadist movement around the globe. Through knowledge of published Islamic law, Major Coughlin had a demonstrated ability to forecast events both in the Middle East and domestically and to accurately assess the future threat posture of jihadist entities before they happened. He was briefed at the Pentagon, for national and state law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and on Capitol Hill for Members of Congress. Today, he is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Security Policy. His book, Catastrophic Failure, will be available soon.



Janet (Folger) Porter:

Janet (Folger) Porter is the President and Founder of Faith2Action. F2A is pro-life, pro-family, and proactive to win the cultural war for life, liberty, and the family.

Janet initiated the nation’s first Heartbeat Bill (in Ohio, Feb. 2011) to legally protect unborn babies with detectible heartbeats. This effect inspired Arkansas and North Dakota to pass Heartbeat Laws – now the most protective pro-life laws in the nation.

Janet hosts a 60-second daily radio commentary which airs in 200 markets (including the American Family Radio and the Bott radio network), also available at www.F2A.org. She is a frequent contributor to WorldNetDaily.

Janet has appeared on NBC’s Today Show, ABC’s Evening News, 20/20, Nightline, CBS This Morning, FOX News, The O’ Reilly Factor, Huckabee, Hardball with Chris Matthews, CNN’s Inside Politics and CNN Headline News. Janet has been profiled in The New York Times, People magazine, the Los Angeles Times, the Miami Herald, and the Cleveland Plain Dealer.



Pastor Anthony Moore:

Pastor Anthony E. Moore has served Carolina Missionary Baptist Church in Ft. Washington, MD since 1987 and has been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ for over thirty years.

Pastor Moore possesses a passion and zeal for the Gospel to be spread throughout the world. And yet he is sensitive enough to realize that the Word of God has to be preached to the unsaved masses right in our backyard. Our neighbors, our friends, our family members need to know who Jesus is and they need to know that what He has done for others is also available for them. Pastor Moore makes no apologies for the truth of the Gospel; for it is this truth, that will set the captive free and loose those who are bound.

Those of you who were with us two years ago know that Pastor Moore is a powerful and encouraging voice for God and His life-changing word! Pastor Moore will be bringing a vital message of hope and challenge as he helps us see what the Bible shows us about God’s work in the midst of impossibilities.

Each of these speakers will address the looming complicated spiritual battles that are upon us. The times are serious. Please do all you can to join us on Friday evening, July 31, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI at Sunshine Community Church.

ADA Summer Conference

Friday, July 31, 2015

Time: 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

**Location: Sunshine Church
3300 East Beltline Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525**

Cost: Free will offering

To register:

**Contact us at 231-924-4050 or
kimberly@americandecency.org**

Bringing Christ Home

ADA's Second Annual Spring Event - June 5-7 at "The Shack"



A couple of years ago, I took my wife on a little weekend getaway for her birthday.

The bed and breakfast where we stayed was beautiful, the food was delicious, the grounds had walking trails through the woods, a huge selection of board games and even shuffleboard that we could use, a gorgeous old-timey room with a hot tub, and paddle boats to sign out and float around the lake in.

We had a great weekend, and while we were on one of those paddle boat rides, - I can't remember who said it first - but one of us said, "this would be an awesome place for a marriage conference," and the other said, "I was thinking the same thing!"

The Shack in Jugville, MI oozes peace and quiet and an atmosphere for reconnecting with your spouse.

That was the seed for last year's Weekend at the Shack - A Light in the Wilderness, which did not end up being a marriage conference, but did receive plenty of exuberant feedback from the attendees.

This year, the pieces of a great marriage conference fell into place! We've got a Biblical counselor with a huge heart for families and God's truth, Rev. Ken Smith; we are also excited to hear from Rev. Bruce Kuiper, the president of Grace Legacy Builders, an organization which focuses on how families can worship God as a unit; and finally, we'll be blessed to hear the unique perspective of Prof. William Wagner, who has unparalleled experience as a federal judge and diplomat, on the importance of marriage to our community and the legal implications of the breakdown of marriage.

The conference will be held in a beautiful new conference room, and the Shack has some brand new rooms available as well.

We are living in a unique era where the institution of marriage is under attack from every side, and the best line of defense we have is to build up our own marriages and show the world what God intended it to be.

That's ADA's purpose in holding this conference! The world is in desperate need of examples of Godly marriages, and the church is often poorly equipped to provide those examples.

It is our hope and prayer that ADA can play a small part in revitalizing marriage as it was meant to be. We hope you'll be a part of it, too!

Our second annual Weekend at the Shack, which we've entitled "Bringing Christ Home," will take place on June 5-7.

Call us at 231-924-4050 or go to AmericanDecency.org/ShackEvent/Home.php for more information.

Weekend Schedule

Friday evening

6:00 p.m. – Buffet dinner served
7:00 p.m. – Welcome and opening: Bill Johnson, President of American Decency
7:15 p.m. – Bruce Kuiper – "The Foundation, Formation, and Fall" – Genesis 1-3
8:30 p.m. – Banana split and fellowship
9:00 p.m. – Rev. Ken Smith – "A Biblical Counselor's Burden for American families"
9:55 p.m. – Prayer
10:30 p.m. – The Shack has quiet time set for all guests

Saturday

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast buffet
9:00 a.m. – Bruce Kuiper - "Gospel Shaped Men and Women Enjoying Eternity Today"

9:45 a.m. - Ken Smith: "Evidence of Grace"

10:45 a.m. - Break

11:00-11:50 a.m. - Bruce Kuiper: "The Simple Strategy of Father-Led Worship"

Break

12:00 p.m. - Lunch served

12:30 p.m. - Free time to explore the beautiful grounds of the Shack

3:15 p.m. - William Wagner: "God, Marriage, and the American Constitution"

4:15- Break

4:30-5:15 p.m. - Panel discussion with Ken Smith, Bruce Kuiper, and William Wagner

5:30 p.m. - Buffet dinner served

7:15 p.m. - A time of worship and prayer

8:30 p.m. - Banana split and fellowship

10:30 p.m. - The Shack has a quiet time set for all guests

Sunday morning

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Buffet breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Worship service at the Shack's beautiful outdoor chapel

10:30 a.m. - Closing and send off

11:00 a.m. - Check out

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The Iran Nuke Deal Is a Call to Humility

by Chris Johnson



I recently heard country Alan Jackson's song written shortly after September 11, 2001, "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)?" for the first time in years. It's amazing how much times have changed since then.

One line in particular doesn't fit in today's political puzzle, "... I'm not sure I can tell you the difference in Iraq and Iran." Nowadays we definitely know the difference is a lot bigger than the letter at the end of their name.

Iraq is the one we invaded because of intelligence that said they had Weapons of Mass Destruction that they wanted to use on us and our allies.

Iran is the one that chants "Death to America" and "Death to Israel," is two months away from a nuclear weapon, and who we're trying to lift sanctions on and give \$50 billion to if they pinky promise they won't make nukes.

Weeks ago, the White House started trumpeting the "framework" for a deal with Iran, which would ensure that the hostile nation would not build nuclear weapons - for a year.

From the White House (emphasis mine):

• Increasing the time it would take Iran to acquire enough fissile material for one bomb from an estimated 2-3 months to at least 1 year if Iran dashed for a bomb

- Reducing Iran's stockpiles of enriched uranium
- Reducing the number of Iran's installed centrifuges by two-thirds
- Limiting the types of centrifuges that Iran can use to enrich uranium

• Preventing Iran from producing weapons-grade plutonium that could be used for a bomb

• **Tracking Iran's nuclear activities with unprecedented transparency and robust inspections throughout its nuclear supply chain**

I highlight that last point because an Iranian "senior military commander" said on Iranian television this Sunday that Iran would not allow inspections at its military sites. The deal should work out swimmingly, so long as we can take Iran's word for it that they're not developing nuclear weapons on these military sites.

Shortly after the White House released these talking points, interestingly enough, Iran's "Supreme Leader" (can you have a title like that and not be a Bond villain?), Ayatollah Khamenei essentially called it a bunch of lies: *"The White House put out a statement just a few hours after our negotiators finished their talks ... this statement, which they called a 'fact sheet', was wrong on most of the issues."*

The only thing more alarming than watching our government try to sell the American people the "framework" for this deal with Iran, has been watching Iran tell us that our government is lying to us. It's a sad commentary on American politics when you're not sure who to trust, your President and Secretary of State or the "Supreme Leader" of a nation that wants us dead.

Adding to the probably-not-such-a-good-idea side of the nuclear deal scale is the fact that Khamenei also insists that for a deal to take place, sanctions must be lifted immediately, not scaled back slowly as Iran proves its cooperation. I think most of us learned on the playground that if you're going to make a trade, you don't usually fulfill your end of the bargain, and take a bully's word for it that he'll do his part later. Especially when the bully is threatening to kill you and everyone you love.

Surely, the Republican Senate majority that we all worked and prayed so hard for will save us? It is a treaty and treaties are the Senate's business, after all.

Sadly, no, a bill set to pass congress with bipartisan support, which the president has indicated he will sign would flip the Constitutional script on the Iran deal.

Whereas constitutionally, the president would need to convince 67 Senators to vote for a treaty, the bill, introduced by Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), would require opponents of the deal to find 67 votes against the deal. Let's be honest, the only way 67 Senators vote against what President Obama wants is if the deal requires the President push Iran's red button himself.

Here's the frustrating part where everyone asks, "What can we do about it?"

As always, the only answer is to bug your senator and tell him this bill is a really bad idea. That, and pray. It's funny isn't it, how prayer always gets tacked on the end like it's an afterthought.

I'm going to share an insight from the Christian conservative's official Bible verse, 2 Corinthians 7:14, "if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

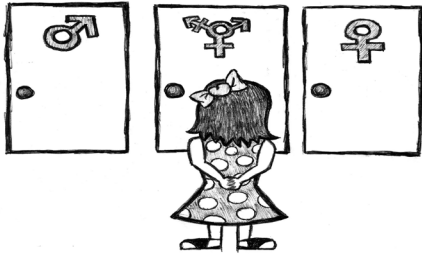
We tend to gloss over that first part about humbling ourselves, and perk our ears up when it says if we pray, God will help us, but I think that misses the point. God is not promising that so long as we throw a few lines up to Him every once in a while, He'll agree to our vision of what's best for the country.

I believe that call to humble ourselves is a call to remember that He is in control. Our political process can't save us, electing the right leaders can't save us, yelling at our blockheaded representatives until they see our point can't save us, only God can save us. If He chooses to use our phone calls and activism, praise Him, but it won't be because of anything we've done.

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Of Marriage and Millstones

by Lisa Van Houten



The heading on this newsletter is “Much to Lose: Freedom in the Hands of Nine.” Indeed, there is much to lose. If the Supreme Court justices invent a Constitutional “right” to gay marriage, the attacks upon religious liberty and free expression of our faith will only increase. However, it’s not just people of faith who will be adversely affected.

As gay marriage may soon be imposed on our nation, we are beginning to hear from victim after victim of same-sex parenting – the children. Heather Barwick, who was raised by two lesbian women in the 1980s and ‘90s, recently wrote in The Federalist of the detriment she experienced.

... It’s only with some time and distance from my childhood that I’m able to reflect on my experiences and recognize the long-term consequences that same-sex parenting had on me. And it’s only now, as I watch my children loving and being loved by their father each day, that I can see the beauty and wisdom in traditional marriage and parenting.

Same-sex marriage and parenting withholds either a mother or father from a child while telling him or her that it doesn’t matter. That it’s all the same. But it’s not. ... My father’s absence created a huge hole in me, and I ached every day for a dad. ...

It is a strange and confusing thing to walk around with this deep-down unquenchable ache for a father, for a man, in a community that says that men are unnecessary. ...

Gay marriage doesn’t just redefine marriage, but also parenting. It promotes and normalizes a family structure that necessarily denies us something precious and foundational. It denies us something we need and long for, while at the same

time tells us that we don’t need what we naturally crave. That we will be okay. But we’re not. We’re hurting. ...

Kids of divorced parents are allowed to say, “Hey, mom and dad, I love you, but the divorce crushed me and has been so hard. It shattered my trust and made me feel like it was my fault. It is so hard living in two different houses.” Kids of adoption are allowed to say, “Hey, adoptive parents, I love you. But this is really hard for me. I suffer because my relationship with my first parents was broken. I’m confused and I miss them even though I’ve never met them.”

But children of same-sex parents haven’t been given the same voice. It’s not just me. There are so many of us. Many of us are too scared to speak up and tell you about our hurt and pain, because for whatever reason it feels like you’re not listening. That you don’t want to hear. If we say we are hurting because we were raised by same-sex parents, we are either ignored or labeled a hater. ...

Barwick’s article reminds us of the untold numbers of children who are being scarred in this growing social experiment called gay parenting. And it’s not just children of gay and lesbian parents. The LGBT ideology is also being pushed within our schools. Just this week I read an article entitled, “Lesbian teacher: How I convince kids to accept gay ‘marriage’, starting at 4-years-old.”

And when it comes to indoctrinating children, parents can be a child’s worst enemy. Increasingly we are hearing of so-called “transgender” children. NBC has been seeking to normalize the concept of “transgender” children, as they do with this report:

When Jacob was born, his name was Mia. But by the time he was two, he was telling his parents, “I’m a boy.” Last year, when he was four, they made a decision: to let him live as he has always identified — as a boy. ...

Ask Jacob why he transitioned and his answer is simple and straight-forward: “I

wanted to be a boy.” ...

But after seeing doctors and scouring the Internet for information — and after seeing how happy he was to dress as Prince Charming on a trip to Disneyworld — [his parents] decided last summer to make the transition. They cut Jacob’s hair shorter, changed his wardrobe, and asked family and friends to refer to him as Jacob and use the pronouns “him” and “he.” Jacob started at a new pre-school last fall where none of the children knew him as Mia.

Life Site News reports that in Great Britain the number of young children – some as young as three – being referred to the UK’s National Health Service for transgender treatments has quadrupled in the last six years.

Soon, little girls who once would have been referred to as tomboys, will now be steered into thinking they’re “transgender.” Such insanity will only increase as our nation goes against God’s design for marriage and family.

There is much at stake with the Supreme Court decision and the biggest losers will be our children.

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When we pray, let’s remember that we’re talking to the ONLY ONE who can make a difference in the momentum of our politics. It is INFINITELY more useful than calling our representatives.

Win or lose, may God be glorified.

Mega Mosque Will Mean Mega Problems for America

by Bill Johnson



“A couple of years ago it was reported that Turkey was helping fund the building of a \$100 million dollar mega mosque in Lanham, Maryland. In fact [Turkish Prime Minister] Erdogan visited the mosque when he was here in May of 2013, promising to come back for the opening.

“Well that time has apparently arrived and now Erdogan and Obama will be together at the mosque for the big opening ceremony:” [\[http://nation.foxnews.com/2015/04/20/obama-and-erdogan-open-new-mosque-together-maryland\]](http://nation.foxnews.com/2015/04/20/obama-and-erdogan-open-new-mosque-together-maryland)

The Turkish American Culture and Civilization Center (TACC) is a project of the government of Turkey and is meant to “serve as a social, cultural, and religious center for all visitors, including activities for the promotion and introduction of the values of the Turkish Civilization” according to an information packet distributed by TACC at the invitation only ground breaking ceremony.

This article pictures President Erdogan and Obama shaking hands celebrating the announcement of this \$100,000,000 mosque complex being built in Lanham, Maryland - what will likely become the largest and most striking example of Islamic architecture in the western hemisphere.

The same day I learned of this, I heard an interview with Clare Lopez by the president of the Center for Security Policy, Frank Gaffney. Frank has been a featured speaker for American Decency on numerous occasions and is one of the nations preeminent experts regarding the Muslim Brotherhood and national security. Clare has served in a number of capacities, notably as a clandestine officer in the United States Central

Intelligence Agency.

The interview particularly caught my attention as it describe how the Muslim Brotherhood stealthily moves into a region with a clear cut agenda that few are aware of.

In this interview, Clare is describing what has taken place in Europe and warns that America is not far behind.

Clare begins by discussing a newly released movie ([Europe’s Last Stand: America’s Final Warning](#)) that she has recently seen that documents the movement and intention of large numbers of Muslims immigrating into Europe. She states:

... [W] hat the group did is documented just how far along Europe is in essentially imploding. It is documented in this film how Muslim immigrants, not just necessarily there for the purpose of economic advancement or to find a better place in life and so forth, although many may be - but a significant percentage of those coming to Europe over the last decades have come with the intent to ... set up communities that would be bases of operation for expansion and conquest, quite frankly.

And all across Europe now because it has been permitted over all these years that many of the incoming Muslim immigrants were not expected to assimilate or not expected to accept and take up European traditions and accept the laws, live within those laws. But rather formed communities, enclaves, yes, “no go zones”, (that may not be the most perfect definition of these places) - but what we are talking about and what is in the film are communities where Islamic law, not the host country law, dominates. Where security, emergency, police forces hesitate to go without armed protection because they might be attacked if they did, where non-Muslims are distinctly unwelcome and are made to feel so if they ever wander into these places. And where some of the most un-western aspects of Islamic law prevail - like underage and forced marriages, honor killings, female genital mutilation, and domestic abuse that are so explicitly sanctioned by the Koran.

We may be considered to be perhaps 5, 7 or 10 years behind what is happening in Europe, but the same thing is going on here.

....

The Mosque is built, the population of Muslims comes and settles and buys out and expands the land and the footprint around the Mosque. But then also as the population of that enclave grows, demands are made. First, of our local law enforcement to recognize the law of Islam within the enclave, then outside of it. In other words, these Muslims would be exempted, they would be allowed to operate and exist and function outside of host country and, in our case, constitutional law, and they make these demands. And as a percentage of the Muslim population in the West, and in Europe it has been documented to much greater extent than here so far, it seems as that population percentage within the broader population approaches 3 or 4 percent it is a kind of a tipping point. When the demands escalate, the activities get more aggressive, and we see local law enforcement and politicians beginning to acquiesce to the demands. And that is what’s changing the European landscape.

[Center for Security Policy, April 21, 2015. Taken from daily radio broadcast - an interview between Frank Gaffney and Clare Lopez)

[A 2011 study has demonstrated that 80% of mosques right in this country are teaching jihad warfare and Islamic supremacy.](#)

Researchers Mordechai Kedar and David Yerushalmi reported in the Summer 2011 issue of Middle East Quarterly about a new survey that found that “51% of mosques had texts that either advocated the use of violence in the pursuit of a Sharia-based political order or advocated violent jihad as a duty that should be of paramount importance to a Muslim.” Another 30% of mosques in the United States “had only texts that were moderately supportive of violence,” while only “19% had no violent texts at all.” - Robert Spencer

[\[http://humanevents.com/2011/06/14/most-us-mosques-teach-violence/\]](http://humanevents.com/2011/06/14/most-us-mosques-teach-violence/)

This First Sip of a Bitter Cup

by Lisa Van Houten



Our people ... should know the truth. They should know that there has been gross neglect and deficiency in our defences; they should know that we have sustained a defeat without a war, the consequences of which will travel far with us along our road; they should know that we have passed an awful milestone in our history ...

This is only the beginning of the reckoning. This is only the first sip, the first foretaste of a bitter cup which will be proffered to us year by year unless by a supreme recovery of moral health and martial vigour, we arise again and take our stand for freedom as in the olden time.

This quote is from Winston Churchill's speech before the House of Commons in 1938, in protest of the Munich agreement signed by then British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. The Munich Agreement was an attempt of appeasement with Nazi Germany, where European leaders threw Czechoslovakia under the bus, allowing annexation by Hitler of strategic portions of the small nation.

Churchill's words were prophetic then for the nation of Great Britain and, oh, how they apply to America today in our appeasement with Iran.

There are key differences, though. While Chamberlain has since been seen as a feckless leader, seeking, as he stated, "peace in our time," there are many indications of a different agenda from our nation's leader. Mark Levin, who served in the Reagan administration, recently stated on his daily radio program regarding President Obama's dealings with Iran: ***"This is worse than isolationism. This is interventionism on the wrong side. That is, we're supporting our enemy. This is a sworn enemy that's***

threatened to destroy America."

President Obama is not seeking peace for the United States. His "negotiations" with Iran are the equivalent of giving "aid and comfort" to a country that has declared itself our enemy. Now the Obama administration wants to give the Iranian regime a signing bonus of \$50 billion if a nuclear deal is reached, along with upwards of another \$100 billion in frozen assets.

Fifty billion for Iran which – just days before the news broke of this payoff - again pledged death to America and death to Israel. Fifty billion for a country aggressively pushing into Iraq, Yemen, and Syria. A "bonus" for a regime that is holding American citizens hostage – including a Christian pastor and a U.S. Marine veteran – inflicting horrific torture and brutality. Where is the negotiation for their release?

Jonathan Schanzer, a top terrorism-funding expert at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), said. "This could be the largest cash infusion to a state sponsor of terrorism in modern history," and would enable Iran to continue its support of terror groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

And while President Obama is seemingly more concerned about the best interests of Iran rather than the United States, the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate is on the verge of giving him the reins. A bill spear-headed by Republican Bob Corker and Democrat Bob Menendez has been lauded by some, claiming it would force President Obama to compromise and give the Senate the opportunity to approve a treaty with Iran. However, the Senate already has the Constitutional authority to approve treaties!

And if this Corker-Menendez bill passes, it actually weakens the Senate's power for treaty approval. As the Constitution states, two-thirds of the Senate must vote to approve treaties. So, if a president seeks approval of a proposed treaty, he must find 67 senators to support it. The Corker-Menendez bill would do the opposite, stating that in order to defeat a treaty,

there must be 67 votes against the treaty – thereby giving the minority the power. If this passes, a president would only need support from 34 senators to enact treaties.

It's highly unlikely that enough democrats would join with republican senators to reach a 67 vote majority needed under the Corker bill to vote against Obama's treaty with Iran, thus allowing the treaty to stand. So, if the Corker bill passes, Obama would then have his treaty with Iran and could still say the Senate "voted" for it.

As foreign policy expert Andrew McCarthy writes in the National Review: ***"... the Corker bill undermines the Treaty Clause. The latter puts the onus on Obama to find 67 votes to approve his deal. The Corker bill puts the onus on opponents to find 67 votes to disapprove the deal. The supermajority approval requirement for treaties is in the Constitution because we should not be making lasting agreements with other countries, even allies, unless there is a strong consensus that the arrangement is in the national interest. Corker's bill turns that presumption on its head, requiring supermajority disapproval for an arrangement with an enemy regime that is plainly not in the national interest."***

McCarthy goes on to recount, as he wrote in his book Faithless Execution, during the debates at the 1787 convention, when presented with a hypothetical about a president who tried to rig the Constitution's treaty procedure so that only friendly senators would vote on it – it being inconceivable to the framers that a president would altogether ignore the Treaty Clause – James Madison remarked: ***"Were the president to commit any thing so atrocious ... he would be impeached and convicted."***

Read again the Churchill quote above. What will be the consequences for our nation and the world if we capitulate to a terrorist regime? What will be the bitter cup that we and future generations will be forced to drink? Are we yet capable of arising to "take our stand for freedom as in the olden time?"